

NORTHAMPTON

Hosmer Gallery features local artists McQuillan, Benns, Andrews

NORTHAMPTON – Forbes Library, 20 West. St. Hosmer Gallery features artwork by Brian McQuillan, Maryanne Benns, and David Andrews.

There will be an artist reception on Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 5-7 p.m. It's a masquerade. People may come in costume or a mask and celebrate with the artists.

Brian McQuillan's welded metal art explores the rein-

arnation of Mundane, everyday metal objects, into fascinating creatures with re-invented souls. Can an antique typewriter evoke passion? Can rusty farm tools, and abandoned factory parts create delight?

Maryanne Benns says Halloween and Masks have a long history together, evolving culturally from ancient rituals to modern day masquerades. She says, "Some of my

masks are your typical Gothic era ghouls and some I have created as mythological 'super heroes' with the intent on giving the wearer an added boost to get them through life. These incorporate found objects to act as a talisman."

David Andrews' hornets nests art pieces are a fusion of nature's beauty and artistic vision. The intricate patterns and textures of the nests add a unique dimension to

each artwork, inviting viewers to appreciate the harmony between nature and art.

Andrews' text art pieces are a blend of literary inspiration and artistic expression. Each piece tells a unique story through carefully selected words, creating a visual narrative that resonates with viewers.

The exhibit runs through Saturday, Oct. 31. In this installation, the Arts and Music reading room is trans-

formed into an interactive, homey space, full of furniture, decor, everyday items, and books. Everything in the room is second-hand, salvaged, thrifted or recycled-and altered by being covered in cozy stuffed animals.

This ongoing, ever-growing project brings new life to discarded items, and keeps everyday "stuff" out of the waste stream a little while longer. Gallery goers and library

patrons are invited to spend time in the installation, find a cozy chair, read the books, pick up, touch, and interact with the whole exhibit.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.- 8p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and holidays.

The Hosmer Gallery is located on the second floor of the Forbes Library.

WESTFIELD

St. Joseph's to host Polish dinner Oct. 18

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph's National Catholic Church at 73 Main St., hosts a community dinner featuring authentic Polish fare on Sunday, Oct. 18 at noon.

This hearty community feast will feature delicious cheese Pierogi, Kielbasa, Golumpki, lazy cabbage Pierogi and pickled beets. A homemade dessert is also included.

Beverages served include coffee, ice tea and bottled water.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For tickets, people may call or text Cliff at 413-977-2007 and include their name and telephone number.

Deadline for purchasing all tickets is Wednesday, Oct. 14. A limited number of meals-to-go will be available at 12:30 p.m.

When purchasing tickets, people should indicate if they are dining with them or planning take-out. Everyone is welcome.

Alzheimer's Support Group to meet Oct. 28

WESTFIELD – Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road.

Caregivers and family members are invited to enjoy light refreshments

and to share their personal experiences and strategies for communicating with their loved ones. Public is welcome.

To join this group, people may call 413-568-0000 or email reception@armbrookvillage.com. Groups are held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Vote early event takes place Oct. 17

WESTFIELD – On Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m.-noon, all are invited to Park Square for a No Kings: Vote Early event, part of a nationwide grassroots movement to protect voting rights and strengthen democracy.

The No Kings movement is mobilizing millions of Americans to participate in democracy and protect elections. The Oct.17 day of action represents a critical moment for communities to take direct action

The nonpartisan community gathering will encourage eligible voters to cast ballots early while recruiting local volunteers to defend election integrity. Attendees will connect with neighbors and learn how to join ongoing election protection efforts.

All events are nonpartisan and welcome all eligible voters. For more information, people may visit nokings.org, nokingswestfield.com or email contact@nokingswestfield.com

Westfield Bank makes Forbes 'Best-In-State Banks' list

WESTFIELD – Forbes in partnership with Statista named the Westfield Bank to the Forbes list of America's Best-In-State Banks 2026 for Massachusetts, earning national recognition for the customer experience it delivers in-person across its 25 branch offices and digitally through the WB Mobile App

and online at westfieldbank.com.

The annual Best-In-State rankings recognize financial institutions that receive high marks from an independent survey of tens of thousands of U.S. consumers, as well as publicly available reviews.

Institutions are eval-

uated based on key criteria including customer satisfaction, trust, financial advice, digital services, terms and conditions and customer service.

Rankings are determined by analyzing overall performance and consumer sentiment, with top-performing banks and credit unions

in each state recognized. The number of awarded institutions varies by state, based on population size and the number of eligible institutions meeting the evaluation threshold.

"On behalf of Westfield Bank, we're honored to be recognized on the Forbes Best-In-State Banks list-

ing for 2026," said James C. Hagan, Westfield Bank President and CEO. "We strive to be the regional community bank that's focused on our customers and the communities we serve, and these results tell us we're achieving that goal. We're grateful to everyone who shared their experi-

ence and places their trust in Westfield Bank."

Currently, the bank has twenty-five branch offices, forty-nine ATMs, and an additional thirty seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and the Capitol Region in Connecticut.

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Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Public Notice

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on **Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** received from Jeremy Reinford as the Applicants. The RDA is related to a proposed clear cut. The project location is 184 Otis Stage Road in the Town of Blandford. The Conservation

Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Project plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission.

Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission
10/08/2026

Town of Russell Notice of Public Hearing Removal of Shade Trees

Pursuant to Chapter 87 of the Massachusetts General Laws, there will be a public hearing at Russell Town Hall, Selectboard Office, **Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM**, to consider the removal of certain public shade trees located at 140 Highland Avenue. Specific trees have been posted in accordance with the law. Any person objecting to the removal of one or more of the trees must make their objection in writing at or before this public hearing.

Louis E. Garlo, Tree Warden
10/01, 10/08/2026

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