

## Cost to destroy dam equal to restoring it

*BLT still trying to find solution for Bondsville Dam*

By Scott Feldman  
Turley Correspondent, sfeldman@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – A new study regarding the Bondsville Dam has revealed that the price will be roughly the same if the Belchertown Land Trust (BLT) chooses to rehabilitate the dam or tear it down.

On Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. hundreds of interested citizens gathered in the cafeteria of Belchertown High School to listen to an information session by Milone and MacBroom Engineering regarding the cost of both options and the potential impact each decision could have on the environment.

The meeting and research was sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The presentation was given by W. Andrew Greene and Jeanine Gouin, two consultants from Milone and MacBroom, a company that specializes in dam design, rehabilitation, removal and analysis. Their initial findings indicated it will cost a total of \$470,000 to remove the dam and \$477,500 to restore it to code, in addition to a yearly upkeep of \$6,300.

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Five-year-old Jackson Couchon is king of the giant pumpkin playground at Randall's Farm in Ludlow during a recent field trip with his classmates from the Belchertown Community Preschool. Inset: Claudia Marques, 4, scouts out the best pumpkin in the patch at Randall's Farm in Ludlow after a covered wagon ride with her classmates from the Belchertown Community Preschool.

## Adventure awaits middle grade children in local author's book

*Belchertown resident works on second book in series*

By Tina Lak Lavoie  
Turley Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Special powers, interdimensional travel, dragons and video games – for 14 years Belchertown father Ray Vigneault has been taking his children on great adventures with his bedtime storytelling. Now under the pen name Ray Connor, he's ready to share those stories with the world.

On Sept. 6, Connor's 106-page chapter book, "The Interdimensional Dumpster" was released. This is the author's first book to be published. It can be ordered on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. It is available in both paperback and Kindle versions.

"The Interdimensional Dumpster" follows the adventures of 12-year-old

Willie Ford and his friends as they travel to another dimension via a portal in a New York City dumpster. Arriving in a cave, the friends venture out and try to help save a strange, yet familiar land from an evil king. Along the way, they confront many obstacles that they must use their combined knowledge to overcome.

The book is written for middle grade children, ages 7-12.

"This book is adventure/fantasy," said Connor. "I try to leave a little cliffhanger at the end of each chapter so that you want to read more. The whole adventure finishes (with this book), but it will lead to more adventures."

Connor, 47, said the tale first began to form 14 years ago while making up bedtime stories for his children.

"When my kids were younger I always told them stories at bedtime," said Connor. Connor's three children, Nevin, Eleanor and Jordan Vigneault are now 21, 17 and 14, respectively.



Turley Publications photo by Tina Lak Lavoie

Belchertown resident Ray Vigneault, writing under the pen name Ray Connor, shows his first book to be published, "The Interdimensional Dumpster." The book, an adventure/fantasy chapter book for middle grade children, was released on Sept. 6.

As the bedtime storyline progressed, Connor began keeping a series of notes.

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## Granby gets the go ahead for new school

*MSBA to contribute \$28M for new middle/high school*

By Aimee M. Henderson  
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GRANBY – Last Thursday the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) approved the construction of a new Granby Middle/High School, agreeing to fund \$28 million of the project.

State Treasurer Tim Cahill, chairman of MSBA and Katherine Craven, MSBA executive director, made the announcement last week, adding that the next step in the process is for the town and MSBA to enter into a project funding agreement. The agreement will detail the project's scope and budget, as well as set the terms and conditions to which Granby will receive its grant. In all MSBA will fund 63.52 percent of the project.

"We offer a fiscally responsible blueprint for future school construction, renovations and repairs that help towns like Granby make necessary improvements to their school in order to provide a strong educational foundation for the children of the Commonwealth," said Cahill.

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# COMMUNITY

## Resident to exhibit jewelry at festival

SPRINGFIELD - Katie Richardson of Belchertown, a jeweler, will be among the exhibitors featured at the Fall Festival of Art at Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson St., Springfield, on Sunday, Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Special displays of artwork by area high school students will also be a highlight of the show, including work by students from Minnechaug Regional High School and Wilbraham-Monson Academy.

The festival will include painters, illustrators, photographers, cartoonists, glassblowers, jewelers, potters and textile artists from Western Massachusetts, Northern Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. Several artists will be doing live demonstrations as well.

Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2 for children 6 to 12 years old; free for children under 6 and will be good for both days. Refreshments will be available to purchase as well.

Chairman of the art show is Stuart Warshaw of Longmeadow, a cartoonist and illustrator who will also be an exhibitor in the show.

For more information, call the Temple office at 413-736-3619, ext. 13.

## CADDY-RACK



Turley Publications photo courtesy Tom Richards

**This moose was spotted on the golf green in the Richards family yard on Azalea Way in Belchertown on Aug. 26 in the afternoon. The moose was rubbing his antlers on the golf pole at times.**

## Granby notes...

### October Fest

GRANBY - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Granby Men's Club Presents October Fest 2010. Music by Mark VI. German food tent, Beer tent Oct. 16, 6 to 10 p.m. Rain or shine. Admission: \$5 Raffles and drawing! Children under 12 free!

### Foliage, shopping and Rockwell Museum trip

GRANBY - Enjoy the foliage on this bus trip to the Lee Prime Outlets and the Norman Rockwell Museum on Oct. 19. The bus will leave the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Granby at 8:30 a.m. It will visit the Lee Outlets and coupon books will be available for discounts. Lunch on your own. After lunch you will arrive at the Norman Rockwell Museum at 1 p.m. A gallery walk will follow at 2 p.m. and will depart for home at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person, which includes the bus, the museum and the drivers gratuity. For information and to reserve your seat call Nancy at 467-9323 or Joan at 467-3441.

## Schedule of free slide presentations at the Gallery

BELCHERTOWN - A large portion of Les Campbell's fame as a photographer came as a result of his beautifully illustrated inspirational and uniquely presented slide shows. Throughout the decades of the 60s, 70s and 80s Campbell was among the top presenters of the time and was much in demand throughout this country and Canada as a featured presenter at many national, regional and international conventions of nature and photographic societies. At his peak he worked with 12 slide projectors on screens a large as 12 x 48 feet. Today Campbell has scaled down his programs using two to four projectors. However, the content and beauty of his programs are still there and they can be seen at his Sky Meadow Gallery at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoons starting Oct. 24 through Dec. 19. Below is a complete schedule of these presentations.

Gallery opens at 1 p.m. Sundays beginning Oct. 24. Free Slide Presentations at 4 p.m. on Sundays. All programs emphasize both the beauty and diversity of the world and are meant to be inspirational and uplifting. Two or more projectors are used to smoothly blend images, creating a feeling of motion while maintaining the wonderful clarity of detail and color intensity that can only be obtained through color slide projection. Seating is limited so early arrivals are suggested.

Reservations will be accepted and held to 10 minutes before show time.

Oct. 24 - "Special People, Places and Things" (50 minutes). A potpourri of music and slides, light and beautiful. Special feature: a poignant audiovisual essay set to "You and Me Against the World."

Oct. 31 - "A Photographic Odyssey - Life, Death & Poetry at Sky Meadow" (60 minutes). A photographic visit to Sky Meadow through the seasons and over the years accompanied by inspirational music and verse.

Nov. 7 - "A Meeting of the Waters" (60 minutes). The story of the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir narrated and illustrated with the remarkable photographs of the valley before and after the flooding. Two tone poems - "Time" and "Quabbin Valley Moon" - provide an emotional climax.

Nov. 14 - "The Rainbow in My Hand" (40 minutes). Celebrates the beauty and diversity of form, color and sound that surrounds us making life both beautiful and exciting.

Nov. 21 - "Let There Be Peace" (55 minutes). In order for man to be at peace with the universe, he must first find peace within himself. The theme of this program is carried through a variety of musical selections climaxing with the music of the Paul Winter Consort's

ecumenical Earth Mass, "Missa Gala."

Nov. 28 - "For Love of the Earth" (45 minutes). A wide-screen tone-poem of the earth with a minimum of narration.

Dec. 5 - "Touch the Earth" (70 minutes). Music and narrative expressing respect and appreciation for the culture and philosophy of the native people of North America.

Dec. 12 - "Quabbin - For the Joy of It" (40 minutes). Quabbin's history, wildlife and scenery are blended with musical selections creating a tone poem of exceptional beauty and spirituality. A special moment is provided by a reading of "Reservations," a Quabbin inspired poem by poet Candace Curran of Athol.

Dec. 19 - "Magic Moments at Mohonk" (40 minutes). The essence of a unique resort captured on film during a decade of conducting "Photographer's Holiday" at this special place high in the Shawangunk Mountains of the lower Hudson Valley in New Paltz, New York.

The Gallery is located on Ballou Street, off Route 9 in Belchertown. Half mile east of Belchertown entrance to Windsor Dam, quarter mile west of Ware/Belchertown line (Swift River).

## Operation undercover collecting for soldiers

SOUTH HADLEY - The people of the United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby announce Operation Undercover, their newest mission project.

There is an ongoing need in homeless shelters for socks and new underwear in all sizes, particularly for men. By law, used underwear cannot be donated to or accepted by any agency, including Salvation Army, Goodwill, etc., and new

underwear is desperately needed.

The church is asking people to support the homeless population by purchasing underwear and socks and bringing it to the church at 30 Carew St., South Hadley between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday or Sunday mornings. For more information, please call the church at 532-0500 or email to churchoffice@thesteepinthefalls.org

## Fair photos online



The Sentinel recently asked for 153rd Belchertown Fair pictures. Visit our website, [www.belchertownsentinelonline.com](http://www.belchertownsentinelonline.com) and visit our slideshow gallery to see them! Send yours to [ahenderson@turley.com](mailto:ahenderson@turley.com).

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Belchertown meetings and events

**Monday, Oct. 11**  
Holiday, Town Hall and Finnerty House Closed

**Tuesday, Oct. 12**  
5 p.m. – Board of Assessors at Town Hall  
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission at Town Hall  
7:30 p.m. – Historical Commission at Town Hall  
7:30 p.m. – Planning Board at Town Hall  
7:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen at Town Hall

**Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
6 p.m. – Personnel Board at Town Hall

Due to the newspaper's deadline, some meetings may have changed or are not listed here. For a complete listing of Belchertown's committee meetings, please refer to the official meeting bulletin board located on the outside wall by the parking lot entrance to Town Hall.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 30 edition of *The Sentinel* there was a mistaken impression that Munsell Cemetery contained mostly African-American burials. This is not the case. There is one African-American family buried there and their markers are among the nicest in the cemetery. The point was about class, not race. Munsell contains many unmarked graves and in contrast to Mt. Hope Cemetery, shows the range of burial practices in Belchertown. That same article stated that Mt. Hope Cemetery was "considered a place for classy people to be buried," when if act it should have stated "Mt. Hope was seen by many as the classy place to be buried."

*The Sentinel* will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor Aimee Henderson at [ahenderson@turley.com](mailto:ahenderson@turley.com) or call 323-5999, extension 2. Corrections may also be requested in writing to: *The Sentinel*, PO Box 601, Belchertown, MA 01007.

BEWARE THE BRUINS



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This bear was spotted at 126 Wilson Road by a Belchertown resident. He was seen at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10.

Special Water District meeting planned

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Water District will hold a special water district meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Belchertown Water District, 206 Jabish St., Belchertown.

The special meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. The warrant containing the articles to be acted upon have been posted on the official bulletin board in Lawrence Memorial Hall, at the bulletin board corner By Road and Metacomet, on the bulletin board at the south end of the common, and the bulletin board at the Old Town Hall. All registered voters of Belchertown residing in the Water District are eligible to vote in District affairs.

Events at Les Campbell's Sky Meadow Studio and Photo Gallery

BELCHERTOWN - A first time ever sale of Less Campbell's matted and framed art work on Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This sale is the result of over inventory at the Gallery. More than 300 of Les' spectacular images of Quabbin, nature subjects, landscapes and people will be available for purchase. Everything in the Gallery will be discounted by 10 percent and many many items will be marked down as much as one half the current prices.

The Sky Meadow Gallery is located off Route 9 on Ballou Street in Belchertown (1/4 mile west of the Ware Belchertown town line (Swift River Bridge).

Hands-on matting and framing workshops will also be offered. Once again Elaine and Les are offering their popular hands on matting and framing workshops. These workshops consist of three two-hour sessions limited to four participants. They are held at Les Campbell's home from 7 to 9 p.m. The dates of the three fall workshops are Oct. 7, 14 and 21, Nov. 4, 11 and 18 and Dec. 2, 9 and 16. These workshops provide a great opportunity to learn a new craft and wind up with as many as three beautifully framed examples of your art work. For more information or to register call Les at 413-323-7405 or email [darmorton@charter.net](mailto:darmorton@charter.net).

As a special alternative this year Les will make available prints of any of his work for participants to frame in the workshop. (Image selection must be done one month in advance).

Turkey shoots at Sportsmans' Club

BELCHERTOWN - Turkey Shoots are running at Swift River Sportsmans' Club, through Nov. 21. Thanksgiving is on Nov. 26 this year. The Turkey shoots will run on the eight Sundays from Oct. 3 through Nov. 21.

Chef Lou Grondalski will again be serving his great breakfasts. Kitchen and shoot registration open at 8 a.m., shooting starts at 9 a.m.

There will be special rounds as well as regular turkey rounds. Money rounds, bonus winners and buckshot rounds will all be on the "menu."

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# COMMUNITY

## Belchertown Recreation Department

### 4-H NEWS

#### Food drive

It's that time again to celebrate 4-H, the week of Oct. 3 through Oct. 9 is national 4-H week. There is a lot going on in this week. 4-H is having a statewide community service project - a food drive.

If you would like to donate, 4-H Clubs will be at Stop & Shop in Belchertown on Friday, Oct. 8 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All the food collected during the drive will be donated to Belchertown food pantries.

The group's goal for 2010 is 26,000 pounds of can food.

**PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL CLINIC:** Beginners to advanced players are encouraged to join for this two-day clinic designed to sharpen your basketball skills for the upcoming season. They will help you develop and improve your skills by focusing on correct techniques for passing, dribbling and shooting. Participants will also learn different offenses and the subtleties of an effective defense.

WHO: Boys and girls grades 5-8

WHEN: Fri. Oct. 8 and Sat. Oct. 9 from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Chestnut Hill Gym

COST: \$50

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Wednesday, Oct. 6

**SUBURBAN BASKETBALL:** The Recreation Department will enroll one team each in the Competitive Suburban Basketball Leagues. This program involves a LARGE time commitment along with travel that includes such Towns as Agawam, Southwick and Quabog. You must be a Belchertown Resident or attend a Belchertown School.

WHO: Boys and girls grades 5-8

WHEN: Two mandatory tryouts will be held the third week of October. To be considered for this team you must attend both tryouts.

COST: \$75 (\$45 due at time of registration with balance due IF selected for a team)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Thursday, Oct. 14

**RECREATION BASKETBALL:** This program will begin practices at the end of November, games will start towards the end of December and the season will end approximately the third week of February. Evaluations will be held during the week of Nov. 15. All registered participants will be placed on a team.

WHO: Boys and girls in grades 3 to 8

COST: \$45

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, Nov. 10

**INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL:** Children will learn the basics of basketball skills, while playing fun games in a non-competitive atmosphere. This program will start approximately mid December, with games starting in January.

WHO: Boys and girls grades 1 and 2

COST: \$30

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, Dec. 1

**THE LITTLE CHEFS CLUB:** This program provides hands on cooking fun while introducing cooking vocabulary & techniques, nutrition, kitchen safety and more. There will be no ovens or stovetops used to eliminate any danger to the children. All recipes will be prepared by the children and then sent home with essential cookware. The final step of baking will be done at home so that the children may share and enjoy their creations with their families and friends.

WHO: Boys and girls, grades first through third

WHEN: Tuesdays, Oct. 26 through Dec. 7 from 3 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Swift River School

COST: \$90

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, Oct. 18

**STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM:** Have fun improving your swimming skills and learning new strokes with the Belchertown Stingrays. If you are not sure your ready to join the Stingrays, come and try it, the first two weeks of practice are a trial period. Participants are requested to practice 3 days per week. For more information go to Belchertownstingrays.com.

WHO: Boys and girls grades 2-12 (Kindergarten & 1st graders will be tested for ability to join)

WHEN: Oct. 13 through Jan. 31

WHERE: CHCS Pool

COST: \$175 per child, High School \$125

**STRETCH, BREATHE, YOGA PLEASE:** This program is aimed at enhancing a child's self awareness to help them to engage in social interaction with groups and participate in team sports with joy and confidence. Yoga addresses the emotional and physical needs of all ages and stages of life. It increases concentration, self-confidence and respect

of others. Children will learn, develop and practice breathing & relaxation techniques, yoga postures & movements, along with meditation, cooperation and trust through games and exercises specifically designed to introduce Yoga to children.

WHO: Boys and girls age 6 to 10

WHEN: Wednesdays, Oct 27 through Nov 17, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

WHERE: Old Town Hall

COST: \$50

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, Oct. 23

**STORY TIME YOGA:** Please join me as I enlighten your child's mind with theatrical storytelling and puppeteer while encouraging vibrant physical health! Story Time Yoga incorporates both health and literacy by coupling the magic of storytelling with the ancient practice of yoga postures. Yoga poses and breathing games will allow your child the opportunity to develop body awareness, increase self-confidence, social skills and verbal as well as their reading aptitude. Children will be my storytelling assistants as they retell the featured story using yoga postures and movements. Parents are welcomed to stay and will be encouraged to participate in class during the last 15 minutes.

WHO: Boys and girls age 3 to 5

WHEN: Wednesdays, Oct. 27 through Nov. 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

WHERE: Old Town Hall

COST: \$40

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, Oct. 23

#### SWIM LESSONS

WHO: Children age 3 years and older (must be able to separate from adult and be potty trained)

WHEN: Saturday mornings, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13

COST: \$30 for Levels 1 & 2 / \$35 for Level 3

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Joanne Cleary was one of the three lucky fair-goers to receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library Book Sale. The winners of the Friends free raffle will be able to redeem their gift certificates at the Fall Sale, which runs Monday, Oct. 11 through Saturday, Oct. 16 or the spring sale, April 11 through the 16. Other winners were Angela Meehan and Holly Crouch.

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POLICE LOG

BELCHERTOWN

The Belchertown Police Department responded to 244 calls during the week of Sept. 27 through Oct. 3. The department made two arrests. Those arrested appear in court at a future date and are innocent unless proven guilty.

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 29

10:31 a.m. – Sheldon Kirouac, 28 of Ware Road, Belchertown, was arrested for assault and battery.

Saturday, Oct. 2

2:22 a.m. – Cristian A. Saravia, 30 of East Pleasant Street, Amherst, was arrested for marked lanes violation and OUI liquor, second offense.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Sept. 27

7:51 a.m. – Littering on Main Street.  
11:39 a.m. – Larceny over \$250.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

6:28 p.m. – Suspicious activity on North Liberty Street.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

8:52 a.m. – Larceny under \$250 on North Washington Street.  
3:59 a.m. – Police information.  
3:30 p.m. – Leaving the scene of property damage on Hamilton Street.

Thursday, Sept. 30

12:52 a.m. – Harassment on Catherine Drive.

Friday, Oct. 1

9:58 a.m. – Breaking and entering into a vehicle/boat in the daytime for a felony, larceny over \$250 and destruction of property less than \$250, malicious on Turkey Hill Road.

Sunday, Oct. 3

8:34 a.m. – Unattended death on Chauncey Walker.  
12:17 p.m. – Lost property on George Hannum.

GRANBY

The Granby Police Department responded to 173 calls during the week of Sept. 24 through Sept. 30. The department made two arrests. Those arrested appear in court at a future date and are innocent unless proven guilty.

ARRESTS

Friday, Sept. 24

3:54 a.m. – Luke A. Lamoureux, 31 of Liberty Street, Belchertown, was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

Sunday, Sept. 26

6:07 p.m. – Neanh Kry, 28 of East Street, Granby, was arrested for a warrant.

INCIDENTS

Friday, Sept. 24

9:47 a.m. – Youth Problem at High School.  
10:26 a.m. – A vehicle was parked at the end of the high school driveway. Officer spoke to the party who said they were waiting to pick someone up that was driving by. The officer explained to the party that while school was in session this couldn't be allowed and that they would have to make other arrangements next time.

Saturday, Sept. 25

3:38 a.m. – Motor vehicle stop for a lights violation. Operator arrested for operating under the influence. See arrest on Sept. 24 at 3:54 a.m. above. An inventory of the vehicle led to the discovery of marijuana. Civil citation issued.  
7:17 a.m. – Party in to pick up an envelope with his name on it that is left at the window. He spoke with Sgt. O'Grady questioning the use of "jake brakes" by larger trucks on Amherst Street. Party was advised there is no law against the use of "jake breaks" in residential neighborhoods.  
8:38 a.m. – Party requested information about the National Drug Drop-Off Program. Party wanted to know if the department was going to be collecting these items. Party was notified that she could bring them into the station.

Sunday, Sept. 26

3:50 a.m. - Party called, worried of the where abouts of her daughter. She stated that her daughter left around 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, and she has not been heard from since. Her daughter is 23 years old. She understood that her daughter is an adult but still wanted to speak with an officer. Officer was dispatched to speak with the party.  
4:05 a.m. – Officer out speaking with resident regarding her daughter.  
5 a.m. - Officers going to residence to meet with party regarding her missing daughter. K-9 deployed attempting to track missing person.  
5:30 a.m. - Officer out speaking with resident. K-9 deployed attempting to track missing person.  
1:25 p.m. - Calling party stated that she backed her van into a pole and requested an officer to her location to submit an accident report. Operator struck pole #5 at that location. National Grid notified to do a future check on that pole.  
1:32 p.m. - Officer stated that he located missing individual walking down West St.  
5:27 p.m. - Officers out attempting to serve warrant.

Monday, Sept. 27

12:21 p.m. – Three-car accident reported. One of the operators received a citation for operating a motor vehicle with an expired driver's license.  
10:12 p.m. – Caller states there is a motor vehicle accident at Carver Street and Lyons Street. Unit sent. Officer reports hit and run description of vehicle is full size pick-up with heavy front end left side damage - no plate or color bolo over WMLEC to surrounding towns.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### The right call

Ever see something in a store with a huge price tag on it, but you just HAD to have it because it was on sale? You buy it and then a short time after you realize it was something you couldn't afford? Buyer's remorse - which most likely kicks in because of its effect on the bank account.

Well, during a School Committee meeting on Sept. 28 town officials made a fiscally responsible decision on postponing their decision as to whether or not to commit to a proposed energy services contract with Siemens Energy Services Contracting. They walked away from the flashing sale sign and decided to balance their budget instead.

The deal would have allowed Belchertown the opportunity at \$75,000 in energy rebates from the electric company, which was tempting, but not worth the commitment to an entire project. Good call. The town would have had to jump at installing energy efficient lights by mid-December. In the end, however, the town would be committed to spending millions of dollars in improvements to town buildings. Something that is not feasible at this time.

Their decision doesn't mean there won't be another opportunity at grant money and

rebates - there will be many more available in the future. The board made the right decision to rethink the commitment, especially with some hesitation and uncertainty by some members.

In the mean time, residents should continue their private efforts to go green. Please remember to pick up your litter and recycle. When you leave a room - turn off the lights and unplug any unnecessary appliances or chargers. You may find that your own energy bill will decrease by dollars.

#### Green Tip:

Did You Know? An idling car wastes money, pollutes the air, and harms our health and our climate. Idling for just 20 minutes generates the same amount of hazardous emissions as driving nearly 320 miles.

Tip: As you are waiting to pick up your kids at school or for that cup of coffee at the drive-through, turn off the engine. It is more cost effective to turn off your engine after 30 seconds of idling; this improves our air quality as well.

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### FROM OUR FILES

by Cliff McCarthy

#### From 70 Years Ago (October 11, 1940): REGISTRATION WEDNESDAY

"Town Clerk George Poole announces that plans are practically completed for the selective service registration next week Wednesday at the two precincts from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be three shifts of workers -- morning, afternoon and evening.

Young men between the ages of 21 and 35 are required to register. Following are the 11 questions asked, each of which has to be answered most specifically.

1. Name.
2. Address
3. Telephone.
4. Age in years.
5. Place of birth.
6. Country of citizenship.
7. Name of person who will always know your address.
8. Relationship of that person.
9. Address of that person.
10. Employer's name.

11. Place of employment or business."

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"George F. Bell and Byron A. Hudson have incorporated under the name of the Bell and Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc. Mr. Bell has conducted this business for many years in Belchertown, Granby, and surrounding territory. Mr. Hudson was formerly treasurer of the Street Lumber Corporation of South Hadley Falls. He will move into town shortly and reside at the corner of North Main and Cottage streets, formerly the Herbert Shaw place.

The Bell and Hudson Insurance Agency maintain their main office at Belchertown and a branch office in Granby. They have all lines of insurance and will add new lines, including life and retirement income. They are interested in all things that go to make for better communities and will no doubt try to serve their many friends in all ways."

#### From 40 Years Ago (October 9, 1970): BELCHERTOWN VOTES PATHFINDER, 211-95

"Well over three hundred people attended the special town meeting Monday evening. The assembled voted unanimously on articles one through five with little or no discussion.

Article six, which was the approval of the 3.9 million indebtedness for Pathfinder

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## LETTERS

### Thank 'ewe' friends

#### Dear Editor:

The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who helped create the First Prize Float in the Parade. It was a group effort and a labor of love for the library.

#### Special thanks to:

Dan Smith who supplied the truck, driver, trailer, carpenter, materials and time.

Ralph Carlson for his creative design and time.

Kissy Mathewson for her seamstress skills.

Paul Horak, Ron Beaulieu, Dennis Mathewson for their construction skills and time

Arianna Beaulieu as Little Bo-Peep

Khalid Elkalai for the use of his adorable

sheep.

Wendy and Chip Campbell for transporting the adorable sheep.

Steve Lanphear from Sentinel Farm for supplying us with delicious apples

Debbie Weyl, our beautiful Diva, from Music Together for Valley Families.

Molly Butler for her shepherding skills.

Maria Stratton and her flock of sheep friends who rode in the Jeep.

And.....all of the energetic and creative walkers.

Thank you all for your time, talent and enthusiasm.

See "Ewe" at the Library

**The Friends of the  
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### Winter venues for paintball enthusiasts

#### Dear Editor:

A fun sport for paintball fanatics is paintball biathlon, which combines cross-country skiing and paintball marksmanship. Tippmann paintball company sponsors winter biathlon competitions in various parts of the country, including an ever growing, in popularity, venue in Chittenden Vermont at the Mountain Top Inn and Resort. (Search online: paintball biathlon Chittenden VT).

There are basically three divisions of participants starting with the youngest or

lollipopers and then the youth groups and finally the adult class.

It is possible for such a sport as this to take hold in areas closer to home - namely Western Massachusetts where conditions and predictable snowfall in higher elevations is most reliable.

Make this coming winter a season of fun and exercise by giving paintball biathlon a try.

Sincerely,

**Bill Paul  
Chicopee, MA**



GRANBY LIBRARY EVENTS IN OCTOBER.....

GRANBY – The Granby Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 467-3320 or visit granbylibrary.com.

**Preschool storytimes: Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27\*:** Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. - Theme stories, play-time and crafts. Drop in! Ages 3-5 and sibling are welcome. \*On Oct. 27 we will have a Halloween celebration! Children are welcome to come in costume. Each family is asked to bring a treat (fruit, cupcakes, cookies or Halloween trinkets).

**Family Bedtime Storytime Friday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.:** Celebrate National Dinosaur Month with roarily fun

dinosaur stories. Wear your PJ's if you wish. Dinosaur crafts to follow. Drop in.

**Granby Firefighters Visit! Special Preschool Storytime Friday, Oct. 29 10:30 a.m.** For Fire Safety Month our wonderful Granby Firefighters will read stories and bring an engine and an ambulance for a show and tell. Don't miss this popular annual treat!

**Chess Club Returns! Like to Learn How to Play Chess? Join us on the following Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 12 and 26:** The Granby Library is giving chess lessons to beginners, and helping newer and experienced players play better. Ages 7 and up. Enjoy the casual fun atmosphere. Adults volunteer their time to teach. We are

seeking additional adult volunteers to help guide our players. Please give your name at the front desk beforehand if you are interested.

**Playgroup Pals Fridays 10:30 a.m.** Drop in to play every Friday! This is a great time for caregivers to chat with other caregivers and for children to socialize. Please note that the Granby Firefighters will visit for a Special Preschool Storytime and Playgroup on Friday Oct. 29 10:30 a.m. Younger children may play quietly if they are too young to sit for the story. Climbing into the fire truck is always a treat for everyone!

**Leaf "Read for Treats" Sheets:** In October, pick up a "Read for Treats" leaf sheet. Read five books and write the titles on the lines in the leaf. Color the leaf, then return to the library for a treat! November's sheet will be pumpkin.

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was also approved. A written, secret ballot was used and the count was put at 211 in favor (51 per cent required) and 95 against. Belchertown thus followed Palmer and Monson in approving the regional vocational school.

While Belchertown was voting, Hardwick and New Braintree were also considering their share of the bond issue. All five towns must approve the measure as the district is now composed. The Vote:

Hardwick- Yes, 89 No, 202

New Braintree -Yes, 70 No, 8

What effect this vote (Hardwick's no vote) will have on the future of the Pathfinder District remains to be seen. One possibility is that a move will be made to reshape it into a four town district, if and when Hardwick votes to withdraw from district, with the four towns' approval, of course."

**From 15 Years Ago (October 12, 1995): GRAVESTONE STUDIES, OCT. 12**

"Early New England Gravestones and the Stories They Tell' will be the topic of the first program of the fall season of the Belchertown Historical Association on October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Parish House on Park Street. Fred Oakley, a Trustee of the Association for Gravestone Studies will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Oakley will present a slide/lecture presentation intended to expand public awareness of the significance of historic gravemarkers and seeks to encourage individuals and groups to record and pre-

serve old gravestones. The Association for Gravestone Studies seeks to foster appreciation of the cultural significance of gravestones and burial grounds through their study and preservation. Mr. Oakley's particular interest is in restoring gravestones as a means for preserving our ancestors final resting places and their contribution to our communities. The public is invited."

A REMINDER FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

"A reminder to Belchertown residents, with Fall among us, the burning of leaves is not legal within the Commonwealth. It violates the Open Burning Law and the Department of Environmental Protection regulations and is associated with a \$100 fine, for each offense. Burning Season for Domestic Tree Trimming is January 15 through April 30, each year and should not be conducted at any other time during the year.

For people looking for solutions for disposing of their leaves:

1. You can make your own compost pile with some fencing. It will decompose and make nice loam at the bottom of the pile, year after year.

2. With a Belchertown Transfer Station Permit, you can bring your leaves, free of slicks and trash, and dump them at the Transfer Station.

3. The New England Small Farm Institute, located on Jackson Street, will accept leaves, to be used as compost for their fields. They request leaves only, free of slicks and trash.

Both the Transfer Station and the New England Small Farm Institute encourage the recycling of leaf bags."

LOG | FROM PAGE 5

Tuesday, Sept. 28

2:03 p.m. - School Vice Principal called in suspicious writing on the bathroom wall. Chief Wishart and Chief Anderson were notified and on scene at 2:11 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

2:35 p.m. - Caller states a motor vehicle backed into his car then drove off. He is not

in the area now but will stop in to fill out a report sometime tomorrow.

Thursday, Sept. 30

3:42 p.m. - In station to file a report from an accident that happened yesterday in the Granby Liquor's parking lot.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reports that two kids were just pointing laser pointers into the windows at his brothers house and he located the parties.

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## FALL ROUND UP



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Sept. 15 was the fall round up for Cub Scouts Pack 57! Front row, Andrew Cowles, Daniel Godbout, Christopher Cowles and Kyle Jodoin, back row, Timothy Jodoin, Schuyler Capzzoli, Derrick Godbout, Rory Nee and John Cowles were busy in the center of Belchertown at the Congregational Church recruiting for Pack 57. There were eight new boys who joined: Landon Roy, Joshua Tan, Sam McNerney, Trey Bjorkman, Nicholas Rivers, Francisco Moreira, Aidan Jolly and Miguel Garcia.

## PACKING IN THE FUN



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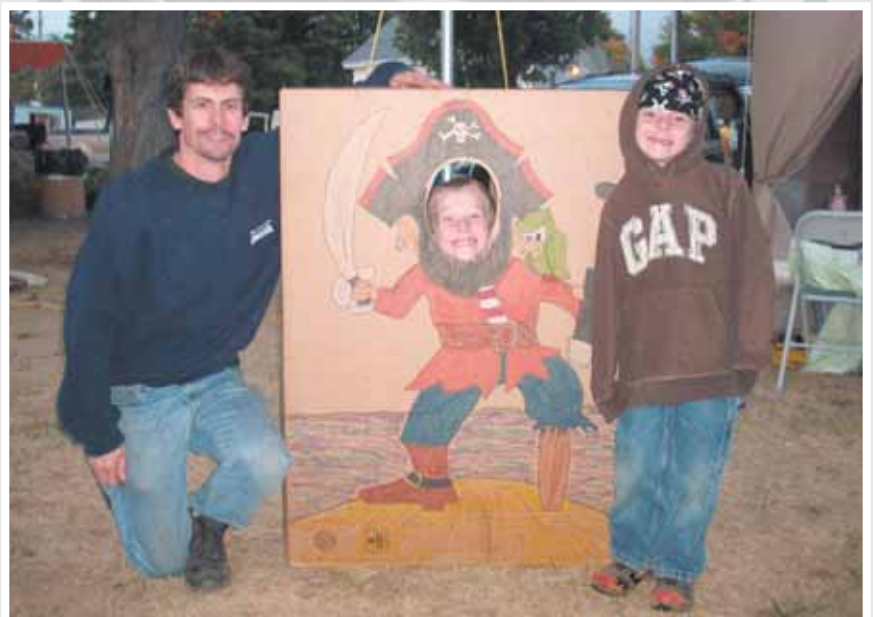
Jason Cousineau, left, and brother Eddie, right, display their seamanship. Jason was the winning pirate of the 50-50 Sail hosted by St. Francis Pack 507 Cub Scouts at the Belchertown Fair.

## Flying high



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Congratulations to Belchertown resident Cheryl Flynn-Relihan on being selected the divisional and overall winner of the 2010 NGA Natural Mass Bodybuilding and Figure Powerfest. In addition to placing first in both the Master's and Open divisions, she also received the honor of being named Ms. Figure New England 2010. Relihan received divisional pro-status last spring and hopes to earn national status in the future.



Sunday evening of the fair, St. Francis Pack 507 Cub Scouts pulled the winning ticket for their 50-50 Sail. Pictured, from left, are the happy pirates: Father Jamie, brother Eddie and winning pirate Jason Cousineau. Jason received \$133 for his participation.

## Spike it for life fundraiser

BELCHERTOWN - October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Spike it for Life is the brand of a growing community of volleyball coaches, players, and events across Western Massachusetts with the specific purpose of promoting cancer education and awareness through the sport of volleyball.

The Belchertown High School Girls' volleyball team will do their part by

playing a friendly match against Ware High School on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Belchertown High School gymnasium. Doors open at 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Baystate Regional Cancer Program.

Pack the stands with pink to show our support for the teams and this great cause. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation, please contact Paul McGrath at 413-324-1087 or email at mcbtown@charter.net.

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**Monday, Oct. 11:** Columbus Day. Center Closed.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. Enhance Fitness, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Massage, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Senior Yoga, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic, 10 a.m. SALT Council at Amherst Police Dept., 10 a.m. Singer Financial Seminar, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Line Dancing, 11:45 a.m. Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Chinese Mah-Jongg, 1-3 p.m. Cosmology, 1-4 p.m. Scrabble, 2:30-4 p.m. Osteoporosis Resistance Training, 3-4:30 p.m. Ear Irrigation with Dr. Clapp.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13:** 8-9:30 a.m. Osteoporosis Resistance Training, 9-11:30 a.m. My Life My Health, 9:30 a.m. Free Bread Program, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Strength Training, 10-11:30 a.m. Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," 11-11:30 a.m. Gentle Fitness, 11:45 a.m. Lunch, 1-3 p.m. Mexican Train Dominos, 12:30-2 p.m. Arthritis Exercise, 2-4:30 p.m. Bridge, 2-4:30 p.m. New Options.

**Thursday, Oct. 14:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. EnhanceFitness, 9-10:30 a.m. COA Meeting, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Painting

Workshop, 11:45 a.m. Lunch, 1-3:30 p.m. Memoir Writing Group, 1:30-3 p.m. Rheumatology Health Seminar, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Senior Health Services, 2:30-4 p.m. Osteoporosis Resistance Training.

**Friday, Oct. 15:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Craft Club, 9 a.m. 12 p.m. Cribbage Games, 9:40 a.m.-2 p.m. Foot Care and Ear Irrigation with Sharon, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing, 11-11:30 a.m. Gentle Fitness, 11:45 a.m. Lunch, 2 p.m. Musical Showcase Dick Partridge.

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Musical Showcase – Dick Partridge Hits of our Era: Music We Loved in the '40s

Friday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Dick Partridge will be entertaining us with music from the 1940s era. Dick, long associated with the broadcast industry, was a personality on WNEW in NY during its heyday as the world's most listened-to radio station for music and news. Currently, Dick writes a weekly column for the Athol Daily News. Admission to the showcase is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, you may contact Nancy Pagano at 259-3114.



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# Furry friends get blessing on common

By Scott Feldman

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GRANBY – Having a blessing bestowed upon family members for health, happiness and well-being is a common practice in most churches. At the Church of Christ Congregation, UCC blessings were extended to the cute, furry members of the family.

Last Sunday, on Oct. 3 The Church of Christ hosted the “Blessing of the Animals” event where families could bring their pets to the church to receive a blessing from Pastor Sherry Tucker.

“Everyone has been very enthusiastic, especially people with pets because I think they appreciate that it is recognized just how important our pets are and how much that relationship means,” Tucker said.

People across Granby brought dogs and cats of all shapes and sizes; from tiny Shiz Tzu’s to huge Gordon Setters and everything in between. The people and their pets gathered in a circle on the church’s front lawn for the ceremony as the ritual began.

The event started with Tucker leading the parishioners in the hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful.” Tucker also led a joint prayer and gave a reading from Genesis 1:20-25, which deals with God creating all animals of the world. She then said a prayer for all the pets.

“Almighty and Everlasting God, creator of all things and giver of life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy,” Tucker said. “Grant the animals’ health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God’s Servant Saint Francis. Amen.”

The ritual concluded with Tucker going up to each animal to give each pet an individual blessing.

This was the first year that a “Blessing of the Animals” was held in Granby, but it has become a popular ritual in churches across the country. According to Tucker, the blessing was usually done at Catholic churches, but has recently been adopted by many protestant churches.

“This is traditionally a Catholic service, but Protestants like us have started seeing how important it is for people to honor their relationship with their pets and their love of their pets, so we are kind of adopting it from our Catholic brethren,” Tucker said.

Tucker went on to talk about how at some of the larger cathedrals; people have brought many exotic animals including snakes, camels and even elephants in order to receive a blessing.

The event was held on Oct. 3 in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who was born on Oct. 4 and is the patron saint of the environment and the animals within.

St. Francis was a man who gave up his life as a wealthy individual to preach through the countryside. It was said that creatures of all sorts followed him throughout the countryside because he had such a deep love for nature and animals.



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Above: Hunter Rodriguez holds her Shitszu, Cole, in the palm of her hand waiting for her pet to receive a blessing.

Left: Ginette Desrosiers came to the “Blessing of the Animals” ceremony with Gunner her Gordon Setter.



Right: The Rev. Sherry Tucker (right) bestows a blessing upon Hunter Rodriguez’s Shih Tzu Cole at the “Blessing of the Animals.”



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# School committee postpones decision on energy contract

By Scott Feldman

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BELCHERTOWN – School Committee Chairman Eric Weiss announced that Belchertown has decided to postpone its final decision on whether or not to accept the terms of a proposed energy services contract at the School Committee Meeting on Sept. 28.

At its last meeting on Sept. 14, members of the School Committee, Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting on the 28th to hear a final presentation from Siemens Energy Services Contracting and decide if the terms were acceptable.

Making the final decision on that date could have allowed Belchertown to make the deadline to qualify for a \$75,000 energy rebate from the electric company. To qualify for the rebate new energy efficient lights had to be fully installed by mid-December, which meant contractors had to start working by October.

However, it was impossible for town officials to make a decision on the light installation alone; they had to either accept the whole contract or no contract. Since the entire project involves the installation of millions of dollars worth of improvements in town buildings, it was decided at a working group meeting that it was worth letting go of the incentives to make sure the project as a whole was sound.

“There was a lot of pressure being put on by the utility upgrade grants that were available and we’ve decided to forgo the utility upgrades grants at this time because nobody was feeling comfortable,” Weiss said. “Do it right, do it well, take your time, if we are going to ask the town for money we have to ask once and only once.”

“This will move along at a much more reasonable pace, which I am comfortable with and I’m glad (the other agreed). I felt a little rushed myself and I understand it pretty well, but I felt we were moving a little too fast.”

Although the town decided to let this particular incentive slip by, it does not mean that no additional funding will be available. Director of Building and Grounds Robert Lachance noted that utility companies tend to offer these rebates periodically so it is likely Belchertown will have other opportunities.

Performance contracting is a way for Belchertown to conduct major upgrades in all town-owned buildings without impacting the yearly budget. Essentially it works by having Belchertown spend money on new construction that

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## Belchertown Public Schools *lunch menu*

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*Lunch at BHS is \$2.50 per day. Menu subject to change. Fresh fruit available everyday. Choices each day are bagel meal, warm pretzel with cheese sauce or salad meal.*

Monday, Oct. 11 – No School  
 Tuesday, Oct. 12: Grilled cheese on Texas Toast, tomato soup, bag of Goldfish, cucumbers, fresh fruit available, milk or taco bar  
 Wednesday, Oct. 13: Hotdog on a roll, macaroni and cheese, corn, cookie or pasta bar  
 Thursday, Oct. 14: Chicken pattie on a bulk roll, lettuce and tomato, fries, pickles, pears, milk  
 Friday, Oct. 15: Stuffed crust pizza, pretzels, fresh vegetables with dip, creamsicle, melon wedges, milk or soup and sandwich bar

### JABISH BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Lunch at JBMS is \$2.50 per day. Menu subject to change. Fresh fruit available everyday. Choices for lunch are salad meal, bagel meal, soft pretzel with cheese sauce or a daily choice.*

Monday, Oct. 11 – No School  
 Tuesday, Oct. 12: Chicken pattie on a roll, lettuce and tomato or ham and cheese melt with oven fries, carrot sticks with dip, milk  
 Wednesday, Oct. 13: Meatball grinder, oven fries or lasagna, breadstick with garden salad, pears, cookie and milk  
 Thursday, Oct. 14: Twisted edge cheese pizza, Caesar salad, peaches, milk or cook’s choice  
 Friday, Oct. 15: Soft or hard tacos, lettuce and tomato, rice, salsa, cheese or pizza dippers, marinara sauce, buttered noodles with green beans, pineapple chunks, milk

### CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

*Lunch at CHCS is \$2.25 per day. Menu subject to change. Third lunch options are the same each week for the month. Monday: cereal bowl, juice, cheese sticks; Tuesday: Turkey breast on a roll, fun size snack bag; Wednesday: Cereal bowl, juice, cheese sticks; Thursday:*

*Bagel with cream cheese, and jelly, turkey breast sticks; Friday: “uncrustables” peanut butter and jam, fun size snack bag. The alternatives also come with the vegetable and fruit or dessert and an 8-ounce milk.*

Monday, Oct. 11 – No School  
 Tuesday, Oct. 12: Grilled cheese sandwich, bag of Smart Food or lasagna, breadstick with fresh vegetables with dip, blueberries with topping, milk  
 Wednesday, Oct. 13: Italian dunkers, breadsticks with sauce or tuna boat, lettuce and tomato, bag of Smart Food with Caesar salad, Jello with topping, pears and milk  
 Thursday, Oct. 14: Pizzeria pizza or soft warm pretzel, cheese sauce with turkey noodle soup, fresh Hadley carrot sticks, Cold Spring Orchard’s fresh apple wedges, school cookie and milk  
 Friday, Oct. 15: Taco salad or cheese quesadillas with salsa, sour cream, rice, cucumbers, pineapple chunks and milk

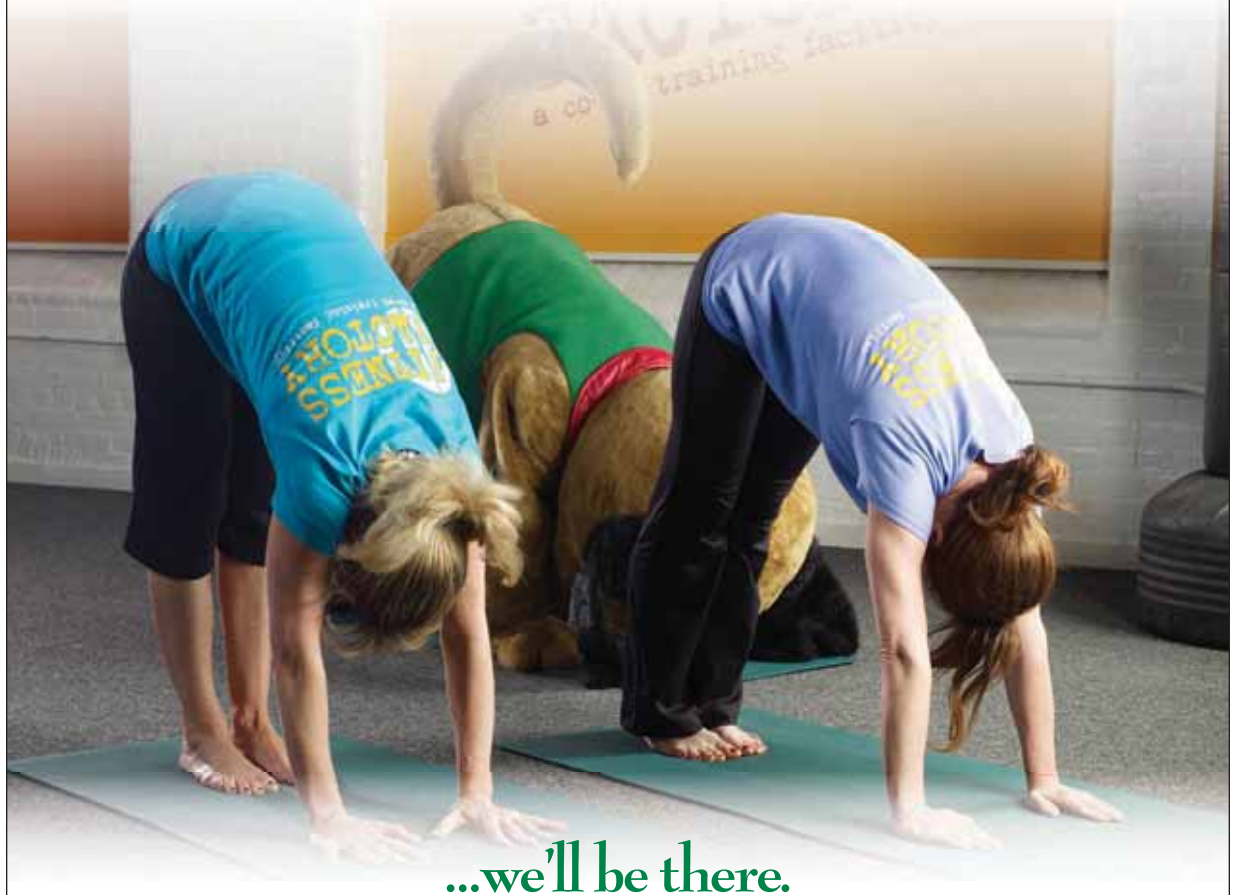
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Monday, Oct. 11 – No School  
 Tuesday, Oct. 12: Grilled chicken on a roll, lettuce and tomato, pickles, oven fries, peaches, milk  
 Wednesday, Oct. 13: Hotdog on a roll, macaroni and cheese, green beans, melon wedges, milk  
 Thursday, Oct. 14: Pasta, marinara sauce, cheddar cheese stick, corn dinner roll, applesauce and milk  
 Friday, Oct. 15: Turkey breast on a roll, bag of Smart Food, carrot sticks with dip, pears, Dixie cup, milk

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# Patrick Curran Project draws crowd at annual 'All about the Kids' picnic

By Scott Feldman  
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GRANBY – Every time a person spoke about Patrick Curran, they always brought up how much he cared about children. Although he has passed away, his family wants to honor his memory by helping those he helped in life.

Recently, The Patrick Curran Project hosted the second annual "All about the Kids" Family Picnic at Dufresne Park. All proceeds from the picnic will be donated to Granby youth programs.

"We founded the project so that we could raise money and support the same sort of activities that Patrick was doing while he was here. We are doing it for him as a way to keep his name alive in town," Patrick's aunt Jennifer Curran said.

Jennifer said that during his short life, Patrick managed to do more for the children of Granby than most people have done in their entire life. Patrick had been a basketball coach, served on recreation committees, helped the Granby Athletic Association and was even elected to the Granby Board of Selectmen when he was just 25 years old.

"He spent so much of his time doing things for children; his whole life was about kids," said Sharon Murphy, a close friend of the Curran Family.

In 2008, Patrick had gotten engaged and was preparing to start a family of his when suddenly, on Oct. 29 of that year, Patrick Curran passed away in his sleep due to unknown causes at the age of 29.

The death was a huge shock to his family as well as the community. For months everyone was grief stricken and unsure of what to do. That is until St. Patrick's Day in 2009 when the Curran family, which has deep Irish roots, decided to throw a party in memory of Patrick.

After they saw how many people showed up, how many lives that Patrick had affected, they realized they decided to start an organization to promote the beliefs that he lived his life by. That is how the Patrick Curran Project was formed.

"It was about finding a place to put all that love that you have for someone, all that energy. What do you do with all of that when that person is no longer here?" Jennifer said. "He was normally the cheerleader saying

'let's do, let's do, let's do,' so that's what we did."

Patrick's death was especially hard on his mother Kathleen since Patrick was her only child. She still choked up occasionally as she talked about how much he meant to everyone. That's why her favorite part of the picnic is getting the chance to see everyone who cared about Patrick.

"Last year, we had one of Patrick's old friends show up who we hadn't seen since he was a little kid," Kathleen said. "It turns into a special day because you see people from every walk of life and they're all talking about Pat."

The Curran family charged \$10 per adult and \$25 for a family pack for admission to the picnic; all children 12 years old or under were admitted free of charge. People who attended could enjoy as much barbecue as they wanted including hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, baked potatoes and even a pork roast.

Since the event was all about raising money for children, the Curran's provided plenty of entertainment for the young. Children could get their face painted, jump in the bounce house, listen to music played by DJ Chris "The Wanderer" Grislak, or participate in classic picnic games like ladderball. The Curran Family also had a friend who brought horses over that children could ride.

The family held raffles and sold T-shirts bearing a shamrock and the number 11, which was Patrick's basketball jersey number. Although raising money was important, everyone agreed that the first priority was to make sure that everyone had fun.

"We don't need to raise a ton of money, we like to keep the event as welcoming to families as possible," Jennifer said. "Even a few hundred dollars goes so far in such a small town."

Last year, the Patrick Curran Project managed to raise nearly \$3,000 and bought custom team jackets for the boys and girls varsity basketball teams. This year they hope to expand and supply the junior varsity teams as well as support the art programs.

To learn more about the Patrick Curran Project you can visit their website at [www.patrickcurranproject.com](http://www.patrickcurranproject.com).



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Rylee Mullin has some fun decorating a pumpkin at the "All about the Kids" Family Picnic.



Seth Jeffers is enticed by all the chocolate treats available as a price for a lucky raffle winner.



Sharon Murphy gets ready serve up a juicy burger with all the sides at the "All about the Kids" Family Picnic.



Roger Moreau buys a few tickets in hopes of winning one of the many raffles baskets available.



The children can't help but laugh during a classic game of "Mother May I."



J.P. Jeffers has a blast in the bounce house at the "All about the Kids" Family Picnic.



Seth Jeffers enjoys rides on a horse guided by Jennifer Moreau.



## Free computer classes in Spanish at the Jones Library

AMHERST - Sign up for a series of free computer classes in Spanish this fall at the Jones Library in Amherst. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

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These classes will provide an introduction to computers and use of the basic Microsoft programs Word, Publisher, and Excel. Skills are built throughout the series of classes. Class size is limited, so pre-registration is required. Please contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223 to register. The classes will be held in the Large Meeting Room of the Jones Library.

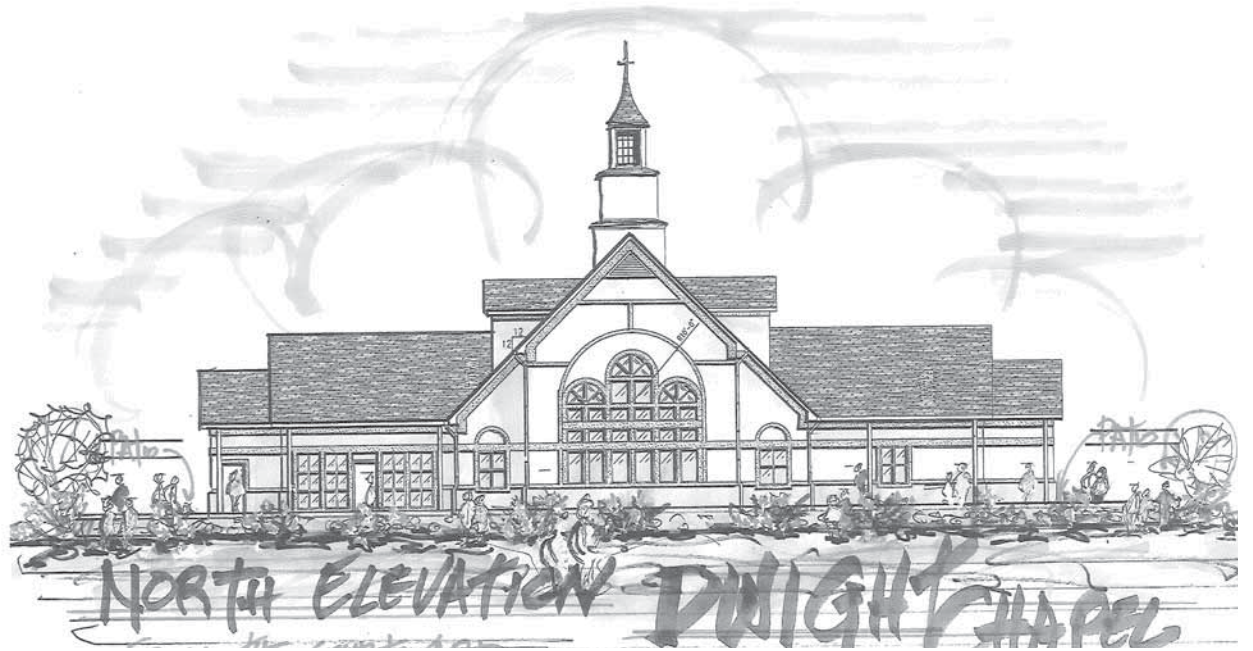
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For more information or to register for a class, call Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.

## Library celebrates National Dinosaur Month Oct. 15

GRANBY - Kids of all ages love dinosaurs! Join us at the Granby Library to celebrate National Dinosaur Month for some "roaringly" fun dinosaur stories at our monthly Family Bedtime Story on Friday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas. Dinosaur crafts to follow stories. Drop in!



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A rendering of what the new Dwight Chapel will look like from the court yard.

## Residents excited about new church

By Kevin Flanders  
Turley Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - Members of the Dwight Chapel will soon be moving to a new location, as construction of a new church is underway.

Described by Senior Pastor Emmanuel Haqq as the culmination of many prayers, the church is being constructed on Route 9 near the northern boundary of the Dwight Station section of town. Though the current building has served as a place of worship since 1886, Haqq and other church officials decided that a new facility was needed to house a rising number of parishioners.

The first phase of the planned construction is scheduled to be completed in early spring, at which time the con-

gregation will be able to assemble in their new sanctuary located in the center of the building. This new space will serve as the main meeting site until the next phase of construction is finalized at a future date.

"Our new sanctuary will be twice as big as the current one, which will help accommodate our growing congregation," Haqq said.

In addition to featuring a larger sanctuary, the building will also boast a kitchen, café, multiple offices, and specific rooms intended to be used by daycare programs, nurseries, and church affiliated youth groups and clubs. Moreover, Dwight Chapel officials are excited about the location of the new church, which is expected to draw even more visitors.

"We are currently somewhat hidden

on a side road, but the new church will sit at the entrance of Belchertown," Haqq added. "We hope it will be a beautiful welcome to this town for all travelers on Route 9."

Western Builders Incorporated of Granby is the primary general contractor for the project, which cost about \$2.4 million. The project was funded partly by donations from residents, while the remainder of the money was borrowed from Country Bank.

The current church, located at 885 Federal Street, will continue to be used by various ministries of the church after construction of the new building has been completed. If you have any questions about the project or would like to worship at Dwight Chapel, visit the church website: [www.dwightchapel.org](http://www.dwightchapel.org).



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# Jones Library feature works of artist Lorna Ritz

AMHERST - During the month of October, the Jones Library, Amherst, will exhibit the works of South Amherst artist, Lorna Ritz. Oil crayon drawings of Mt. Norwottuck in the Holyoke Range will be featured. Lorna Ritz will give a talk on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room of the Jones Library, in

conjunction with the monthly Amherst Art Walk held on the first Thursday of the month.

Included in the show are two drawings of Mt. Norwottuck that have been donated to the Jones Library and to the Munson Library by the Norwottuck Art Project. The gift was made possible by the generous donations from

43 households in South Amherst in celebration of one of the most beloved landscape features in the south end of town. These two drawings and several other by Ritz will be on display in the atrium of the Jones Library from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

## SCHOOL | FROM PAGE 11

makes town buildings more energy efficient with a bond or some other alternate source of financing.

Every year the town will save a certain amount of money due to lower utility costs and those savings will be used to pay off the debt.

### Radio Communication

Dr. Judith Houle, the superintendent of the Belchertown school system, informed the School Committee of her plan to make some alterations to the school's radio system to allow all schools to communicate on a common channel.

As it stands right now, most of the schools have their own separate radio channels, which works fine in most circumstances since schools can communicate within themselves and the central office can always reach people by phone.

The problem occurs in the event of an emergency, when phones become much less reliable and Houle needs to quickly contact all the school administrators at once. A few upgrades to the radio system will allow her to issue a command to join the common channel so everyone can listen to important news.

Specifics upgrades are still being looked at, so Houle plans to come back with a formal request for funding at a later meeting.

### Separate checking

The School Committee voted unanimously to approve the creation of a separate checking account for Cold Spring School.

Previously, Cold Spring shared a joint checking account with Swift River Elementary, but an administrative reorganization made it necessary for both schools to have a separate spending account.

## LUNCH MENU | FROM PAGE 11

### SWIFT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Monday, Oct. 11 – No School

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Grilled chicken on a roll, lettuce and tomato, pickles, oven fries, peaches, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 13: Hotdog on a roll, macaroni and cheese, green beans, melon wedges, milk

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# Bikers make successful run for Pathfinder

By Douglas Farmer  
Staff Writer, [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com)

About 70 bikers may have picked up cards along the 80-mile route of the machine tech rally on Sept. 18 hoping for the best hand, but in the end, it was the students at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer that scored about \$8,000. That was indeed the purpose of the third annual rally which raised money to purchase expensive precision machining equipment to outfit their shop.

The annual ride was first held in 2008, thanks to Daniel Walker of Belchertown, Pathfinder graduate and manager of business development at Hoppe Tool, Inc. in Chicopee, as well as the machine tech teachers at Pathfinder. Seed money was provided by the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA), which sends a trailer containing miniature milling machines and other equipment to local schools, to teach schoolchildren about the precision machining industry, in which highly accurate measurements help produce parts for everything from a mechanic's tools to communications satellites.

This year, Phil Pelchat, QA programmer at Hoppe (that incidentally kicked in a \$1,000 sponsorship this year), was the principal organizer of the event, which began with a tour of the machine shop and stopped at various establishments along the way including the Danger Zone in Warren, Upper Deck in Barre, Herrick's Tavern in Orange and McCarthy's Pub in Belchertown, before stopping at Crossroads for a meal catered by Famous Dave's. "These businesses were very helpful with raffles and other things, and some of them wouldn't have been normally open at this time," said Al Putnam, head of the machine tech department. "And a few businesses kicked in sponsorships, which helped boost the total."

Pelchat, too, said he was pleased with the way the event played out. "The food was perfect and the timing was good throughout the ride," he said. "It was a little brisk but at least there was no rain."

In past years, the rally helped purchase a coordinating measuring machine, a jeweled probe mounted on a granite table, and a Tormach CNC1100 machine, which makes precise cuts. Teachers at Pathfinder

commented that the precision machining industry – one of the few bright spots in the Western Massachusetts economy – was in need of graduates in the region who were knowledgeable on such equipment.

A group of Almost 70 bikers got ready to depart from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School on Saturday, Sept. 18.



Bikers stopped to rest during the machine tech rally on Sept. 18.



The mini-bike chopper built by Pathfinder machine tech and auto body students was brought along by the bikers earlier this month.



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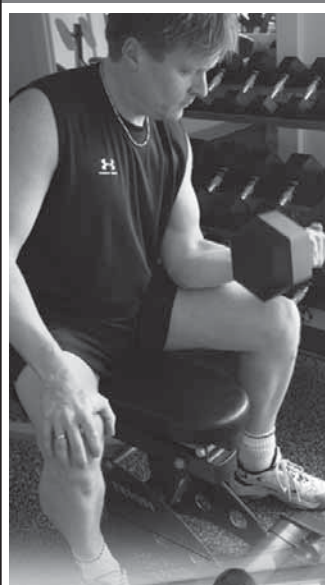
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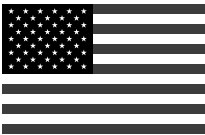
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OBITUARIES

Thomas J. Aiken  
1922-2010

BELCHERTOWN - Thomas J. Aiken, 88, of Chauncey Walker St. died on Oct. 3, 2010 at home. He was born Aug. 25, 1922 in Springfield, MA, son of Alexander and Bridget (Sheehan) Aiken. He has lived in Belchertown since 1975, and previously lived in Springfield. He served his country in the US Army during WWII and was a member of the American Legion Post 277 in Indian Orchard. Tom was formerly the commander of the VFW in Belchertown and former district commander. While in Springfield, he was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church and a member of the Ludlow Elks for over 40 years. He was also a member of the Vernon Lodge of Masons in Belchertown and the Shriners Melha Temple in Springfield. During his working career, he worked as a plumber for Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #104 for 45 years, retiring in the early 1980's. He is survived by a close friend Ruth Balbony of Granby. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Marcelle (Tetreault). Friends and family are welcome to a graveside side service with military honors on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. There are no calling hours. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 104, Scholarship Fund, 168 Chicopee St., Chicopee, MA 01013. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).



Mary R. Austin  
1920-2010

BELCHERTOWN - Mary R. (O'Connor) Austin, 89, of Chauncey Walker St. died on Oct. 2, 2010 at Wing Memorial Hospital. Born Dec. 26, 1920 in Palmer, daughter of John and Dorothy (Lewis) O'Connor. A graduate of Our Lady of the Elms Academy and College, Mary worked as teacher for 17 years in the Wilbraham Public Schools before retiring. She had also worked for White Aircraft prior to her marriage. A longtime communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church, she was an active volunteer at Palmer Public Library and Wing Memorial Hospital. Besides her parents, her husband John T. Austin, and brother Michael O'Connor preceded her in death. She will be deeply missed by her 9 children, Rosemary Austin with whom she lived, Christine Benge of Three Rivers, Joanne Murphy and her husband John of Manchester, CT, Elizabeth Helmer and her husband Michael of Napa, CA, Sean Austin and his wife Rebecca of Houston, TX, Winnie Kowalik and her husband Reggie of Monson, Ellie

McCarthy and her husband Michael of Belchertown, Sheila Austin of Westfield, Patrick Austin of Stafford Springs, CT. Additionally she leaves a brother John O'Connor and his wife Anne of South Hadley, 19 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, sisters in laws, Barbara Austin of Three Rivers, Mary Austin of Ludlow, and Janet Austin of Belchertown, as well as many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. Her best friend of 86 years, Doris McKenna of Monson also survives her and the family wishes to express special thanks to Uncle Leo. Calling hours were on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, 10 Maple St. (Rte. 202). Services will be held on Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. from the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home followed by a liturgy of Christian burial in St. Francis Church at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the St. Francis Church Building Fund, 10 Park St, Belchertown 01007. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

Diane Guess  
1953-2010

BELCHERTOWN - Diane (Skomro) Guess, 57, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010 in Springfield. Born in Palmer, September 28, 1953, she was the daughter of Theodore and Irene (Weseliszyn) Skomro. Diane grew up in Monson and was a graduate of Monson High School, Catherine Gibbs School and Baystate Medical School of Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse for a time at the former Belchertown State School, the Jewish Nursing Home, as well as for the Behavioral Health Network in Springfield. She has lived in Belchertown since 1976. Diane is survived by her husband Leonard Guess, along with her two children, Nathan T. Solomon and Marla A. (Solomon) Sanabria and her husband Elias, all of Claymont, Delaware. She also leaves a brother Paul Skomro of Monson. A time to visit with the family and pay respects will be Thursday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, 10 Maple St., (Rte. 202). For those wishing, donations may be made in her memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersand-story.com](http://www.beersand-story.com).

Michael C. Harris  
1950-2010

SOUTH HADLEY - Michael C. Harris, 60, died suddenly Sept. 24, 2010. He had a gentle, caring personality and had made many lifelong friends along the way. He loved retirement and enjoyed working around the house and yard. He was especially close to his mother and enjoyed spending time with her. He was an avid Harley enthusiast and loved his bike. Predeceased by his father, Patrick Harris, he is survived by his mother, Irene Mary (Mahoney) Harris, of Holyoke, MA, his lifelong partner, Sandra L. Goeldner, of South Hadley, MA, his brother, Patrick Joseph Harris, and his wife, Maryanne, of Hatfield, MA, his sisters: Kathleen Squires, of CA, Mary Ellen Tighe, and her husband, Tom, of MA, Christine Ann Harris, of CA and Eileen Harris, of Holyoke, MA; his ex-wife, Brenda (Zorbo) Harris, and many nieces, nephews and other family members. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at St. Francis of Assisi Churchin Belchertown, MA. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the South Hadley Council on Aging, 45 Dayton Street, South Hadley, MA 01075. Because of his love for his rescue cat, "Goeffrey", contributions may also be made to the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, 163 Montague Road, Leverett, MA 01054-9762. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC has been entrusted with the arrangements. For expressions of sympathy please visit [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net)



Meditation workshop  
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BELCHERTOWN - Beginning Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., the Clapp Memorial Library will be hosting a meditation workshop led by Magda Bechar, nursing professor at Fitchburg State College.

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GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

by Ron Kujawski

\* Create a grow-tunnel to extend the growing season for leafy green and root crops. It's simple. Bend flexible PVC pipe, high tensile wire, or other flexible material into hoops and set these in the garden. Place clear plastic sheeting over the hoops and secure the plastic with medium size binder clips (available at office supply stores). Oh, don't forget to sow the vegetable seeds before covering the hoops.  
\* Prepare soil for planting garlic. Garlic grows best in full sun in soil that drains well yet holds moisture. Work in ample amounts of compost and an organic fertilizer.  
\* Survey trees for dead, diseased, and broken branches. This task becomes easier once leaves have fallen. Remove the affected branches. Otherwise, such branches will be prone to breaking under the weight of heavy snows this winter.  
\* Cut back and clean up all the dead leaves from irises. This will help prevent borer and disease problems on irises next year.  
\* Clean flower pots. Scrub all the crusted soil and salts from the pots. Be sure to store clay and terra-cotta pots someplace where temperatures will be above freezing.  
\* Plants carry out two opposing functions to sustain themselves. One is food making, which is primarily a light dependent function. The other is food consumption, the rate of which is primarily determined by temperature. The higher the temperature, the more food the plant consumes. Obviously, when food consumption exceeds food making there comes a time when the plant can no longer sustain itself. By now you're probably thinking: "Is this Botany 101 or is this a gardening column with some useful information?" Well, it's a little bit of both. Bear with me. As we head deeper into fall, the duration of daylight is getting shorter while the intensity of sunlight is also decreasing. This means less light for plants to make food. On the other hand, as the days get cooler, we'll be turning up the heating systems in our homes. This means houseplants will continue to consume food at a fairly high rate. Add together the two factors, low light and warm temperatures, and you get a plant that begins to look sad. A sad plant in such circumstances will typically look weak and spindly. So, what is one to do? Start by moving houseplants closer to south and east facing windows where they will receive the maximum amount of light available at this time of year. Next, avoid locating plants near heat sources such as radiators. Keeping thermostats at 68 F during the day and 60 F at night is a good regime for most houseplants and for those who are trying to conserve energy and keep heating costs down. There you go: a little botany, a dose of houseplant gardening, and a dash of social responsibility.

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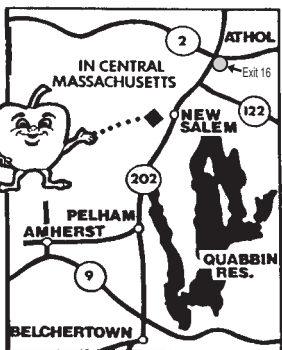
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For more information, contact Beth Girshman 413-259-3168 or girshmanb@joneslibrary.org

## Antique Show fundraiser

W. SPRINGFIELD - The Pioneer Valley Antique Dealers Association and the West Springfield Music Parents Association will be holding their sixth annual Antique Show on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Springfield High School 425 Piper Road. There will be over 20 antique dealers with a variety of antiques for sale. Two appraisers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide general antique, jewelry and precious metals appraisals for \$3 an item.

Proceeds will benefit the High School Band. Admission is \$3.50 and there is free parking. For further information, call Sandy Colburn at 413-739-9615.

## HMC presents program on seasonal affect disorder

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Medical Center will present a free public program on Seasonal Affect Disorder on Thursday, Oct. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. in the facility's Auxiliary Conference Center.

Featured speaker will be Baxter Chandler, LICSW, manager of Outpatient Behavioral Health at HMC.

Do you find yourself dreading turning your clocks back at the end of daylight savings time? Does the thought of darkness settling in around 4:30 p.m. make you feel uneasy and moody?

Seasonal affective disorder (also

called SAD) can start in the fall and may continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. The good news is that there are treatment options available. The public is invited to join Baxter Chandler as he offers strategies on how to "flip the switch" on Seasonal Affect Disorder.

Pre-registration is required for this program and seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

For further information or to pre-register, please call Holyoke Medical Center's Health Promotion Line at 413-534-2789.

## Tag sale supports museums

HOLYOKE - Do you like to hunt for bargains? The Children's Museum at Holyoke is holding a tag sale on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the upper level of the building located at 444 Dwight Street in Heritage State Park, downtown Holyoke.

Books, toys, games, and all sorts of decorative items will be on display and priced to sell! The money raised will be used toward hiring performers and purchasing supplies for family programs and special events.

The Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. and Sunday noon to 4. Admission is \$6 per person age 1-61; free for members and for babies under 12 months and \$3 for seniors age 62 and older.

The Children's Museum is located at 444 Dwight Street in Heritage State Park in downtown Holyoke. The eight-acre park is situated between Dwight and Appleton Streets and offers family-oriented cultural and recreational programs, such as the Park Visitors' Center, the Children's Museum at Holyoke, Volleyball Hall of Fame, and the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round.

## Wing Memorial holds 'Talk to the Doc' forum

PALMER - Wing Memorial Hospital & Medical Centers in partnership with the Ludlow Polish American Club will be hosting the first "Talk To The Doc" community forum Thursday Oct. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Polish American Club in Ludlow, MA. All are invited to this free open forum to talk directly to the administrator of the area's local community hospital.

Wing Memorial President & CEO Dr. Charles Cavagnaro, along with Dr. Joanna Preibisz, will speak to the issues facing health care today including questions about new healthcare legislation, evolving trends, and an overview of recent advancements at Wing Memorial. Dr. Preibisz is fluent in Polish so don't let language be a barrier.

The event is the first in an on-going series of informational outreach programs planned by Wing Memorial to answer community questions about the changing nature of health care. The hospital is looking to create an open dialogue between Wing Memorial Hospital and the communities the hospital serves. Everyone has questions about trends and new developments in healthcare. Here's your chance to "Talk to the Doc."

With medical centers in Ludlow, Wilbraham, Palmer, Belchertown and Monson, Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers provide primary and critical care services to communities in the southern Pioneer valley. Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers is a member of UMass Memorial Health Care.

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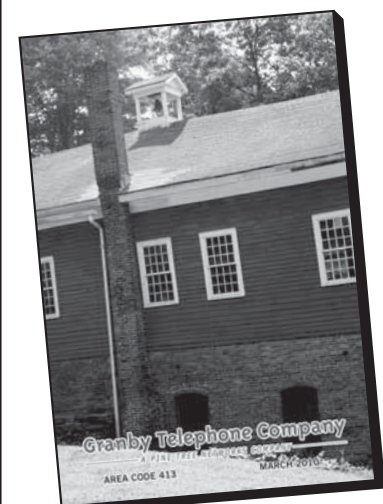
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# Historical cemetery tour reveals town's past

By Scott Feldman  
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BELCHERTOWN – A cemetery is more than just a resting place for the deceased; they are a window into a town's history.

On Saturday, Oct. 2 Cliff McCarthy, the chief archivist at the Stone House Museum, and Bob Drinkwater, a member of the Association of Gravestone Studies, led a guided tour through three of Belchertown's cemeteries: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lake Vale Cemetery and Munsell Cemetery. McCarthy specialized in the people and history, Drinkwater focused on the stones.

McCarthy told the group more than stories of the people buried; he talked about how the cemeteries themselves have a history behind them. For the most part, each cemetery that the group visited served a different class of people.

The following is a description and what each cemetery represented along with some snippets of who was laid to rest.

## Mount Hope Cemetery

The first cemetery on the tour was Mt. Hope Cemetery, located in the center of Belchertown. Built on land owned by the Dwight Family, Mt. Hope is one of the newest cemeteries in Belchertown and was by far the best kept and nicest cemetery on the tour.

Currently owned and maintained by the town, it contains 400 lots, all of which are occupied. It was seen as the best place to be buried and in general, a person had to have some wealth to afford a burial. In many cases, families had relatives who had been placed in previous cemeteries exhumed and then re-buried in Mt. Hope to be closer to other family members.

As part of the tour, McCarthy wanted to focus on the lives of some of Belchertown's African American population. One of the people he talked about was Sam Stevenson, who is the only African American to have a tombstone in Mt. Hope Cemetery (at least on record).

Stevenson was born in 1847 to slaves in Baltimore. When he was 13 years old he was hired as a servant to Harrison Walker of Belchertown during the Civil War. Once Walker's enlistment was over, he returned to Belchertown bringing Stevenson with him.

Stevenson was known for his skill with horses and served as a driver to Dr. George Thompson for more than 40 years and also worked around the house of local merchant Daniel Hazen. Since both men were well connected and popular, Stevenson became well known throughout the town and was well respected up until his death in 1927.



The tombstone of Sam Stevenson, who is the only African American on record interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

## Lake Vale Cemetery

The next stop was Lake Vale Cemetery on Bay Road, which is the second oldest cemetery in Belchertown behind South Cemetery (the land for both was actually purchased at the same time, but it is presumed burials happened at South Cemetery prior to its designation as a graveyard).

Officially established in 1766, five years after the town's incorporation, many of the town's residents born before its incorporation were laid to rest here. In general the tombstones in Lake Vale were not nearly as large, nice or well kept as at Mt. Hope (with some exceptions). Many stones were extremely faded, some were awkwardly tilted and bent and one stone even had a tree growing where the body was supposed to be (this description refers to the older part of the cemetery. It was expanded in 1994 and that section was very well groomed).

At this cemetery, instead of focusing on several unrelated people, McCarthy talked about several members of the Freeman family, Belchertown's oldest African American family, who are buried at Lake Vale.

The line of Freeman's started with John Freeman who moved to Belchertown in the 1790's and had over 10 children with two different wives (he remarried when his first wife died).

His descendants included his sons



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A tree grows out of the burial plot of a tombstone at Lake Vale Cemetery.



Someone wanted to remember the people buried in these two unmarked graves at Munsell Cemetery, but their story has been lost to history.

William Freeman, elected who was elected sexton of Lake Vale cemetery from 1863 to 1868 and Hiram Freeman, a farmer who owned 30 acres of land and was a registered voter. Two of John's grandchildren, Hiram A. Freeman and William H. Freeman fought in the Civil War.

## Munsell Cemetery

The final stop on the tour, and arguably the most depressing, was Munsell Cemetery

on Munsell St.

This was a graveyard that was used primarily by hardscrabble farmers and people with few means. For every proper tombstone there were at least a dozen rocks strewn about the field that may have signified a burial plot, but it is impossible to tell the difference between rocks marking a grave and those strewn about.

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# AMHERST *Notes*

## October is renewable energy awareness month in Amherst

AMHERST - The Town of Amherst Energy Task Force is proud to announce the month of October as Energy Awareness Month. All events are free and open to the public and are sponsored in whole, or in part, by The Amherst Energy Task Force, The Hitchcock Center for the Environment, and Cozy Home Performance.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, Todd Holland, Five College Energy Manager, will explain how the three institutions of higher education in Amherst balance green technology, carbon emission reductions and investment returns. Attend the Oct. 19 program to learn about the Energy Investigations curriculum Micky McKinley is teaching children in middle schools. On Saturday, Oct. 23 attend a Green House Tour with Turnkey Builders and EcoPlan Architects. To pre-register for these programs and for tour directions call the Hitchcock Center at 413-256-6006.

A featured highlight of the month includes an evening of Energy Awareness through the Arts being held at the Hitchcock Center on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Bring the entire family to see Alicia Morton's dance performance titled "Celebrating Minimalism." Amherst Regional High School students Solomon Goldstein-Rose and Jonathan Simonds will present film shorts they produced on the

topic of energy conservation. To round out the evening enjoy an acoustic set of music performed by Amherst's own folk hero Jay Mankita.

Other highlights include a workshop on Asthma, Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency being held at Cows Lumber Store on Saturday, Oct. 16. Talk with Amherst Health Department staff about asthma as it pertains to indoor/outdoor air quality and learn about products that keep indoor air healthy.

Other events being held include; Climate Action Plans and Strategies at Amherst Institutions of Higher Education on Thursday, Oct. 21 in Merrill Science 4, Amherst College; Be an Energy Efficiency Leader in your Neighborhood on Oct. 25 in the Glass Room of the Bangs Community Center, sponsored by Cozy Home Performance. The month's activities will end with a presentation by Professor Steve Roof of Hampshire College entitled, "Climate Change: What's Happening Now?" being held on Thursday, Oct. 28 in the Glass Room of the Bangs Community Center.

For a complete listing of calendar events go to the Town's website [www.amherstma.gov](http://www.amherstma.gov). For more information please contact Stephanie Ciccarello at [ciccarellos@amherstma.gov](mailto:ciccarellos@amherstma.gov).

## Annual window painting scheduled

AMHERST - Halloween in Amherst offers a palette of colors and fun for artists of all ages with the traditional window painting sponsored by the Amherst LSSE Department.

The 36th annual window painting is scheduled Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The town perks up with color from the artists who decorate windows of downtown stores and restaurants. Individuals or teams can create a Halloween or fall theme on a good-sized glass canvas provided by the business community.

"Our Halloween Window Painting program unites children and parents in a wonderful way. Children can create their own unique Halloween-themed window art on a large glass canvas while parents play a supporting role planning and implementing the art work," said Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director.

"Local businesses chip in providing the many-needed windows since 90 children arrive with paint brush in hand. Local merchants also contribute to ensure the success of the LSSE Halloween. The Amherst area Chamber of Commerce and Promoting Downtown Amherst are major supporters for all of Amherst's Halloween events," she said.

Individuals or teams (a maximum of three people per window) need to register by Oct. 15 before 4:30 p.m. Those registering after that date at placed on a waiting list. Windows are assigned by lottery and group size. The window painting rain date is Oct. 24.

The fee is \$5 per participant.

For information call LSSE at 259-3065 or visit: [lsse.org](http://lsse.org).

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With so many unmarked graves, very few records were kept of who was buried in Munsell and even the people recorded was hard for McCarthy to go into much detail on anyone there.

One story McCarthy told was of Emeline Blake Munsell, although he said that it is pretty much a legend and there is no hard historical proof. He led the group to a place where three round stones, successively smaller were stacked on top of each other, which two branches of the extended

Munsell family claim was her resting place as a Native American.

Blake Munsell was also known as Princess Morning Dew and supposedly was a Native American Princess. The only fact known is that an Emeline Blake married Aaron Munsell, there is no record of her death, place of burial, or her parents. The families word is all that holds her story together.

Her story is just one example of the questions that are left behind in a cemetery filled with history that has been lost to the passage of time.



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# HEALTH

## Beat

### Rapid Care Clinic announces fall hours

BELCHERTOWN – The Rapid Care Clinic, a Baystate Medical Practice located at 95 Sargent Street, Route 9, in Belchertown, announces its fall hours of operation. The Rapid Care Clinic offers fast, convenient, outpatient medical care for children and adults. Robert Rechtschaffen, MD; Ann Marie Stelmokas, FNP; Suzanne Dabakis-Choquette, FNP; and Rosario Nelson, FNP, are available to treat colds, sore throats, earaches, flu symptoms, allergies, infections, and minor injuries. The hours of operation include Monday and Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary and most insurance plans are accepted.

Baystate’s 95 Sargent Street facility features a number of Baystate Medical Practices, including Quabbin Adult Medicine, Quabbin Pediatrics, Quaboag Gastroenterology Group, Mary Lane Ob/Gyn and Mary Lane Orthopedics. In addition to the Baystate Medical Practice providers, a number of community specialists are available to see patients at 95 Sargent Street, as well as the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital Radiology and Laboratory Patient Service Center.

For more information about Rapid Care or 95 Sargent Street Practices call 413-323-7212 or Baystate Health Link at 1-800-377-Health (4325).

### Gearing up for the next Flu season

REGION – Who should get the flu vaccine? The best answer now is “Who shouldn’t?”

This year the Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone six months and older should get the flu vaccine – expanding recommendations to include healthy young adults, one of the groups hardest hit by the H1N1 pandemic last year – unless you are allergic to eggs or your doctor recommends against it because of certain pre-existing conditions.

“A flu vaccine is simply the best way to protect against the flu,” said Dr. Sarah Haessler from the Infectious Disease Division at Baystate Medical Center.

“Now is the time to see your primary care physician, or go to a flu clinic in your area and get your vaccine before the flu arrives,” she added about the unpredictable nature of when the flu season will hit and the CDC’s recommendation this year to get vaccinated “as soon as the vaccine is available in your area.”

According to Dr. Haessler, the flu vaccine is expected to be widely available this year and manufacturers project having nearly 170 million doses available for use in the United States, with some already available through doctors’ offices, pharmacies and other retailers.

Flu activity normally peaks in the United States in January or February, however, seasonal flu activity can occur as late as May.

For those who don’t like needles, Dr. Haessler said they won’t have to suffer through two vaccinations this year for the seasonal flu and H1N1 swine-flu. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses: an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus, and the H1N1 virus that killed some 13,000 people last

year and sickened more than 60 million adults and children in the United States.

Dr. Haessler noted people should remember it takes one to two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop which will protect them against the influenza (flu) virus infection. Protection lasts about a year.

Each year about 36,000 people nationwide die and more than 100,000 people are hospitalized because of influenza complications.

Seasonal flu vaccine is highly recommended if you want to avoid the flu, and it is especially important for people who are at risk for complications - young children, pregnant women, people 50 years or older, people with diabetes, and heart, lung and kidney disease, and those who live in nursing homes.



And, if you really have a fear of needles, there is an alternative to the flu shot.

According to Dr. Haessler, there is a nasal-spray flu vaccine available for use in healthy people ages 5 to 49 who are not pregnant. She said while persons should not get the injectible form of the vaccine if they have a severe allergy to eggs, it is safe for them to get the nasal spray version.

The Baystate Health infectious disease specialist dispelled the fallacy that you can get sick from the flu shot.

“The flu shot is made from inactivated (dead) virus vaccine that cannot give you the flu. There are a lot of colds and viruses around at this time of year, and some people may catch them shortly afterwards and erroneously attribute their illness to the vaccine,” said Dr. Haessler.

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# SPORTS

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## Orioles pass another test, down Green Wave in sloppy conditions

*Unbeaten Belchertown hosts Sci-Tech on Saturday*

By David Grant

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

BELCHERTOWN – For the second straight week, the Belchertown football team answered the call.

The Orioles overcame a sloppy first half and avoided an upset in their first Intercounty League game of the season. Chris Ladd scored a 1-yard touchdown with 1:03 left, capping off an 80-yard drive which allowed Belchertown to slip past Greenfield 14-6 last Friday night at Veterans Field.

“I think it’s important for the whole team,” said Orioles head coach John Mayo. “We overcame a lot of adversity the other night. To put that drive together and respond like that reveals the character of this team. That was one of our concerns coming into the season, being so young. Do we have the character? They have demonstrated that character the last couple of weeks.”

Belchertown improved to a perfect 4-0, 1-0 in the ICL as Sci-Tech visits BHS Stadium Field at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Sci Tech squeaked by Turners Falls, 20-19, last week, improving to 3-1 overall and also 1-0 in the league.

Mayo said though he personally hasn’t seen the Cyber Cats play, the information received by his assistants points to an athletic team that likes to run the ball.

“To this point I’ve not seen them play, but the information I received is they are very impressive and athletic,” he said. “They have speed and quickness. They are the most athletic team we’ve played to this point. We do not expect it to be easy.”

And last week the Green Wave made things quite difficult, though the Orioles hurt themselves with first half turnovers and penalties. Belchertown appeared to have a first-and-goal at the 3 but the referee ruled Chris Ladd fumbled the ball before hitting the ground, foiling a chance for the Orioles to get momentum.

“We did something we hadn’t done all year. We turned the ball over,” Mayo said. We also had a bunch of penalties and it kept us out of the end zone.”

Mayo said the field conditions were not the cause of the Orioles’ miscues.

“The field was in great shape,” Mayo said. “It rained a little bit. We didn’t expect an easy game but I was disappointed in the first half because of the penalties and turnovers. We didn’t have a focus on the bus ride up. I give them a lot of credit. They were the reason why we didn’t play well. You can’t score a lot of points if you turn the ball over.”

After the Ladd fumble, the Green Wave drove 97 yards to take a 6-0 lead into halftime. Garrett McHugh threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Zach Bartak as Greenfield cashed in on the Orioles’ turnover.

The Orioles charged back to tie late in the third quarter, though the black and orange still had to overcome penalties. Alex Izatt intercepted a Green Wave pass, setting up Belchertown for the game tying drive.

Ladd faced a fourth-and-goal from the 15, but he tossed a perfect throw to the right corner of the end zone. Izatt reeled it in for the score. The Orioles missed the extra point and the game entered the fourth quarter tied.

The Orioles defense, which has allowed a mere 20 points over the last 12 quarters, held the Green Wave in check, giving the offense a chance to stage a second straight late game winning drive. That defense turned back Greenfield inside the 10 midway through the period and the Orioles received the ball back on downs.

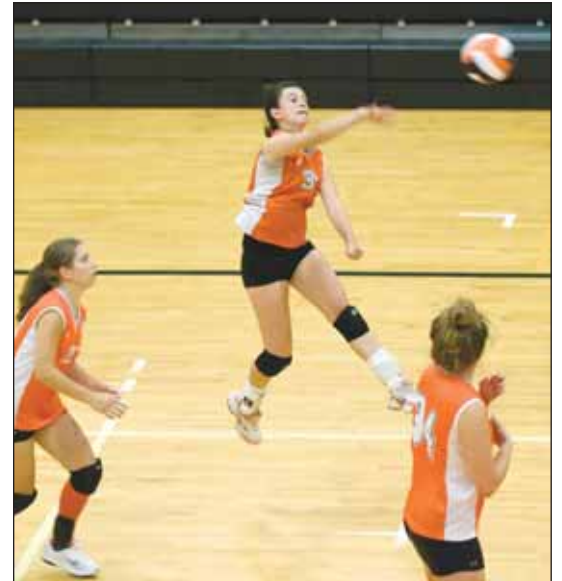
“Near the end of the game they had 11 players going both ways and we had only three,” Mayo acknowledged. “That makes a difference. Our defense has been great though and you always want to have a chance to win. They’ve been doing that for us.”

The Orioles drove 80-yards, ate up clock and mixed the hard north and south running of Jake Loughman with some timely passing, including strikes to Izatt and a 35-yard strike to James Ryan. Ladd took it in from 1 yard out with just over a minute left to seal the victory for the unbeaten Orioles.

Mayo said Loughman carried the team with his tremendous running. The junior amassed well over 100 yards on the night.

“He ran the ball like he did in the first week against Easthampton,” Mayo said. “We needed it. The way they played us they were concerned about outside game. Greenfield has a great tradition. I give them credit.”

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Turley Publications photos by Susan Swift

Belchertown’s Ashley Paradise tries to hammer the ball over the net.

## Lady Orioles pound Eagles

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown girls varsity volleyball team moved one step closer towards qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Tournament with a 3-1 victory over Franklin Tech on Monday, Sept. 27.

The Lady Orioles (6-3) won the first set 25-21, only to see Franklin Tech even the score at 1-1 with a 22-25 victory.

Belchertown then took control of the match with a 25-20 win in the third and 25-15 in the fourth.

### BOYS SOCCER

Peter Keefe scored two goals in a 3-0 shutout victory over Palmer last week.

Mark Greco added a goal, while Christopher Riel, Nick DeSantis and Ian Sypek each picked up an assist.



At left: Paige Stebbins (back) and Marissa Kopacz (front) go up for the block.



Above: Kayla McGrath gets ready to serve the ball.



Ashley Paradise hits a bump shot for a teammate.

## NEAR THE FINISH



Turley Publications photo by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com

**LUDLOW** – Belchertown’s Andre Dufresne nears the finish line during a recent cross country meet at Ludlow High School.

## Eagles too little too late

SOUTH HADLEY - The Belchertown/Granby Senior Eagles took their 2-1 record to South Hadley to visit the 3-0 Tigers.

After a slow start the Eagles scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to come up short 24-22 to the home team.

The game got off to a bad start with quarterback Vincent Grimaldi throwing an interception on the fourth play from scrimmage, the tigers quickly converted it to a 6-0 lead.

After two runs for 20 yards by Jake Mastorakis the drive stalled and Eagles had to punt and again the Tigers converted it into points and a

12-0 lead.

The eagles tried to get things going on the next drive. Noah Griffin took the handoff on a jet right play for 9 yards, but an offsides penalty pushed the Eagles back and eventually had to punt.

The eagles had no answer for the tigers offense along with poor tackling the tigers scored again to make it 18-0.

Halfway through the second quarter the Eagles got to work and with Mastorakis at quarterback the Eagles ran the option to perfection with a pitch to Jake Bradway he tip-toed

down the sidelines for 57 yards to pay dirt and a Grimaldi to Bradway pass play on the two-point conversion made it 18-8 at half.

The eagles tried to convert a fourth-and-4 to start their first drive in the third quarter, but were stuffed at the line and had to punt.

The defense stepped up in the second half lead by the defensive line (Daytona Barrows, Johnny Bowens and Jim Kuznierz) stopping South Hadley at the Eagle 15-yard line. The

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## SPORTS

## Armor to hold player tryouts on Oct. 23-24

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Armor announced that they will hold an open player tryout on Saturday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 24 at Springfield College's Field House.

Hopefuls will be trying out for the opportunity to earn a spot in the Armor's training camp in November.

Check in and registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Oct. 23 with the tryout commencing at 10 a.m. The tryout on Saturday will last until 5 p.m., after which a round of cuts will be made and a select group will be invited to return on Sunday. The tryout session on Sunday, Oct. 24 will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with check in beginning at 9:30 a.m.

All interested parties are encouraged to act quickly with there being a limited number of spots available.

There will be a non-refundable registration fee of \$150 if the payment and all completed forms are received at the Springfield Armor office on or before Wednesday, Oct. 20. If payment and forms are received after Oct. 20 or on the first day of the tryout, the fee will be \$200.

Players registered on or before the end of the business day on Oct. 20 will receive

a confirmation e-mail from Armor general manager Alex Schwerin verifying receipt of the registration forms.

Applicants must meet all NBA Development League eligibility requirements. For tryout registration forms and information, please visit armorhoops.com or the stop by the Springfield Armor office located at One Monarch Place, Suite 220.

The tryout will be conducted by Armor head coach and Director and Basketball Operations Dee Brown and assistant coach Kevin Whitted with the potential for scouting representation from the Armor's three NBA affiliates – the New York Knicks, Philadelphia 76ers and New Jersey Nets.

Brown and Whitted will have the disposal of four basketball courts at the Field House, which is located within Springfield College's Wellness and Recreation Complex.

The Armor have already been receiving an overwhelming number of inquiries as to when this year's tryouts will occur.

For players traveling from outside the community, the preferred hotel is Sheraton Springfield located at One Monarch Place in downtown Springfield. To make a reservation, please call 413-781-1010.

## EAGLES | FROM PAGE 21

Eagles however could not convert and lost yardage and had to punt from there own end zone, a poor snap forced an uncompleted pass to Sam Bertch (who shaken up on the play) it gave the Tigers great field position and scored on the next play to make the score 24-8 to start the fourth quarter.

The Eagle pride kicked in at this time and the come back was on! On the second

play of the fourth quarter Mastorakis broke free for 51 yards and a touchdown, the two-point conversion was no good, so the score was 24-14

The defense got the ball back and the Eagles drove down the field 63 yards for a touchdown and with a pass to Bertsch in the back of the end zone on the conversion the Eagles had made the score 24-22.

The Eagles tried an onside kick, but was recovered by South Hadley. The Eagles still

## SportsCALENDAR

## Powder Puff returns to Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN – The second annual Belchertown High School Powder Puff Flag Football fundraiser game will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The Powder Puff game is a flag football game played by the junior and senior girls. During the game, the junior and senior boys dress up like cheerleaders and cheer the girls on.

At halftime, the boys come out on the field and take turns doing a dance while dressed up as cheerleaders. It's hysterical.....that's what a lot people come to see! They also do a "big cheer"....more intense than the little cheers they will be doing during the game. During halftime, we also have a field goal kicking contest for anyone who would like to enter. We start with everyone, close to the field goal, and move back 5 yards at a time, and eliminate those who miss. Whoever kicks the farthest field goal will win a \$50 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods store.

Also, there is a concession stand with pizza, hot dogs, beverages, and candy. We have a 50/50 raffle this year, and we will also be raffling off four baskets. The baskets contain: coffee items, spa items, movie night items, and sports items.

Our biggest sponsors this year were McCarthy's Pub and Hulmes Transportation.

They donated the money for the t-shirts that the girls and boys will be wearing. We also have donations from Dick's, Stop and Shop, Station 5 Salon, North Brookfield Savings, Pelham Auto Service, and Bell and Hudson Insurance.

The proceeds from the game will be divided between the classes: freshmen 10 percent, sophomores 20 percent, juniors 30 percent and seniors 40 percent. Our goal is to offset the cost of senior activities.

This is the second annual Powder Puff Fundraiser and we hope to continue it for a long time. Last year we had an "interesting" game...it snowed!

This year the game will be the last event of Spirit Week.

The cost is \$5 per person.

## Intensity to hold tryouts for travel softball team

The U14 Western Mass Intensity travel softball team is looking for girls to fill their 2010/2011 team roster. Indoor practices begin in early December. Our team will play in approximately seven tournaments from surrounding areas, as well as, other play throughout the spring and summer seasons.

The Western Mass Intensity travel softball teams will be holding tryouts for U14, U16, and U18 players on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. at Murphy Park in Greenfield.

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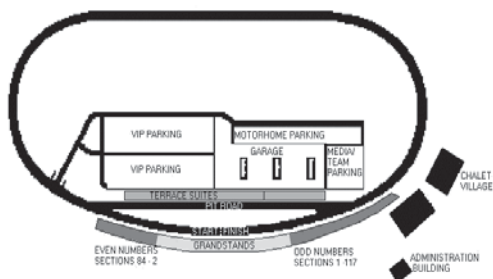
## Pro Racing Weekly Update

Oct. 9 - 10, 2010



### 4th Race of the Chase: Pepsi Max 500

#### Auto Club Speedway



#### Race Information & Records

**Last Year's Winner:** Jimmie Johnson  
**Qualifying Record:** Ryan Newman 187.432 - 2002  
**Race Record:** Jeff Gordon 155.012 - 1997  
**Race Time:** 3:00 pm ET, Oct. 10th

#### Track Statistics & History

**Location:** Fontana, Calif.  
**Turns / Front / Back:** 14° / 11° / 3°  
**Distance:** 2.0 miles  
**Shape:** D-shaped oval



The Auto Club Speedway opened its doors in June of 1997 with the Inaugural NASCAR Sprint Cup Series California 500 presented by NAPA. More than 90,000 guests watched as Jeff Gordon won the 500-mile race. Four-time Sprint Cup Series Champion Jeff Gordon holds numerous Auto Club Speedway records, including the best average finishing position. The Auto Club Speedway stands on the historic site of the former Kaiser Steel Mill. The speedway stretches across 568 acres, including 131 acres in the infield and a 30-acre parking lot.

### Standings

Through Oct. 3, 2010

#### 2010 Chase for the Cup

Driver	Points
1) Jimmie Johnson	5503
2) Denny Hamlin	5495
3) Kevin Harvick	5473
4) Carl Edwards	5450
5) Jeff Gordon	5445
6) Kurt Busch	5433
7) Kyle Busch	5423
8) Greg Biffle	5418
9) Jeff Burton	5402
10) Tony Stewart	5376
11) Matt Kenseth	5354
12) Clint Bowyer	5251

#### 2010 Nationwide Series

Driver	Points
1) Brad Keselowski	4589
2) Carl Edwards	4215
3) Kyle Busch	4089
4) Justin Allgaier	3796
5) Paul Menard	3739
6) Kevin Harvick	3588
7) Steve Wallace	3287
8) Jason Leffler	3263
9) Trevor Bayne	3261
10) Joey Logano	3237

### Driver's Bio



#### Greg Biffle

Born: Dec. 23, 1969  
 Sponsor: 3M  
 Crew Chief: Greg Erwin  
 Car: Ford

#### Biography:

Greg Biffle joined the Busch Series in 2001 and won the Rookie of the Year award while picking up five wins and finishing fourth in points. He started competing in NASCAR's top circuit in 2003, and finished in 20th place in the final Cup series points. Biffle showed steady improvement in the 2004 season as he earned two wins en route to a 17th place finish in the points standing. 2005 was Biffle's breakout season. He finished the season tied with teammate Carl Edwards for second in the Cup championship, thirty-five points behind champion Tony Stewart. Biffle won the tie-breaker for second because of his six race victories, the most of any driver in the Cup Series in the 2005 season. In 2006, Biffle won twice, at Darlington Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. In 2007, Biffle failed to qualify for the Chase for the Cup, but did earn one victory at the LifeLock 400. Despite going winless during the 2008 regular season, Biffle made the Chase for the Cup and won the first two races. Last year, Biffle qualified for the Chase for the Cup for the second year in a row, but failed to record a win.

### Racing News

According to Matthias Muller, the newly appointed CEO of Porsche, Volkswagen Group, his employer's parent company, is considering entering NASCAR. The German automaker will reportedly begin discussions with NASCAR officials once the current season ends in late November. One of the owners that Volkswagen is considering teaming up with is Roger Penske, who is currently associated with Dodge and has a history of success. Currently, Penske driver Kurt Busch is in 4th place and firmly in the Chase for the Cup, while the other Penske Cup drivers, Brad Keselowski and Sam Hornish Jr., are 26th and 27th, respectively.



### Last Week's Race: Price Chopper 400

Driver	Start	Finish	Points/Bonus
Greg Biffle	5	1	190/5
Jimmie Johnson	16	2	170/0
Kevin Harvick	13	3	170/5
Tony Stewart	8	4	170/10
Jeff Gordon	1	5	160/5
Carl Edwards	18	6	155/5
Matt Kenseth	4	7	151/5
Paul Menard	7	8	147/5
Ryan Newman	3	9	138/0
A.J. Allmendinger	27	10	134/0

Greg Biffle won on Sunday afternoon at Kansas Speedway. Biffle ran away from the rest of the field winning the Price Chopper 400, the third race in the Chase, crossing the finish line ahead of Jimmie Johnson by 7.638 seconds. Jimmie, rallied from his 21st starting position and claimed the runner-up spot. Johnson, seeking his fifth consecutive Cup title, holds the series points lead. After the race Greg said, "It was a great day for us. The car ran flawless." Kevin Harvick finished third, followed by Tony Stewart, who led a race-high 76 laps before his car faded slightly in the closing stages.

### Race Trivia

In 2007, which driver won the Sprint Cup's Rookie of the Year?

- a) A.J. Allmendinger c) Juan Montoya  
 b) David Ragan d) David Reutimann

Answer: c) Juan Montoya used consistency to battle the expected steep learning curve of Cup racing and ended off David Ragan to become the first non-American driver to win Rookie of the Year at NASCAR's highest level in 2007.



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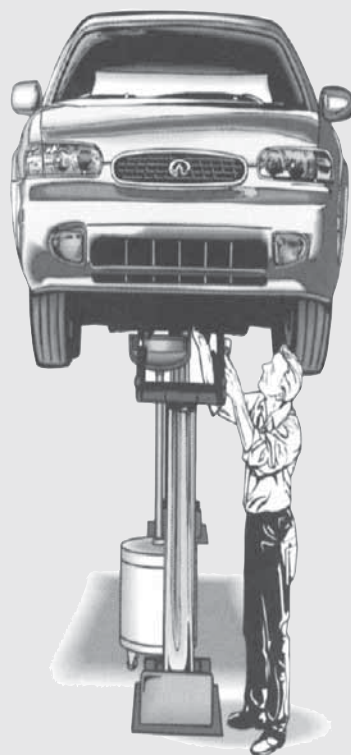
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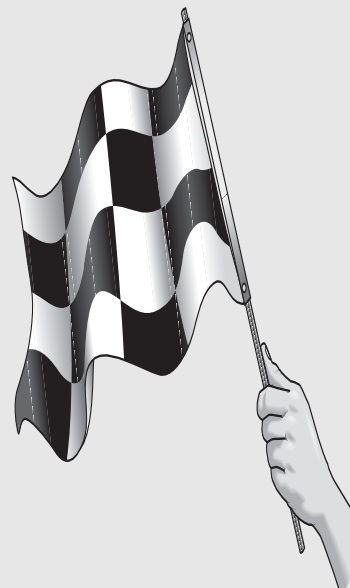
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# THE WEEK Ahead

## THURSDAY, OCT. 7

**Golf**  
Belchertown at Northampton  
Granby at Ware  
**Girls Soccer**  
Chicopee Comp at Belchertown  
Pioneer Valley Regional at Holyoke Catholic

## FRIDAY, OCT. 8

**Golf**  
Belchertown at Cathedral  
Franklin Tech at Granby  
**Boys Soccer**  
Athol at Belchertown  
Granby at Hopkins  
Turners Falls at Holyoke Catholic

## SATURDAY, OCT. 9

**Football**  
Sci-Tech at Belchertown

## SUNDAY, OCT. 10

No games scheduled.

## MONDAY, OCT. 11

**Golf**  
East Longmeadow at Belchertown  
**Boys Soccer**  
Mohawk at Holyoke Catholic

## TUESDAY, OCT. 12

**Cross Country**  
Palmer and Agawam at Belchertown  
Granby and Central at Renaissance  
St. Mary's and Hampshire at Holyoke Catho  
**Golf**  
Belchertown at Westfield  
**Girls Soccer**  
Turners Falls at Granby  
Greenfield at Holyoke Catholic  
**Girls Volleyball**  
Turners Falls at Belchertown

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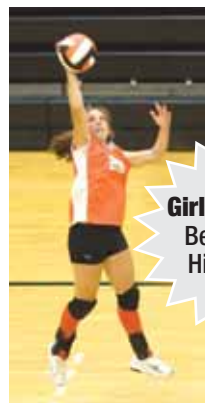
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# Athlete of the Week

Congratulations goes out to the Lady Orioles girls varsity volleyball team. They moved one step closer towards qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Tournament with their victory last week.

If you would like to nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-283-8393 ext. 237 or send an e-mail to dforbes@turley.com. You need not leave your name.



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# The Beane Pot

by Carl Beane

## Changes to come for 2011 Red Sox

Hello ladies and gentlemen boys and girls and welcome to the Beanepot. It has now been four days since the end of the Red Sox season. Three days ago the Boston brain trust began the task of rebuilding this squad that somehow won 89 games despite all that has happened.

Ok, what do Messrs Henry, Werner, Lucchino, and Epstein due to accomplish this? The first task is to fix the areas that disappointed fans the most, namely pitching and defense. There, of course, were some bright spots with Jon Lester, Clay Buchholz and Daniel Bard. Some at times ok spots came from Felix Dubront, Scott Atchison and Jonathan Papelbon. Pap wasn't a total failure, as he did have over 30 saves again, but there were far too many blown saves, walks and hits. Next year is a big one for the closer. If he wants big paper when he goes free agent he'll have to show much more than he's done the last two years. Daisuke Matsuzaka is exasperating; Josh Beckett and John Lackey were migraine makers. The bullpen needs to be re-built not patched up, REBUILT. The defense was porous due largely to the absence of Dustin Pedroia, Kevin Youkilis and Jacoby Ellsbury among others. Better health can improve the defense.

Big questions remain in who to retain, what free agents to chase, and

who departs. Jason Varitek, David Ortiz, Victor Martinez I hope remain in Boston. Would love the same thing for Adrian Beltre, but he's going to demand (and get) a ton of dough from a few teams. My guess? The Angels would love to get him and the Rays Carl Crawford. From the youth movement, Ryan Kalish is a keeper and Daniel Nava, Darnell McDonald and perhaps Lars Anderson will attract attention either now or soon from other clubs. Since any team can't keep them all it makes perfect sense to make deals with some of these prospects for say bullpen help.

Mind you this is just a rough sketch of what the Sox might do, depending on who leaves might change the entire thought process. This I know, the Boston Red Sox hate being a spectator come playoff time. This team will be better prepared in all areas for 2011 and beyond.

On a side note, my vote for Manager of the Year would go to Ron Gardenhire of the Minnesota Twins. Every year this man has his team in the playoff hunt even with a small payroll. Good manager and a quality guy.

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## Cole scores for Lyons in win over Union

SOUTH HADLEY – Mt. Holyoke women's soccer first-year defender and Belchertown native Meghan Cole had a goal in the 63rd minute of a 7-0 victory over Union on Wednesday,

Sept. 29.

First-year forward and Belchertown resident Brittany McDonald fired two shots on goal in a 6-0 loss to Wheaton on Saturday, Oct. 2

## Connolly records personal best at Invitational

CHICOPEE – Belchertown resident Liz Connolly, a junior on the Wheaton College women's cross country team, secured a personal best time at the

Elms College Blazer Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 25.

She finished the course in a time of 25 minutes, 5 seconds.

## Basketball tryouts to be held for Suburban League teams

BELCHERTOWN - The Recreation Department will enroll one team each in the Competitive Suburban Basketball Leagues.

This program involves a large time commitment along with travel that includes such towns as Agawam, Southwick and Quaboag.

You must be a Belchertown resident or attend a Belchertown school.

Teams are for boys and girls in grades 5-8. Two mandatory tryouts will be held the third week of October.

To be considered for this team you must attend both tryouts. The cost is \$75 with \$45 due at time of registration with balance due if selected for a team)

Deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 14.

If you would like information about your organization included in The Sentinel, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-283-8393 ext. 237, send an e-mail to [dforbes@turley.com](mailto:dforbes@turley.com) or send it through the mail to: Turley Publications c/o Sports Editor Dave Forbes, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069.

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"Putting off maintenance and service or, worse — neglecting ongoing problems, is penny-wise and dollar foolish,"

says ASE's Editorial Director, Martin Lawson. "Today's vehicles are designed for years and years of reliable service."

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- Look for policies regarding estimated repair costs, diagnostic fees, guarantees, and acceptable methods of payment.

- Ask if the repair facility specializes or if it usually handles your type of repair work.

- Look for signs of professionalism in the customer service area such as civic, community, or customer service awards.

- Look for evidence of qualified technicians: trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work, and cer-

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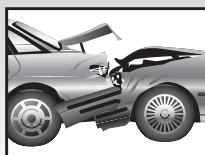
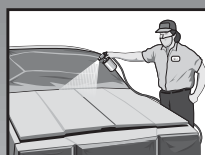
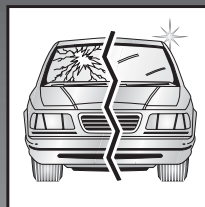
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Experts say that thoroughly maintaining air filters is one of the single-most inexpensive and effective ways to improve overall vehicle performance. Changing a car's filters on a regular basis can have a significant impact on engine life. Understanding how an air filter works helps a person realize why replacing them when clogged is essential.

A vehicle's engine is a large, gas-fired air pump. Air comes through the air intake and travels through the air filter. Gas is added to the air and compressed in the cylinders. When the air-gas mixture is dense enough, the spark plugs fire to ignite the mixture and power the car's pistons.

When all the pistons fire as they should, the driveshaft turns and the car moves.

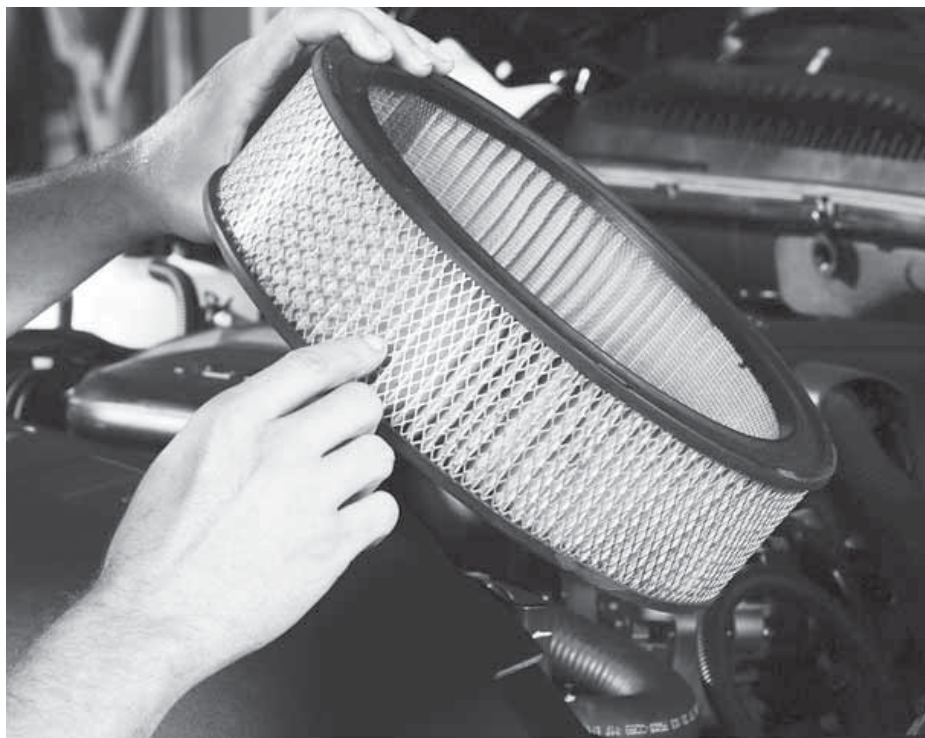
Because this process requires a specific air and gas ratio, the air filter is important. Dirty filters can "choke" the engine, preventing it from turning over. It can also decrease the efficiency of the vehicle, thereby decreasing fuel efficiency.

Many oil change shops will offer to change an air filter at an additional charge. Some places will mark up the air filter replacement, and it could cost drivers a lot of money. Actually, replacing an air filter is a relatively easy procedure — one most do-it-yourselfers can handle.

The air filter is generally housed in a large, plastic black box under the hood. The box cover is often held in place with large metal clips or screws. Therefore, bring screwdrivers along for replacement.

Once the box is located, open it up to reveal the filter. Inside the filter is often white, bright yellow, orange, or red. Remove the grimy filter and set aside. (Older cars may have a doughnut-shaped air filter housed in a round box).

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At the very least, a roadside emergency can be an a minor inconvenience. At the worst, it can compromise the safety of the driver and passengers. Anything from a blown-out tire to an overheated engine can necessitate pulling over for a quick fix. Having the right tools can make the process go far more smoothly and help drivers avoid the seemingly endless wait for service personnel to arrive.

Stocking a roadside repair kit requires some necessities. It's also a good idea to routinely check the stock of the kit to be sure everything is in working order. Here are the items to keep on hand.

- **First aid kit:** Handling major or minor emergencies may require a first aid kit to mend scratches, abrasions or minor burns. Become familiar with the kit before it is needed.

- **Cellular phone:** It's never a good idea to talk on a cell phone while driving. However, a mobile phone can prove invaluable if there is an emergency. Simply call for assistance instead of having to seek out a phone or flag down a motorist.

- **Flares or warning light:** A breakdown at night or when visibility is poor can be dangerous. Keep a warning light, caution triangle or flares in the trunk to illuminate the location of the vehicle.

- **Inflated spare tire:** Always keep a spare tire on hand, as tire blowouts or leaks tend to be one of the most common causes of breakdowns. Be sure to have a



tire iron, jack, and lug wrench.

- **Spare fuses:** A burnt-out fuse may be responsible for an electrical problem. Replacing the fuse is an easy fix.

- **Jumper cables:** A dead battery can be revived with jumper cables, provided another car is available to offer the jump. A portable battery booster is another handy tool in case there are no other cars to recharge the battery.

- **Flashlight:** This simple tool can be invaluable at night, especially if keys or tools are dropped.

- **Gloves, cleaner and rags:** Cars are full of oils, fluids and grease. That means even a simple repair can get a person dirty.

- **Pen and paper:** Ideal for leaving a note or taking down information in the event of an accident. A disposable cam-

era can also be handy to take photos of an accident scene.

- **Money:** When traveling, always carry cash for emergencies. Not every place takes credit or debit cards.

- **Snacks and water:** A roadside emergency may mean some time spent stranded. Keep a stash of non-perishable items in the car to alleviate hunger pangs and keep riders quenched.



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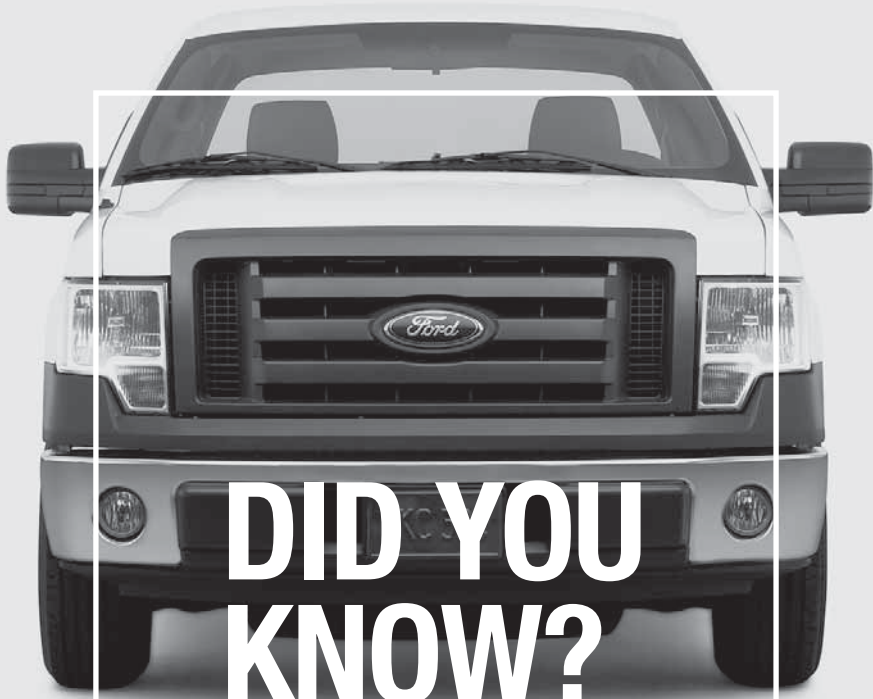
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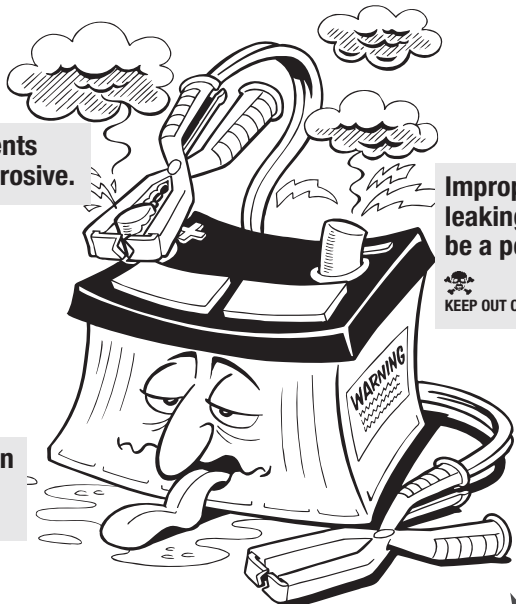
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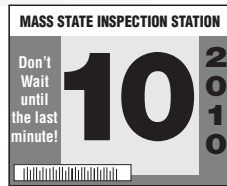
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# FROM THE FRONT

**DAM | FROM PAGE 1**

“This cost estimate does not include any contingencies and were based on a very preliminary design and obviously they need to be refined,” Greene said.

The study covered a number of factors that removal will have, including the effect removal could have on the wildlife and sediments, water control and impact on supply wells among others. The company did find any dramatic problems in the initial report.

“We looked at the factors at a very cursory level and all indications are that this dam is feasible to remove; we have taken on much more difficult ones,” Gouin said. “I say that with a huge caveat that would come with doing additional assessments and hydraulic analysis.”

The major downside of razing the dam is that will destroy the lake-like impoundment created by the dam, which is a major recreation site. The study also was not specific enough to fully address the impact on the wildlife in the surrounding area.

The consultants noted that the BLT did not ask them to recommend which course of action to take; they were only hired to study the feasibility of both options.

“We were not asked whether or not the dam should be removed or repairing, but rather if it’s feasible to remove it and at what cost,” Gouin said. “We would not advocate either way without knowing all of the answers.”

There was a question and answer period after their presentation, but most of the questions were either about detailed issues that the engineering firm could not answer without more information, or were about what choice the BLT will make, an issue that was not covered in Milone and Macbroom’s report.

On Feb. 22, 2008, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Office of Dam Safety declared the Bondsville Dam to be a significant hazard and ordered the BLT to bring the dam into compliance or destroy it. Since then, the BLT has spent the past 30 months exploring its options and gathering information.

“This is a difficult issue and something we have been struggling with it for a long time,” BLT President Jim Fox said.

According to Fox, although the study

showed that the prices for each option are similar; both options are cost-prohibitive for a small non-profit organization.

“In this case the cost of saving in the impoundment is way beyond the ability of this organization to come up with. We’ve said that before and we’ve been saying it for two years,” Fox said.

**“We are trying and hope that we will have enough time to find another solution, but the land trust does not want to be in the dam ownership business, that’s not our mission.”**

*Jim Fox, president BLT*

He went on to say when the BLT was given the land in 2006 its original objective was to restore the roughly 70-acre stretch of land on the river banks that was been contaminated from past industrial use. It never wanted the responsibility of the dam since they are not equipped to handle the responsibility.

“We still have an obligation to comply with the state regulations. We are trying and hope that we will have enough time to find another solution, but the land trust does not want to be in the dam ownership business, that’s not our mission,” Fox said.

The BLT has identified two potential ways to rid itself of the burdens of ownership without destroying the dam. The first is to find someone to purchase the dam from the BLT. The other option is to have meetings with members of the surround town governments and state legislators to hopefully find a way to help.

Fox did note that if all other options fail, the BLT will have to explore the possibility of removing the dam because it is easier to acquire funds to tear down a dam than to find money to preserve it, though he hopes to avoid that if at all possible.

**AUTHOR | FROM PAGE 1**

“My notes evolved into this story,” said Connor. “Last fall, I decided to finish it.”

As Connor worked through his notes, he realized that many of the notes were dated.

“When I originally started writing it 14 years ago kids wanted to be astronauts. The space program was so strong,” said Connor. “Now, kids don’t talk about being astronauts as much. I had to make it more contemporary.”

When the copy for the book was complete, Connor, who has worked in retail for the past 20 years, had the story professionally edited. He then created a publishing company, asked an artist from East Longmeadow, Marc Lapierre, to design the cover, and had the book printed.

Connor is thrilled that the book is out.

“It took me a while, but I never gave up on it,” said

Connor of the years he spent developing the story. “I wanted to see it through to its final publication. It’s something I accomplished.”

Connor is currently working on the second book in the series.

“When I started writing everything couldn’t fit into one book,” said Connor. “So, I had to turn it into a series. So many side plots were developing.”

Connor, along with his wife Noreen Vigneault, has lived in Belchertown for the past six years. Their two younger children attend Belchertown High School. Their oldest son is a senior at Boston College.

Connor has always had a strong interest in reading. He plans to use the book

as a platform to teach children to focus on school in order to achieve their dreams. He advocates that it helps children with their school performance if they read a lot for fun.

“I read a ton as a child,” said Connor. “I read all kinds of fiction books growing up including adventure and fantasy – even comic books.”

Born and raised in Ludlow, Connor, who is a 1981 graduate of Ludlow High School, gives a lot of credit to his parents, Janet and Raymond Vigneault of Ludlow, for supporting his love of reading.

“Growing up I belonged to every book club,” said Connor. “I was constantly reading, and it was so exciting to get a book in the mail.”

He still looks forward to getting new

books to read. Connor said he looks forward to the annual book sale at the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown every year.

“I usually buy 10 books and read them throughout the year,” he said.

An author signing for “The Interdimensional Dumpster” has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at Pam’s Paperback Plus, 85 Post Office Park, in Wilbraham.

Connor said any community groups or schools that would be interested in hearing him discuss or read from his book are welcome to contact him at admin@interdimensionaldumpster.com.



**NEW SCHOOL | FROM PAGE 1**

When the school is finished it will serve 630 students in grades sixth through 12th.

“We still have to work out some details, but the MSBA is prepared to reimburse up to \$28.3 million for a new Granby Middle/High School,” said Craven.

Granby Sen. Gale Candaras agreed that the new school building is needed, and said she believes it will only increase the quality of education for the town.

“This is a well thought out plan that, with a minimum of disruption, will afford the Town of Granby a much-needed, true middle school and help the town take a quantum educational leap, securing a brighter future for its students,” said Candaras. “Tim Cahill and Katherine Craven are long-time colleagues and

friends and have done a wonderful job with this plan and we are so grateful.”

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# Calendar of Events

**POLICY:** Our calendar section is intended to promote "free" events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax or emailed in Word document format is **MONDAY BY NOON** or sooner. The listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation, and contact information. Please email all entries to [ahenderson@turley.com](mailto:ahenderson@turley.com).

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## ONGOING:

**KNITTING FOR NEIGHBORS:** Happenings at the Yurt, Gray Craig Farm 11 Jeffery Lane Belchertown: Knitting for Neighbors knitting circle. Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Free and open to all ages. Contact info: 413-323-0297 or [graycraigfarm@gmail.com](mailto:graycraigfarm@gmail.com)

**TELEPHONE FUNDRAISER BY EMS:** The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services Association will be making calls from now through December for its annual fundraiser. The money will benefit the basketball tournament scheduled for January.

**LAUGHING IN ITALIAN:** Guided Challenges presents "Laughing in Italian," classes for beginners on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 20 through Jan. 20. Classes will be held at La Fiorentina on Armory Street in Northampton. For more information, go to [LaughinginItalian.org](http://LaughinginItalian.org) or call Fran at 413-586-5881.

**BIPOLAR STRATEGIES PROGRAM:** Guided Challenges presents effective strategies for individuals with bipolar disorder on Wednesday evenings from Oct. 20 through Jan. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will take place at North Star, 135 Russell St., Hadley (Route 9 east). For more information, please call Fran at 413-586-5881 or visit [www.guidedchallenges.org](http://www.guidedchallenges.org).

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** Grace Union Church in Wilbraham is accepting applications for its Holiday Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Nov. 27. Crafters and vendors are encouraged to sign up soon as spaces are filling. The craft fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 10 Chapel Street, Wilbraham. Cost per space is \$25. For more information or an application, please contact Dave at 413-237-7103.

**SING WITH YOUR BABY:** The Clapp Memorial Library presents "Sing with your Baby" with Happy Dan the Music Man on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 0 to 2 years old. There is a \$5 to \$10 donation requested. Call 259-1808 for more information.

**MORNING PRAYER:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church invites you to join them in Sunday Morning Prayer Service at 9 a.m. to be followed by coffee and fellowship. Saint Mary's Church is located across from Old Mill Pond School on Main Street in Thorndike. See you there!

**SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church invites you to join them for Saturday Evening Services with Father Andrew Williams at 5 p.m. Saint Mary's Church is located across from Old Mill Pond School on Main Street in Thorndike.

## THIS WEEK:

### Saturday, Oct. 9

**SQUARE DANCE:** The Quabbin Valley Twirlers are holding their 17th anniversary square dance on Oct. 9 at the Christ Community Church, 103 Springfield St. Chicopee. The dance will be held from 8 to 10:30 p.m. with early plus at 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$6. The caller is Gloria Vivier and the cuer is Laura Knight. Spectators are welcome to come. Come celebrate with us. For more information call 413-467-3352.

**VERMICOPOSTING:** Happenings at the Yurt, Gray Craig Farm 11 Jeffery Lane Belchertown: Saturday, Oct. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Outside vermicomposting (composting with worms) info workshop. Learn how you can easily use worms to compost and create wonderfully organic soil amendments. Compost this winter for your garden next spring! Free and open to all. Contact info: 413-323-0297 or [graycraigfarm@gmail.com](mailto:graycraigfarm@gmail.com)

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

**BOATING COURSE:** Navigation Course "The Weekend Navigator" presented by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The course begins on Oct. 13 and runs through Nov. 17. Classes are held on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lake Lorraine State Park, 44 Lake Dr., Indian Orchard. The cost for the course is \$40. For more information contact: Bob Hassett at 413-787-6720.

## UPCOMING:

### Saturday, Oct. 16

**TRIP TO SALEM:** The Belchertown Historical Association is running a bus trip to Salem as a fund-raiser for the Association. This year's trip will be on Saturday, Oct. 16. The bus will leave the Belchertown Common at 8 a.m., and will leave Salem at about 6 p.m., to be home by 8 p.m.

**OCTOBER FEST:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Men's Club will present October Fest 2010 with music by Mark VI and a German food tent with beer tent on Oct. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. Rain or shine, admission is \$5. There will be raffles and drawing. Children under 12 are free. The church is located in Granby.

**HARVEST DINNER:** There will be an annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16 at South Congregational Church, 1066 South East Street, Amherst. Family Style at South Church: roast pork, mashed potatoes, winter squash, homemade applesauce, homemade pie for dessert. Sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12, age 12 and under \$6. Please call for reservations: Alan Rainford: 253-7204 or the church office: 253-2977.

**FOOD PLAY:** Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Eric Carl Museum - free with Museum Admission. National award-winning theater show with juggling, colorful characters, music, and magic makes good eating great fun! Take home some great recipes and meet Barbara Storper, author of Janey Junkfood's Fresh Adventure! Book signing to follow.

### Sunday, Oct. 17

**CHAI WALK:** The first annual five-mile walk for improving the quality and longevity of life for lung cancer patients. The walk begins on the UMASS Amherst Campus. Presented by the Yud-Chet non-profit organization, and starts at 9 a.m. A registration fee is required. Please refer to the website [www.yud-chet.org](http://www.yud-chet.org) for registration, and other information. Further donations are welcome. It's time to Breathe Free.

### Tuesday, Oct. 19

**FOLIAGE, SHOPPING, ROCKWELL MUSEUM:** Enjoy the foliage on this bus trip to the Lee Prime Outlets and the Norman Rockwell Museum on Oct. 19. The bus will leave the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Granby at 8:30 a.m. We will visit the Lee Outlets and coupon books will be available for discounts. Lunch on your own. After lunch we will arrive at the Norman Rockwell Museum at 1 PM. A Gallery walk will follow at 2 p.m. and we will depart for home at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes the bus, the museum and the drivers gratuity. For information and to reserve your seat call Nancy at 467-9323 or Joan at 467-3441.

### Saturday, Oct. 23

**CAR WASH/BOTTLE DRIVE:** Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., behind Checkers to benefit the Belchertown High School Girls Soccer Program.

### Friday, Oct. 29

**FAMILY WEEKEND CONCERT:** The Amherst College Department of Music announces the fall 2010 Family Weekend Concert schedule. The Amherst College Choral Society will perform at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29; the Amherst College Jazz Ensemble will perform at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30; and the Amherst Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 30. All concerts will be held in Buckley Recital Hall in the Arms Music Center at Amherst College and require tickets, which may be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling 413/542-2195 or emailing [concerts@amherst.edu](mailto:concerts@amherst.edu).

### Saturday, Oct. 30

**TICO AND THE GOLDEN WINGS:** The Carle and Picture Book Theatre Present: Tico and The Golden Wings and Geraldine, the Music Mouse, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; and Nov. 26. The 45-minute performances are at 2 and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved in advance by calling the Museum's front desk at 413-658-1126.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

**HOLLY FAIR:** Annual Holly Fair and Turkey Luncheon on Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Church of Christ, 51 Center St. Rt. 21, Ludlow. The Holly Fair will offer handcrafted items, baked goods, homemade candy, pillows, cards, attic treasures, raffles and auction items. Turkey luncheon is a continuous serve buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$9 available at the door. Takeout available. Please call Jo 413-589-1765 for more information.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown will hold its annual Christmas Fair in the Parish Social Center at 10 Park Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Muffins, juice, hot and cold beverages will be available from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and lunch, consisting of homemade soups, sandwiches, delicious desserts and beverages will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baked foods, gifts, crafts and other holiday specialty items will be on sale throughout the day. A major attraction will be a Chinese Auction with an extensive variety of prizes for selection. Several other churches and local nonprofit organizations will sponsor fairs also, so Belchertown will be the place to shop on Saturday, Nov. 6.



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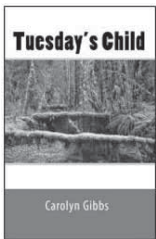
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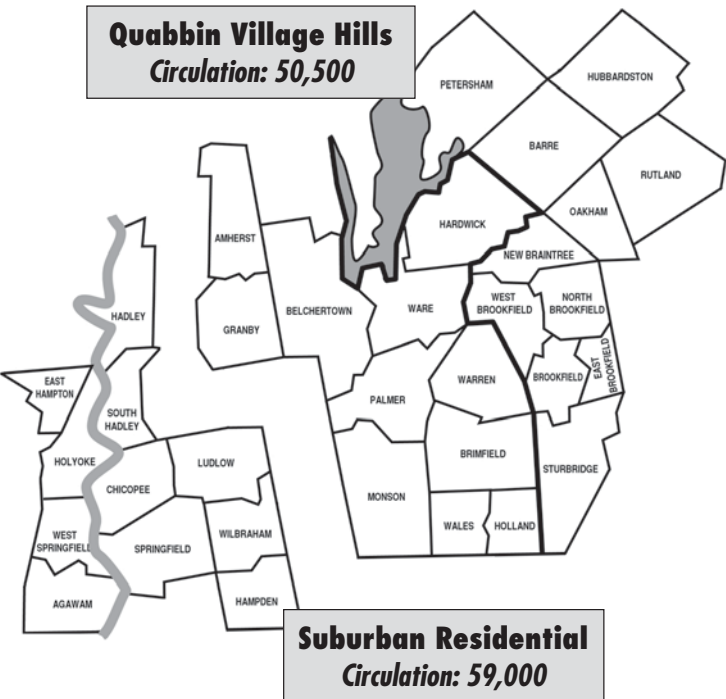
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## Trinity Methodist to hold seventh annual arts and crafts festival

SPRINGFIELD - Historic Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield will hold their seventh Fall Arts & Crafts Festival from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. They will offer the work of over 30 community vendors including Kitchen Cupboard featuring homemade soups

by the container, Chat & Sew featuring handmade articles and much more. Come join the fun. Admission is free. Back by popular demand coffee, homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts will also be available.

All proceeds to benefit Trinity United Methodist Church.

## Columbus Day Fair collecting undergarments

SOUTH HADLEY - The community is invited to make the Columbus Day Fair at the South Hadley Common a time to help the homeless by donating socks and new, packaged underwear for men, women and children.

The people of the United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby will have a collection container at their apple dumpling booth on Monday, Oct. 11. Used underwear cannot be donated

to or accepted by any entity, and so there is a desperate need for these items. While there is not a similar exception for socks, nevertheless there is a need for them, and so the church is asking for donations of socks also. Operation Undercover will be ongoing and donations will also be accepted at the church at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley Monday through Thursday 9:30 to noon as well as Sunday mornings. For more information please call 532-0500.

## Knitters and crotchetters needed for fall knitting fashion show

GRANBY - Knitters and crotchetters are needed for the Granby Public Library's "In Stitches" fourth annual fundraising Knitting Fashion Show. This show will benefit the Friends of The Granby Library and will be held on Nov. 13. This is a fun way to show off your creations, and to see the new trends in knit fashion and yarns. We are also accepting donations of hand knit/cro-

cheted items for our sale. So get those needles clacking and help us make this our most successful fashion show yet. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 30. You are also welcome to join our fun knitting group on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at the Granby Public Library. For more information, please call Jeanne at 467-3320 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## HEC gets a new name

NORTHAMPTON - After 35 years of steady expansion, the third largest employer in Northampton, the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, is changing its name to the Collaborative for Educational Services.

There are several reasons for the name change that reflect the agency's growth and significant successes over the past 11 years. In 2009, all nine Franklin County school districts joined Hampshire County districts in the Collaborative, nearly doubling the number of member school districts served by the organization. In addition, the Collaborative continues to provide services to districts throughout Western Massachusetts.

The Collaborative has also expanded its special education and professional development services to learners and educators statewide through partnerships with organizations and state agencies such as the Commonwealth Corporation, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Mental

Health as well as in school districts across the Commonwealth.

The name change also reflects the organization's focus on collaboration as a tool for educational success.

"We believe that our new name puts the emphasis where it belongs— on collaboration," said Lisa Minnick, the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the agency.

The Collaborative models, facilitates and incorporates collaborative learning and problem solving in all of its professional development and direct educational services. In addition, C.E.S. coordinates a variety of cost-sharing programs for its member districts, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for participating school districts throughout Hampshire and Franklin County.

A wide range of educational services are offered through the Collaborative to hundreds of schools, thousands of learners and many communities throughout the state.

## Experience Music at United Church in Holyoke

HOLYOKE - Experience Music at United will present pianist/composer Joel A. Martin, the creator and trademark owner of Jazzical, a marriage of classical and jazz. This innovative genre bridges the gap between classical and jazz while remaining true to both forms. It will take place in Skinner Chapel at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke, Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. The United Congregational Church is located at the corner of Maple and Appleton streets, Holyoke.

Ample free parking is located in the lot immediately across Appleton Street and in the lot behind the War Memorial, on Maple Street across from the church. Parking is free on Maple Street. A reception will follow where you may greet the artist. All concerts are offered for a suggested donation of \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors). The United Congregational Church phone number is 413-532-1483.

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