

Residents take part in annual 'POLAR PLUNGE'

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BELCHERTOWN – There are many worthy causes that warrant a jump into freezing water on a cold day, and it is this commitment to such an uncomfortable situation that truly makes a difference.

Over the weekend, Saturday was a brisk 27 degrees, and the water in the Mobile Plunge was a staggering 12 degrees, but people came together for one reason: to jump in to raise funds for the Special Olympics.

The Massachusetts Special Olympics came to Belchertown to hold a Polar Plunge for the first time, and it was a great success, raising just over \$8,000 for the organization.

The Special Olympics is dedicated to providing sporting opportunities to individuals with intellectual disabilities, in order to “making a more inclusive Massachusetts, one game at a time”, according to the website.

The Athlete Oath at the Special Olympics, “Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt” is a



Amanda Hulbert, Officer Vincent Daponte, Dave Pare of Arcpoint Brewing Co., and LJ Jedrey of the Special Olympics together in front of the Mobile Plunge.

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Belly flop!



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Poreda selected as Town Admin

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY — Kathy Leonard was appointed to serve as interim Town Administrator following the retirement of Chris Martin on Jan. 24.

Leonard was appointed until the new permanent town administrator is hired. The board discussed compensating Leonard for the additional responsibilities of being the interim town administrator, and they agreed to discuss the compensation details with her.

Shelley Poreda was unanimously selected to be the next town administrator at the Selectboard meeting last week.

Candidates for the position included Poreda, Michael Durham, Scott Butcher and Michael Szlosek. Butcher had withdrawn his candidacy before the meeting.

During the meeting, selectboard members discussed the candidates' experience.

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Local musician returns for tour in hometown

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BELCHERTOWN – Music is a special part of the way we as people communicate with one another, and reflect upon our lives, identities, and feelings.

Aída O'Brien grew up in town before finding her place in Brooklyn, NY, where



Singing her original songs, and some covers, for those in attendance to enjoy.

she performs music in two bands, Port Ross and Gemma Laurence.

O'Brien played at the Clapp Memorial Library last Saturday with friends and family gathered around to listen to her songs, both new releases, covers, and more written by the songwriter.

“It’s always really special to me to play in my hometown. I play a lot in Western Mass still, but I think there’s something special about playing in my hometown, but putting forth a version of myself that feels more aligned with who I am, reclaiming my sense of home but with a new sense of identity,” said O'Brien.

O'Brien got her degree in music from Middlebury College in Vermont, and has been playing music since she was six years old, playing primarily the guitar, but also the banjo and violin.

She performed all over the place, at church, music festivals, talent shows, and band contests, and was no stranger to the stage.

“One of my earliest performing memories was I

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Teens find a place to share their voices

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BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library is a place for all to come and find a place to be, and for the teens, there is a whole group dedicated just to them led by teen services coordinator Ruthie Sterling.

The Teen Advisory Board, affectionately referred to as TAB, is led by Sterling, but really orchestrated to the many teens who come to meetings to help decide and plan on activities and more to do together.

TAB met last Friday and discussed ways to decorate the teen space and bookshelves to make the space their own, including discussing a new rug to put in, as well as hearing opinions on the string lights, and maintenance on their two plants who are outgrowing their pots.

The teens took time to share their thoughts and ideas on the rug, and no ideas were turned down, as TAB is a place where they can really determine and shape what it is they do with their time and space.

For upcoming events, the library will be hosting a Hot Chocolate Day on Friday, January 31, and there will be hot chocolate donated by Starbucks



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A portion of the dedicated teens a part of TAB, holding up snowflakes they made to decorate their space in the library.

available between 2:30 and 5:30 with crafting materials available.

The teens are also creating Valentine's Day cards to give to Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to homebound seniors, and will have more cards available to make at the Hot Chocolate Day event.

Last year, TAB orchestrated a clothing drive, and this year, they are looking to host a can drive

sometime in March, collecting food donations to bring to the various spots in town that collect food for those who need it.

“I love watching TAB members go through TAB from grades seven through twelve, and grow into amazing people and express their ideas,” said Sterling.

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- Alternative Communication Tools, District-wide Impact
- Technology Upgrade for English Learners, District-wide Impact
- Building a Foucault Pendulum, Jabish Brook Middle School
- Diverse Texts about Overcoming Adversity for English Language Arts, Jabish Brook Middle School
- Kindness Crew Project, Jabish Brook Middle School & Chestnut Hill Community School
- Jabish Brook Scientific Research and Symposium, Jabish Brook Middle School

The grant cycle is now open!

Grant applications are due May 2, 2025. Teachers, program heads, coaches, administrators, and staff in Belchertown public schools are encouraged to submit applications for initiatives that support BEF's mission and align with the funding criteria of the Grants program. Visit the Grants page at BelchertownEducationFoundation.org to learn more.

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Dyslexia Library and Resources

"Thanks to the generosity of the BEF Grant, Chestnut Hill Community School now has over 400 books in our Dyslexia Resource Library," says teacher Laura Cresta. She adds, "Included in our library are parent resources, picture books about dyslexia, and both fiction and non-fiction high interest-low readability books. Multiple copies are available, making them especially useful for groups within the classroom and for our Reading Buddies Program with the high school! Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



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Student Success Grant Brings Music to Your Ears

If you saw this year's Belchertown Fair Parade, you witnessed a 2023-24 grant in action. The grant was awarded to purchase size-appropriate drum harnesses for Jabish Brook Middle School percussionists. Our mission is to enrich the education of Belchertown Students, including music education.

All About Town

BELCHERTOWN



Get to know your town employees: Cyndi Harbeson

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BELCHERTOWN — As part of a new addition to the papers, we are looking to add in features of our town employees to recognize and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

These town employees are what help keep our communities running, providing resources, help, information, fun events, organization, and more for us to enjoy.

Here is an interview with Clapp Memorial Library's Director, Cyndi Harbeson.

What is your favorite thing about the town?

"The library! It has to be the library! How could I say anything else? Seriously though, this town has so much to offer, it's hard to choose just one. Lake Wallace is a real gem in town. I don't make use of it nearly as often as I would like, but to have a nature area that's accessible to everyone is such a gift."

What do you do in your position?

"As the library director, I'm in charge of overseeing the daily operations of the Clapp Memorial Library, including supervising a phenomenal staff, maintaining our beautiful historic building, and ensuring our residents have access to the latest books, DVDs, music, and other materials."

Describe an average day at the office?

"There is no average day at the office, which is one of the best and, often, most challenging aspects of the job. There's usually a mix of more general administrative tasks (managing budgets, coordinating building maintenance projects, meetings) and library-specific work like ordering new materials, planning programs, and, in a pinch, staffing the circulation desk."

Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What's your education?

"I moved to Belchertown about two years ago, not long after I started work here. I grew up in Connecticut and went to

graduate school at Simmons in Boston, where I received my MS in Library Science and MA in History. I returned to Connecticut after grad school and spent a few years in mountains of western North Carolina before moving back to Massachusetts over a decade ago."

What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

"I'm really fortunate to be able to collaborate with lots of other town departments and committees in my role. I work very closely with, and am a member of, the Creative Economy Committee. The Committee partners with the library on several projects, including View Finder: Belchertown Nature Photography Program and Making It Public, a grant project that is bringing public art to Belchertown in the form of murals that will be painted on the Transfer Station containers. For this project, I also get to work closely with the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department. The Library also works closely with the Belchertown Public Schools."

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

"There is nothing better than being of use, whether that's suggesting a new book to read, assisting with the photocopier, connecting a resident with needed resources, or providing a program that people enjoy."

What inspired you to take on the position?

"I don't remember a time when I didn't know I wanted to be a librarian. My first job was as a library page at my hometown public library. In college, I learned about archives and special collections, which seemed to perfectly pair my passion for librarianship with my love of history, so for many years, I worked in a variety of libraries as an archivist. When I became the Head of Special Collections at the Jones Library in Amherst, it was a remarkable opportunity to return to work in public libraries while remaining in archives. Ultimately, my love



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Cyndi Harbeson, Clapp Memorial Library's wonderful director.

of public libraries and the work we do as librarians won out over my love of archives. When this job became available, I jumped at the chance to fully return to public librarianship and I'm so grateful the Board of Trustees gave me this opportunity."

Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

"My office is behind the circulation desk and up a flight of very steep stairs. It's a beautiful space, but not the most accessible so I usually meet with people on the main floor of the library. I don't have specific office hours; instead, I make time for people when they stop by."

What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

"We have a unique history in that we're a town department, but the library itself is not town-owned. The Board of Trustees are responsible for managing the library and maintaining the building and grounds, which they own as a non-profit incorporation. The library building

was completed in 1887 from funds left in a bequest by John Francis Clapp. His brothers were the Library's first trustees and Clapp Memorial Library was incorporated by an act of legislature. Library staff are town employees, and the municipal appropriation makes up between 80-85% of the library budget. The remaining percentage is raised through our Annual Appeal, state aid funds, grants, and through the hard work of our dedicated Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library volunteers whose twice annual book sales fund all of our programming, our museum passes, and much more."

What do you want the community to know about your position?

"I want the community to know that the library has something for everyone and that I'd love to know if there are other ways we can be of service to the residents of Belchertown."

COLLEGE NEWS

President's list at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH—Becket White of Amherst, has been named to the Plymouth State University president's list for the fall 2024 semester. White is a Cell and Molecular Biology major at Plymouth State.

Fall 2024 dean's list

EASTON—Aila Allan, a member of the Class of 2026 from Amherst, has been named to the fall 2024 dean's list at Stonehill College.

McDaniel College dean's list

WESTMINSTER, MD—Emily Ireland of Amherst has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the McDaniel College fall 2024 dean's list with Honors.

Nichols College president's list for fall 2024

DUDLEY—Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the fall 2024 president's list.

The following local students have achieved president's list honors:

Mattingly Marques of Belchertown
Nolan Sullivan of Granby

AIC dean's list fall 2024

SPRINGFIELD—American International College in Springfield, is proud to announce that 473 students have earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester.

Sara Avery of Belchertown, majoring in Criminal Justice
Kamdyn Lopez of Granby, majoring in Management
Gabrielle Walz of Granby, majoring in Health Science

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GRANBY



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What is your favorite thing about the town?

"My favorite thing about Granby is that it is a small, tight-knit town with a great sense of community."

What do you do in your position?

"I am the Library Director. My main responsibility is the everyday operations of the Library; leading staff, overseeing programs and services to make sure they meet community needs, managing the budget, collection development, and planning for the future."

Describe an average day at the office?

"I arrive hours before Library opening to help with the behind-the-scenes tasks to get the Library up and running and ready for the public. We process book delivery, pull paging list holds, empty book returns and shelve books. I spend the first part of my morning welcoming our patrons and overseeing staff.

I spend the afternoon in my office completing tasks related to budgeting, payroll, book ordering, report completion, statistics, preparing for meetings, etc. On a typical day, I end the afternoon by being front-and-center at the Circulation Desk to help patrons as needed and close down the Library for the day. A lot of other running around and behind the scenes things take place; way too many to list!"

Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What's your education?

"I am a resident of Granby and have been for a great deal of my life. I graduated from Granby Jr. Sr. High School in the year 2000 and went on to attend Elms College, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. I then attended The University of Rhode Island, graduating in 2009 with a degree of Master of Library and Information Studies. I have been the Library Director here since 2007."

What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

"I tend to work more closely with other community groups through the Friends of the Granby Library group, which hosts all of our fundraising and community events. We most recently held a Non-Profit Volunteer Fair through which I was able to work closely with GCAM and other groups. I work with the Board of Library Trustees, who govern the Library's building, policies, budget, staff, etc. The Library often collaborates with many organizations in town, including local school groups, homeschool groups, childcare centers, the Council on Aging, and many others."

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

"The most fulfilling part of my job is getting to help the general public and being part of such a wonderful community."

What inspired you to take on the position?

"I had volunteered for the Granby Library since I was a young teen and worked part-time as the Cataloguer/Circulation Assistant prior to becoming the Library Director.

I grew up going to our Library and spending so much of my time there, falling in love with books. Helping people has always been my main goal in my career path, so it only felt natural to continue to acquire a position in a place that would allow me to do that, especially within my own beloved community."

Where is your office located? What are your office hours?



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Jenn Crosby, Granby Free Public Library's wonderful director.

"My office is located down the hall behind the Library's Circulation Desk. I have a public access door within the Adult Stacks that can be knocked on any time! My office hours are typically 12:00pm - 4:30pm (Tues, Weds, Fri) and 12:00pm - 6:00pm (Thurs), but I can always be flexible for meetings."

What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

"The Granby Free Public Library was established in 1891 with the mission to provide the Granby Community with the tools and opportunities to improve themselves and their quality of life while promoting literacy, the enjoyment of reading and life-long learning through the provision of equal access to library materials, services, facilities, technology, resources and programs to meet the educational, informational, social, cultural and recreational needs for residents of all ages and abilities. It seeks to promote endeavors to stimulate and expand the reading interests of children and adults, and to coordinate this work with other

educational, social, and cultural groups in the community."

"In other words, our Library is the hub of the community. We strive to be a community space for everyone throughout every age and stage of life."

What do you want the community to know about your position?

"I love my job immensely! I get to see members of our community grow and learn and that is very rewarding. I get to help people do research to pass their classes, print documents to help them file important paperwork, join a Book Group to enrich their social lives, and even just find a great book that they never would have picked up before that will take them to another world and ease the stress of their everyday lives. Also, it's a surprisingly busy job! We stay busy, especially in the summer months, and there is always something to be done to help our Library and our community evolve. I am so grateful for the opportunity to meet so many wonderful community members, gain lifetime friendships, and be an important part of our Town!"

Quilt raffle winners from Jingle Bell Bazaar

GRANBY – The Women Of The Church, Church of Christ, Congregational of Granby would like to thank everyone who supported our Quilt Raffle at the Jingle Bell Bazaar in December. The following people won the raffle prizes:

Quilt made by Brenda Knight won by Cindy Hackworth.

Mason's Grille / \$50.00 gift certificate won by Pat Landry.

Dressel's wheel alignment won by Denise Fish.

Mae's Pizzeria/ \$25.00 gift certificate won by Patty Clayton.

Elizabeth Johnson's Watercolor Painting won by Patrick Saabs.

Granby Country Grain/\$100.00 gift certificate won by Helen Butcher.

Five Corner Cuts/\$50.00 gift certificate won by Sharon Colburn.

Cash prize/ \$50.00 won by Joe Denette, Sr.

The winner of the Christmas Tree, stand and ornaments donated by Ellen May... Diane Percy.

We also wish to thank the individuals and businesses that generously donated the prizes.

Kindergarten registration starting now

BELCHERTOWN – If you are a resident of Belchertown with a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2025, you are encouraged to complete a Kindergarten registration packet for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Christina Aponte via email: caponte@belchertownps.org or by phone at 413-323-0423 Ext. 100 for additional information.

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Mass DCR gives creel survey on fish species

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BELCHERTOWN/WARE – The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife held a presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir Creel Survey this past Sunday, and many people joined remotely and in person.

The goal of the presentation, held by fisheries biologists Brian Keleher and Jason Stolarski, is to help people understand and learn about the different fish species found in the Quabbin Reservoir.

Keleher works as a district fisheries biologist for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, or MassWildlife, and specifically for the Connecticut Valley District in Belchertown, one of five management districts of MassWildlife that each have their own fisheries biologist.

“MassWildlife is responsible for the conservation of freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth, including endangered plants and animals. MassWildlife restores, protects, and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy,” said Keleher.

“I have worked here at this position for just short of 9 years. I’m originally from upstate New York, and have worked in and around the fisheries field for about 16 years now.”

“Prior to coming to MassWildlife I worked as a Fisheries Biologist for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in North Central Washington State on the Columbia River. Prior to that I worked in Alaska, and the Adirondacks in New York,” said Keleher.

“[My favorite part is] having the constant opportunity to work outdoors, especially in and around water. Work with the public and anglers has always been a highlight as well, particularly field trips and school groups where students get the chance to see and interact with fish and develop an interest in the outdoors and fishing,” said Keleher.

MassWildlife stocks about 500 bodies of water across the state, and

each year releases approximately 500,000 trout during the spring and fall, consisting of mostly rainbow trout and most fish are over 12 inches long.

Stocking these waterbodies provides opportunities for angling, and the fish are stocked in these areas when water temperatures are at the correct range.

MassWildlife holds a creel survey, which “is an important tool that fisheries biologists can use to get a better understanding of how a fishery is used by anglers,” Keleher explained.

“It is simply an angler survey with questions designed to help look into specific areas of a fishery and the way that anglers interact with it. At its most basic level creels are used to see how many anglers fish at a location, how long they spend fishing, look into what they are “targeting” or fishing for, and calculate their “catch rate” and “harvest,”” said Keleher.

Creel surveys determine the success rate of catching fish, like how long it takes to catch fish or a specific kind of fish, and what percentage of fish are kept or released after catching.

The MassWildlife team creates these surveys, and during the presentation Keleher illustrated how the Quabbin Reservoir Angler Survey is conducted, anonymously, and help to keep track of fish populations.

The Quabbin Reservoir is ideal for these creel surveys because of the largely constrained areas with three boat launch areas, and is consistently staffed by DCR attendants during fishing seasons.

The Quabbin Creel Survey is a complete survey and gate attendants provide all anglers with a creel card before their trip, which they fill out after their trip is finished and return to the attendants. The demographic and trip data is then collected by the attendants as part of the boat sealing process.

Throughout Massachusetts, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Tiger Trout, and Landlocked Atlantic Salmon are stocked in the waterbodies.

The fish all come from five

different hatcheries across the state, including McLaughlin in Belchertown, Bitzer in Montague, Sunderland, Roger Reed in Palmer, and Sandwich. More specific information on stocking can be found at www.mass.gov/trout.

Keleher also gave a refresher regarding clipped adipose fins on fish. A clipped fin on a salmon means it was hatchery-raised, while no clipped fin means it was produced naturally within the Quabbin.

For lake trout, the adipose fins are clipped for an ongoing study of the trout in the region since the 1950’s, and a clipped fin means it has a PIT tag or is being handled in the study.

The Quabbin Reservoir has seen a steady flow of people fishing in the region, with a spike in more people during the COVID-19 pandemic, but have seen a steady decrease since then from 45,000 to 13,000 between the 1980’s to today.

The surveys have also revealed that the annual average catch rates are low, but slightly higher than the Wachusett Reservoir because of a large amount of nutrients and influence of boats. “I grew up fishing with my dad and family, and now effectively get to do it as a career, I think I’m pretty lucky to have had that opportunity for both; to have an outlet and positive exposure to the outdoors at a young age and to work in this field now.”

“There is a certain level of mystery involved with water; ponds, rivers, streams and the ocean. For the most part you can look at the surface and have no idea what is going on below, there could be literally (within reason) anything down there out of sight,” said Keleher.

“When you are a fisheries biologist you have access to many more tools that can help you look into that mystery a little further, to see what is below the surface and what it is up to down there.”

“If you are local to Belchertown, stop by our office on East Street, visit the McLaughlin Hatchery for a self-guided tour, or give us a call or email anytime,” said Keleher.

Read to a dog at the Granby Library

GRANBY— Looking for a fun way to practice your reading skills? Want to snuggle a dog while reading to him? Sign up for a time slot to read to Gwen the Greyhound. She is a perfect listener as you work on your reading skills or as you practice reading out loud. Bring a

book from home or pick one at the library before your time slot. Gwen loves every book.

Upcoming dates are: Thursdays between 3:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 6 and 20, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17

Visit the library or call to reserve your 20-minute slot.

Granby Library hours: T,W,F 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Telephone 413-467-3320

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OPINION



Reader seeks clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI

Dear Rusty:

I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that Modified Adjusted Gross Income, on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received.

The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI?

Signed: Confused

Dear Confused:

The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income used to determine your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI, which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return, which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

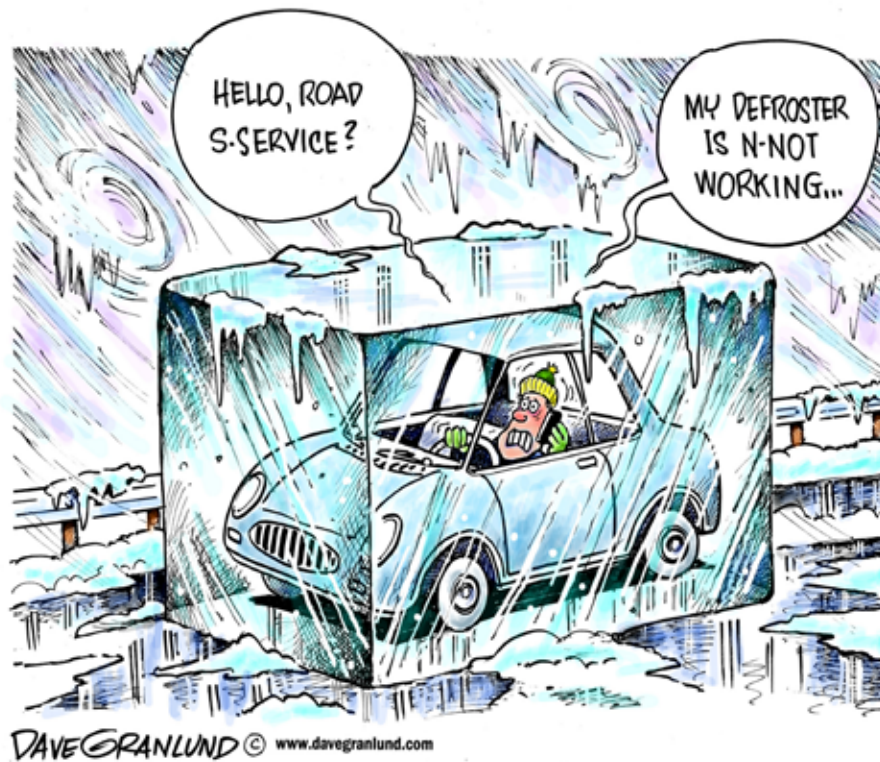
For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium.

Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000 or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more.

How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount) could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements by visiting this Medicare website at www.cms.gov/newsroom/factsheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If people have questions about their Medicare premiums, help is available by emailing SSadvisor@amacfoundation.org or calling 1-888-750-2622.

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I received an email from a Hampden resident on Dec. 6. She reported a bald eagle perched in tree in her backyard. She said, "The adult bald eagle sat in the tree for a while, then swooped over my house to the north. This was the first time I had a sighting of a bald eagle in my yard."



Bald eagle

I saw an adult bald eagle perched in a tree by a field along Route 67 in New Braintree on Jan. 17. It is always a thrill to see an eagle.

The bald eagle is a large 31 inch long dark bird with a white head and white tail. Immature eagles have dark feathers with white mottling on the wings and tail and variable amounts of white on the belly. They keep their immature plumage for four years.

Eagles eat mostly fish and birds. They also will eat carrion and some mammals like rabbits. The female lays one to three bluish white eggs in a massive platform nest of sticks and vegetation lined with moss and grasses. These nests are placed on cliff ledge or in the fork of a tree.

Eagles congregate at feeding areas in late winter and early spring. They inhabit coasts, lakes and large rivers. The eagle has a repeated piercing scream given between a pair and a rapid series of chirps given at the nest. Eagle populations are recovering from series declines due to the use of DDT, which caused thinning of their egg shells.

Bluebirds

A North Brookfield resident had half a dozen bluebirds at his feeder on Jan. 9. Another Hampden resident reported the

bluebirds were back in a Jan. 17 email. He said, "He puts out a container of warm water every morning and puts a scoop of critter food on the ground every morning."

Great blue heron

The same Hampden resident with the bluebirds said in Dec. 5 email a great blue heron "has been visiting my fish pond early mornings and late afternoons for the past couple of weeks. It has consumed over 20 goldfish in the three foot deep pond."

Pine warbler

A reader some time ago had a bird with a lot of yellow. She identified it as a pine warbler. She said she never had a pine warbler come to her nudget feeder before and she has lived there for 40 years. She also included a photo of a mocking bird sipping sap from a maple tree after the yellow bellied sapsucker made multiple holes in the bark.

Rescue of iced in loons

The Loon Preservation Committee reported, "On Dec. 14, [they] responded to a report from Weare Reservoir (aka Horace Lake) in Weare, New Hampshire. As the reservoir froze, a juvenile loon became trapped in a small (15 foot diameter) hole of open water. Fortunately, the opening was not far from shore and LPC Senior Biologist, John Cooley, was able to make his way out across the newly-formed ice to capture it. LPC staff then evaluated the loon, taking blood and x-rays. No problems were detected, and the loon was released onto the ocean that afternoon." The loon received two bands per leg in a unique color combination that will enable us to identify it if it returns to a New Hampshire lake in the future.

The LPC also reported, "That same night [Dec. 14], we received a call from volunteers on Franklin Pierce Lake. There, too, a juvenile loon was icing-in and with cold temperatures predicted overnight, its situation was not likely to improve. On Dec. 15, LPC staff headed to the lake. The loon was much further from shore than the loon on Weare Reservoir had been, but the ice was solid and we were able to capture the loon. The loon was given a physical examination on site and no obvious problems were detected. Because it was late in the day and we wanted to make

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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Jan. 14 through Jan. 20. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explain some calls police respond to daily. Of the calls police responded to, there were 15 incidents, seven accidents, one arrests/summons and 58 citations.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 14

12:13 a.m. – An officer got a call from a person that reported a former acquaintance was at the residence and they were breaking in. The officer found the residence to be secure and there was a previous call reporting the same thing. The reporting person was told how to get a restraining order.

11:41 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Daniel Shay's Highway. A vehicle struck a fire hydrant, and the operator left the scene. The underground pipe was exposed, and water department staff were on scene to make repairs. The officer was able to contact the involved driver who reported they thought they hit a curb. An immediate threat was filed against them.

2:38 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a juvenile who made threats. The officer met with the involved people. It was deemed there was no threat.

6:24 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Main Street. A vehicle traveling south on Main Street was rear ended by another vehicle. The operator reported they were looking at a business when they struck the vehicle in front of them.

7:21 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling east on State Street was unable to stop in time before striking a deer. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

8:36 p.m. – An officer responded to Federal Street for a report of a raccoon that was struck by vehicle. The officer found the animal was still alive. It was euthanized and removed from the roadway.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

1:46 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence to serve a 209A order and a suspension letter for the person's firearms license. The person was told they needed to surrender their LTC card. They had firearms located in another town and they were told to surrender those immediately.

2:49 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. Two vehicles were going north on North Main Street when one vehicle stopped to turn into a business. The second vehicle went into the breakdown lane and struck the side of the first vehicle as it tried to merge back into traffic. No injuries were reported.

6:59 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about a notice about credit card companies that were attempted to be taken out in their name, they said they hadn't applied for the cards and contacted their banks to alert them of the matter.

Thursday, Jan. 16

7:41 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Chestnut Drive. An operator was trying to clean off the windshield. The glass then became obscured because the cleaner froze on the windshield. The operator then tried to pull out into traffic and struck another vehicle. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

No injuries were reported.

11:09 a.m. – An officer and Belchertown fire and paramedics to the senior center for a report of a person who fell. The person declined medical assistance.

Friday, Jan. 18

1:18 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident in a parking lot. An unoccupied vehicle was parked in a parking lot when a second vehicle turned to leave the lot. The first vehicle was struck by the second. The operator then left the scene and later was in contact with the officer. They said they didn't know they struck the vehicle. Photos of the damage was taken. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

2:54 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A person said they were a victim of identity fraud last summer and in November, they got an email. They then got alerts that their identity was compromised. They found that someone tried to open a checking account. They were in contact with a credit bureau to the necessary steps.

Sunday, Jan. 19

7:33 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. A vehicle traveling east on Bay Road went to turn right onto Stebbins Road and lost control. The vehicle slid into a guardrail. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

Monday, Jan. 20

6 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 135 calls from Jan. 17 through Jan. 23. Those arrest-

ed are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.

Friday, Jan. 17

7:22 a.m. – A motorist reported a single car crash. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. The operator was issued a citation for a marked lanes violation.

11:26 a.m. – A resident came to the station to report an attempted scam.

11:56 a.m. – A motorist reported a minor 2-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

Saturday, Jan. 18

11:37 a.m. – A motorist reported that they struck a deer. There were no injuries.

Monday, Jan. 20

10:44 a.m. – A resident and a passing motorist reported a structure fire. Granby Fire, Belchertown Fire and South Hadley Fire responded. The fire was extinguished. The road was closed temporarily. There were no injuries.

2:46 p.m. – A motorist reported a single vehicle rollover accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

8:42 a.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident at the rotatory. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 23

3:39 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

5:32 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

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“My whole thing is I want to hear what they want and see what they want to do in order to make it happen.”

TAB is open to grades seven through twelve, and is most busy during the school year, as over the summer the library has a program for junior volunteers.

TAB is relaxed and laid back, and is open to every teens, accepting them no matter what, creating a space where the teens can speak up about what they want, and be heard.

“TAB has grown every month since September, and it means a lot to me to be able to help with TAB because when I was a teen, I wanted my ideas and thoughts to be heard, too,” said Sterling. “TAB is a place where that can happen.”

Sterling has been doing teen programming since her junior year at UMASS Amherst, when she started a writing program for teens at the library, then took

over as the full-time teen services coordinator in March of 2020.

For the past five years, Sterling has helped to create an environment where everyone who goes feels ready to learn and grow as people, and also as blossoming young adults, learning about themselves and others around them in a warm and welcoming environment.

“I like being involved in the town, and the library,” said TAB member JenaRose, who has been a part of the happenings of TAB since before she was of the “teen” age requirement.

“I like doing the cards, and anything that I can do to help the community. It's why I'm also in the 4-H groups and it really helps me feel a part of it, and like I'm making a difference,” said JenaRose.

No matter who you are, there is place a place for you, and you can take the time to do a craft, and be with people your age, while you navigate life in a place you will always belong.

Local nonprofit offers \$1,000 scholarship

BELCHERTOWN/GRANBY – Local charitable organization Nick's Waves of Change is holding a special scholarship program of \$1,000 towards college for two students.

Nick's Waves of Change was created by Nicholas R. Boileau who passed away from acute myeloid leukemia in 2021, and in his memory, the organization strives to create “waves of change” throughout the community.

One student from Nick's alma mater, Belchertown High School, and one to another high school senior in Western Massachusetts that matches the qualifications will receive the scholarship.

The application can be found on their website, www.nickswavesofchange.org under the “Scholarship Opportunities” tab, as well as requirements for the grant award. Applications are due to be completed by April 17, 2025.

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sure the loon had plenty of daylight to explore and get acquainted with its new surroundings, we opted to have the loon stay overnight with wildlife rehabilitator Maria Colby of Wings Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. We banded it and released it onto the ocean at Odiorne

Point the following morning.”

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'POLAR PLUNGE'

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reminder that the very idea of trying something is an attempt worthy of recognition.

The Special Olympics hosts Polar Plunges all across the state, and the money raised goes towards providing sporting opportunities for people of all ages with no limitations.

"There's a million people jumping into freezing cold water to show they're brave in the attempt," said Amanda Hulbert a representative of the Special Olympics.

Last year, the organization raised \$1 million, and this year the goal is \$1.4 million, and they are looking forward to a new year of sports for all who came.

Arc Point Brewing Co., the Belchertown Police Officers Association headed by Officer Vinny Daponte, Stop and Shop, McCarthy's Pub, and more came together to raise funds and take the plunge into the freezing water for this organization.

"The is the first annual, and we are having it next year, and it'll be even bigger," said LJ Jedrey, a veteran Belchertown police officer. "I am so happy at how many people came

up even today in the cold to jump in that water."

Special Olympics Athlete and winner of several medals, and acting Inclusion Director, Nate Myhrum, came up to say, "If you can do the plunge or support the plunge, you are supporting a lot of people."

More than twenty people came to take the plunge, and teams from Stop and Shop, the police department, "Freezin' for a Reason", Arcpoint Brewing Co., Country Bank, Beer Bro's of Mass, and many other singles jumped into the water, sharing the sentiment that yes, they really are all freezing for a reason.

Members of the Belchertown Fire Department were also present in gear to act as water safety assistants, staying the whole time in the freezing water to help people out of the 4-foot pool, and to keep everyone's safety in check.

The event was a very successful one for the Massachusetts Special Olympics, and despite red noses, the freezing cold, and icicles and peo-



There goes Teddy Nadeau, jumping in with the best duck outfit you've ever seen.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
The strawberry and banana were almost frozen.

ples' hair, there were warm smiles galore, as the community came together to support a worthy cause.



Aida O'Brien singing at the Clapp Memorial Library, glad to sing in her home town.

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played at the Belchertown Fair when I was seven or eight. I would always be playing just at home, or for family friends. I had lots of opportunities to perform pretty early on," said O'Brien.

She found a special appreciation for folk rock and Americana, developing her music style around artists like artists Donna the Buffalo and Jenny Sterns from Ithica, New York, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, The Grateful Dead, and Hooray for the Riff Raff.

"My inspiration comes from a variety of things, but often from friendship and romantic relationships, family, and definitely a lot about mental health and gender identity and being a queer person," said O'Brien.

O'Brien identifies as a queer and trans woman and has explored and shared her gender identity through song, one of which, "I Know You Know" shares her

feelings around her identity.

"This is the one I express the most directly how I feel about being a trans woman, and I think it communicates my experience really well about the early stages of coming out," said O'Brien.

Her song "Girl in the Blue Dress," was a song she wrote in high school about a prom date she was close with. The song describes her love for her, and it slowly began to take on a new meaning as she discovered more of herself.

"It was partially about her, and partially about me. As I've grown into who I am now and my gender identity, it feels like the meaning of the song has evolved with that, and I think now it describes who I am pretty well while also being a long song for someone else," said O'Brien.

"I love when my songs have a connection with the people listening to them, and I think that when somebody tells me that my song has helped them, that's

really important to me. It's a very direct way to connect with people, and I appreciate that."

O'Brien came to the Clapp Memorial Library to share her music, and dozens of her dear friends and family came to support her and listen to the melodies she created.

"It means so much to me, and I couldn't do this if I didn't have people coming out to my shows," said O'Brien. "It's awesome because I know when I perform I'll have a lot of my friends or family members in the same place, and that's really special."

You can find her music available for purchase on BandCam, or listen to it on subscriptions like Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube.

You can find her website with details on her next shows and more about her at www.aidaobrien.com, and on Instagram under @obrien.aida.

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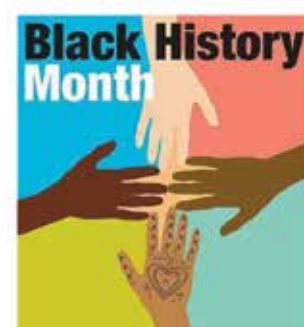
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The fruits and veggies ready to jump in from the Stop and Shop team.



The guys from Arcpoint Brewing Co. ready to make a splash.

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Hold your breath- its gonna be cold!



TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Wearing a tutu and jumping in from Freezin' for a Reason.



Waiting in line, toes freezing on the cold parking lot.



LJ Jedrey sharing an important safety brief with the Belchertown firefighters in yellow.

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Sandra Auld

Sandra Auld, surrounded by love, passed away ever so gracefully and peacefully on Jan. 23, 2025 after a long and courageous battle with Cancer.



Born in Holyoke in 1950 to Thomas C Auld Jr and Mabel Eva (Mahoney) Auld, she attended Holyoke public schools graduating from Holyoke High School in 1968. She went on to attend Holyoke Community College completing her A.A. in 1970 and later attaining her Master's degree at Cambridge College. Sandra is predeceased by both of her parents, two brothers Thomas "Tinker" Auld, Lawrence "Larry" Auld, her sister Heather Brown, her niece Cheryl Simanski, nephew Daniel Brown and by her great nephew Casey Brown.

She leaves her beloved family who will miss her dearly niece Jill Hoomes of Denver, CO and nephew Toby Brown (Teeka), of Belchertown, along with five great nieces and nephew, Brett Brown (Nicole), Tiffany Besse (Isaias), Cody Brown (Nora), Daniel Simanski and Hale Hoomes, and eight great-grand nephews and nieces, Isaias, Angelise, Roman, Oliver, Autumn, Callan, Salina and Jordan, as well as many cousins and long time friends from the places she has lived, work, groups and organizations, churches and travels.

During college she held several part time jobs, eventually taking up customer service with a variety of local manufacturing companies, including Ludlow Corp and James River Graphics, finally switching to Purchasing and joining Tubed Products, a division of McCormick & Co. in Easthampton, MA. She transferred to Maryland to work in McCormick headquarters and then joined Reckett-Benkiser located in New Jersey to be closer to home in New England, finally returning to Massachusetts and family in 2018 to retire.

She enjoyed traveling around the world, including Cuba, Europe, Kenya, and Mexico for work, pleasure and church mission trips. Sandra worked actively with Habitat for Humanity in the U.S. and Mexico, and supported the Heifer Project from a very young age. A lifelong alpine skier, she shared her love of the sport, teaching several ski programs and many individuals over her many years at Ski Butternut in Great Barrington making lifelong friends of her fellow instructors and students.

Sandra was seen as a gifted writer with a wicked sense of humor, a sharp wit, and a powerful pen. She and her hearty laugh will be greatly missed by her friends in her Cancer Connection writing and improv groups, who will treasure their time with her forever. Sandra was a kind and generous friend who spent her time uplifting and supporting others at every opportunity. The world has lost a dear, strong, beautiful woman.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by a Service of Remembrance at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Burial will be held privately in the spring. Donations may be made in her memory to the following organizations: Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) 14 Pennsylvania Plaza Suite 2110 New York, NY 10122, Cancer Connection 41 Locust St. Northampton, MA, Habitat For Humanity, The Heifer Project.

Russell Gerald Balut



BELCHERTOWN—Russell Gerald Balut, 80, passed away on January 16, 2025 with his family by his side. Russell was born in Brooklyn, NY and spent his formative years in Adams, MA.



He graduated from Adams Memorial High School in 1962 and went on to earn an Associates of Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Russell honorably served his country in the US Navy aboard the USS Essex during the Vietnam Era.

Most recently, Russell worked as a mechanic for the US Postal Service. Upon his retirement in 2011, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, fishing and tinkering with his "inventions".

Russell was preceded in death by his father William Balut, his aunts Mary Dunaj and Helen Sadlo and his uncle August Balut. He is lovingly remembered and survived by his wife of over

46 years, MaryAnn (St. John) Balut; his daughter Jennie DiFelice, and son-in-law Andrew; his son Timothy Balut and daughter-in-law Melinda; grandchildren Elizabeth and Nicholas DiFelice and Maeve and Emma Balut. Additionally, his cousin John Sadlo and his wife Janet.

Family and friends are invited to attend a service of remembrance to honor Russell's life on Friday, February 7, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Villa Rose 1428 Center St. Ludlow, MA.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly suggests that contributions in Russell's memory be made to: The Belchertown Fire Association via check mailed to PO Box 1043 Belchertown, MA 01007, or to Hospice of the Fisher Home via check made out to "Fisher Home" 1165 North Pleasant St. Amherst, MA 01002 or online at www.fisherhome.org.

Frederick Francis Owen, Jr.



Sunrise February 14, 1948 - Sunset January 22, 2025

Frederick "Ricky" Francis Owen, aged 76, of Belchertown, Massachusetts passed away at home on Jan. 22, 2025 with his loving family gathered around him. He was born on Feb. 14, 1948 in Ludlow, Massachusetts, to Frederick and Edythe Brown Owen.



His family always said he was born on Valentine's Day because his heart was so big. Ricky grew up in Belchertown, graduated from Belchertown High School, Class of 1967, and raised his family in the community he loved. He worked at Kanzaki Papers, then continued his education at Holyoke Community College, going on to work as a Real Estate Agent, and finally as part-owner of Jasper's Restaurant in Belchertown. He spent his final years peacefully and happily at his daughter and son-in-law's home, Waldron Mountain, in Belchertown. Ricky lived a life full of love, kindness, compassion, and laughter. He doted on his beloved wife of 57 years, Natalie, and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Ricky was fun-loving and always ready to go on an adventure; his favorite destination was the White Mountains, New Hampshire where he'd traveled with his parents and siblings as a child, and then took his own children and grandchildren camping every summer, teaching them to swim in the coldest waters at Lower Falls and hike to the top of Mount Washington. Ricky also loved bringing his children and then grandchildren to Disney World, and visiting California while his son resided there as a musician; Catalina Island was one of his favorite places. He experienced Mardi Gras in New Orleans,

skied Lake Tahoe, and visited Russia with his wife Natalie to explore her roots. Just before his illness, Ricky and Natalie had three wonderful years travelling in their RV, spending winters in Florida and summers on the coast of Maine. Ricky also enjoyed singing, dancing with his wife, playing the guitar, listening to music-everything from Frank Sinatra to James Taylor-or watching old movies, from musicals to mysteries. Ricky had many pets over the years and loved animals of all kinds, especially his wire-haired fox terrier, Tuck, who was with him to the end. Ricky was a member of the Belchertown Historical Society and the Friends of Quabbin. He loved the Belchertown Fair and missed it only once in his 76 years. Ricky was predeceased by his loving parents, Edythe and Frederick Francis Owen; brother, Terrence "Moose" Owen; sister Cheryl Opalenik; and sister, Judythe Snyder. He is survived by his loving wife, Natalie; daughter Tamatha and her husband Wayne Waldron; son Jason Owen and his partner Rebecca Karkut; grandchildren Nina and her partner Pat, Mia and her husband Brandon; great-grandchildren Alaric, Zara, and Torin; sister Pamela Owen; niece and nephew Kari Bachand and Eric Opalenik and their families; and extended family and friends from Belchertown, throughout the state, and across the country. The family held a private viewing at Beers and Story Funeral Home, and a Celebration of Ricky's Life will be held at the family home at a later date. To honor Ricky's memory, donations may be made to Bark in Belchertown or any local animal shelter, or the American Heart Association.

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ADMIN from page 1

Selectboard member Glenn Sexton said the board had a "difficult decision to make," but that was "a good thing in this case with the people in front of us."

Selectboard Chair Crystal Dufresne said that Poreda would need to give 90 days' notice to her employer, prompting the question of what would be done when Town Administrator Chris Martin retired on Jan. 24.

She called Martin who said he would be willing to help whether the town appointed the police chief or Assistance Town Administrator Kathy Leonard to the position.

Dufresne said Poreda was also asked if she could start working part time.

"She did say she was willing to discuss it but would need to discuss it with her superintendent and school committee before making a formal commitment if we go that route," Dufresne said.

Sexton said he admired that Poreda would be honoring her contract and current employers.

Selectboard member David Labonte

said he believed Poreda had experience that would transfer to the town administrator job.

"She has a lot of school background, a lot of administrative background. I think she's a prime candidate," he said.

Sexton said while it's hard to shy away from a candidate like Durham, he had concerns.

"My main concern with Mike is that he mentioned how long he'd be around for, which he said was two contracts," he said, "That's six years. I don't know if I want to have the selectboard look into another town administrator in five or six years."

Labonte said he was impressed with Durham's resume.

"I did have concern he wouldn't be here for longer terms," he said. "We don't know if there any guarantees with any of the candidates that are available now."

Dufresne said Durham would need more experience such as a procurement certificate and learning the Massachusetts General Laws.

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Liam White seeks to clear the puck.

Ludlow hockey plays to 3-3 tie

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday night, the Ludlow High School hockey team, which co-ops with Belchertown, battled to a 3-3 draw with host West Springfield. Tannar Severyn had two goals in the matchup for the Lions. Owen Kumiega would notch the other score for the Lions. Charles Fijal, Michael Rubin, and Nick Deroin all had assists. Peter LeBorgne had 20 saves for Ludlow. The Lions are 5-5-4 heading into the final stretch of the regular season.



Tannar Severyn tries to work his way out of the back end of the ice.



Evan Dias follows through on a shot.



Charles Fijal makes his way up the ice after making a recovery on defense.



Sean Kefalas makes a play on defense.



Peter LeBorgne makes a play in goal.

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Indians snap Rams win streak



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Sawyer Clarke goes for the open layup.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Having already clinched at least share of the Bi-County West League title for the third consecutive year, the Granby boys' basketball team made the 25-minute trip to Ware High School last Thursday evening looking to win the league title outright.

The Indians, who are currently in second place in the league standings, put a damper on the Rams celebration plans with a 58-47 victory at Paul Orszulak Gymnasium.

"Granby is a talented basketball team and they're well coached, so we do have a lot of respect for their program," said Ware head coach Gene Rich. "I'm very proud of the way that my guys played in tonight's game. This is an outstanding win for our basketball program."

Granby, who saw their five game winning streak come to an end, had a 9-3 overall record and an 8-1 league record following the road loss. Their other two losses also took place on the road against Belchertown and Duggan Academy.

Ware (8-3, 9-2), who lost at Granby, 59-46, on January 11,

hasn't won a league title since 2019.

The Indians can tie for this year's league title if they can beat archrival Palmer on the road and if the Rams lose at Monson. Both of those league games are scheduled to be held on Friday night.

"We prevented Granby from winning the league title outright in our gym, which just feels amazing" said Ware junior center Jack Gaudreau. "We still have a chance to tie them for first place. All of us have been playing basketball together for a long time and this is a very special team."

Gaudreau scored eight of his game-high 21 points during the first quarter with the help of three inside hoops and a pair of free throws, which helped the Indians build a 13-9 lead entering the second quarter.

It was the tenth time this season that Gaudreau has reached double digits. He scored a season-high 24 points in a win at Franklin Tech at the beginning of the regular season. He also scored 22 points in a home victory versus Southwick in the middle of January.

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Pioneers fall at Monson

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— In their only meeting of the regular season against Pathfinder Tech, the Monson boys' basketball team played very well both offensively and defensively, especially in the first half.

Holding a 40-12 halftime lead, the Mustangs put it into cruise control during the second half leading to a 58-38 road victory over the Pioneers, last Friday night.

"We normally don't get to use the press defense very often in our league games, but we felt like we would be able to use it in tonight's game," said Monson head coach Zach Dreher. "We were able to create some turnovers in the first half, which helped us build a large lead. We also had the chance to play our reserve players in the second half. It was a good opportunity for those guys to get some experi-

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Cayden Bousquet heads into the paint.

SPORTS

T-Birds fall in shootout

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (18-17-2-2) got a combined eight points from their top line but ultimately fell in a shootout by a 4-3 score to the Providence Bruins (23-13-3-1) last Saturday night before a seventh sellout crowd this season at the MassMutual Center.



T-Birds captain Matthew Peca got the capacity crowd energized just 3:48 into the first period, taking a slip pass from Matt Luff in the high slot and wiring a shot over Brandon Bussi's blocker to give Springfield the 1-0 advantage.

Springfield carried over their strong special teams night on Friday by dispatching the Bruins' lone power play of the first period, but the Providence attack kept pressing the issue. Georgii Merkulov evened the slate at 13:35 with a one-touch finish from just outside the blue paint, beating Vadim Zherenko upstairs to tie the score 1-1.

Neither team generated much offense in the closing minutes of the period, and the tie game carried into period two, with Providence outshooting Springfield 10-6 in the opening 20 minutes.

The Bruins vaulted to their first lead just 1:59 into the second period when Frederic Brunet found a home with a point shot off a faceoff play, making it 2-1. The T-Birds had a golden chance to get back in the game as they went to a 4-on-3 power play shortly after the Brunet tally, but Bussi and the Providence penalty killers held the fort.

Later in the frame, with Providence on a power play, Ian Mitchell rocketed a one-timer past Zherenko, and the visitors' lead grew to 3-1 at 11:04 of the

frame. In desperate need of a spark, Peca and the top line provided one at 15:32 when the captain entered the zone and lifted a shot over the net. Fortunately enough, the puck careened right to the side of the goal, where MacKenzie MacEachern jabbed it through Bussi to bring Springfield back to within a goal, 3-2. With the good fortune, the veteran winger picked up his fifth goal in his last nine games.

On the very next shift, MacEachern and Peca were at it again, with the captain spotting MacEachern behind the net, and the winger blindly throwing a perfect pass in front of the goal to Luff, who mashed it home before Bussi could position himself and, thanks to two goals in just 18 seconds, the game was tied, 3-3, heading into the third.

Springfield kept pressing in the final period, but Bussi and the top defensive squad in the AHL kept the home side from gaining the advantage. Zherenko was also up to the challenge, stopping five shots in the third, including a dangerous close-in chance for Fabian Lysell in the dying minutes.

3-on-3 overtime proved to be a showcase of the two netminders' skills, as Bussi and Zherenko traded spectacular saves during the frenetic five-minute frame. Each team had four chances to ice the game, but thanks to the goalies, a shootout would be needed.

Merkulov ultimately made the difference, beating Zherenko in the opening round of the skills competition, while Bussi turned away Tanner Dickinson, forced Luff to hit a post, and then stonewalled Dalibor Dvorsky to earn the extra point for Providence.

Worcester's point streak ends in loss at Maine

PORTLAND, Me. — Worcester's eight-game points streak, second-longest in team history, ended here Friday night via a 4-2 loss to the Maine Mariners. The Railers fell behind very early, eventually trailed by 3-0, and were never able to summon the energy to come all the way back.

"I thought they were flat," coach Nick Tuzzolino said. "I thought they were emotionless in the first period. It was not my favorite game with that group."

The defeat was part of a bad standings night for Worcester. Two teams trailing them in the battle for the fourth playoff spot both won. Maine closed to within five points of Worcester and has three games in hand. Reading, suddenly very hot, also won.

The Royals are 5-0-1 in their last six games. They are just

one point behind Worcester. Both teams have played 40 games.

Griffin Luce and Jordan Kaplan had the Worcester goals. Luce's was his fifth of the season, extending a career high.

Jacob Hudson, Tristan Thompson, Owen Pederson and Nick Jermain scored for Maine. Hudson made it 1-0 a mere 67 seconds into the game as the Railers got off to a tentative start.

Once again a Railers game was stagnated by goal reviews. There were two. Both went against Worcester. One was an overture of a floating shot by Kaplan that went over goalie Maine goalie Ryan Bischel's glove with Griffin Loughran in front in the first period.

Right after that, Thompson scored a power play goal that looked like Michael Bullion

was interfered with. That goal held up.

It was a game of hard feelings. There were 23 penalties called good for a combined total of 84 minutes, a season high.

Luce's goal came at 6:07 of the third period. It cut the Maine lead to 3-1 and was scored only 21 seconds after Pederson's goal. Kaplan scored on a pretty wraparound at 14:40 for the game's final goal.

Bischel got the win as he stopped 27. Bullion made 28 saves for Worcester.

Recent Railers games have been overrun with goal reviews and it really takes away from the flow and momentum. Worcester's last eight games have averaged 2 hours, 37 minutes. That is well above standards from past seasons.

Jack Baldwin to take part in modified tour this season

Tommy Baldwin Racing announced Wednesday that Jack Baldwin will pilot the historic 7NY in over 20 Tour-Type Modified events during the 2025 season.

The bulk of the races will come on the SMART Modified Tour - as Baldwin will compete in the full 14-race calendar driving the 7NY. Jack has two SMART Modified Tour starts to his credit, scoring 5th and 8th place finishes in 2024.

Jack will also compete in the Tour-Type Modified events at New Smyrna Speedway's World Series of Asphalt Stock Car

Racing from February 10-14, along with end of the season events at Riverhead Raceway (Islip 300) and Wall Stadium Speedway (Turkey Derby). Additional events may be announced at a later date.

Jack is the reigning 602 Modified champion at New Smyrna and has multiple 602 Modified wins. In 2025, he will chase his first career Tour-Type win.

"Jack has run select events the last few years but we're excited to have him a full season in the Tour-Type Modifieds to continue to gain experience and refine

his skills behind the wheel," team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. said. "He will be running against stout competition in every race he runs."

"I'm definitely excited to get the chance to race on the SMART Modified Tour full-time," Jack said. "Watching the series the last few years, you can tell the racing is tight and the competition is unlike anything else when it comes to Modified racing in the south. Driving the 7NY and working with our family team all year will be special. Excited to kick it off with Speedweeks at New Smyrna."

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"I've scored a few more points in two other games this season, but I played with a lot of confidence in tonight's game," said Gaudreau, who also plays soccer and baseball. "We moved the ball very well

offensively and we also played with a lot of energy."

Back-to-back jumpers by Granby senior guard Riley Goodhind (9 points) tied the score for the fourth time at 13-13 less than two minutes into the second quarter. Then senior guard Cody Breault (12 points) knocked down a 3-pointer from the left corner giving the visiting team its only lead of the game.

With 6:12 left in the first half, Gaudreau made a lay-up and added a free throw which started a 14-3 Ware run.

The Indians retook the lead at 19-16 when senior guard Jason Mumper buried a 3-pointer from the right corner. Senior forward Justin Grout (9 points) followed with a foul-line jumper.

Then Breault, who made a total of four 3-pointers in the game, buried his second 3-pointer closing the gap to two

points.

The Indians second quarter run continued with a Gaudreau inside hoop, a Grout base-line lay-up and two free throws from junior forward Brady Guimond (5 points), which increased their lead to 27-19 with 1:46 left in the first half.

With 1.8 seconds showing on the scoreboard clock, Granby senior guard Gavier Fernandez Jr. made two foul shots cutting the Rams deficit to six points at halftime.

Fernandez, who scored 28 points in the first meeting of the regular season against Ware, scored 14 of his team leading 20 points during the second half of last Thursday's contest.

Gaudreau began the second half by making his first 3-pointer of the season from the right side.

With 4:40 left in the third quarter, the Rams were trailing, 30-26 following back-to-back lay-ups by Fernandez.

The Indians responded with a 3-pointer from junior forward Alex Orszulak (5 points). He also made an inside hoop before senior guard Owen McKeever knocked down a 3-pointer pushing the lead into double digits (38-28) for the first time.



Gavier Fernandez is pressured as he goes for the basket.



Cody White gets a shot on the hoop.



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Raymond Colon looks to get around a Ware guard.

Just like he did at the start of the third quarter, Gaudreau ended the quarter by sinking another 3-pointer giving the home team a 45-34 advantage entering the final eight minutes.

Ware built a 15-point lead early in the fourth quarter after junior guard Brodi Koczur bur-

ied a 3-pointer and Grout made a free throw.

The Rams then put-together a 10-0 run. With 2:30 remaining in regulation, Fernandez made a steal leading to a lay-up, which sliced the Rams deficit to 49-44. Grout ended Granby's run with an

inside hoop.

With his team holding a 51-46 lead, Koczur hit another 3-pointer.

Koczur, whose older brother, Drew, was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, scored all ten of his points during the final quarter. He made four foul shots during the final seconds, which sealed the victory and helped the Indians keep their league title hopes alive for another week.

PATHFINDER from page 11

ence playing in a varsity game.”
 Three years ago, Monson lost a home game to Pathfinder Tech, 43-39, at the end of the regular season.

The Mustangs defeated the Pioneers, 84-57, last year, which was also played at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium.

Seven of the ten players listed on this year’s Mustangs varsity roster scored at least two points in last Friday night’s non-league game.

Leading the way offensively for the Mustangs was freshman Trey Dillahunt, who scored 16 of his game-high 20 points before halftime.

Dillahunt, who has been a member of the varsity basketball team since he was in the seventh grade, entered the road game with 956 career points. The plan is for him to score his 1,000th career points at home against Hampshire Regional on Wednesday night.

“Trey only needs 24 more points to reach 1,000,” Dreher said. “We’ll be playing another road game against Baystate Academy on Tuesday night, but we’re hoping that he does it at home the following night against Hampshire. I’ve talked to Trey about it, I think it’s going to be a little more special for him if it does take place in a home game. He’s a very special basketball player.”

Dillahunt, who scored a game-high 24 points in last season’s meeting against the Pioneers, didn’t make any 3-pointers in this year’s contest.

He was aided by junior Jake Beaupre, who scored 10 of his 16 points before halftime with the help of four 3-pointers. Beaupre scored a career-high 30 points in an 85-69 win at Southwick three days earlier.

The junior duo of Austin Meacham and Shane Szado chipped in with eight points apiece.

The other three Mustangs scorers were sophomore Kyle Beaudry (3 points), sophomore Brennan Peterson (2 points), and senior Tyler Labonte (1 point).

While the Mustangs, who are members of the Bi-County West Division, had a 7-4 overall record following the road win, the Pathfinder Tech had a 1-9 record.

The Pioneers played very well during the final 16 minutes of the contest, as they outscored the Mustangs, 26-18.

Pathfinder Tech junior Aiden Girard scored eight of his 11 points during



Dustyn Cook flies for a shot.



Matthew Vanasse goes for the tip.



Cassian Kowalik holds the ball back before taking a shot.

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the first half, while sophomore Cayden Bousquet netted all 11 of his points in the second half.

Junior Dustyn Cook added eight points for the home team, while freshman Cassian Kowalik scored five points, and freshman Jordan Mbi made a 3-pointer with less than a minute remaining in the game for his only points.

Kowalik, along with sophomore Ian Sauri-Nieves, and freshman Grayson Griswold, are from Monson.

“We do have a couple of players from Monson,” said Pathfinder head coach Ethan Ortyl. “They were very excited to play against their hometown high school tonight.”

The score was tied 2-2 before the Mustangs pulled away with the help of a 24-2 run.

Dillahunt and Beaupre combined to score 15 of those points.

Meacham contributed five points with

a 3-pointer and a put-back hoop.
 The Mustangs were leading 26-4 after Szado made a pair of free throws with 56.9 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Pioneers closed out the opening quarter with Girard sinking a 3-pointer from the top of the key and a lay-up from Cook.

The Mustangs outscored the Pioneers, 14-3, in the second quarter.

Trailing by 28 points at the start of the second half, the Pioneers played very well in the second half.

“Monson is one of the best teams that we’ve this season. We did make some adjustments at halftime, and we executed a lot better during the second half,” Ortyl said. “These guys always play hard no matter what the score in the game might be.”

Kowalik and Bousquet began the second half with back-to-back lay-ups.

A couple of minutes later, Girard hit

a 3-pointer from the left corner, which closed the gap to 42-19.

The Mustangs finished the third quarter with a 13-4 run, and they entered the final quarter holding a comfortable 55-23 lead.

Dillahunt came out of the game with three minutes left in the third quarter and Labonte was the only Monson starter who played during the fourth quarter.

Bousquet scored nine of the Pioneers 15 fourth quarter points.

The only points scored by Monson during the final eight minutes of the contest was a Beaudry 3-pointer from the left corner.



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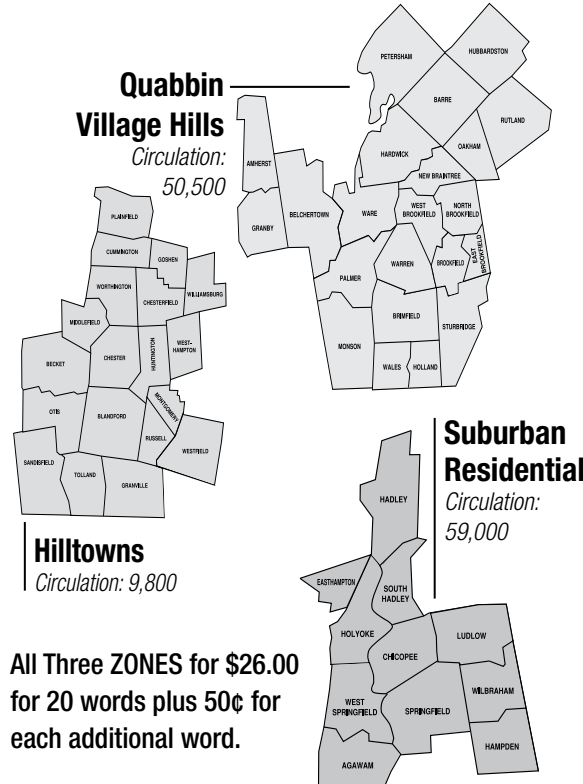
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HELP WANTED

TOWN OF BARRE

Cemetery Clerk

The Town of Barre is seeking qualified applicants for the part-time position of Cemetery Clerk. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and the minimum hourly rate is \$15.00/hour and the maximum hourly rate is \$18.02/hour. A full job description is available upon request. Applicants must have HS Diploma or GED, with a minimum of two to three years' experience in office setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to: **Tammy Martin, Town Administrator, 40 West Street, Suite 697, Barre MA 01005** or **townadmin@townof-barre.com**. For further information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at (978) 355-2504 x135. A.A. / E.O.E.

WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH is hiring a sexton three evenings, 7-10 hours per week, \$16 per hour. Additional compensation for hours needed for weddings and funerals.

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Granby nomination papers available

GRANBY—Any person interested in seeking elected office in Granby must take out nomination papers from the Town Clerk no later than March 27 to be placed on the May 19 ballot. Papers will be available for issuance starting on Jan. 27.

Candidates must collect signatures of 40 or more registered voters and return the nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, March 31.

Office Vacancies for Town Election, May 19, 2025

- **Select Board:** One for Three Years
- **Board of Assessors:** One for Three Years
- **Board of Health:** One for Three Years
- **Town Clerk:** One for Three Years
- **Planning Board:** One for Five Years
- **School Committee:** One for Three Years
- **School Committee:** Unexpired Term-One for Two Years
- **School Committee:** Unexpired Term-One for One Year
- **Commissioner of Burial Grounds:** One for Three Years
- **Library Trustees:** Three for Three Years

Calendar of dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Election: Monday, Jan. 27: Town Nomination

papers available

Thursday, March 27: Last day to obtain town nomination papers

Monday, March 31: Last day to file town nomination papers with

Board of Registrars for certification

Friday, March 28: Last day to file with Town Administrator for a Private Article for the May 12, Annual Town Meeting.

For a private warrant article to appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, a petitioner must acquire ten (10) signatures of registered voters in the town.

Monday, April 14: Last day the Board of Registrars file town nomination papers with the Town Clerk

Wednesday, April 16: Last day to withdrawal or object town nomination papers

Friday, May 2: Last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting & Annual Town Election

Monday, May 12: Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 19: Annual Town Election

Town Hall public hours are Monday-Thursday-9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon.

The Town Clerks office is located at 215 B West State St., If you have any questions please call Kathy Kelly-Regan at 467-7178.

Scantic River Artisans Exhibit 2025

HAMPDEN—Join us for a celebration of creativity and inspiration.

Scantic River Artisans will be holding a Big Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9. There will be a reception held on Sunday, Feb. 9 from noon to 2 p.m.

The event will be held at the Hampden Senior Center at 104 Allen Street.

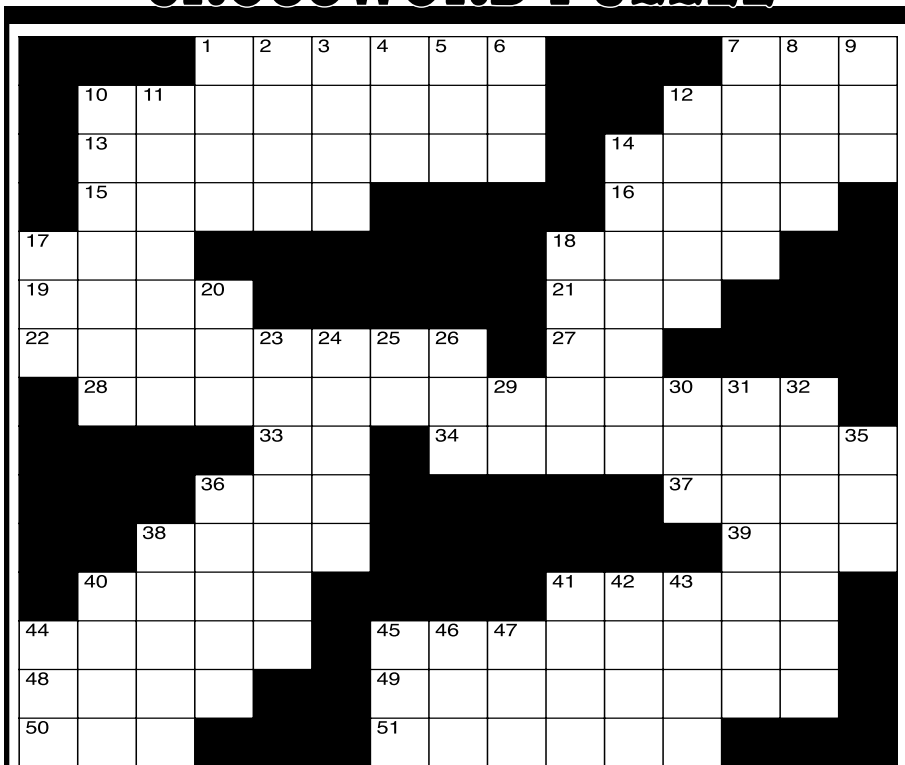
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CLUES ACROSS

- Where entertainers perform
- Miller beer variety
- Ageless
- River in SE Europe
- Able to be re-paired
- Type of wrap
- Atomic #54
- Type of tent
- U.S. Treasury position
- Opposed to
- Protective covering
- Bridge building degree
- Clouding of the lens
- Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- Unacceptable
- Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- American national

park

- One point south of due east
- Assist in a crime
- Greek mythological personification of Earth
- A major division of geological time
- German courtesy title
- English family dating back to Norman times
- Discounts
- South American nation
- Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- Hostile
- Passports and drivers licenses are two
- Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

- Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- Nevada city
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Bird's beak
- Language
- Midway between south and southeast
- Punjab village
- Small biting flies
- Sportscaster Patrick
- A way to get around
- Repeat
- A way to cook with fat
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Fir tree genus
- "Transformers"

director Michael

- Criminals who steal
- Genus of leaf-footed bug
- Music product
- "Talk to you"
- Santa says it three times
- Doctors' group
- African nation
- Ageless
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Worn
- Deprives of vigor
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Where you live
- Muslim ruler title
- Basics
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- Spanish soldier
- It precedes two
- Illuminated

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF GRANBY INVITATION FOR BIDS GRANBY JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL KITCHEN MECHANICAL SYSTEMS UPGRADES

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The Town of Granby is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms, pursuant to for the renovation of the kitchen and the updating of the heating and ventilation of the kitchen and cafeteria wing at the Granby Junior/Senior High School.

Estimated Construction Cost: **\$600,000**

Proposals Due: **Thursday, February 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**

Requests for bid documentation: will be available via email Todd Dorman **tdorman99@granbyschoolsma.net**

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following marked clearly on the outside: **Bid for the renovation of the kitchen and the updating of the heating and ventilation of the kitchen and cafeteria wing at the Granby Junior/Senior High School,** with the bidders name, business address and phone number and sent to Attn: Todd Dorman, Director of Finance and Operations, Town of Granby, 10 West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Bid documents will be available Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Pre-Bid walk through of the Granby Junior/Senior High School shall be held on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.** Please con-

tact Todd Dorman at 413-409-5393 or **tdorman99@granbyschoolsma.net** to verify your attendance at the tour. 01/30/2025

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Color: Blue

LKO: Bobbie Sanborn

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Belchertown, MA 01007

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