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Learn how to SAVE-A-LIFE

Clapp Memorial Library hosts CPR course

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BELCHERTOWN – Being able to know what to do in an emergency is an important part of life and taking that extra step to learn how to save a life is just as important.

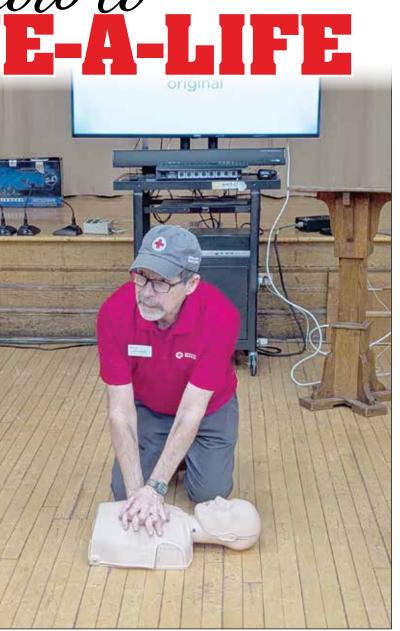
There is more than 350,000 cardiac arrests outside of a hospital annually and being able to know how to respond to these instances is life-saving.

The Clapp Memorial Library held a special event where people could come and take a Hands-Only CPR class with Bob Crowley last week at the Town Hall's Auditorium.

Crowley has been working with the American Red Cross Association since 2007 and has been teaching CPR classes since then.

"My brother-in-law was in Hospice care in VT. I went up to VT to help out and ended up working with the hospice nurse the weekend he passed away. I then wanted to volunteer after seeing the amazing work she did," said Crowley.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO It is important to maintain a rhythm with your chest compressions.

Selectboard reviews a new committee request

By Emily-Rose Pappas Staff Writer epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – The Selectboard held several appointments with members of the public, as well as reviewing various licenses and working on a new committee for the Junior/Senior High School regarding regionalization.

"When other towns are approached, the conversations with these towns should highlight the pros and cons."

– John Matthew

The February 10 meeting was held by Chair Crystal Dufresne, Clerk David A. Labonte, and member Glen N. Sexton, as well as Assistant Town Administrator Cathy Leonard, and Selectboard Clerk, Dayle Clark.

A new committee for the Junior/Senior High School

Leonard shared a letter regarding the finance committee and their report at the town meeting and has "recommended the town create a committee to look at the future of the Granby Junior Senior High School," said Leonard.

"We understand that the school department sent a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority sometime in early 2024," said Leonard, reading a letter from Deb and John Matthew, who are expressing interest to be a part of this committee.

John Matthew was present at the meeting, and came forward to speak at the meeting, sharing, "I think it's very important." He shared with the board the impor-

tance of starting this committee and had a conversation with the Selectboard on how to make it possible.

The board discussed the ideas of regionalization, and the processes and other factors that still need to be discussed with the Superintendent and School Committee would need to work with together to discuss.

In response to the idea of regionalization, it is something that they have considered, "but it is a town issue," Dufresne said, emphasizing the importance of making sure the people in the towns have a say.

"When other towns are approached, the conversations with these towns should highlight the pros and cons," said Matthew. "A committee would have the time."

Dufresne shard that forming the committee would require some more time, in order to come up with the committee name, and

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Belchertown seeking artwork for annual town report

on and in Belchertown. People

will do a lot of Quabbin things and

town buildings. Anything to do

with Belchertown," said Melissa

Shattuck, executive assistant to the

Town Manager and Selectboard.

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BELCHERTOWN – The town has been going through the work of highlighting and displaying the Every year since the 1960's, there have been special photos on the covers of the town reports in order to help brighten up the covers of the annual town reports.

Some of the earliest submitted photos come from 1971, and it helps to paint a picture of the peo "We're accepting things based

""It is something that we do every year, and I think it's a great opportunity for people to be able to represent who we are. It's something that people can look forward to and feel proud of what they did," to sketch out one of the buildings, take a photo on the common ground with all the fresh snow, or something else.

"I like seeing all the different selections, and the past couple of years we haven't seen many. I like getting the pictures because it gives a whole new feel to the town report

artistic talents of our community and is still working to provide that special touch for the people of the community. ple who lived in the town, and not just the content and statistics of the report. They were real people. and photographs that are unique to the town to be submitted to the Select Board to be used for the

said Shattuck.

cover.

There is no end to the creativity that can be involved in the process, whether you feel inspiration

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BCTV transitions to YouTube for video hosting

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Community TV (BCTV) is excited to announce a new chapter in how we share our content with the community. As of this month, BCTV has officially transitioned its video hosting platform from Sprout to YouTube. This change allows for a more dynamic and user-friendly experience, providing viewers with improved access to local programming anytime, anywhere.

"We're thrilled to bring our community meetings to YouTube, a platform that's already woven into the fabric of daily life for so many residents."

– Esther Glovacki

"We're thrilled to bring our community meetings to YouTube, a platform that's already woven into the fabric of daily life for so many residents. With this move we can meet residents where they are and begin to reduce barriers to accessing local government discussions."; says Esther Glovacki, BCTV General Manager.

Esther continues, «YouTube's robust search capabilities and playlist features will make finding content and meetings easier and can give residents quick access to a history of discussions that have been had on subjects they care about.»

The move to YouTube comes with a host of benefits for our loyal viewers. YouTube's advanced features make it easier than ever to navigate through BCTV's diverse collection of videos. Organized into curated playlists, our channel ensures you can quickly find the content that interests you most.

Whether you're looking to catch up on town meetings, stay informed about local events, or enjoy community-produced shows, there's something for everyone.

Some of our most popular playlists include:

Town Meetings: Stay informed with full coverage of Select Board meetings, Planning Board discussions, and other public forums.

Local Events: Relive moments from community celebrations, festivals, and parades that make Belchertown special.

Spotlight Features: Dive into programs highlighting local businesses, organizations, and individuals who make a difference in our town.

What's more, YouTube's accessibility means you can watch BCTV on virtually any device, whether

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all about Town BELCHERTOWN

Get To Know Your Town Employee: Anna Fenton

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 the Belchertown Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

What is your favorite thing about the town?

"My favorite thing about Belchertown is how folks have each other's back and help each other out."

What do you do in your position?

"In my position I enforce the town and state laws pursuant to animals. My department picks up stray dogs and reunites them with their owners. We ensure that dogs and cats are current on rabies vaccines per state law. We follow up with pet owners to make sure their dogs are licensed with the town. We respond to calls for injured wildlife and get them to a wildlife rehabber. We take in owner sur-



TURLEY PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNA FENTON Anna Fenton and Kirby, a friendly puppy who was adopted out in December.

renders and find these pets new homes. We have a pet food pantry for residents and nearby neighbors that is generously stocked by residents. At least twice a year we have a rabies and microchip clinic with Dr. Russo from Westbrook Vet Hospital that is generously sponsored by BARC, Inc. so that it's free to any pet owner that attends. I also work with the Massachusetts Animal Coalition to get grants for spay and neuters, and I also work with the MA Department of Agriculture."

Describe an average day at the office.

"The average day is never the same. Sometimes it entails answering phone calls and directing people to available resources. I respond to calls of animals "running at large" which could span from dogs to any sort of livestock since we are a farming community. I work on my budget to make sure that services I can provide and items I need are available along with access to training for my assistants."

Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident?

"I have been a resident of Belchertown since 2006."

What's your education?

"I attended the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts (ACOAM) training academy to become a certified Animal Control Officer. I take classes to earn continuing education credits to stay up to date with changes in animal laws and keep

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Belchertown announces board, committee vacancies

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Select Board is looking for citizens interested in sharing their expertise by serving on a Town Board/Committee. If you have time and are interested in getting involved in your Town's activities, please submit a letter of interest to: Select Board, The Finnerty House. One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to selectboard@ belchertown.org (unless otherwise indicated below). You may also submit a volunteer form on our website: https://www.belchertown. org/374/Volunteer

All vacancies are posted until filled.

The Town wishes to fill the following vacancies:

Agricultural Commission: The Town wishes to fill an associate member seat on the Agricultural Commission. This commission promotes agricultural-based economic opportunities; preserves, revitalizes and sustains the Belchertown agricultural industries, and encourages the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

Animal Control Advisory Board: The Town wishes to fill one (1) vacancy on the Animal Control Advisory Board. This board has the authority to conduct hearings as allowed in the Town's by-laws

and pose reasonable conditions as deemed appropriate. The ideal applicants may be a dog breeder, a dog trainer, a veterinarian, nonpet owner from the community, a medical professional specializing in emergency medicine, animal enthusiast or caregiver, pet owner and/or interested residents.

Belchertown Family Center Committee: The Belchertown Family Center Committee is seeking passionate, service-minded individuals to fill one (1) active voting member positions. This committee is charged with oversight of the Belchertown Family Center and its support programming for families, and is actively working to create a breadth of resources for our community.

Community Preservation Committee: The Town wishes to fill one (1) at-large seat on the CP Committee. The CP Committee studies the community presentation needs, possibilities and resources of the Town

Council on Aging: The Town wishes to fill one vacancy on the Council on Aging. Members of the Council on Aging coordinate programs and services for the elderly population and oversee the Belchertown Senior Center.

Energy and Sustainability Committee: The Town wishes to fill a full member vacancy on the Energy and Sustainability Committee. Its purpose is to develop and recommend sound energy and sustainability programs and policies for the Town. Energy relates to the fuel choices we make for buildings, vehicles, and industry. Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Visit their webpage at www.belchertown.org.

Historic District By-Law Commission: The Town wishes to fill (1) full member Real Estate seat on the Historic District By-Law Commission. The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park.

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board: The Town is seeking an individual to represent and serve as a Liaison to the Town of Belchertown on the PVTA Advisory Board. Interested individuals should have the time and desire to attend respective meetings in Springfield and periodically review the PVTA's services to the Town and its contiguous com-

munities.

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation / **Quaboag Valley Community** Development Corporation (OVCDC) Board Member: The Town is seeking an individual to represent and serve as a Liaison to the Town of Belchertown on the OVBAC to bring the concerns of Belchertown's residents and small business community forward to ensure that the services provided by the QVBAC/QVCDC are in line with the town's needs. The board member also helps disseminate information from the QVBAC board to Belchertown's residents and small business community, especially when there is a particular program or initiative they'd benefit from. While no business acumen is required, an interest in and or connections with Belchertown's small business community would be advantageous. Enthusiasm for Belchertown, and the ability to determine and communicate the interests of its residents are the most important qualifications. For more information about the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, please visit www.qvcdc.org.

March programs at CML

Jazzified Pop

On Friday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m., embark on a captivating musical journey with "Jazzified Pop," and immerse yourself in an evening that not only celebrates the enduring appeal of popular music but also delves into the boundless realms of jazz interpretation. From iconic melodies of The Beatles to the timeless tunes of Elvis Presley and the legendary tracks of Queen, both jazz enthusiasts and devoted lovers of pop melodies will experience an unforgettable night that showcases the power of musical innovation. This program will take place at the Belchertown United Church of Christ, 18 Park St. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Create Better Health

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, in partnership with SNAP-Ed, will offer a "Create Better Health" nutrition education program at the Clapp Memorial Library on Monday, March 10 at 6 p.m. Learn about Explore MyPlate healthy eating guidelines, learn to decipher the nutrition facts labels and how to make a budget-friendly meal, and get tips to add more exercise into your daily routine.

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. 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

Visit granbylibrary.com and

February vacation fun across local communities

The Belchertown Family Center compiled a list of fun activities for you to do with you family and friends over February Vacation Week at surrounding organizations.

The following contains their list of fun activities, and their Facebook post about them contains links for you to find more information about their locations, pricing, and more.

All Week:

- Children's Museum at Holyoke: Open Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm
- Eric Carle Museum: Open Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-5pm
- Nutshell Playhouse Presents: SpyJinks! (ages 3-10) Thursday, February 20th 11:00-11:45am
- Springfield Museums: Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm.
- Critter Crossing School Vacation Exhibits (included with regular admission)

Winterfest Activities - February 16-22.

Thursday, February 20

- New Tech Toy Petting Zoo, Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow (all day)
- Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup (ages 0-2), Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow (9:45am)
- Story Time and Play (ages 0-5), Jones Library, Amherst (10:30am)
- Visit with a Fairytale Character (Snow Queen), Wilbraham Public Library (10:30am)
- Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup (ages 2-5), Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow (10:45am)
- Art Workshop for Kids (grades 3-5), South Hadley Public Library (1:00pm)
- Make-It-Mini Create Lab (ages 2-10), Jones Library, Amherst (3:00pm)
- Lego Club (ages 12 and under), South Hadley Gaylord Memorial Library (3:00pm)

Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow (5:00pm)

- Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop (grades 6-12), Wilbraham Public Library (5:00pm)
- Wildlife on Wheels, Palmer Public Library (5:00pm)
- Tween Anime Club (ages 10-14), Palmer Public Library (6:00pm)

Friday, February 21

- Buildwave (Kindergarten grade 6), South Hadley Public Library (10:00am)
- Sing With Your Baby (ages 0-5), North Amherst LIbrary, (10:30am)
- Storytime with Local Author Dorka Fernandez, South Hadley Gaylord Memorial Library (10:30am)
- Upcycled Book Hedgehogs (upper elementary +), Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow (12:00pm
- Friday Online Club (ages 8-15), Hubbard Memorial Library,

2025 Belchertown Fair logo contest

BELCHERTOWN-The 166th Belchertown Fair will be held Sept. 19-21, 2025. The Fair and Parade Committee is excited to announce that this year's theme will be, "Shake, Cattle, and Roll." Special thanks to Casey Kibbe for the suggestion.

The Fair and Parade Committee now needs help from the many artistic members of our community. A logo is needed to represent the theme. Artwork must be digitally created with a minimum 300 dpi. Additionally, but not required, the following text can be included: 166th Belchertown Fair; Sept. 19-21, 2025; Shake, Cattle, and Roll. All submissions will become the property of the Friends of the Belchertown Fair for use on the Exhibit Hall handbook, volunteer bags, apparel, and other advertising materials as needed. The winning artist will receive recognition and a token of appreciation in the amount of \$50. There are no age limits. Please submit artwork for consideration to belchertownfair@gmail.com

Granby Library Children's Room Page on Facebook.

• Mill District General Store and • Third Thursday Sewing Club Local Art Gallery Wonderful

for tweens & teens (ages 9+),

Ludlow (5:00pm)



Inspiring Stories Share Impact of Care

WMAS Radiothon for **Baystate Children's** Hospital

SPRINGFIELD—The public is invited to join in the fun at the 24th annual 94.7 WMAS Radiothon for Baystate Children's Hospital at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on March 4 and 5 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Broadcasting live from the 94.7 WMAS studios, the Kellogg Krew will connect listeners with stories from patients, team members, and community members that are filled with hope, miracles, and the impact of Baystate Children's Hospital. Among the many stories shared will be Emilia Cecchetelli's, the 2025 Children's Miracle Network Ambassador for Baystate Children's Hospital. Four-year-old Emilia was born at 26 weeks and spent 143 days



in the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit fighting chronic lung disease and Craniosynostis, a condition which causes problems with normal brain and skull growth. Listeners will hear how she's doing today and how the care at Baystate Children's Hospital played a critical role in her life.

Attendees of the Radiothon will

be able to have their photo taken on the red carpet, make a donation, and get a sneak peek of the Kellogg Krew broadcasting live.

"Each year, I feel so inspired by the stories we are able to share and the families we are able to meet," said 94.7 WMAS' Chris Kellogg. "Baystate Children's Hospital plays such a critical role in our community, and we are happy to support it in any way we can."

There are many ways to donate. Listeners can visit WMASKids.com, text WMASKIDS to 51555, or call the Lia Auto Group Phone Bank at 413-794-1111 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 4 and 5.

"It really is incredible what our community can accomplish when we come together for an important cause," said Interim Vice President of Philanthropy, Baystate Health, and Executive Director, Baystate Health Foundation, Kathy Tobin. "As the only accredited, full-service children's hospital in western Massachusetts, the Radiothon helps provide vital funding for care that spans our region."

Baystate Children's Hospital is one of 170 fundraising Children's Miracle Network Hospitals across the country. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals are unique in that 100% of all money raised locally goes directly to Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield in support of children's health programs and services.

Major sponsors for the Radiothon include Hyundai Hope on Wheels, Lia Auto Group, Pioneer Valley Credit Union, Eversource, M&T Bank, City Tire, and PeoplesBank.

To make a donation online today, visit WMASKIDS.com, or for more information, email Event Manager Heather Clark at Heather.Clark2@ BaystateHealth.org.

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it's your phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV. Subscribing to the channel allows viewers to receive notifications when new content is uploaded, so you'll never miss an update.

One of the most exciting aspects of this transition is the constant addition of fresh content. "We are excited to find new ways to utilize short form video like YouTube Shorts. They will help us break down complex discussions into bite-sized updates, giving busy community members quick ways to stay informed and opportunities to get involved.", Esther says.

BCTV is dedicated to keeping our programming lineup current, with new videos being uploaded regularly. From breaking news in the community to seasonal features and original programming, there's always something new to discover.

Switching to YouTube also enables better sharing and interaction. Viewers can now easily share their favorite BCTV videos with friends and family, leave comments, and even engage with content creators. It's all part of our commitment to fostering a more connected and engaged community.

We encourage everyone to explore our new YouTube channel and see what's new at BCTV. Visit youtube.com/@BelchertownTV to start watching today, and don't forget to hit the "Subscribe" button to stay in the loop.

Thank you for continuing to support Belchertown Community TV. We look forward to serving the community better than ever through this exciting new platform!

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other than just having the seal."

The ability to have the town report feature not just the seal helps to provide a sense of unity on the report that is already prevalent within the community.

The town report's cover decorated with photos and artwork that bring out the uniqueness of the town is what makes a difference, and helps to create a picture of Belchertown as it is read about in the technical sense.

"I'm excited to see the different pictures that come through," said Shattuck. "I think it's a really good way to have the community feel like that can participate. They submit a photo and see it there and feel proud."

The art pieces and photos help to create a legacy for the town, and the people of 2035 can look back ten years at the 2025 report and see what we were up to.

The artwork or photos are required to be vertical, no smaller than five" x 7", and can be reproduced. A mailed in photo must have your name, address, and phone number written on the back of the photo.

Artwork or photographs submitted electronically are asked to be submitted as JPG, PNG, or GIF files, and once submitted, the artwork or photograph becomes the property of the Town of Belchertown.

Physical submissions should be brought to the Select Board's office or mailed to them by sending to The Select Board's Office, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown MA, 01007, or electronically shared to their email, selectboard@belchertown.org.

Submissions need to be submitted no later than noon on Friday, April 4.

Quabbin **Photo Group Zoom meeting** set for Feb. 24

REGION - Quabbin Photo Group meeting this month will be via Zoom, and it will be on Feb. 24, 2025, starting at 7 p.m..

Program

This month our program will be a Members Night, when we look forward to viewing your six related images, maybe of something new you've been working on recently. Do you have a new skill that you would like to explain and share with everyone? Learning new techniques from each other is always a helpful way to expand our photographic skill sets, and to improve our photography.

Future meetings

On March 24, 2025, we will have a presentation by Tony Sweet: "Atmospherics in Photography". Many of you may be familiar with Tony through his wonderful, informative presentations at NECCC.

New members

We always welcome new members! If you have a friend whom you think would enjoy our group, please, invite them to join you, and then hopefully they will become new members.

Suggestions

As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. You can share them at the meeting, or you can email them to Mark, or to me. We are looking for ways to attract and grow our QPG membership, so if you have some ideas, and/or you would like to sponsor an event, again, please let us know.

Zoom

Kevin Kopchynski is our Zoom host. Zoom Link: gspltz@verizon. net

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event.

abreast of changes in my field of work."

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

"I work closely with the Town Clerk's Office to ensure that dogs are licensed in a timely manner and are current on rabies vaccines. When there are dog issues in town that I cannot get settled in a satisfactory manner I may have to forward issues to the Animal Control Advisory Board and have a hearing with them. I also deal with the Finance Committee, the Accounting Department, Treasurers Office, work closely with our Police Department and Fire Department

Annual wine tasting event

at Clapp Memorial Library

BELCHERTOWN-Have an open calendar for Saturday,

March 1? The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library invite

you to come by the Library on March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., when they will be hosting their annual free wine tasting

for anything animal related and attend Department Head meetings.

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

"The most fulfilling part of my job is a tie between reuniting a lost pet with their family helping someone be able to keep their pets in their homes. What inspired you to take on the position? I have always been an animal lover and have always had pets my entire life. It tend to be by appointment because there is only ever one person working and there is never a guarantee that I or whoever is covering for me will not be out on a call or running an errand."

What is the history of your department?

Our department used to be in the highway department complex. When I first started we only ever dealt with dogs. My position and my department have evolved to deal with most animals. We handle dogs, cats, livestock, wildlife, pretty much anything except for bear calls! We have been in our new facility since 2017. What makes it unique from others? One of the things that makes my department different is the fact that our facil-

Idies from The Estate

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COINS, COLLECTIONS, WATCHES, TOYS, SILVER, ETC.

ity was built thru a town meeting vote and multiyear fundraising by amazing town residents. I helped a town resident rescue a maltreated dog and she asked what she could do in return. I stated that we needed a better place to house the animals in our care. She got together with other residents that I knew or had dealt with and things starting moving forward and snowballing. Group members changed but the residents created a nonprofit called

for caring for animals."

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

"I and my department are here to help the residents in our community. If there is a need we can fulfill we will. If we can't, we will point you in the right direction."

If you, or someone else you know, as a town employee would like to take part in the Get to Know Your

also gave me the chance to become more involved in the Belchertown community."

Where is your office located?

"My office is located at 165 George Hannum St. What are your office hours? I am available Mon to Fri from 8a.m. to 4p.m. office hours

BARC, Inc. Belchertown Animal Relief Committee, Inc. They fundraised over \$100,000 which covered ¹/₂ the cost of our building. Our

building was built to today's standards

Town Employee series, please contact Emily-Rose Pappas at epappas@turley.com.

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Learn how to SAVE-A-L



Bob Crowley showing how to hold hands and kneel over the "person."



Using a dummy to show how the compressions work.

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"So, I joined Central Mass Search and Rescue and became a Wilderness First Responder as well. I was on the team for 10 years, serving as the team training and education coordinator. At the same time that I started on the team I joined the Red Cross as an instructor."

Crowley teaches classes at libraries, senior centers, high schools, and community groups, and offers these classes to any interested groups.

"Most people who survive a cardiac emergency have been helped by a bystander who was trained," said Crowley.

The class he taught last week detailed important information like how to recognize an emergency, call 911, and how to perform chest compressions until an AED or EMTs arrive.

The class brought in several people from the community who came to learn more about the art of life saving.

Crowley taught them how to hold their hands during chest compressions, and a couple of songs to help keep the beat and rhythm of chest compressions, and more.

"I had a student tell me that she saw a man collapse on the street. She stopped her car and performed CPR until the EMTs arrived. The man survived and thanked her for saving his life," said Crowley.

"If I can help one person to gain the skills needed to help in and emergency It makes it all worthwhile," said Crowley.

The Red Cross workforce is made up of 80% of volunteers, and takes no government funding, relying solely on donations. You can volunteer to work with the Red Cross by going to their website.

"Or mission is to relive human suffering. I work with amazing people," said Crowley.



Learning the hand positions for chest compressions.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Learning the importance of CPR and learning it to help someone in need.



How to save a life: you never know when or where you'll need it.

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then figure out the charge of the committee.

"I think it's a great idea," said Dufresne.

Library trustee appointment to be revisited

The Selectboard met with the Library Trustees in order to help appoint an unexpired term for a

vacant trustee member seat.

The trustees came to the Selectboard with a member in mind, but because of late dates and postings for advertisement for the seat, there was a bump in the process of electing a new member for the seat.

Dufresne, after consulting with town council, did not feel comfortable appointing the members the trustees brought forward.

"This is supposed to be collab-

orative," said Dufresne. The board moved to schedule the trustees at the next meeting so that all three of the individuals applying for the seat can be heard.

Charter Day Committee

Randy David, a representative from the Charter Day Committee came forward to request from the Selectboard permission for selling bottled water at Charter Day for \$2

a bottle.

The bottles would be sold at two different spots for the day and worked out some contact specifics with reaching out to food vendors.

The board also reminded him they would need to meet with Board of Health regarding hook ups for the event to ensure the water wouldn't be polluted.

They discussed other drink options, including hooking up to

the water supply, but they also discussed the idea of having bartenders come to serve alcohol, the only setback being beer and wine licenses and huge liabilities that could be detrimental to the town.

They also discussed the ideas of creating parking passes for the day, and other items to figure out how to make money to feed back into the Charter Day Committee for the years to come.



IN THE CLASSROOM **COLLEGE NEWS**

Students named to fall Champlain College Dean's List

BURLINGTON, VT-The following students have been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the Fall 2024 semester. Ina Fricke of Amherst, Massachusetts, majoring in

Computer Networking & Cybersecurity. Thomas Marshall of Belchertown, MA, majoring in

Computer Networking & Cybersecurity.

Jesse Warren of Amherst, MA, majoring in Game Design.

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Rogowski named to fall Champlain College Trustees' list

BURLINGTON, VT-Ryan Rogowski of Belchertown, MA, was named to the Champlain College Trustees' List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Students on the Trustees' List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters. Rogowski is majoring in Computer and Digital Forensics.

Making the Trustees' List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

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Stears named to Champlain College President's List for fall

BURLINGTON, VT-Jesse Stears of Granby, MA, was named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Stears is majoring in Computer Forensics & Digital Investigations.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 120 calls from Feb. 7 through Feb. 13. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.

Friday, Feb. 7

7:51 a.m. - A motorist reported driving off an icy road and striking a tree. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

4:02 p.m. - A motorist report that their car caught on fire. Granby Police and Fire responded. The fire was extinguished and there were no injuries.

Sunday, Feb. 9

12:43 p.m. - A resident reported that their chimney was on fire. Granby Police and Fire responded. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the fire had extended into the home. Mutual aid was received from South Hadley Fire, Ludlow Fire, Belchertown Fire, Hadley Fire and Westover Fire. The fire was extinguished. There were no injuries.

Arabik named to Salve Regina University's Fall 2024 Dean's List

NEWPORT, RI-Michael Arabik of Granby was named to the Dean's List during the Fall 2024 academic semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits.

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Dean's List honors announced at Tufts University

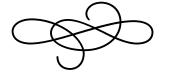
MEDFORD, MA (02/17/2025)-- Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Amherst Students Quinn Hampson, Class of 2026 Adda Hennessey, Class of 2026 Korinna Spirko, Class of 2028 Talvin Dhingra, Class of 2028 Johann Bishop, Class of 2028 Noa Chambers, Class of 2028

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Assumption University's fall 2024 dean's list

WORCESTER— Assumption University has announced that Meredith Medina, of Belchertown, Class of 2025, has been named to the University's dean's list for the fall 2024 semester.



Relay for Life looking for participants

BELCHERTOWN-Relay for Life Kick Off event from 1-3 p.m. on Feb.23 at Hope Church on Main Street in Belchertown. This is a fun and educational gathering. Information will be given out regarding our Relay for Life event.

Quaboag Valley Relay for Life is on May 31 on the Belchertown Common from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Everyone has been effected with Cancer so now is the time to form a few friends and family so you can fundraise and spread awareness of this dreaded disease. You do not have to have a large team or lots of money collected. A few new teams getting some in donations is a big help to the American Cancer Society. After we are done doing all our fund-

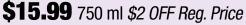
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Monday, Feb. 10

11:37 a.m. - A motorist reported striking a parked car in the parking lot of Dunkin Donuts. There were no injuries.

Thursday, Feb. 13

8:40 a.m. - The Highway Department reported that a vehicle slid off a snow-covered road and into a snow bank. Granby Police responded. There were no injuries and a tow truck pulled the vehicle back onto the road.

9:30 a.m. - A motorist reported sliding off the road and striking a utility pole. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

raising, the Relay is a way to unwind and celebrate our accomplishments.

If you are thinking about starting a team or joining a team, this gathering can help you. For additional info please email ctellie@juno.com.

Book donations needed

BELCHERTOWN—The Friends of Clapp Memorial are now accepting donations for their upcoming spring book sale. They are looking for donations of books in good condition, DVDs, CDs, and records. They are not accepting encyclopedias, or VRC tapes (they can be donated to Goodwill). Donations may be left downstairs at the library during regular library hours.





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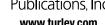
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Don't slip on the ice! Here's how.

This is the bread-and-butter season for orthopedic practices. Why? Ice, ice baby!

According to the CDC, approximately 1 million people in the U.S. are injured each year from slipping and falling on ice and snow, and about 17,000 of them die, often due to traumatic brain injury.

As you might expect, older individuals are particularly susceptible to serious injuries from falls on ice. A broken hip in an elder might heal just fine, or it might lead to an extended hospital stay, long-term care and a shortened life. A broken wrist or arm may result in loss of mobility and function for months or even years.

So, orthopedists will tell you that the best way to approach this is to not fall in the first place, or if you do fall, to do it in such a way as to minimize your injuries.

Here are seven tips for staying up on your own two feet.

1. Practice situational awareness.

Assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy because treacherous black ice is practically invisible. Walk in well-lighted areas. If you run into a patch of possible iciness, step off the walk and into the snow, which will give you a better grip. Even if you're going a short distance, don't tell yourself, "It doesn't look that slippery to me." Be especially careful when stepping onto or off a curb.

Also, avoid texting or talking on the phone while you're potentially encountering a slippery surface.

2. Don't wear stupid shoes.

What I mean by that is that sneakers, shearlings, slides and Crocs aren't necessarily the best choices if you're going to encounter ice. Slipping creates momentum, and you want to be able to stop the momentum before you fall.

What to wear: Snow boots, obviously, with nonslip soles. Hiking shoes or boots with Vibram soles provide a better grip. If you're going to wear running shoes on snowy trails, invest in a pair of removable cleats or crampons.

You may see a recommendation to slip a pair of thick woolen socks over your shoes to provide more traction. That may work – but beware when you step onto a hard surface such as tile. It might be just as slippery as the ice.

3. Walk like a penguin.

If you've watched enough National Geographic specials, you've seen that penguins walk with their toes pointed slightly outward, take small steps and sort of waddle side to side to keep their center of gravity over their feet.

Smart birds.

When you're walking on a slippery surface, think penguin. Slow down. Point your feet outward and keep your weight slightly forward. If



LETTERS

Powerful message at halftime show Letter to the Editor:

Kendrick Lamar's Super Bowl halftime show delivered a powerful message condemning sexual predators. He also made the case for protecting our democracy against the forces of racism, extremism and fascism. He's in solidarity with the NFL and Americans fighting every day to uphold the ideals of freedom and liberty. God bless. No \$#!%, I'm saying this from the heart.

To address concerns from the other side, let's speak to human rights through language that resonates with everyone. Tying the issues of the day to values held dear, we can unite rather than divide.

Ask them to pull with us in terms everyone understands. Celebrate the light within us all, something so very hard to do when hate prevents them from agreeing with us. For sure, real differences exist in policy priorities and methods of execution. Because we can't afford to cheapen our humanity by giving up on anyone, with the obvious exception of the haters who defend sexual predators, we need to hold the line to protect everyone and defend everything that made this country great. Fight to honor the Soldier's Creed, known well by those who serve or have served: we don't leave anyone behind.

Together, we can make a difference. Persuade swing voters. Win contested elections.

I won't preach anymore, so I'll wrap up loosely quoting the band Frightened Rabbit's late Scott Hutchison who sang, "Jesus is more than just a Spanish boy's name."

> Eric Bright Belchertown



Leave it to fate

I never thought I would say this, but I am out of ideas for this week's column.

Every topic I come up with has been covered at one time or another. So, as the snow falls every so furiously outside, I am going to resort to the "stick your finger in the gardening encyclopedia, and see where it lands" trick.

lot and had great success with it. You could either try and pot the plants up ahead of time or go right from the basement to the outdoors after the threat of frost has passed and after a thorough hardening off process, of course.

Second topic: My finger landed on the herb Lovage (Levisticum officinale). I have started lovage from seed nearly every year for the last 30 years.

This celery substitute is always on the list of transplants needed for the herb garden at Old Sturbridge Village. Lovage seed is not viable for long, so new seed is needed each year, or germination will be sparse.

The plant is considered a perennial, meaning it will return year after year, but in my experience, the best foliage production will be in the first year. The flowers are "umbells" like dill and fennel but flowers only take away from foliage production, so they are best snipped off. The hollow stems are used in place of celery in soups and stews. My mom always enjoyed drying the leaves for use during the winter months. Topic three: Hostas! I was never a big fan of Hostas until I had a yard that had substantial amounts of shade. These versatile plants are a perfect companion for many shade loving perennials, especially if they are planted in fertile soil with ample moisture. Like other perennials, Hostas need a period of dormancy to succeed, so they will do well in our climate, and down to Zone 8 or so. Most varieties are grown for their foliage only; I find it funny that some gardeners snip off the flowers as they begin

Part A is free to you and even though you are still

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deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking

Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to

collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your

employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit

Savings Account will be affected because, as you

have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A

coverage by six months. And because Part A is not

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and your HSA contributions won't be considered

tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely

assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made

after your Part A effective date and you'll need to

What you may wish to consider is stopping your

HSA contributions now and waiting an additional

six months or so to claim your Social Security ben-

efits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This

would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS pen-

pay income tax on those contributions.

That does, however, also mean your Health

Dear Wanting to Claim:

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OPINION

you're going to fall, forward is better than backward.

4. Keep your hands and arms free.

Your arms help you keep your balance, so you want to keep your arms and hands free. Keep your hands out of your pockets. Rather than carrying a pocketbook, use a backpack or crossbody bag.

5. Keep an eye on where your feet are going.

When you're all bundled up, it may be hard to look down at your feet. That, and your glasses or sunglasses may get fogged up. Before heading out, make sure you can see your feet and keep a tissue handy to wipe your glasses.

6. Clear snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways.

This seems like a no-brainer, but you don't want to fall just going to get the newspaper or the mail. Treat surfaces with pet-friendly substances, such as mulch, sand or specially treated ice melt that won't hurt Fido's paws.

7. Use ski poles or a hiking stick.

These give you more points of contact with the ground and may help you maintain your balance. They also require you to move your arms more, helping you burn more calories.

Even with all of these precautions, you may fall anyway. There are ways to fall that may help minimize or even avoid serious injury.

Foremost is not trying to stretch out your hands and wrists to catch yourself. Rather, try to land on your forearms if falling forward, and tuck in your chin to keep your head from hitting the ground. If you're falling backward, don't fight it. Try to land on the fleshy parts of your body, roll to the side and, again, tuck in your chin to protect your head. Assess how you're feeling before attempting to get up.

Those ice falls always happen when you least expect them, and usually hurt way more than anticipated. Take steps – penguin steps – to stay safe.

Teri(Dreher) Frykenberg, is a registered nurse and board certified patient advocate and founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur. com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@ NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com I'll leave the topics of the week to fate.

Here goes: For the first topic, my finger landed on a funny picture of geranium plants with their rootballs wrapped in newspaper hanging from the beams in someone's basement. I have written before about my success in bringing my geranium plants inside for the winter and placing them in a south facing window.

Just yesterday I was looking at the plants more closely, knowing that soon enough, I will be snipping the tips to take some cuttings. But I digress, the picture I saw is just another way to overwinter your geranium plants, especially if you don't have a sunny window or a lot of indoor gardening space.

Many old timers used to talk of this method a



Reader asks about claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account

Dear Rusty:

I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles, which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A.

This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an Heath Savings Account. I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by six months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago.

If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on Jan. 1 each year. We can live without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me.

Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

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I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare 24 Water St, Palmer, Mass. 01069.

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REGION Senate passes supplemental funding for emergency shelters

Balances fiscal responsibility to taxpayers with moral responsibility

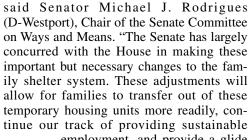
BOSTON-On Feb. 12, 2025 the Massachusetts Senate passed legislation to allocate \$425 million to support emergency

housing assistance for unhoused families across the Commonwealth. The bill adds cost controls and reporting mechanisms to ensure the state responsibly uses taxpayer dollars, while continuing to fund a system that serves Massachusetts mothers, fathers, and children in crisis.

The bill, S.16, will provide safe shelter and supportive services for unhoused families, establish eligibility requirements and time-limited benefits, and ensure program accountability to help protect Massachusetts residents.

"Today we struck a balance between our fiscal responsibility to Massachusetts taxpayers, and our moral obligation to moms, dads, and kids who are in a difficult moment,' said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "We prioritize Massachusetts families in need, ensure transparency in the program, and lay the groundwork for longterm solutions to homelessness. I thank Chair Rodrigues, and each of the members of the Senate, for their collaboration and contributions to this legislation.'

"I'm pleased that the Senate has passed this supplemental budget to provide funding and further clarify supportive services for unhoused families in the Commonwealth,"



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employment, and provide a glide path for exiting the system. This bill strikes a balance by supporting families in crisis, while responsibly managing taxpayer dollars as we redouble our efforts to move the EA shelter system towards a fiscally sustainable future. Going forward, this legislation also puts

more stringent reporting requirements from the Administration, so the Legislature can continue to track and monitor the EA shelter program."

'Our Commonwealth's Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter system is designed to provide families facing homelessness across the state a feasible pathway to regain stable housing," said Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This piece of legislation bolsters our critical EA shelter system infrastructure while also maintaining our responsibility to taxpayers. I'm proud to collaborate with my colleagues in the Senate to deliver sound policy for some of our most vulnerable residents.'

The legislation enhances the existing residency requirements for families in the shelter system, ensuring assistance is received by those who are Massachusetts residents.

Those in shelter would be able to stay for up to six months, and those families with young children, a pregnant person late in their pregnancy, or in other vulnerable circumstances, would be able to receive hardship exemptions to increase their length of stay. The bill requires verification of personal details to confirm that shelter residents are eligible for benefits.

The legislation ensures fiscal responsibility by including new guidelines for implementation of the shelter system intended to control costs and increase safety. It funds temporary respite sites for families in crisis for up to 30 days and requires adult applicants for emergency housing assistance to disclose prior criminal convictions before placement into housing. The bill would also limit or exclude individuals with serious crimes from receiving assistance.

In line with the Administration's goal to reduce reliance on hotels and motels, the Senate's legislation caps the number of families in shelters at 4,000 families, beginning on December 31, 2025, and requires that the administration submit biweekly reports to the legislature on the number of families in shelter. The bill phases out the use of hotels and motels for emergency housing by the end of this year and requires a report on strategies to prevent homelessness and promote stable rehousing.

A previous version of this bill having passed the House of Representatives, the two branches will now reconcile the differences between the bills before sending it to the Governor's desk.

Tim Drost and family launch Go Green Home Performance

BELCHERTOWN-Tim Drost, a seasoned industry veteran and owner of Window World of Western Massachusetts, is excited to announce the launch of Go Green Home Performance. This new venture is a natural extension of Drost's commitment to providing exceptional home improvement services to the Western Massachusetts community.

Tim and his family- Anna, Nick, Grace, and Lanea-are deeply involved in every aspect of the business. From initial consultations to final installations, they are dedicated to providing personalized service and ensuring customer satisfaction. Their hands-on approach and commitment to quality make Go Green Home Performance a trusted name in the industry

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About Go Green Home Performance Go Green Home Performance is a family-owned and operated business dedicated to helping homeowners improve the energy efficiency and comfort of their homes. With a focus on sustainability and customer satisfaction, they offer a range of energy-saving solutions. For more information, GoGreenFoamInsulation.com.

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to form, saying that it actually takes away from the look of the plant.

There are so many types to choose from and in colors ranging from grass-green to yellow and even blue-gray! Some are variegated or splashed with color.

Leaf sizes range from minuscule to huge! One pest that loves Hosta leaves is the slug. To lessen their interest in the plant, be sure to remove decomposing foliage.

Use any number of traps, homemade or otherwise to keep your plants damage free.

And the last fate-filled topic is: Chile peppers! There are all kinds of hot peppers out there for the gardener to experiment with. You might think that growing instructions may differ for fire-hot peppers, but they are grown in the same manner as regular bell peppers.

Start the seeds inside, or purchase transplants. Warm the soil ahead of installing the

plants, and don't overdue it fertility-wise. Provide supplemental water if the summer gets droughty.

Harvest when the peppers turn color, and do so wearing gloves being ever mindful not to touch your eyes. I had always heard that a milk bath should help ease the sting of an accidental burn; others say ingesting starchy food does the trick.

Well, I hope this unconventional column was an enjoyable read. It's never too late to pull out a reference book or two for some interesting factoids.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

SOCIAL SECURITY from page 6

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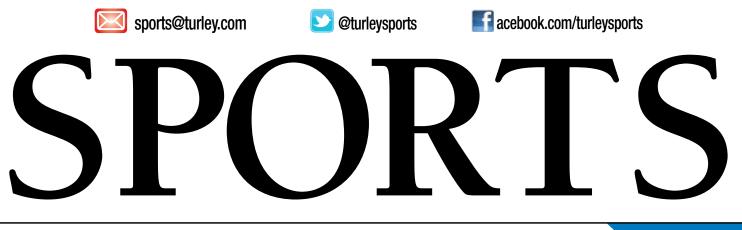
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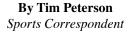
Rams stay perfect at home



Riley Goodhind looks to head up the court.



Gavier Fernandez makes his way up the court.



GRANBY—With a couple of former players watching from the bleachers, the current members of the Granby boys' basketball team managed to stay undefeated at home this season.

Led by senior Gavier Fernandez Jr., the Rams improved to a perfect 8-0 at Sullivan Gymnasium this winter following a hard fought 52-44 non-league victory over rival South Hadley, last Monday night (Feb.10).

"My guys always get very excited whenever we face South Hadley. This is a very big home win for us," said Granby head coach Dylan Dubuc. "We also always have a lot of support from our fans whenever we play here."

Fernandez, who was in foul trouble almost the entire game, scored 16 of his game-high 20 points

against the Tigers during the first half. Senior Riley Goodhind scored eight of his 10 points for the home team after halftime.

The last opponent to walk into Sullivan Gymnasium and beat the Rams was the Ware Indians, who posted a 55-49 victory on January 8, 2024.

Last Monday's contest was also the first time that the Rams defeated the Tigers on the hardwood since they celebrated a 63-53 victory at South Hadley High School on February 17, 2022.

Dubuc graduated from South Hadley High School twenty years ago. He was a captain of the Tigers boys' basketball team as a junior and senior. He also played tennis in high school.

Dubuc's father, Paul, is the longtime South Hadley girls' varsity basketball coach.

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Raymond D Colon goes for a rebound.

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Riley Goodhind and Sawyer Clarke vie for the rebound.



Cody Breault goes for the threepoint shot.



Sawyer Clark looks to pass under pressure.





Eleanor Szlosek goes for the layup. LEFT:

LEFT: Autumn Sicard decides whether or not to

pass.

Girls basketball closes out season with win

GRANBY – Last Tuesday night, the Granby High School girls basketball team clinched a state tournament spot with a win against Ludlow 52-34. Brenna Moreno led the Rams with 18 points while Kalli White scored 16 points. Granby was 9-9 and was scheduled to face McCann Tech in the opening of the Western Mass. Class D Tournament. The state tournament will begin play next week.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Brenna Moreno fights to shoot.



Kalli White follows through on the layup.

scored huge win to make tourney

WORCESTER - Last Saturday evening, Ludlow got a hat trick from Nick Deroin and rode that to a 5-1 win over Saint Paul's of Worcester. The win brought the Lions over .500 at 8-7-4 and guaranteed the Lions a spot in the state tournament. Ludlow is in its first season as a co-op program with Belchertown and the team is looking forward to an appearance in the state tournament next week. Ludlow also got goals in the Saint Paul win from William Mitus and Tannar Severyn. Donald Rogers made 24 saves.

Pioneers finish with one of best records in team history



Desiree Croteau eyes the hoop with a low dribble.



Addison Doktor passes out of the paint.

PALMER – Last week, despite a setback against Sci-Tech, the Pathfinder girls basketball team rebounded to defeat Hampden Charter 52-36 and finish with an overall record of 15-3. Its one of the best marks the girls basketball team has ever had. Earlier this week, the Pioneers were set to participate in the Western Mass. Class C Tournament, taking on Lee High School on the road in the quarterfinals. The Pioneers will also get to take part in the state tournament, which begins next week.



Megan Clark looks to shoot.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI Taylor Allen fights to keep the ball.

Railers take care of Americans

ALLEN, TX – The Worcester Railers HC (23-20-2-4 52pts) beat the Allen Americans (13-27-7-2, 35pts), on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 3-1 in front of a crowd of 3,144 at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center. The Railers are back on the ice next at the North Charleston Coliseum taking on the South Carolina Stingrays on Wednesday, February 16th at 10:30 a.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started as they tacked on the first three goals of the game in the first period. The first came from Jordan Kaplan (1-0-1), followed by Tyler Kobryn (1-0-1) and it was Lincoln Hatten (1-0-1) who finished off the first period trifecta. Brayden Watts (1-0-1) scored the first goal for Allen on the power play 11:35 into the second period making it 3-1. Neither team would net one in the third period leading us to the 3-1 Worcester win.

For the second time in the weekend series the Railers jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead. Jordan Kaplan (16th) started the scoring party 11:21 into the first period. Tyler Kobryn (4th) followed up Kaplan 15:06 into the first, and it was Lincoln Hatten (5th) who scored the third Worcester goal in the period giving them a commanding 3-0 lead heading into the second. Shots favored Worcester 16-4 in the first period.

Allen had three power play opportunities in the second period, it was not until the third power play that they grabbed their first goal of the night. It was Brayden Watts (17th) who cut the Railers lead to two. Watts had the only goal of the period, giving Worcester a 3-1 lead heading into the third period. Shots favored Allen 17-10 in the second period.

Despite a 5-on-3 power play chance for Worcester as well as an Allen power play chance neither team was able to cash in on their respective opportunities. The scoreless period led to a 3-1 final, with Worcester walking away with the series sweep over the Allen Americans. Allen outshot Worcester 16-8 in the third, and 37-34 in the game.

Justin Bonsignore scores third-place finish in opener

Four-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore opened his 2025 NASCAR season with a thirdplace finish in the Whelen Modified Tour opener at New Smyrna Speedway last Saturday night. Now, his eyes will turn to the World Center of Racing.

Bonsignore will make his second career NASCAR Xfinity Series start for Joe Gibbs Racing in Saturday's United Rentals 300 at Daytona International Speedway.

The New York native made his Xfinity Series debut in 2024 with Joe Gibbs Racing at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and ran inside the top-five for a long portion of the race. He also competed in the ARCA Menards Series event at Daytona in 2024, his only Superspeedway experience leading into this weekend.

"Running the ARCA race at Daytona certainly helps a bit with the learning curve of a Superspeedway and the drafting," Bonsignore said. "The Joe Gibbs Racing team and Toyota have proven over the years they have incredibly fast cars. I'm excited to get out there in practice and learn as much as possible in our No. 19 M3 Technology, USNE Power, Toyota GR Supra. I know our goal will be to get to the end of the race with a shot... that's about all you can ask for at a place like Daytona."

HoopHall announces award winners

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the recipients of the 2025 Curt Gowdy Media Award and John Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award at NBA All-Star Weekend.

Legendary Detroit Pistons play-by-play announcer George Blaha, renowned CBS analyst Clark Kellogg, veteran women's basketball writer Michelle Smith, and influential NBA journalist Adrian Wojnarowski are the 2025 Curt Gowdy Media Award recipients. Boston Celtics long-time Vice President of Media and Alumni Relations Jeff Twiss is the recipient of the 2025 John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Curt Gowdy Media Award is named in honor of the late Curt Gowdy, a legendary sports broadcaster and former Hall of Fame Board member and President. This prestigious award is presented to members of the print, electronic, and transformative media whose efforts have made a significant contribution to the game of basketball.

The Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted by the Basketball Hall of Fame's Board of Trustees in 1973 and is the most prestigious award presented by the Hall of Fame outside of Enshrinement. Named in honor of Hall of Famer John W. Bunn (Class of 1964), the first chairman of the Basketball Hall of Fame Committee who served from 1949-64, the award honors coaches, players, and contributors whose outstanding accomplishments have impacted the high school, college, professional, and/or the international game. Blaha, Kellogg, Smith, Wojnarowski, and Twiss will be recognized for their contributions to basketball during the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend on September 5-6. For further details, including ticket information, visit hoophall.com/events/ enshrinement-2025.

T-Birds suffer one-goal loss to Rockford ROCKFORD, III. — The hole of Ellis to make it a 3-1 score

ROCKFORD, Ill. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (23-19-2-3) suffered a second straight gut-wrenching loss in the closing moments, falling 4-3 to the Rockford IceHogs (19-22-5-1) on Saturday night inside the BMO Center.

Things got off to a rocky start for the T-Birds, who fell behind 1-0 just 64 seconds into the game after a misplayed puck wound up on the tape of Joey Anderson inside the right-wing circle. Anderson made no mistake in snapping it through Colten Ellis on the stick side, giving Rockford the 1-0 advantage.

Ellis solidified things over the next 15 minutes, turning away the next nine IceHogs attempts while the T-Birds struggled to find offense. Finally, a pair of Rockford penalties afforded Springfield a 4-on-3 power play, and Matt Luff unleashed a perfect wrist shot that squeaked past Ben Gaudreau's blocker to tie the game, 1-1, at 18:17.

Springfield's momentum would not last long, though, and just 32 seconds later, Brett Seney picked off a loose puck in the high slot and quickly wristed a try under the crossbar to restore the IceHogs lead, 2-1, heading into the intermission.

Anderson's hot hand carried over into the early stages of the second, as he found a gap through the five-

hole of Ellis to make it a 3-1 score at 5:19 of the middle stanza.

Through the opening 30 minutes of play, the T-Birds had managed just six shots on goal. However, the visitors clawed their way back, beginning with Illinois native Hugh McGing tucking home a rebound outside the blue paint at 12:55 to cut the Rockford lead to 3-2.

Dylan Peterson thought he had brought the T-Birds back even when he shuffled a loose puck across the goal line just over a minute later, but the call was changed to no-goal after the referees congregated. Nevertheless, Springfield pressed on, and on the next shift, Matthew Peca punched home a rebound off an Alek Kaskimaki shot, and the game was deadlocked at the 14:56 mark of the second.

Ellis and Gaudreau did their part to lock things down from that point, as the two netminders kept the score locked in the 3-3 stalemate into the game's final minutes. Unfortunately for Springfield, they succumbed to a late game-winner for a second straight game when Andreas Athanasiou broke up the ice in a 2-on-1 with Anderson and tucked a backhander around Ellis to win it for Rockford with just 1:59 left in the third. Ellis suffered only his second loss in his last 11 starts, and the Springfield goalie also saw his five-game win streak get snapped in the process.

Friends put together library scholarship program

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library is hosting a special scholarship program for high school students that are making their way towards higher education.

The awards are given to students who have demonstrated academic achievement and community service through volunteer work at the library, and eligible students are required to be high school seniors graduating this spring and wither reside in Granby or attend the Granby Schools.

The minimum GPA required for consideration is a 2.5, and the student's community service record must also be included, with a minimun of 45 logged library volunteer hours completed during per each junior and senior year.

Students must submit their scholarship application and essay, whuch can be found on the library's website, www.granbylibrary.com, and must be submitted by the deadline of May 1, 2025.

Local nonprofit offers \$1,000 scholarship to high school seniors

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 for 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 Opportnities" tab, as well as requirements for the grant award. Applications are due to be completed by April 17, 2025.

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Chris Gerber is the Tigers boys' varsity basketball coach.

"Chris is one of my mentors and he's an unbelievable basketball coach," Dylan Dubuc said. "He's someone that pushed me to become both a teacher and a coach when I was younger. It's always a lot of fun competing against his teams."

Gerber also has a tremendous amount of respect for Dubuc.

"Dylan is one of the best basketball coaches in Western Mass.," Gerber said. "His team is very good this year. I'm hoping that they win the Western Mass. Class C title. My team just didn't play very well in tonight's game."

The two head coaches weren't very thrilled with how the game was officiated by the two referees, who called a total of 36 personal fouls.

Fernandez scored nine of his points during the first quarter, which helped the Rams build a 16-11 lead.

With 3:30 remaining in the first half, South Hadley sophomore Noah Hambley (12 points) capped off a 12-2 run by sinking a 3-pointer from the top of the key, which gave the Tigers a 23-21 lead.

South Hadley's leading scorer in the road game was senior Jack Loughrey with 19 points.

The Tigers only other scorers against the Rams were sophomores Tim Loughrey (11 points), and Chase Pecia (2 points).

The Rams quickly retook the lead following back-to-back lay-ups from junior Raymond D. Colon (8 points) and Fernandez.

Granby held a slim 26-25 advantage at halftime.

During the first five minutes of the third quarter, South Hadley put

together a 10-0 run giving them a 36-28 advantage. Jack Loughrey scored half of his team points during that stretch.

With five minutes remaining in regulation, South Hadley held a 42-40 lead.

After Granby tied the score for the final time, Colon buried a 3-pointer from the right side.

"The 3-pointer by Ray in the fourth quarter was probably the biggest shot that he's made in the two years he's been playing for the varsity team," Dubuc said. "That was the difference maker for us."

A reverse lay-up by Jack Loughrey did cut the Tigers deficit to one point before the Rams scored the final seven points of the game.

Granby, who closed out the regular season with a 64-53 home win against Hopkins Academy two nights later, entered the Western Mass. Class C Tournament with a

14-4 overall record.

The top-seeded Rams didn't have very much trouble dispatching eighth-seeded Hampden Charter, 97-66, in a quarterfinal home game, last Friday night. They were scheduled to host fourth-seeded Mahar Regional in the semifinals on Tuesday night.

South Hadley also finished the regular season with a 14-4 overall record. They got back into the win column with an 80-45 home win against Hoosac Valley, last Wednesday might.

South Hadley senior Jack Loughrey, who had a team-high 19 points in the loss at Granby, scored his 1,000th career points against Hoosac Valley.

The third-seeded Tigers also squeaked out a 68-64 home victory versus sixth-seeded Greenfield in the Western Mass. Class B quarterfinals, last Friday night.





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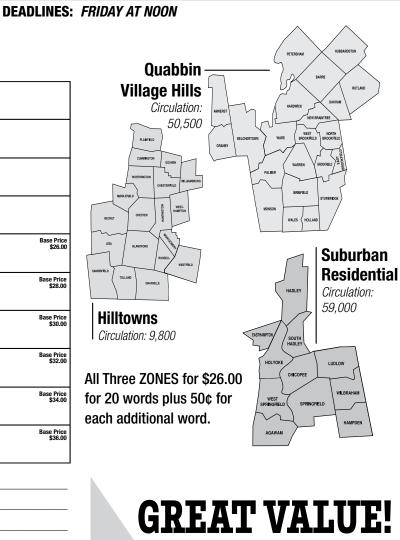
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The Belchertown Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning by-laws. The public hearing will be held both remotely and in person as follows:

Select Board Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown March 11, 2025 7:05 pm Remote access information from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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+1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 173-538-941 The subject matter of the proposed amendments is:

1. To amend §145-2, Definitions, to add a definition for Contractor's Yard.

2. To amend §145-68, Board of Appeals, to clarify.

3. To amend §145-2, Definitions, to delete the existing definition for Accessory Apartment and replace it with a new definition entitled Accessory Dwelling Unit.

4. To delete entirely §145-29.1 Accessory Apartments, and replace it with a new §145-29.1 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

The complete text relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office and the Planning Board office and at masspublicnotices.org 02/20, 02/27/2025



Tracey Lynn (Noble) Johnson

passed away surrounded by her family on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025. She was born Dec. 1, 1958 in Holyoke, MA, and was a 1976 graduate of Granby High School. She married William Johnson in 1977. Together they opened Pleasant Street Auto/Hampshire Towing, a small body shop with towing in Granby that grew into a multi-faceted business employing about 80 people. Tracey ran the

office for many years. Even though health issues limited her ability to spend hours in the office, she still did the banking and participated in decision making operations with her husband and two sons.

Her greatest love was her family: husband Bill Johnson; son Robert with Jennifer Harris and granddaughter, Josephine; and son David

Denise O. (Grondin) Cote

With great sorrow, we announce the passing

of Denise O. (Grondin) Cote, who peacefully passed away surrounded by her family on Feb. 10, 2025, at Mercy Medical Center. Born on June 5, 1941, in Drummondville, Quebec, Canada. She spent her teenage years living in Holyoke then moved to the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, then raised her family in Chicopee, then and moved to Granby before settling down in Belchertown.

Denise was the beloved daughter of Armand and Cecile (Fugere) Grondin, who preceded her in death, along with her sister Claudette Fontaine and her devoted husband, Nil Cote. Denise is survived by her children: Christianne Pare and husband Robert of Belchertown; Rene Cote and wife Lynne of Granby; Mario Cote and wife Ellen of Belchertown; and Nancy Shaw and husband Alan of Granby. Her living legacy extends to her sisters, Lise Mongeon, Colette Turgeon, and Carole Roy, all residents of Belchertown. Denise's nurturing spirit lives on through her 11 grandchildren—Vanessa, Kyle, Olivia, Melissa, Shaun, Sarah, Marc, Theresa, Jake, Hope, and Ryan-and her 16 great-grandchil-

SHIRLEY, MA / SARASOTA, FL:

Charline Lina (LaPlant, Lloyd) Oelfke,

82, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of

Shirley and Townsend, Massachusetts,

died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025 at Tidewell

Charline was born in Portland, Maine,

Oct. 28, 1942, the daughter of John and

Willa (Glidden) LaPlant and resided

in Shirley for twenty five years before

moving to Sarasota, Florida five years

Charline grew up in Falmouth,

Maine and graduated from Falmouth High School. She continued her edu-

Hospice House, Sarasota.

ago.

Charline Lina (LaPlant, Lloyd) Oelfke



Tracey Lynn (Noble) Johnson, age 66, with Samantha Hodgman. They brought her

years of enjoyment and laughter. She especially loved the days of the week she, Grammy, cared for her granddaughter, Josephine.

She became known as Ma J to so many of her employees, especially to Christian, Derrick, Emma, and Matt.

Tracey is survived by one brother Clark Noble, sister-in-law Kathy, and brother-in-law Ron Richard, numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. She was predeceased

by her parents Robert and Harriet (Clark) Noble, her sister Sandra (Noble) Richard, and her brother Jerald Noble.

Services were private per Tracey's wishes. In Lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Tracey's honor to the American Lung Association @ lung.org.

dren, each a precious gem in her life.

Denise lived a life enriched by love, faith, and family. A devoted homemaker, Denise's true calling was caring deeply for her family, a dedication evident in every gathering. She was happiest in the company of her family and her beloved dogs. Her faith was a bedrock of her life as a communicant of St. Francis Church, formerly of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby. Denise was a member

of the Daughters of the Nile and her past involvement with the Red Hats Society.

Friends and family were invited to pay their respects at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home during calling hours on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. following calling hours there was a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis Church. Burial took place at West Cemetery in Granby.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Denise's honor to either St. Jude's Hospital for Children or Shriners Hospital.

May Denise O. Cote rest in eternal peace, forever remembered by those who loved her dearly.



She leaves her husband of 32 years, John S. Oelfke; two sons, Andrew Piccolo of Georgia, Christopher Lloyd of Belchertown; a daughter, Gwenyth Lloyd of Bristol, UK;

her brother, John LaPlant of Newport RI, and seven grandchildren, Abigail Piccolo, Nicholas Piccolo, Eli Lloyd-Hamilton, Arden Lloyd, Walter Lloyd, Claire Lloyd and William Lloyd. She was predeceased by her sister,

Lucille McMahon of Watertown. Funeral services for Charline will be

held in the spring. The Anderson Funeral Home 25

DEATH NOTICES

Denise O. (Grondin) Cote Died Feb. 10, 2025 Services Feb. 19, 2025 Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home

Charline Lina (LaPlant, Lloyd) Oelfke Died Feb. 4, 2025 Services in Spring Anderson Funeral Home

Tracey Lynn (Noble) Johnson Died Feb. 3, 2025 Services are private.



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MA and Merrimack, NH for over ten years. She was an accomplished photographer, seamstress, painter, and pianist, who also enjoyed white water kayaking and

community theater. One of her greatest joys was her gardens. She was well known in the local area for her iris and day lily displays and the many gardens she and John enjoyed building, growing and maintaining together over the years.

Her other great love was singing. She was a member of a number of musical endeavors, but was most proud of being part of the Nashoba Chorale and the Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the Vespers Chorus Christmas concerts at

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cation at Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston and later at Fitchburg State College where she received her BA in Elementary Education. She later the Shirley Meeting House. attended Mount Wachusett

Community College, achieving a Certificate in Graphic Design.

Charline worked in the Marketing Department at Digital Equipment Corporation in Marlboro,

family with arrangements. www.andersonfuneral.com.

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