

## STM budget talks

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**BELCHERTOWN** – The Selectboard and Finance Committee held a Special Town Meeting in order to address the upcoming rise in costs from health insurance increases to transfer a total of \$911,000, among other voting items.

The Health Insurance Account

The meeting to address this staggering amount in an increase addresses the additional 20% increase that was put into effect on October 1, which affects the more than 12,000 people across 73 communities that are a part of the Hampshire County Insurance Trust, including Belchertown.

“Articles 1, 2, and 3 all address an unfore-

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# SPOOKTACULAR



Two witches offering a tasty brew of apple cider.

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## brings in kids for night of fun in the garden

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**BELCHERTOWN** – The Belchertown Pollinator Garden has been hosting a very special Spook-Tacular event before Halloween for the last few years, hosted by Master Gardener Deb Lapointe and the other dedicated gardeners and volunteers who help to keep the garden tended.

The Pollinator Garden is six years old now, and for the past four, has hosted these Spook-Tacular events alongside the Clapp Memorial Library, which provides special story times for the kids to enjoy while they show off their costumes.

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## Town weighs financial strategies, explores innovative grant opportunity

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

**BELCHERTOWN** — Town officials delved into complex financial discussions, examining tax rates, potential administrative restructuring and a novel approach to addressing community health challenges.

The Division of Local Services presented a detailed

financial organization review, highlighting significant structural challenges within the town's current administrative framework. Jessica Ferry, a project manager, emphasized the need for enhanced financial management capacity.

“We did recommend in the report, the biggest, really, the biggest takeaway from the report was that there is a need for additional adminis-

trative support with a specific focus on the financial operation,” Ferry said.

The review suggested creating an assistant town manager position with a specific focus on financial operations. Ferry outlined potential qualifications, noting that ideal candidates would typically have “a master's degree in public administration” or “a master's in accounting.”

The meeting underscored the ongoing financial challenges facing municipal governments. The Division of Local Services review highlighted the complex management structure of Belchertown, with the town manager overseeing 17 department heads.

“A lot of times that long-term planning can go by the wayside because there are so

many immediate day-to-day needs that come up,” Ferry said.

### Tax Rate and Fiscal Projections

Town officials conducted an extensive review of the tax classification and levy limit calculations for FY 2026.

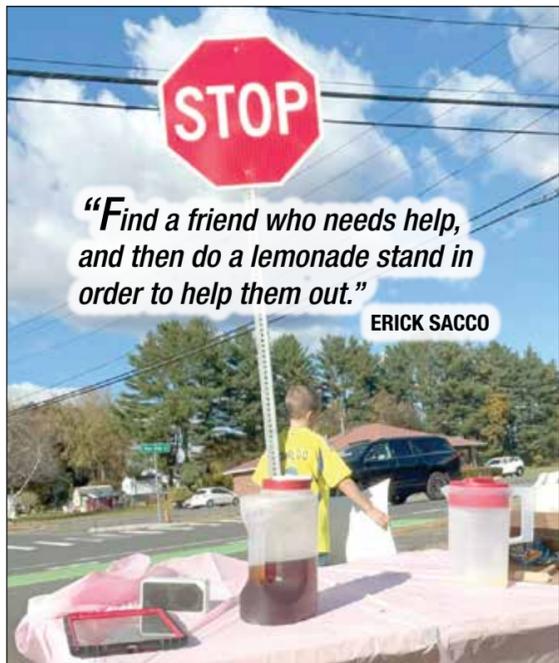
Jonathan Director of Assessments John Whelihan provided a

comprehensive breakdown of the town's financial landscape.

The total assessed value of the town stands at \$2.5 billion, with residential properties comprising 93.69% of the total valuation. The current tax rate is set at \$15.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

“The average single-family Please see **GRANT**, page 5

## Young boy raises \$700 through ‘Sips for Hope’ lemonade stand



Many people came to his lemonade stand to donate a little extra with their \$1 chips and lemonade for someone in need.

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**GRANBY** – With the world and life being unpredictable, and tragedies happening left and right, it is important to highlight when communities come together to support people in need.

One little girl, named Kinley, is a six-year-old currently battling cancer, and one little boy, ten-year-old Erick Sacco, heard about her story and her situation and decided he wanted to help.

“I decided to do a lemonade stand for her with iced tea and chips,” said Erick Sacco.

Erick went out with his dad, Louis Sacco, last Sunday to set up a lemonade stand, with homemade signs reading “Sips for Hope.”

Dozens of people came by to buy some lemonade, tea,

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State Representative Aaron Saunders, Town Manager Steve Williams, and Senator Jake Oliveira presenting a \$25,000 check for the Belchertown Little League.

## Little League celebrates graduates

### Fundraiser launched for Mini Fenway upgrades

**BELCHERTOWN** – On Saturday, November 1, Belchertown Little League hosted a heartwarming community event to celebrate its

graduating 12- and 13-year-old players and to kick off a major fundraising campaign for much-needed upgrades to the beloved baseball field, better known as Mini Fenway.

The graduating players were cheered on by parents, coaches, and teammates as they ran the bases one final

time at Mini Fenway. Each player also left a lasting mark by signing their name in the announcer's booth and received a jar of Mini Fenway dirt - a keepsake to remember their time at the field.

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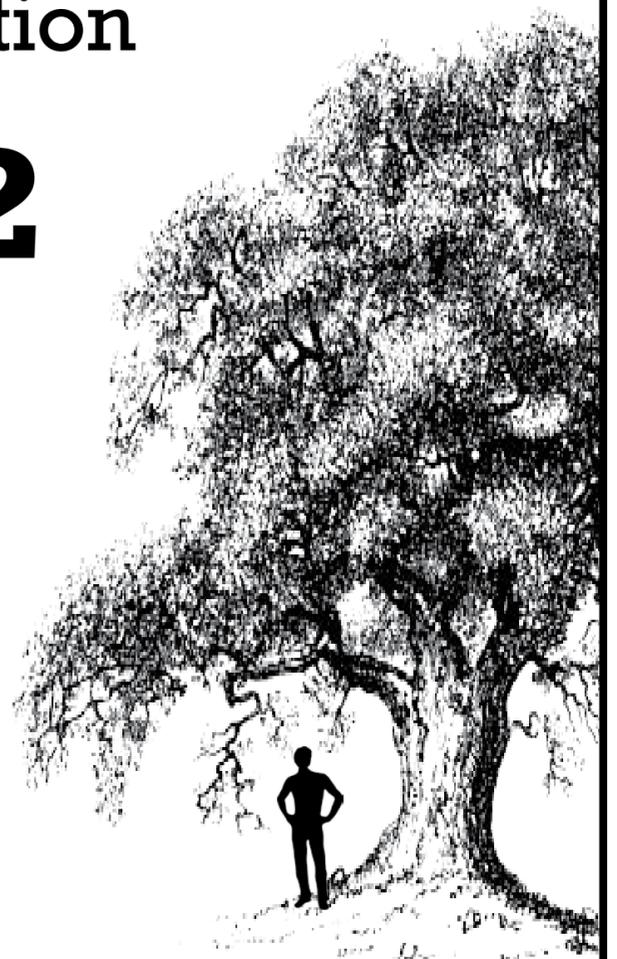
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# Axolotl attends Rag Shag Parade



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**BELCHERTOWN** – Belchertown Lions Club President Josh Dufresne drops a fistful of goodies into the basket of the cutest axolotl you ever laid eyes upon at the 72nd running of the Rag Shag Parade held annually at the Chestnut Hill Community School grounds. Next up on the Lions Club's roster is its annual Super Raffle on November 22nd where \$21,000 in prize money will be given away to 8 lucky winners!

## CML annual members meeting, elections

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library will hold their Annual Meeting on November 20 at 7 p.m., on the main floor of the library located at 19 South Main Street, Belchertown. The public is invited, and all past, present, and future members are encouraged to attend. Activities will include a short discussion of the last year's events, information about future events, and the election of three At-Large board members. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Light refreshments will be available.

## Food pantries to donate to and utilize

**BELCHERTOWN** – With SNAP and EBT benefits cancelled this month, it is important to know that there are resources available.

Below is a list of local pantries you can donate food and other items to, and for anyone who needs to utilize them.

**Amherst Survival Center**  
138 Sunderland Road  
Amherst, MA 01002  
Phone: 413-549-3968  
Email: [pantry@amherstsurvival.org](mailto:pantry@amherstsurvival.org)

Located in nearby North Amherst, the Amherst Survival Center is a welcoming, community-led hub offering food, meals, fresh produce distribution, pantry services, and support resources for all in need.

Open several days a week for dining, pantry access and outreach, the Center fosters connection, dignity, and mutual care in the Pioneer Valley.

**Dwight Chapel Provisions Pantry**  
885 Federal Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
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Email: [office@graceforthey-way.org](mailto:office@graceforthey-way.org)

We all need a little help sometimes! Our goal is to care for our community in a way that reflects Christ's love for each of us. If you have a need for a non-perishable food item please let us know and we will be ready to shop with you on Saturday morning or we can deliver it to your door.

### FindHelp

This website provides a variety of assistance options, for food, as well as shelter and other social services. By clicking the link above you can view emergency food, food delivery options, and food pantries.

**Mass 211**  
Phone: 211  
Link: [View Mass 211 Food Security Services](#)  
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meal programs, and nutrition assistance. Call 2-1-1 (or 877-211-6277) anytime for free, confidential help, or search food resources online at [mass211.org/food-security](http://mass211.org/food-security)

**St. Francis Food Pantry**  
10 Park Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
Phone: 413-323-6272 Ext. 8  
Email: [FoodPantry.sfa@gmail.com](mailto:FoodPantry.sfa@gmail.com)

St. Francis of Assisi Parish supports Belchertown residents through its volunteer-run food pantry, providing groceries to local families each month and extra help during the holidays. Donations of non-perishable food or funds are always welcome.

**The Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry at BUCC**  
18 Park Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
Phone: 413-323-7442  
Link: [Visit Helping Hand's Facebook Page](#)

Food distribution is on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Amy to learn more 413-323-7742.



## Friends of the Belchertown Greenway receive grant

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Mass Central Rail Trail Connectivity: Jabish Brook Trestle Repairs & Upgrades project has been awarded a 2025 MassTrails Grant in the

amount of \$86,010. This project was one of 112 proposals submitted, and one of 50 chosen to receive the Grant. The Belchertown Friends of the Belchertown

Greenway are thrilled to have received this Grant, and are looking for the opportunity to get started on the project to restore the Greenway.

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<p><b>Mon., Nov. 24   2:00 p.m.</b> West Springfield Council on Aging 128 Park St. West Springfield, MA</p>	<p><b>Mon., Dec. 1   OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Willits Hollowell Center Mt. Holyoke College 25 Park St. South Hadley, MA</p>	<p><b>Wed., Dec. 3   OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Chicopee Moose Lodge 1849 244 Fuller Rd. Chicopee, MA</p>	<p><b>Sat., Dec. 6   OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Residence Inn (behind PetSmart) 500 Memorial Dr. Chicopee, MA</p>
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"I love the lights, and I don't make it scary. Just some fun things with fun activities, and good Halloween fun," Lapointe said.

The Spook-Tacular event isn't meant to be scary, but features stories, a craft, and a fun scavenger hunt through the garden with friends and family.

"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 19, and Thursday, October 23, and every year, the scavenger hunt changes to be something new and exciting.

This year, the Recreation Department's drama club came to put on a special performance featuring The Addams Family, and Jennifer Whitehead from the library came out to do some fun and interactive stories and a scavenger hunt with the kids.

Kids came in their best Halloween costumes and made a "Find-It" water bottle with 21 tiny trinkets and colored rice so they could find the objects by turning the bottle.

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

The Pollinator Garden and its volunteers are looking for more people to come and join their team, as it truly takes a village to keep the garden looking spick-and-span, and relies upon donations from the community to continue to provide the Spook-Tacular event, as well as for more fun and exciting events to come.



Getting a palm reading on Halloween is very fitting.



Skeletons marching down the path repping their favorite New England sports teams, and the Belcher-town Orioles, of course.



Members of the Rec Department's Drama Club giving a performance.



Two fabulous butterflies having a wonderful time at the Pollinator Garden.



Dressed up statues stand in the garden with ghostly smiles and familiar characters, too.



Skully saying hello with his witty t-shirt.

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seen deficit in our employee health insurance," said Town Manager Steve Williams. "That means for nine months of this current fiscal year, we

were going to be underfunded. The good news, through a series of financial transfers up for your consideration tonight, we can close this deficit without needing additional taxation."

Article 1 addressed transferring a total of \$177,600 from several existing budgets from around the town, not asking for more tax money. This included wages and expenses from

the Police Department, the pool expense, DPW hired services, highway wages, wages and expenses from the Fire Department, expenses from the Lake Committee, the library, wages from the

senior center, and from general instance towards the Health Insurance Town-Share account.

Article 2 detailed transferring from the Stabilization Fund and Town School Department \$63,024, and \$262,003, respectively, a total of \$325,027, to the Health Insurance Town-Share account. Article 3 also called for a transfer of \$100,000 from the Overlay Surplus account into this new health insurance account.

"We are not going back asking for more tax dollars, we are not increasing the tax rate for this current fiscal year to cover this, it is simply moving money that was either through savings or identified projections in areas we could move money without impacting our services," said Williams.

Articles 1, 2, and 3 all passed by majority vote to transfer the total sum of \$911,000 to be transferred to the Health Insurance Town-Share account.

Accepting the Land of Mini Fenway

Article 4 dealt in accepting and acquiring a 2.2-acre parcel on Hulmes-Warner Field, affectionately called the "Mini Fenway," which was made official over the past weekend to celebrate the move of the Mini Fenway. The motion was accepted and passed by a majority.

**Amending Code: Town Manager and Finance Committee Members**

"Over the past couple of years, we've been working to clean up the code of the town of Belchertown," said Williams.

Most of these changes are in the titles, like Board of Selectmen was changed to Select Board, and Town Administrator was replaced with Town Manager, and work with that legislation that was passed in 2024 for the change of the position. The town wanted to bring up at the Town Meeting about bringing to the town to call if the Town Manager can appoint people to the Finance Committee.

"As the legislation stands right now, the Town Manager alone is the person who decides who's going to be on every committee in town, and I believe that we need

a check and a balance so that no one person and no one entity has control over whether someone who wants to volunteer or not gets to serve in that capacity," said Lessard-Pearson.

Many town meeting members came forward with questions and concerns about the new amendment to the code, and it was voted on to split the vote to vote on one part of the code change at a time.

For the first change, it calls for the "Finance Committee of five members shall be appointed by the Town Manager," rather than the Moderator. This motion passed unanimously.

The second part of the code is to strike the language about dual appointments for members of the Finance Committee to participate as members in other areas of "town office," which was defined as town counsel as an employee. The motion passed by a majority.

**Care of New Property: Taddell School**

"The School Committee previously surplus the building that we know as the Taddell School, effectively transferring it back to the custody of the Select Board," said Williams. "What this question will do tonight is complete that process and give the Select Board the authority, once we determine what the reuse of that building could potentially be, the authority to either lease that building out, or to sell it."

The town is looking at what the building needs, in terms of its structural needs, material mitigation, cost for rehabilitation, and reaching out to developers. The motion for Article 6 passed by a majority vote.

**Fire Protection and Life Safety Reporting**

The Town Meeting heard from Fire Chief John Ingram about the new system, LIVSafety Inspection Portal, which does not cost the town any money, and allows the fire department to ensure that people's homes and businesses are up to date and compliant with fire safety. The motion passed by a majority vote.

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# Lions support the Girl Scouts with check

**BELCHERTOWN** — Belchertown Lions Club President Josh Dufresne presented this year's check to the Belchertown Girl Scouts' troop leader Heidi Gutekenst. Excitedly displaying the check are four members representing Belchertown's Service Unit of eight Girl Scout troops--- hoping this donation helps the town's 80+ members get to Camp Bonnie Brae, the oldest continuously operating Girl Scout camp in the United States, next Spring.

Our heartfelt thanks go out once again to the Belchertown Community for its support of the Lions Club's Annual Car Show, the Fair Food Wagon, its Super Raffles, gun raffles, and Saturday Meatball Sub Sales. It is such a pleasure for us to serve in such a cohesive environment.



Belchertown Lions Club President Josh Dufresne (L) presents this year's check to the Belchertown Girl Scouts' troop leader Heidi Gutekenst (R).

## Crafters wanted for Nov. 8

**LUDLOW**—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available.

## LEMONADE from page 1

or chips from Erick's stand, and by the end of the day, he raised \$700 for Kinley to help with her medical expenses.

"I felt very surprised, and I was super happy," said Erick about the amount of money he was able to raise. "My favorite part was raising the money for her. It made me really happy so many people came. I want to do another one."

"He's a really caring kid, and he came up with this idea himself, and it shows how good of a kid he is and how big his heart is," said Louis Sacco.

Louis met Kinley's dad through a community group that does charity work for the community called Beer Bros, and became close as a result of being a part of the group.

"Me and a bunch of people shaved our heads for her, and she thought it was so funny and told us we were so brave, even though she's the brave one," said Louis Sacco.

Erick, seeing his dad do something to stand in support of Kinley and her family, wanted to do something, too, so he took on the challenge to create the lemonade stand and see how much he could help her.

"Find a friend who needs help, and then do a lemonade stand in order to help them out," Erick said, sharing how others can also put together a lemonade stand.

Erick went to his schoolmates and collected cards from grades Kindergarten through 4th grade to bring to Kinley, whom he is planning to visit this weekend.

No matter how small your contribution may seem, gathering together as a community to help someone in need is always an admirable task, and shows others that they are cared for, and is as easy as setting up a table, decorating some posters, and mixing up some lemonade.

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bill this year is going up from \$6,001 to \$6,622," Ritter explained. The town's override added approximately \$400 to the average property tax bill.

Notably, the town has an excess levy capacity of \$678,805, which board members discussed potentially reserving for specific purposes like firefighter salaries funded through a SAFER grant.

## Innovative Health Services Grant

In a significant move, the board unanimously approved a grant application for a housing and care coordinator position, a collaborative effort between Belchertown, Westfield and the Recovery Center of Hope.

The \$50,000 grant from RISE would fund a position aimed at supporting individuals in recovery, with a focus on housing navigation and support services. Emily Kirby, representing the Quaboag Hill Substance Use Alliance, highlighted the critical need for such a role.

"What we hear is that at the recovery center, you have recovery coaches... but there's a need for someone who's got some expertise and understanding of the breadth of what's available in terms of programs you can apply for," Kirby said.

The proposed coordinator would split time between Belchertown and Westfield, with an estimated salary of approximately \$70,000 annually. The position would focus on helping individuals in recovery navigate housing challenges, including connecting with property owners and assessing housing needs.

Board members expressed both enthusiasm and cautious pragmatism. Selectboard member Nicole Miner emphasized the importance of understanding the long-

term sustainability of the position, stating they should "take advantage of it while we can."

Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee Chair Gail Gramarossa, acknowledged the potential challenges, noting, "We have to put a plan together to sustain this."

## Governance and Future Considerations

The board also discussed potential structural changes, including the creation of a bylaws review committee

and exploring the role of municipal select boards in federal matters.

Selectboard Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson proposed a collaborative approach to developing a policy regarding the board's involvement in federal issues, suggesting board members individually draft potential guidelines to be discussed collectively.

Lessard Pearson opted to continue the topic to the next meeting with two Selectboard members set to present a draft policy.

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## OPINION

### SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

#### Should I ask for retroactive benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turn 70 next month, Oct. 3 and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026.

I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026?

Signed: Turning 70

Dear Turning 70:

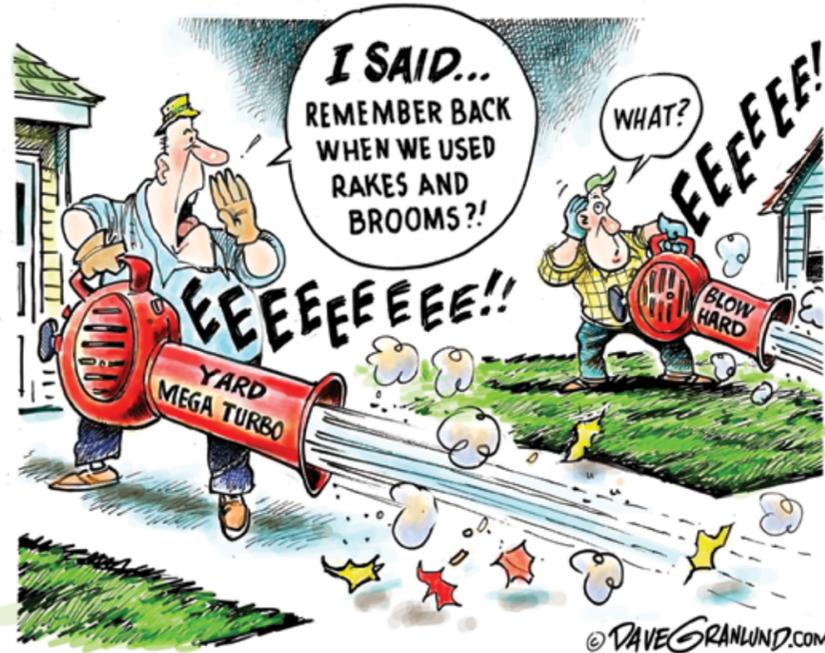
I must ask why claim your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits, which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section of your application that "I do not wish to receive retroactive benefits.

I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks" section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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#### Garden Lady follow up

Martha wrote in after my column on Stinging Nettle. As you may recall, a reader had reached out about this plant and how it had begun to grow rampant in her field.

She was nervous about coming in contact with it, and nervous for her dog, as well, who likes to run in the tall grass. Her main concern was eradicating it, and although I gave her some advice on how to do that, I should have also given the plant a little more well-deserved recognition.

Herbalists and others interested in the nutritional value of nettle often plant it "on purpose." This is what Martha had to say: "I did, indeed, plant nettles; they are in a part of the yard where their growth will be somewhat controlled. But are they not an excellent source of calcium, and have plenty of other health benefits, besides? It seems we are quick to 'eradicate' the less tame plants, which, upon investigation, can prove to be beneficial."

Martha, your point is well-taken! I guess it goes along with the old saying, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." Or better yet, how about "one person's weed is another person's medicine?"

Along similar lines, this question came in from Steven, who lives in Becket. He wrote to the Garden Lady curious about the late blooming perennial, Monkshood.

First he provides some background; "My wife was starting to clear a small

flower area we have next to the driveway two weeks ago. She was



cutting down daisies that we didn't even plant there. I saw a flower next to the daisies, which I had never seen before and asked her what it was. She said she had no idea, that she'd never seen it before either. I took some pictures, and every search I did on them said that they're Monkshood. I told her that the search said they're poisonous.

I walked away and then read a little more and found out that they're poisonous to the touch. I went back to tell her and she had cut them down without touching them because she was scared our dog would get into them. We just left them where they're lying. The stems are still sticking out of the ground. What are your thoughts? Is that what you think they are too? My research didn't show them growing in this area. Also, thoughts about how we should handle them if they are indeed poisonous?"

Monkshood (Aconitum) is a pretty perennial that has blue "hooded" flowers along two-four foot spikes. It is a cottage garden favorite because it is one of a few flowers that do bloom in

blue shades, and it blooms towards the end of summer, when few others plants are in their glory.

Due to the unique flower shape, the plant is mainly pollinated by "long tongued" bumble bees, who pry open the flower to get at the pollen. With all this said, the plant sounds great!

Now here comes the "but..." Caution should indeed be exercised around Monkshood. It goes by other common names that are more telling of its true nature, Wolfsbane and Devil's Helmet among others.

The plant contains a deadly toxins, aconitine and diterpene alkaloids that can result in death if ingested. It is even advised to use gloves when handling the plant, even its roots if you were to dig it up, because of absorption that can occur through the skin.

Most experts recommend not growing it in gardens that pets or children may frequent.

I hope this answers your question, Steven. I do think that you were on target to be concerned, especially because of your dog.

*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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



Recently, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a horned lark on the summit of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

Only the male horned larks have "horns." They are tiny and hard to see. Males are sandy to rusty brown above with a black chest band and a curving black mask. The face and throat are either yellow or white. The female lacks the horns and face mask. She is brown with darker streaks and has a white eyebrow and white below.

They are about the size of a robin and the only lark species in North America. The female lays three to four pale gray to greenish white, blotched and spotted with brown eggs in a slight depression in the ground



Horned lark

Incubation is by the female and young are fed by both parents. Young may leave the nest after nine to 12 days. They are not able to fly for about another week.

Larks forage entirely by walking and running on the ground. Except when nesting, they usually forage in flocks. They eat seeds and insects. They also eat berries. They are present all year in most areas from southern Canada south. They are strictly migratory in the far north.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

On Oct. 25 Wachusett

Mountain in Princeton, hawk watchers reported sighting from the summit two northern harriers, ten sharp-shinned hawks, nine Cooper's hawks, 18 red-shoulder hawks, four red-tailed hawks, two American kestrels and one merlin. In addition, people saw two bald eagles, 37 turkey vultures and one horned lark.

Helping birds

With more than 40 million acres of lawn in the U.S. alone, there's huge potential to support wildlife by replacing lawns with native plantings. People will have less grass to mow by adding native

plants. They then will be able to watch the birds come into their yard. They also provide shelter and nesting areas for birds. The nectar, seeds and berries help feed the birds.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident emailed on Oct. 17 that he went to the Brimfield State Forest a few days ago and checked three ponds. He said, "Not much about, one pond had eight Canada Geese and another had a group of wood ducks. Maybe a couple dozen in a beaver pond, it was difficult to get a count with all the stumps and branches in the water."

He said, "In the yard the Eastern Towhee and Northern Catbird were last seen the second week of October. Besides the usual suspect there have been white-throated Sparrows (most were the tan-striped color form), common yellowthroat (female). An unusual sighting was a male northern flicker taking a drink at the bird bath. That is the first time that I have seen a woodpecker take a drink!" He also saw two dark-eyed juncos, the first of the year in his yard. One took a bath.

Sunflower seed heads

The Brimfield resident reported the tufted titmouse and northern cardinal really like the sunflower seed heads that he has been hanging on one of my feeder stations. Because of the black bears, he has no bird feeders out yet.

Warren ponds

The Brimfield resident drove past the ponds in Warren. At the one on New Reed Street, there was an adult bald eagle, three mallards and two double-crested cormorants.

Canada geese

I saw a flock of about two dozen Canada geese land in a harvested cornfield in Barre this past Saturday. I do not know if they were local geese or some migrating south from the north.

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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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COMMUNITY

### Archambault weds Fitzgerald

Robert and Paula Archambault of Belchertown are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Melanie Archambault to Kyle Fitzgerald. The groom's parents are Frank and Karen Charette of Dracut, MA. The ceremony and reception were held at Devens Commons Center, Devens, MA on August 30, 2025. Kyle and Melanie met while attending Western New England University and currently live in Manchester, NH.



### Clapp Memorial Library awarded \$130,000 Capital Grant

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Town of Belchertown is proud to announce that the Clapp Memorial Library has been awarded a \$130,000 Capital Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund (CFF), a program administered by the Mass Cultural Council in partnership with MassDevelopment. This grant will support the library's historic window replacement project, an important initiative to enhance energy efficiency, preserve the building's architectural integrity, and improve comfort for patrons.

The Clapp Memorial Library was one of only four cultural organizations statewide to receive funding in this special round of capital investments. "We are absolutely thrilled to receive this grant," said Cyndi Harbeson, Library Director. "These funds will allow us to replace our aging windows, making the library more energy-efficient, comfortable, and welcoming for everyone. The Clapp is more than just a library — it's a vital community space that connects people to learning, culture, and one another." Belchertown Town Manager Steve Williams

emphasized the importance of this investment to the community: "This is fantastic news for Belchertown," said Williams. "The Clapp Memorial Library is a cornerstone of our downtown and an anchor for community life. This investment ensures that the library continues to serve future generations while preserving one of our town's most historic and beloved buildings." The Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund supports capital improvements for non-profit, municipal, and college-owned cultural facilities

across the Commonwealth. Since its creation in 2007, the CFF has awarded more than \$181 million to 1,610 projects, strengthening cultural institutions and supporting the creative economy statewide.

**About Clapp Memorial Library**  
Built in 1887, the Clapp Memorial Library serves as Belchertown's public library and a center for cultural, educational, and civic engagement. The library provides access to resources, programs, and events that foster lifelong learning and community connection.

### 2025 Belchertown Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony to take place at BHS

**BELCHERTOWN** – Charly Roque, the Belchertown Veterans' Agent, announces the annual Veterans' Day event set for this year in the Belchertown High

School Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Please come out and join the community in celebrating our nation's veterans. Gold Star families planning to attend

Tuesday's ceremony are asked to contact Mrs. Roque at 413-323-0409. The following Veterans' Day event is planned for Tuesday, November 11th:

Anyone wishing to join is asked to gather at the Belchertown Town High School Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am. We will be joined by

Belchertown's Chestnut Hill Community School's band and chorus as well as local Scouts from Troops 57 and 167. Anyone wishing to retire worn U.S. flags may drop

them off at the Veterans' Agent's office in the Freedom Center or in the Flag Drop Box on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

**LITTLE LEAGUE** from page 1

The celebration included a special presentation from Senator Jake Oliveira and Representative Aaron Saunders, who generously donated \$25,000 to support the Mini Fenway upgrades. This donation marked the official launch of the Mini Fenway fundraiser, which aims to ensure the field remains safe, accessible, and ready for future generations of players.

"Mini Fenway is more than a baseball field; it's a place where memories are made, friendships are formed, and our community comes together," said Ashley O'Connor, Belchertown Little League Secretary.

"Every donation helps us keep the dream alive for the next generation of players and families."

The Mini Fenway fundraiser is now live, with a goal of \$400,000 to support major upgrades, including:

- Replacement of the Green Monster wall
- Construction of a new storage shed and concession stand
- A covered batting cage
- Installation of a fully ADA-compliant bathroom facility

Mini Fenway is more than grass and fences - it's a place where kids of all abilities from Belchertown and surrounding towns come together to play, grow, and create lasting memories.

Donations of any size make a difference, and community members and businesses can also become Mini-Fenway Sponsors, with recognition ranging from social media shout-outs to naming a major feature of the field.

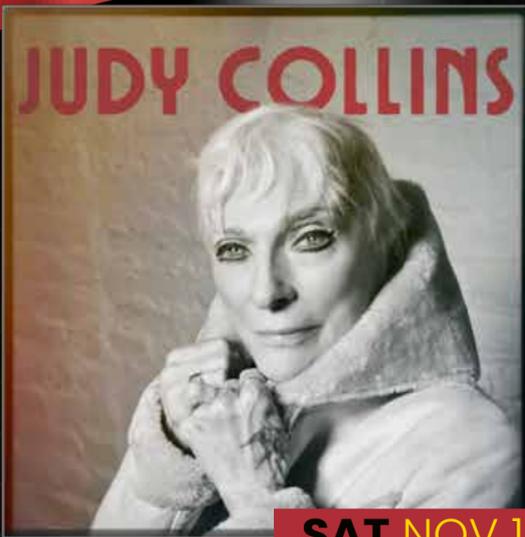
Community members and businesses are encouraged to contribute at <https://givebutter.com/MiniFenwayBLL> and help ensure Mini Fenway continues to be a home run for every child who dreams big.

For more information, contact [Btownlittleleague2013@gmail.com](mailto:Btownlittleleague2013@gmail.com).

**Congratulating the graduates from the Little League.**



## LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS



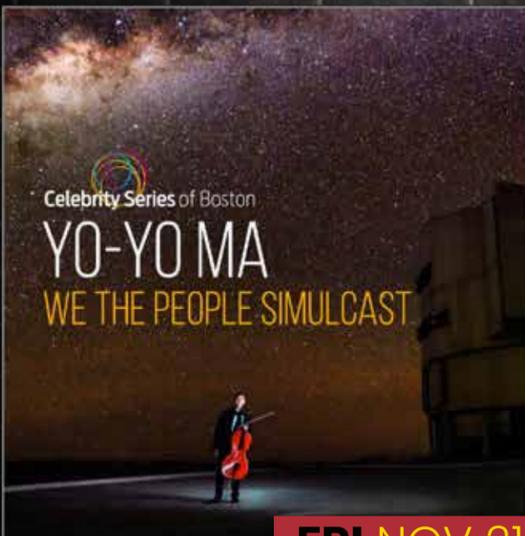
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## ■ PUBLIC SAFETY

### 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. 17 through Oct. 30. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day.*

#### ARRESTS/SUMMONS Friday, Oct. 17

3:27 a.m. - A 20-year-old Chicopee woman was issued a summons for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop and a marked lanes violation. An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. Following an auto cash detection signal, an officer responded to Bay Road and Stebbins Street. An operator failed to stop at the stop sign, crossing over the yellow lines and rolled back into the roadway on Bay Road. The operator was transported to the hospital by Belchertown Fire paramedics. The vehicle was towed.

#### Sunday, Oct. 19

5:50 p.m. - A 52-year-old Ware man was issued a summons on charges of negligent operation, use of an electronic device while driving and a marked lanes violation. An officer dispatched to Chauncey Walker Road for a report of a vehicle that went off the roadway. The vehicle was located on the side of the roadway in opposite lane of travel. There was both side and front airbag deployment. The operator was identified. The vehicle appeared to be totaled. The person reported they struck something while they were using their phone. The vehicle struck an overturned rock and a mailbox. The vehicle then went over into the southbound lane of travel. The person was transported from the scene and the vehicle was towed.

#### Monday, Oct. 27

9:05 a.m. - A 34-year-old Palmer man was issued a summons on charges of speeding and unlicensed operation. An officer con-

ducting radar on River Street saw a vehicle speeding. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the operator. They said they didn't have an active license and they were charged accordingly. The vehicle was towed, and a criminal application was issued.

#### ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Friday, Oct. 17

12:29 p.m. - An officer responded to a residence concerning a past verbal disagreement. The matter was documented.

3:47 p.m. - A North Washington Street resident reported they bought a vehicle online and then found the vehicle was in fact stolen. The vehicle was viewed on Facebook marketplace, and they met the person. They got a title and then when they went to the Registry of Motor Vehicles and were told the vehicle was stolen out of West Springfield. The person was advised the vehicle would be towed. An officer spoke with West Springfield and Chicopee Police recovered the plates of the vehicle which came back stolen as well. The person was referred to Holyoke and West Springfield Police for follow up.

6:26 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle stopped on Federal Street and was struck in the rear by a second vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

6:43 p.m. - An officer spoke with a person about interactions they've been having with another person. They declined pursuing anything further.

10:27 p.m. - An officer on patrol was flagged down by a motorist on George Hannum Road reporting there was a lost child in the road. The officer found the child walking in the road. Another officer responded and recognized the child checked the area for their mother. The mother was located who was looking for the child in a different location. It was reported they snuck out of the residence. The child was evaluated and 51A was filed.

#### Saturday, Oct. 18

8:18 a.m. - An officer responded to an accident on River Street. There was dam-

age to a utility pole on River Street that an officer noticed. Follow up was conducted and it was determined the involved vehicle was at a residence. The registered owner was found and identified. They told the officer they were driving eastbound and were going to turn left when a deer ran into the road. This caused the vehicle to run off the road and strike a pole. There was damage done to the front lawn.

8:06 p.m. - An officer responded to a report of erratic operation. An officer dispatched to State Street. There was a vehicle driving in the opposite lane of travel. The caller reported the incident was following behind the vehicle. The officer located the vehicle. The person said they drove in the opposite lane and didn't know why. They declined medical treatment and left the vehicle in a parking lot. An immediate threat was filed.

#### Sunday, Oct. 19

11:57 a.m. - An officer spoke to a resident who learned someone opened a credit card in their name. She was going to reach out to corresponding agencies to report the matter.

5:23 p.m. - An officer responded to a residence for a report of a disturbance. Belchertown Fire department also responded. There was an incident involving two people having a disagreement. One person said they weren't feeling well and they were transported to the hospital.

6:14 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on Amherst Road. A vehicle traveling west on Amherst Road crossed over into eastbound lane then struck a ditch, struck some shrubs, went back into the westbound lane and then stopped. The person reported they overcorrected after hitting rumble strips. An ambulance from Ludlow responded as mutual aid to the scene.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 21

7:23 a.m. - An officer responded to an accident on North Liberty Street. A vehicle traveling south on North Liberty Street struck a deer that tried to cross the road. There was damage to the front of the vehicle. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

4:21 p.m. - An officer took a report of identity theft after a person had a credit card opened in their name. They reported purchases had been made on the credit and they were in touch with their bank and were going to close the account.

4:37 p.m. - An officer spoke with a person about a restraining order.

5:04 p.m. - An officer responded to Turkey Hill Road for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The officer saw a vehicle with no rear plates and the person was throwing trash out of the vehicle. The vehicle appeared to be running and there was a lone occupant inside. The person denied throwing out the trash and a citation was issued.

5:58 p.m. - An officer responded to Daniel Shay's Highway for a report of a crash involving a deer. The deer was euthanized after being severely injured.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 22

10:55 a.m. - An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

2:09 p.m. - A person reported messages between a former acquaintance. They wanted to know what the options were to get stop getting calls.

3:33 p.m. - An officer took a report of a past assault that occurred while a child was at school.

6:57 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on Jenson Street. A vehicle left Jenson Street to go onto Jabish Street when the operator of a second vehicle reported they thought the vehicle was slowing to allow someone to enter traffic. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

#### Friday, Oct. 24

2:43 p.m. - An officer took a report of fraud. The resident reported they got a credit card in the mail they didn't apply for. They also said they received statements in the mail that there was money owed for past fees and purchases. They were advised to contact a credit company and freeze credit.

2:57 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road at Federal Street. An unknown vehicle stopped to turn left, a vehicle behind the turning vehicle stopped

and was struck by a third vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

4:25 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle parked in a parking lot. While a person was getting into the vehicle, they noticed their vehicle was struck by vehicle next to them. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

#### Sunday, Oct. 26

1:18 p.m. - An officer took a report of a crash. A vehicle was rear ended by a second vehicle. The operator of the first vehicle said there was no damage and exchanged information with the second person. The second operator said they were looking over their shoulder at the time of the accident and was distracted. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

4:12 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on North Liberty Street. A vehicle traveling south on North Liberty Street crossed into the opposite lane of travel, went off the roadway, struck an embankment and a tree. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

59 p.m. - An officer responded to Gulf Road for a report of an accident. A vehicle traveling north on Gulf Road tried to avoid an animal and went off the road. The person said they weren't sure what kind of animal ran in front of the vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

#### Monday, Oct. 27

9:53 a.m. - An officer responded to a Metacomet Street residence for a report of overnight damage to mailboxes. A vehicle struck three mailboxes and a pole. The officer attempted to find any parts that could help in identifying the type of vehicle that struck the mailboxes. The suspect is unknown.

10:05 a.m. - An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire paramedics.

5:41 p.m. - An officer spoke with a person about a possible third person 209A violation. No charges were filed because it did not fit the criteria.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 28

12:20 p.m. - An officer responded to a single vehicle accident on Federal Street. A vehicle went into the westbound lane, struck a curb and destroyed a mailbox. The person said they lost control of the vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 29

9:40 a.m. - An officer responded to assist a resident at the station. The person turned in several items that they found.

#### Thursday, Oct. 30

8:12 a.m. - An officer took a report of a larceny involving suspicious activity. A check was written out and

deposited by a person and then was deposited a second time. It was fraudulently used for two days. The check appeared to be altered by an unknown person.

8:59 a.m. - An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle stopped to turn into driveway was struck in the rear by another vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

9:15 a.m. - An officer took a report of fraud. A person advised that an unknown person accessed their bank account and opened a second credit card. The person didn't lose any funds and were in the process of closing the account. They wanted the incident documented.

4:25 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident. An unoccupied vehicle was struck by a second vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle said they overshot the turn while trying to park. The person came back to their vehicle when the officer was on scene taking the reported. No damage was reported.

### Granby Police Log

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 95 calls for the week of Oct. 24 through Oct. 30. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

#### Friday, Oct. 24

11:33 a.m. - A State Trooper reported coming upon a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

#### Saturday, Oct. 25

2:06 p.m. - Received multiple calls about a group of four to five youths acting unruly in the store. The involved parties, all college age adults, were filming a prank video inside of the store for social media. All parties were advised of trespassing and disturbing the peace laws and advised not to continue their actions in the future.

#### Monday, Oct. 27

2:25 p.m. - Several motorists report two-car accident involving a Vanpool school bus. There were no students onboard. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 28

4 p.m. - A motorist reported that the vehicle in front of her struck a deer. There were no injuries.

#### Thursday, Oct. 30

9:12 a.m. - The manager reported that a landscape maintenance worker struck and severed a propane line and it is now leaking. The building was evacuated. Granby Police and Fire responded. The area was closed off until the propane tank leak was stopped.



### THANKSGIVING REVIEW

"Hi Paul, she was great! Lots of plump meat and just enough fat to help prevent her from drying out. We will be having leftovers for a very long time."  
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## Belchertown Public Schools use of indoor track to open

Nov. 10, 2025 through June 12, 2026

BELCHERTOWN - The track will be open for use Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The track will be closed on weekends, holidays, and school vacations. You may view the Belchertown Public School calendar at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQ8Cjrlsfx13sZxpUEb5NuLRunshNAQAovTS4131WGW-Cy0SxaQJK0y00REAFK-vI3VpU6DC3yqprf6/pubhtml?gid=508959817&single=true>

Walkers must have an approved CORI/SORI on file with the school district.

CORI/SORI approvals are valid for a period of three years. If you do not have a current CORI/SORI on file, please come to Belchertown Public School, Central Office at 14 Maple Street, Belchertown to complete the in-person CORI/SORI form. A valid driver's license or state-issued ID is required.

All walkers must sign in and sign out in the Main Office at Belchertown High School.

All walkers must wear a visitor's badge while walking the track.

All walkers must leave the building if there is a fire drill/emergency and report to the front of the building to be accounted for when checking attendance.

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## Rams defeat Hopkins for Western Mass. Championship

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD—After losing to Palmer High School in the 2023 Western Mass. Class D finals, the Granby girls' soccer team has gone undefeated in the Western tournament during the past two seasons.

The top-seeded Lady Rams repeated as Class D champions following a 2-0 shutout victory over the second-seeded Hopkins Academy Golden Hawks at Clark Field, which is located on West Springfield High School campus, last Wednesday night.

"It feels great to repeat as Western Mass. champions, especially with this group of players," said Granby senior

K.C. Curran. "I hope the returning players can win another Western Mass. title next year."

Curran, who's a starting defender, is one of the seniors listed on the Granby varsity soccer roster, along with Mylin Laliberte and Ava-Elizabeth Loughman, who's sidelined with an ACL injury.

A year ago, Granby needed penalty kicks to dispatch the Golden Hawks in the Western Mass. Class D finals.

"We graduated eight seniors, but we really wanted to play in the championship again this year," Curran added. "The younger players have made a big impact on

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The Granby Girls captured the Western Mass. Championship last week.

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Brenna Moreno sends a shot on goal away.



Margaret Healey hustles for the goal.



Kalli White tries to get around an opponent.

## Orioles shut down Whalley, defeat Southwick in semis

BELCHERTOWN — Lorelai Whalley has been Southwick's powerhouse scorer all season long, but the Belchertown High School girls soccer team denied her from scoring in the Western Mass. Class B semifinals.

Meanwhile, Morghan Litz scored two goals for the Orioles to lead them to the championship game with a 4-1 win over the Rams. Adelina Gualberto and Madelyn Philpott also scored in the win as Belchertown

won its eighth game of the season. Belchertown faced South Hadley in the Western Mass. finals, and highlights from that game will be in next week's edition.



Alexa Karabetos sends the header away.



Eleanor Mazzaferro takes the goal kick.



Lia Pikul looks to get around an opponent.



Morghan Litz clears the ball up the field.



Adelina Gualberto tries to maneuver around an opponent.



Aubrey Klingensmith takes a shot on goal.

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## Pioneers beat Orioles

First conference matchup between the teams

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The previous 23 games on the gridiron between Belchertown and Pathfinder Tech have taken place on Thanksgiving morning.

The two squads, who first faced each other in 2001, will be facing each other at Belchertown High School on Thanksgiving morning, but they're also members of the Tri-County League.

The league contest took place Oct. 24 at Legion Field in Palmer.

The Pathfinder Tech

Pioneers celebrated their senior night with a 40-25 victory over the Orioles before a large crowd.

"It did feel like a Thanksgiving Day game tonight," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. "They made a comeback against us in the second half, but we never relinquished the lead. I'm very proud of the players."

The seniors listed on the Pathfinder Tech football roster are Dustyn Cook, Ethan Mooney, Stephen Curtis, Brandyn Wilson, Aiden Girard, Brandon Charron, Jaiden Ambrose, Wyatt Breault, Amias Kowalik, Jaycub Parker-Gregory,

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TURLEY PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM Anthony Arventos and Mason Baer combine for a tackle.

SPORTS

# T-Birds pick up point against Islanders

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-6-1-1) rode a terrific afternoon from their starting goaltender into a shootout before falling 2-1 to the Bridgeport Islanders (2-5-1-0) on Sunday afternoon inside Total Mortgage Arena.

Bridgeport entered the game as one of the league's most potent first-period offenses with 14 tallies in its first eight opening frames of the season. That trend continued at 8:54 of the first when rookie Joey Larson deflected a Sean Day point shot through Vadim Zherenko, giving the Islanders the 1-0 advantage.

The T-Birds once again showed good resilience and timely power play success at 17:03 to tie the score.

Matthew Peca won the opening draw of the advantage, allowing Samuel Johansson to get a shot into the blue paint. Marcus Hogberg made the first stop, but Matt Luff was on the scene to jab a backhand rebound home to tie the game, 1-1. The goal, Luff's team-leading fourth of the season, was also his fourth point in the last two games.

Zherenko and Hogberg rose into the spotlight in the second period, as neither team could take advantage on a plethora of power play opportunities. Bridgeport

went 0-for-4 on man advantages in the first 40 minutes, including an 0-for-3 spell in period two.

Springfield, meanwhile, was unable to break the 1-1 tie on their one chance in the middle stanza.

Zherenko and the T-Birds' penalty kill continued to rise to the occasion in the third, stonewalling the Bridgeport power play once more in the final period to complete a perfect 5-for-5 day. Zherenko went the final 51:06 of regulation without allowing a tally.

As the 1-1 tie carried into overtime, the netmind-

er only raised his game further, as Zherenko came up with high-danger saves on both Marshall Warren and Alex Jefferies in the 3-on-3 proceedings, allowing the T-Birds a chance to win in the shootout. After Chris Terry and Luff traded shootout goals through the first two rounds, the game came down to the third round. After Hogberg turned away Nikita Alexandrov, former T-Bird Matthew Highmore stepped up and whistled a perfect forehand off the inside of the post to ice the game for Bridgeport.

The T-Birds and Islanders renew acquaintances as the two clubs meet at the Thunderdome on Friday, Nov. 7 for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.



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Harold Black, and Jaret Skowyra.

"It's nice that we could beat our rivals on senior night," Darling said. "They'll probably remember tonight's game forever."

The two teams are heading in opposite directions.

While the Pioneers (3-4) won their third game in a row, the Orioles (4-3) have lost three straight games.

"I'm very frustrating because we began the season with a 4-0 record and we've lost our last three games," said Belchertown head coach Keith LeBeau. "We've lost all of our fundamentals. We have a lot of things to work on. Give Pathfinder a lot of credit because they made the plays."

Belchertown won the coin toss, and junior Avery Cote returned the opening kickoff to the Pioneers 35 yard line

The Orioles offense put together a four minute drive which was capped off with a one yard TD run by junior quarterback Coleman Longley.

Junior Leandro Martins made the extra point attempt.

Pathfinder sophomore quarterback Grayson Griswold completed a couple of passes

to Skowyra before sophomore Cassian Kowalik powered his way seven yards into the endzone with 1:31 left in the first quarter.

Kowalik also scored a rushing touchdown on the two-point conversion, which gave the Pioneers an 8-7 lead.

Following an interception by junior Anthony Arventos, the home team put together a nine play scoring drive.

Just when it looked like Griswold would be sacked, he managed to toss the ball to sophomore Trevor Alexander, who made the catch in the endzone completing the 9-yard touchdown pass with 8:14 remaining in



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Anthony Arventos goes for a tackle.



Cassian Kowalik takes the ball through the middle of the field.

the first half.

There was a fumble on the two-point conversion play, which left the Pioneers holding onto a 14-7 lead.

With a little more than a

minute left in the half, Cassian Kowalik scored his second rushing touchdown on an 11-yard scamper up the middle.

Holding a 20-7 halftime

lead, the Pioneers put six more points on the old scoreboard in the middle of the third quarter.

Griswold completed a 44-yard TD pass to Kowalik, who made an over the shoulder catch before sprinting into the endzone.

Trailing by 19 points, the Orioles scored the next three touchdowns which closed the gap to one point.

The comeback started when Longley threw a screen pass to senior Adam O'Rourke, who ran into the end zone behind a wall of blockers completing the 63-yard scoring play.

The extra point attempt was blocked.

After the Pioneers offense were forced to turn the ball over on downs, Cote scored a 34-yard rushing touchdown with three minutes left in the third quarter.

A pass on the two-point conversion play was incomplete in the endzone.

With 1:12 left in the third quarter, Longley called his number in the huddle and scored his second rushing touchdown on a six yard run.

Longley also carried the ball on the conversion play, but he was tackled in the backfield by Charron, which allowed the Pioneers to keep the lead.

Sophomore Caleb Crum and Griswold sealed the Pioneers victory with rushing touchdowns during the final quarter.

Belchertown will be looking to get back into the win column when they travel to McCann Tech on Saturday night, while Pathfinder Tech will be playing at Monument Mountain on Friday night.

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our team." The Lady Rams (12-3-4), who also captured the 2018 Western Mass. Division 4 title, advanced into this year's Class D finals after dispatching Smith Academy, 9-0 in the quarterfinals, and Palmer, 6-0, in the semifinals.

Granby entered the Division 5 state tournament as the top-seeded team. They were scheduled to face 33rd-seeded Prospect Hill Academy Charter School or 32nd-seeded Mahar Regional School in a round of 32 home match. They could possibly play three home matches in the state tournament before moving to a neutral field for the semifinals.

The Lady Rams outscored their opponents, 58-20, in the first 19 matches of the season.

"The players have done a very good job of sharing the ball," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver, who recently won his 100th career varsity game. "We have a lot of girls who can score goals. It's not just one or two."

A total of nine Granby players have scored at least one goal this fall led by junior Kalli White with 23 goals. She also has more than 100 career points.

The first goal of the Class D finals was scored by Granby junior McKenna Zumbruski following a corner kick in the middle of the opening half.

Freshman Marcela Tapia booted the ball into the box from the right corner where it bounced off a defender. Then Zumbruski put a low shot into the right corner past sophomore goalie Haven Jones for an unassisted goal.

"It was only my second goal this season," Zumbruski said. "It was really special, but it was a team effort."

Zumbruski didn't play soccer last year because of an ACL injury.

"I'm very glad we were able to win the Western Mass. title this year because I wasn't a part of it last year," Zumbruski



Eleanor Szlosek looks up the field for an open teammate.



Sophia Marsh tries to bounce a pass away.

said. "It feels really good."

Six minutes into the second half, Kalli White scored another corner kick goal giving the Lady Rams a 2-0 advantage. Tapia was credited with the assist.

"We work on our corner kicks every day," Weaver said. "Honestly, we even do it in the warmup where we serve the ball, after we take a couple of shots."

Granby junior goalie Meredith Bartosz only had to make five saves against the Golden Hawks (13-4-2) in posting her fourth consecutive shutout and her ninth overall this fall.

"I'm lucky to be playing in front of Meredith because she's an outstanding goalie," Curran said. "She always makes the saves in every game."

Bartosz was also the Lady Rams starting goalie in last year's Western Mass. finals.

The Lady Rams other starting defenders are junior Jaidyn Roberg, junior Ellie Szlosek, and freshman Kara White.

The Granby girls' soccer team are hoping to win five more matches during the Division 5 state tournament.



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McKenna Zumbruski clears the ball up the field.

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**SERVERS WANTED**  
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## HELP WANTED

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### CREW LEADER

**Sturbridge Department of Public Works**

The Town of Sturbridge Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Crew Leader. This is a full-time role with competitive benefits. Starting pay rate of \$34.11/hr, with yearly step increases.

- Key Requirements:**
- Valid Class A or B CDL
  - Equipment Hydraulic License 2A (required)
  - Equipment Hydraulic Licenses 4G and 4E preferred, with the ability to obtain within 6 months)
  - Effective communication skills.
  - Two years of supervisory experience in the construction field or municipal.
  - Proficiency in operating all DPW equipment, including but not limited to: grader, loader, roadside mower, excavator, backhoe, and street sweeper.

Application Details:  
• Application and job description are available on the Town of Sturbridge website under job opportunities <https://www.sturbridge.gov/your-government/pages/job-opportunities>

• Interviews will begin on November 4, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

**Additional Information:**

- The DPW operates as a union shop.
- The Town of Sturbridge is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

For more information, please refer to the job description or contact the Sturbridge DPW directly at **508-347-2515** or [dpw@sturbridge.gov](mailto:dpw@sturbridge.gov).

### Job Posting: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Town of Sturbridge, MA**

The Town of Sturbridge is seeking a dynamic, experienced, and highly qualified professional for the position of Assistant Director of Public Works. This is a senior-level, management position that will support the Director of Public Works in overseeing the planning, administration, and daily operations of the Public Works Department.

**About our community**  
Sturbridge is a welcoming community known for its picturesque landscapes, historic charm, and vibrant local attractions. As Assistant DPW Director, you will play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the Town's infrastructure, ensuring a high quality of life for our residents.

**Key responsibilities**  
The Assistant Director will provide a variety of engineering and administrative services under the guidance of the DPW Director, with a primary focus on:

- Conducting plan reviews for subdivisions, site plans, roadways, water, sewer, and stormwater designs.
- Managing all stormwater permitting activities associated with the NPDES MS4 General Permit.
- Supervising and overseeing the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS).
- Coordinating snow and ice removal activities.
- Addressing resident inquiries related to town projects, utilities, and permitting.
- Presenting engineering reports to and responding to inquiries from town boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission.

**Qualifications**  
• Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree in civil/environmental engineering or a related field from an accredited four-year college or university is required. Candidates must have two to five years of related public works experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of • Technical Knowledge: Knowledge of public construction bidding and Massachusetts procurement laws is essential.

- Computer Skills: Proficiency in spreadsheet software, GIS software (such as ESRI), and word processing software is required.
- Communication Skills: Strong verbal and written communication skills are necessary to interact effectively with town staff, other agencies, and the general public.
- Licenses: Must possess a valid Driver's License.

**Benefits**  
The Town of Sturbridge offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package that includes:  
• Salary up to \$100,000 DOQ  
• Health Insurance  
• Paid time off and paid holidays  
• Retirement Plan

**How to apply**  
Submit a cover letter, resume, and Town job application to Frances Wychorski, Constituent Liaison in the Town Administrator's Office, via email at [bosadmin@sturbridge.gov](mailto:bosadmin@sturbridge.gov) or via mail at **308 Main St, Sturbridge, MA 01566.** This position will remain open until filled. *The Town of Sturbridge is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

## REAL ESTATE

### FOR RENT

**WARE:** 2BR, 2nd Fl. Walk-up, Walk to BigY/McD, W/D, Off-street Parking, Utilities Not Incl., 1st/Last/Security, Avail + Dec. 1, \$1,100/mo. **508-277-6044**

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Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all legal notices to run in **TURLEY PUBLICATIONS** the week of November 24-28, 2025.

**Thursday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue**  
• Agawam Advertiser News • Country Journal  
• The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

**Friday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue**  
• Sentinel • Quaboag Current

**Monday, November 24 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue**  
• The Journal Register • Ware River News • Barre Gazette

**Tuesday, November 25 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue**  
• Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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# BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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**COMPUTERS**

**ALIX & SONS COMPUTER CENTER.** PC/Macs, Laptops, Screen Repairs. New Computer Sales and Accessories, PC Diagnostic Repairs and Upgrades, On Site Work, Home or Office. 40 Daniel Shays Highway. 413-323-1122. John Alix, Owner.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**  
This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of November 21, 2025 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 2007 Honda Pilot  
VIN: 5FNYP18477B029196  
Color: Black  
LKO: Jamaul Blidgen  
Address: 121 N Main Street, Apt L7  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
Relentless Towing  
Belchertown, MA 413-530-3804  
11/06, 11/13, 11/20/2025

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

# Job Connection

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Come Join Our Team – Your Career Is HERE!**

**Job Title:** Direct Support Professional

**Location:** Three Rivers (Palmer)

**Hours:** 35 hours/week – Monday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm, no weekends, no overtime

**Job requirements:** Ability to lift 25 lbs. comfortably, valid driver's license, high school diploma or equivalent (preferred)

**Job Summary:** Provide training and support to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities and Autism to promote successful outcomes while engaging in purposeful activities. The ideal candidate will be a positive role model with good communication skills who can work alone and as a team.

**Salary:** \$21.00/hour

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**CLUES ACROSS**

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11. Loved Romeo
13. Sticky situation
15. Pelvic areas
16. An informal debt instrument
17. Cannot be repaired surgically
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. Sound unit
23. \_\_\_ Sagan, astronomer
25. Utah city
26. A disappointing effort
27. Steal goods during

a riot

29. Wakes up
31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded
34. Looked intensely
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
38. A type of cast
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Having had the head cut off
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. Dennis is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Students' exam
59. Leaked blood

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Brave
2. Act of awakening
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. Long, mournful lamentation
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Decreases
18. Indicates beside
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. College students'

ultimate goal

28. Amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. US government entity
34. Swinish
35. Legislative body in Russia
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Picnic invaders
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient person of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

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