

Holyoke Medical Center to host Nurses Rock

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Medical Center will host Nurses Rock '26, a free appreciation concert for all nurses, regardless of where they work, on Friday, June 19 in Springfield. This event is Holyoke Medical Center's salute to nurse heroes and is free for nurses.

Holyoke Medical Center's Nurses Rock event will include free food, drinks,

giveaways, a DJ, dance party, and live music featuring MiniKiss—the hottest littlest band in the world.

"Holyoke Medical Center is proud to honor all nurses, regardless of where they work, with this free appreciation event," says Sr. Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Holyoke Medical Center, Margaret-Ann

Azzaro DNP, RN, CENP. "This is our way of saying thank you to all nurses for everything they do. We encourage nurses to join us and have fun."

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Nurses interested in learning more and registering for the event are encouraged to visit HolyokeHealth.com/nursesrock.

call 413-323-0417 to register. Completed artwork from the first two classes will be put on display at the Library during the month of August. Children must be registered for the Summer Reading Program to participate.

Touch-a-Truck Summer Reading Kick Off Celebration

Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Library Parking Lot
Hands on fun with the Belchertown community! Get up close to Belchertown Fire trucks, Police cars, Public Works vehicles, and more! Don't miss our Special Guest! Free books for children while supplies last. Register for our Summer Reading Program, "Plant A Seed, Read!" Cindy's Drive-In's new ice cream truck will be here with treats for families to purchase. No registration is required to participate in this event. This is a rain or shine event but not a severe storm event. This event is funded in part by the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library. Free books are funded by the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library and a grant by the CFCE grant (Coordinated Family and Community Engagement).

Magic: the Gathering
Saturdays: June 20, July 11, 18 & 25, Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for Magic the Gathering in the Activity Room. Bring your own deck or use one of our learning decks. Everyone is welcome, however players must be fluent readers. Players under the age of 10 must have a caregiver who is at least 14 years old on the Library premises. Join us for every session or just one - it's up to you! We will have two instructors to help get games started and assist with the rules of the game. No registration is required. Join the email list so if the group needs to be postponed, we can notify you, by sending an email to Jennifer at jwhitehead@cwmar.org. We will not be meeting on June 27 or July 4.

Clapp Memorial Library Hours:

Monday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*The library will be closed on Friday, June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday.

OBITUARY

Anne Grim, 71

Anne "Betsy" Merritt Grim, 71, died peacefully on June 8, 2026 after a brief battle with an aggressive cancer. Surrounded by the family she loved so fiercely, she left this world in the same way she lived her life—with love, laughter, and those closest to her by her side.



Born to Cyrus and Barbara Merritt, Betsy grew up in a close-knit Irish family whose commitment to one another shaped the way she lived her life. She was often described simply as "the kind one." Family members knew they could count on her, whether they needed advice, reassurance, or simply someone to listen to them.

Betsy's greatest partnership was with her husband Kirk, with whom she built a life centered on family and unconditional love through 46 years of marriage. They began their life together in South Hadley, Massachusetts, before settling in Belchertown, where they lived for 35 years and built deep roots in the community. Belchertown became home in every sense of the word—where they raised their three children and grew lifelong friendships. Their home was the natural gathering place for neighborhood children, family, and friends.

As a mother and grandmother, she was a steady presence in the lives of those she loved. As her children established homes and families of their own, she remained their biggest supporter, offering encouragement, practical help, and the reassurance that she was only a phone call away. Known affectionately as "Gamma B," she delighted in being part of her grandchildren's everyday lives and special milestones alike.

Professionally, Betsy dedicated more than three decades to Community Options in Belchertown MA, where she served as Program Director. Helping individuals with devel-

opmental disabilities find meaningful employment and build independent lives was more than a career—it was her calling. She believed deeply in the dignity and potential of every person she served. The people whose lives she touched became much more than clients; they became part of an extended family.

Compassion guided every aspect of Betsy's life. Whether caring for aging parents, supporting family members through difficult times, welcoming new additions to the family with one of her handmade quilts, or simply showing up when someone needed help, she gave of herself freely and without expectation. Her love was expressed not through grand gestures but through a lifetime of presence, reliability, and care.

Betsy also treasured time spent with family and friends. She enjoyed summers on Cape Cod, traveling throughout Ireland and Europe, and gathering with the people she loved. Whether at home, traveling abroad, or sharing time with friends, she valued connection above all else.

Betsy will be remembered for her quiet strength, her warm hugs, and the way she made people feel seen and cared for. Though there are not enough words to fully capture the impact she had on the lives around her, her legacy lives on in the family she cherished, the community she served, and the countless people who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Betsy is survived by her husband, Kirk Grim of Fredericksburg, VA, her children Colleen Barlow of Fredericksburg, VA, Christopher Grim of Washington, D.C. and Bridget Grim of Springfield, MA, son-in-law Scott Barlow, daughter-in-law Lee Ann Grim, her grandchildren Connor, Ryan and Rowan Barlow and Cassidy Grim, her siblings Mark Merritt of Isle-of-Palms, SC, Pamela

DEATH NOTICE

Grim, Anne
Died June 8, 2026
Services July 8, 2026 at 11 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi Church, Belchertown

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Brisson of Naples, FL, Susan Trompke of Granby, MA, Patricia Pancione of Whately, MA, and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was pre-deceased by her parents and brother Timothy Merritt.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 8, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belchertown, Massachusetts. Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at 1:30 p.m. at The Boathouse in South Hadley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Options of Belchertown MA (CommunityOptionsMA.org).

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is limited. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Summer Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Mondays: July 6, 13, 20, & 27, August 3 & 10, 1-2:20 p.m.

Calling all Belchertown Teens for Summer D&D! The Undying Sands are a shifting, treacherous place. You are starting forth from the Great City of Sand in pursuit of a treasure stolen, and greater wealth to be gained... Get together with fellow teens for this epic adventure! Space is limited, please email tmanino@cwmar.org with any questions and to register. Confirmations will be sent out to teens confirming enrollment or waitlist status.

FOR CHILDREN: Sweet Seeds of Summer Drawing Classes for Kids Ages 7-11

Thursday, June 25, Monday, July 13 & Tuesday, Aug. 4, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Learn to draw some summer fruits and their seeds! Each class includes drawing, telling stories, and the juicy goodness of summer fruits. Registration is required, and you can sign up for all 3 sessions or just one. Visit our website at clapplibrary.org or

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS26P0365EA
Estate of:
Karen Frances Devine
Also known as:
Karen F. Devine
Date of Death: 04/21/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kristie A. Landon of Belchertown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Kristie A. Landon of Belchertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/06/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S.

Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 08, 2026
Mark S Ames, Register of Probate
06/18/2026

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