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All articles pass at STM

By Melina Bourdeau
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BELCHERTOWN – Each of the 15 articles before voters passed at the Special Town Meeting held on Nov. 9.

Voters approved motions to: put $189,896 into the town's stabilization fund; allocate $42,000 for a classification and compensation study; allocate $50,000 for the schools' water-storage project; allocate $34,000 for six police cruiser radios; allocate $25,000 for a Jabish Brook Middle School boiler burner replacement; authorize a multi-year lease/purchase of a Council on Aging van; authorize a multi-year lease/purchase of DPW mobile radios; and authorize a multi-year lease/purchase of a Belchertown Fire Department ambulance

The longest discussion of the evening focused on an article proposing zoning changes intended to broaden opportunities for businesses. Residents and town officials debated how the amendments could affect existing properties and whether future development might include data centers across the town.

The discussion focused on expanding potential business opportunities and concerns about data centers, which Planning Board Chair Dan Baudette said the board was reviewing separately.

A resident questioned whether the proposal would address a limited number of sites or create broader changes to zoning rules.

"Two of these areas here are already maxed out on the territories and operations they can do," the resident said.

The speaker asked whether the changes were intended to meet specific business needs or "open up a totally new regulation."

Baudette said the town should consider future business needs, not only the capacity of current businesses.

"There's a couple of businesses there now," but businesses may turn over, he said, adding that the aim was to ensure properties could be used by future businesses.

He also said a company that had considered locating in the areas ultimately moved elsewhere.

Resident Beth Jacobs asked whether the changes would allow data centers, saying, "My concern, and it well may not be in all this verbiage. Is

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TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

Members of the Granby American Legion Post 266 conducted the annual Veterans Day ceremony by the Veterans Memorial.

A VETERANS DAY *ceremony*

Granby honors their veterans

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GRANBY – The community gathered at the Granby Veterans Memorial for the Veterans Day ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by members of the Granby American Legion Post 266. The Granby American Legion has conducted a Veterans Day ceremony in the town ever since the Legion was formed back in the 1940s.

Prior to the ceremony, many spectators, veterans

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SB deadlocks on Tadgell Building planning grant

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board split 2-2 on Monday over accepting a state grant for further planning at the former Tadgell School, leaving the town without a path forward on a costly, uncertain redevelopment project.

The grant was awarded to the town in September and would provide up to $1 million for planning and design, not construction.

Town Manager Steve Williams said the work could advance the building's design to about 60% to 70% and develop a plan for preserving public use.

Members were divided over the potential benefits, the town's ability to fund future work and uncertainty about grant conditions.

The motion to accept the grant failed after members voted twice in favor and twice against. Select Board member Lesa Lessard Pearson was not present at Monday's meeting, creating the tie. The tie leaves the town unable to proceed with this grant agreement, as the board did not take further action to break the deadlock.

The debate centered on what the grant would allow the town to do with the former school, which has a leaking roof and no approved redevelopment plan. A prior proposal for mixed business and community uses carried an estimated price tag of about $30 million.

Williams said the new grant would fund continued planning and more detailed designs but would not require the town to complete the entire project.

The grant is part of the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. Williams said the town's application required that 40% of the building be devoted to municipal benefit, such as a community center or shelter. The town would need to develop a framework for maintaining public use under potential future ownership and operating arrangements.

Williams said the town had asked the grant administrator whether selling the building could trigger a repayment obligation. The administrator referred the town to its legal counsel, who said Article 97 protections for parkland did not apply to this grant but noted other restrictions could apply.

Williams said he could not guarantee there was no risk.

He described the grant as an opportunity to explore a

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VFW offers veteran appreciation breakfast

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BELCHERTOWN – The VFW Post 8428 hosted an appreciation breakfast for veterans on the morning of Veterans Day.

This was the second year the VFW has offered this appreciation breakfast and is made possible by the assistance of many VFW members.

Jon Ritter is a Life Member of VFW Post 8428 and said this annual breakfast serves approximately 200 veterans. Contributing to this appreciation breakfast was veteran and VFW member Tim Messer of Barre.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

Shown from left to right are George Scheibel, Vic Musante, Jonas Patruno and Jay Szczebak who reunited during the veterans appreciation breakfast at the Belchertown VFW.

Planning Board and ZBA discuss proposed changes

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GRANBY – The Granby Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals met during a joint meeting to discuss proposed bylaw changes.

The meeting was held on Nov. 10 to go over multiple changes to the zoning bylaws that will go before town meeting for a vote.

Senior Planner from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Evan Mastroianni attended the joint meeting to go over some of the proposed bylaws.

The first item was good and wares and how to display them. The Planning Board felt this bylaw was lacking verbiage and definition.

"Not enough verbiage to describe exactly what the intent of that bylaw was," said Jim Trompke of the Planning Board.

The first part of the proposal for the goods

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Improvement plans target growth, support and community ties

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – The Granby School Committee approved improvement plans Nov. 10 for East Meadow and Granby Junior-Senior High School, setting goals for academic growth, teacher support, student belonging and stronger community ties for the coming 2026-2027 school year.

The plans outlines school-specific priorities, including an academ-

"We do it together. We edit it together. We talk about our goals, but they know them."

– Cinthia Sykes

ic-growth target at East Meadow and expanded instructional, social-emotional and civic-learning opportunities at the junior-senior high school.

Committee members also discussed how to measure progress and share student achievements with residents.

At East Meadow, Principal Cinthia Sykes presented a plan aligned with the district's strategic plan. Its four focus areas are high-quality teaching and student growth; multi-tiered systems of support and inclusive practices; student belonging and school culture; and family and community engagement.

The school aims for 80% of students to demonstrate measurable academic growth by June, using fall, winter and spring benchmarks. Sykes said staff will review student data and use classroom walkthroughs, staff meetings and grade-level meetings to monitor progress. The school also plans to continue using its "What-I-need" block to support students.

The plan calls for a welcoming, safe and inclusive school community where students feel valued and can contribute. Its family-engagement goal emphasizes clear, accessible communication, opportunities for participation and regular feedback, along with partnerships with local organizations.

School Committee member Thomas Hamel asked that acronyms be spelled out

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Veterans Tim Messer, left, and Christopher Dugre operated the military field kitchen that was parked outside of the Belchertown VFW to prepare breakfast.

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Messer is the owner and operator of a MKT-90 trailer-mounted field kitchen. This field kitchen had the responsibility of preparing breakfast for all the veterans, friends and family members.

Messer was joined by Col. Christopher Dugre, who was the cook preparing all the meals during the appreciation breakfast.

Messer said he's offered his field kitchen for military and first responder events and takes pride in donating time to provide these events for those who serve their country.

Dugre kept busy in the field kitchen preparing eggs, omelets, sausages, bacon, beans, home fries and pancakes.

Many veterans saw this appreciation breakfast as a moment to reunite with their fellow service members.



A 1990s military truck nicknamed "Fenway" was parked at the VFW.

Many expressed interest in seeing a field kitchen similar to what they saw regularly during their time of service.

The dining hall and bar at the VFW were open, but a handful of veterans gathered outside to enjoy their breakfast by the field kitchen.

"We're showing our appreciation," Messer said. "Everyone pitches in."

Messer said providing this kind of service for veterans becomes a reunion of fellow veterans who remember not only their service but also their comradery with fellow veterans.

George Scheibel, Vic Musante, Jonas Patruno and Jay Szczebak were hanging out enjoying breakfast by the field kitchen.

In addition to the field kitchen, a five-ton military truck was parked in the parking lot behind the Belchertown VFW. This green military truck from the 1990s is nicknamed "Fenway" because Messer referred to it as a green monster.

Whenever Messer offers the field kitchen for these events, he gets dozens of helpers and says everyone does a great job as they continue to show appreciation for the veterans.

The Belchertown VFW Post 8428 is located at 41 Pelham Road and can be followed on Facebook.

Belchertown is burying treasure this Saturday

This event is part of our America's 250 Celebration

BELCHERTOWN—The US250 Task Force will bury the town's US250 time capsule on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Stone House Museum, 20 Maple Street. It will stay in the garden next to the Ford Annex for 25 years and will be opened in 2051.

The capsule holds the Community Scroll that residents signed at Red, White & Belchertown, stars that local kids decorated and signed for the Happy Birthday America banner, a Belchertown US250 t-shirt, a 2026 coin, and a "read this first" letter to the Belchertown of 2051, along with a few other items.

The event is free and open to the public. You can see the full list of what's inside in the Town's news flash: https://www.belchertown.org/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/220

All are welcome to attend.

Free concert on Nov. 19

SOUTH HADLEY—I'm reaching out on behalf of Berkshire Hills Music Academy (BHMA), a South Hadley-based organization that helps adults with disabilities build independence and life skills through music.

On Nov. 19, BHMA will host a free, public concert featuring the BHMA Jazz Ensemble and Berkshire County-based band Misty Blues for an evening of blues and jazz.

This event is part of a larger on-campus concert series we launched in 2025 to bring together BHMA musicians and guest artists for evenings of live music and collaboration, while also bringing audiences to campus to enjoy an evening of live music and experience the community at BHMA.

I'm hoping to spread the word about this upcoming event and would appreciate any help sharing it with your audience. I've included the event details below and attached a flyer for reference.

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Post 266 Commander Dan Cote shared some opening remarks at the start of the ceremony.



Granby Selectman Jeff Lawson shared a special thanks to all the veterans and town members for attending the ceremony on Veterans Day.



Spectators and family members visited the memorial after the ceremony to read the plaques.



Todd Carpenter played the bagpipes during the Veterans Day ceremony.

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and family members gathered around the memorial to observe the plaques of all the servicemembers of Granby who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

The Granby Veterans Memorial recognized and honored the veterans who served from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts.

American Legion Post 266 Commander Dan Cote began the ceremony with opening remarks and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Providing the music for the ceremony was Todd Carpenter, performing on the bagpipes.

To share some words for the ceremony on Nov. 11 was Granby Selectman Jeff Lawson. He began by thanking all the town members for being at the ceremony and for all their support.

Lawson said Veterans Day is "about recognizing or friends, neighbors and fellow family members."

Lawson said honoring veterans shouldn't be limited to just one day a year and said the families and the community are proud of all of them.

"They're members of our community," he said. "We'll never forget what you have done for us."

Cote returned to the podium and thanked the veterans for standing up for freedom. The wall of plaques at the Granby Veterans Memorial reminds Granby of the courage and sacrifices the veterans had made throughout history.

Cote talked about the history of Veterans Day and when it was recognized as a national holiday. The early days of Veterans Day began in November 1918 after World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation in 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans" to honor living and deceased veterans of all U.S. involved wars and conflicts.

Cote asked all spectators to take a moment and look at the nation's flag and what it represents besides being a flag of stars and stripes.

Cote said he wanted to let all veterans know that "your service matters."

The ceremony concluded with Carpenter playing one final song in salute to Veterans Day as attendees looked on at the flag pole and the memorial.

Spectators stayed after the ceremony to observe the Granby Veterans Memorial, located at 257 East State St.

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reduced project, including phases that could preserve the building, make it usable or accommodate tenants.

He also said staff was already managing numerous projects and that moving ahead would add a significant workload.

Select Board member Jen Turner supported accepting the grant, arguing the town should use the funding to assess the building's potential rather than abandon the effort. "

I think we would be foolish to give them what we got," Turner said. "I think there's a reason that they gave us this money, and I think we should use it."

Turner said the town might be able to make the building operational for less than the $30 million estimate and eventually generate revenue through rent. She also pointed to a shortage of affordable commercial space for small businesses. The town had previously sought interest from developers, Williams said, but had received little response.

Select Board Chair Whitney Jorns-Kuhnlenz also favored moving forward, while acknowledging the risks.

"I am an optimist, and I'm hopeful that by investing in the building, opportunities will continue to come our way as they have been coming," she said. She questioned whether turning down the grant could affect the town's prospects for future funding.

Select Board member Jonathan Ritter opposed acceptance, saying the town could not afford to take on the building and had other priorities.

"This town does not. There are other things that we need to bond that are bigger projects. A school, for example, that is a higher priority than Tadgell right now," he said.

Ritter also said the town should not become a landlord and argued that the building's roof needed attention before more planning.

Select Board member Nicole Miner said she was concerned about the town's exposure if it accepted the grant but could not complete the project. She also cited community response to an earlier town social media post about the proposal, saying residents had questioned the project.

"I just think we have more important things to be focused on right now," Miner said.

Miner asked whether the town could shift the grant to a different, less costly building.

Williams said the program was tied to Tadgell and would not allow that change. He said selling the property might be possible while preserving a portion for municipal use, but the conditions would need to be worked out.

Members also disagreed about whether the design grant would make the property easier to sell or help the town pursue more money later.

Williams said the town had explored other funding for the roof and would continue conversations with MassDevelopment regardless of the vote. He cautioned that the town could not allow the building to deteriorate further.

Before the vote, Turner moved to accept the grant. The motion received two votes in favor and two opposed.

With no majority, the motion failed.

The result does not resolve what will happen to the building. Members raised selling it, pursuing other grants, reducing the project's scope and continuing to plan as possibilities, but the board made no decision on those options during the discussion.

The grant administrator had said the town could proceed with the agreement if it made no further changes, Williams said, and the board faced a request to return it promptly.

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QHMA holds annual meeting and dinner

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REGION – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting and dinner at the Publick House last Thursday evening, welcoming the largest attendance in the past 15 years.

At the Nov. 5 event, James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of QHMA, said the organization has seen a steady increase in its membership over the past few years, and he thanked all of the members for their continued support.

The annual meeting and dinner was made possible by Presenting Sponsors Baystate Health and Superior Plus Propane.

During the introductions, State Rep. Todd Smola shared insight on the challenges facing small businesses.

"Massachusetts is a tough state for the business community," Smola said.

Smola said there are things that need to happen on the state level to improve this, as many businesses are relocating from the commonwealth.

"We thank you for sticking around," he said to the chamber members. "We're actually seeing a resurgence here in the Quaboag Hills."

QHMA President Renee Niedziela of J. Stolar Insurance Agency said the chamber has been offering opportunities for members to grow their businesses.

"This has been an exciting one for the chamber," she said of the past year. "In 2026 our focus has been on creating new opportunities for our members to learn, connect and grow."

Some of these opportunities include EmpowHer and Ascend, both of which launched this year.

"EmpowHer is more than exchanging business cards," Niedziela said.

It is a chance to network, but also to share the unique insights and experiences that women in business face.

The next EmpowHer session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3 with presenter Mary-Anne Schelb, life coach and author of "Calming the Chaos: The Intentional Calm Method". The subject is "Calm First: Navigating Work, Life and the Holiday Rush."

Each registered attendee will also receive a signed copy of book. This event is sponsored by Burkhart Pizzanelli, P.C. of Palmer and West Springfield.

The first Ascend session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 8:30-10 a.m. led by Lena Buteau. The subject is "How Good is Your Time Management?"

Buteau is the Vice President and Retail Administration Officer for Monson Savings Bank and former president of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. Attendees will learn poor versus good time management, how to identify obstacles, defining contributors and setting boundary skills.

"There's always something new to learn," Niedziela said.

Niedziela talked about the need for members to be involved in chamber programs and events, and sponsorships. She asked the members to try and commit to three things: joining in, getting involved and investing in the future.

Niedziela said she is optimistic about the future of the chamber and the direction it has taken.

"As I look around I am excited about where we are going," she said.

Przypek said the chamber has $128,000 in projected revenue, which is an increase of 20%.

"We are on the right track," he said.

This year, the chamber added 21 new members and participated in six ribbon-cutting events at grand openings.

He talked about the chamber office's move from Three Rivers to Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School's Four Corners building, located at 191 Sykes St. in Palmer.

Przypek said the chamber promoted more than 700 community events through its website and increased its social media presence.

The featured speaker for the annual meeting and dinner was Eric Duda, Superintendent of Pathfinder Tech.

Duda is a graduate of the school that was founded in 1973 and has now grown to include nine rural towns in its district.

About 20 years ago, Duda became a teacher at the high school, before rising to principal and then superintendent.

Duda said Pathfinder Tech serves 700 students from two locations after opening a second location at the Cold Springs School in Belchertown. This new location allowed the school district to open up 150 new seats for students.

Duda shared a promotional video for Pathfinder Tech, which was created by a recent graduate, to highlight some of the school district's offerings.

"We have a lot of positive things to share," Duda said.

Duda said despite a trend of declining enrollment in school districts across the region, Pathfinder Tech is continuing to thrive.

"Schools are closing all over this region," he said. "But Pathfinder the past six years has continued to grow in enrollment…this is not luck, this is strategy, planning."

Duda talked about the "Path to Professionalism," which the school district embarked on about 10 years ago.

"We have a system of values we follow," he said. "We live and breathe this with everything we do."

Duda said this system applies to both students and staff.

"Our culture is exceptional," he said.

Duda said Pathfinder Tech is one of the largest employers in the region with 135 full-time staff, 20 plus adult continuing education instructors and 40 plus student workers. He said the school district is able to offer health, vision, and dental insurance to employees as well as retirement planning.

"We are essentially operating like a town," he said.

The school district has an $18 million budget and received an additional $2 million in grants.

He said the school district has received unanimous approval of its budget from each of its member towns for the past five years.

Duda said the school district also carries no debt and has not asked for any capital infrastructure funding from the towns.

Duda said Pathfinder Tech also has a high graduation rate, and each graduate receives a diploma, a technical certificate and 2,000 experience hours.

"Preparing the future work force, that's what we're all about," Duda said.

About QHMA

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce was established in 1978 to assist businesses in the Quaboag Hills region. The chamber serves 15 towns: Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

Its mission is to advance economic growth and tourism in the region, to be an advocate for policies that achieve the development goals of its communities, and to advance the interests of its members.

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Immaculate Conception hosts Polish food sales

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this just not allowed in data centers?"

The question reflected broader concern in town about the potential development.

Baudette said the Planning Board was separately reviewing the data-center issue and considering a moratorium.

He said the board wanted time to develop rules for addressing the issue locally, adding, "what we wanted to do was make sure that nothing did happen until we had a chance to properly codify some scheme to be able to address them in our town."

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson praised the Planning Board's work to broaden business opportunities.

She said, "I'm very impressed with the way the Planning Board is thoughtfully looking at all the ways in which we can provide opportunities for business growth in Belchertown."

She added that expanding potential business areas could "perhaps drive more innovation and perhaps more business to Belchertown."

Pearson said data centers remained under consideration by town officials.

"The Planning Board is taking a very thoughtful approach to the topic, and I'm sure it will also become a topic at the select board," she said.

Community and Economic Development Planner Eric Weiss also supported the zoning article, calling it "a fantastic article to have to help encourage businesses and say, put the image out."

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

I got an overpayment notice from Social Security; What should I do?

Dear Rusty:

I received a letter from Social Security saying they overpaid me $12,703 in SS benefits.

The letter said "We reduce Social Security benefits if you receive a government pension. We reduce benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension. Your benefit is less than two-thirds of the pension. For this reason, we cannot pay you."

FYI, I do receive a pension based on work not covered by Social Security taxes. My problem is that I don't fully understand this. This could be correct, but it doesn't seem right to come back wanting money I didn't ask for.

I appreciate your time in getting back and letting me know if there is anything else I could be doing, or if they are entitled to go ahead and get the SS payments back.

Thanks. Signed:
Confused about Owing Social Security

Dear Confused:

From what you have shared, it appears that Social Security has determined that you were subject to a rule called the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO). FYI, the GPO was a provision which reduced Social Security spousal and/or survivor benefits for anyone who had a "non-covered" government pension (that is, a pension earned without contributing to Social Security).

It's likely that SS paid you full benefits, but that the GPO should have reduced (or eliminated) the benefits they paid, had they known about your "uncovered" government pension. And that is likely the source of the $12,300 overpayment notice you received.

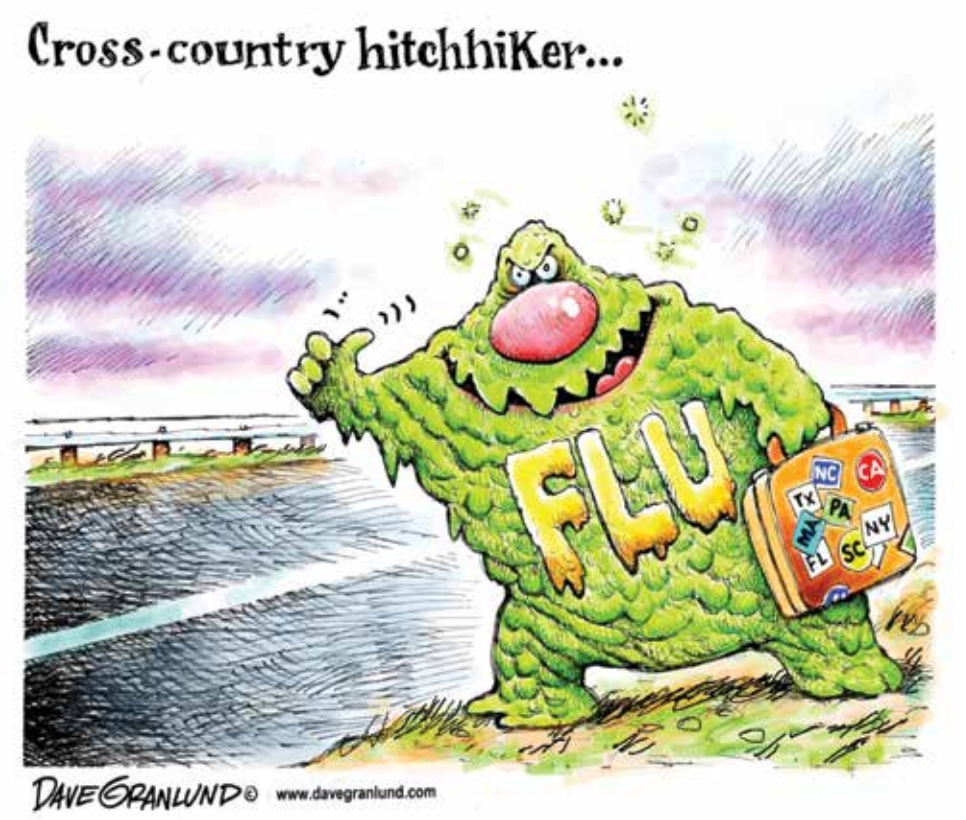
However, the GPO rule was repealed in January 2025 and no longer applies. In other words, those who have a "non-covered" government pension (a pension earned without contributing to SS) are now no longer subjected to reduced benefits under the GPO.

The repeal legislation also provided for retroactivity back to January 2024, so the notice you received from Social Security was probably referring to SS benefits you received prior to 2024. If that is the case, then the notice you received is likely accurate and would need to be repaid. However, if the notice is referring to spousal or survivor benefits you received after December 2023, then it would be in error.

The best way to find out would be for you to file an appeal to Social Security, e.g., a "Request for Reconsideration" (form SSA-561), which will cause an independent review within Social Security to see if you are, indeed, required to repay those SS benefits, or whether you should pay something less (or nothing at all).

Just remember that when you actually received the SS benefits in question is the key factor – if you had a non-covered government pension while receiving SS spouse or survivor benefits before 2024, then the overpayment notice you received is likely valid. If not, an appeal as I described above should resolve the issue for you.

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LETTER

Thank you to parishioners and community

Letter to the Editor:

The St. Francis Respect Life Committee would like to extend a big thank you to our parishioners and also those in the community who showed up on Park Street with bags and boxes of very generous donations for our 2nd Annual Veterans Collection. The collection was the equivalent of 3 carloads. We also collected monetary donations, as well.

A big thank you and God Bless to our Military men and women. We so appreciate your service!

The Respect Life Committee

Decorating for the holiday stuck in the middle

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



This is a funny time of year when holidays start to meld together.

It shouldn't be this way, but it is. Any given street might have leftover Halloween decorations at one house while its neighbor is already decked out for Christmas, missing Thanksgiving altogether.

So why don't we get creative for this holiday stuck in the middle. Read on for some decorating ideas straight from the archives.

The cornucopia, a horn-shaped receptacle filled to the brim with fruit and grain, has long been a symbol of abundance, and for decades now it has been associated with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Try filling your own cornucopia with whatever natural materials suit you. Wicker cornucopias are easily found at craft stores this time of year.

You can go for "easy" by simply using fruit as your filler. Set the cornucopia in place on a pretty tray in the middle of the table and let the fruit spill out.

You can also mix fruit and grains for a more authentic look – some Indian corn and wheat sheaves will do the trick. Other types of dried plant material look great in a cornucopia as well.

If muted tones are your fancy, let the kids scour the yard for pinecones, dried grasses, seed pods and the like. Or, you could always purchase a fall bouquet of everlastings and use what you need to make a more colorful arrangement.

Here too, dry floral foam will come in handy as a base for your stems. You need not discard the cornucopia after Thanksgiving is over – dress it up with some red berries and pine boughs for an instant Christmas decoration.

I saw this idea online and had to pass it along. Take small, "Jack be Little" pumpkins and carefully carve out the area around the stem so that you can place a votive candle on top. Use a hurricane glass to cover the votive, securing it with floral "U" pins.

Simply adorable!

Often times you can find sconce globes of varying sizes and ornamentation at thrift stores; these would work just as well and be unique for sure. Sugar pumpkins and gourds would also make great candle holders.

For several years now I have wanted to create a wreath comprised completely of small ears of ornamental corn. This year might just be the year I do it!

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GUEST COLUMN

You might be surprised at what's collectible

By Stephen Fishler

Remember Beanie Babies?

During the 1990s, they were all the rage and considered by many to be collectibles of the future. Ty occasionally "retired" Beanie Babies, generating even more hype.

Today, not so much. Rarity is one of the factors in value, and Beanie Babies were manufactured by the millions. Most are practically worthless now except for a few especially rare or special ones in perfect condition with the heart-shaped Ty tag and "tush tag" still attached.

The moral of the story is that you don't know what will or won't be valuable 30 or 50 years from now.

Comic book characters that were introduced in the 1960s and 1970s – the so-called "Silver Age" – didn't make a splash then but are now having movies made about them, so those original comic books have become collectors' items. If you have early issues, for example, of Spider-Man, Wolverine or the Fantastic Four, you may be looking at some serious money, depending on their condition.

A current comic book phenomenon is DC's "Absolute" series, with heroes like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman being reimagined by a new generation of artists and writers. A 2024 Absolute Batman #1 has sold for as much as $1,500.

But there is more to collectibles than comic books. Here are some categories that don't get as much hype.

Newspapers

Old newspapers hold a unique place in the world of collectibles, combining historical significance with nostalgia and, in some cases, monetary value.

The thing about newspapers is that people usually throw them out or use them to pack glassware, line the bird cage or clean the windows. Though they are published in the thousands, they can actually be quite scarce.

So, newspapers with headlines about singular events – the kinds that people can recall where they were and what they were doing – can be valuable to a collector. And they don't have to be from the 1940s. Some examples:

- The death of Princess Diana (1997)
- Y2K (Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 2, 2000)
- The Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York
- The elections of Barack Obama (2008) or Donald Trump (2016)

20th century tech

The first iPhone was released in the U.S. in June of 2007 – not really that long ago. Today, first-generation iPhones are attracting collectors who are willing to pay thousands or even hundreds of thousands for them.

The same goes for the iPod, which made its debut in 2001 and was retired in 2022. Early versions of these tiny music boxes are also becoming valuable.

Vintage computers, classic video game consoles and retro audio equipment like vinyl records and cassette players have also attracted the attention of collectors, who often seek out items that represent significant technological advancements or cultural moments.

Magazines

Age and condition are key factors in the value of vintage magazines. Early editions of Life magazine chronicling significant events or cultural moments (Marilyn Monroe, John Lennon, Mahatma Gandhi) can be valuable. The same goes for early editions of National Geographic and Playboy.

And surprisingly, Mad Magazine. The first appearance of gap-toothed Alfred E. Neuman in 1954 is a collector's item, but certain cultural moments also gain collectors' attention, with comical parodies of E.T., Donald Trump, Harry Potter and others.

Cars

People have cars they bought in the '60s, '70s or '80s, drove them around, never got rid of them, and now they're sitting in the garage. All of a sudden, the car that stopped working is sought after, a "classic."

A case in point is the DeLorean. It is considered a failed car company, but today, though the value of a DeLorean can vary widely, you can expect to pay around $55,000 for a 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 in good condition. (Its appearance in the "Back to the Future" films didn't

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and wares bylaw is outdoor sales, storage and accessory use. Mastroianni said the boards have to determine if a certain space is either an accessory use or a primary use.

Definitions for this bylaw would help understand how things should be stored or enclosed. Making sure items are stored properly and not lingering on the side of the streets.

Mastroianni said a principal or primary use is done through a special permit. An accessory use is done by a site plan review, meeting certain conditions.

Part of the criteria would be a proposed use being in a suitable location in the neighborhood which is reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other uses permitted in the same district.

The proposed use would also comply with environmental performance standards and not create any traffic congestion or impair pedestrian safety, and also not impact quality of service water or groundwater.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Steven Nally asked if there were any spaces that may require both a special permit and site plan review.

The Planning Board would be the Special Permit Granting Authority. Trompke said he thought of a few locations in Granby that may be considered a primary use.

Sheds are an example of storing goods and wares, opposed to placing stuff on the sidewalk.

"Maintaining the visible view of our town," Trompke said.

The next bylaw to discuss was home occupation. Mastroianni said there are two ways to approach this.

The first tier is home-based businesses of low impact. For example, doing taxes and office space work is considered a low impact.

The next tier would be a percentage of an area that is set for business. Bakery or medical office would be examples of second tier home-based businesses. In other words, a business that attracts more traffic.

This type of business would have to meet all restrictions for signage and offers adequate parking. A site plan review would be needed as something that shows both boards what their operation is.

The Zoning Board of Appeals have discussed home occupations in the past, including a psychiatrist office based in someone's home.

Signage for the home occupation would have to blend into the residential neighborhoods.

Both the ZBA and Planning Board discussed vehicles being acceptable for a home-based occupation, as some have box trucks.

Trompke believed that the bylaw allows up to two commercial trucks. The boards want to make sure the parameters of the bylaw don't seem confusing.

The next bylaw proposal was about mobile food trucks. Mastroianni said this draft is for food trucks that are in the public way.

The criteria would be in place to make sure food trucks don't infringe on things such as safety standards, traffic and congestion.

A mobile food truck is defined as a food establishment that is located upon a vehicle. This bylaw applies to traditional food trucks and not push carts.

One of the concerns is how many parking spots do food trucks take up and how long they park depending on the event. Food trucks are also inspected by the Board of Health.

The Planning Board and ZBA also discussed administration approval for certain events that mat involve food trucks.

While reviewing these proposed bylaws, both boards want to put a process in place to see if there is an allowance.

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on first use to make the plan easier to understand.

Sykes agreed, noting that school council members helped develop and edit it.

"We do it together. We edit it together. We talk about our goals, but they know them," she said. The committee approved the plan.

At Granby Junior-Senior High School, Principal Alison Jordan presented a new plan developed with input from students, parents and teachers.

Jordan said the school started fresh after meeting many of the previous plan's goals.

One priority is supporting teachers as they use high-quality instructional materials. Jordan said the school is taking on more of that work after outside coaching support tied to some material adoptions ended.

Support could include in-house professional development and opportunities for teachers to receive training elsewhere. The school also plans to monitor how consistently materials are used and identify where staff needs additional resources.

Jordan cited math as an area where the school has worked to improve instruction and support teachers. She said student data show progress, while staff continue to assess what is working and where additional resources may be needed.

The plan's social-emotional learning goal includes piloting the Wayfinder curriculum in grades seven and eight.

Jordan said a committee reviewed the program and teachers piloted lessons last year before the school decided to move forward. The lessons are designed as brief classroom activities, typically five to 10 minutes long.

Another goal is to improve communication about student accomplishments. Jordan said the school highlights achievements in newsletters and recognizes students through school programs. She described finding students recognized as Advanced Placement Scholars while reviewing a College Board account, then sharing the recognition with the students.

The plan also seeks to expand civic engagement and postsecondary pathways.

The school is connecting students in grades 11 and 12 with the Franklin County Cadet Program. Jordan said the program offers more than a pathway to law enforcement, including support for students' social-emotional health and resume help.

It is open to young people 14 years old and up.

Other efforts include college and career field trips, a new local government class and development of an environmental science pathway.

Jordan said staff are building relationships with community organizations that could host student internships or externships.

Committee members also discussed how schools can share their work with residents who are not closely connected to the school system. Hamel said people may not know what students are accomplishing.

Jordan said newsletters are posted on the school website and uploaded weekly.

Jordan acknowledged that residents may not know where to find the newsletters and said she would consider ways to improve access. Members discussed whether the school committee could be added to a regular distribution list.

Superintendent Mary Jane Rickson said she would resume forwarding newsletters to committee members.

Town seeks donated tree for winter light night

BELCHERTOWN— The Town of Belchertown is asking residents to help light up the season by donating an evergreen tree to be the centerpiece of the 9th Annual Winter Light Night, hosted by the Belchertown Cultural Council. The official tree lighting will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, at 5:30 p.m. on the Belchertown Common.

The tree on the Common has been a bright spot at the heart of town for many winters. This year, the Town is hoping to add something new to the celebration with a tree donated by a member of the community. The Town is also exploring planting an additional holiday tree on the Common in the future.

The Town is looking for an evergreen located in Belchertown that is ten to 12 feet tall, in great condition, and full on all sides. A fresh-cut tree is preferred, but a live tree will also be considered.

Residents interested in donating a tree should email Town Manager Steve Williams at SWilliams@belchertown.org by Monday, Nov. 16. Submissions should include the tree's location, its approximate height, and a photo of the tree. Questions may be directed to the Town Manager's office at 413-323-0403.

The Town will notify donors by Wednesday, Nov. 18, whether their tree has been selected. The selected donor will be responsible for cutting the tree, or for prepping it for transport if it is a live tree. The Town will coordinate with the donor to arrange either pickup, which requires direct access to the tree, or delivery to the Common by Monday, Nov. 23. The Town will then set up, secure, and decorate the tree, and the donor will be recognized publicly for their contribution.

More information is available on the Town's website at https://www.belchertown.org/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/210.



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GRANBY

Granby weighs January move into West Street building

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – Officials say the West Street building project remains on schedule for completion around mid-December, but the town may move in January as it coordinates contractors, staff schedules and preparations for a special town meeting.

At the Nov. 9 meeting, Select Board members discussed the project's construction timeline, moving costs and the work still needed after the building is completed.

They also planned how to explain the project at a Nov. 16 special town meeting at East Middle School. The sole item at the Special Town Meeting is an article for voters to decide whether to approve $1,150,000 to fund additional renovations of the former West Street School Building.

Town Administrator Ron Aponte said the general contractor was expected to provide a more precise estimate of the substantial-completion date.

"It looks like we are still more or less on schedule," he said, estimating the work would be completed "sometime around mid-December."

The move could take place after the holidays. Aponte said the town was considering a move-in date of Jan. 11, with moving and setup work over the preceding weekend.

"I'll admit I'm a little leery about attempting a move midweek between Christmas and New Year's," he said.

The town plans to seek estimates from three moving vendors for work expected to cost less than $50,000, Aponte said.

A project manager will arrange a walkthrough of the new building and the departments' current locations. Town staff will also compare furniture and equipment inventories.

A January move could require the town to stay in its current annex past the current Dec. 31 lease deadline.

Select Board Chair David Labonte raised the issue, saying, "The only problem I see with that is the annex, because we're supposed to be out of there by Dec. 31?"

Aponte said the property owner had indicated she was willing to work with the town, but any extension would depend on the final construction and moving schedule. He said he would negotiate with the landlord after the contractor confirmed the substantial-completion date and review the existing lease terms.

The town is also asking departments to sort through files before packing. Employees will be responsible for packing their desks and personal belongings, Aponte said, and the town may arrange a shredding event if there are enough records to dispose of.

Labonte warned against moving unnecessary files, recalling that in a previous move, "we moved a lot of stuff that it should have been shredded."

For the special town meeting, Mark Bail said the Select Board should explain why it was bringing the project forward. Labonte said he would work with Bail on a statement.

Aponte said officials would be available to answer questions, following a recent meeting with about 20 seniors where attendees raised "some pretty tough questions."

Aponte said the building would not be ready for the Council on Aging and senior center to move in immediately after construction. Completing that work later under town control could avoid added project-management, architectural and technical costs, he said.

The town was also awaiting a potential donor's decision on a financial commitment and pursuing other prospective donors. Aponte said the potential donor expected to indicate their commitment by the morning of Nov. 16.

Coverage of the Special Town Meeting will be included in next week's Sentinel.

The Willies return to the Granby American Legion

GRANBY – The Granby American Legion welcomed back the Willies for a night of classic music and dancing.

Joining the Willies for the Nov. 13 concert was Moose and Michael. Moose, who performed with the Willies for the first time, is a regular performer at the Granby American Legion.

The American Legion Post 266 hosts live music every Friday night in their lounge. Open mics take place every other Tuesday.

The American Legion Post 266 is located at 74 Pleasant St. More information about the Granby Legion can be found on their Facebook page or by visiting granbymapost266.org.



TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

The Willies returned to the Granby American Legion for music and dancing.

The Friends of the GFPL will be holding a Holiday Gift Basket and Knit Sale

GRANBY—Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, beautiful knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered! The sale will continue to run through the month of December during open library hours, while supplies last.

Donations of premade gift baskets and new handcrafted items will be accepted until Dec. 3.

*Sponsored by the In Stitches Knitting Group and the Friends of the Granby Library. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St in Granby, MA. For more information and a listing of open library hours, please visit granbylibrary.org or call 413-467-3320. All proceeds of this sale benefit the Friends of the Granby Free Public Library.

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21 S. Broad St.
Westfield, MA

Tue., Nov. 24, at 10:00 a.m.
The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew Parish Hall
8 Church St. in Greenfield, MA

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Wed., Dec. 2
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La Quinta
100 Congress St.
Springfield, MA

Sat., Dec. 5
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Residence Inn (behind PetSmart)
500 Memorial Dr.
Chicopee, MA

Mon., Dec. 7
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Homewood Suites Holyoke/Springfield
375 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke, MA

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Offense on display in first two rounds of tournament

GRANBY – The Granby High School girls soccer team is the Western Mass. Class D champion, are undefeated, and received the No. 1 seed in the Division 5 State Tournament. In the first two rounds, Granby outscored its opponents 13-0, defeating Hoosac Valley 9-0 and then Saint John Paul II 4-0 last Wednesday. Granby was scheduled to face Whitnsville Christian in the quarterfinals. If victorious, the Rams would move into the semifinals held earlier this week. The state finals are set for this weekend at a time and location to be determined.



Marcela Tapia dribbles toward the right side of the field.



McKenna Cudworth runs into an opponent.

Kalli White goes for the loose ball.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Bri-Anne Kraus takes a corner kick.



Sophia Press makes a play on defense.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY for Orioles, Pioneers



Ethan Longley gets the direct snap and heads on the run during last year's holiday matchup.

PALMER – Next Thursday, on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26, Pathfinder Tech will take the football field at Legion Field to matchup with Belchertown on Thanksgiving for the 25th time.

Belchertown does not hold a huge advantage, winning last year to go up 14-10 in the rivalry.

In last year's game, on a windy and cold Thanksgiving morning, a field goal from Belchertown's Leandro Martins made the difference for the Orioles in a 17-14 win over Pathfinder. With Belchertown up 7-6 in the second quarter, Martins sent home a field goal to make the score 10-6. Both teams would score an additional touchdown later in the game, but the field goal remained the difference that helped the Orioles earn the holiday win.

This year, Belchertown goes into the game holding a huge advantage over Pathfinder from a record standpoint, as well as a possible mental advantage.

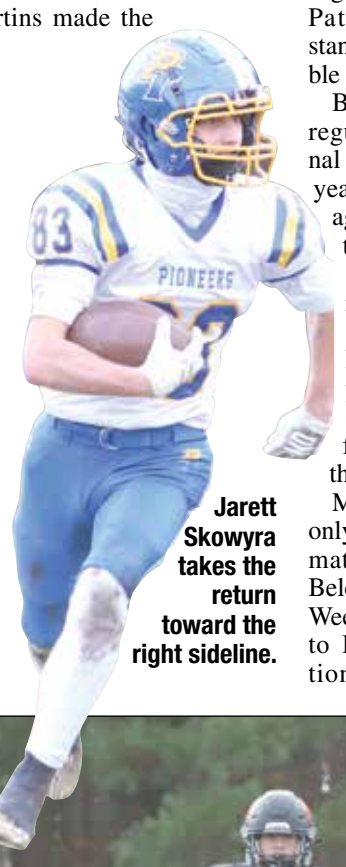
Belchertown had a 7-1 regular season, a phenomenal mark for the Orioles this year. Their second loss game against Norwell in the state tournament.

Pathfinder, despite a respectable 6-4 record, suffered a loss against Belchertown already this year in conference action, and they did not qualify for the state tournament this year.

Momentum sometimes is only as good as your previous matchup or previous week. Belchertown defeated Ware in Week 10 while Pathfinder lost to Keefe Tech in the vocational tournament matchup held at Framingham State.

In terms of the rivalry between the two teams, Belchertown and Pathfinder have actually split the last four games, trading wins for the past four years.

Unlike the other Thanksgiving morning games that get going at 10 a.m., Belchertown and Pathfinder kick off a little bit earlier as this game gets underway at 9 a.m.



Jarett Skowyra takes the return toward the right sideline.



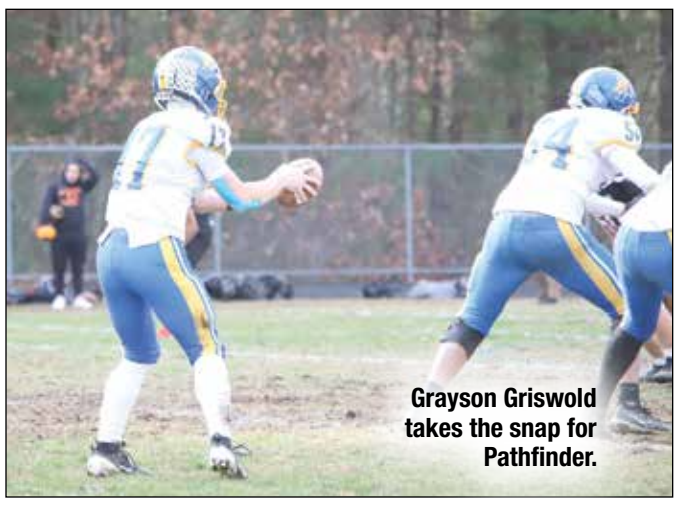
Cassian Kowalik lumbers through the crowd on a carry.



The Pathfinder defense comes up with a big stop during last year's close 17-14 loss to Belchertown on Thanksgiving.



Leandro Martins sends a successful field goal kick away.



Grayson Griswold takes the snap for Pathfinder.

Belchertown Football (8-2)

Friday, Sept. 11 – Belchertown 38, Quaboag 0
Friday, Sept. 18 – Belchertown 44, Ware 12
Thursday, Sept. 24 – Belchertown 53, Ludlow 0
Friday, Oct. 2 – Belchertown 37, Monument Mountain 8
Friday, Oct. 9 – Belchertown 48, Smith Vocational 12
Friday, Oct. 16 – Worcester North 35, Belchertown 28
Thursday, Oct. 22 – Belchertown 34, Pathfinder 6
Thursday, Oct. 29 – Belchertown 54, McCann Technical 0
Friday, Nov. 6 – Division 5 State Tournament First Round
Norwell 51, Belchertown 6
Friday, Nov. 13 – Belchertown 40, Ware 36
Thanksgiving Game
Thursday, Nov. 26 – at Pathfinder 9 a.m.

Pathfinder Football (6-4)

Friday, Sept. 11 – Pathfinder 43, Ludlow 0
Friday, Sept. 18 – Pathfinder 56, Commerce 0
Friday, Sept. 25 – Franklin Tech 48, Pathfinder 20
Thursday, Oct. 1 – Pathfinder 31, Smith Vocational 16
Thursday, Oct. 8 – South Hadley 34, Pathfinder 0
Saturday, Oct. 17 – Pathfinder 41, McCann Technical 8
Thursday, Oct. 22 – Belchertown 34, Pathfinder 6
Friday, Oct. 30 – Pathfinder 34, Monument Mountain 6
Friday, Nov. 6 – Pathfinder 28, Frontier 21
Friday, Nov. 13 – Keefe Technical 41, Pathfinder 7
Thanksgiving Game
Thursday, Nov. 26 – vs. Belchertown 9 a.m.

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Belchertown Vs. Pathfinder

Belchertown leads series 14-10

2025: Belchertown 17-14
2024: Pathfinder 20-14
2023: Belchertown 61-14
2022: Pathfinder 47-22
2021: Belchertown 44-8
2020: No game - COVID
2019: Belchertown 44-7
2018: Belchertown 46-6
2017: Belchertown 39-0
2016: Belchertown 30-0
2015: Pathfinder 16-0
2014: Pathfinder 3-0
2013: Pathfinder 30-6
2012: Pathfinder 30-8
2011: Belchertown 29-0
2010: Belchertown 9-7
2009: Belchertown 41-6
2008: Pathfinder 15-13
2007: Pathfinder 34-8
2006: Belchertown 8-6
2005: Belchertown 25-0
2004: Pathfinder 28-0
2003: Belchertown 27-6
2002: Belchertown 9-6
2001: Pathfinder 48-24

SPORTS

Orioles see familiar face in opening round



Lia Pikul advances past midfield.



Avery Cooper is held as she tries to head the ball.



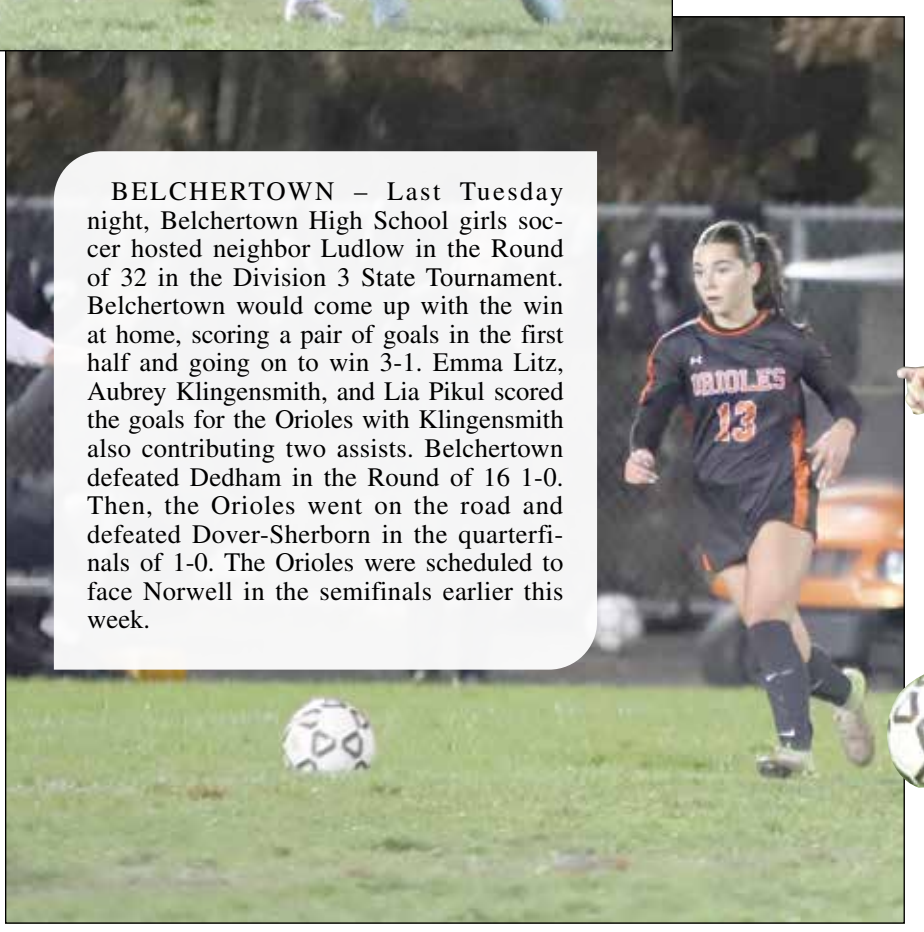
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Gabriella Slovack looks to kick a loose ball out of the defensive end of the field.



Isabella Vozzella is chased after by an opponent.

BELCHERTOWN – Last Tuesday night, Belchertown High School girls soccer hosted neighbor Ludlow in the Round of 32 in the Division 3 State Tournament. Belchertown would come up with the win at home, scoring a pair of goals in the first half and going on to win 3-1. Emma Litz, Aubrey Klingensmith, and Lia Pikul scored the goals for the Orioles with Klingensmith also contributing two assists. Belchertown defeated Dedham in the Round of 16 1-0. Then, the Orioles went on the road and defeated Dover-Sherborn in the quarterfinals of 1-0. The Orioles were scheduled to face Norwell in the semifinals earlier this week.



Adelina Gualberto goes after a loose ball.



Morghan Litz tries to keep possession while being pressured near the middle of the field.



Orioles vs Panthers



Trevor Alexander makes a carry for the Pioneers.



The Belchertown defense looks for a tackle.

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Avery Cote heads toward the left on a carry.



Dustin Braid looks to make a tackle.

Participate in the 2026 Wilbraham Turkey Trot

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26 for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 47th year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. There is no vaccination requirement this year. The course starts in Woodland Dell Cemetery just up from race headquarters at the Wilbraham United Church. Runners then make a left onto Main St. and head up Monson Road. Once summited, runners turn left and enjoy scenic views of the valley from atop Ridge Road and enjoy the downhill along Mountain Road before turning back on Main Street to the church. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. with bib pick-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The race focuses on providing a classic New England Turkey Trot with chip timing, race swag, and one big hill. Awards will be given for the first male and female runners to the top of Monson Road.

Registration is only $25 and available online at www.RunReg.com/13116

Residents are asked not to park on Woodland Dell or Main Street on Thanksgiving morning and to avoid driving on the route until after the race has concluded at 10 a.m. Any traffic will be detoured downhill from Monson Road to Main along Ridge and Mountain Roads.

Expected road closures are as follows:

Main Street: From Monson to Woodland Dell: 8:30-8:35 a.m.

Monson Road: Closed to downhill traffic from Ridge Road to Main Street: 8:30-8:50 a.m. (Traffic detoured down ridge road)

Ridge Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Mountain to Monson: 8:35-9:10 a.m.

(Traffic detoured down Mountain Road)

Mountain Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Main to Ridge: 8:40-9:25 a.m.

(Traffic can travel uphill via Monson Road)

Volleyball all-stars announced by Hall of Fame

HOLYOKE — The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) will honor 78 of Western Massachusetts' top high school girls volleyball players at the 14th IVHF Girls All-Star Showcase in a game that took place on Tuesday, Nov. 17. The evening features two three-set matches and an awards presentation at Holyoke Community College's Bartley Center, 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke. Girls high school volleyball coaches from across Western Massachusetts nominated and voted for the players. The selections represent 30 schools, with 25 players earning First Team honors, 25 earning Second Team honors and 28 receiving Honorable Mention. Longmeadow leads all schools with six selections, including a showcase-high four on the First Team. East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Pioneer Valley Christian Academy and Springfield Central each have five honorees. Belchertown, Minnechaug and Mount Greylock follow with four apiece. "There's something special about earning the respect of the coaches who spent the season figuring out how to play against you," said George Mulry, Executive Director of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. "One of my favorite parts of the showcase is seeing players who competed on opposite sides of the net get to be teammates for a night.

The Second Team All-Star Match opened with three sets. Then, the Hall of Fame presented IVHF All-Star Awards to all First Team, Second Team and Honorable Mention selections. The evening concluded with the three-set First Team All-Star Match.

All-Stars from the region included: Belchertown's Cassidy MacLean, Kaiya Cavanaugh, and Olivia Skora, Chicopee Comp's Brielle Bennett, Holyoke's Kelcy Brunelle, Ludlow's Caitlyn Peczka, Ella Lariviere, Madelyn Goncalves-Korny, and Hayden Morin, Minnechaug's Nehir Elcin and Haley Powers, and South Hadley's Grace Matyszewski.

SPORTS

T-Birds earn point in shootout loss to Hartford

HARTFORD, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-6-2-3) once again erased a third-period road deficit, but once again came up just short in a 3-2 shootout loss to the Hartford Wolf Pack (9-8-1-0) on Saturday night at PeoplesBank Arena.

The T-Birds come back home when they take to the ice against the Charlotte Checkers on Friday, Nov. 20 at the Thunderdome, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

It was another ominous beginning for the T-Birds, as for a seventh straight game, their opponent opened the scoring. This time, it took Hartford just 37 seconds as Justin Dowling intercepted a breakout pass before neatly setting up Nathan Aspinall in the low slot. Aspinall calmly deked to his backhand and lifted the try past Will Cranley to give Hartford the 1-0 lead on the game's first shot.

That early dent proved to be the only blemish on Cranley's body of work in the first frame, as he rebounded to turn away 10 Wolf Pack shots in the final 19 minutes. Meanwhile, Springfield's offense capitalized on a 2-on-1 to even the slate as Zach Dean fired a forehand wrister through Callum Tung's legs, tying the score at 5:42.

Cranley proved pivotal as the first period rolled along, as the young backstop bounced back from the early Aspinall goal to rattle off 10 straight saves to keep the score tied into the second period.

Tung and Cranley were not tested as frequently in the middle period, but the two goalies combined for a dozen saves, while three power plays between the clubs came and went without success.

The T-Birds found themselves in a familiar scenario just 30 seconds into the third as Hartford got an early go-ahead marker when Anton Blidh batted a puck off Cranley and in to give the Wolf Pack a 2-1 advantage.

Like their first period response, the T-Birds scratched across another equalizer at 6:50 of the third, this time on the power play. Jack Finley found himself in the right place at the right time, as he arrived to a Justin Carbonneau rebound to punch it past Tung and tie the score, 2-2.

With Tung and Cranley locked in for the rest of regulation, the T-Birds found themselves in their sixth overtime game out of their first 15 contests. Springfield controlled puck possession for nearly the entire 3-on-3 period, but Tung again raised his level to turn away three T-Birds attempts.

The shootout yielded an identical outcome to Friday in Providence, with Otto Stenberg scoring in the opening round to answer a Hartford goal from Justin Dowling. Taylor Raddysh gave Hartford the 2-1 edge in the shootout with a goal to begin round two, but Tung shut down both Dean and Nathan Walker to earn the extra point for the Wolf Pack.

The T-Birds return home for another matchup with the Charlotte Checkers on Friday night, with a 7:05 p.m. puck drop slated between the division foes inside the Thunderdome.

Railers score sweep over Gargoyles

GREENSBORO, NC – The Worcester Railers HC (5-6-0-0, 10 pts) swept the weekend on the road against the Greensboro Gargoyles (5-4-3-1, 14 pts) at First Horizon Coliseum with a 2-1 shootout win in front of a crowd of 3675. The Railers are back in action at the DCU Center against the Reading Royals on Sunday, November 22nd at 3:05 p.m.

Just 21 seconds into the game, the emotions boiled over as Worcester's Ryan Wheeler and Greensboro's Jack Seymour were involved in a fight, resulting in five-minute fighting majors for both players. The intensity carried over from the teams' previous two meetings earlier in the week, both of which were closely contested, adding even more emotion to Sunday's matchup. Worcester opened the scoring at 17:17 into the period when Declan McDonnell (3rd) found the back of the net, with Matt DeMelis and Anthony Repaci picking up the assists to give the Railers a 1-0 lead. Greensboro held an 11-10 advantage in shots on goal through the opening period as Worcester carried a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The second period was a little slower offensively, but it was still a battle for possession as both teams fought to control the puck and spend time in the offensive zone. Worcester's Gabe Blanchard assessed a two-minute minor for elbowing with 48 seconds left, giving Greensboro a power-play opportunity late in the second period. With the Railers looking to complete the penalty kill, Greensboro capitalized with just one second remaining in the period when Shane Ott (1st) found the back of the net at 19:59, assisted by Ethan Leyh, to tie the game at 1-1. Worcester outshot Greensboro 14-12 in the period, bringing the overall shots on goal to 24-23 in favor of the Railers through 40 minutes.

The third period remained tight as neither team was able to find the go-ahead goal, sending the Railers and Gargoyles to overtime once again. The period featured two penalties, with Greensboro's Tyler Cristall called for tripping at 10:34, giving Worcester a power-play opportunity. The Railers were unable to capitalize on the man advantage. Late in the period, Greensboro's Ethan Leyh was assessed a two-minute minor for delay of game at 19:21, giving Worcester another power play with just 39 seconds remaining in regulation. Worcester was outshot by Greensboro 12-6 in the third period, bringing the overall shots on goal to 34-30 in favor of the Gargoyles. The Railers are went to overtime for the second time in the last three games between these teams, with both sides looking for the deciding goal.

Overtime came to an end with neither team able to find the game-winning goal. Both Worcester and Greensboro had some good scoring chances during the extra period, but the goaltenders came up with the stops to keep the game tied. With no winner after overtime, the game headed to a shootout to decide it.

The shootout got off to a strong start for Worcester as Matt DeMelis scored on the Railers' first attempt. Lincoln Hatten and Stevie Moses were unable to convert on their attempts, but Parker Gahagen came up big in net, stopping all three Greensboro shooters: Parker Lindauer, Ethan Leyh, and Tyler Cristall. With Gahagen turning away every attempt and DeMelis providing the shootout winner, Worcester secured the victory and completed the weekend sweep of the Gargoyles. The Railers look forward to Country night on Nov. 22 back at the DCU center at 3:05 pm.

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hurt, either.)

Many factors play into the collectability of an item. Don't believe the hype and instead buy what you love. If it becomes a valuable collectible in 30 or 50 years, that's just a bonus.

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According to the experts, the trick is a good base. Most designers recommend using a straw wreath form, the kind available at craft stores.

You could also wrap moss around a wire wreath form and use that as your base.

You will end up gluing the individual ears of corn to the base, lining up the tips of the corn as you go. Vary by length and by color to make a visually appealing decoration. Unless you grow your own corn, it will be a small investment to create the wreath, so be sure to protect it from rodents during the offseason. I store edibles like this in a covered container on a shelf in my bedroom closet, but any location that is mouse-proof would work.

I am excited as the next person to celebrate Christmas, but I try to instill in my kids that it is important to "be in the season you are in." Find joy where you are without looking ahead (or behind).

Happy Thanksgiving one and all!

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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Nov. 6 through Nov. 12. 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, Nov. 6

6:03 p.m. – A 46-year-old Springfield female was issued a summons on charges of shoplifting. An officer responded to a report of a prior shoplifting incident from the previous day, in which a woman left a business without paying.

Sunday, Nov. 8

8:58 p.m. – A 20-year-old Chicopee male was issued a summons on charges of operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed. An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person. The person was taking photos outside of a residence. The officer saw a vehicle matching the description and then stopped the operator. The person said they decided to explore a farm using an app on their phone. It was found that the operator did not have a license. They were charged accordingly, and the person was able to get a friend to drive their vehicle home.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

12:07 p.m. – A 28-year-old male from Chicopee was summoned for malicious damage to a motor vehicle. Spoke with a person who reported vandalism to their vehicle. An agreement was in place to repair the damage, but the involved person had not followed through. The person was contacted, and the suspect sent texts to the owner when it was damaged, and it was all documented and the suspect admitted to doing it, then charged accordingly.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Friday, Nov. 6

11:41 a.m. – An officer responded to a crash on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling east on Federal Street slowed to let an uninvolved vehicle turn into a business parking lot. A second vehicle traveling east on Federal Street struck the first vehicle in the rear. The road was wet due to rain. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

Saturday, Nov. 7

10:05 a.m. – An officer responded to a crash on Route 181, Mill Valley Road. Two vehicles were traveling on Route 181 when one stopped to turn into a driveway. The second struck the first vehicle in the rear. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, Nov. 8

11:38 a.m. – An officer took a report of a borrowed vehicle that was yet to be returned to its owner. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen. A locate message was received from Sandwich Police stating the vehicle was found in the town. The vehicle was towed to a tow yard in Sandwich.

5:39 p.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded for a report of a juvenile in crisis.

8:47 p.m. – An officer responded to Jabish Street to speak with a resident about a disturbance that occurred at a residence. A resident said someone was banging on their door. The person said the door was locked. The resident provided a description of the person and the vehicle they were driving. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

10:07 p.m. – An officer responded to Bay Road for a report of a disabled motor vehicle in the middle of the road. The vehicle went over the railroad tracks, and then the vehicle became inoperable. The driver's-side tire was angled inward, and it couldn't be driven any further. The vehicle was towed.

Monday, Nov. 9

8:08 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

9:34 a.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about a new account opened in their name that they didn't open. A scammer attempted to purchase a firearm with the person's information. The resident was told to notify their other banks and institutions.

11:05 a.m. – A person came to the station to report that a landlord opened their mail and used their credit cards to make unauthorized purchases. They were advised to check with credit bureaus and banks. They also reported that medications were stolen.

11:58 p.m. – A person came to the station to dispose of ammunition and firearms found as they were going through a deceased relative's property.

12:28 p.m. – A person spoke to an officer about receiving texts from someone saying they were coming to their residence to rent it. They were concerned about the posting on Facebook Marketplace, as they are renting the residence. The owner of the residence did not post the residence for rent. It was flagged online.

3:17 p.m. – A person said that over the last year they experienced identity fraud where they gave their Social Security number to a scammer. They reported their phone and TV were both hacked. The scammer also told the person they were casing their neighborhood and listening to their phone calls. The matter was documented.

3:59 p.m. – An officer took a report of a breaking and entering at a residence listed for sale. A neighbor called to report that two people on the property attempted to enter the residence. The homeowner was on their way. The officer was met by the neighbor and the homeowner at the property. The neighbor saw two people go into the driveway and look into the house. They asked if they had an appointment. The two people said they had an appointment later that day. They tried to open the window. The officer saw the involved vehicle in the area and located it. The officer spoke with the couple, who said they were looking for a home in town. They were told to go through the right channels before showing up at the property.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

6:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a crash on George Hannum Road. A vehicle traveling south on George Hannum Road tried to cross the road and struck a second vehicle proceeding forward. The operator of the first vehicle said they didn't see the second vehicle coming. One vehicle was towed, and no injuries were reported.

6:45 p.m. – An officer responded to a crash on Allen Road. A vehicle traveling west on Allen Road approached a one-lane bridge at the same time a second vehicle attempted to go. The vehicles struck mirrors while trying to pass each other. No damage was reported to either vehicle. No injuries were reported.

7:19 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire paramedics with a person having a mental health crisis.

8 p.m. – An officer responded to a crash. A vehicle traveling north on Chauncey Walker Road was struck by a deer that ran into the roadway. No injuries were reported to the person, and the vehicle left the scene. The deer was euthanized.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

12:25 a.m. – An officer responded to an apartment complex for a report of a neighbor who was arguing.

12:59 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a domestic disturbance.

6:05 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of a disturbance.

6:47 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between a mother and a son.

8:27 a.m. – An officer responded to Gulf Road for a report of damage to several mailboxes. It was reported that a shared mailbox was moved overnight. The person received a phone call from a neighbor who reported the mailbox was moved overnight. It occurred sometime after 5 p.m. the day before.

9:20 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle backing out of a parking lot and traveling west struck another vehicle in the rear. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

11:48 a.m. – An officer took a report of a past shoplifting incident at a George Hannum Road business. The person entered the store on Nov. 2, placed several items in the cart, exited past all points of purchase and failed to pay for the items.

3:51 p.m. – An officer took a report from a victim of identity fraud. They received mail from a different company and found that a credit or debit card was opened in their name. They contacted the credit bureaus, and there was no financial loss at this time.

3:51 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Jabish Stret. A vehicle going out of a driveway onto Jabish Street pulled out in front of a vehicle. The second vehicle swerved into the other lane. The first vehicle was then rear-ended by the second. A witness reported the vehicle went into the left-bound lane, went back into the right lane and slammed on its brakes before rear-ending the other vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

9:57 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

Thursday, Nov. 12

11:52 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A crash notification device alerted the department. The driver was injured, and a tow company was requested. An airbag was deployed. The accident involved a vehicle that struck a tree.

12:02 p.m. – An officer responded to a domestic violence-related call.

3:17 p.m. – An officer took a report of illegal dumping in the area on Warren Wright Road. The Belchertown Department of Public Works was notified as such.

7:35 p.m. – An officer took a report of a missing person. A juvenile left home on foot with some acquaintances. The officer noticed them trying to hide. The officer then located the juvenile and some of the juvenile's friends.

9:47 p.m. – An officer responded to an incident of domestic violence.

Residents warned of phone scam claiming unpaid taxes

BELCHERTOWN—The Town of Belchertown is warning residents about a phone scam in which callers claim to be from the Town and say the resident's taxes have not been paid.

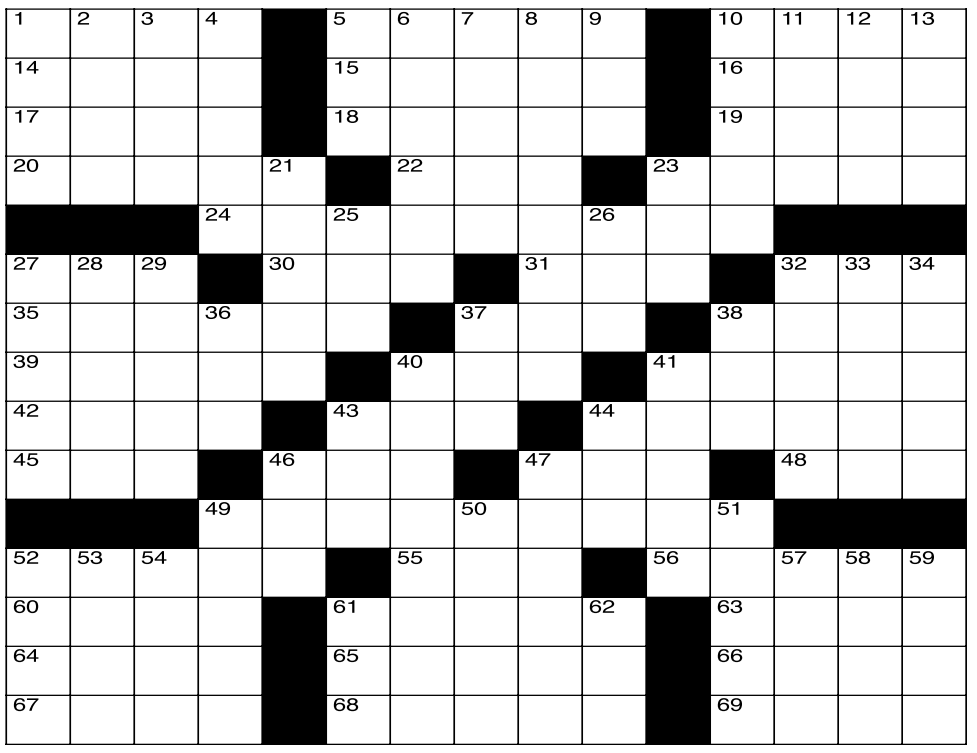
The Treasurer/Collector's Office learned of the scam this week when a resident came in to report receiving such a call. The resident's taxes were paid in full, and they did not share any personal or financial information with the caller.

The Town will never call residents to say they owe taxes and request payment over the phone.

Residents who receive a call like this should hang up and should not share personal information or bank or credit card numbers or make a payment over the phone. Residents should also not rely on caller ID, as scammers can make a call appear to come from a local or official number. To check the status of a tax account, residents should call the Treasurer/Collector's Office directly at 413-323-0400. Calls can also be reported to the Belchertown Police Department at 413-323-6685.

Because scammers often target older adults, the Town encourages residents to share this information with family members, friends, and neighbors who may be at risk.

More information is available at https://www.belchertown.org/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/214.



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17. Keep under control
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20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
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44. Traveled aimlessly
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47. Congressman (abbr.)
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52. Iraq-Syria border town
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60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
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64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

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1. German courtesy title
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5. Photo
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7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
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AMHERST

Jones Library Capital Campaign presents check to the town for $850,000

AMHERST — On November 9, the Jones Library Capital Campaign presented a $850,000 payment to Town Manager Paul Bockelman, the latest remittance to the Town towards the expenses of the renovation and expansion of the Library. The Town has now received $7.2 million toward the Library Trustees' total commitment. As funds are received, the Capital Campaign will continue to make payments to the Town as required by the Trustees' April 2021 Memorandum of Agreement.

Renovation and expansion is ongoing. The newly renovated Jones Library will provide ADA accessibility for all, provide bathrooms on every floor, and will eliminate the use of fossil fuels, making the building net-zero ready. Meeting rooms in a range of sizes will be available for reservation by all community members, with some available even when the Library is closed. The project will preserve and restore the historic elements of the building and reopen parts of its unique interior that were previously not available for public use. With reserved spaces for children, teens, and ESL programming, along with ample study rooms, meeting rooms, quiet reading spaces, and more, the Library will meet the needs of our community for generations to come.

The Campaign has $5.4 million left to raise towards its $15.8 million goal, having raised $10.4 million in pledges and gifts, including nearly $800,000 in the current fiscal year, which began on July 1, 2026.

The Campaign Committee and staff are actively working to complete fundraising prior to the Library's grand reopening in summer 2027. An anonymous donor has pledged an extraordinary $500,000 to the Jones Library Capital Campaign with the express purpose of challenging others to join them in supporting this transformative project. Our kick-off goal is to raise $125,000 in new gifts and pledges by Dec. 31, 2026.

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A Holiday Concert of family favorites

AMHERST—'Tis the season to enjoy holiday music. The Amherst Community Band will be presenting a concert December 5 at 6:30 PM. It will be held in town at Saint Bridget's Parish Hall in Amherst. Richard Cuoco will be the conductor.

It is heartwarming to listen to the familiar music of the season. These are the songs that are appealing to everyone. Finding enjoyable family experiences can be challenging, but not when it comes to appreciating favorite holiday songs. Every song the band will play is a classic tune, recognizable to everyone.

The performance will end with an audience singalong, but most people will probably be singing along to all the other selections as well. Classics such as White Christmas, Rudolph, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Let it Snow,

Silver Bells, Have Yourself a Merry Christmas will be some of the selections. An anthology of Hanukkah songs to include Rock of Ages and Oh Hanukkah will be included too.

Rumor has it that Santa Claus has been studying conducting over the summer months. He'll be making a surprise visit and hopes to conduct one of the numbers. Afterwards, everyone can enjoy taking photos with Santa for a keepsake memento.

Bring the whole family as well as your neighbors. Be prepared to sing and enjoy the music of the season.

If you would like to play in this concert, information about how to join can be found on the website amherstband.org where you will find the sign-up form.

The Amherst Community Band will bring the community together through its music once again.

They hope many will attend.

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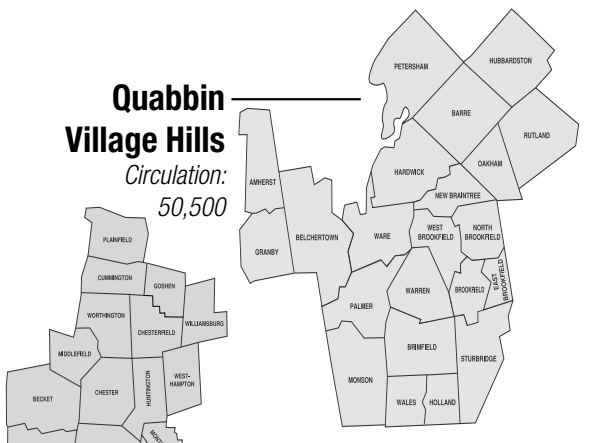
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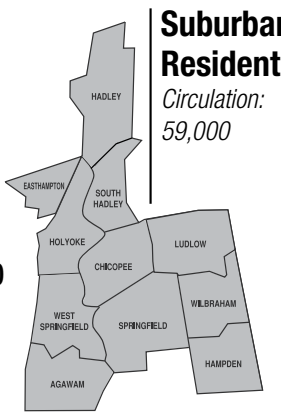
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Candlepin League NEWS

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

WARE – The Wednesday Night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes continued into November as teams push for first place.

After 10 weeks of league bowling, the Night Hawks took the lead in the east division with a record of 46-24. Spare Parts lead in the west division with a record of 45-25.

During week 10, the Rollies bowled against Spare Tires. In game one, Rich Picotte of Rollies scored 136 to help his team win by a score of 478-426.

In game two, Spare Parts defeated the Rollies by a score of 479-453. Tony Burke of Spare Tires bowled a 126 game to help his team get back in the match.

In game three, Rollies won by a score of 486-454. Ron Gouin of Rollies bowled a 132 for a three-game series of 332. Brandon Lane of Rollies finished strong with 116.

The final score was 1417-1359 in favor of Rollies.

The Ironmen bowled against the Cannonballs during week 10. In game one, Ironmen defeated Cannonballs by a score of 483-454.

Pete Swistak of Ironmen started off with a 128. His father and teammate, Steve Swistak, started with 107.

In game two, Cannonballs won by a score of 457-437. Jason Swistak of Ironmen had the highest game with 111.

In game three, Cannonballs won the last game by a score of 467-427. Micah Hinckley of Cannonballs finished with 107. P. Swistak's last two games were 100 and 96 for a three-game series of 324.

The final score was 1378-1347 in favor of Cannonballs.

P&J Meats bowled against Pincesses in a week 10 matchup. In game one, Pincesses won by a score of 474-453.

In game two, Pincesses won again by a score of 469-443. Jane Cho of Pincesses bowled well over her league average with 105, her best single game of the season.

In game three, Pincesses completed the three-game sweep by winning 466-457. Keith Ferenz of Pincesses finished with 102.

The final score was 1409-1353 in favor of Pincesses.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week 10. In game one, FBB defeated Zeke's Freaks by a score of 472-461.

Ryan McCarthy of Flaming Bowling Balls started the match with 107. Kevin Krasnecky and Pete Ducahrme of Zeke's Freaks started with scores of 109 and 101.

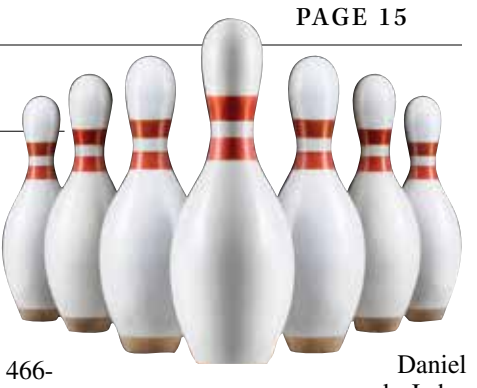
In game two, Zeke's Freaks pulled ahead in the match by winning 462-433. The last game was won by Zeke's Freaks with a score of 448-429.

Krasnecky finished the match with 122 and a series of 331. McCarthy finished with 106 and a series of 307.

The final score was 1371-1334 in favor of Zeke's Freaks.

Slow Burners bowled against Fire Mountain during week 10. In game one, all four members of Slow Burners broke 100 to win by a score of 514-459.

Carl Oberg scored 112, Nate Orszulak 102, Jody Orszulak 107 and Scott Radisic 105.



In game two, Fire Mountain won by a score of 466-458. N. Orszulak scored 107 in game two.

In game three, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 477-469. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain finished with 107, while his teammate Gary Delisle scored 106.

The final score was 1441-1402 in favor of Slow Burners.

The Night Hawks bowled against Spare Parts during week 10 at Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Night Hawks won by score of 495-474.

The first game featured some high scores. For Night Hawks, Gavin Sinclair scored 132 and Darryl Sinclair scored 116. For Spare Parts, Steven Daniel and John Jebb matched each other with scores of 114 and 114.

In game two, Night Hawks continued to stay strong and won 499-450. G. Sinclair followed up with 121, and his father D. Sinclair scored 115.

In game three, Spare Parts won the last game by a score of 464-447. Daniel finished with 108 and a three-game series of 328.

D. Sinclair finished with 110 and a series of 341. G. Sinclair calmed down with 87 and a series of 340.

The final score was 1441-1388 in favor of Night Hawks, who are the #1 seed.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Health of the Town of Granby, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 143 and Chapter 40A, Section 11, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026 via Zoom meeting, at 7:00 PM** to present and discuss the application for a Piggery License for Rheaumestead at 134 Batchelor Street, Granby, MA. This public hearing conforms to the Rules and Regulations Relative to Pigs and Piggeries, approved and adopted by the Board of Health, November 8, 2011.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time designated for public hearing. Zoom link can be found on the Town website, granby-ma.gov or by contacting the Health Department at 467-7174.

Granby Board of Health
11/12, 11/19/2026

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CONSULTING SERVICES
CULTURAL DISTRICT MANAGER

The Town of Belchertown is soliciting proposals for a Cultural District Manager, to support the Creative Economy Committee in the designation and on-going management of a local Cultural District.

Specifically, this role will assist with the completion and submittal of the Cultural District designation application; assist with administrative oversight for the Cultural District operations, If approved, and work in support of the Creative Economy Committee that manages it; collaborate in the production of large annual community events; oversee marketing communications for activities occurring within the Cultural District; raise funds to ensure continued support for programs, marketing, and staffing; partner with Town Departments and community groups to implement cultural programs; support local economic development through cultural activities; and ensure activities are responsive to Cultural District mission and economic development goals.

The Cultural District Manager will work directly under the Town Manager with support and guidance from the Town Planner, and Community and Economic Development Planner, and regularly convene with Town leadership, members of the Creative Economy Committee, and other stakeholders in the process.

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Steven J. Williams,
Town Manager
11/19/2026

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Board of Health
Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to MGL C. 111, sec. 31 the Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on **November 23, 2026 at 6:05 PM** in the Select Board meeting room Lawrence Memorial Hall 2 Jabish Street Belchertown, MA 01007 and remote at https://meet.goto.com/MGrenier

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