

## Pollinator garden decked out for annual

## Spook-tacular!

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BELCHERTOWN – When it comes to the spookiest of seasons that is Halloween, sometimes super scary things are not everyone’s favorite thing to experience.

The Pollinator Garden has been hosting a very special Spook-Tacular, which isn’t scary, but features stories, a craft, and a fun scavenger hunt through the beautiful garden with friends.

“I absolutely love this. I love Halloween, but I also want to maintain the garden and see people come for the garden,” Deb Lapointe said.

The Spook-Tacular occurred both on Sunday October 20, and Thursday October 24, and every year, the scavenger hunt changes to be something new and exciting.

Five years ago, Lapointe went back to school to become a master gardener in order to “learn more about the hobby I loved,” Lapointe said.

In between working full time at Baystate Medical Center, she used the knowledge she gained at school to create the pollinator garden and works extra shifts in order to help pay for the garden.

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The wonderful volunteers that worked to make the garden and Spook-Tacular a wonderful place: (left to right) Karen Lafleur, Donna Robbins, Jennifer Whitehead (behind), Deb Lapointe, Louise Levy, Ellie Bishop, Laura Bishop, and Charlotte Cassidy.



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Kris Hoag, Jason Krol, Captain Matt Garvulenski, and Officer Jeff Jurkowski at Drug Take Back Day, ready to collect unwanted pills.

## Red Ribbon Week campaign brings together community members

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BELCHERTOWN – The month of October is the time that Red Ribbon Week is held.

Red Ribbon Week Substance Prevention National Campaign has been promoted by the Drug Enforcement Administration across the country.

“Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy, drug-free lifestyles and to keep our youth healthy, safe, and drug-free,” said Kris Hoag, Belchertown Public Schools Drug-Free Communities Program Director.

Red Ribbon Week encourages parents, educators, business own-



The boxes ready to be filled with bags of medications surrendered.

ers, and other community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985, and the campaign has helped millions of people around the world. Since then, the week has been celebrated annually and encourages Americans to wear red ribbons in memory of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

“Agent Camarena had become well known in both the United States and Latin America for his success in busting up drug trafficking groups,” Hoag said. Unfortunately, Agent Camarena was captured by a drug cartel and his body was found a month later.

“In honor of Kiki’s memory and battle against illegal drug trafficking, his high school friends and

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## UCC hosts 13th quilt show and tag sale

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BELCHERTOWN – As winter approaches with the threats of cold weather, the desire for a comfortable quilt to keep you warm is only a short walk across the common.

The United Church of Christ is completely decked out in beautifully handmade quilts for all to enjoy for display or to use to keep warm.

The quilt show and tag sale is a fundraiser for the church to help fund the food shelf, and whatever the church needs like gas and electricity.

There were quilts available for purchasing, as well as a special pay-what-you-can deal on donated quilting materials like

elastic, string, knitting needles, fabrics, yarn, books, and more.

The quilt show on the 25th had dozens of beautiful quilts to be admired and purchased to brighten up any home.

For the past thirteen years, the quilt show has made it a point to encourage the love for quilting and the craft, as well as working to reduce waste by recycling old materials for others to use.

“I like that this has become an event in Belchertown that draws people from Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire,” Jane Crutchfield said. “We’re all like-minded people, and people leave here inspired to create.”

The items in the tag sale come from estate sales, downsizing collectors, and donations from

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Holly Ault, Jane Crutchfield, and Linda Sterling proud of their hard work.



COMMUNITY

# Pizza fundraiser for breast cancer awareness

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BELCHERTOWN – The month of October is National Breast Cancer awareness, and remembers, honors, and raises awareness of this cancer and all who deal with it.

Stacey Rossano, Chrissie White from Antonio's Pizza, and Officer Draine Colon Rivera worked together to put together a special fundraiser to help support people with breast cancer to get the treatment that they need.

"This means so much to me as I went through my own diagnosis in 2019 and was able to benefit from the wonderful support offered by The Cancer Connection," Rossano shared of her own personal journey with breast cancer.

"Chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation are very difficult, so to have this extended support beyond my wonderful husband Bryan, family, and friends who were all there for me was very beneficial," Rossano said.

"We are splitting the donation



TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
Chrissie White with Antonio's Pizza, Stacey Rossano, and Officer Draine Colon Rivera from Belchertown PD standing proudly at the fundraiser for breast cancer.

between The Cancer Connection which benefits anyone going through cancer with many sup-

portive programs as well as this Belchertown resident fighting her battle," Rossano said.

The Belchertown Police Department, Antonio's Pizza, The Cancer Connection, and Fetch Brew worked together as one to put together this fundraiser.

A portion of the purchases made at Antonio's on Monday went towards the fundraiser, 15% total of the sales, as well as the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales. The Cancer Connection sent four gift cards and items from Texas Roadhouse.

Local businesses submitted twenty different raffle items for people to put tickets towards, and there was a kayak as a special door prize which was donated by Walmart.

Gift cards and gift baskets came from Dunkin Donuts, Grapevine, Krispy, Starbucks, Protocol Restaurant, Hot Table, Tandem Bagel, Belchertown DPW, Camanito Steakhouse, Joe's Spaghetti, and hand-made stained-glass items from Barbara Green and an Amazon gift card from Debbie and Paul DeBettencourt.

Rossano and her husband, Bryan, own Fetch Brew, and it is a small IBBL brewery currently at their home in their front yard brewing for local restaurants. You can find their "drink pink lager" at Antonio's now.

This is the second year that they have held this special fundraiser and hope to make it an annual thing that can continue in the years to come to benefit more people affected by breast cancer.

The goal of the night was to raise \$1,000, and after counting just from the raffle a total of \$900, are looking to meeting that goal, and perhaps beyond it after the donation from Antonio's.

"I am most looking forward to be able to give back and help others who are going through their own fight. It really does take a village," Rossano said.

Breast cancer is something that can affect anyone, and to have a support system through it, and help from fundraisers like these, makes all the difference.

## BARC Holiday Pop-up, Nov. 2

BELCHERTOWN— Please join in on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Belchertown Animal Control, 165 George Hannum Road. There will be 10 year, special edition celebratory t-shirts for sale. Get them now while supplies last. There will also be cat toys, dog tails, hats, jackets, t-shirts, plus much much more. BARC merchandise makes great holiday gifts for your animal loving friends and family and at the same time, you help to support a great organization. It's a win win. With any donation or purchase donors will have a chance to take home one of the special baskets. Please bring cat or dog, dry or wet food for the pet food pantry. This will be an outside event.

## Craft fair this Saturday

GRANBY— Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby, will be hosting our annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 256 State St. Lots of vendors, crafters, raffles and more.

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## Annual craft fair/bake sale

BELCHERTOWN—Come enjoy our 3rd annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale for some holiday shopping with 40 crafters on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft fair / bake sale will be at the Family Moose Lodge, 244 Fuller St.,

Chicopee. There will be food to purchase for lunch and afterwards indulge in some baked goods for dessert. There will also be a raffle for everyone to participate in. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society, Quaboag Valley Relay for Life.



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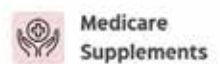
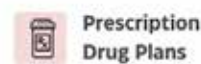


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Justin Clemons receives his club membership pin from sponsor Morgan Kimball Jr. as Club Secretary Themis Tsoumas presents Justin with his official Certificate of Membership.

**Lions Club welcomes newest member**

BELCHERTOWN— At a recent installation at the Villa Rose Restaurant in Ludlow, Justin Clemons (C) receives his club membership pin from sponsor Morgan Kimball Jr.(L) as Club Secretary Themis Tsoumas presents Justin with his official Certificate of Membership. It is with open arms and well-wishing handshakes from members that Clemons was welcomed into the very

active organization—donating over \$37,000 in its recent fiscal year to local, regional, and national charities. The Belchertown Lions Club is always seeking to expand its membership, so if interested in becoming a part of this extremely committed institution, simply log into [http://www.belchertownlionsclub.com/docs/membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.belchertownlionsclub.com/docs/membership_application.pdf) to fill out the application form.



**Meet Neil Lindberg, the newest Eagle Scout**

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Meet Troop 306's latest Eagle Scout Neil Lindberg. His project was at Fenn's Hill in Granby. He did landscaping and installed 4 new Kiosk's. He earned a total of 36 Merit Badges. He is the son of Karl and Nicole Lindberg.

**Halloween Rag Shag parade returns**

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Lions Club is happy to announce that its 71st annual Rag Shag Parade will assume its traditional format once again this year. The parade will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Hill Community School.

Costumed children along with their parents and friends will follow Belchertown Police Department cruisers and our high school marching band in a parade around the school property and, as customary, the Belchertown Fire Department will bring up the rear with its shiny, bright fire trucks.

At the conclusion of the parade, members of the Belchertown Lions Club will hand out candy to all in attendance, indoors this year, in the candied halls of the CHCS for a fun and safe Halloween experience.

Many thanks to Lion Mike Loftus, the Belchertown Board of Health, and our Police and Fire Departments who all worked diligently in the planning of these safety guidelines for this community activity. The Belchertown Lions Club Rag Shag parade began back in 1953 when even a few of our own current members (as very young children) actually partook in the sunset parade around the town common led by seven members of the high school band. Festivities were capped off with apple bobbing and candy handouts for the kids and cider donuts for the parents in the Old Town Hall.

The Belchertown Lions Club would like to thank our townspeople for their support in its many fundraisers held throughout the year that make such memorable community endeavors possible.

**Early in-person voting through Nov. 1**

BELCHERTOWN—Early in-person voting runs through Nov.1. It is being held in the auditorium at Town Hall, 2 Jabish St. with the following dates and times:

Sat., Oct. 26 Was the Last day to register to vote

Mon - Fri, Oct. 28 through Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vote by mail applications are available

on the Town Clerk's website at [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org). The final day to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 29.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 26. Citizens can either register in person in the Town Clerk's office or online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com).

Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office with any questions.

**Christmas Fair in Belchertown**

BELCHERTOWN— Mark a calendar, the St. Francis Christmas Fair is back. On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will return to 10 Park St. in Belchertown. The fair includes a giant basket raffle, a holiday crafts and gift bazaar, and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served in take-home holiday mugs. The Pine Room Café is serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages. Make a day of it, buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.

**Museum needs donations**

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Historical Association is happy to announce its annual Yuletide event will be held at the Stone House Museum on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a wide variety of raffle baskets, handcrafted items, and baked goods that will help complete the holiday gift list and support local history museum.

The Trustees are asking for donations of craft items, baked goods or raffle baskets to enable the maintenance of the beautiful Stone House Museum, an integral part of Belchertown's history. Donations can be dropped off at the museum on Monday Oct. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. or Friday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Any questions please contact [sallyshattuck54@gmail.com](mailto:sallyshattuck54@gmail.com).

**Hometown Hero award nominations open**

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Hometown hero award nominations are now open. The deadline to nominate is Nov. 1 and will be presented at annual Town Meeting. There are two categories Military: Veteran, Active Duty, National Guard/Reserve and First Responder: Police, Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel. Please submit nominations by Nov. 1 to: The Veterans' Services Advisory Board C/O Veterans' Services, 4C Berkshire Avenue, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007, Fax: 413-323-0445 or C/O Charly Oliva @ [COLiva@Belchertown.org](mailto:COLiva@Belchertown.org) Subject: Hometown Hero.

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Ava Keller posing in her beautiful dress as Princess Jasmine.



Charlotte Cassidy and Holly Field hanging out with Skully on the bench.



A skeleton roasting a marshmallow with his pet dog.

# Spook-tacular!



Two pirates, Henry and Maggie Chien, ready to sail the seven seas.

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"I love to talk with anyone about it when they walk by, it's forever changing and it's something I wanted to create for Belchertown and surrounding communities," Lapointe said.

The Spook-Tacular was created with the help of several volunteers, and Lapointe and all who helped work on this garden made the Spook-Tacular a great success.

All the decorations scattered around the pollinator garden were made by Lapointe, and were witty and fun, detailing fun and classic Halloween images, and even some skeletons marching in a line representing The Beatles.

The Pollinator Garden is five years old, and for the past three, has hosted these Spook-Tacular events alongside the Clapp Memorial Library, who provides special story times.

"I love the lights, and I don't make it scary. Just some fun things with fun activities, and good Halloween fun," Lapointe said.

Kids came in their best Halloween costumes and made their own jack-o-lanterns with recycled milk cartons, water, and glow sticks with drawn faces on the front.

Charlotte Cassidy and Jennifer Whitehead gave fun Halloween-themed stories and acted out silly scenes for the characters and the kids got to interact with the story as well.

The garden relies on help and donations from the community in order cover the costs of maintaining the garden, as well as plants and supplies.

The Pollinator Garden and its volunteers are also looking to hopefully get a grant in order to cover the cost of musical instruments to add to the sensory garden.

"If and when this happens, look for a grand opening event of the completion of the sensory garden," Lapointe said.

The garden is also looking for volunteers from the community, and although it takes a rest from November 1 until April before the new planting season, people can come together to help care for this magical place here in town.

The Pollinator Garden is a wonderful addition to our town and community, and we are looking forward to many, many more years to come for it to be enjoyed.

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Deb Lapointe, the master gardener, looking cute dressed as a garden gnome.



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Charlotte Cassidy revealing the final jack-o-lantern at the end of her story.



Ellie and Laura Bishop ready to serve a witch's brew of cider and cookies.

# Spook-tacular!

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
Say hello to Skully, and take a fabulous picture on the bench.



Marley as SpongeBob and Ginette as Patrick with their mom, Miranda, picking the perfect pumpkin.



Where is that skeleton going on the bike?



The special craft the kids got to do, turning recycled milk jugs into jack-o-lanterns.

## NOTICE TO BELCHERTOWN PROPERTY OWNERS

The Belchertown Board of Assessors has received preliminary certification of the Fiscal Year 2025 assessed values from the Massachusetts Division of Local Services (DLS).

The Assessors completed a comprehensive reassessment of all property classes in compliance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 56. The Fiscal Year 2025 assessed valuations have been adjusted to "full and fair cash value" as of January 1, 2024. The preliminary valuations are available for public review at Lawrence Memorial Hall and the Belchertown Senior Center during their normal business hours.

The assessments are also available on the Assessors page of the town's website:  
[www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org)

The dates and times regarding this Public Disclosure period are listed on the town's municipal website. For further information, please contact the Assessors Office at 413-323-0413.

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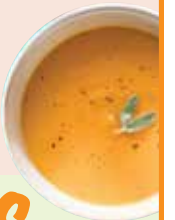
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**OPINION**



**Worried has question about Taxation of Social Security benefits**

Dear Rusty:

I am past my Social Security full retirement age, and I am still working. I am married and we file our income tax jointly. My husband is 64 and is not working now, but he may or may not, be able to work in the next year or so. At what point will my Social Security benefits be taxed, if I decide to take them now?

Signed: Worried About Taxes

Dear Worried:

Many Social Security recipients are surprised to find that their benefits may be considered taxable by the IRS, so I welcome the opportunity to clarify this topic for you.

Whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your overall combined taxable income for your IRS tax filing status. Taxation of Social Security benefits for a married couple (filing jointly) depends on your combined income as a couple, which is called your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" by the IRS. Your MAGI consists of your normal Adjusted Gross Income on your IRS tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If your MAGI, filing jointly, exceeds \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes taxable, but if your MAGI as a couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your received SS benefits becomes taxable (at your standard IRS tax rate). Note that these tax thresholds are less for those who file their taxes as a single – e.g., for someone whose IRS filing status is "single," half of their Social Security benefits become part of their taxable income if their personal MAGI is over \$25,000 and up to 85% of their SS benefits are taxable if their individual MAGI is over \$34,000.

Another factor often misunderstood is that only a portion of SS benefits are added to your income amount taxed by the IRS. The amount added, somewhere between 50% and 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year depending on your MAGI, becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate.

So, in your case, if you claim your SS benefits now and your combined income your MAGI exceeds the above levels for a married couple, then a portion either 50% or up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year will be included in your income taxable by the IRS. Note, too, that it is possible to have income tax withheld from your Social Security benefits by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office. You can download this IRS form at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf).

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**Cross garlic off the list**

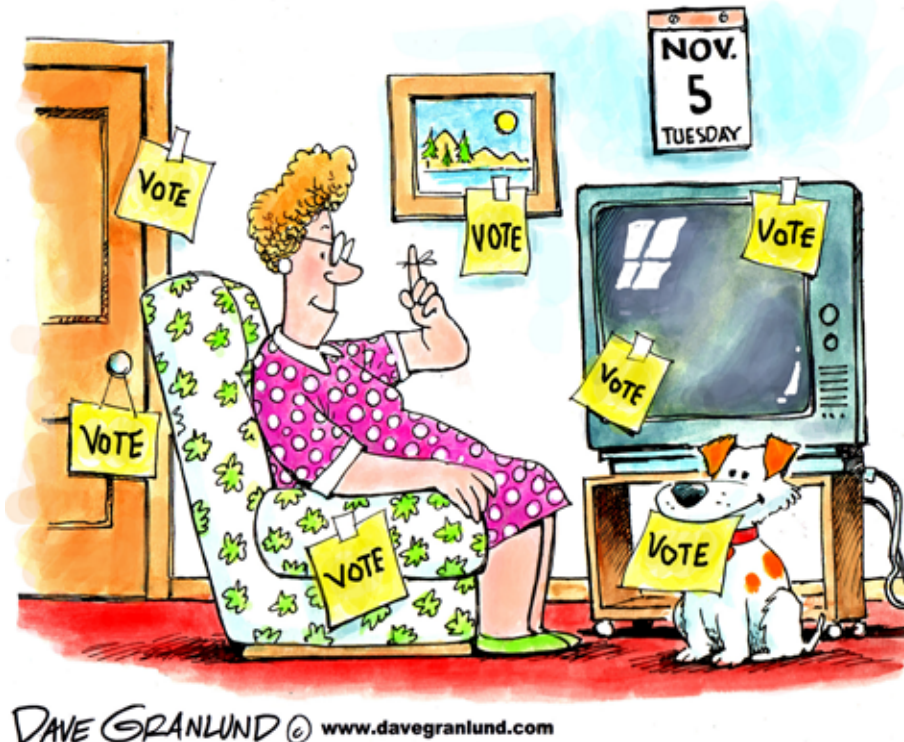
It was a productive weekend "back at the ranch."

I had a very long list of things to get caught up on in and around the garden. For the most part I completed everything on the list, although a new list has started. Doesn't it always?

The last task I completed was planting garlic.

I got started growing garlic because of my Uncle Tony. He always planted his garlic cloves in the spring. I think he was under the impression that garlic wasn't hardy and wouldn't survive the winter if you planted it in the fall.

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White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs

A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard. He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph." I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and grayer. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

**Brimfield birds**

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

**Black swallow tail caterpillars**

The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

**Fun facts about Canada geese**

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these

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A beautiful quilt titled "Be Thankful" made by Jane Crutchfield.



Quilts to purchase, and quilts on display, they all highlight the unique talents of our community.



A beautiful piece created by the late Norma Bassett; her work forever immortalized.

**QUILT** from page 1

the community, the money going to the church.

"I like the quilts, and I like that they are themed every year," said Linda Sterling.

This year, the theme of the quilts brought in was holidays, and next year, is blue, with all shades welcome to be entered for next year, the week after the book sale at the library.

"What I like about this tag sale is that if you don't have a lot of money, you can pay what you have, and still take home something to create something new," Crutchfield said.

Jane Crutchfield, Linda Sterling, and Holly Ault worked together alongside July Ryznic, Rebecca Sherwood, and Joyce Bergen to make this possible, and Jane's husband, David, helped to hang the quilts and make the presentation into what it is.

Crutchfield has always worked on the quilt show from the very beginning, after receiving a one dollar bill from a fellow congregation member with the charge to "make it grow".

Crutchfield thought hard about what could make that dollar grow for the church, and realized that the lighting in the church would be perfect to display quilts.

"She inspired me to move on the idea of it, and we have made her dollar grow for thirteen years," Crutchfield said.

You can find the tag sale still open at the church for the rest of the week in the afternoons until it ends on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 12 noon.



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Two fabulously designed pumpkin quilts created by Linda Sterling.



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Alene Motta and members of Helping Hands ready to hand out resources.

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Kayla, Bradley, Aftyn, Nolan, and Kayden decking out their truck bed with comfy blankets, lots of popcorn, and their trusty puppy sidekick, Sir Douglas Fur.

**RED RIBBON** from page 1

Representative Duncan Hunter launched “Camarena Club” in Camarena’s hometown of Calexico, California where hundreds of members pledged to lead drug-free lives in his honor and began to where red satin badges,” Hoag said.

Across the United States, more than 8 million people participate in Red Ribbon anti-drug events, and this year’s theme was “Life is a Movie. Film Drug Free”, and serves as a reminder for all to live drug-free.

“Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their communication about the dangers of drug use, specifically the damaging effects on the adolescent brain,” Hoag said.

BOAT and other organizations teamed up to make Red Ribbon Week fun for all to enjoy, and the entire school district had a special event and the Jabish Brook Middle School, and the High School had spirit weeks.

Tuesday was Team Up Against Drugs, and students wore their favorite sports jerseys, and Wednesday was the district-wide “Wear Red Day”. The Helping Hands students also painted rocks with kind messages to “scatter kindness” around the common.

The Drug-Free Communities staff also place the red ribbons all over town, and the Helping Hands students spread them all around the schools.

In total, there are over eight hundred ribbons scattered around the town, the school districts, and the municipal buildings to commemorate this special week of awareness.

On October 25, the DFC staff were at the high school football game, and provided resources from the Substance Free Athletics Organization, and SAMHSA’s Talk They Hear You.

On Saturday, October 26, the Belchertown PD, Hampshire County



BOAT set up at the football game on Friday night.

Sheriff’s Department, and DFC staff orchestrated a Drug Take Back day, which happens twice a year in April and October in order to collect unneeded, unused, or expired pill medications.

“It keeps it out of the house and away from children,” said Captain Matt Garvulenski of the Hampshire Sheriff’s Department. “It also keeps it off the street, and out of the water supply.”

Most people would usually flush their unneeded medications down the toilet, but doing this can bring the medications into the water supply.

The Belchertown Police Department has a dedicated drug drop-off box where you can go at any time to drop off your old medication pills. Sharps and liquids are not taken, however.

In total, fifty cars came by to the drop off location, and filled five large boxes of medications.

Also on Saturday, the Helping Hands Group participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Awareness’s Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness walk in Agawam.

“These events give people the courage



Alene Motta with a fluffy dog at the suicide prevention walk.

to open up about their own connections to the cause, and a platform to create a culture that’s more educated about mental health.”

Hoag said.

Five Helping Hands students, one teacher from Jabish Brook Middle School, Ms. Laroché and the HH advisor and Community Engagement Coordinator,

Alene Motta, participated in the community walk, which have been going on since 2004.

On Saturday evening, Red Ribbon Week ended with a special drive-in movie night with fifty cars in attendance for a special showing of the Pixar movie, Inside Out 2. The Belchertown Recreation Department, BOAR, and Helping Hands sponsored the event.

There was a costume and car decorating contest, and free popcorn to be enjoyed, and comfort dogs Oliver and Auggie came to enjoy the evening from Belchertown and Amherst.

“I am passionate about educating our youth and community about risk and protective factors related to substance use disorder. Our goal is that we can create an environment that is safe and healthy for all peoples,” Hoag said.

BOAT and DFC works hard to ensure that the communities they serve in are able to learn about the dangerous and destructive effects of drug abuse, including prescription drug misuse and renew their commitment to live a healthy and drug-free life.

“The best part of RRR for me is interacting with our youth and community members. For me, helping just one person and making a difference is more fulfilling than I could ever hope for,” Hoag said.

With the rising numbers of overdose deaths, being able to work with organizations who raise awareness of the dangers of these drug overdoses.

In 2023, over 107,543 people lost their lives to drug overdoses, and in Massachusetts 2,125 people. “It is important to stand together against this destroyer of lives, families, and communities,” Hoag said.

The DEA, Drug Enforcement Agency, has also released several warnings about fake pills, and have seized over 80 million of these pills, and 12,000 pounds of Fentanyl in 2023.

“Nothing off the streets today is safe. Fentanyl is in all drugs, including cannabis from cross contamination. It is literally Russian roulette to experiment with any substance today, specifically if you have no idea where it originated from,” Hoag warned.

“The red ribbons across town symbolizes the commitment to a drug-free life, to a drug-free community and serve as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug-free activities,” Hoag said.

The successful week commemorated the dedication to making sure all are aware of the dangers of drugs, and to be cautious of overdose and overdose-related deaths.

**BACKYARD** from page 6

geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

The migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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Comfort Dogs Oliver (left) and Auggie (right) ready to have fun at the drive-in movie night.

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Chloe and Chantal Chaisson having fun decorating their car with lights for the car decorating contest.



Kris Hoag (left) and Alene Motta (right) making some delicious popcorn to hand out for the movie.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 5. Highly impressed
- 11. Pronoun to identify something specific
- 12. Uttered in an impassioned way
- 16. Outfits
- 17. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 18. Stewed game casserole
- 19. Indignities inflicted on others
- 24. Blood type
- 25. Says beneath one's breath
- 26. Taxis
- 27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 28. NFL great Randy
- 29. Where college students live
- 30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin

**CLUES DOWN**

- 31. Condiment
- 33. -frutti
- 34. Polish city
- 38. Astronomy unit of distance
- 39. Romanian village
- 40. Bears first overall pick Williams
- 43. Irritated
- 44. Clothing for sale has them
- 45. One-time world power
- 49. When you anticipate arriving
- 50. Farm building
- 51. Organize thoughtfully
- 53. Detective
- 54. One who reduces
- 56. Nursemaids
- 58. Partner to "Pa"
- 59. World's longest river
- 60. Commemorates
- 63. Compound
- 64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
- 65. Email function

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Open-roofed entrance
- 2. Japanese religion
- 3. Dancer's garments
- 4. Distributes
- 5. Yemeni port
- 6. Spanish doctors
- 7. It cools your house
- 8. Engine variant
- 9. Makes more manageable
- 10. Days (Spanish)
- 13. Milliliter
- 14. Spread out from
- 15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
- 20. Respectful title for a man
- 21. Equally
- 22. Scarlett's home
- 23. Big Blue
- 27. Subway dwellers
- 29. One-tenth of a liter
- 30. Central European river
- 31. Distress signal
- 32. Expression of sympathy

- 33. Bar bill
- 34. Football equipment
- 35. Dance music
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Mary \_\_, cosmetics
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Autos
- 41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
- 42. Defeats (abbr.)
- 44. A way to color
- 45. Planet
- 46. Form of humor
- 47. Taken without permission
- 48. Go over again
- 50. Auto parts manufacturer
- 51. Detective's source
- 52. Home of the Flyers
- 54. Short official note
- 55. Emit coherent radiation
- 57. In the year of Our Lord
- 61. Atomic #18
- 62. Not from, but...

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**BELCHERTOWN**

**History talk at Clapp Memorial**

BELCHERTOWN— Come discover the history of the indigenous and nonindigenous peoples of North Belchertown, or Dwight, on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Clapp Memorial Library.

Belchertown Historical Association's assistant archivist Michael Carolan will discuss notable events, architecture and landscapes, from the 18th to the 20th centuries, of this unique eight-square-mile district and its contributions to art, industry, politics, science and religion. The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher—the most famous man in

America, gave his first sermon here. The son of a founder of the area developed a most surprising affair. Dwight is celebrated as the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln's first biographer. Emily Dickinson's sister-in-law helped establish its chapel. Rare aquatic flower gardens drew hundreds through Dwight's two railroad stops. There were also feuds, accidents, suicides, drownings, fires, the millwright who outlived six wives and the portrait painter who rendered the place and its characters in colorfully detailed letters preserved to this day.

**Holiday Bazaar set for Nov. 2**

BELCHERTOWN— Come join in for fun and fellowship at the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St. This is the chance to stock up on the famous Conkey jams and jellies. There will be beautiful hand crafted items, and tempting breads and baked goodies. Also be featuring our Holiday Cookie Shop. Come fill a bag with cookies for only \$7. There will be a Silent

auction including a beautiful quilt and an assortment of other unique items. We will also be hosting a variety of vendors. Enjoy a morning snack with coffee and donuts, or grab a cup of soup and a finger sandwich for a quick lunch. Come and enjoy the best place to do some early Christmas shopping. The Bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the auction is from 9 a.m. until bidding closes at 2:30 p.m.

**GRANBY**

**GPL October and November events**

GRANBY— The Granby Public Library, 297 E. State St., will be holding events throughout October and November. For more information, please visit <http://granbylibrary.com>.

**Pastel Workshop with Greg Maichack**

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. Join us and pastel paint your own Seascapes in Pastel Inspired by Winslow Homer. All levels of experience are welcome.

Space is limited, so please call the library to reserve your space to join us for pastel painting!

On Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., award-winning artist Gregory Maichack will present "Seascapes: How to Pastel Paint" at the Granby Free Public Library.

This workshop offers both beginner and advanced participants an opportunity to creatively explore pastel painting inspired by the work of Winslow Homer.

Participants will receive instruction on expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring, layering and creating the wave effect of spray by embedding pigment particles into the painting. Please call (413) 467-3320.

This project is supported in part from a grant from the Granby Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Nature is Fun Times at the GPL**

GRANBY— Twice Monthly, on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Granby public library's Community Room, come join Ranger Tasha for hands on science. Enjoy a nature theme story, learn hands on and make a craft about the world around us in New England. Ranger Tasha teaches interesting, lesser known facts about each topic, always keeps it interesting.

**Upcoming dates and topics**

Nov. 19 Frogs and Turtles in Winter

- Nov. 26 Turkeys
  - Dec. 3 Birds Adapt to Winter
  - Dec. 10 Snowflake Science
  - Jan. 7 Living under the Snow
  - Jan. 14 Fur, what is it good for?
  - Feb. 4 Woodpeckers - Nature's Drumming Rockstars
  - Feb. 11 The Stink of Love - Skunks are looking for mates
- Presented by Tasha Daniels, Park Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Ages 3 and up.

**Class of 1979 Reunion to take place Nov. 30**

GRANBY—The Granby High School class of 1979 will hold a 45th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30 at Johnnie's Tap Room in South Hadley. The reunion will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and music. Tickets can be purchased via Venmo to Doreen (Chauvin) Beard at Doreen-Beard-2. Contact Denise (Emond) Billow to buy tickets via check or for more information, at [dbillow@pittsfield.net](mailto:dbillow@pittsfield.net). Please share this information with fellow classmates.

**GARDEN** from page 6

It could very well have been the type he grew. As soon as the ground had thawed, I'd get out there and plant the cloves he'd given me and in just about three months I'd harvest the fists comprised of seven or eight teeny tiny cloves.

Since then, I've gone on to plant my bulbs in the fall and again, it's probably a variety thing, but my cloves are two or three times the size of those I planted in the spring those many years ago. I have a pretty good system going that I've shared with my readers a few times over the years.

Read on for a refresher on garlic planting.

Garlic should be planted four to six weeks prior to the ground freezing, much like you would daffodils or tulips. The time is now!

Your goal is to have a well developed root system to anchor the plant through the winter. Because garlic prefers a pH of 6.5 (6.0-7 is OK), a sprinkling of lime won't hurt.

Mix in a couple of inches of aged manure or compost to planting bed. I use a pitchfork to loosen and mix the soil with the manure and lime so that it's incorporated well.

Over the years I've learned that the secret to big bulbs has a lot to do with spacing. Space individual cloves eight-10 inches apart pointed side up and plant two-three inches deep (up to the

knuckle if you are pushing them into the soil by hand) and firm down.

If rain has been scarce, water the planting well. A friend who attending one of my gardening talks a few years back, shared that she places a sheet of cardboard over the bed, and then applies mulch on top of that.

For the last few years, I have done this and it has worked out great to keep the weeds down. Garlic abhors weed competition.

One year, though, I had a problem. I didn't see my garlic sprouting in the spring, so I lifted the cardboard, and the top growth was stuck underneath! I made holes for it to grow through and all was well.

Last year I made sure I watered the bed a lot so that the cardboard

would soften and this wouldn't be a problem ever again.

Garlic loves fertile soil, so top dress with more aged manure/compost in the spring, about the time when daffodils are up two inches. I slide back the mulch/softened cardboard and add the compost then replace it for continued weed suppression and moisture retention.

Repeat this process once per month in May and June.

If rain is scarce, make sure that your garlic beds get about one inch of water a week. Stop additional watering one month prior to harvest and cut off curly "scapes" (immature flower heads) as they form.

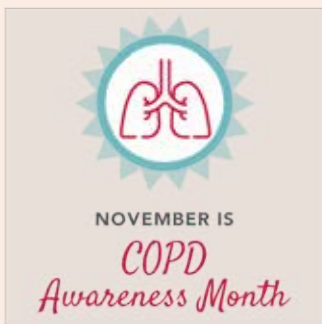
Garlic is ready to harvest when one third of the leaves have yellowed/browned. Don't wait much

past this time, or bulbs will separate within the fist, and length of storage could be affected. Cure in an airy location, free of humidity and moisture.

I get excited planting garlic. It's the first installation of the "new year!" Funny, how just three weeks ago I was almost sick of the garden, now it's all new again.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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## Orioles head for WMass finals

BELCHERTOWN – On a sun-splashed afternoon last Thursday, Belchertown field hockey opened up tournament season with a shutout of Smith Academy. The

Orioles got goals for Kina Roy and Gianna Zenon in a 2-0 win. Morgan Sambor made three saves in the shutout. The Orioles were scheduled to face Southwick in

the Class B finals earlier this week. Following that game, the Orioles will head into the state tournament.



Kina Roy moves through the middle of the field.



Mya Philpott looks to get through a pair of defenders.

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Gianna Zenon blocks a pass.



Rachel Baltazar clashes with an opponent.

## Granby edged by rival Monson

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—Hannah Murphy is the only junior listed on the Monson girls' varsity soccer roster.

Unless one of her classmates decides to join the varsity team next year, Murphy will have the spotlight all to herself during the Lady Mustangs 2025 senior day celebration.

Murphy made sure that the four current seniors had a very enjoyable experience on their senior day.

The Central Division contest versus Granby was tied 1-1 when Murphy scored a goal with a minute remaining in regulation. It wound up giving her team an exciting 2-1 victory on a warm and sunny fall afternoon at Larry Tassinari Field, last Monday (Oct. 21).

"Hannah is a very special soccer player and she's an extension of me," said Monson first-year head coach Larry Pagliaro, who was previously an assistant coach under Eric Degnan. "Whenever we're huddled in a circle, she's already talking with the other players before I do. She's going to be our only senior next year and she's already a tremendous



Margaret Crawford angles for the ball.

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Marcela Tapia dribbles up the field.

leader."

The four Monson seniors, who were honored during a postgame ceremony, are Ella Corthell, Natalie Hull, Addison Peterson, and Emily Provost, who's the starting goalie.

"This season has been a little bit different for us, but the four seniors have continued to work very hard and they're very good leaders," Pagliaro added. "In the past, we would always have a large halftime lead, but we had to grind out a lot more games this

season. We're not the favorites in every game anymore."

Corthell and Hull are starting defenders while Peterson is a midfielder.

"Emily is a fantastic goalie. Ella is a little more aggressive defensively than Natalie is, but they both do a very good job back there," Pagliaro added. "Addison is a very fast midfielder."

The Lady Mustangs, who are the defending Division 5 state

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Taylor Allen turns play around.



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LEFT: Hannah Mellor makes a stop on defense.

## Pioneers shut out Sizer

PALMER – Last Monday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer picked up a 10-0 shutout of Sizer School, a Central Mass. school. The Pioneers scored early and often and were in control of the game throughout. The Pioneers improved to 2-10-1 and were scheduled to have non-playoff games earlier this week.



Autumn Doktor traps the ball for the Pioneers.



ABOVE: Danielle Croteau nearly collides with an opponent.



Samantha Lowe goes after the loose ball.



SPORTS

# T-Birds scored bounce-back win over Hartford

HARTFORD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-5-0-0) bounced back from a pair of defeats to finish the three-game weekend with a 5-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (3-2-0-1) on Sunday at the XL Center.

The T-Birds faced challenges before the game even began, as seven lineup regulars were unavailable due to injury. Despite their shorthanded lineup, Steve Konowalchuk's T-Birds came out with a purpose, generating a pair of power plays in the opening half of the opening period,

and forcing Louis Domingue to make many great saves in tight. Domingue's best work was when he reached back the paddle of his stick and pulled a loose puck dangerously close to the goal line.

The Wolf Pack, though, still managed to get on the board first, as top-line centerman Bo Groulx pounced on a loose puck in center, roared in on the right wing, and snapped a perfect wrist shot off the inside

of the post behind Colten Ellis to make it a 1-0 game at 8:16.

That precise shot would be the only blemish on Ellis's record in an opening period that saw the young T-Birds backstop deny 11 Hartford chances, including several on a pair of Wolf Pack power plays.

At the other end, the T-Birds' third line evened the slate less than three minutes after Groulx's

opening marker as Drew Callin swooped in front from behind Domingue's net and surprised the veteran with a wraparound through the legs to make it a 1-1 tie at 11:12.

The gutsy effort continued in the middle stanza, and Dalibor Dvorsky was rewarded at 8:52 with his third goal of the campaign. After skating the puck out of danger and entering the offensive zone, the 19-year-old pulled up on the left-wing

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# Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

# Worcester Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

PORTLAND, ME– The Worcester Railers HC (2-2-0-0 4pts) beat the Maine Mariners (1-4-0-0, 2pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 2,947 at Cross Insurance Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at Norfolk Scope taking on the Norfolk Admirals on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started tonight with Justin Gill (1-2-3) breakaway goal 6:22 into the period. Seven minutes later at 13:33 Matthew Kopperud (1-0-1) finished backside to give the Railers a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The Railers continued their scoring late in the second when Riley Piercy (1-0-1) got his first goal of the season. Piercy scored with

two minutes remaining in the period extending Worcester's lead to 3-0. Worcester finished the scoring off on the player play with a power play goal from Mason Klee 8:41 into the third, cementing the Railers 4-0 win.

Worcester found the back of the net first tonight, as Justin Gill (1st) forced a turnover and took it down the ice all alone scoring with his backhanded shot just 6:22 into the first. Matthew Kopperud (2nd) took an intercepted pass down the ice and scored off passes from Justin Gill and Jack Randl out in front 13:33 into the period. Neither team scored after Kopperud, ending the period with Worcester leading 2-0. Maine outshot Worcester 16-9.

The second period seemed as if it would come without a score from either team until the Railers extended their lead to 3-0 thanks to Riley Piercy (1st). Piercy broke the scoreless period 18 minutes in when he got one by Brad Arvanitis on the crossing dish from his teammate Justin Gill. Shots favored Worcester 12-11 in the second.

The Railers kept their great scoring night going in the third. Mason Klee (2nd) found the back of the net on the power play at 8:41 to make the Railers lead 4-0. The Mariners had a late power play opportunity, but the Railers penalty kill held strong on their perfect night. Shots favored Worcester 10-4 in the third and were even on the game 31-31.

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champions, defeated Hopkins Academy, 3-1 on the road in a make-up game the following afternoon. They closed out the regular season with a 10-6 overall record and entered the Western Mass. Class C tournament as the second seed.

Granby (6-10), who also lost the first meeting of the regular season to Monson, 3-1, are the top-seeded team in the Western Mass. Class D tournament.

"I thought today's game was a hard fought battle between two very good soccer teams," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "We played much better during the second half. It's very frustrating losing 2-1."

The seven Granby seniors, who were recognized before the start of the match, are Autumn Sicard, Margaret Crawford, Molly Zumburski, Cassandra Flaherty, Olyvia Redmond, Mabel Carillon, and Lydia Kicza.

In their previous six meetings on the soccer pitch, the Lady Mustangs had outscored the Lady Rams, 38-6.

The Lady Mustangs held a slim 1-0 lead in the second meeting of the regular season with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

The Lady Rams tied the score when the ball got past Provost and sophomore Kaili White was in the right spot to fire a shot into the back of the net.

"When the goalie misplayed the ball, I just snuck in there and was able to score a goal," said White, who leads the Lady Rams with 19 goals this season. "It felt good to score the tying goal late in the second half. We were really hoping to score another goal after that. We haven't been able to beat Monson in the three years that I've been playing for the varsity soccer team."

Since she joined the varsity squad as an eighth grader, White has scored a total of 57 goals and has 14 assists.

"Kaili is an outstanding soccer player, and she never gives upon a play," Weaver said. "Her second half goal gave us some momentum, but we couldn't take the lead."



Kaileena Smith chases down the ball.



Olyvia Remond tries to settle the ball.



Kaili White takes control and heads up the field.



McKenna Cudworth is pursued by the opposition.

The game tying goal was assisted by freshman McKenna Cudworth.

Just when it looked like the contest would end in a tie, Murphy received a pass from Chelsea Hull before putting a low shot into the right corner of the net past Granby sophomore goalie Meredith Bartosz (17 saves) with a minute left in regulation.

The only goal of the first half came on a corner kick during the

32nd minute.

Monson sophomore Avery Beaudoin sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Murphy headed it into the left corner of the net giving her team a 1-0 lead.

Granby did have a couple of chances to tie the score before halftime. Two shot attempts by White sailed high over the crossbar. Another shot taken by Crawford was deflected away by

Provost.

The Lady Rams did score the tying goal late in the second half before Murphy, who has scored more than 165 career goals, became the hero for the home team.

The third meeting of the season between the Central Division rivals could take place during the Division 5 state tournament.

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**SPORTS**

# Owls fall to Plymouth State

WESTFIELD – Plymouth State took advantage of three short fields in the first half to build a big lead, as the Panthers topped Westfield State 35-7 in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at Panther Field in Plymouth, N.H. on Saturday.

The Panthers capitalized on drives of 41, 39, and 40 yards, capped by two 2-yard TD runs from Willie Lombard sandwiched around a 3-yard plunge from Greg Walker to build a 21-0 halftime lead.

Westfield drops to 2-5, 2-4 in the MASCAC with the loss, while Plymouth evens its record at 3-3 overall and 3-3 in the league.

The Panthers tacked on a punt return TD and recovered a scoop-and-score fumble recovery on a 70 yard TD return by Nick Marcinowski to put the finishing touches on the win.

Westfield got a late 4-yard rushing touchdown from Matt Varteresian for the Owls lone score of the day.



Defensive linemen Cade Nelson and Anthony Messoro led the Owls with five tackles each.

Plymouth got 12 tackles from Evan Wilson.

Westfield was limited to just 79 yards rushing on the day, led by 46 from Dylan Disabella. Conor Schlittler led the Owls receivers with two catches for 36 yards. Westfield QB's combined to go 14-24 passing for 172 yards, led by Ryan Scott, who completed 10 of 17 for 125 yards.

Plymouth's offense was led by an efficient performance from Braden Lynn, who completed 13 of 17 passes for 144 yards. Mitchell Cripps was his top target with six catches for 47 yards. Walker finished with 27 yards on the ground.

Westfield actually outgained the Panthers, 251-197 yards on the day, and had 15 first downs to Plymouth's 10.

Westfield will have a quick turnaround for their next game, as the Owls travel to conference foe Mass Maritime for a rare Thursday night kickoff.

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boards and created a shooting lane. The rookie's flip shot into traffic found a home through Domingue's legs and gave Springfield its first lead of the day, 2-1, at 8:52.

Not even three minutes later, Tanner Dickinson entered the scoring realm as he took a beautiful setup from Michael Buchinger and lifted a forehander over Domingue's stick at 11:08. Dickinson's first AHL goal of the season also marked Buchinger's first career point as a pro, and it gave Springfield a 3-1 lead into the third.

Just nine seconds into the final period, Springfield added to the lead as Hugh McGing spotted a wide-open Marcus Sylvegard at the net front for a tap-in. It tied for the fastest

goal in any period in team history and propelled the T-Birds to a 4-1 advantage.

Ex-Hartford defenseman Hunter Skinner exacted some payback against his old team at 3:28, taking a drop from Dylan Peterson and rifling a wristler under the crossbar to build the lead up to 5-1.

Hartford mustered only one goal in response when Dylan Roobroeck stuffed a rebound through Ellis at 10:32. The Springfield goaltender put up his fourth consecutive start with just two goals allowed, stopping 27 shots for the game.

The T-Birds look to build upon the win on Friday night when they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the first time this season. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

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## Belchertown Police

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Oct. 16 through Oct. 22. 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. Of the calls police responded to, there were 16 incidents, six accidents, two arrests/summons and 19 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS  
Friday, Oct. 18**

11:59 a.m. – A 46-year-old Belchertown woman was arrested for a violation of an abuse prevention order. Officers checked on a person's well-being, and another person at the residence violated the restraining order.

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

8:24 p.m. – A 46-year-old Belchertown woman was arrested for violating an abuse prevention order.

**INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS  
Thursday, Oct. 17**

9:45 a.m. – An officer responded to Old Sawmill Road for a report of property damage. A delivery driver backed into a person's mailbox. The matter was documented.

3:51 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics. A person was transported to the hospital.

**Friday, Oct. 18**

3:08 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics. A person was transported to the hospital.

11:38 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics. A person was transported to the hospital.

2:51 p.m. – An officer responded to multiple calls reporting a motorcycle crash involving a vehicle. The vehicle was traveling on Main Street with the motorcycle behind them at the stop to allow the pedestrian to go across the crosswalk. The motorcycle struck the back of the vehicle. No tows and no injuries were reported.

4:01 p.m. – An officer took a report of identity theft. The person's credit card, license and mailing info were compromised. The matter was documented.

**Saturday, Oct. 19**

3:13 p.m. – An officer took a report of a stolen motor vehicle. Currently, one suspect is involved, and the matter is under investigation.

5:48 p.m. – An officer responded to two juvenile runaways. Both were located, and one was transported to the hospital. The other was returned home.

**Sunday, Oct. 20**

1:15 p.m. – Officers assisted a citizen with the location of a family member.

2:59 p.m. – Officers responded to an Amherst Road address to assist a citizen who reported their mirror was struck while the vehicle was parked overnight. The officers were able to identify the vehicle involved.

**Monday, Oct. 21**

6:55 a.m. – An officer responded to West Street. A deer was deceased. Upon arrival, the operator removed the deer from the area. No tow was needed, and no injuries were reported.

7:20 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of an accident. A vehicle struck a deer, which ran back into the woods. The operator declined medical attention, and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

2:55 p.m. – An officer responded to the lobby to report an incident of harassment while they were working.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**

6:50 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Warner Road. A vehicle struck a deer. The deer took off in an unknown direction. There was front-end damage to the vehicle, but it was driven away from the scene. No injuries were reported.

11:32 a.m. – An officer received a report of fraud. A debit card was opened under the resident's name. A police report was made, and they were advised to freeze their identity with the credit bureaus.

12:28 p.m. – An officer responded to a north Main Street address to assist a citizen with a

report of a neighbor violating their probation. The probation office requested a report to be filed and mailed to them.

12:43 p.m. – A vehicle traveling on Federal Street when another vehicle pulled out of a Federal Street address's entrance and struck the vehicle. Significant damage was done to both vehicles that were towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

3:21 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a vehicle crash on Springfield Road. A vehicle pulled out of a parking space when a second vehicle traveling in the parking lot struck the front end of their car. No injuries were reported.

7 p.m. – A caller reported fraudulent credit card activities resulting in losses. A report was filed.

## Granby Police

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 147 calls from Oct. 18 through Oct. 24. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.*

**Friday, Oct. 18**

5:25 p.m. – A resident reported that their election signs were stolen from their front yard. An incident report was completed.

**Sunday, Oct. 20**

4:24 a.m. – An Amazon worker reported backing up over a propane gas line meter in a customer's driveway. The vehicle was now stuck on the propane lines, which were leaking. Granby Fire and Police responded. A tow truck lifted the vehicle off the propane lines, and the propane company responded.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**

10:15 a.m. – A resident reported that someone opened accounts in their name. An incident report was completed.

**Thursday, Oct. 24**

4:27 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.



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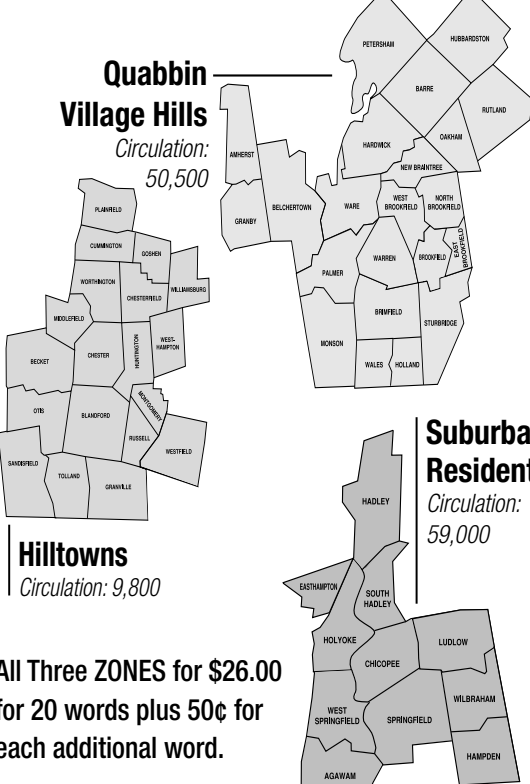
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Belchertown  
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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
ELEVATOR REPAIRS R-2  
BELCHERTOWN  
TOWN HALL  
2 JABISH STREET  
BELCHERTOWN,  
MASSACHUSETTS 01007**

The Town of Belchertown, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the Elevator Repairs, Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007. The work involves the removal of the existing parts, fittings and finishes and replacement with new parts, fittings and finishes. Estimated construction cost is **\$150,000**. DCAMM certification is not required. Bidder selection, procedures and contract awards shall be in conformity with M.G.L. Chapter 149 Section 44A-H. State mandated prevailing wage rates must be paid according to M.G.L. Chapter 149 sections 26-27D

inclusive. Digital copies of the drawings and specifications may be obtained by emailing requests to the office of Roy S. Brown Architects at **85rsba@gmail.com** after Wednesday, 10.30.2024

A contractor briefing on site is planned for Wednesday, 11.06.2024 at 10:00 am.

Sealed General Bids will be accepted from eligible bidders at the office of the Town Administrator, Finnerty House, 1 South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007 **until 3:00 pm, Friday, 11.15. 2024** at which time they shall be publicly opened. A bid security in the form of a bid bond, cash or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price must accompany the bid.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. In no event shall the mobilization costs exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the eligible bid price. The contract will be

awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Steven J. Williams, Director,  
Town Manager  
10/31/2024



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**WARREN WATER DISTRICT** is hiring for part-time office help. Please apply in person at **988 Main St., Warren. 413-436-9819**. EOE.

**TOWN OF WILBRAHAM DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**

The Town of Wilbraham is looking for a Director of Veterans Services. For application and more information please visit [www.wilbraham-ma.gov](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov). EOE

**HELP WANTED**

**TOWN OF WORTHINGTON HIGHWAY POSITION OPENING**

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill **two full-time Equipment Operator/General Laborer** positions in the Town Highway Department. Valid MA CDL operator, Hydraulic Hoister's licenses and OSHA-10 certification is preferred.  
• Highway maintenance laborer salary rate range: \$18.16 - \$26.46  
• Highway maintenance laborer with CDL and Hoister's license salary rate range: \$25.00 - \$36.41  
Further information can be found on the Town's website:  
[www.worthington-ma.us](http://www.worthington-ma.us)  
Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; 413-238-5830 or send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: [worthingtonhighway@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonhighway@gmail.com) or to Worthington Highway Department, PO Box 643, Worthington, MA, 01098. This posting will remain pertinent until the two positions are filled.  
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**HELP WANTED**

**TOWN OF WORTHINGTON HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OPENING**

**Highway Department**  
The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest and resumes from qualified candidates to fill the position of Highway Superintendent. Nature of work: The Highway Superintendent is responsible for administering and overseeing the daily activities of the Highway Department including the maintenance and repair of town roads, parks, bridges, equipment maintenance and snow/ice removal operations. This is a benefited position which requires a thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of highway department maintenance, construction and procurement. Salary rate range: \$62,941.00 - \$91,707.00, with potential for winter overtime. More information can be found on the Town of Worthington website:  
[www.worthington-ma.us](http://www.worthington-ma.us)  
Please send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: [selectboard@worthington-ma.us](mailto:selectboard@worthington-ma.us). This posting will remain pertinent until the positions are filled.  
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**HELP WANTED**

**Worthington Police Department 51 Huntington Road, Worthington, MA 01098**

**FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**  
The Worthington Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for Full-time Police Officer. Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age or older, a U.S. Citizen and possess a valid driver's license. They should also have a high school diploma/GED, license to carry and be certified by Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and be POST certified. This is a benefited position with a salary range of: \$52,000.00 - \$75,733.00. The successful candidate shall be highly motivated, self-disciplined and possess a community policing philosophy and live in, or near Worthington. Previous candidates must reapply. Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:  
**Worthington Police Department P.O. Box 246 Worthington, MA 01098**  
Or via email to: [chief@worthingtonpd.org](mailto:chief@worthingtonpd.org)  
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