

Belchertown 4-H Club hosts successful

TRUNK OR TREAT

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BELCHERTOWN — The time for costumes and candy is here, where things go bump in the night, and the stores are filled with candy corn, skeletons, and the most delicious pumpkin-flavored cuisines.

The Belchertown 4-H Club hosted its annual Trunk-Or-Treat on the Common over the weekend, and as always, it was a great success, bringing in over 400 kids to walk through, show off their costumes, and get some candy as well.

"I think all the people, seeing all the people, and some of the kids you see come back year after year and you get to see them grow up, and its really cool to see them progress, so to speak," said Janet Theroux, who directed the Trunk-Or-Treat.

The event raised funds for the 4-H Club and provided a chance for local businesses and families to get together



Two brothers with their dinosaurs collecting as much candy as they can.

PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

and have fun, as well as support a worthy non profit that focuses on the community and giving once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

"4-H is a community pro-

gram that has as many facets as a diamond, and the whole goal of 4-H is to learn by doing so we try to invite the kids into hands-on experiences to learn. It gives kids

the opportunity, whether geographically or financially, the opportunity to do it regard-

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CML staff celebrate banned books

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BELCHERTOWN — The idea of banning books is not a new concept, and for as long as books have been published, they have been banned for their content all over the world.

Whether the book shares complex political themes and ideas, or other more polarizing topics, banned books exist, and should still be read.

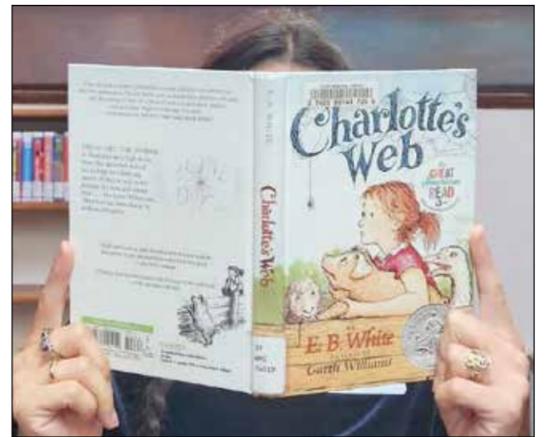
A book is banned usually from schools or other similar organizations when its content is found to be inappropriate, controversial, or offensive. Whatever the reason, book banning has a

severely negative effect on authors, so Banned Books Week was made in order to encourage people to pick up these banned books.

In a nod towards standing up against censorship, the week of October 5 through 11 was marked as Banned Books Week, and libraries and book stores all over the country celebrate this week by making shelf displays of banned books, or by hosting events in order to encourage the public to read these books.

The Clapp Memorial Library's librarians took turns and time to pick out their favorite banned book,

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Charlotte Cassidy reading Charlotte's Web.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

SB approves conservation restriction, discusses opioid funds and health costs

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — The Selectboard unanimously approved a conservation restriction for 1,100 acres of forestland and heard updates on local opioid treatment funds and municipal health insurance challenges during its October meeting.

Kestrel Land Trust Executive Director Kristin DeBoer presented a conservation restriction proposal for land previously owned by Cows Lumber. The project aims to preserve forest and maintain public access.

"The conservation restriction would ensure that the forest remaining forest forever, and that there's always public access," DeBoer said.

The proposal sparked discussion about land use, particularly regarding recreational activities. Board member Jonathan Ritter questioned potential restrictions on activities like ATV use. DeBoer acknowledged these concerns, stating they would be "happy to work with the town to find areas that are more suitable for ATV use."

The board ultimately voted to endorse the conservation restriction, recognizing broader environmental ben-



A map provided by the Kestrel Land Trust of the conversation land.

efits. DeBoer highlighted these, noting the project's potential for "water quality, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration."

In a separate agenda item, Gail Gramarossa, chair of

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The BHS Boys Soccer Team with all the new players.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Varsity boys soccer, youth program join forces for morning of fun

Submitted by Lisa Stahl
BHS Boys Soccer
Boosters Co-President

BELCHERTOWN — On Saturday, Oct. 11, the recreation fields at Swift River Elementary School were full of excitement.

Over 75 children participated in a collaborative effort between the Belchertown Instructional Soccer Program and the Belchertown High School Boys Soccer Team, as kindergarten, first, and second

grade players were invited to a soccer clinic led by the varsity team.

Matt Schiffer, a longtime Belchertown Recreation Department employee and fixture in local youth soccer for more than 15 years, said, "Coach Siano and I started talking about this idea over the summer. We thought it would be a great community event. He has a wonderful group of boys on the varsity team this year, many of whom I have known since they were young kids play-

ing in the instructional program through the Rec Dept. Anytime we can bridge the gap between youth sports and high school athletics in Belchertown, it benefits everyone. It gives the youth players a fun and learning experience, and it gives the high school players an opportunity to give back to their community. The Rec Dept looks forward to continuing to work with and support the high school soc-

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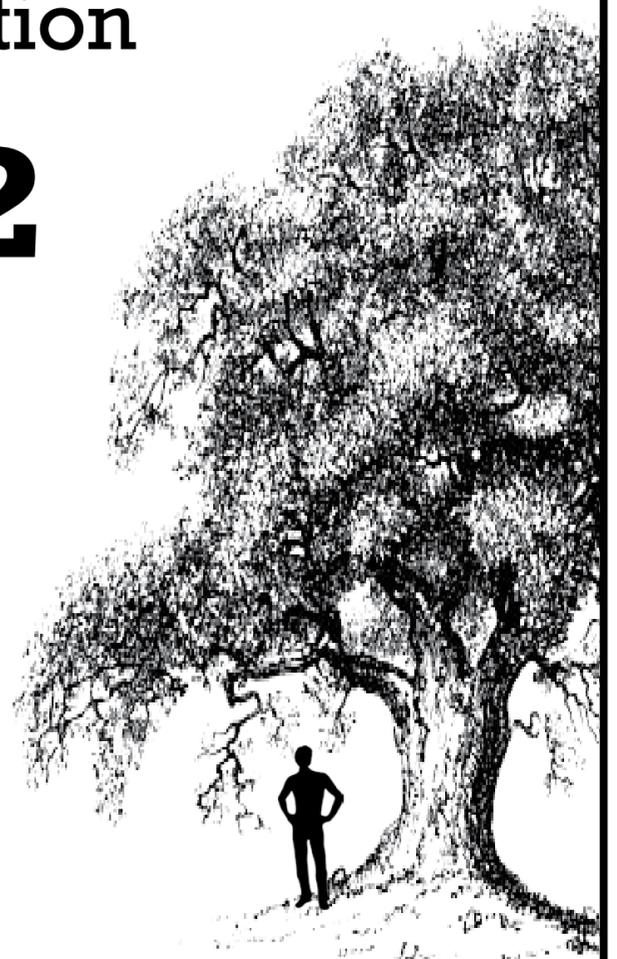
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Town to offer support services for residents attending STM

BELCHERTOWN – The Town of Belchertown is pleased to announce that special services will be available to assist residents attending the upcoming Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Belchertown High School, 142 Springfield Road, Belchertown.

To support civic participation among residents of all ages, both the Belchertown Recreation Department and the Belchertown Senior Center will offer programs designed to make attendance more convenient for families and older adults.

Child Care Services: “Little Voters Lounge”

The Belchertown Recreation Department will host the Little Voters Lounge, a free child care program designed to support parents and caregivers attending the Special Town Meeting.

Location: Belchertown High School

Time: 6 p.m. until the meeting concludes

Ages: 4 to 12 (children must be able to use the

restroom independently)

Cost: Free for Belchertown residents

Children will be supervised by high school volunteers, many trained through the Safe Sitter program, and will participate in crafts, games, and movies. Parents are asked to provide a peanut-free snack and a reusable water bottle for their child.

Advance registration is required, and walk-ins will not be accepted. Families may register online through the Belchertown Recreation Department at: https://belchertownma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30132

Transportation Services for Older Adults

The Belchertown Senior Center will provide free round-trip transportation exclusively for older adults who wish to attend the Special Town Meeting.

Service: Round-trip rides to Belchertown High School

Eligibility: Older adults

Cost: Free

Reservation Deadline:

Wednesday, October 23, 2025

To Reserve: Call 413-323-0420 ext. 508

This service ensures that senior residents have a safe and reliable way to participate in the Town’s democratic process.

Commitment to Accessibility and Civic Participation

“These initiatives demonstrate Belchertown’s commitment to making civic engagement accessible for all residents,” said Steve Williams, Town Manager. “By offering both supervised child care and transportation for older adults, we are removing barriers and encouraging greater community participation in our Town Meeting.”

Residents are encouraged to plan ahead, register or reserve transportation as needed, and take part in this important community event.

For more information, please contact the Belchertown Recreation Department at 413-323-0419 or the Belchertown Senior Center at 413-323-0420 ext. 508.

Graveyard tours in time for Spooky Season

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. 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 led by a tour guide. 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 collect-



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Come by for a spooky tour on Sunday evening before Halloween.

ed toward continued reconstruction of the Washington District Schoolhouse. Tours will be Sunday, October 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is not a trick or treat event.

Church seeking donations for local veterans

BELCHERTOWN – The St. Francis Church Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of items to support our Belchertown Veterans on Saturday, Nov. 8 in front of the St. Francis Parish Center at 10 Park Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 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 for food shelves)

Hygiene Items - shampoo, razors, shaving cream, individually wrapped toilet paper, Kleenex, feminine products, deodorant, bath soap, hand soap

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.

Special Town Meeting happening next week

BELCHERTOWN – Special Town Meeting will take place Monday, Oct. 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and doors will open at 6 p.m. It will be located inside the Auditorium of the Belchertown High School, 142 Springfield Road. You can find the Warrants posted on the Town Website.

BUCC Quilt Show and Sale returns with sewing tag sale

BELCHERTOWN – If you use a sewing, knitting, or embroidery needle, or know anyone who does, you don’t want to miss this event. Quilts will be on display in every corner and over every pew of the church. The sew-

ing tag sale has all types of fabrics, yarn, sewing notions, buttons, and much more. The dates are Friday, Oct. 24, to Sunday, Oct. 26, for the show and sale. There is a \$5 entry fee these days. From Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, the

sewing tag sale continues with no entry fee. Holiday shopping for wall hangings, table runners, and quilts will be available. The quilt theme this year is: Blue. For more information, contact Jane at 413-283-4456.

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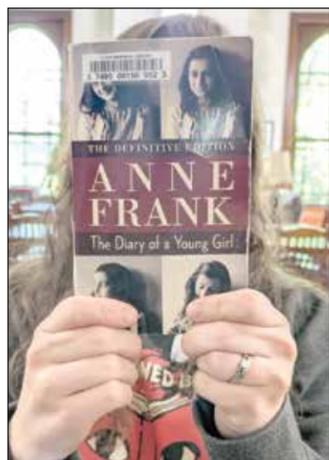
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BANNED BOOKS *celebrated*



Ruthie Sterling has found a deep appreciation for Anne Frank's diary.



Marcin Marszalek loves this beloved John Green novel.



Jennifer Whitehead loves a book about a beautiful family.



Director Cyndi Harberson found her favorite to be a book on self-discovery.



Annie Macom loved Moby Dick, and has a shirt to match.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

BANNED BOOKS

share why they love that book, and take a photo with the book, or books. Here are their choices and responses:

"I had no idea Moby Dick by Herman Melville was a banned book until recently, but it's such a bizarre book I can't help but recommend it."

— Annie Macom

"Why is this book important? Because everyone needs the opportunity to see themselves reflected in the pages of a book and it's also important to learn about other people's experiences," said Director Cyndi Harberson on her choice, "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe.

"Miss Charlotte" Cassidy

said, "I chose Charlotte's Web by E. B. White as my banned book. It was challenged in 2006 in Kansas for the subject of death and talking animals. I chose this book because this book warmly invites conversation about a subject that we shouldn't be so quiet about. (I'm referring to the talking animals of course)."

"I had no idea Moby Dick by Herman Melville was a banned book until recently, but it's such a bizarre book I can't help but recommend it," said Annie Macom. "There's rambling whale lore mixed in with a story about a monomaniacal captain and an almost mythical white whale, some interesting thoughts on Christianity and morality, and a decent amount of homoeroticism. Upon finishing it, Melville



Tegan Mannimo reading some beloved children's bed time stories.

wrote, 'I have written a wicked book and feel as spotless as the lamb.' Aren't you curious why he said that?"

"I've always loved Maurice Sendak's picture books. The stories were wild, fun, and a little bit mischievous. Books like "Where the

Wild Things Are" and "In the Night Kitchen" have children on fantastical adventures that end with everyone safe at home with their family," said Tegan Mannimo.

"I have chosen In Our Mothers' House by Patricia Polacco as my banned book.

This heartwarming story teaches readers that being different doesn't mean being wrong. Marmee and Meema are the loving parents of three adopted children from diverse racial backgrounds. Through her thoughtful storytelling, Polacco shows that love makes a family, not appearances," said Jennifer Whitehead. "This story not only allows children to see themselves reflected in a book, but also helps other readers understand that families may look different on the outside, yet share the same love, values, and connection on the inside."

"The Diary of Anne Frank is an important testament to the horrors of the Holocaust. It is also one of those rare nonfiction texts that's accessible to younger readers," said Ruthie Sterling. "I'm grateful my grandmother gave this to me to read in sixth grade, as it's one of the books that made me who I am today: a reader, a writer,

and someone committed to social justice and empathy."

"Looking for Alaska was published when I was a teenager. It is a story of love, grief, friendship, and self-discovery. It is not "easy." It is complex. What else is complex? Life. Life is not black and white. And yet teens are often better at complexity than adults. They get it. Maybe because they read books like this. And the people who don't read this book ban it," said Marcin Marszalek about John Green's novel.

Whether you prefer books like C.S. Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia, J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, George Orwell's 1984, or The Lord of the Flies, banned books have a hold on our very humanity, and serve to point out all parts, including the offensive ones, but are not any less worthy of being read.



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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. 10 through Oct. 16. 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.



ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Saturday, Oct. 11

10:21 a.m. – An officer took a report of check fraud. A person dropped off a check in a mailbox. It was made out to a company but that was changed as well as the amount. There are no suspects at this time.

Monday, Oct. 13

12:37 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a larceny. A resident said they were expecting a cell phone to be delivered. When the package arrived, the box was empty. They wanted the matter reported and the resident would follow up with the company where the phone was bought.

6:58 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle going south on Franklin Street struck a deer that entered the roadway. The vehicle drove from the scene, and no injuries were reported.

11:33 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown fire paramedics.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

7:41 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle stopped at a stop sign going toward Chestnut Hill

School was struck by another vehicle attempting to go behind Belchertown High School. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

1:24 p.m. – An officer took a report of check fraud. A person said they mailed a check at the mailbox at the USPS that was cashed by an unknown party. There is an active investigation ongoing.

4:26 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence to deliver a license suspension notice. They couldn't provide the LTC and there were no firearms in their possession.

7:51 p.m. – An officer responded to an ongoing counterfeit money investigation with businesses and local departments in the area.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

1:11 p.m. – An officer responded to Springfield Road for an accident. There was property damage caused by a vehicle that struck a granite post mailbox. There were pieces of the vehicle left behind at the scene. An assembly number was found which came back to a Volvo XC40 2018 to 2024 model. Officers checked the area for a vehicle matching the description.

Thursday, Oct. 16
12:33 p.m. – An officer took a report about a possible 209A violation.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 131 calls for the week of Oct. 10 through Oct. 16. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Oct. 10

7:07 a.m. – A motorist reported striking a deer with their vehicle on West State Street. There were no injuries.

Sunday, Oct. 12

9:42 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer clocked a vehicle traveling south on North Street at over 65 MPH. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Monday, Oct. 13

1:45 p.m. – A resident reported that their truck had been broken into during the overnight hours. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

Thursday, Oct. 16

6:44 p.m. – Gregory Guilbeau, 29, of Granby, was placed under arrest for two active warrants.

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the Opioid Treatment Fund Advisory Committee, provided a comprehensive update on the committee's work.

Gramarossa said committee has been active for two years and continues to explore innovative support programs. One emerging initiative involves a family overdose support program modeled after Boston's approach.

"They're setting aside money for funeral expenses, maybe some mental health after an opioid overdose death in the family, some work and support for children who might have lost a family member to opioid overdose death," she said.

The committee also approved a \$13,000 grant for driveway repairs at a local sober home, with a recommendation to seek multiple quotes for future projects.

Gramarossa noted additional financial resources are forthcoming.

"There are two additional settlements that are in the works... One is Purdue Pharma... and a second lawsuit has been settled with a collection of smaller pharmaceutical manufacturers," she said.

The meeting also featured a sobering update on municipal health insurance costs from Town Manager Steve

Williams. The Hampshire Group Insurance Trust is facing significant financial challenges, with September claims coming in \$70,000 below projections, but the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 showing a \$2 million deficit.

The town is actively working to mitigate these challenges. The health insurance trust is exploring various cost-reduction strategies, including eliminating coverage for certain prescription

drugs and potentially implementing deductibles.

"They currently have \$1.6 million reserves. They expect to be receiving \$9.8 million in monthly revenue," Williams said.

The trust is also preparing for leadership changes, with the current executive manager, Joe Shea, set to retire on Nov. 30. The executive committee is conducting a search for his replacement.

Board members expressed mixed reactions to the finan-

cial report.

Selectboard member Nicole Miner noted the need for better financial oversight, suggesting that the executive director had not adequately educated the committee about financial challenges.

The ongoing health insurance situation reflects broader industry instability. As Miner said, "Harvard Pilgrim laid off 300 employees. So, there's a lot of instability in the industry."

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

How do I navigate the Social Security maze?

Dear Rusty:

I am a woman, turning 65 this October (2025). It seems that deciding when to claim Social Security is complicated. I would like more information to navigate through this maze. Thank you.

Signed: Ready to Claim

Dear Ready:

Deciding when to claim Social Security can be challenging, but we hope to make it a bit easier for you. You can, of course, call us at any time to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, but I'll share some pertinent information here as well.

Be aware that at age 65, you have not yet reached your Social Security Full Retirement Age. Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67 and that is when you can get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working.

If you claim SS at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced by about 13.3% from your age 67 entitlement, a permanent reduction. If you wait a bit more and claim at age 66 the reduction would be about 6.7%. To get 100% of your "primary insurance amount" you should wait until age 67 to claim. Note you can also wait longer than your FRA and earn Delayed Retirement Credits up to age 70, when your monthly amount would be about 24% more than your FRA entitlement.

If you are still working, at age 65 you will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn when collecting SS benefits before your full retirement age. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 (changes annually) and if you earn more than that, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

There is also a special rule for the first calendar year you are collecting early benefits, which will result in you not getting benefits for any month

your work earnings are more than \$1,950 after your early benefits start. So, if you claim SS at age 65 and continue to work, you won't get any SS benefits in any 2025 month thereafter that you earn more than the monthly limit unless your total annual; 2025 earnings are less than the annual limit. FYI, the earnings limit no longer applies once you attain your full retirement age.

In the end, deciding when you should claim Social Security should consider your need for Social Security money, your life expectancy, your plans for working and your marital status. If you are or were married, you might be eligible for a spousal or ex-spouse benefit. You may also want to peruse the Social Security Question and Answer section at our website www.SocialSecurityReport.org. So, as you have already discerned, deciding when to claim Social Security can be confusing, but we are always here to assist you as needed. You can either call us directly at 1-888-750-2622 or email your specific Social Security questions to us at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org. In either case, we will be most happy to help you decide when to claim, based on your unique personal circumstances.

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More review; what worked what didn't

Last week I wrote about two new winter squash varieties I grew in this past summer's garden, as well as a Barbie doll sized melon.

According to Mom, it made for a good read. Let's keep the momentum going with more "new to me" varieties in this column.

As dedicated readers may remember, this past summer's garden was to accomplish the goal of growing more food, food that would cut down on the grocery bill and feed the family through the winter. I took my chances growing a hybrid paste tomato by the name of Plum Regal. Its accolades were many: late blight resistance, moderate resistance to early blight, a the promise of a good yield and a tasty outcome.

I typically only grow heirlooms, so this tomato really had to prove itself. My only dilemma was that I sometimes have issues with blossom end rot, and specifically on paste types.

I tried a new fertilizer formulated specifically for members of the Solanacea family, aptly named "Tomato Sauce." You know what? It worked.

No blossom end rot and a freezer full of sauce, tomato chucks and roasted tomato blends. I will be ordering both the seeds and the fertilizer from Fedco (fedcoseeds.com) in anticipation of next year's garden.

With every success comes not quite a success. I'll call Muskmelon "Melonade" one of those adventures. I was intrigued by the description in the Fedco catalog, "firm orange flesh is tart, punchy and refreshing," and had

hoped it would keep our family in melons for a month or so. Not exactly.

Will the kernels be gold, blue, mottled or bronze?

I ended up with enough to decorate with and come Thanksgiving I will indeed try and pop some. I've had some experience popping eared corn before.

At our family vacation my sister in law tried it out. She put the dried ear she had purchased in a paper bag and folded it shut, placed it in a microwave on high for about 3-4 minutes and yum!

What else worked out well in my garden this year? The succession planting of green beans seeded immediately after my garlic was harvested worked out superbly. No additional fertilizer required.

I was able to freeze a lot of beans from that second sowing. I guess I always wish there are more to freeze, so maybe next year the row will be longer.

I didn't utilize the wide row method this year. Two parallel rows with a walking row down the middle made the harvest easy.

I hope you had your share of successes this past summer, and if you are anything like me, you are already scheming next year's veggie garden.

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



in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

On Monday, Oct. 6, an Oakham resident watched a kettle of 28 black vultures circling above the Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

He said, "As you may know, the species is expanding its range northward into Massachusetts." A kettle is a large group of vultures circling in a thermal, using the rising air to conserve energy during migration.

The black vulture has sooty, black plumage, a featherless black head and neat white stars under the wingtips.

Turkey vultures are lanky birds with a teetering flight. Their cousin the black vultures are compact birds with broad wings, short tails and



Black vulture

powerful wingbeats. Turkey and black vultures often associate together. The black vultures have a poor sense of smell, but by following turkey vultures by following them to carcasses. They often soar high in the sky in search of lower soaring turkey vultures. When the turkey vultures descend on a carcass, the black vultures follow them.

Black vultures are highly social and share food with

relatives, feeding young for months after they've fledged. In the United States black vultures are more plentiful than turkey vultures. Black vultures lack a voice box and their sounds are limited to hisses and grunts.

The oldest black vulture on record was a least 25 years, six months old when it was found in 1965 in Louisiana. It was banded there in 1940. They may live even longer in captivity.

Brimfield resident

On Sunday, Oct. 5, I received an email from a Brimfield resident commenting about my seeing a moose in Oakham. He said, "Seeing a moose in Massachusetts is exciting. My wife and I saw a moose in Canada, it ran across the road in front of the car and disappeared into the woods. My wife said 'look a horse with no rider, similar to your reaction.'"

Eagle sighting

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, I received an email from a reader. He said, "I was in my car last evening around 6:30 when I saw a huge, black-winged bird come over Main Street in Barre Plains. When we were kids it was called Canal Road. It was flying low over the street and was trying to gain altitude. The bird appeared just before Rich's Pond and it had what looked like a recent kill in its talons. It accidentally dropped the dead animal, which appeared to be a rabbit, onto the road and

what I thought was a vulture turned out to be an adult Bald Eagle."

He said, "Its stark white head and white fanned tail, along with its bright yellow feet and beak were clearly seen and it was startling to be only 25 or 30 feet away from it. The eagle's wing span was enormous. It made an attempt to recapture its prey by diving quickly back to the road and it had to widely fan out its tail feathers to slow its descent and gain flight control."

He said, "The Bald Eagle then flew high up into a tree along the road near the pond and was waiting for me and all cars to pass before descending on its prey. It was breath taking. We never saw such things as kids."

Cedar waxwings

The Barre resident said on recent warm September days he also has been seeing a small flock of cedar wax-

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cer programs.”

As the young soccer players moved from station to station, the enthusiasm of the varsity players was obvious. Each station was engaging, and the varsity players did a great job explaining each drill, ensuring every participant walked away feeling successful.

Reflecting on the event, Boys Varsity Coach Zach Siano said, “I think it’s a great thing for our town, community and program for the boys to give back in some capacity. All of their town coaches growing up were volunteers, and others have poured countless hours into their development. The fact that they can give back, even for a couple of hours, is a huge thank you to all those that have come before them and are next up in the pipeline. Seeing some of them interact with these kids put a smile on my face. To a lot of them, they are the superheroes of the town and I’m glad they could act and hold up to that mantra”

At this point in their season, it was the perfect way for the high school athletes to spend a morning, offering them an opportunity to remember where they started and reflect on how far they’ve come in their own soccer journeys.

Senior Captain Austin Raymer took a moment to share how much opportunity such as this means to him. “This is very important to me, especially because I did it as a kid and looked up to all the varsity soccer players in town. It was special to get out there with the team for some bonding and spend time with the younger kids. It felt great to share some-



New role models for these little boys to look up to.

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Putting on jerseys and making teams.

thing across generations, and I’m glad to see that soccer in Belchertown is still growing.”

In the midst of school, work, practices, and games, it’s easy to forget that these high school athletes are still kids themselves. At this point in the season, rediscovering the simple joy of the game

and remembering that, at its core, soccer has always been about having fun, was per-

haps the reset they needed to finish their season strong.



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BARC Holiday Pop-Up!

BELCHERTOWN – Please join us on Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be set up outside at Belchertown Animal Control, 165 George Hannum Rd. So, head on down the hill before or after you hit all of the Holiday Bazaar’s uptown. Did you know BARC turned 10 this year! Come check out our Anniversary tees! We will also have our new BARC hoodies and winter hats for sale, along with all of our other BARC swag, dog tails, catnip fish and many other wonderful craft items made and donated by our local supporters. Come grab a cup of hot chocolate and say hi to Oliver, our BPD comfort dog who will be visiting. It’s a perfect time to start your holiday shop-



ping for the animals and animal lovers in your life. Any donation or purchase gives you a chance to take home one of our special baskets. Come on out and support us in our 10th year!

Granby to Go seeking to aid local family

GRANBY- As many people know many benefits for families have ended. This has devastated families especially with children with special needs and medical conditions. At this time we have a family who’s child essential need for nutrition is vanilla Pedisure as their source of their basic food source and because of the benefit cuts this has hurt this family’s basic need to

help feed their child. We are holding a Pedisure drive for this family.

If you would like to donate vanilla Pedisure please contact our program manager at granbytogo@granbyschoolsma.net or by stopping by on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Granby Jr/Sr High School. Thank you from our program and the family.



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Local church brings first responders treats on Faith and Blue Sunday



BELCHERTOWN – On Sunday, October 12, parishioners of Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown celebrated Faith and Blue Sunday. Snack item “Goodies” were collected and delivered to the Belchertown Police and Fire Departments. To these very important first responders who protect us and keep us safe, thank you very much for your service!

Pictured are members of the Belchertown Fire Department and at the Police Department receiving some of their goodies.



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The police department and dispatch need some treats, too.

Friends of the Quabbin working to stabilize historic Keystone Bridge

Site will be closed to the public during this project, updates being posted online

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of the Quabbin is announcing that work is set to begin on stabilizing the Keystone Bridge at Gate 30 of the Quabbin Reservoir. The historic stone bridge, built in 1866, has been showing signs of significant collapse and will undergo critical stabilization efforts to preserve this important landmark. The bridge was constructed by Adolphus Porter, who was hired by the town of New Salem to build the bridge from Millington to Orange, and he was paid \$37.50, which would be equivalent to \$764 in today's dollars.

Since 2023, and the initial discovery of the collapsed spandrel wall, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has restricted all site access because the collapse poses a significant risk to public safety. Those curious on work progress are encouraged to visit the Friends of the Quabbin website at www.FriendsofQuabbin.org/keystone and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/foquabbin) where updates and photographs will be posted.

The Friends of the Quabbin has contracted with two firms, Curtis Construction Services out of Brookfield, who will be advised by free-stone masonry international specialist, Michael Weitzner from Brattleboro, Vermont, to carry out the stabilization work. Project oversight is being provided by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation



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Part of the collapsed historic Keystone Bridge. Credit: Friends of the Quabbin.

and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection. Work is expected to be completed by December, contingent upon weather and site conditions.

The entire project is being funded completely through donations that are being made to the Friends of the Quabbin. “This effort is only possible because of the generosity of our members and supporters,” said Friends of the Quabbin spokesperson Paul Godfrey. “We continue to seek additional donations to help ensure that this historic structure is protected for generations to come.”

Because of the Keystone Bridge’s location in a highly sensitive environmental area, extensive precautions are being taken to protect the surrounding landscape and habitat. DCR is coordinating closely with the New Salem Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program to ensure that the project upholds the highest environmental protection standards.

“This is about more than just saving a bridge,” added Godfrey. “It’s about protecting our shared heritage while respecting the natural beauty and ecological importance of the Quabbin and its watershed.”

For updates on the Keystone Bridge stabilization project, or to make a donation in support of the effort, please visit www.friendsofquabbin.org/keystone or follow the Friends of the Quabbin on Facebook at www.facebook.com/foquabbin.

About Friends of the Quabbin

The Friends of the Quabbin (www.friendsofquabbin.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the natural, cultural, and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through advocacy, education, and community partnerships, the organization works to protect the watershed and share its stories with future generations.

Dog Halloween Costume Party at the Amherst Dog Park this Saturday

AMHERST – The Friends of the Amherst Dog Park is hosting the fourth annual dog costume “Halloween Pawty” Saturday, Oct. 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, the 26) at the dog park off Rt. 9 on Old Belchertown Road. Everyone – human and dog

- is invited and encouraged to show up in costumes of all sorts. Actors from the Amherst Community Theater Company will judge the costumes and bestow awards. A \$5 donation is suggested. Costume categories this year are best costume large

dogs, first, second and third place, best costume small dog (30 pounds or less), first, second and third place, best large dog and human duo, best small dog and human duo.

Raffle prizes are donated by local merchants. Baked goods will be for sale.

There will also be a photo booth this year. Volunteers from the UMass Alpha Phi Omega sorority will be helping Friends of the Amherst Dog Park to run the ‘Pawty’. All dogs must be on leash unless they are inside the dog park.

Located off Rt. 9 on

Old Belchertown Road in Amherst, the dog park is one and a-half acres of play space on a capped landfill. It’s divided into large and small dog areas. The volunteer Friends of the Dog Park are responsible for maintenance, governance and operation.



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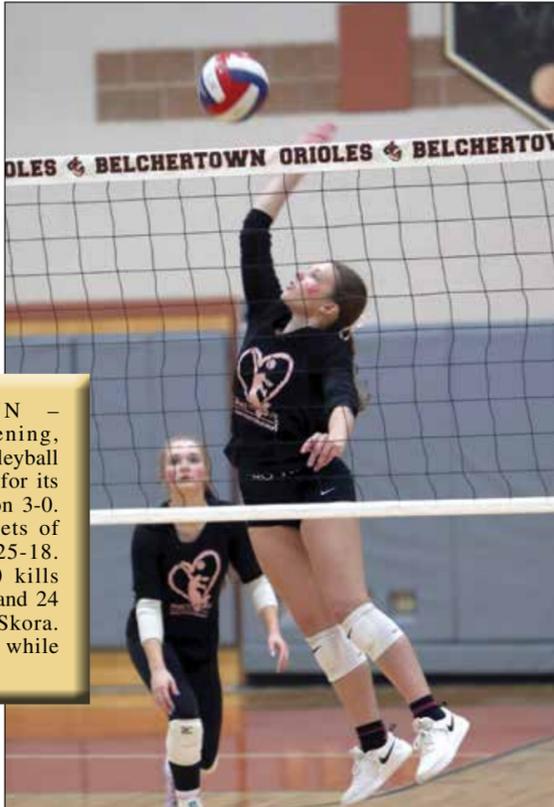
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Orioles pick up sweep of Indians



Abigail Almeida gets the bump.



Alexa Raymer sends a spike away.

BELCHERTOWN – Last Thursday evening, Belchertown girls volleyball easily defeated Ware for its fifth win of the season 3-0. They won straight sets of 25-14, 25-11, and 25-18. Belchertown got 10 kills from Layla Liminski and 24 assists from Olivia Skora. Belchertown is 5-11 while Ware is 3-15.



Layla Liminski bumps the ball over the net.



Sofia Cofone sends the bump away.



Cassidy MacLean sends the ball to the other team.



Pathfinder finishes up busy week

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Aubrey Oretiz takes the goal kick for Pathfinder.

PALMER – Due to several postponements, it was a busy week for Pathfinder girls soccer, as they had three games scheduled last week and one more game remaining earlier this week. Last Friday afternoon, the Pioneers hosted Putnam and suffered a 2-1 loss, falling to 4-7-2 on the season. Right now, Pathfinder is on the outside of the state tournament power rankings, but they still have time for the season to qualify.



Kayleigh Peters dribbles toward the center of the field.



Megan Clark navigates through traffic.

See more Pathfinder photos on Page 10.



Jaidyn Roberge goes after the loose ball.

Granby girls soccer settles for tie

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN — Many soccer coaches dread having a 2-0 lead. Just ask longtime Granby girls' varsity soccer coach Bob Weaver.

The Lady Rams took a 2-0 lead early in the second half during last Friday afternoon's road match against the Quaboag Lady Cougars.

The home team battled back by scoring a pair of goals within a five-minute

span and the non-league contest ended in a 2-2 draw.

"This result is very disappointing, especially after we held a 2-0 second half lead," Weaver said. "It wasn't one of our better efforts of the season. You just have to give Quaboag a lot of credit."

The Lady Rams, who are the top ranked team in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings, had a 9-3-3 overall record following the road tie. They were scheduled to finish the regular season with another non-league match at Pittsfield High School on Monday afternoon before the Western Mass. Class D. tournament starts later in the week.

"My players are quickly realizing that when the other team steps on the field, we'll be getting their best effort," Weaver said. "This was a very big game for both teams."

Quaboag head coach Joe Mooney was very pleased with the way his squad performed, especially in the second half.

"It was wonderful to see how well the girls responded

in the second half," Mooney said. "We had our chances in the first half, but we never gave up. We decided to move a couple of players into an attacking formation at the start of the second half."

While Granby had already locked up a berth in the upcoming Division 5 state tournament, Quaboag (7-6-2) needed to win one of their remaining three regular season games to clinch a spot in the Division 4 state tournament.

The Lady Cougars, who were ranked 38th, were scheduled to play two road matches against Ware High School (Monday night) and Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School (Wednesday afternoon) before wrapping up the regular season with a home date against Uxbridge High School on October 27.

"With this draw, we now only need to win one of our last three games to automatically qualify for the Division 4 state tournament,"

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McKenna Cudworth advances past midfield.



Kalli White receives a pass.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Brenna Moreno tries to defend near the Granby goal.

SPORTS

Pathfinder finishes up busy week



Rielly Ireland sends a quick pass away.



Destiny Rodriguez intercepts the ball.



Addison Doktor punts the ball away.



Angelina Miller tries to get around a defender.

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T-Birds come back to bash Bears

HERSHEY, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-2-0-0) rebounded in a big way from a defeat the night before as they dispatched the Hershey Bears (1-2-1-0) by a 5-1 score on Sunday inside Giant Center.



For the first time in the young season, Steve Konowalchuk's team finally vaulted to a lead at the 7:06 mark of the first period off a clean rush. Corey Schueneman carried the puck deep into the Hershey zone before slipping a perfect drop pass onto the blade of Jakub Stancl. The rookie connected off the inside of the post, beating Clay Stevenson on the stick side to give Springfield a 1-0 lead on Stancl's first professional tally.

Springfield dodged a dangerous chance from ex-Thunderbird Calle Rosen, who emerged from the penalty box and skated in on a breakaway against Vadim Zherenko, but Rosen missed the target on the blocker side.

Both teams failed to connect on power play chances,

but Springfield was not done on the offensive end. With just 24 seconds left on the clock, Hunter Skinner joined a rush, one-timing a Nikita Alexandrov pass through Stevenson to make it a 2-0 game into the intermission. Matthew Peca also picked up an assist on the play for his first point of the season. In the process, the T-Birds captain became the first player in the T-Birds' 10-year history to record 200 points as a member of the Thunderbirds.

Zherenko stood tall through the opening half of the second period, with Hershey linking lengthy shifts in the offensive zone, threatening to cut into the Springfield lead. After surviving the onslaught, Otto Stenberg alertly spotted Matt Luff coming off the T-Birds' bench, and the veteran winger roofed a breakaway snapper over Stevenson's glove to make it a 3-0 score at 11:45.

Dalibor Dvorsky joined the scoring party next at 14:11, as the 20-year-old got

a fortunate bounce to cash in his first of the season. He was hoping to slip a pass to his left side, but the puck ricocheted right back onto his stick in the low slot, giving Stevenson no chance to defend it. Alexandrov picked up his second assist on the tally.

Hershey finally broke the four-goal blitz at 15:24 as Henrik Rybinski crashed the blue paint to chip a loose puck over Zherenko for his second goal in as many nights, cutting the margin to 4-1.

Still, the T-Birds offense was not finished, and with a power play in the closing minute, Theo Lindstein rifled home his first goal in the AHL with just 23 seconds left in the frame to make it a 5-1 score. Luff picked up his second point and Alexandrov garnered his third assist on the rookie's first North American tally.

Zherenko had a sizable lead, but the fourth-year pro slammed the door shut in the third, as Hershey failed to pierce the netminder on 14 third-period offerings. Zherenko has now stopped 47 of the last 49 shots he has faced.

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Mooney said. "I do like playing the Western Mass. teams. Today's game was a very good test for my team."

Quaboag is hoping to qualify for the Division 4 state tournament for the first time.

A year ago, the Lady Cougars lost to the Lady Rams at home in a Division 5 round of 32 match.

Granby's season ended two days later with a loss at Georgetown in the round of 16.

The two teams also faced each other during the 2024 regular season, as the Lady Cougars posted a 1-0 road victory. It was Quaboag's third consecutive win in the series since a 1-1 tie in 2021.

Despite falling behind 2-0 in this year's meeting on the soccer pitch with Granby, Mooney knew the game wasn't over yet.

"A 2-0 lead is probably the worst lead that you can have in a soccer match," he said. "The team with the 2-0 lead is thinking that they can relax a little bit, and the other team is thinking they just need one goal to make it a close match. If that happens, anything can happen. We were able to comeback by scoring two goals in a span of five minutes. Having a 3-0 is always a lot better."

The Lady Cougars had a couple of scoring chances early in the opening half.

A shot taken from senior captain Maddy Bagg was saved by Granby junior keeper Meredith Bartosz (4 saves).

A couple of minutes later, freshman Julia Queiroga fired a shot on goal and Bartosz made a diving save attempt. She managed to



Bri-Anne Kraus fights to keep the ball.

knock the ball over the end line resulting in a corner kick.

At the other end of the field, junior Kalli White had a couple of chances before firing a low shot into the left corner of the net past Quaboag junior keeper Persepho Piermarini (5 saves) giving the Lady Rams a 1-0 advantage during the 34th minute.

White, who has been a member of the varsity soccer team since the eighth grade, entered the road match three points away from reaching 100 career points.

Bagg and senior captain Maddy Potvin had shots on goal during the final two minutes of the first half.

The Lady Rams' second goal was scored by freshman Marcela Tapia in the 54th minute.

White was credited with the assist leaving her one point away from the elite milestone.

"It would've been nice if Kalli would've reached her 100th career point in today's game," Weaver said. "She wouldn't have been able to accomplish the milestone without the help of her teammates."

The Lady Cougars sliced the deficit in half when Potvin fired a shot into the left corner, which was assisted by Queiroga, in the 62nd minute.

Four minutes later, Bagg scored the tying goal by lofting a shot into the upper left corner, which was assisted by Potvin.

The Quaboag coach praised the performance of his defensive unit in the second half. Those players are junior Brielle Gerulaitis, junior captain Asher Sargent, and senior Olive Moulton.

Both teams had a couple of shot attempts during the final 15 minutes of regulation, but the score didn't change on the scoreboard.

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wings in Gilbertville, along the Ware River, taking bugs in midair over the river and also working trees and bushes that still have some fruit on them.

Helping birds

People may also help birds by keeping their cats indoors. Many birds are killed by cats. It is safer for people's pet cats to kept indoors as they also succumb to predation. If a cat is an outdoor cat, people may put a bell collar on their cat with a quick release mechanism if their pet's collar should get hung up on something.

Dark-eyed Juncos

An Oakham resident reported seeing a dark-eyed junco in his yard last week. I saw a small flock of juncos along the road where I live on Oct. 13. Their white tall feathers identified them as they flew up from the side of the road. It was my first sighting this fall.

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 edownner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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TRUNK OR TREAT



A Squid Game family- make sure you win that game!

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less of limitations,” said Theroux. 4-H, designed for kids aged five to 18, provides fun experiences for the kids to take part in including national trips that can be earned through competing in competitions, and as rewards. “It gave me a lot of opportunities my parents wouldn’t have been able to have, and gave my children and now my granddaughter the same, so its really a family and multi-generational thing for us now,” said Theroux. “I think my favorite part is the friendships you make. I still have friendships with the people I was a part of 4-H with, and you really make a lot of connections, and there’s an endless amount that you can make.”

Around 37 trunks were at the Trunk-or-Treat this year, and many local businesses with their giant work trucks came out, much to the kids’ delight, and the event featured many new sponsors this year.

“I love this event. I love planning it, I love executing it, and its my favorite event of the year,” said Theroux. “It can be anything you want it to be, and its open to whatever theme, and it can be scary or not scary. There’s a lot of returning people who come with the same thing every year, add to it, or something different, and its so fun to see what they’re going to do differently.”

For the town of Belchertown, it’s a fabulous, time, and like all Belchertown events, an almost “family reunion” as the resident affectionately call it, and a chance to engage with neighbors and see friends that may not be visited as often in the business of life.

“I grew up here, and its really nice to see everyone, and it’s grown three times since I was a kid, and its nice to see the next generation, and it’s a good town of good people,” said Theroux. “The trunk-or-treat is for kids, but a guy I went to high school with had his children and grandchildren there.”

The Trunk-Or-Treat provides not only a way for the kids to get some extra sugar, but also a way to make those once-in-a-lifetime trips a reality for families who may not be able to give that experience to their children. Supporting 4-H Clubs allows for positive change.

“My thought on all trunk-or-treating or trick-or-treating is that if you want to put on the costume, you get to come out and get some candy,” said Theroux. “Whether you’re three or thirty. I’m gearing up, I’m coming up with ideas for next year, and I am already so excited and ready for next year.”



Anime popstar Miku ready for the stage.



Four friends and their unique costumes having some fun together.



Princess Cinderella waiting for her candy.



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A surfer and a little shark- watch out!

IG Shapiro met with Hampshire County municipal leaders

BELCHERTOWN – Inspector General Jeffrey S. Shapiro recently met with municipal leaders in Belchertown and Williamsburg as part of an ongoing municipal listening tour around the Commonwealth.

“As the only statewide inspector general with municipal oversight, I have made it a priority to meet with leaders in their communities to encourage a candid dialogue,” IG Shapiro said. “I want to make government work better tomorrow than it did today. To best do that, I need to hear from the people who are doing the day-to-day business of governing to understand what works and what doesn’t work.”

On September 30, 2025, IG Shapiro met with Belchertown Town Administrator Steve Williams and Town Accountant Jill Rossi; and Williamsburg Town



Belchertown TA Steve Williams and Town Accountant Jill Rossi.

Manager Nick Caccamo. “I am especially grateful for the Inspector General’s commitment to having a greater presence in western Massachusetts. This is a testament of his dedication to the duties of his office,” Williams said. “We dis-

cussed the unique challenges that small towns confront when procuring goods and services as well as the need for training opportunities for our staff.”

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The benefits of leaving the leaves

Submitted by the Belchertown Energy and Sustainability Committee

BELCHERTOWN – Every fall, many homeowners and business owners spend a substantial amount of time, money, and resources cleaning up leaves that fall from their nearby trees. In addition to all of this effort and cost, this leaf removal can have a significant negative impact on the local ecosystem by removing habitat for beneficial native insects that use the leaves to stay safe until they are ready to emerge the following spring. These beneficial insects play an important role in pollinating plants, as well as providing a key source of food for native songbirds. Leaves are also full of nutrients that are gradually released as they break down, meaning that the more leaves that are kept, the less fertil-

izers need to be used. Rather than hauling away those natural nutrients and then bringing in synthetic ones to replace them in the form of fertilizers, keeping your leaves on site can make life much simpler.

This does not necessarily have to mean leaving your leaves exactly where they fall and not touching them; removing them from walkways and other high-traffic areas is important to prevent slipping hazards. But rather than completely removing these leaves and sending them to a landfill or other location, consider creating a compost pile out of them or using them to cover a garden bed or other natural areas. This will help to strike a balance between supporting the local ecosystem, cutting down on effort required, and saving on the money and resources that are normally involved in removing leaves.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Remark
- 5. Upper body part
- 8. Expression of dismissiveness
- 12. Alternate name
- 14. Popular beverage
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Step-shaped recess
- 18. Rocker Stewart
- 19. Bright shade of color
- 20. Popular “street”
- 21. Wrath
- 22. Heat units
- 23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
- 26. Fall back into
- 30. Remove from the record
- 31. Sound a splash made

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pubs
- 2. Wings
- 3. Popular BBQ dish
- 4. Small sponge cake
- 5. Open-roofed entrance halls
- 6. Organize anew
- 7. Type of wine
- 8. Forums
- 9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
- 10. Pond dwellers
- 11. Large integers
- 13. Signaled
- 17. Brief
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Tibetan monasteries
- 26. Revolutions per minute

CLUES ACROSS

- 32. Popular Dodge pickup model
- 33. Jamaican river
- 34. Notable event in Texas history
- 39. Cool!
- 42. Subset of Judaism
- 44. Newly entered cadet
- 46. Duct in urinary system
- 47. Exterminator
- 49. Snatch quickly
- 50. Have already done
- 51. Less healthy
- 56. Therefore
- 57. What couples say on the altar
- 58. Mysteriously
- 59. Look angry or sullen
- 60. Bird’s beak
- 61. Taco ingredient
- 62. Square measures

CLUES DOWN

- 63. Google certification (abbr.)
- 64. Singer Hansard
- 27. NY Giants great Manning
- 28. Local area network
- 29. Residue from burning
- 35. Illuminated
- 36. Vasopressin
- 37. Notable space station
- 38. Wood sorrel
- 40. Adhering to laws
- 41. Chose
- 42. Hovel
- 43. Stood up
- 44. European city
- 45. Works ceaselessly
- 47. Mistake
- 48. Sun-dried brick
- 49. Sicilian city
- 52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
- 53. Murder
- 54. Other
- 55. “Deadpool” actor Reynolds

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**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF GRANBY**
The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, at the **Senior Center Building located at 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA to grant permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID to relocate existing Stub Pole # 28-84 approximately 15’ west to facilitate Pole line relocation at 17 New Ludlow Rd. Granby. Wherefore it prays that after

and across the following public way:
New Ludlow Rd - Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid to Relocate 1 SO Pole on New Ludlow Rd beginning at a point approximately 990 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Morgan St and continuing approximately 15 feet in a west direction. National Grid to Relocate existing Stub Pole # 28-84 approximately 15’ west to facilitate Pole line relocation at 17 New Ludlow Rd. Granby.

due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - New Ludlow Rd -Granby - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Copies of proposed Plans-#31005920-are available in the Board of Selectmen’s Office 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. – 12 noon on Friday located at 10-B West State Street, Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor.

Granby Selectboard
10/23/2025

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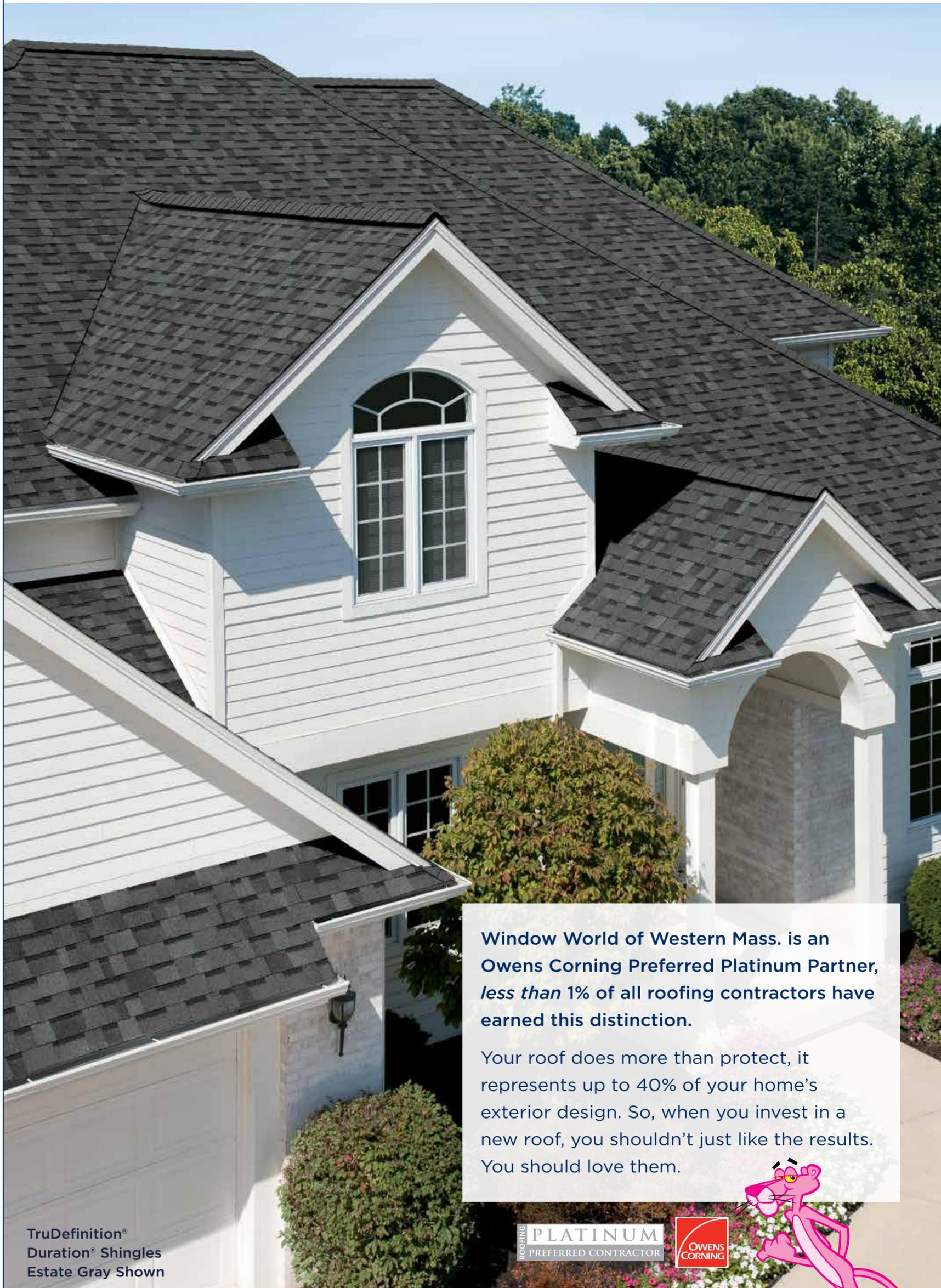
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