

Capital Improvement Committee reviews requests by SB

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BELCHERTOWN – The Capital Improvement Planning Committee reviewed requests from the Select Board for the November Special Town Meeting.

Town Manager Steve Williams attended the Oct. 7 meeting to explain the three items that were highlighted by the Select Board as potential capital projects. Williams said the town received additional revenues and departments began putting in a list of items they may need. Approximately

\$340,000 in additional revenue was calculated. The Select Board agreed to spend \$150,000 and put the other \$190,000 into reserves. One of the items is for a human resource study for about \$42,000. Williams said there hasn't been a study like this done in about 13 years. The human resource study

will help update job descriptions and responsibilities. It will also help make sure wages are competitive. The other item is police cruiser radios for about \$34,000. The Police Department put in a need for updated radios for their cruisers. There are two items from

the school departments. One item is due to Jabish Brook Middle School discovering an issue with the boiler. The burner of the boiler needs repair and is listed at \$25,000. The other is for a water storage system for the rehabilitation of the Belchertown High School football field.

After hearing about the projects, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee went over each item to ask questions and see where each one fell under prioritization. Williams addressed ques-

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Legislators, local leaders speak against MWRA request

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BELCHERTOWN – A public hearing was held by the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission to discuss a request from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to transfer an additional 20 million gallons of water per day from the Quabbin Reservoir to the eastern Massachusetts communities the reservoir serves. The reason cited is to accommodate the expansion of its service area. Legislators and local offi-

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– Rep. Aaron Saunders

cials, along with residents spoke strongly in opposition of this request at the Sept. 30 hearing, citing fairness, equity and history, among other themes. State leaders in attendance included Rep. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Jake Oliveira, Sen. Jo Comerford and Sen. Peter Durant. Saunders spoke of the his-

tory of the Quabbin, saying "The Quabbin is not merely a distant water source." He spoke about how it displaced residents and reshaped the region of the state for the benefit of millions of people in metro Boston, and how to this day, the residents and communities protect and steward the

water. He said the lands of the Quabbin are taken from the tax bases of communities and residents live with water restrictions to preserve the water, but they cannot access it when their own wells run dry. "This is the context in which I urge the commission to reject the MWRA's application as presented," Saunders said. He also noted that the request of 20 million gallons is the largest request ever made in 40 years of the interbasin transfer being law. Saunders also spoke about the interbasin transfer act,

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TURLEY STAFF PHOTO
Representatives from the communities surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir attended a public hearing on Sept. 30.

Friends of Lake Wallace host BioBlitz

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BELCHERTOWN – As part of celebrating the regional Quabbin Days event, the Friends of Lake Wallace hosted a BioBlitz at the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail. The BioBlitz was held on Oct. 10 to explore the trail that is maintained by the Friends of Lake Wallace.

Louise Levy is one of the Friends who used to teach at Belchertown High School. During her teaching years, Levy would bring her students to the trail.

Starting in 2009, people gathered by Lake Wallace to do an area cleanup with the Connecticut River Conservancy. The trail first broke ground in 2021 with an official grand opening happening in 2022. The trail is approximate-

ly 1.75 to 2 miles long and became an addition to the space that would draw visitors.

Back in 2018, the town raised \$26,000 which was matched with a Massachusetts Trail grant for a total of \$52,000.

Students at the Conway School of Landscape Design planned the designs for the trail. Paths were added to go in several directions near Lake Wallace with one of them connecting to Foley Field.

The trail is maintained thanks to the time put in by about 20 volunteers.

"That is why there is Friends of Lake Wallace," Levy said.

Another direction of the sensory trail takes travelers to a hiking trail into the woods.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

Louise Levy of the Friends of Lake Wallace led the BioBlitz which took trail walkers to an observation platform to view the lake.

Education Foundation Grants \$23,000 to Belchertown schools

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Education Foundation (BEF) has awarded seven grants totaling nearly \$23,000 to Belchertown Public Schools for the 2026-2027

school year, and \$133,000 over the last decade. "Our mission is to enrich the education of Belchertown Public School students by funding innovative, high-im-

pact initiatives that would otherwise go unfunded," says BEF Board President, Jennifer Faulkner. "Soon we will celebrate 10 years of impact and share gratitude with all who have touched the Foundation in some way. It's because of our community that we continue to grow. This year we've granted one of the largest amounts in our history."

The Foundation's grant administrator, Stephen Bourgeois, notes that this year's grants range from an Outdoor Classroom to projects that welcome students entering new schools due to the closure of Cold Spring School. "We awarded a grant to school nurses for the first time that enhances student safety during field trips. We also had the opportunity to expand upon past grants for a dyslexia library and new ovens to enhance baking skills leading to greater independence for Transitions Classroom students."

The 2026-27 grants include



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BEF grant administrators Mim Plavin-Masterman, left, and Stephen Bourgeois attended the September teacher convocation in Belchertown sharing nearly \$23,000 with 2026-27 grant awardees for projects that enrich the educational environment.

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Annual walk/gathering brings awareness to domestic violence

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WARE – The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is preparing for its 11th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk & Gathering to be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

The walk will start and finish at Veterans Park on Main Street. In the event of rain, the event will be held inside Town Hall, 126 Main St.

Monica Moran, Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator, said this year's walk will have a lot of the same things it has had in the past, but also include some new things.

The walk was the idea of task force member Jennie

Simmons, who led its organization efforts for the past 10 years, before turning the reins over to others.

As always, the task

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk & Gathering
Sunday, Oct. 18 - 1pm
Veteran's Park, Main St., Ware

force is partnering with the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force, and the walk and gathering will be led by the students. Student Reese McKeever will emcee the event.

There will be a free children's bike raffle, free donuts, free hot dogs prepared and served by the Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183, a photo booth, music by DJ Roy Erickson, children's art, and tables set up by local organizations and resources.

"Every year there's new

partners," Moran said.

Moran said this is the second year the Knights of Columbus have volunteered to provide food for the event, and she said their support is "really great."

During the event, the task force will display a table set with plates and dinnerware. Each plate has a place card with the name of a person who died due to domestic violence.

This year, there are two more names to add to the table, and both hit close to home.

Diane Opper of Belchertown was killed in March, and Emma Pasterczyk of Palmer was killed in April in a hotel room at UMass Amherst.

"My hope for the walk is that domestic violence victims/survivors see that their communities support and care about them," task force member Erin Ballard said. "There are many resources that participate in tabling

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7th annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament held

GRANBY – The 7th annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament was played at Westover Municipal Golf Course in Granby on July 18.

Players from Connecticut, New York, Florida, California and Alaska braved brutal weather conditions and joined local golfers for the event, which was held in loving memory of Tucker Moran, Margot Moran and Chris Whalen.

Tucker was a graduate of Amherst Regional High School before enlisting in the Navy and serving in the Korean War. Upon his return, he used the G.I. Bill to attend the University of Massachusetts. He died unexpectedly at his home in Belchertown in July of 2017 and is buried at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam.

Margot was a graduate of Belchertown High School, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts. She held two careers: first as an English teacher/professor for South Hadley High School/Westfield State College, then as the Administrative Assistant for St. Michael’s Cathedral in Springfield.

She died unexpectedly at Baystate Wing Hospital in June of 2025. She is buried with Tucker at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam.

Chris was a graduate of Cathedral High School and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. His infectious personality touched countless lives, especially as he through-hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2021.

He died unexpectedly at



Participants in the 7th annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament held up prizes received at the July 18 event at Westover Municipal Golf Course in Granby.

his home in Otis in February of 2025 and his ashes were spread privately by his family and friends.

Ninety-two golfers and nine volunteers participated in the event. The proceeds from the tournament have been evenly split between the Belchertown Animal Relief Committee and the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236 in Ludlow.

The Moran and Whalen families thank Westover Municipal Golf Course and all those who participated in the event.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Volunteers handed out prizes at the 7th annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament, held in memory of Tucker Moran, Margot Moran and Chris Whalen.



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tions about the capital budget and how the money would be allocated.

“\$190,000 of it is going into savings accounts,” Williams said.

Clerk Michael Hofler informed the public that the committee’s role is to take the requests for capital improvements and prioritize them. The top ones on the list are defined as safety, meeting legal requirements and mission critical.

“Our job is to say that project is more important than these others,” Hofler said.

The cruiser radios for the Police Department fall into safety.

With the heating sea-

son approaching, Williams thought the burner repair at the middle school can be considered as mission critical. The committee asked if there was an opportunity for the school to have it planned, but Williams said it’s more of a timing issue the school had.

Williams said he values the recommendations from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Eric Bernardin of the committee said he wants there to be better communication with the school department to know more about capital projects.

The committee recommended to support the water storage project with a request that the school reapply to the Community Preservation Committee for additional

funds for a scope change for the amount of money.

The committee voted on each item separately and okayed the recommendations for the approval of the water storage project, the police cruiser radios and the burner replacement at the middle school.

Appointment

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee reviewed the application of Rick Kowal to join the committee.

Kowal is a former member of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and currently serves on the Finance Committee. Kowal also served on the Building and Grounds Committee.

The committee unanimously appointed Kowal.

Election letters must be received by Oct. 16

The Sentinel welcomes readers to participate in this year’s state election by writing letters to the editor for publication.

Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the The Sentinel by email to sentinel@turley.com or care of: Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 by

12 noon on Friday, Oct. 16 to be published in the Wednesday, Oct. 21 edition. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

Letter writers need to provide their name and the town they reside in.

Please include a daytime telephone number (for verification purposes only) when submitting your letter. Your phone number will not be printed.

News from the Town Clerk on voting

BELCHERTOWN — Early in-person voting begins on Saturday, Oct. 17 and runs through Friday, Oct. 30. It is being held in the auditorium at Town Hall, 2 Jabish St.

The hours for Saturday, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekday hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For this election, the ballot is 2 pages, a first for Belchertown.

Be sure to be ready to vote when you come in person, to avoid delays in the voting booths. In the back of the red voter information book, there is a voter check sheet that you can bring with you to make voting quicker and easier, as the questions can be confusing and being prepared will help you have confidence when you vote.

We also suggest bringing the check sheet with you if you are voting in person on election day. Lots of extra voter information books can be found at the Town Hall and Clapp Memorial Library.

If you have already requested a ballot by mail, you should be receiving them shortly, they have all

been mailed.

Please consider returning your ballot just as soon as you can to allow time for processing before the election and be sure to return both pages.

If you are able, you can use the secure ballot drop box at Town Hall, which is available 24/7 and is collected multiple times throughout the day. This is much quicker than using the Postal Service to return your ballot.

To check the status of your mail-in ballot, go to “mass.gov” and put “track my ballot” in the search bar. Here you will be able to see when your ballot was mailed to you and when we received it back.

The Board of Registrars will be holding a voter registration drive at the Belchertown Senior Center on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Feel free to stop by with any election or voter registration questions. They will be able to check your voter registration status for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 413-323-0281 or clerk@belchertown.org

Historical graveyard tours set for Oct. 25

BELCHERTOWN — Have you ever spent a night in the graveyard when Halloween is approaching?

The Belchertown Historical Association is

once again holding Historic Halloween Graveyard Tours in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Tours will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Inhabitants of the cemetery that impacted Belchertown’s history will “come to life” represented by members of the community in period costumes.

Tours will start from the United Church of Christ parish house, where a renowned storyteller will share stories of Halloweens past.

Visitors will meet Belchertown residents from the 19th Century, along with some occasional spirits, and lost souls wandering among the tombstones.

The event is free; donations being collected toward continued reconstruction of the Washington District Schoolhouse.

This is not a trick or treat event.

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at the event to get conversations going on what is available. Connecting victims to services is crucial and can make a huge difference. The Empty Table display’s purpose is to make an impact on how these situations are so tragic and what people have to lose especially when the victims children suffer this type of loss.”

Moran said the task force will also be collecting donations for its domestic violence survivor’s fund, which provides emergency assistance for people needing to leave dangerous situations. The fund can help pay for things like hotel rooms, car repairs, cell phone replacement and utility bills.

“The kinds of things that when you’re dealing with a lot, will spiral you down,” Moran said.

Moran said this fund is getting low, and people will be able to make donations to it during the walk and gathering.

State Rep. Todd Smola and District Attorney David Sullivan and others will speak at the event.

The walk itself will follow the same route as last year,

traveling Main Street, then turning left to go up Church Street, left onto Pleasant Street, then a left onto North Street, before returning to Veterans Park.

Moran said one of the goals of the walk is to show survivors that the community has zero tolerance for domestic violence, and help connect them to vital resources.

Task force member Jenny Raiche talked about the importance of showing support for survivors.

“The recent case of the ‘Cornell 7’ is national news, and for every social media post we see in support of the survivor, we also see posts questioning her judgment and defending her attackers,” Raiche said. “The women in our community – our friends, our daughters, ourselves – are seeing these posts too. It’s more important than ever to support survivors, and to push back on the harmful idea that survivors are to blame for the criminally abusive behaviors of other people.”

Moran said the task force and the Ware High School Task Force are working to bring awareness to different types of domestic violence, including coercive control

and blame-shifting.

“Even today, a lot of people think of domestic violence as just physical abuse,” Moran said.

Moran said the high school task force members are working on a writing prompt related to blame-shifting, to help students identify this type of controlling behavior in their relationships.

“The statistics show that most people who experience domestic violence, experience it young,” Moran said.

Now the that Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is in its 26th year (and the high school task force in its 16th), its members continue to work with local police departments to provide resources and assistance to survivors.

Moran said the task force has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ware Police Department to provide two hours a month for Officer Somer Bren to do follow-up calls with survivors of domestic violence in the community.

The task force has recently released a video that helps survivors through the process of requesting a restraining order. This video has been shared with every police

department in the state, Moran said.

The task force has also printed a pamphlet explaining how to fill out a 209A affidavit (an abuse protection order) and file it with the court.

About the task force

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force currently serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick. The mission of the task force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives.

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is funded by a grant awarded to the Town of Ware by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant Program, by the Massachusetts Office of Rural Health, and by donations from the community.

Task force members are a group of over 300 community members, survivors and representatives from local

and county agencies that have been at work preventing and ending intimate partner violence since 2000.

For those seeking help, local advocacy services are available through Behavioral Health Network in Ware at 413-967-6241. For those who use abuse, but want to change and become safe, a Call for Change Helpline can be reached at 877-898-3411. The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at www.waredvtaskforce.org, or at waredvtaskforce@gmail.com.

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Annual Meeting of Friends of the CML date change

BELCHERTOWN—The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library regret to announce that the Annual Meeting scheduled for Oct. 15 has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts with several Board members. We will publish the new date soon.

Plans to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on Oct. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. are in the making.

More details will be forthcoming (there will be cake!).

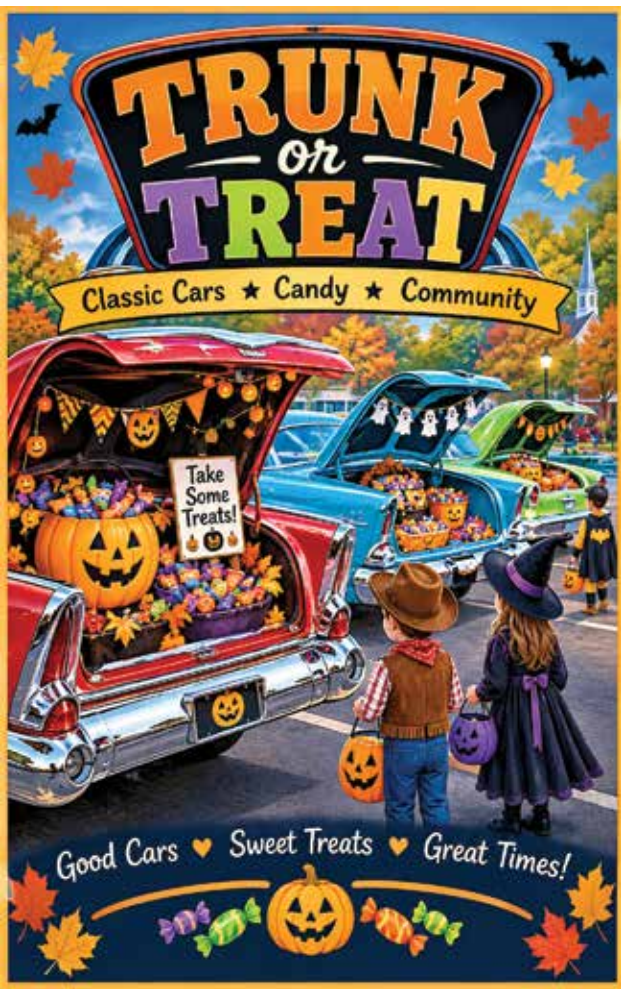
Ware Grange pumpkin carving Oct. 26

WARE—The Grange’s Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware.

This is the final Kids’ Corner workshop for this year. Families will enjoy the art of carving and decorating pumpkins, and kids will learn about the life cycle of pumpkins, composting, and giving back to the soil.

We will also have a family-friendly Halloween story.

This event is free. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun. Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.



Trunk or Treat 2026 to be held Oct. 17

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Lions Club will change up its typical Halloween celebration this year by partnering with the local 4-H Club to bring you Trunk or Treat 2026 on the Belchertown Town Common.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., and join the fun where decorated vehicles along with some restored vintage classics will be lined up with buckets of treats to be handed out to the attendees.

Additionally, a free hayride will be available to boot, the rain date will be Oct. 24.

Deadline to register to vote Oct. 24

BELCHERTOWN—From the Town Clerk, the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming November 3, 2026 State Election is Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026.

Be sure to check your voter registration status ahead of time at www.mass.gov and put “check voter registration status” in the search bar. If it shows that you are inactive, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office to update your status prior to the election.

The reason voters show as inactive is because the Town did not receive a signed census for 2026. If you return your signed census each year, your voter status will remain active, and you will avoid having to complete additional forms at the time of voting. You can register to vote online at www.registertovotema.com.

The State has mailed out the red “Information for Voters” booklets to all voters in the State. This booklet explains all 9 questions that will appear on the Nov. 3rd ballot. The last page of this booklet has a tear out sheet where you can mark your responses ahead of time. You are welcome to bring this voter checklist with you to vote, to help complete the ballot quicker.

For the first time, Belchertown will have a 2-page ballot. Not just a 2-sided ballot, but 2 separate pages. We do anticipate it taking voters longer to mark their ballots in the voting booths and are hoping to shorten the time if everyone comes prepared to vote, instead of seeing the questions for the first time on election day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 413-323-0281 or email clerk@belchertown.org. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for up-to-the-minute information.”

PVPC launches land use survey

BELCHERTOWN—The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) is working with the Belchertown Planning Department on a land use planning process. As part of that work, PVPC is gathering community input through a short online survey, and anyone who lives, works, owns property, runs a business, or regularly spends time in Belchertown is encouraged to take part.

The survey asks respondents for their views on several topics that will help guide the planning process:

- Changes they would like to see explored, such as lot sizes in the town center and elsewhere, tourism, small business development, mixed-use development, and working farms and woodlands
- New businesses and services they would like to see in town
- Industries and types of jobs the Town should focus on attracting
- Whether the Town should encourage, discourage, or not change various types of housing, from senior housing and apartment buildings to townhouses, accessory rental rooms, and cluster housing with open space
- What they would like Belchertown to be known for in fifteen years

The survey has six questions and takes only a few minutes to complete. Every response helps give planners a clearer picture of what the community values and where it wants to go.

The survey is available online at surveymonkey.com/r/GKSG8WD, or by scanning the QR code included with this release. Please note that the survey address is case-sensitive and must be entered exactly as shown.

Questions about the survey or the land use planning process can be directed to the Belchertown Planning Department at planning@belchertown.org or 413-323-0407. More information about PVPC is available at pvpc.org.

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which is the legal process for the request being made. He said under the statute, the donor and receiving communities need to have access to the same information to weigh their decisions, but in this case, the donor communities are not being told what the need for the water is, which communities will be getting it, and how much water is going to each individual community.

He said the eastern Massachusetts communities will have all that information.

“The MWRA’s attempt to leverage the very law

designed to protect our communities to instead deprive us of basic information about a proposed transfer adds immeasurable insult to generations of injury,” he said of the request.

“Quabbin region residents are being asked to comment on the extraction of 20 million gallons of water per day without knowing where the water will go, who will receive it, how much each community needs, or what public benefit supposedly justifies the burden,” he said.

Oliveira spoke about the levels of the Quabbin being the lowest they have been in his lifetime.

“If you go to the Quabbin Reservoir right now, you can see how low the water is,” he said.

He said the request of 20 million gallons is equivalent to one John Hancock building in Boston, and there is no clear guidance on who will receive the water. He urged the commission to hold a future hearing on the decision in western Massachusetts so people from the region can attend.

Oliveira also spoke about the interbasin transfer law, saying “the spirit of the law is intentionally being broken right now, and if this makes its way to a court of law, I guarantee that they would probably side with the legislators.”

Comerford spoke about the commission’s responsibility to safeguard the water future

for the entire commonwealth, and spoke about how the Quabbin towns face restrictions on economic development while getting little payment in return.

“Your decisions today have generational impacts...I urge you to reject the MWRA’s application,” Comerford said.

She also recommended against future water transfers until fundamental questions are answered, saying, “I ask the commission today to recommend against any future water transfers from the Quabbin until the commonwealth has resolved fundamental questions of equity, stewardship and a common water future for all in Massachusetts.”

She said the region has chronic population decline, limited infrastructure and a dearth of economic activity,

and asked what would happen when the region runs out of resources to protect the water.

Comerford said the towns took formal votes during town meetings and select board letters asking for more representation on the MWRA board of directors, since the region has no seat, and for more payment in lieu of taxes funding.

“The MWRA and its advisory board responded negatively with disinterest, disinformation and even open disdain,” Comerford said.

Durant said the water system is under stress and extracting with no compensation is not good, and he also spoke of the proposed battery energy storage system in Oakham.

Stephen Garabedian of the Belchertown Conservation Commission said he believes the application is a done deal, saying the governor wants this water to develop a former naval base and turn it into 6,000 housing units. He said since there are no resources for water near Boston, they are turning to the Quabbin.

“Water flows toward money,” he said.

Some leaders, including Patty Gamborini of the Pioneer Valley Planning

Commission and Sue Cloutier of New Salem asked about desalination plants, and whether one could be built on the coast of Boston. Cloutier said when she was in eighth grade, she did a study on desalination happening in Florida, saying the technology is there.

Matthew Broderick of the Oakham Planning Board said a third of their town was taken for the watershed, and the town takes its stewardship seriously, and they are also in support of protecting their self interests and the reservoir from the BESS facility.

“Our confidence in the stewardship of the MWRA has been severely eroded,” he said, and noted there could be severe impacts if the BESS system experiences an accident.

Ed Comeau of Belchertown said the Quabbin is 12 feet below capacity, and the Quabbin/Wachusett system is still a good reserve, but with climate change and changes in precipitation, it could take years to build back to the levels the reservoir was once at.

The commission will make a decision about this request at a future public hearing, which is yet to be scheduled as of this publication.

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COMMUNITY

Parish announces Scramble Golf Tournament to support new center

BELCHERTOWN—St. Francis of Assisi Parish is excited to announce its upcoming Scramble Golf Tournament to raise funds for the construction of a new Parish Center on their Jabish Street campus. The tournament will take place at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown on Oct. 17, with registration check-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. This event is made possible thanks to the generosity of our Platinum Sponsor: Window World of Western Mass. Participants will enjoy a day of golf, including a continental breakfast and lunch. The entry fee is \$150

per person or \$600 per foursome, which covers golf, cart, and lunch. In addition to some exciting playing prizes, the tournament will feature a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Local businesses are encouraged to consider sponsoring a tee or green, with sponsorship information available on the tournament entry form. Entry forms can be found on the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website at StFrancisBelchertown.com, as well as at Cold Spring Country Club, the Gathering Space at St. Francis Church, the parish office on Park



Street, and Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising to support our community's new Parish Center. For more information contact James Phaneuf, Tournament Director, Tel. 413-219-3874, Jrphaneuf55@gmail.com

Belchertown veterans collections Nov. 14

BELCHERTOWN—The St. Francis Church Respect Life Committee is sponsoring their second annual collection of items to support our Belchertown Veterans on Saturday Nov. 14 in front of the St. Francis Parish Center at 10 Park Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. All items collected will be available to our Belchertown Veterans at our local Veterans Agency Office located at the Belchertown Senior Center. The following items, as well as monetary donations would be greatly appreciated: Food - tuna, peanut butter, spices, vegetable oil, sauces, canned soup, canned fruit (anything non-perishable for food shelves) Hygiene Items - shampoo, razors, shaving cream, individually wrapped toilet paper, Kleenex, feminine products, deodorant, bath soap, hand soap, toothpaste Cleaning Items - dish detergent, laundry detergent (smaller sizes) Clothing - socks, gloves, hats, slipper socks Pet Food - small cans of cat and dog food Thank you for your generous support of our veterans.

Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 7

BELCHERTOWN—Come join us for fun and fellowship at the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Hope United Methodist Church located at 31 Main Street, Belchertown, Mass. We have a wonderful addition to our Bazaar this year. You will have a chance to say hello and sit with

Santa and Mrs. Claus. Come to stock up on our famous Conkey jams and jellies. There will be crafted items, tempting breads and baked goods. There will also be a Holiday Cookie Shop. Fill a bag with all your favorite cookies for only \$8. There will be a variety of vendors. Enjoy a morn-

ing snack with coffee and donuts, or grab a cup of soup and a finger sandwich for a quick lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will also be offering a Grab"N Go Bag, for \$5. Come and enjoy the best place to do some early Christmas shopping. The Bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Belchertown High School Field Hockey team celebrates 200 goal saves by senior year player Lila Roy.

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

Does a Veteran who uses VA healthcare need Medicare at age 65?

Dear Rusty: I'm not yet old enough, but must I enroll in Medicare at age 65? I am a disabled military veteran with VA benefits, so must I still take Medicare when I turn 65? Signed: Disabled Veteran

Dear Disabled Veteran: First, please accept my gratitude for your military service to our country. And please also know that if you now rely 100% on the VA for all your healthcare needs and you expect that to continue for the rest of your life, then you have the option to decline enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. However, if you believe that using healthcare providers from outside the VA may someday be in your future, you should enroll in Medicare when you are first eligible.

Although you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) if you collect Social Security after age 65, enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services) is always optional because there is a monthly premium for Part B (\$202.90 for 2026 - changes yearly).

So, as a military veteran using VA healthcare, you have a choice to either enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65, or not if you get all your healthcare services from the Veterans Administration.

Just be aware that VA healthcare is not considered "creditable" for Medicare purposes, so if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period and later choose to enroll in Medicare Part B, there will be a permanent Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside your initial enrollment period (your

Medicare IEP is three months on either side of the month you turn 65). So, the decision you will need to make as you approach 65 years of age is this: will all of your healthcare needs always be provided through the VA? Or do you want the convenience (and flexibility) to know you can use any healthcare provider anywhere the U.S. or its territories, whenever and wherever you wish.

If the latter is true, then you should likely enroll in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You can still use the VA for some services if you are enrolled in both, but there is no coordination of benefits (e.g., the VA will not make copayments if you use Medicare services, and vice versa).

Which means that you may also wish to also consider a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.

I hope this answers your question, but please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.

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Parent intervention for campaign 2026 TV ads...



in my BACKYARD By Ellenor Downer



Dark-eyed junco

Every fall I look for the return of the dark-eyed juncos, also known as "snow birds" in the middle latitudes.

Over most of the eastern United States, they appear as winter sets in and then retreat northward each spring to breed. Other juncos are year-round residents, retreating into woodlands during the breeding season or, like those of the Appalachian Mountains, moving to higher elevations during the warmer months.

I have not seen any yet, but I keep an eye out for them. Often my first sighting of the year is along the side of the road when I spot their white tail feathers as they fly.

Dark-eyed juncos are little sparrows with gray plumage and white outer tail feathers and white underneath. Females and juveniles are slightly browner and duller.

They breed in forests including coniferous and deciduous types and can be found at elevations from sea level to over 11,000 feet. Typically, the female lays between three to six eggs per clutch. She usually lays one egg per day until the clutch is complete.

Their diet primarily consists of seeds and insects, adapting to available food sources throughout the year. Juncos are social birds, often seen in flocks during winter and they exhibit a distinctive hopping behavior on the ground. They flit about forest floors of the western mountains and Canada, then flood the rest of North America for winter.

They are among the most abundant forest birds of North America. They come to feeders and like many sparrows feed on the ground to glean seeds dropped there by other birds. They prefer open, partially wooded areas with understorey for cover. They also have a twittering call or trilling song. If flushed from the ground, they appear gray or dark brown overall with visible white outer tail feathers.

The dark-eyed Junco is one of the most common birds in North America and can be found across the continent from Alaska to Mexico, from

California to New York. A recent estimate set the junco's total population at approximately 630 million individuals.

The oldest recorded dark-eyed Junco, originally banded in 1991, was at least 11 years, 4 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in the same state of West Virginia in 2001.

Large flock of sparrows Recently, while driving to the bus stop to pick up my grandson, I flushed a large flock of sparrows along the side of the road. A large number of them flew across the road in front of the car. It happened quickly so I was not able to identify them. They were not juncos as they did not have white tail feathers

New bird feeder A man, who attends meals at the Oakham Senior Center, built a feeder from tubing someone gave him. He filled it with seed and put it outside. It took a few days for the birds to arrive, but he has a lot of birds coming to it now.

eBird sightings Recent eBird sightings included a Cape May warbler on Oct. 6 in Belchertown and an American redstart and a black-bellied plover, both spotted in the northeast Quabbin area on Oct. 6.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

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When to wash and when not to wash, that is the question

This is one of my more funnier titles, isn't it? It occurred to me that not everyone knows which fruits or vegetables should be washed prior to storage.

Just yesterday I was pondering this topic myself, wondering if my fresh picked apples should be washed before I stored them away in the fridge.

Read on to learn the answer to that question as well as the same for other crops. While we're at it I will provide additional tips to help achieve lengthy storage.

Apples should not be washed prior to storage. There is a protective waxy covering over the fruit that helps to increase its shelf life.

Experiments prove that washing it off caused the apples to spoil much more quickly. Placing unwashed apples in a plastic bag that is either left open or has perforations in it then putting the

bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator will give them the best chance at longevity. This method provides both air

in the Garden by Roberta McQuaid



flow and humidity.

Want to store carrots or beets? Use the same method.

You will have to cut back the greens first, however. If you leave them on they will

pull moisture from the roots rendering them limp. Cut back to a half inch or so.

If your carrots or beets are super muddy it's best to let them air dry briefly to get some of the extra dirt off, but just like apples, that protective waxy layer should not be washed off. If you are hoping for a long storage life, it makes sense to go through your bags of produce to remove any that begin to rot so that they won't infect their neighbors.

There is something to be gleaned from the old adage "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel."

Likewise, never wash potatoes before putting them in storage! Gently brush off dirt and store them in a single layer in the darkness around 55 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Potatoes should not be stored in the refrigerator. It changes their texture

and makes them prone to rot.

I think it's safe to say that we would never consider washing onions or garlic prior to storage. We should, however, gently brush off the dirt near the roots and bottom portion of the bulb. After onions are properly cured, store them at temperatures close to 40 degrees.

Place apples, bananas, and tomatoes away from onions, these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Ethylene will also encourage potatoes to sprout.

Use onion bulbs that have two centers first; they won't store well. Garlic stems should be cut back to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc.

Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

Keep your garlic fists intact; once broken apart,

individual cloves do not keep as long.

Gently wash winter squash in a 10% bleach solution prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees; in this case it will help prevent rot.

The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age. The same advice for washing prevails for pumpkins and gourds.

As the harvest season continues, may these tips help to ensure that you get the longest possible storage life. A much deserved reward after all of your hard work!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.

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The BioBlitz at the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail took place as part of celebrating Quabbin Days. A map of the trail could be viewed from the start.

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A metal sculpture of a heron designed by Donald Longley is displayed on the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail.

LAKE WALLACE

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Lake Wallace is the home of many wildlife species including birds, beavers, turtles, foxes, otters and even a bear. The area is considered a thriving and diverse wetland.

Throughout the sensory trail there are information signs that talk about the habitats and geological history of Lake Wallace.

The sensory trail also includes a story walk for visitors to read, learn and explore. An accessible bridge to Foley Field was an additional phase to the trail so visitors can further explore Lake Wallace and its surroundings.

There are several observational platforms that provide views of Lake Wallace for people to review.

During the walk, folks could also witness artwork that was added to the sensory trail. Off to the side of one bridge is a metal sculpture of a heron designed by Donald Longley.



Kiran Jandu from UMass Amherst engaged in a year-long social practice and sculptural engagement project. The project resulted in a bench connecting to a stone that is located off the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail.

The Friends of Lake Wallace are always seeking volunteers to assist in trail



This bench was designed by Kiran Jandu.

cleanup and maintenance. More information about the Friends of Lake Wallace can be found on Facebook and by contacting friendso-

flakewallace@gmail.com
The sensory trail is located off Whitlock Way, behind the Belchertown Police Station and near the former Belchertown State School.

15th Annual BUCC Quilt Show & Sale

BELCHERTOWN—Quilts will be decorating the Belchertown United Church of Christ (Congregational) located at 18 Park St. in Belchertown. Featured this year will be Red & Cheddar quilts. Many antique and new quilts to view and to buy.

The Sewing Tag Sale, featuring fabric, yarn, any kind of needlework & tools, runs through the days of the show and on into the following

week.
\$5 entry fee for Show hours Oct. 30, 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sewing Tag Sale Nov. from 2 - 7 p.m. hours are noon - 6 p.m. with no entry fee.

A handicapped lift is available in the parking lot side door of the church.

Questions? Email Jane at ahc60@hotmail.com.

Ware Grange pumpkin carving set for Oct. 26

WARE—The Grange's Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware.

This is the final Kids' Corner workshop for this year. Families will enjoy the art of carving and decorating pumpkins, and kids will learn about the life

cycle of pumpkins, composting, and giving back to the soil.

We will also have a family-friendly Halloween story.

This event is free. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun. Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at ware-grange.org for more information.

GRANBY

Granby library offers afternoon book club

GRANBY—Join the Granby Free Public Library for a friendly, relaxed, afternoon book club.

The group will meet monthly, every third Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. to discuss various genres of fiction.

Group members will vote on titles they would like to read in advance.

Upcoming books are made available at the library in multiple formats - regular print, large print and audiobook.

For the Oct. 20 meeting,

the book choice is "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn, stop by the library for a copy.

Afternoon book groups combine the joy of reading with the benefits of conversation, community, and personal enrichment, making them a rewarding way to spend time and connect with others.

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St. in Granby, MA 01033.

Visit www.granbylibrary.org for more information.

4th Annual Movie in the Park Oct. 24

GRANBY—The Friends of Granby Parks is hosting our 4th Annual Movie in the Park on Friday, Oct. 16, the rain date: Saturday Oct. 24. The event is held in Dufresne Park in Granby, Mass.

Trunk or Treating will begin at 5 p.m., and the movie, "Minions and

Monsters" will begin around 6:30 p.m.

There will also be free balloon creations by Brie's Balloons and glitter tattoos by Western Mass Face Painting from 5 to 7 p.m. The suggested donation per car is \$5.

All are welcome to participate in the festivities.

October happenings at the Granby Free Public Library

The Trial of Lizzie Borden
Thursday, Oct. 15
at 5:30 p.m.

Join Honorable Dennis J. Curran, Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court (Ret.) to discuss the famous case of Lizzie Borden! Space is limited - Sign-up!

Halloween Family Book Bingo
Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.
All ages are welcome! Come play bingo to win free books and enjoy some spooky treats.

Sourdough Starter Workshop with Sourdough Brandon
Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.
Space is limited, sign-up.

Knitting Group
Every Wednesday
afternoon at 2 p.m.
Bring your latest project and join us for conversation, tips and tricks.

Friends of the Granby Library Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 22
at 4:30 p.m.
Visit our website for more information and to sign up for our programs!
www.granbylibrary.org

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HCC culinary arts student awarded fellowship

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“Tiff is always the first person who wants to help others,” said Carter. “She is really passionate about public health and food security.”



Food, in one form or another, has been at the heart of Mackey's life for a long time. After dropping out of college in her early 20s — she was studying business and computers — she left Texas and “bounced around a bit,” working for organic farms, growing lettuce, raising ducks, and volunteering at food banks. She settled in western Massachusetts about 10 years ago and has worked with CSAs (communities for sustainable agriculture) at farmers markets in Easthampton, South Hadley and Amherst, while immersing herself in the books of food writer Michael Pollan and feeding her interest in food politics and accessibility.

“Going back to school in my 40s,” she said, “I’m just getting to a place where I can complete what I couldn’t so many years ago. Going to culinary school is something I’ve wanted to do for a long time.”

“The goal is also to incorporate the sustainable soup project into our nutrition class this semester and even into our food styling and marketing classes next semester,” she said.

The Pansy Park Hypothesis

The Flowers of Invention are organisms unlike any known to science. They do not photosynthesize. Instead, they perform obscurasynthesis, harvesting dark matter through specialized organelles, converting it into light. They appear only where the seams between worlds are

On October 22 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. the Glorb Organ comes to ArcPoint. You are invited to gather, witness, and participate in what the Institute is calling an interdimensional dialogue. Ambient music will accompany the installation. The Organ responds to those willing to engage it.

Bob Novick, presenter, has been raising goats for 20 years. He maintains a 25-goat herd, milking twice daily and selling the milk for a variety of uses.

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Knights take win over Pathfinder

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—For the second straight season, the Holyoke boys' varsity soccer team came away victorious in its second regular-season showdown with Bi-County East rival Pathfinder Tech.

The Purple Knights struck twice in the first 10 minutes and then withstood a challenge from the Pioneers to earn a 3-2 victory on Oct. 5 at historic Legion Field in Palmer.

"We played two competitive games against Pathfinder last year. Our first meeting of this season ended in a tie," said Holyoke head coach Cam Rivest. "We were able to take an early lead in tonight's game, and we didn't let it slip away like we've done a few times this season."

Holyoke didn't have very much trouble posting a 5-0 home shutout over Pathfinder Tech in their second meeting of last season.

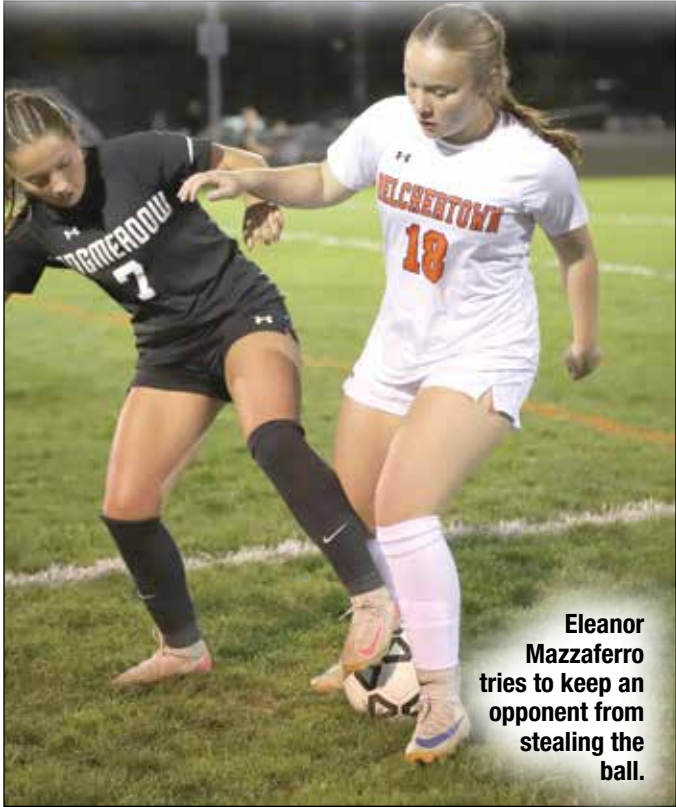
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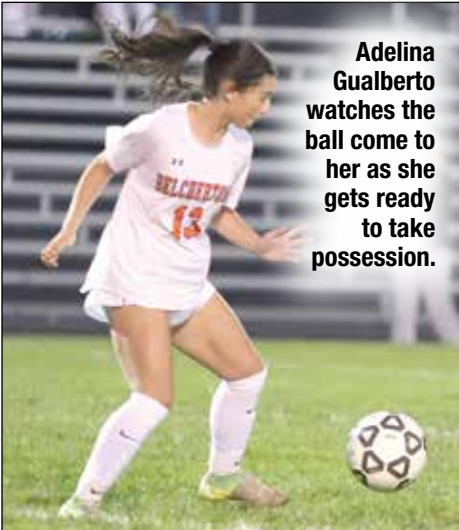
B-Town girls beat Longmeadow, make tournament



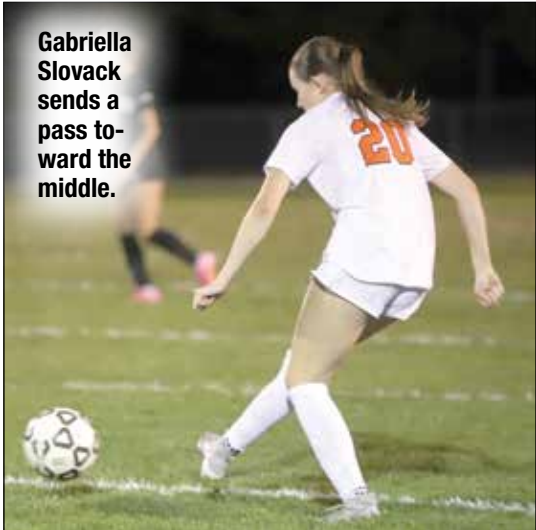
Emma Litz makes a throw-in.



Eleanor Mazzaferro tries to keep an opponent from stealing the ball.



Adelina Gualberto watches the ball come to her as she gets ready to take possession.



Gabriella Slovack sends a pass toward the middle.



LONGMEADOW – Last Thursday evening under the lights at Longmeadow High School, the Orioles girls soccer team defeated the Lancers for the second time this year, winning 3-1 for their eight overall win of the season. At 8-4, Belchertown has automatically qualified for the state tournament with four games remaining. Belchertown faces Minnechaug on the road Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6:45 p.m.

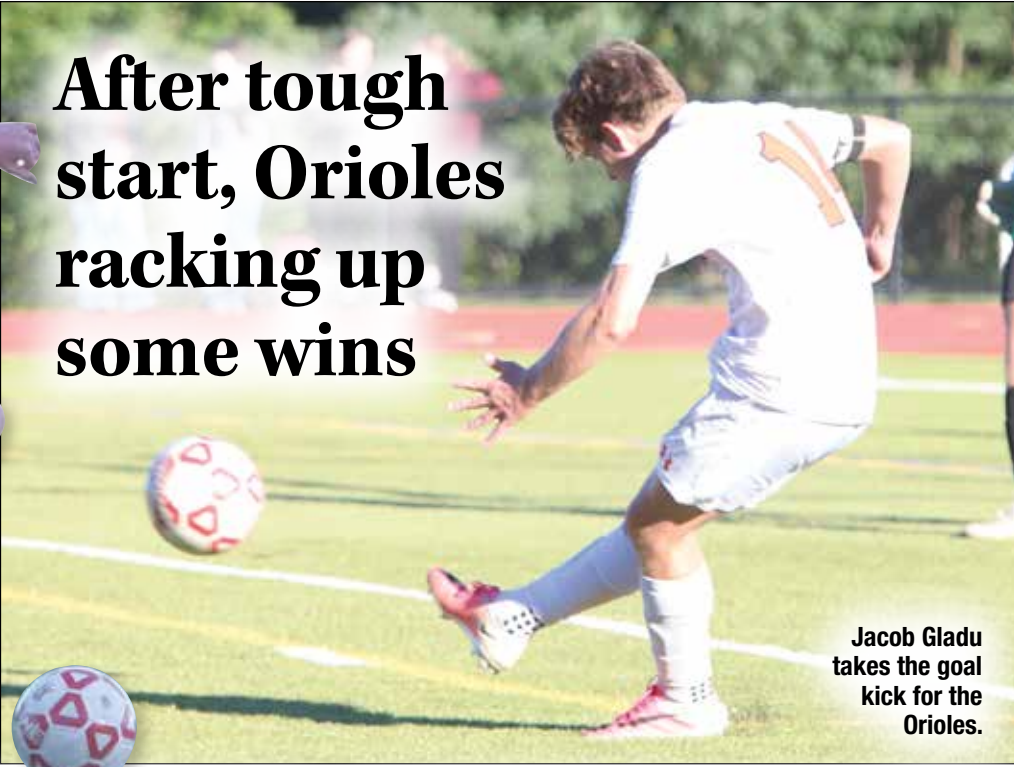
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Lily Mann eyes the ball in the air, looking to make a play and settle it.

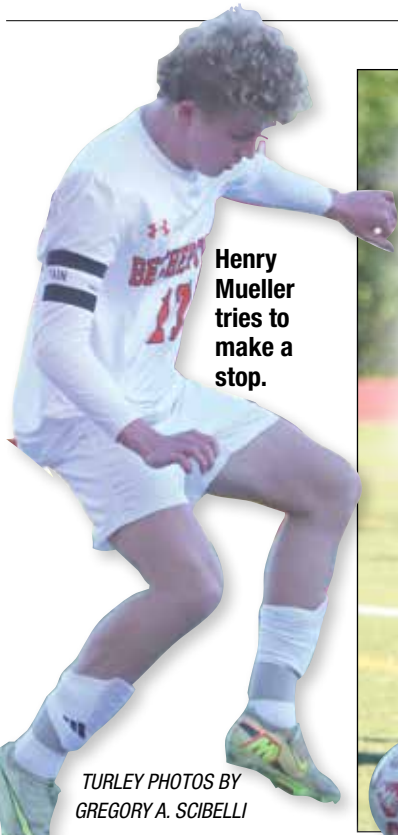


Morgan Litz is pressured by the Longmeadow defense.

After tough start, Orioles racking up some wins



Jacob Gladu takes the goal kick for the Orioles.



Henry Mueller tries to make a stop.

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SPRINGFIELD – The Belchertown High School boys soccer team had a rough start to heir season with six straight losses. But since Sept. 25, the Orioles have won four of six games with

a tie mixed in. Last week, the Orioles scored a pair of shut-outs, one of them a 2-0 triumph over Pope Francis on the road, avenging a loss earlier this season. Adam Stahl and Liam Verrochi scored the

goals while Andrew Lambert made five saves for a shut-out. While, the Orioles need more wins to qualify for the state tournament outright, the Orioles are holding with a spot in the Division 3 state

tournament placing No. 23 in the current power rankings. The top 32 in each division's power rankings make the tournament regardless of record. The Orioles are 4-7-1 overall.



Conor Callery plays the ball off his foot.

Logan Carmody sprints up the field.

Rams defeat Smith Academy, Ware

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GRANBY – It was a busy week for Granby High School boys soccer as they scored wins over Smith Academy and Ware, but suffered a 3-0 loss against Westfield Tech. Heading

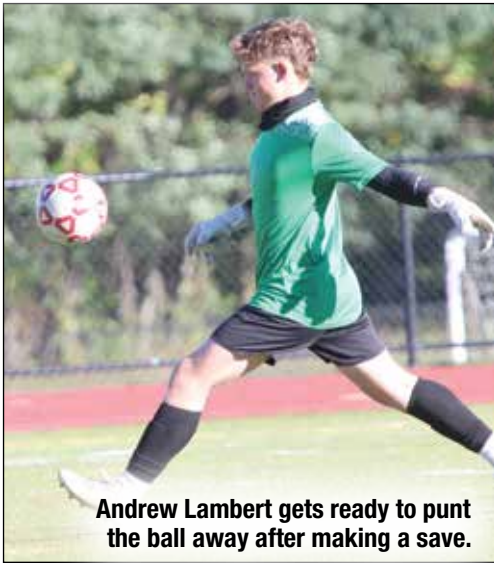
into the final stretch of the season, Granby is 5-5 and needs to stay at .500 to qualify for the state tournament. They are currently out of the top 32 in the Division 5 state power rankings.



Lucas Haluch is pressured on defense.



Tyler Boisjolie advances toward a shot on goal.



Andrew Lambert gets ready to punt the ball away after making a save.



Ralph El Aouji heads up the field with the ball.

SPORTS

Pioneers football suffers loss to South Hadley

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Since the MIAA implemented its current postseason format in 2021, the South Hadley Tigers have played two road games in the state football tournament.

In 2021, South Hadley dropped a 35-0 decision at Winthrop High School in a Division 6 first-round state tournament game. Two years later, after moving down to Division 7, the Tigers suffered a 39-8 first-round loss at West Bridgewater.

The members of this year's South Hadley football team are determined to secure a home game for the first time in the state tournament.

The Tigers improved to a perfect 5-0 following a convincing 34-0 non-league home victory over the Pathfinder Tech Pioneers, last Thursday night.

"One of our goals this season is to host a play-off game," said South Hadley sophomore quarterback

Trevor Alexander makes a punt.

Nolan Soderbaum. "We take practice seriously, and we're a confident team. We know that we can beat these teams." Soderbaum is following in the footsteps of his older



The Pathfinder offense lines up to start a play.

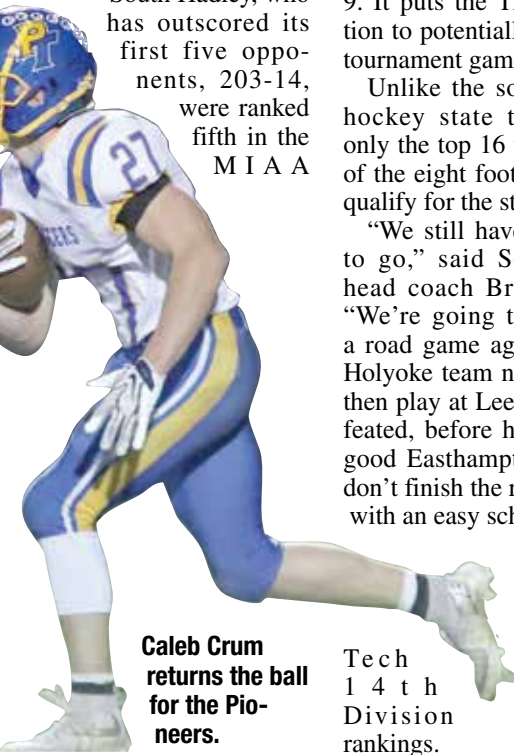
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Matthew Carney makes a tackle.

brother, Griffin, who was the Tigers starting quarterback a year ago.

South Hadley, who has outscored its first five opponents, 203-14, were ranked fifth in the MIAA



Caleb Crum returns the ball for the Pioneers.



Franklin Webster makes an effective block.

Division 7 power rankings that was released on October 9. It puts the Tigers in position to potentially host a state tournament game.

Unlike the soccer or field hockey state tournaments, only the top 16 teams in each of the eight football divisions qualify for the state playoffs.

"We still have a long way to go," said South Hadley head coach Brian Couture. "We're going to be playing a road game against a tough Holyoke team next week. We then play at Lee, who's undefeated, before hosting a very good Easthampton team. We don't finish the regular season with an easy schedule."

Despite dropping to 3-2 overall, Pathfinder was ranked in the 8 power



Grayson Griswold takes the snap.

"Regardless of what the scoreboard says, the kids kept battling until the end," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. "This is also a very good learning experience for us. We still need to get to a level where we can compete against very good football teams like South Hadley."

The Pioneers four seniors, who are hoping to play in a state tournament game for the first time, are Peyton Kularski, Franklin Webster, Chase Fett, and Emerson Boronski.

The only other meeting on the gridiron between the two squads was a non-play-off game in 2024. The Tigers posted a 27-9 win in that contest.

The Tigers won the coin toss in last Thursday's game and deferred until the second

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squads battled to a 1-1 draw. Following their second meeting of this season, the Purple Knights had a 3-5-2 overall record, while the Pioneers saw their overall record drop to 7-3-1.

"This is a difficult loss for us," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Dave Wilson. "We were just flat tonight. This was a game that we should've won. Give them all the credit."

Pathfinder was ranked 22nd in the MIAA Division 5 state power rankings that were released on October 9.

Holyoke, who graduated seven players from last year's squad, defeated Mohawk Trail Regional, 5-2, on the road and posted a 4-2 home win versus Ware.

The Purple Knights scored their first goal against the Pioneers during the third minute of the opening half when senior Nayan Tabin unleashed a shot from about 25 yards out. The ball deflected off the right post before bouncing into the net past sophomore goalie Elijah Hodge (5 saves) for an unassisted goal.

Five minutes later, Holyoke junior Isiah Frazer received a pass from senior Xevier Davila before scoring

a break away goal by firing a shot into the right corner of the net.

After failing to convert on a couple of corner kicks, the Pioneers sliced the deficit in half when senior Cayden Bousquet, who leads the Pioneers with 24 goals this season, dribbled down the left side before delivering a shot into the right corner past junior keeper Rikendy Jean (11 saves). Senior Brody Wetnicka was credited with the assist.

In the middle of the first half, Jean made a diving save on a shot attempt taken by sophomore Abees Castillo-Clotter, which enabled the Purple Knights to keep the one goal lead.

Castillo-Clotter is one of three Pathfinder Tech players who attend Palmer High School, joining seniors Owen Pear and Dylan Holbrook. The three players suit up for Pathfinder Tech through a co-op between the two neighboring high schools.

Bousquet came close to finding the equalizer on two occasions late in the first half, but Holyoke held on to a slim 2-1 lead at halftime.

The trio of Castillo-Clotter, Bousquet, and sophomore Owen Marion had shots on goal during the first five minutes of the second half.

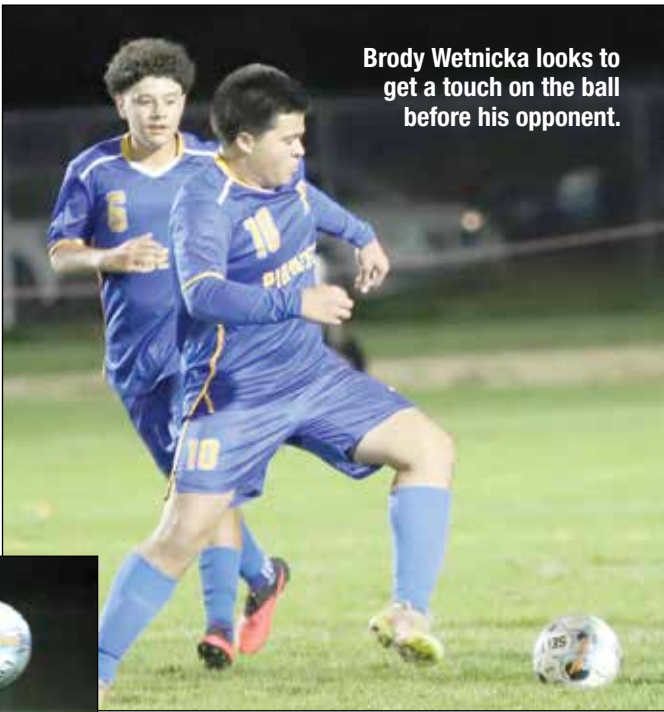
Seven minutes after half-time, Holyoke regained a two-goal cushion. Following a throw-in from the left sideline by Tabin, Davila found the back of the net for his first goal of the season.

In the middle of the second half, Pathfinder Tech closed the gap again when Bousquet scored a rebound goal.

Just like in the first half, the Pioneers were unable to score the tying goal, as the Purple Knights players enjoyed their bus ride home.

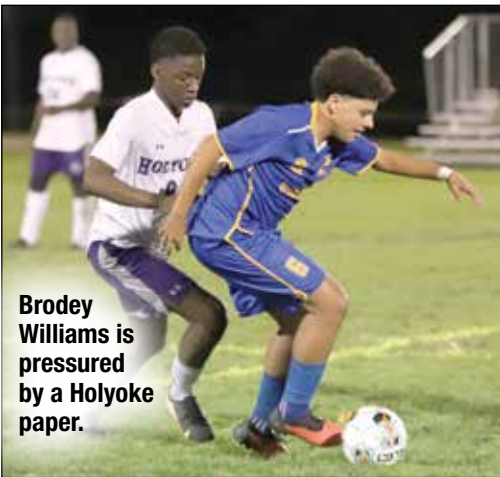


Ian Sauri-Neves makes a throw-in.



Brody Wetnicka looks to get a touch on the ball before his opponent.

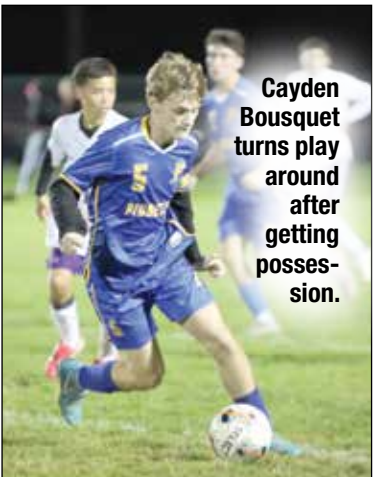
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Brodey Williams is pressured by a Holyoke player.



Owen Marion chases down a loose ball.



Cayden Bousquet turns play around after getting possession.



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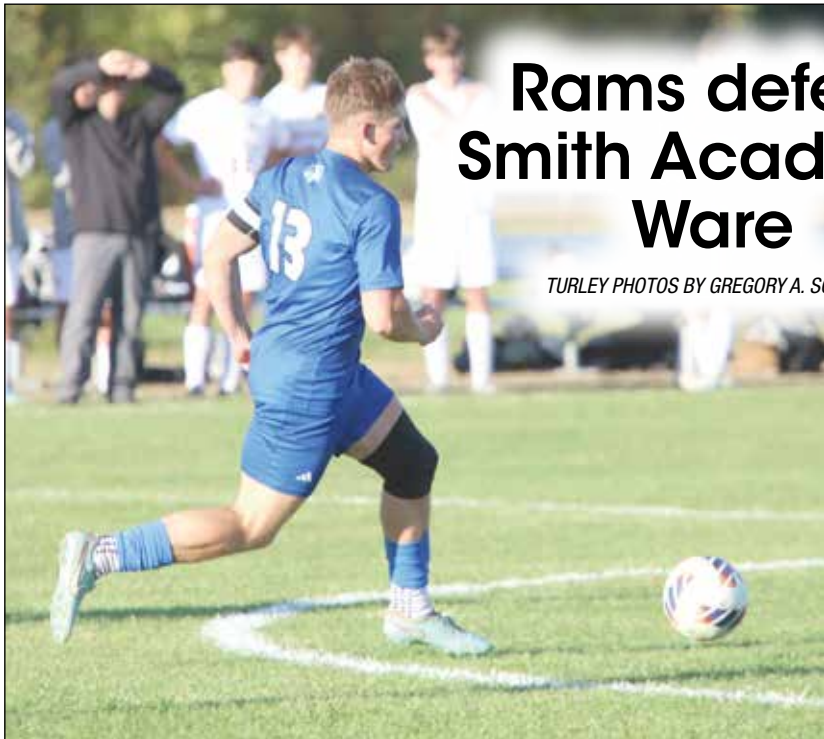
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Brandon Carillon makes his way up the field.



Gabe Helbok tries to settle the ball.



Gage Carter slings a throw to a teammate.

Stafford hosts final Friday race

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – Stafford Speedway hosted its final Friday night race program of the 2026 season with NAPA Auto Parts Championship Night on Oct 2. Feature wins were notched by Anthony Flannery for the second consecutive race in the SK Modified® feature, Josh Wood in the Late Model feature, Nick Anglace in the SK Light feature, Jason Lafayette in the Limited Late Model division, and Brandon Warren in the Street Stock feature. Track champions for the 2026 season are Keith Rocco in the SK Modified® division, Adam Gray in the Late Model division, Tyler Barry in the SK Light division, Jeremy Lavoie in the Limited Late Model division, and Ryan Waterman in the Street Stock division.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Dylan Izzo took the lead at the start with Marcello Rufrano taking second.

Ethan Durocher was third behind the two leaders with Jon Puleo fourth and Mikey Flynn fifth. Keith Rocco spun in turn 2 to bring the caution flag out with 2 laps complete.

Rufrano took the lead on the restart with Izzo falling back to second. Durocher was still third wit Puleo fourth and Troy Talman was now fifth. Anthony Flannery was sixth followed by Alexander Pearl, Todd Owen, Flynn, and David Arute.

As Rufrano was starting to stretch out his lead, Durocher made a move to the outside of Izzo for second and they ran side by side for several laps but Izzo was able to fend off Durocher’s challenge. Flannery moved up to third with Todd Owen taking fourth as Durocher slid from third back to fifth on lap-16. Flannery took second from Izzo on lap-19 and that move opened the door for Owen to take third from Izzo one lap

later. Flynn spun in turn 2 to bring the caution flag out with 23 laps complete.

Durocher got turned into the backstretch wall on the restart and that collected several cars including Puleo, Art Caruso, Matt Vassar, Josh Morrison, Chris Buffone, Wade Gagner, Bryan Narducci, and Cory DiMatteo to bring the caution flag back out before a lap could be completed. Under the caution the car of Josh Morrison ended up spun backwards against the frontstretch wall.

Rufrano took the lead on the next restart with Flannery in second. Owen took third with Izzo fourth and Pearl fifth. Just behind Pearl and Izzo was Rocco, who was recovered from his earlier spin. Pearl took fourth from Izzo on lap-26 just before the caution came out one lap later for Talman and Curt Brainard, who both went around in turn 4.

Rufrano and Flannery

went wheel to wheel for the lead back under green with Owen third, Pearl fourth, and Rocco fifth. Rufrano cleared into the lead on lap-30 with Owen and Flannery now side by side behind him as well as Rocco and Pearl. Owen took third on lap-31 while Flannery took the lead from Rufrano on lap-32. Rocco moved into fourth on lap-32 and he took third from Owen on lap-36.

Flannery led the field to the checkered flag to pick up his second consecutive victory after claiming his first career Stafford SK Modified® victory back on Sept. 25. Rufrano finished second with Rocco, Owen, and Pearl rounding out the top-5. Rocco clinched his fifth SK Modified® track title one week ago on Sept. 25, which ties him with Bob Potter for the second most SK Modified® championships with 5 each, trailing only Ted Christopher who won 9 SK championships.

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an array of educational impacts through the projects below.

Window World of Western Mass Outdoor Classroom, Jabish Brook Middle School

Through a major donation from Window World of Western Mass of the TR Drost Company, this grant supports the Jabish Brook Middle School’s first outdoor classroom. This alternative learning environment will include convertible benches, umbrella coverage and additional seating to enhance academic skills, address social-emotional needs and reduce stress through outdoor learning. Welcoming Environment Through Arts and Crafts, Jabish Brook Middle School

Sixth graders join the 7th and 8th graders at Jabish Brook Middle School for the first time this September. Supporting the transition, this grant supports art to foster empathy and connection. Students are engaging in welcoming art projects such as painting rocks, making posters and other positive visual messaging.

Nurses’ First Aid Kits for Safer Field Trips, Districtwide

School nurses at each school will receive new heavy-duty backpacks fully stocked with first-aid and other supplies for field trips, upgrading from a shared backpack. Kits are equipped for a safer experience for students with asthma, diabetes, seizure disorders and other health conditions. This grant makes experiential learning accessible to more students.

Sketch to Story Language Arts Workshop, Chestnut Hill Community School

Aligned with the language arts curriculum, Jarett J. Krosoczka, an award-winning New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of books for young readers, will conduct a workshop of real-life examples of the writing process.

This builds on content that students are learning and will continue to practice as part of the self-regulated strategy development (SRSD) framework.

Expanded Dyslexia Resource Library, Chestnut Hill Community School

This grant expands the Dyslexia Resource Library to include books for incoming third graders. Building upon a grant in 2023 that provided resources for fourth and fifth grade readers with dyslexia and learning disabilities, as well as their parents and guardians, additional materials allow more students to borrow and read for pleasure at home.

Calming Corner for Social-emotional Wellbeing, Chestnut Hill Community School

The Calming Corner creates a dedicated space supporting the social-emotional wellbeing of students. It provides a safe environment for reflection, self-regulation, and emotional reset. Providing sensory tools, flexible seating, and guided strategies, this grant fosters independence, resilience, and a positive school environment that helps students succeed both academically and through social-emotional interactions.

Transition Classroom Kitchen Oven Upgrade, Belchertown High School

The Transitions Classroom helps young adults with disabilities practice adult daily living skills that prepare them to live more independently. This grant provides double wall ovens that create the capacity for more students to practice important baking skills to gain independence and operate appliances safely and efficiently.

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half.

South Hadley senior Brody Keller recovered a fumble at the Pioneers 22 yard line on the second play of the game.

It looked like the home team had scored a touchdown on a 15-yard dash into the end zone by senior Lincoln Belsky, but it was nullified due to a holding penalty on the home team.

The Tigers wound up turning the ball over on downs.

Belsky finished the game with 109 rushing yards on 13 carries. He did cap off a quick five play scoring drive, which covered 44 yards, with a one yard rushing touchdown with 4:48 left in the opening quarter.

The extra point attempt was no good.

A little more than a minute later, the Tigers had another rushing touchdown called back due to a holding penalty.

“Our offense struggled a little tonight, but hey, hopefully this is our bad game of the season,” Couture said. “Every team has one and we got fortunate tonight.”

With 27 seconds left in the first quarter, senior Chase Pecia scored a 23-yard rushing touchdown giving the Tigers a 13-0 lead. Senior Cooper Wall made the extra point attempt.

The Pioneers offense, which is led by junior quarterback Grayson Griswold, was forced to punt three times in the second quarter.

They didn’t pick up a first down until the third quarter.

Soderbaum, who has thrown 13 touchdown passes this season, connected with Keller for a 24-yard TD reception with 9:52 remaining in the opening half.

“Nolan is only a sophomore,” Couture said. “From what we thought at the beginning of the year and what we have right now with him is incredible. It looks like he’s been playing on this team for four years. He has great leadership.”

The Tigers held a commanding 27-0 halftime lead following an eight yard touchdown run by senior Noah Hambley with 14 seconds left in the second quarter.

Hambley is also a guard

on Tigers basketball team. He only needs 16 more points to join the elite 1,000 point.

Belsky took the direct snap on the two-point conversion play and walked into the end zone.

The South Hadley defense set-up the only touchdown of the second half.

With 3:37 left in the third quarter, sophomore Ryder Mayer tipped a pass, and it was picked off by junior Adrian Garcia at the Pioneers 34.

Four plays later, Soderbaum threw his second TD pass to Pecia for 12 yards.

It was an enjoyable evening for the home team and its supporters.



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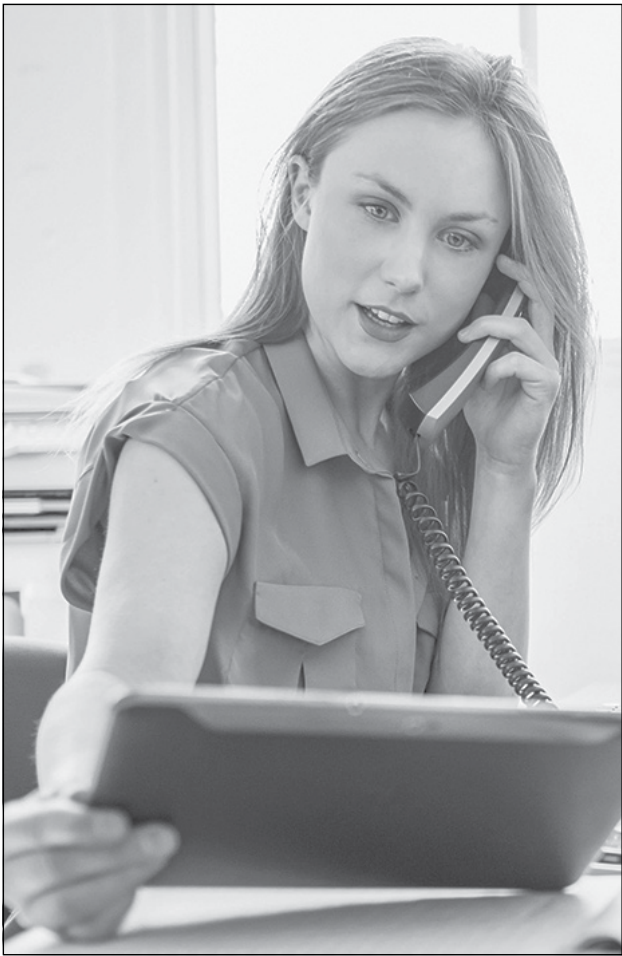
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- The Women’s Business Enterprise Council says there are 12.3 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., which comprises about 40 percent of the total number of businesses.
- Women-owned businesses bring in nearly \$2 trillion every year, says the National Women’s Business Council.
- During the pandemic, women-owned businesses added 1.4 million jobs and \$579.6 billion in revenue to the economy, says Wells Fargo.
- World Bank indicates that roughly one-third of principal owners of all businesses are female.
- WBENC advises that 64 percent of new women-owned businesses are started by women of color.
- Women’s Business Enterprises Canada says



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more than 85 percent of buying decisions are influenced by women. The Canadian Minister of Small Business notes that women business ownership is growing. In 2023, approximately 18.4 percent of all businesses in Canada were majority owned by women, compared to 15.6 percent in 2017.

- According to Forbes, women-led tech companies achieve a 35 percent

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Christine is active in mission and ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Member of MA Collector/Treasurer’s Association, National Altar Guild Association, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and Clowns of America Inc. She enjoys walking on the beach at Cape Cod and expeditions and adventures with Reid.

Jessica Jeffery Morra born in Ware, graduate of Wilbraham Monson Academy 00’ and Union College 04’. Married to Robert Morra in 2010 and moved to Belchertown. They share two children, Annabelle and Jameson. She has been working at Jeffery & Jeffery Inc full time since 2004, but in reality, it has been in her blood since the day she was born. In her free time, she is busy shuttling her kids to their many activities. She also enjoys playing pickleball and relaxing watching family movies.

Lauren E. Adamczyk Jeffery, born in N.C., raised in Ware. Lauren worked in the insurance industry prior to joining the family business in 2008. Lauren married Reid C. Jeffery Jr. in 2001 and they share 4 children. In her spare time Lauren enjoys gardening, cooking, is a expert seamstress and doing construction at her father’s business.

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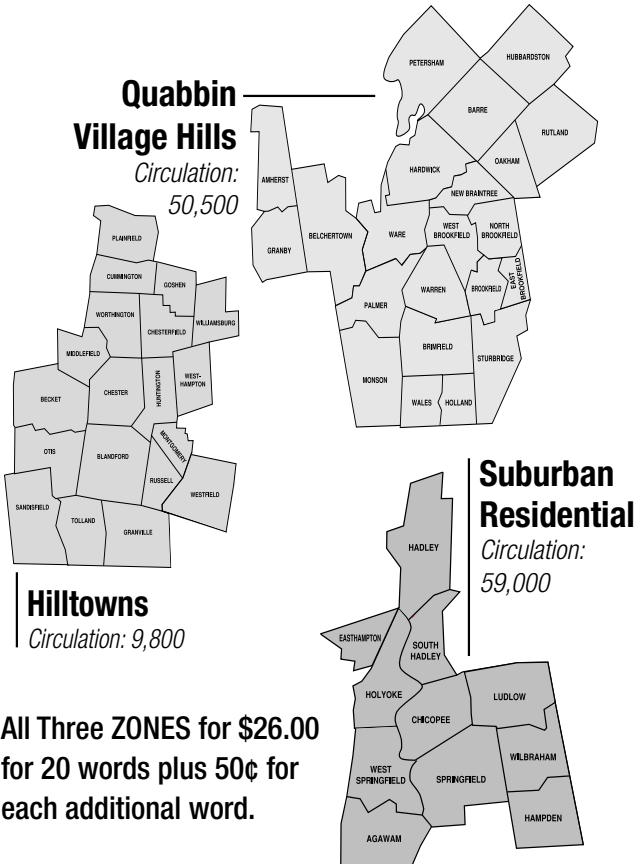
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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Oct. 2, through Oct. 8. 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

Tuesday, Oct. 6
3:15 p.m. – Ryan Peter Bertrand, of 161 Federal Street Unit 19, Belchertown, was arrested on a fugitive from justice warrant. There was a warrant issued from St John's County Florida Sheriff's Department, extradited warrant with nationwide pick up. They were located and informed and then arrested. They were transported to the Hampshire Country Sheriff's Department in North Hampton.

Wednesday, Oct. 7
10:59 p.m. – A 44-year-old Belchertown woman was issued a summons on charges of leaving the scene of property damage/crash. A person leaving a business backed into an unoccupied vehicle in the lot on Pelham Road. They left the scene.

Thursday, Oct. 8
12:05 p.m. – A person was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery, strangulation, vandalizing and destruction of property.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Friday, Oct. 2
10:53 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person about an acquaintance who sent unwanted voicemails and texts. They got a harassment prevention order from court, and the involved person was advised.
12:57 p.m. – A person spoke with an officer about money that was owed to them from a business owner who they worked for. They called repeated and won't leave them alone. They were advised how to get a harassment prevention order. The other person said they have the check but were unable to facilitate an exchange.
1:05 p.m. – An officer took a report of a person who loaned a vehicle to a person who was supposed to return it but never did. The officer contacted the person to tell them they needed to return the vehicle. The officer tried to contact the person and left a voicemail. Then the officer contacted the department in the town where the person lives and to check the address for the vehicle, and to tell them to return it.
4:14 p.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded to assist a juvenile having a mental health crisis. A parent was contacted, the youth was transported to the hospital, and the School Resource Officer was advised.
7:46 p.m. – An officer conducted a wellbeing check on a person. They were not home. They reported they were going to New Hampshire. A "be on the lookout" broadcast was done. Then they returned to their

residence and were transported to the hospital.
Saturday, Oct. 3
12:56 p.m. – An officer dispatched to a George Hannum Street business for a report of past shoplifting. There was a series of three incidents. The first incident was on Aug. 25. There was video footage provided to the officer. Then there was a second incident on Sept. 15 then again on Sept. 23. The suspect was identified and a follow up investigation is ongoing.
6:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of an unwanted note. The manager said there was a person who left a note on the windshield on another person's vehicle. They attempted to call the person, and the matter is under investigation.

Sunday, Oct. 4
6:01 a.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded to a report of a juvenile having a mental health crisis. The person was transported to the hospital.
7:33 p.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded to a report of a juvenile having a mental health crisis. The person was transported to the hospital.
8:07 p.m. – Officers and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded to a residence for a report of a child attempting to harm themselves. They were transported to the hospital.

Monday, Oct. 5
10:19 a.m. – An officer took a report of a disturbance between a parent and child.
12 p.m. – An officer spoke

to a person about a person staying at their property while work was being done. There was a decline in the person's mental health. The person accused the other of stealing money. The matter was documented.
4:48 p.m. – An officer took a report of larceny. A person completed sale of a motor vehicle in a parking lot. Everything was done via Facebook Marketplace. They agreed on a price met with the person. The bill of sale was done, and they asked that it be made out to their partner. The person got a check from the buyer. The check then bounced for a fictitious alteration. The person listed on the check was identified. The person contacted their bank. The check was fraudulent and advised the person to file a report.
5:14 p.m. – An officer took a report of harassment. A person has an active harassment order against their neighbor. The other person was saying things to the first person and using inappropriate language. They were filming the first person with their cell phone. It was documented until video could be obtained.
9:52 p.m. – An officer took a report of shoplifting after a cart full of merchandise was found in the parking lot of a business. The suspect was identified and the charges was issued once the video footage is provided.

Tuesday, Oct. 6
8:46 a.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire responded to a residence for a report of a person who wanted to harm themselves. They were referred to Behavioral Health

Network.
11:10 a.m. – An officer did follow up on a previous report.
5:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of juvenile who left a note they were running away. The officer met with the parents. Then they found the juvenile. The officer spoke with the child and brought them back home.
Wednesday, Oct. 7
9:50 a.m. – A family member took money from a relative. The matter was documented.
10:50 a.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a report of larceny. A suspect exited a store with their cart and drove across the street to where the person lived. As they were making a couple trips to their residence with their items. A vehicle pulled up and then began putting the person's items into their vehicle. They were unable to get any other information. The vehicle continued southbound. No camera footage of the incident was available and there are no suspects at this time.
3:51 p.m. – An officer responded to Turkey Hil Road for a two-vehicle accident. A vehicle taking a left turn into the parking lot of a business then a vehicle slowed to allow the vehicle to turn. A second vehicle struck the rear of the first. One vehicle was towed and two people were transported to the hospital.
4:31 p.m. – An officer took a report of a breaking and entering incident as juveniles were entering into a snack shack by the baseball

field. The officer checked the immediate area and was unable to locate anyone. Nothing was taken and no signs of forced entry. Then able to find juveniles and as approached ran away and no obvious fresh damage. The officer identified the juvenile near the football field, and they were able to contact the child's mother. The School Resource Officer was contacted to identify the other juveniles. No charges filed and there was no evidence they did a crime.
Thursday, Oct. 8
4:19 a.m. – An officer to a residence for a report of a disturbance between people. Everything was calm and people were where they should be people were identified. No other concerns noted.
9:53 a.m. – An officer took a report of vandalism/property damage at a Federal Street residence. A resident's windshield was smashed and there was other damage to the vehicle. Upon the officer's arrival, there were sneaker marks on the passenger's side window. The damage was done overnight. The person suspected it was a broken into by an acquaintanceship. They were given transport to court to apply for a restraining order and found a rock that was likely used to break the windshield. It was entered into property for evidence.
5:39 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle backing out of a parking spot at the same time as another vehicle. The two struck each other. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

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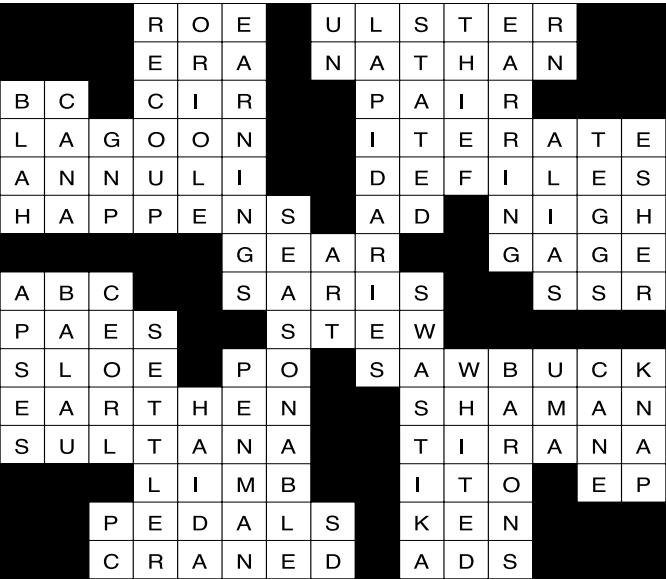


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