

BARC celebrates 10 years with carnival



Jackson, an 8-week-old kitten with Saddleback Tabby patterning, is the epitome of cool, calm, and collected.

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BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Animal Relief Committee, or BARC, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary as an organization serving Belchertown's animals and its Animal Control Center.

"I never imagined we'd be doing what we are doing 10 years later. We have been able to grow so much and do so much for our community," said President Cathy Maclutsky. "So many people know about our organization, and it's such a great feeling of success."

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The BARC fundraising sign showing how much funding they have raised for pet care.

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Four towns acknowledge successful food drives

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GRANBY – Over the past two months, the four Democratic Committees worked together to put together food drives in order to support the local food pantries.

Susie Knightly with the Granby Dems, Ann Stockton with the South Hadley Dems, Cara Lapenas with the Belchertown Dems, and Mia Alves with the Ludlow Dems. "[The most meaningful part was] having members of our committee and community come together and pitch in to make the food drive successful," said Stockton.

"The United Congregational Church in Granby allowed us to collect and store foods and products until repairs are completed later this summer at Granby To Go," said Knightly.

"The most meaningful part of the day was meeting new neighbors and savoring a deep sense of community from our shared concerns.

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SB discusses new DLS report, TM office reorganization

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Selectboard expressed disappointment in the newest Department of Local Services report and discussed possible reorganization of the Town Manager's office at its recent meeting.

About 18 months ago, the Selectboard asked for an update to the 2021 DLS report. Town Manager Steve Williams said the town received the report with recommendations and findings. "The DLs recognized that we have a very flat organizational structure, that we have continued pressure on our available revenues," Williams said. "They talked about inflation, rising fixed costs in our decline in new growth, which has been one of the major factors in our ability to fund our budgets year to year; they've talked again about our over-reliance on free cash."

While the town has made

progress, the report recommended working on a stricter policy to use less free cash in the operating budget, according to Williams.

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The estimated free cash recommended for the town is 5% to 7% of last year's operating budget, which Williams said the town is far off from.

The DLS recommendations moving forward – reducing dependence on

free cash, exploring regionalization and shared services, and establish an assistant town manager position to oversee finance, communications, and grant writing.

Selectboard member Nicole Miner expressed disappointment, which was echoed by Selectboard Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson.

Currently, there is an open position in the Town Manager's office and following the DLS report, Human Resources Director Joanne Misiaszek said recommendations were made for a part time grant writer position and a part time communication position. Misiaszek proposed combining the two. These potential changes could create a new finance director position and redistribute administrative responsibilities.

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Learning the art of zines

A creative way to share interests

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BELCHERTOWN – As part of the Teen Summer Reading schedule of events, the Clapp Memorial Library hosted a Zine Workshop, where teens could come to learn all about these fascinating mini magazines, and how to make one of their own.

"Zines were a way for people to share their politics, or anything else they wanted to, during a time when bookstores and the big magazines wouldn't," said Alana Kumbier.

Kumbier shared that she first discovered zines and their versatility in college, and found them to be a fascinating way to share their thoughts and opinions, or fun interests.

Zines can be about any topic you want, from a silly story about how a habit of yours originated, an animal you like, books you've read in a year, or whatever it is you want it to be about.



Annie Macon showing her zine, which has a Polish Haiku, and its English translation on the other side.

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"I think zines are material objects that you can give to your friends, carry around in your pocket, and can be about anything you want," said Kumbier. "I've been reading zines for 30 years,

and I always find something new."

"I love the fact that you can make whatever you want into a zine, and it's very cre-

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Cindy's Drive-In observes 30th anniversary with party

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GRANBY – The town's favorite ice cream destination celebrated its 30th anniversary over the weekend with 30 cent hot dogs, bouncy houses, a dunk booth, face painting, and a car show, which drew hundreds of people for the day.

Jeremiah Maloni, the new owner of Cindy's Drive-In, inherited the drive-in from his parents. The drive-in is named after his mother, Cynthia Maloni, who helped manage and start it with his father, Anthony Maloni.



Mario, Cindy, and Jeremiah Maloni, the family who began Cindy's Drive-In.

TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Cindy's Drive-In is truly community-focused, and everything they make and provide is made with love. The syrups and vanilla extract are made from scratch in-house, and you can never go wrong with a homemade brownie for your sundae.

"This place makes me happy, and its grown to really be a part of Granby," said Cindy Maloni, whom the drive-in is named for.

Since it opened, Cindy's has been hosting its milestone birthdays, like on the 20th, and 25th, to celebrate its long history of being members of the town of Granby, almost like family

now after three decades.

"I feel privileged my dad has let me run it now, and that takes understanding," said Jeremiah Maloni. "I couldn't have asked for a better turn-out today, and we've sold so many hot dogs already."

The ice cream shop, since it opened its doors in 1995, has been a deeply-rooted part of the Granby community, with people from all over coming out to enjoy some of the delicious ice cream and get to know the owners, coming to call them friends.

"My favorite part of Cindy's is Jeremiah and this wonderful family that's put

this all together," said Agnes Robarge.

The motto of Cindy's is that "Cindy's Drive-In helped make this town of ours", and that is apparent in how it runs with the kids who used to work at the drive-in taking their kids to there for ice cream now.

"It was really nice to be recognized by the representatives," said Cindy Maloni. "I love most the hot dogs and the ice cream, and we really try hard to have the best ingredients."

"It meant a lot that so many people came out here," said Jeremiah Maloni. "Its

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Belchertown Lions Club to host Cruise on the Common

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Lions Club will be returning to the Belchertown Town Common on August 9, 2025 (rain date: Aug. 10) for its 2nd Annual Memorial Car Show, and it promises to be even bigger and better than ever!

This year, our trophy awards will be custom-made laser-engraved slate plaques with leather hanging straps—no two the same! We hope that your ride will take home one of our very unique Top 20, four specialty, or Best in Show presentations!

Burgers, dogs, meatball grinders, fries, and canned soft drinks are available, along with a raffle table and a 50/50 raffle!

All vehicles are welcome (with specialty awards for best motorcycle, import, paint, and engine.)

Spectators get free admission! Participant parking on the grass: \$20

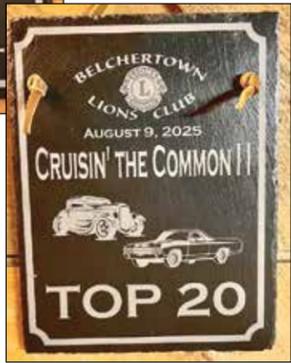
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Registration begins at 9 a.m. at 28 Park St. on the Town Common. Judging



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Get ready for the second year of the Lion Club's Cruise on the Common.



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It's time to sign up and support a worthy cause.

continues until 1 p.m., followed immediately by the raffle drawings and the awarding of trophies.

All proceeds will go to local charities, including Veterans' Affairs, the Senior Center, fuel assistance, Girl Scouts, Scouting America, high school scholarships, food pantries, and more.

More information and

possible rain date updates can be found at

<https://www.belchertown-lionsclub.com/car-show.htm>, and our Belchertown Lions Club Facebook page.



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Incoming Belchertown Lions Club President Josh Dufresne presents the organization's 2025 Quabog Valley Relay For Life donation to Belchertown resident Becky Pease.

Belchertown Lions Club proudly supports Relay for Life campaign

BELCHERTOWN – Incoming Belchertown Lions Club President Josh Dufresne presents the organization's 2025 Quabog Valley Relay For Life donation to Belchertown resident Becky Pease. Becky, a cancer survivor herself, heads up the team "Pease Keepers Against Cancer," which fundraises

annually for the American Cancer Society's support service and lifesaving research.

Once again, the Belchertown Lions Club thanks our townspeople for their continued support of its food wagon sales at our community's fundraising events, which makes these donations possible.

If you would like to become a member of our very active community-centric club, check us out at belchertownlionsclub.com/contact.htm to fill out a brief form. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from September to early June at the Villa Rose Restaurant.

Town hall elevator maintenance project now underway

BELCHERTOWN – The Town of Belchertown is moving forward with the planned elevator maintenance project at Town Hall, beginning Monday, July 14, 2025.

During this project, the elevator will be out of service for the duration of the work, which is estimated to take 4 to 6 weeks. The exact timeline for completion will be confirmed as the project progresses.

"This elevator repair project has been in the works for years now. It will be good to finally get it underway on

the 14, with completion later this summer. I understand this will cause a temporary inconvenience, so I thank everyone in advance for their patience," says Linda Leduc, Director of Public Works in Belchertown.

To help visitors navigate during this time, signs will be posted on the doors at Town Hall with directions for entering the building.

For individuals who are unable to use the stairs, assistance will be available: - Please use the intercom located at the top of the wheelchair ramp,

to the right of the door. - A staff member will come to assist you as needed.

We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we complete this important maintenance project to ensure safe and reliable access for all visitors in the future.

Periodic updates about the project will be published on the town's website, www.belchertown.org, and on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TownofBelchertown>,

Soccer jamboree remembers beloved teen

BELCHERTOWN – The 3rd Annual Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree is scheduled to be held at the State Street Fields in Belchertown on August 16, 2025. The annual event is held in memory of 13 year old Julia Haynes who passed away in March of 2023 following a battle with brain cancer. All of the funds the Jamboree raises benefit the Julia Haynes Scholarship Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) founded by four of Julia's

classmates.

The first two events hosted over 60 teams, each year, in grades 3 through high school for the all-day event bracket which also featured food trucks, raffle and dunk tank.

Registration is open until July 20, and is \$100 per team for up to four players and includes an event t-shirt. There is also a new bracket for the class of 2022 - 2025 participants. There will again be food trucks,

a DJ, and some fun activities for attendees including a raffle. Those interested in registering a team, becoming a volunteer, sponsor or donating to the raffle can get more details on the @julias3v3jamboree Instagram or Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree Facebook pages or through Runsignup:

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Paul, Ann, Mary Lou, and Representative Homar Gomez with a full truck for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



Homar Gomez helping to load the truck in South Hadley.



Jean Marie and Zoe at the Helping Hands Cupboard in Belchertown.

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So many are shocked from the reported cuts to funding to our food pantries. We hope to step up and fill the needs of our neighbors in need, especially the children," said Knightly.

The Granby food drive collected over 400 total items, including cans, boxes and bags of grains and cereals, and other items, as well as \$1,000 total in cash donations from the community who came to support Granby to Go.

"One moment that truly stuck out to me was seeing folks who were probably struggling on tight budgets show up with their children and boxes of food or with a few dollars to donate. That really go to me," said Knightly.

At Ludlow for the Veterans Pantry, they filled all nine totes full to the brim of food donations.

"The timing of this was great as the food bank is closed for end of fiscal year inventory so the Veterans pantry did not pick up their usual load this past week. The Veterans Pantry goes through 10,000 pounds of food per week. Thank you to all who came out. Lots of great food, variety."

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors is able to reach hundreds of people in South Hadley who are struggling to provide nutritious meals they need to thrive," said Jim Bosman, a volunteer in South Hadley.

"We were thrilled with the enthusiastic response, and to see how genuinely happy to help out everyone was when they dropped off their donations. Those who came also took care to check expiration dates, which was very helpful as most items could be readily used by the food pantry," said Lucia Foley, another volunteer at South Hadley's drive.

Over 70 cars came to the South Hadley High School's parking lot to bring their food donations, and State Representative Homar Gomez was there helping load the trucks.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors van ended up filled with 1968 pounds of food donations, and \$960 from the generous community's donations.

"Food pantries do the "unseen" work in our communities. Learning about the volunteers who run Helping Hands, putting faces to those who quietly do this work day in and day out, and hearing directly what the needs are,"



Ann Rochi and Gary Hammond at South Hadley's food drive for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

said Lapenas.

Amy Eyler-Pelletier, food pantry coordinator for Helping Hands Cupboard, shared that they have been having receiving less and less donations, and they need help now more than ever to keep their shelves stocked in order to help their communities.

"The most meaningful and satisfying part of volunteering at the food drive was to see a car pull in with their generous

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Left to right: Susie Knightly, Leonard Yakir, Joan Grenier, Trevor Augustino, Lumila Dibble, Tobias Wilson and Sue Bennett accepting, sorting and packing.



Nine bins of food collected at the Ludlow Veteran's Center Pantry.

in our community."

With the cuts and uncertain times ahead, taking a moment to help someone else is a way people can come together as communities, and share the love, creating a space where people know they can count on their neighbors.

The following items are especially needed: soup, hot and cold cereal, canned meat, tomato products, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and women's hygiene products. You can also always make monetary donations to all of the pantries so they can continue to stock their shelves for those who need it.

You can look at the pantry's websites to find their distribution days and schedules, as well as volunteer and monetary needs to keep these vital organizations running in our communities.

donations, help them unload, and thank them," said Jenine Davison with the Belchertown Dems. "I was very impressed with those who went out of

their way, including the other volunteers, to buy supplies and bring them to the food pantry. I witnessed true acts of loving kindness for others

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Belchertown COA's July calendar

Save the Date! 2nd Annual Belchertown Community Yard Sale

August 8 to 10, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain dates August 15 to 17)

Come shop for treasures big and small! This event brings together local households and vendors offering antiques, collectibles, books, furniture, and more! New this year, visit the Town Fields next to the Senior Center, where vendors will be selling in one central location! Proceeds from the event will benefit the Belchertown Senior Center and Council on Aging, supporting important programs and services for our older adult community! For more information, visit belchertownyardsale.com or email belchertownyardsale@gmail.com

Wednesday Movies at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, July 23: "The Problem with People", 2024, PG-13

Two estranged cousins who never knew each other try to make amends for many generations of family dispute. A heartwarming comedy about family. Starring Paul Reiser, Wally Marzano-Lesnevich

Games:

Cornhole and Bocce available every Friday, weather depending, on our patio from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Interested in playing Dominoes? Call Stephanie at 323-0420 ext 501.

Billiard Room: Open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join your friends for a round of pool. No appointment necessary.

Clubs and Weekly Events: Grief Loss Support Group

Join Liane Smola, owner and founder of GuidanceByLi, on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. for help processing difficult emo-

tions associated with grief. Sponsored by Beers & Story Funeral Homes and BSCCA.

Sit 'n Stitch

Join this group on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. to make items for yourself or to donate to be sold at our annual bazaar!

Line Dancing: Beginner Line Dancing classes will continue throughout the summer! Stop in on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. for some exercise and lots of fun!

Ukelele Group: Every Monday at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own ukelele, and play for fun!

Rainbow Coffee Hour: Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Veterans Social Hour: Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Book Club: Third Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Wii Bowling: Every Friday at 10 a.m.

Silver Sisterhood: First and third Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Wholefood Plant Based Group: Third Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.

Declutter Group: First Friday of every month at 10 a.m.

Zendoodle: Every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Hand, Foot & Elbow: Mondays at noon.

Cribbage: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Mah-Jongg: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Canasta: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Pitch: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Bingo: Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

Exercise/Health Classes and Resources:

Audiology Clinic: Monday, July 21 at 10 a.m.

Do you feel you should be hearing better than you are? Come talk to an audiologist who can examine ears

to identify if earwax is the cause or if it may be time to consider a hearing evaluation. Do you wear hearing aids? If it has been 6 months or more since they were serviced, or if you are questioning if they are working as well as they should be, bring in your hearing aids for the audiologist to clean and check your devices.

The audiologist is also available to answer questions about hearing and communication strategies. No pre-signup required! Walk-ins welcome!

Fitness Equipment Room: Free to use! No appointment necessary. Open daily Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yoga: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. \$5/class (paid monthly)

Tai Chi: Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m. (outdoors). Suggested donation of \$0.50.

Healthy Bones & Balance: Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. AND 10:30 a.m. Suggested donation of \$0.50

Boomer Bootcamp: Mondays at 3 p.m., \$5/class, paid weekly.

There will be NO Meridian Tapping in July or August. Stay tuned for an exciting beginner workshop coming in September.

Email Stephanie at SFraleigh@Belchertown.org or call 323-0420 ext 501 to sign up, or for more info!

Second Best Thrift Shop

Second Best accepts donations of clothing, shoes, jewelry, home décor, and household goods (please, NO electronics). Donations may be brought to the store during their normal business hours (do not leave outside), or they may be left inside the front entrance of the Senior Center, Monday to Friday from 8 to 4:30 p.m. Currently, they are also

accepting donations of NEW items to be used for the raffle at the Annual Bazaar in November.

If interested in volunteering, see Liz in the store for info!

Stop by the Senior Center for a cup of coffee, use our computers to check email, surf the internet, build a puzzle, play some pool, or visit with friends!

BSCCA Travel Club Upcoming Bus Trips

Additional 2025 Trip information available at the Senior Center!

August 19, 2025: RI Lighthouse Cruise w/Cap'n Jack's Restaurant: \$157 per person (payment due July 19)

September 9 to 11, 2025: Ogunquit & Portland, ME: \$600 per person. Double Occ. (Deposit due at sign-up, balance due August 9)

September 24, 2025: "St. Charles is Dead" at Newport Playhouse: \$143 per person (payment due August 24)

October 9, 2025: Boston Harbor Cruise \$115 per person (payment due August 1)

October 22, 2025: Lakeside Turkey Train, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH: \$145 per person (payment due September 22)

Contact Roseann at 413-364-8161 or Tony at 413-283-3966 for info!

July Field Trips:

Tuesday, July 29 at 10 a.m.: Amherst College Beneski Museum of Natural History

Meet at the Senior Center and we'll carpool to the museum, rated one of the best museums in the Pioneer Valley! It has a variety of collections of plants, animals, and minerals. Bring a lunch and a chair, and we will have lunch together on campus or the town common. Email Ljuba Marsh for more

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There were four options proposed to the board:

Option A: The creation of an Executive Operations Manager and an Administrative Coordinator

Option B: A Director of Operations/Administrative Services full-time position, an Executive Assistant full-time position and an Administrative Assistant part-time position.

Option C: A Director of Operations/Administrative services full-time position, an Executive Assistant full-time position and an Administrative Coordinator full-time position.

Option D: An Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director full-time position, a Grant Writer/Economic Development Planner full-time position, an Executive Assistant full-time position and an Administrative Assistant full-time position. Board members expressed

concerns about the proposed roles, particularly around combining communications, grants and economic development responsibilities.

Lessard Pearson said she was more interested in "option C," stating economic development should be a responsibility of the Town Planner.

"I think the grant writing activities, if the person is a finance director, that would fit neatly into communications. I can see them overseeing department heads and doing procurement," Lessard Pearson said.

Williams said he would like to see options B or D implemented.

Miner said she would prefer options C or D.

Miner also questioned the sudden emergence of an economic development planner position, stating it felt like "a backroom deal."

"There's something not sitting right with me on this economic development planner," Miner said. "It feels like

there was some backroom chatting going on about how this position just out of the blue shows up."

Board member Jen Turner advocated for maintaining momentum in economic development efforts, arguing that without dedicated focus, the town could lose progress made by previous contractors.

The board ultimately focused on two key priorities: establishing a finance director position and ensuring proper administrative support.

Select Board member Jon Ritter highlighted the critical need for a backup to the town manager, comparing it to succession planning in public safety departments.

"If something happens to Steve tomorrow, there's no one to run this down," Ritter said. "We need a backup to Steve, like you have a backup to the fire station."

After extensive debate, the board voted to allow Williams to proceed with hiring an administrative assistant, with the understanding that a more comprehensive organizational review would continue at future meetings.

The proposed finance director role generated significant discussion, with board members recommending it be a full-time position requiring a master's degree. Board members suggested the Selectboard should have hiring authority for this critical position.

Williams acknowledged the complexity of the restructuring, noting that while the proposals are "appropriate," achieving them presents challenges.

"What's appropriate and what's achievable are two different things," he said.

The board is set to discuss the reorganization further at its next meeting.

Taxation Aid Committee

The Select Board is accepting names of individuals wishing to be considered as members for the Taxation Aid Committee. This is a one-year appointed volunteer position which will consist of the Chair of the Board of Assessors, the Treasurer/Collector, and three residents from Town with the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income and which shall be funded by voluntary donations made by taxpayers through an earmark on their real estate and motor vehicle excise tax bills.

If you are interested, 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).

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why can't I get my Social Security payment plus my Railroad Pension from my ex-spouse?

Dear Rusty:

I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise.

Thank you. Signed:
Railroad Ex-spouse

Dear Railroad

Ex-spouse:

Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies, Railroad Retirement Board and Social Security Administration work together and pay your benefits in one single payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits instead of RR benefits from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case, your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your Full Retirement Age and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists

of two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier I ex-spouse benefit by your SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: https://rrb.gov/RB-9/Social_Security_Benefits and you can also contact your local RRB field office by accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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In the eye (or nose) of the beholder

So many things in life are a matter of preference, and there is no exception when it comes to likes and dislikes in the garden.

Take, for example, the hydrangea in my front yard that is truly a kaleidoscope of blues, purples and magenta. My husband prefers all blue hydrangea flowers, and would love if I would give the bush a watering of "Miracid" so that it will conform more to his liking.

But alas, I tend to enjoy the circusy feel, and will probably continue to let it do its thing without any help from me. Likewise, if you prefer the pink shades instead, you can use lime to make the soil more alkaline.

Do you ever wonder how this process works? It's a matter of making aluminum ions more readily available or not, and that process is pH dependent.

Another area where he and I tend to disagree is whether or not Bugbane, *Actaea* (formerly *Cimifuga*) *racemosa*, deserves a place in our perennial border. The plant is really unique, in that it sends up loads of four-five foot tall white flower spikes, even in the shade.

It's a beefy plant once full grown. I consider it a "specimen" like the Peony or Baptisia, where one will do the trick.

The flowers are blooming now and will continue to put on a show for a good few weeks.

So, you ask, what is the problem? Simply put, it's the smell. The plant reeks. It's all for good, though, since the acrid smell lures flies to pol-

linate it!

My husband loathes the smell and has given it the not so nice nickname of "stinky

bells hang from the tips of the stems that seem to float above the foliage.

Hostas are not very demanding and are best known for their use in a shady border. Most will burn if planted in the sun, although golden leaved varieties seem to fair better in sunnier locales. In general, most varieties look great paired with Astilbe and Ferns.

I've mentioned the "take it or leave it" attitude in prior columns towards the smell of Marigolds. I am definitely a "take it" girl on this one. In fact, the fragrance, in and of itself, transports me back to the Grange Hall of my youth and their annual summer fair where I would, and still do enter the flowers in the "Cut Flower" category.

Both the larger doubled petal African and the smaller French types are represented. Besides looking good in the vase, Marigolds are said to repel aphids and other insects from neighboring plants, and supposedly even able to keep underground nematodes at bay.

Maybe they are worth the odor. Or maybe the fragrance? You be the judge.

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.

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



flesh plant." I am not sure how he came up with that, but each year he is always pretty vocal about the stench when it is in bloom.

As a sidebar, the flies are doing their job, in turn making viable seeds. I know this for certain, since a few of them have sprouted over the years. Welcome volunteers, at least as far as I am concerned!

What is the consensus on Hosta flowers? Should they stay or go? I used to be of the "go" camp until earlier this morning, in fact, when I saw a hummingbird frequenting the blossoms! That changed my mind in a hurry.

While it's true that Hostas are better known for their foliage which is often beautifully variegated, the light lilac flowers are pretty in their own right. A handful of pendulous

raise awareness that grape jelly is a sticky danger for the delicate birds. They said, "It has become common practice for people to put out jelly for orioles. However, when it is this warm, the jelly melts and sticks in other bird's feathers and feet." The group recommends buying bird-safer jelly from a specialty store or feeding orange halves.

Brimfield bird report

I received an email recently from a Brimfield resident. He said, "It's been a different spring/summer in the yard this year. I didn't see the first Baltimore oriole until June when a male showed up at the bird

bath and a few days later a female showed at the bird-bath. In previous years we have had a couple of pairs in the yard. I offer jelly and oranges during migration and then just oranges later in the year. I've only seen catbirds at the oranges, no orioles."

He saw a juvenile red-bellied woodpecker following an adult male around and begging for food recently. The catbirds are seen frequently and use the birdbath



Cooper's hawk

regularly. He has a couple pairs of rose-breasted grosbeaks as well. Several years ago, he saw 11 rose-breasted grosbeaks in the yard at the same time. He has not seen an indigo bunting this year. Although he saw great crested flycatchers and house wren earlier in the spring, they did not stay and use the nest boxes in his yard as they did last year.

Nesting osprey
He also said in his email, "In Warren last week I saw one osprey nestling in the

nest on South

Street, but on a visit today there was no sighting of the chick, but an adult was perched on the nest."

Alarming statistic

He also said, "Unfortunately the reports that there are billions of fewer birds in the country now than there were in the 1970s is very evident to anyone who has watched birds since then. Very sad what we humans have done to the planet." He said, "On another depressing note, there are way fewer butterflies in the yard this year."

Phoebes

Every year Eastern phoebes return to nest in my yard. Recently, I saw a fledgling following an adult around begging for food.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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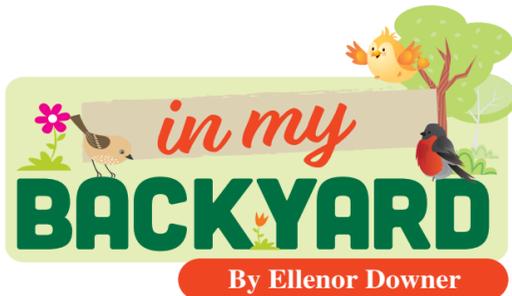
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By Ellenor Downer

My neighbor has a Cooper's hawk in his yard. Cooper's hawks are common woodland hawks and skilled fliers.

They will fly at high speed through cluttered tree canopies in pursuit of other birds. They may be seen at the forest edge or a field taking a few wingbeats followed by a glide.

Males are smaller than the females. They build the nest and supply nearly all the food to females and young during the nesting period.

During migration, ridge tops in both the East and West are great places to spot Cooper's hawks in large numbers. Coopers hawks perch upright and have a long, rounded tail with dark banding. The band at the end of the tail is white. They have a small, hooked beak.

Adults have a gray back, reddish barred chest and red eyes. They also have a black cap.

Cooper's hawks are similar to sharp-shinned hawks, but are larger. They inhabit deep forest to backyards.

Grape jelly warning

I received a link about the dangers of feeding grape jelly to hummingbirds from a Granby resident. The link said, "Bird experts are raising the alarm that a common practice done to attract some birds is actually killing hummingbirds. Raptor Education Group, Inc. said just this week they had three adult ruby-throated hummingbirds brought in covered in grape jelly. One had already died. The others are alive, but struggling."

The central Wisconsin nonprofit shared photos to

Lemonade Land: Willow Rehm and her parents Kelly and Dan run a lemonade stand, all of the proceeds go towards the BARC fundraiser. This is the 3rd event for BARC they have volunteered at.



Willow Rehm shows off the dog and cat-themed display buttons she sold at her stand during the BARC 10th anniversary celebration.



Cats, master predators, this one no different. This cat hides itself inside a tube to be able to hide its body, but have a vantage point on the unsuspecting feet in the room.



One of the 8-week-old tabby kittens is relaxing in the cat bed after a long day of running around, annoying their mother and siblings.



Cathy Maclutsky, President of the board of volunteers for BARC, and Jennifer Christian Wright, the treasurer on the BARC board.



Oliver, a 2-year-old English Lab, works for the Belchertown Police Department as a comfort dog, and since BARC graciously sponsors his pet insurance, Oliver and his handler try and take the time to show up to as many BARC events as they can.



Kids and adults alike surround the kitten cage, admiring how adorable they are.

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BARC from page 1

The event featured all sorts of fun, with vendors, a lemonade stand from Lemonade Land, Better Together Dog Rescue, Batch Ice Cream, and Belchertown's Comfort Dog, Oliver.

The day was full of fun, and the community came out in droves to celebrate and support this wonderful organization and all it does for the animals.

Nikki did the face painting, Ed Popielarczyk, the balloon artist, was there, Sir Barks-a-Lot Homemade Dog Treats, Wood Builder Bob, and Gidget's Doggie Boutique were also there to make the day truly memorable.

"I think seeing all of our community was the best part, our faithful supporters and our new supporters. We wanted this to be a family event, and we were so pleased to see all the kids come out," said Maclutsky.

The community and volunteer-led organization raises money for Belchertown's Animal Control to fund whatever it needs for the animals, including money for vet bills and funding their annual rabies vaccinations and microchip implantations.

"The best part of being a part of BARC is being able to help people and the pets in our community, whether it be the rabies and microchip clinics or giving money to our local veterinary offices to help those people in need with their pets' bills,"

said Maclutsky. "Also being able to support our Animal Control Officer with anything she may need to make her job better and to make herself successful."

The 10th anniversary party also had time to adopt kittens, with several adorable furballs ready to go home to new and loving families to give out plenty of cuddles and purrs.

BARC is run and operated completely by generous volunteers, and is always looking out for new volunteers to join them. They meet on the second Thursday of every month at Belchertown Animal Control at 6:30 p.m. You can find more info at www.barcfriends.com or follow them on Facebook.

"I am most thankful for the Belchertown Community for their continuous support and their generosity! We can't do what we do without them," said Maclutsky.

You can find the next opportunity to support BARC at their next event on November 1, their annual Holiday Pop-Up, which will be at Belchertown Animal Control.

"We'd like to thank Anna, our Animal Control Officer, Pat, the animal care attendant, and Diana BAC's volunteer. Without them, this event wouldn't have been possible! We look forward to another 10 successful years ahead. The sky's the limit, and we are here to prove that," said Maclutsky.

Nikki Sicard volunteered to do the face painting for any and all who wanted to get some colorful patterns.



Robert Haryasz, Wood Builder Bob, has a variety of themed wooden decorations and carvings, from American Flags to dog bookends.



Suzanne Shaw, owner and baker of Sir Barks-A-Lot, a homemade dog treat company, has their tagline "Quality Ingredients Baked with Care."



Gidget's Doggie Boutique, with co-owners Kelly Horton, and Sue Horton, make a variety of paracord dog leashes, collars, bracelets, and even bedazzled t-shirts whose proceeds go towards the vet bills for local veterans' service animals.

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Cindy's Drive-In celebrates 30 years



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really nice to know that the community comes out here, and its like a big family now, seeing old friends and making some new ones."

Cindy's Drive-In is the perfect spot to stop and enjoy the array of rainbow-colored lawn chairs, letting your kids play on the playground, and enjoying some delicious ice cream from a member

of the Granby family.

You can find Cindy's Drive-In on 455 East State Street, open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., serving lunch, snacks, dinner, and dessert with a smile.



Zack and his dad (left) James Chevalier, with his 1989 2500 Chevy.



A car show makes any event fun with cars to look at and admire by dedicated collectors.



Representative Mindy Domb, Representative Homar Gomez, and Senator Jake Oliveira giving certificates to congratulate the family on 30 years.



LEFT: Kevin Maloney with his red 1932 Ford.



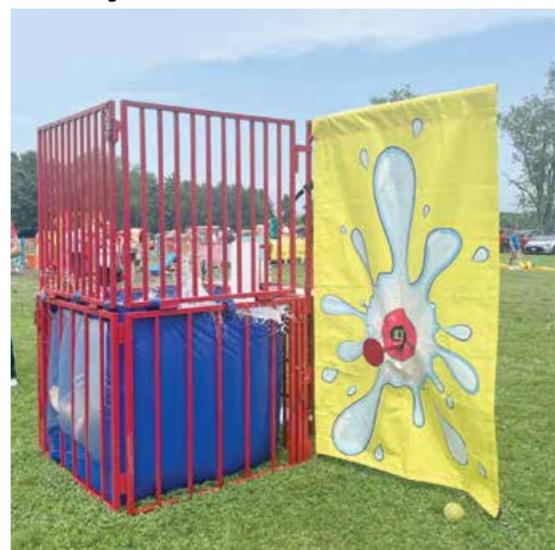
Sebastian, Ramona and Teddy, and Candace Provost enjoying their hot dogs and fries.



There's a mustang driving that Mustang.



An adorable Little Tikes-themed 2008 Smart Car with a robot-controlled Little-Tike owned by Rich Boileau.



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Hannah Fillion emerges from the sideline with the ball.



Alexis Canoa tries to settle the ball.



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Avery Cooper lunges for the ball.



Emma Litz advances up the field.

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Monday night, South Hadley A Girls summer soccer scored a 1-0 shutout of Belchertown Black as both teams returned to action in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. Belchertown fell to 2-6 while South Hadley is 3-5 and tied for the No. 8 spot with nine points in the A Division playoff picture.



Joanna Mull, of Belchertown, sends a free kick away.



Cassie Ashwell heads up the field.

Here for Beer hands Mustangs first loss

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday evening in the Women's Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League, Here for Beer edged the Monson Mustangs 3-2 on the turf of South Hadley High School. Both teams are now 7-1 on the season with Monson suffering its first loss. They are both tied for first place in the division. The game was a possible preview of the PVSSL finals.

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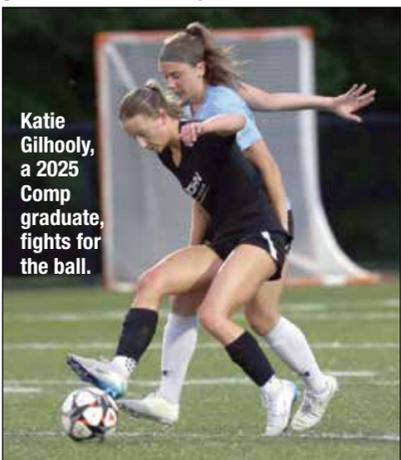
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Liz Maggi is pressured.



Taryn Carriveau, a recent Chicopee Comp graduate, makes a stop on the ball.



Macie Bolton tries to keep possession of the ball.



Katie Gilhooly, a 2025 Comp graduate, fights for the ball.

Extra time goals hurt Pioneers in draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The task wasn't a very difficult one for the Western Mass. Pioneers entering the regular season finale against rival Vermont Green FC.

The Pioneers needed a victory to clinch the top spot in the USL League Two Northeast Division table for the first time since 2021.

The home team held a 2-0 lead in the 90th minute before referee Stephanie MacFarland decided to add 10 minutes of stoppage time. That's when everything fell apart for the Pioneers like a house of cards.

The Green managed to score two goals during extra time and last Friday night's match, which was played in front of the largest crowd of



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Juan Hermoso chases after a loose ball.

the regular season at historic Lusitano Stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

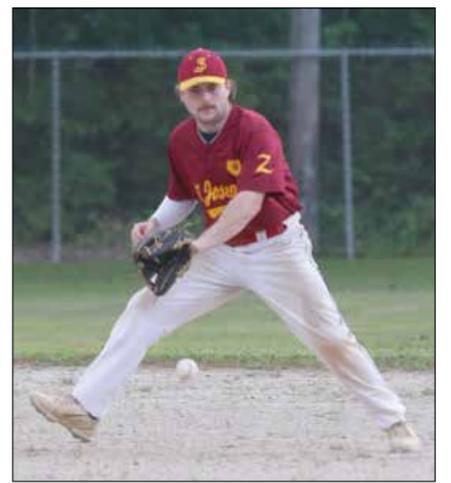
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where the referee added ten minutes of stoppage time,"

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Colby Harrington delivers a pitch for St. Joe's.



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Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes the stop.

Saints keep first place in Tri-County



Jake Delaney picks the ball out of the dirt.

PALMER – Following the Fourth of July, Tri-County Baseball League action resumed with a full week of action. Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joseph's were among the several games that took place. Both teams had a few games during the week. With a couple of weeks remaining in the season, St. Joseph's holds first place with 20 points and a 10-6 record. PeoplesBank is second with 16 points and an 8-2 record and several games to make up. BankESB is third with 11 points, and Teddy Bear Pools holds fourth with nine points and a 4-7-1 record.

SPORTS

T-Birds reveal schedule for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud American Hockey League affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, released their full schedule for their 2025-26 regular season on Thursday in conjunction with the AHL. The T-Birds will be celebrating their 10th year as an AHL member club during the upcoming campaign, as well as their fifth playing season in affiliation with the Blues. Springfield has qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs in three of its past four seasons.

The Thunderbirds will begin their regular season on home ice for a sixth consecutive season when they play host to the defending Eastern Conference champion Charlotte Checkers on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 6:05 p.m. inside the MassMutual Center for Opening Night.

Fans are advised that all Saturday games at the MassMutual Center will now start one hour earlier at 6:05 p.m. for the 2025-26 season.

The Thunderbirds will face every Eastern Conference team at least twice during the 2025-26 regular season, except for the Cleveland Monsters. Once again, the AHL season will consist of all 32 clubs playing 72 games (36 home, 36 away).

Springfield will play 54 games against Atlantic Division opponents, including 27 at the MassMutual Center. Their most frequent opponents are the Providence Bruins, who will visit the Thunderdome six times, including 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 27, Saturday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, March 11. The two teams will also square off on New

Year's Eve for a 3:05 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, December 31, as well as a 7:05 p.m. puck drop on Wednesday, March 25.

The home-ice portion of the I-91 rivalry series against the Hartford Wolf Pack begins on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:05 p.m., and the two foes will square off five times in each building during the 2025-26 season. Other I-91 game dates include Friday, Jan. 9 (7:05 p.m.) and 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Jan. 31, Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18.

The Bridgeport Islanders will also make five appearances in Springfield against the T-Birds, starting with a 7:05 p.m. contest on Friday, Nov. 7, followed by meetings on Saturday, Nov. 29 (6:05 p.m.), Sunday, Dec. 28 (3:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 2 (7:05

p.m.), and Friday, Feb. 20 (7:05 p.m.).

The most frequent visitor from Pennsylvania is the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, who visit the Thunderdome on Saturday, Jan. 10 (6:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 30 (7:05 p.m.), and Wednesday, April 15 (7:05 p.m.). Springfield will also host two games each against the Hershey Bears and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

The Thunderbirds will also play 18 games (9 home, 9 away) against North and Central Division opponents. The Iowa Wild are the lone Western Conference team on the T-Birds' schedule, visiting Springfield on Friday, March 6 (7:05 p.m.) and Saturday, March 7 (6:05 p.m.).

Blue Sox suffer loss to Ocean State

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were the away team for the first game in the doubleheader at Mackenzie Stadium against the Ocean State Waves last Friday. Valley's third baseman Wyatt Hunt had himself an incredible day at the plate. Hunt went four for four with three singles, a double, two runs scored and one RBI. Blue Sox's Bryan Matuschat relief pitcher led the team in strikeouts with three in two innings pitched.

This game did not disappoint as scoring started early on for the Waves (14-15) in the top of the second. Waves' Gavin Greger hit a single and stole second. Coen Niclai's single advanced Greger to third. Niclai seized his opportunity and stole second base quickly. Kayle Pisano ripped a sac-fly to center field, scoring Greger and advancing Niclai to third. Ocean State's second baseman, Jack LaRose knocked a single to score Niclai to make it 2-0 after two innings.

Valley found their footing in the top of the third. Hunt doubled into left field off the diving catch attempt by left fielder Kolton Reynolds. Hunt stole third on a wild pickoff attempt by Ocean State starting pitcher Rhys Bowie. Nicholas Spaventa cracked a single right up the middle, scoring Hunt to cut the lead to one.

The Blue Sox found more momentum in top of the fifth thanks to Hunt's single and steal that was followed up by Michael Elko's line drive ball to left field that scored the speedster Hunt to tie the game at two apiece before the inning ended.

The Waves punched back in the bottom of the inning. With two outs and no runners on base, Brandon DeGoti demolished a triple into right field to put a runner into scoring position. Ryan Gerety then doubled

off the right field wall and scored DeGoti to make it 3-2. Reynolds followed suit with a single into the outfield to score Gerety to extend the lead even further. Greger doubled into right field, advancing Reynolds to third. Niclai singled to score Reynolds but Gerety got out at home due to an incredible throw by right fielder Rees Kozar for out No.3. The score was now 5-2.

Valley's Mike Lucarelli walked to start the top of the sixth. Lucarelli stole second, third and home on a wild throw by Waves' catcher Brandyn Durand. Andrew Loikits singled into left field. Sean Darnell crushed the ball deep into left for a double to advance Loikits to third. Gavin Schrader came into the game to pinch hit for Hayden Perry. He hit a sac-fly to center field, scoring Loikits to make it 5-4. Hunt came back up to the plate and hit a clutch single to score Darnell. The game was now tied 5-5.

In doubleheaders in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, games are only seven innings with the exception of two extra innings. No runs were scored until the bottom of the ninth inning. Ocean State and Valley were on the cusp of having the first tie in the NECBL this season.

Justin Hackett started as the ghost runner for the Waves. LaRose hit a sac-bunt to advance Hackett to third. Ocean State was 90 feet away from scoring the game winning run. Greg Pettay has been out since June 26 due to a knee injury and ripped a game winning single to score Hackett to walk it off in style against the Blue Sox.

Game two of the doubleheader got canceled due to rain against the Ocean State Waves, but the Blue Sox were up 2-0 before it got canceled.

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said Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly. "We just crumpled under the pressure, but it's something that we're going to learn from. It's very disappointing, but we're looking forward to the playoffs now."

Longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari was upset with how the home match ended.

"I have no words to describe tonight's game," Molinari said. "We played very well until extra time. There isn't anything we can do about it now."

The scoreboard clock was stopped when the match reached the 90th minute. MacFarland kept the rest of the time. Soccer is the only sport that uses a clock where the players and fans have no idea when the match is going to end.

While it was a heartbreaking way to end the regular season, the Pioneers (10-1-3), who lost, 2-0, to the Green on June 17, were scheduled to host the Long Island Rough Riders in an Eastern Conference play-in match on Tuesday night.

"We've qualified for the playoffs again," Molinari said. "We just have to prepare for Tuesday's playoff match now."

The Pioneers qualified for the playoffs for the sixth time since 2019. They've also finished in second place in the Northeast Conference standings in each of the past four seasons.

Vermont (12-0-2) captured the League title for the first time since joining USL League Two in 2022.

When the Green made their annual visit to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth

with a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. The first meeting of the 2024 regular season ended in a scoreless draw.

The overall series record between the two squads is now tied 3-3-2.

The Pioneers posted a pair of 1-0 victories against Vermont during the 2023 regular season.

Since suffering the shutout loss at Vermont back in June, the Pioneers had gone 5-0-0 and outscored their opponents, 18-1 during that span.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about 30 minutes due to a thunderstorm.

The Pioneers starting goalie was Trey Sheppard, who started a home match for the first time this season.

"We decided to go with him (Sheppard) tonight," Molinari said. "He's been training with us the whole season and he deserved a chance to play."

Sheppard, who'll be a sophomore on the Amherst College men's soccer team in the fall, started his first match of the season for the Pioneers on the road against New England FC, which was a 3-1 victory on July 7.

During the third minute, Sheppard made an outstanding save on a shot taken by Arnaud Tattevin resulting in a corner kick.

The Western Mass. squad took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the 41st minute.

Gustavo Barbosa booted the ball into the box with his left foot from the right sideline near the Pioneers bench. Juan Hermoso, who's a defender, headed the ball into the right corner of the net past Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg. It was Hermoso's third goal of the season.



Jaiden Williems gets the quick touch.



Goalie Rees Sheppard punts the ball away.

"It was very important for us to score the first goal of the match," Hermoso said. "I saw the ball heading towards me, and I was able to head it into the net. It was a great feeling."

A year ago, Hermoso was a senior on the University of Charleston men's soccer

team, which lost to Lynn University, 3-2, in the NCAA Division 2 finals.

It was the first time that Vermont, who only needed a tie to finish in first place, had trailed in a match this season.

The Pioneers had a couple of other scoring chances early in the second half

before Israel Neto blasted a shot into the back of the net in the 64th minute. Barbosa was credited with his second assist.

Twenty minutes later, Neto had another shot on goal, but Herceg was able to make the save.

The visitors cut the deficit in half following a goal from Zach Zengue.

A couple of minutes later, Owen O'Malley, who had entered the match in the 69th minute, lined a shot from the

top of the box over Sheppard that landed in the right corner tying the match.

Then the Vermont players raced across the field and celebrated with their many supporters, who made the three hour trek to Ludlow from Burlington.

It wasn't the way the Pioneers players wanted the regular season to finish, but they had a clean slate entering Tuesday's home playoff match.



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■ POLICE LOGS

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 June 27 through July 1. 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 explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS Thursday, July 3

10:35 a.m. – A 24-year-old Belchertown woman was issued a summons on charges of no inspection sticker, operating with a suspended license and uninsured motor vehicle. An officer doing traffic enforcement saw a vehicle pass with an expired inspection sticker. The officer stopped the vehicle. The officer identified the operator who had a suspended license and the registration was revoked for insurance. A criminal citation was issued to the operator.

5:37 p.m. – A 21-year-old Belchertown woman was issued a summons for two counts of reckless endangerment of a child. An officer responded to a residence for a report of children left unattended. DCF was contacted.

7:48 p.m. – Robert E. Wojtczak, 53, of 67 Pond View Circle was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol. An officer responded to a report of an erratic operator. The caller said the vehicle was tailgating, unable to maintain the travel lane and, at one point, went off the road. They went to George Hannum Road business. The caller remained in the area until the officer arrived. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was identified. They declined to do a field sobriety test. They were placed into custody. The vehicle was towed from the scene. They were later bailed and released.

Friday July 4

8:52 p.m. – Edward Comtois, 29, of 137 Pine Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor. Ludlow Police put out a “be on the lookout” alert for a vehicle advising a wellbeing to check on the person as they were reported to be possibly intoxicated. An officer saw the vehicle in the parking lot of the business. They parked behind the vehicle and exited the cruiser. They identified the operator of the vehicle. A field sobriety test was done. The person was charged accordingly. The vehicle was towed from the scene. They were later bailed and released.

Saturday, July 6

11:03 a.m. – Christine M. Praisner, 54, of 222 North Washington Street Belchertown, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. An officer doing traffic enforcement observed a vehicle traveling in front of them. The officer had knowledge the owner of the vehicle didn't have a valid license. They stopped them and did a check which was shown. The operator was arrested and charged accordingly.

Thursday, July 10

1:39 p.m. – A 42-year-old Belchertown man was issued a summons for shoplifting. An officer responded to a Turkey Hill Road business for a report of a person who was just shoplifting. Officers located the person who admitted they took the items. The Belchertown Fire Department was called to evaluate the person. They transported them to the hospital. The items were entered into evidence.

6:12 p.m. – A 32-year-old Barre man OUI of drugs. An officer saw, parked off

someone's driveway, and was unresponsive. They were passed out on the side of the road, and there was substance reported and paraphernalia. They were transported to the hospital.”

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Thursday, July 3

2:36 a.m. – An officer conducted a check of the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail and surrounding property.

10 a.m. – A North Main Street business owner reported a vehicle hit a curb and struck a business sign. Photos of the incident were taken. No injuries were reported.

10:48 a.m. – An officer responded to assist another agency. They served an involuntary commitment order to a resident.

11:56 a.m. – An officer reported to Chauncey Walker Road for a report of erratic operation. The vehicle was going between lanes and went off the roadway. The reporting person contacted the operator and then requested Belchertown fire and paramedics to the scene. The operator was transported from the scene. A tow was needed, and an immediate threat was filed with the registry.

Friday, July 4

10:35 p.m. – An officer conducted a follow up investigation.

Saturday, July 5

12:44 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Daniel Shay's Highway. A vehicle traveling south on Daniel Shay's Highway struck a Route 202 sign, went into a yard, struck a utility pole guidewire and came to a stop in a ditch against some trees.

The roadway was shut down and a “be on the lookout” alert was sent to see a blue F-250 with damage and a missing tailgate.

12:44 a.m. – Police and fire responded to Chauncey Walker Road and Ludlow Road for a report of a utility pole that was broken and in the road. There were no vehicles in the area, but there was a truck tailgate. The utility wires were also down. The roadway was shut down a “be on the lookout” alert was sent to see a blue F-250 with damage and a missing tailgate. National grid was contacted to repair the pole.

10:16 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Sunday, July 6

10:31 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle traveling south on George Hannum Road crossed over into the northbound lane, sideswiped a guardrail, went to the other side of the roadway and came to a stop in the dirt portion of the roadway. There was left front and left side damage. The vehicle was towed from the scene and no injuries were reported.

Monday, July 7

7:28 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident at Federal Street and Allen Road. A vehicle stopped on Allen Road went south onto Federal Street, striking a vehicle on Federal Street. The operator of the first vehicle said they didn't see the second vehicle before going into the intersection. There was damage to both vehicles, but no

tows were needed. No injuries were reported.

4:09 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a report of a stolen package. There was confirmation the package with delivered. The person called to report it was stolen and will be following up with the delivery company.

5:08 p.m. – A report of two juvenile unsupervised destroyed furniture. The other was running behind a building two chairs that had damaged legs. It was at a residence. Both involved parties, 51A was filed with DCF.

7 p.m. – An officer responded to a resident in lobby blackmailed by someone online. They were advised to change their number and block and future numbers.

Wednesday, July 9

11:36 a.m. – An owner of Federal Street business reported a past crash where vehicle struck a support post of the business and reported they had video of the incident.

Thursday, July 10

7:50 p.m. – An officer investigated a report of a person who was engaged in obscene acts. The person was located, and evidence of the matter is under investigation.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 144 calls for the week of July 4 through July 10. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, July 4

9:46 p.m. – Numerous fireworks complaints were reported throughout town. Officers patrolled the areas in question, but the fireworks had ceased prior to their arrival.

Monday, July 7

4:35 p.m. – A resident called to inform us of a potential scam on Facebook involving identity theft.

Tuesday, July 8

12:39 p.m. – A resident reported that they had been on the phone for an hour with a scammer. The scammer wanted the resident to pick up money that they had reportedly won. The resident was advised that it was a scam and to stop talking with the caller.

Wednesday, July 9

1:21 p.m. – A motorist reported an aggressive driver that was tailgating them and then passed them and other cars in a no passing zone. The vehicle was described as a green Subaru. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the Subaru.

Thursday, July 10

6:18 a.m. – Several callers reported that a vehicle drove off the road, struck a utility pole, and was on fire. Callers reported that the utility pole was knocked down and blocking the roadway. Granby Police and Fire responded. The roadway was closed for several hours while the utility pole was replaced. There were no injuries. The operator was issued a written warning for crossing marked lanes and failure to notify the RMV of an address change.

Drop off your donations for the book sale

Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

BELCHERTOWN – The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library are collecting books, DVDs, CDs, and Puzzles for their semi-annual book sale. We will have volunteers in the Library parking lot who will remove the items from your vehicle. You don't even have to get out of the car! So, drive on down to your Library and donate those Books, DVDs, CDs, and Puzzles. No VHS tapes, please. Thank you for your support!

CML's upcoming July events

BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library is in full summer mode with programs and events for all ages! Check out our calendar, join our Summer Reading programs, and cool off in the air-conditioned library while you browse, borrow, and see what's new.

FOR ALL AGES

“Level Up at Your Library” Summer Reading Programs

Ongoing! Clapp Memorial Library has an amazing calendar of events throughout the summer for Adults, Teens, and Kids. This year's theme is “Level Up at Your Library,” and there's a Summer Reading Program group for every age! Summer Reading Programs include reading challenges, raffles and prizes, special events, parties, and more! Register now online at clapplibrary.beanstack.com or via the Beanstack app. For more information, visit our website, www.clapplibrary.org. To register offline, stop by the Circulation Desk or call 413-323-0417.

Ask-a-Nurse Friday, July 18, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kirsten Krieger RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse for the Quabbin Health District, will be at the library for this free health and wellness clinic. Learn about health conditions, receive blood pressure and blood sugar checks, find out about community resources, including harm reduction, health and wellness education, and more! No appointment needed.

The Dale: Author Talk with Michael Parzymieso Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Join author Michael Parzymieso in a discussion about his debut novel. The Dale is a supernatural thriller set in the town of Cold Springs, a fictionalized version of Belchertown. Parzymieso has written for local, regional, and national magazines. His love of the outdoors was inspired during his youth living in western Massachusetts and roaming the wild, lost,

and forgotten places in the Quabbin. As a novelist, he writes about the power of faith and friendship in the face of malevolent evil. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing.

Peregrine Road Concert at the Belchertown United Church of Christ, 20 Park St., Belchertown Friday, August 1, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Join us at a performance by the musical duo, Peregrine Road, at the Belchertown United Church of Christ, where the library's 1877 Steinway grand piano is housed. Peregrine Road features Karen Axelrod on piano & accordion and Rachel Bell on accordion. Their captivating acoustic music blends Celtic, Appalachian, Quebecois, and other traditions. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

FOR ADULTS

Creative Art with Crayons: Van Gogh's Almond Blossoms Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Marie Tucker will lead you step by step to make your beautiful work of art! Due to the high popularity of the program and limited capacity, seats will be filled by lottery drawn from all registrants signed up by Tuesday, July 15. Patrons will be notified of their registration status. To sign up, visit clapplibrary.org, stop by the Circulation Desk, or call the library at (413) 323-0417. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Puzzle Competition Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Are you ready to puzzle? Sign up in a team of two for a speed puzzling competition where pairs of contestants race to finish a 500-piece puzzle. The 1st place finishers receive a puzzle. Sign up online at clapplibrary.org using the link on our calendar, or call (413) 323-0417. The puzzles for this program were generously donated by Ravensburger.

FOR TEENS

Teen Book Club Wednesday, July 23, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library has a book club for teens entering grades 7 to 12! This Teen Book Club is in conjunction with the MA Teen Choice Book Awards (MTCBA), the only book award in the state selected by teens. Each month, teens will read and meet to discuss one book from the nominee list. On Wednesday, July 23rd, teens will discuss “Wish You Weren't Here” by Erin Baldwin. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library's circulation desk and on the Libby app. Snacks will be provided at the meeting. Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com with any questions. All attendees will earn a raffle ticket for the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Teen Card Making for Cards for Hospitalized Kids on Friday, July 25, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

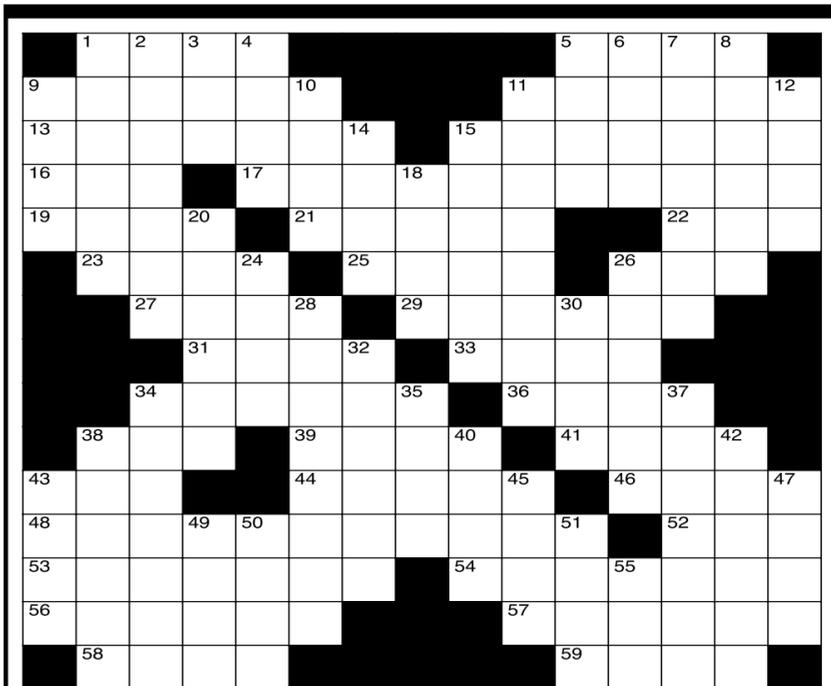
Teens ages 12-18 are invited to the library to do good by making greeting cards to be sent to Cards for Hospitalized Kids (C4HK). Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com or call the library to register. All attendees will earn a raffle ticket for the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Pokémon Diamond-Painting Wednesday, July 30, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to diamond-paint a Pokémon drink coaster at the library! All materials will be provided, but Pokémon options and space are limited; email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com or call the library to register. All attendees will earn a raffle ticket for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Teens must be registered for the Teen Summer Reading Program to attend. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Teen Summer Reading Party: Tie-Dye,

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- 1. Resorts
- 5. One point south of southwest
- 9. Musical performances
- 11. Matched
- 13. Four-footed animal part
- 15. Express severe disapproval of
- 16. Type of leaf
- 17. Preparatory
- 19. Walk heavily
- 21. Succulent plants
- 22. Rectangle of grass
- 23. Lump in yarn
- 25. Too
- 26. Foot (Latin)
- 27. Afflicts
- 29. Smoothed
- 31. Mind (Greek)

- 33. Tampa ballclub
- 34. Semitic language
- 36. Sheltered sides
- 38. Ocean
- 39. Electronic point of sale
- 41. Thrust a knife into
- 43. 12th month (abbr.)
- 44. Ringworm
- 46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
- 48. Fighting back
- 52. Cease to exist
- 53. Insects in adult stage
- 54. Freestanding sculpture
- 56. Caps
- 57. Repents
- 58. Brown and Wallace are two
- 59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Goes bad
- 2. Yard structure
- 3. They ___
- 4. Marine invertebrate
- 5. European river
- 6. Office supplies firm
- 7. Physically abused
- 8. Service stations in Australia
- 9. Kills
- 10. Liquid body substances
- 11. Particular to a given individual
- 12. Brave or noble act
- 14. Sicilian city
- 15. Conqueror
- 18. Elected officials
- 20. Type of «pig»

- 24. Drop of viscous substance
- 26. Monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Guarantees
- 30. Coloring materials
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. Square measure
- 35. Will not
- 37. Canned fish
- 38. Appeared
- 40. Six (Spanish)
- 42. Took off
- 43. Negligible amount
- 45. Posts in a Greek temple
- 47. Witnesses
- 49. Phil ___, former CIA
- 50. Places to park
- 51. Guns
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LIBRARY from page 11

Ultraviolet, and Free Books! Friday, August 1, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Teens ages 12-18 are invited for a fun evening of activities on the library's lawn at the Teen Summer Reading Party! Belchertown's own teen band, Ultraviolet, will provide the entertainment and music as teens choose their free book for participating in the Teen Summer Reading Program. Teens are also encouraged to bring a white shirt (bonus points if it's a past Summer Reading shirt!) to tie-dye on the lawn during the event. Email clapplibrar-ytab@gmail.com or call the library to register. The rain date for this event is August 8. All attendees will earn a raffle ticket for the Teen Summer Reading Program; teens must be registered for the Teen Summer Reading Program to attend. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

FOR KIDS

Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals Tuesday, July 22, 11 a.m. to noon, and Dr. Rosie's Science of Helping Animals Tuesday, July 22, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meet the author and illustrator of Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals, an award-winning STEM picture book based on and informed by real-world veterinarians. Jennifer, the author, and Rozillia, the illustrator, will read the book and talk about how it was made. Following the reading will be a hands-on activity for kids and their grown-ups!

At the 11 a.m. Session: Diagnose and treat a stuffy! Each participant will receive a mini vet kit and diagnostic/treatment sheet to take home.

At the 1 p.m. Session: Make a hot/cold Kitty Compress, aloe vera bath crystals, and a working stethoscope; learn how to give stitches to your Kitty Compress and take vitals on a Brightspot Therapy Dog using real veterinary

instruments.

This program is for ages 8 to 12. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver who is 14 years of age or older. Registration is required. Visit clapplibrary.org or call (413) 323-0417 to register.

Rolie Polie Guacamole Concert Wednesday, July 23, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Don't miss the return of this fantastic band from Brooklyn, NY! Winner of the prestigious Parents' Choice® and NAPPA Awards, Rolie Polie Guacamole has developed a smart, parent-friendly musical style that dresses up original tunes and classic covers with vibrant harmonies and deft instrumental layers, humming with relevance and humor. The concert will take place on the library lawn or inside Town Hall Auditorium in the event of rain. This program is funded by Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library and our Community sponsors.

Ultraviolet Concert Wednesday, July 30, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Come rock out with Belchertown's own teen band on the Clapp Memorial Library Lawn! Ultraviolet is made up of Lily (vocals), Wesley (bass), Jake (drums), and John (guitar). They've performed at local venues and events such as Food Truck Friday, Auction Allegro, the Belchertown Fair, Arcpoint Brewery, and the DCU Center in Worcester. From rock to pop punk they play hits from bands such as Greenday, Paramore, Pat Benatar, and more. In the event of rain, we'll move to the Town Hall Auditorium. Made possible by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library and our Community Sponsors.

The Clapp Memorial Library is open:

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Gold Big Koi, LLC d/b/a Kansai, 1 Main Street, Belchertown, MA, 01007, has applied for an Alteration of Premises to convert the second floor into a banquet room for hosting larger parties and events.

A public hearing relative to the above referenced application will be held on **Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:33 p.m.** in the Select Board's Meeting Room on the first floor of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts.

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Belchertown Education Foundation, Inc. Public Notice

A notice that the financial records of 2024, Form 990, for Belchertown Education Foundation, Inc. are available for public inspection by contacting Belchertown Education Foundation, Attn. Steve Opalenik, P.O. Box 435, Belchertown, MA 01007. Or, you may contact Steve Opalenik at info@BelchertownEducationFoundation.org for an appointment." 07/17/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

Please be advised that the Special Education Records from Granby JR. SR. High School Class of 2016 and 2017, along with the records of students released from special education services during the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 school year, will be destroyed the week of August 18, 2025. If you wish to obtain your records, please contact the Special Education office @ 413-409-5393 ext. 1024 prior to Friday August 15, 2025 in order to make arrangements for pick up. Please note that identification will be required at the time of record retrieval. 07/17, 07/24/2025

Town of Granby Board of Health Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Granby Board of Health, via **Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83001785328?pwd=1Z6yhpeuwHblZbTb3x0Ddlwft0tW9V.1>

Meeting ID: 830 0178 5328, **Passcode:** 955209, **Dial by your location:** 305-224-1968, 309-205-3325, 929-205-6099 on **July 29, 2025 at 6:45 pm.** to review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled "Granby Septic Regulations More Stringent Than Defined in Title 5." The proposed policies in the draft regulation include percolation tests, Title 5 Inspections and septic system design regulations.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this matter should attend via zoom meeting by logging in or calling at the time designated for the public hearing.

The Board of Health intends to conduct a public meeting following said hearing as time permits.

A copy of the proposed regulation is available at the Granby Health Department at 215B West State Street during normal business hours.

Richard Bombardier
Lee Lalonde
William Shaheen
Granby Board of Health
07/10, 07/17/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents, given by 55 Main Project, LLC and Shelle Realty, LLC, to Bluedog Capital Partners, LLC, dated March 30, 2022, and recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14510 Page 40 (the "Mortgage") of which Mortgage Bluedog Capital Partners, LLC is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on August 5, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises located at 55 Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007, a portion of the premises described in the Mortgage.

TO WIT:
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S. 72° 30' E. two hundred thirty-seven (237) feet; thence turning and running

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For reference, see plan entitled "Land in Belchertown, Survey by A. D. Lapolice", recorded as aforesaid in Book of Plans 45, page 60.

For title reference see deed recorded herewith.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of recorded entitled to precedence over the Mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The high bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Peter A. Saulino, P.C., 550 Locust Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 02720, or by mail to 550 Locust Street, Fall River,

Massachusetts 02720, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Bluedog Capital partners, LLC,
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By its Attorneys,
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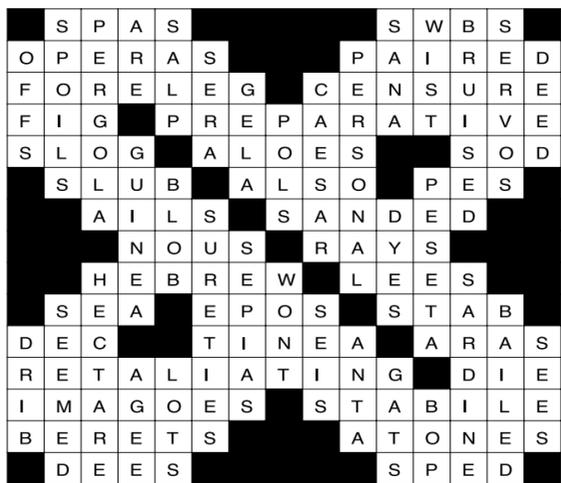
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Volunteers Needed! Kitchen Staff

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning shifts needed. Volunteers would perform basic food prep and assist with lunch service. Visit the Senior Center or email Stephanie for a volunteer application at SFraleigh@belchertown.org.

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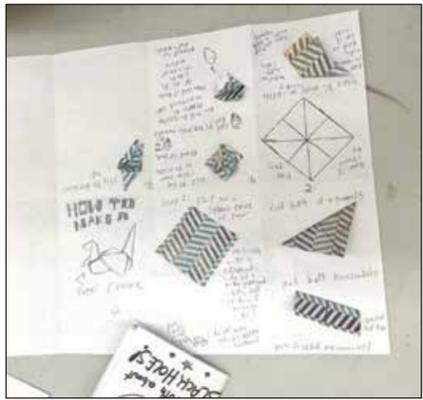
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RIGHT: A zine on how to make a paper crane, with even tinier paper guides.



ZINES from page 1

ative,” said Annie Macon. “The possibilities for what they can be are literally endless.”

Zines can be traded or sold, and there are groups and clubs dedicated to zines all over the country, allowing for this tiny art form to have a platform for people all over to access.

“I love to see people sitting down and being creative together, and there’s something about a community that loves art, just coming together to do and make art that can be shared, is truly what I love about zines,” said Kumbier.

The workshop provided paper, collage materials in the form of magazines, old maps, and old books to cut up, as well as markers, crayons, glue sticks, and more to create zines.

Some of the teens had their centered around beloved anime characters, one about animals who have been to space, another about nature, and one made tiny origami pieces to glue into the pages to show how to make an origami swan.

“Zines can be personal, and reflect what it is we as individuals love the most or are interested in,” said Kumbier.

The library provided all the materials, and the teens a part of the summer

reading program were given tickets for attending, and they were given the option to print up to 10 copies of their zine to share with others.

You can make your zine by using just a single sheet of computer printer paper. First, fold the paper in half evenly, the long way, or the “hot dog way”. Then, unfold the paper and fold in the opposite direction, the “hamburger way” so that you have a “+” shape, dividing your paper into four.

Next, with the paper still folded in the “hamburger way”, fold it in half again length-wise, so that now your paper is divided into eight even sections. Unfold the paper again so it is just in half the short way, and using a pair of scissors, cut on the folded side along the fold line to the middle so you have a slit.

Unfold the whole piece of paper and “smoosh” it together, using the cut piece to fold it so that you have a completed, tiny book.

Zines are a print way of sharing information, and are for everyone and anyone who wants to make one. So, grab yourself a piece of printer paper and an idea of something you’re interested in, and make your own. There are no rules, with the exception of the only one being to have fun.



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