

Holiday concert to be held Dec. 13

BELCHERTOWN—The Fanfare Brass Ensemble presents a Christmas Holiday concert and sing along on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at Hope United Methodist located at 31 Main St. in Belchertown.

The event is free and open to the public. Our program includes Fanfare for Christmas.

O Come O Come Emmanuel, For Unto Us A Child is Given, What Child is This, Chestnuts, White Christmas, Hark the Herald, Away in the Manger, Jingle Bells, Sleigh Ride, We Three Kings, Achieved is the Glorious Work, Joy to the World and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

The 10-part brass ensemble consists of 4 trumpets, French horn, 4 trombones and tuba, come to a musical performance of a unique combination of power and finesse. The Fanfare Brass presents exciting music that treats audiences to a quality entertainment experience.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, please contact David Neill – 413-686-5027 - tbn8@aol.com or visit our web site www.PremierEntertains.com

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funding opportunities, build community partnerships, and guide the Trust's efforts to help homeowners maintain and improve their existing homes.

Once the board has been appointed, the frequency, dates, and times of meetings will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Applicants are required to be residents of Belchertown, and those who possess professional or personal experience in affordable housing, real estate, banking, finance, architecture, climate resilience or social services are desirable.

For more information on the Belchertown Affordable and Resilient Housing Trust, please visit https://www.belchertown.org/786/Affordable-and-Resilient-Housing-Trust

Scholarship Committee: The Town wishes to fill a community seat and a home schooling seat on the Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please submit a letter of interest.

Taxation Aid Committee: The Town is looking to fill one (1) vacancies on the Taxation Aid Committee. This is a one-year appointed volunteer position which will consist of the Chair of the Board of Assessors, the Treasurer/Collector, and three residents from Town with the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income and which shall be funded by voluntary donations made by taxpayers through an earmark on their real estate and motor vehicle excise tax bills.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Town wishes to fill one (1) opening for an associate member seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA is responsible for hearing and deciding on applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

OBITUARIES

Robert David Lavoie



BELCHERTOWN Robert David Lavoie, known to his family and friends as Rob, passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 at his home in Belchertown, following a courageous seven year battle with cancer. He was 70 years old.

Rob was born in Ludlow, MA on February 24, 1956 to the late Eugene Alfred Lavoie Sr and Eleanore E. (Gauthier) Lavoie. Rob lived in Ludlow until he moved to Belchertown to live with his brother, Gene, for more than 40 years, until he died. Rob attended St. John the Baptist School in Ludlow, where he graduated in 1970. He then graduated from the former Cathedral High School in 1974.

His life goal was to become a pharmacist. He began his studies at UCONN in the fall of 1974 and graduated in 1979, however, he never stopped studying and completed many years of coursework online to stay on top of his profession. He began his career at Sims Pharmacy in Springfield and opened the CVS Pharmacy in Belchertown in the early 90s. Rob worked in town for over thirty years, until the end of his career. Rob loved his work and many many people have wonderful stories of his kindness, wisdom and expertise especially at CVS in Belchertown.

Rob's greatest love was his family. He leaves behind Sister Christine Lavoie of the Sisters of St. Joseph, his brother, Gene Lavoie and Shelly Hoyt, and his Vermont family; sister, Charlene Potter, nephew, Josh Potter and Melissa Disorda, great niece and nephew Logan and Zoe as well as niece, Alyssa Potter and Randy Ryan, great niece and nephew, Ella and Max. He loved and supported them in every way he could. Rob had other loves too; he was an avid fisherman, golfer, read science fiction, music and sports. He loved baseball, football and college basketball, especially his UCONN teams. Of Rob's many gifts, his greatest was being a good friend. He has friends from grammar school, high school, college and his pharmacy life. He was dearly loved by many and will be dearly missed forever.

The wake will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home on Sunday, December 6. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home at 9:45 a.m. for the Funeral Mass will be at St. Elizabeth's Church in Ludlow at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7. Burial will follow at Island Pond Cemetery, Center St. in Ludlow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rob's name may be made to the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care, 3350 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107.

Barbara (DiNardo) Hamilton, 87

BELCHERTOWN – Barbara (DiNardo) Hamilton, 87, passed away in October at her home in Belchertown. Born in Leominster, MA, in February of 1939, she was the eldest child of Umberto and Anita (Garceau) DiNardo.

Barbara graduated from Leominster High School. Throughout her life, Barbara held a variety of jobs. As a teen, she picked vegetables and blueberries with her beloved grandmother, Maria Fallavollita, selling them to local markets and restaurants. After graduating high school, Barbara worked as an office assistant for a local attorney, at Tilton and Cook Plastics factory in Leominster, and sang in a country band. Later, she worked as a house cleaner, made and sold doll clothes at a local craft store, and worked at Renzi Plastics factory in Leominster. Her favorite job was her last one, as a cook at Kennedy's Restaurant in Marlborough. Barbara always loved cooking, entertaining, and growing and canning her vegetables. She was an excellent seamstress, loved crossword puzzles, and wrote in her daily journal for many years. Barbara was very proud of the house that she and her husband, Skip, built together in Templeton.

Barbara is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Erika Hamilton and Robert Thrasher of Belchertown, granddaughter Stephanie Thrasher of Amherst, brother Robert DiNardo and his wife Lynne of Covington, GA, and siblings-in-law Diane DiNardo of Leominster, Ronald Renzi of Fitchburg, and Linda DiNardo of Templeton, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of fifty-nine years, Gordon "Skip" Hamilton, and her siblings Mary Jane Renzi and Anthony DiNardo, both of Leominster, and Paul DiNardo of Templeton.

Services will be private; Barbara and Skip will be interred at Maplewood Cemetery in Marlborough. For those wishing, donations may be made to the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown https://clapplibrary.org/donate/.

DEATH NOTICES

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Services Dec. 6, 2026
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OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC HEARING

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A public hearing relative to this application will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2026, at 6:35 p.m.** in the Select Boards Meeting Room on the first floor of Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts.

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11/26/2026

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