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Meetings consists of group sizes from six to twelve ladies, and in the beginning only met once a month, but now they meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10 a.m.

“Each member brings their own story, experience and enthusiasm to our gathering. We more or less try to decide on a topic prior to getting together,” said Brill.

The group discusses a range of topics together at their meetings, such as aging gracefully, or not so gracefully, memories from their childhood, traditions, differences between then and now like driving, fears, anger, family, or whatever it is they need to talk about with a group of trusted friends.

“When you move to a town in your later years, some of us yearn for friendship and a sense of community,” said Brill. “This is a non-judgmental group and we are here to communicate, find friendship, and support our peers.”

The group works together to ensure that all who come into the group are comfortable and provide a safe place for topics to be discussed with the emotions and wellbeing of their friends.

“The Silver Sisterhood was started to address a need of “finding a place” in the community and I feel we have made a good faith effort to bring a sense of belonging to many,” said Keizer.

“For many years, before we moved here, I was blessed with several wonderful friends who were like family to me,” said Brill. “I missed the strong connection and the activities we shared. The Silver Sisterhood was my attempt to fill this void for myself and others.”

The Silver Sisterhood is designed and meant to help women share each others’ interests, and to treat all who come with respect, and of course, to just enjoy some friend time.

The group shares their interests and concerns with one another, and they are varied and personal to the individuals, which is what makes this group so deeply personal and special: you truly belong there.

“‘Working’ with Nancy is not work at all! We share similar values including love of family and feel a civic mindedness of giving back to our community and ‘making things better’,” said Keizer.

“Working with Maureen is more than I could have ever asked for. We have developed a friendship because of the Senior Center. Maureen brings kindness, professionalism and compassion to both groups she is involved with,” said Brill.

Keizer and Brill met through attending other programs at the Senior Center, and hope that “our efforts will hopefully encourage others to check out the many programs that the Senior Center offers throughout the year,” said Keizer.

The town of Belchertown truly is community focused, and the Silver Sisterhood is evidence of that, providing space for dedicated friend time, something that we all need.

The Senior Center holds many different events and clubs that help bring you closer to meet new people and build friendships that can last many years to come.

“If anyone would like to join our Silver Sisterhood group, the door is always open. The Senior Center provides many wonderful opportunities to fill a void if you’re looking to meet new people and find a sense of community,” said Brill.

Another group that Nancy and Maureen work on together is the Book Club that meets on the third Monday of the month, which Keizer takes on the mantle of leader.

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Granby Public Schools Director of Finance and Operations Todd Dorman said the range posted last time would be a good start.

“We can verify this. There was some legislature or ruling about salary ranges on Deason job posting,” he said. “We can do ‘commensurate on experience and qualification.’”

Committee loses one, gains another Within the last month, the committee saw Lafond’s appointment and Jill Pelletier’s resignation, effective Dec. 18.

Bartosz said she hopes filling the position will take less than eight months.

Building improvements Dorman also updated the board on the asbestos management program.

“We are, at this time, doing our three-year review of that program and reinspection at the Granby Jr./Sr. High School,” he said. “They’ll make recommendations around the procedures that we do, East Meadow isn’t impacted.”

When the school renovation was done, Dorman said there was nothing specified or used containing asbestos.

However, at the high school, there are floor tiles that have asbestos embedded in them. It is not airborne or something

that poses a threat.

“We are following procedures. We are doing the things we need to do,” Dorman said. “We are training our staff, but it’s time for that reevaluation.”

Bartosz asked about the presentation of any findings from the inspection.

Dorman said things are rated by the most attention needed sooner rather than later.

“Anything that is going to need immediate attention or more timely attention is going to be in it,” he said.

He added that the way that the floor is maintained by staff meets all requirements for keeping everything encapsulated.

He added that he recently met with mechanical engineers and an architect to discuss the timeline for a bid for the kitchen at the high school.

“Our plan is for around Jan. 20. We have our materials posted...having our site walkthroughs at the beginning of Feb. and having bid documents due at the end of Feb.,” said Dorman.

“Our anticipated start date will be June 23.”

The first step will be abating the kitchen then the kitchen renovations will begin.

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CPR per Section 1. Section 47A of chapter 71 of the General Laws. Additionally, AED training is required and will most likely be done in conjunction with the existing mandated CPR training.

All MIAA member school coaches (stipend or volunteer) are required to take annually the on-line National Federation Concussion Course, or other MA Department of Public Health recognized education program, prior to the start of their season. Rugby Coaches

must see Rule 76.2 for additional coaches’ education information.

Any questions, please call Donna Harrington at 508-541-9804 or email dharrington@miaa.net.

Fundamentals of coaching classes are being offered on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are open until capacity is reached and then a waiting list is established. There are online components to the course once the classroom portion is completed

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Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS24P0417EA
Estate of:

William Henry Vageline
Date of Death: 03/25/2023
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12/26/2024

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