

OBITUARIES

Ronald J. Besancon, 75

BELCHERTOWN – Ronald J. Besancon, 75, of Allen Rd. died Feb. 11, 2017 surrounded by his family, following a very long illness. Born in Springfield, Sept. 25, 1941, he moved his family to Belchertown in 1974. He began his working career with the Stop & Shop Company in 1957, ending that career in 1976 as store manager. Ron achieved his life long dream of owning his own grocery store when he purchased and ran Choquettes Market, later renamed to Besancon's Market, located on the Belchertown Common, which he owned and operated until 1994. He returned to Stop & Shop after the market was destroyed by fire, and worked there until joining his son at Checkers Market, also in Belchertown, working there until his retirement. Ron was a longtime member of the Belchertown Lions Club. In his personal life, Ronnie enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, hunting, classic cars, boat-



ing, and working around his log cabin on Allen Road. And of course, his greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his three children, Donald Besancon of Belchertown, Vickie Besancon of Raleigh, NC, and Janine M. Connor of Belchertown, along with his five precious grandchildren, Christopher Besancon, Sami McDermott, Kali Cram, and Ella and Chase Connor. Additionally, his two sisters, Dorothy LaBombard of Russell, and Joanne Fisher of York, PA also survive him. Calling hours were Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, 10 Maple St., (Route 202). A Celebration of Life Ceremony was Wednesday at the funeral home. To honor his memory, donations may be made to Huntington's Society, www.huntingtonsdiseasefoundation.org. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

Robert E. Lawrence, 86



BELCHERTOWN – Robert E. Lawrence, 86, died on Feb. 9, 2017 in South Hadley. Born May 8, 1930 in Indianapolis, IN, he was the son of Raleigh and Mary Emily Lawrence. Robert served his country in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Post 239 in Belchertown. Robert worked as a Chemical Engineer for Monsanto for many years before retiring. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church in South Hadley and was a Life Deacon and formerly sang in the church choir. He was also a longtime volunteer at the Springfield Rescue Mission. He enjoyed many years of RV traveling all over the US and Canada, in addition to enjoying travel on his motorcycle. He will be deeply missed by his second wife, Pauline Ritter Lawrence along with children, Keith Lawrence and wife Beth of Peoria, IL, Kenneth Lawrence and



wife Suzanne of Doylestown, PA, Mark Lawrence and wife Denise of Chicopee, and Janet Nelson and husband David of North Brookfield, along with stepchildren, Holly Haug of Pomona, CA, and Paul Hale and partner Oscar Gomez of Dallas, TX, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and two nephews. Besides his parents, Robert was preceded by his first wife JoAnn (Fryar) (1989). Funeral Services will be held at Second Baptist Church, Route 202, on Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in the South Cemetery, Belchertown. Calling hours were Wednesday at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, 10 Maple St., (Route 202). For those wishing, contributions may be made to the Springfield Rescue Mission, 10 Mill St., Springfield, 0108. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

Mary L. (Kellogg) Rhodes, 86

BELCHERTOWN – Mary Louise (Kellogg) Rhodes, 86, passed away Feb. 8, 2017. Born Aug. 7, 1930 in Newark, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Winthrop and Jane (Homan) Kellogg. Mary has lived in Belchertown for most of her life and retired from the former Belchertown State School. Mary loved to knit, crochet and enjoyed watching her birds. In 1996, Mary was predeceased by her husband, Lester. She will be missed by her children, Jane Kucenski and husband John of Whatley, Leslie Rhodes and his wife Cynthia of Amherst, Lester Rhodes and his wife Cheri of Shutesbury, and Diane Plant of Erving.

She also leaves her siblings, Martin Kellogg of S. Deerfield, Winthrop Kellogg, Jr. of Belchertown, half sister, Eleanor of Hadley, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her sisters, Joyce and Grace along with a grandson Timothy. Graveside services will be held in the spring at Quabbin Park Cemetery. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. For details, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

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**Rhodes, Mary L.
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(Feb. 16), and Easthampton (Feb. 20), which is a non-league contest.

"This was a very important win for us no question about it," Burke added. "We also play Palmer this week and we beat them earlier in the season, so that's another big game for us. We should be able to win at least two of our remaining four games."

Granby senior guard Kate Sullivan played in her first game this season. She suffered an ACL injury to her right knee during an AAU tournament in Burlington, Vt., last July. She wound up scoring nine points with three rebounds and three assists.

"It was awesome to have Kate back playing again because she's a very knowledgeable basketball player," said Granby freshman forward Nora Young, who finished the Monson game with seven points and nine rebounds. "She's been working very hard to get back into shape and this was a very special night for her."

Senior Kate Sarnacki, who's still recovering from her ACL surgery, should be ready for the lacrosse season this spring. She has already acclimated more than 200 points in that sport.

The only double figure scorer for the home team in the second meeting of the season on the hardwood with Monson was freshman guard Kaeleigh Croteau, who netted eight of her 10 points after halftime. She made back-to-back 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, which capped off the Lady Rams 11-3 run.

Junior forward Mallory Beauregard just missed posting a double-double with nine points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Sophomore guard Maddie Sexton and freshman guard Julia Frappier both scored four points.

The Lady Mustangs (6-7, 1-4) can qualify for the Division 4 Tournament with the help of the MIAA's 70 percent rule by defeating Division 4 opponents Hopkins Academy at home on Feb. 17 or Mount Everett on the road the following night.

"We do play a very difficult schedule," said Monson head coach Tim Pascale. "In order for us to make the tournament, we just need to beat Hopkins or Mount Everett. I think we can do it, but we just need keep getting better every day."

Leading the way offensively for the Lady Mustangs was freshman guard Mia Krupczak with 12 points and five rebounds. Senior forward Bee Murphy, who signed her National Letter of Intent to play soccer at the University of Albany in the fall, scored seven points, while junior guard Shannon Jalbert finished with six points, and freshman forward Kelsey Duggan added five points.

Both teams had trouble putting the ball into the basket during the first half.

The Lady Rams, who scored eight unanswered points in the second quarter, took a 19-10 lead with 1:25 remaining in the half following a steal by Beauregard leading to a jumper by Croteau.

With less than a minute left on the scoreboard clock, Duggan, who's older sister, Jackie, is the Lady Mustangs junior varsity basketball coach, buried a baseline jumper from the left side cutting the deficit to seven points at the break.

The Lady Mustangs continued to close the gap in the third quarter. A jumper by Krupczak made the score 20-19 with 3:35 left.

After two made free throws by Sullivan, who scored seven of her points from the line, Monson senior guard Madison Gerry (two points) hit a short jumper making it a one-point game again entering the final 8:00.

The Lady Rams, who didn't make a field goal during the third quarter, were finally able to pull away by outscoring the Lady Mustangs 21-11.

Early in the final quarter, the game turned into a three-point shooting contest. Jalbert made three of them and Croteau knocked down two. Young also made a long bomb for the home team during that stretch.

Granby built a double-digit lead (37-27) on a layup by Frappier with 3:50 remaining in regulation.

Monson didn't get any closer than eight points the rest of the way.

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NOTICE

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