

## Town celebrates veterans with community event

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BELCHERTOWN – The children at Chestnut Hill Community School put together their annual concert for the veterans last week, with their choir and band performing for all in attendance, and to give thanks to the heroes within our community.

“Our youth really make the ceremonies quite enjoyable, and it’s a full-circle community event,” said Veterans Agent Charly Roque. “We have our youth that will someday will become veterans who are sitting in the audience, enjoying the skills and service of our youth and scouts.”

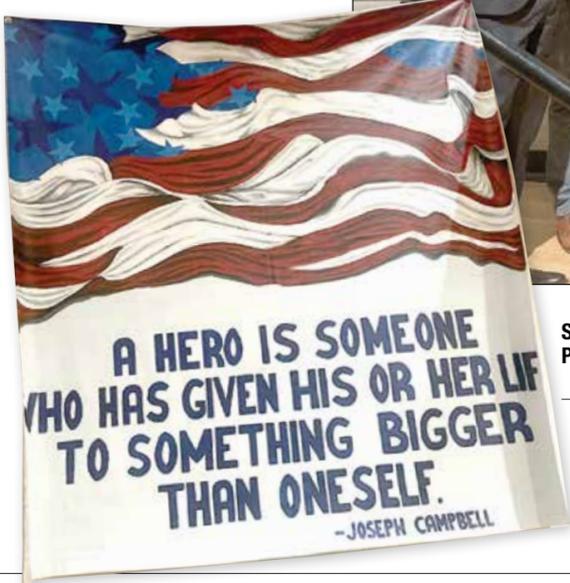
The Scouts were present to be the flag bearers, as well as the Girl Scouts, who gave speeches about taking care of our veterans, and letting them know their mental health and well-being is a priority.

“We, along with our students, can put ceremonies like this together and to celebrate together

because of the service and sacrifice of our veterans,” said Roque.

Armistice Day has been remembered with ceremonies since World War I, and has taken place on the 11th month, on the 11th day, on the 11th hour, mirroring the time of the armistice with Germany in 1918, and in 1954 was renamed Veterans’ Day to honor all who have fought.

“It’s always exciting to introduce one of our community’s veterans,” said



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State Representative Aaron Saunders, Select Board members John Ritter and Nicole Miner, Lew Lauraine, Pam Lauraine, Select Board Vice Chair Jenn Turner, and Veterans Agent Charly Roque.

An art piece hung at the entrance to the high school auditorium, a reminder for every one year-round about our own heroes, the veterans.

Roque. “Many are working so hard in the community, and those around them have no idea what they have done to serve their country and the sacrifices they have made.”

Also part of the ceremony was a special opportunity to hear from a local veteran,

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## Food drive fills up local pantry

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BELCHERTOWN – During this season of giving, dozens of people stepped up to bring much-needed donations to the Helping Hands Cupboard over the weekend, filling the room with donations and support from dozens of community members.

“I am absolutely amazed at the outpouring of support from our community, again, and there were so many items donated that will be so useful to our clients,” said Director of Helping Hands Cupboard Amy Eyer-Pelletier. “There was everything

The Food Drive was a huge success, bringing in food for dozens of local families in need and many more.

from food to household cleaning products, and I know they will appreciate all the extra things that I

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## Christopher Heights’ first resident celebrates 100th birthday

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BELCHERTOWN – Christopher Heights of Belchertown celebrated a very special 100th birthday for their very first resident, Ann Genero, last Friday, and the room was filled with people who have known and seen Ann during their time at Christopher Heights.

“We had many encounters and time to talk, many conversations, and she had the opportunity to choose her own apartment,” said Director Lorna Stone. “Ann, thank you for being a part of the Christopher Heights family.”

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TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
Senator Jake Oliveira wishing Ann Genero a very happy birthday.

## SB makes updates to cannabis host contract

TM gives Sports Haven project update

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BELCHERTOWN – Policy decisions were made, including updating cannabis business regulations, considering new strategies for community event promotion, and reviewing the latest progress on the Sports Haven infrastructure project.

Sports Haven sees major infrastructure gains

Substantial time was devoted to an update on the Sports Haven mobile home community project, where infrastructure upgrades funded by state and federal grants are moving forward.

Williams provided the board with an update.

The infrastructure at the mobile home park had fallen into disrepair years ago, which led the Board of Health to refuse to renew its license. The park has been running without a license for several years, but these repairs would help 50 families to be able to access clean water. Following

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TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
Pam and Annabelle Tarnawa and Ruby and Beth Stapert having some mother/daughter bonding time while making their glass pieces.

## Glass comes to life at the library

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BELCHERTOWN – Art is how we tell stories, share our culture, and express ourselves, and hosts countless mediums, including working in glass.

For artist Deenie Pacik Giuliano, glass has become a huge part of her life, and has allowed her to explore with light, color, and more

in a unique medium.

“I think that the color and the light, the translucency of the color, is very beautiful, and the thing that I love about it is that it is very alive and vibrant, and it changes. It’s not like a painting in watercolor, and I love watercolor because of its translucency,” said Pacik Giuliano. “I love working with glass and cut-

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Members of the Coed Softball League.

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## Coed Softball League wraps up with a best two out of three

BELCHERTOWN – On November 5, the 2025 Belchertown Recreation Coed softball league wrapped up with a best two out of three finals between JamrogHVAC and the Holyoke Honey Badgers at Cronk Field. JamrogHVAC came out victorious to win the championship with a two games to one series win to capture their 2nd straight league title and their 6th

overall since the league began in 2017. They finished the season with an overall record of 17-2. JamrogHVAC is a local HVAC & Plumbing company that provides sponsorship to the team.

The team also competes in Northampton and various weekend tournaments throughout the year.

The team is managed by Belchertown resident Patrick Fenton and most players live

in the Amherst/Belchertown area.

The roster is: Shauna Looze, Emma LeBlanc, Lauren LeBlanc, Mikayla Panko, Grace Perechinsky, Hannah Kubacki, Maria Fabozzi, Hailey Zabko, Nick Kubacki, Stephen Looze, Anthony Fabozzi, Joe Fabozzi, Jim Hayes, Austin Rogers, Todd "Tubbs" Ansaldo, Patrick Fenton.

## Belchertown receives \$345,000 in state grants for development, projects

BELCHERTOWN – The Town of Belchertown has been awarded three state grants totaling \$345,000 through the Healey-Driscoll Administration's FY26 Community One Stop for Growth program. The funding will support key initiatives focused on downtown revitalization, modernized zoning, and the continued redevelopment of the Carriage Grove district.

"These grants represent a major step forward for Belchertown's ongoing efforts to strengthen our economic base, preserve community character, and make strategic investments in our future," said Doug Albertson, Town Planner. "Each project addresses a critical need—whether it's refining our local business strategy, modernizing our zoning framework, or reinvesting in key public facilities."

**Downtown Business Marketing Plan – \$30,000**  
Belchertown will receive

\$30,000 through the Mass. Downtown Initiative to conduct market research and develop a Downtown Business Marketing Plan. The project aims to enhance local business visibility, support small business growth, and promote Belchertown's cultural and recreational assets to visitors and investors.

"This project will conduct market research that will inform the implementation of Belchertown's economic development strategies as it relates to tourism marketing and small business development," said Albertson. "The process will provide beneficial information to prospective and existing businesses, and result in a marketing plan to best leverage local assets in the Town Center."

The effort will build upon prior planning work, including the Local Rapid Recovery Plan, Community Plan, and Cultural District initiative, all of which identified Belchertown's strong foundation in outdoor recreation, the

arts, agriculture, and historic resources.

### Zoning Bylaw and Map Update – \$125,000

A \$125,000 Community Planning Program grant will fund a comprehensive revision of the Town's Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map. This update will modernize the decades-old framework that governs land use and development in Belchertown.

"The current bylaw, last comprehensively updated over thirty years ago, has become fragmented and inconsistent due to decades of incremental changes," Albertson explained. "It no longer reflects modern development patterns, housing needs, or infrastructure realities, and creates unnecessary barriers to equitable growth, small business development, and mixed-use opportunities in key areas of town."

The updated bylaw will

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## Local food pantries to donate to and utilize

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

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

Located in nearby North Amherst, the Amherst Survival Center is a welcoming, community-led hub offering food, meals, fresh produce distribution, pantry services, and support resources for all in need. Open several days a week for dining, pantry access and outreach, the Center fosters connection, dignity, and mutual care in the Pioneer Valley.

**Dwight Chapel Provisions Pantry**  
885 Federal Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
Phone: 413-253-0292  
Email: office@gracefortheway.org

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



**FindHelp**  
Link: [https://findhelp.org/search\\_results/01007](https://findhelp.org/search_results/01007)

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

**Mass 211**  
Phone: 211  
Link: <https://mass211.org/food-security>

Mass 211 connects Massachusetts residents with local food pantries, meal programs, and nutrition assistance. Call 2-1-1 (or 877-211-6277) anytime for free, confidential help, or search food resources online at [mass211.org/food-security](https://mass211.org/food-security)

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

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

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

Food distribution is on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Amy to learn more 413-636-5031.

## Belchertown Lions Club recruits yet another new member

It's a family affair for this induction ceremony held recently at the Villa Rose Restaurant as longtime Lion Larry Vanasse pins his son, Matthew, as he became our club's newest member! Even before becoming an official member, Matt had joined our forces many times to help out with our Saturday Meatball Sub sales, our food wagon at the Belchertown Fair, and other fundraising endeavors. Matt is being mentored by one of our finest, as his father, Larry, is not only a Life Member but also currently serves on the Board of Directors and is a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award for his many contributions to the Lions International Foundation.



Larry Vanasse pins his son, Matthew, the newest member of the Lions Club.

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Reminding a table about safety while using glass, glass glue, and shards of glass.

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ting the glass.”  
Pacik Giuliano has always loved painting with watercolor and drawing since she was young, and since she began working with glass 30 years ago at the recommendation of a friend, her love only grew for the art form.

“The glass inspires me to do more and explore more, and I just love how beautiful the pieces can come out,” said Pacik Giuliano.

Pacik Giuliano got an apprenticeship and achieved a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts, where she has grown to take her love for the art of glasswork everywhere she goes.

Her mentor in the art form, Linda Lichtman, created a beautiful stained-glass piece that Pacik Giuliano still remembers fondly every time she picks up a piece of glass or teaches a class.

Pacik Giuliano works at the Blackstone River Glass Center in Cumberland, RI, and the artists that work at the Center each have their own businesses, but come together in one space to work in studios in one space.

“There are not many studios like this, and they want to be there for the people who want to learn about glass, people who love glass, and the professionals who work with glass,” said Pacik Giuliano.

Pacik Giuliano started her studio classes at the age

of 28, and has been teaching the art for more than 20 years. She began really teaching when her children were babies, and her friend, a children’s librarian, asked her to lead a drawing class for a summer reading program in 2013. After that day, she translated her teaching into her love for working with glass.

Pacik Giuliano led a workshop at the Clapp Memorial Library last week, with one session for adults and another for teens, and the room filled with people at both sessions ready to learn and create their own piece of glass.

“I was a page in a library growing up, and I love the idea of libraries and that they are a place that is a place for freedom in our country, and is so important to our country,” said Pacik Giuliano. “I believe in community and like to teach multi-generational classes, and I like to see people in the community exchanging numbers. It’s a nice feeling.”

Pacik Giuliano is working on a children’s book herself in her free time, which she is translating into glass, a long, yet rewarding a beautiful process.

“Over the years, I’ve learned so much from my students, and people do all these different things, and one of the things I really love is taking people who have never done art get excited about,” said Pacik Giuliano. “Glass is different, and for



Deenie Pacik Giuliano showing how to choose two tiles of glass to begin.

me its really rewarding because I’ve gotten so much out of working with glass, and I just love getting people excited, too.”

Deenie Pacik Giuliano’s patience, calmness, and passion about working with glass translates into her work and workshops. You can find out more about her and her work at her website, <https://www.deeniepacik.net/>.

**The adults session had fun experimenting with shapes and making their glass pieces stand out.**



Stunning shards of glass in different colors and shapes to create something magical.



Friends Reid Charron, Kianna Ripley, Lauren Lebeau, Aliah Miller, and Amelia Donovan.



Joshua, Mikayla, and Julie Lisek and JenaRose Zawalski having some fun together

## Tours of Christmas Past come to the Stone House Museum

BELCHERTOWN – As the Christmas season approaches and we begin decorating our homes and communities with all the trees, garlands, ornaments, and lights that we look upon as traditional, the Stone House Museum is opening its doors to welcome you in for a look at what a Victorian Christmas would have looked like.

Many of you, when picturing a “traditional” Christmas, may think of images from Clement C. Moore’s *The Night Before Christmas*, where visions of sugarplums danced through their heads. But early New Englanders did not celebrate Christmas. It was a festival celebrated only by religious minorities. So where did our traditions come from?

Queen Victoria and the people of the Victorian Era revived old traditions and created joyful festivities and

delightful customs like caroling, sending Christmas cards, and decorating trees. They transformed the folk figures of Father Christmas and Santa Claus into symbols of holiday generosity and popularized Germany’s Christmas tree.

The Belchertown Historical Association welcomes you to attend our Victorian Candlelight Tours at the Stone House Museum this holiday season. Tours will be led by interpreters wearing traditional Victorian dress. The house will be filled with garlands, candlelight, music, craft activities, and the smells of homemade treats. Tours will be held on Sunday, November 30, Saturday, December 6, and Friday, December 12. Tours will begin at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. For tickets information call 413-230-2022 or visit our website and Facebook page: [stonehousemuseum.org](http://stonehousemuseum.org).



Smiling at the entrance, Caran welcomes you in for a Christmas tour. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Town Clerk reminds town of 2026 dog licenses

BELCHERTOWN – The 2026 dog licensing season is quickly approaching. All licenses expire December 31, and, according to Town by-laws, all dogs must be licensed no later than January 31 in order to avoid late fees. 2026 licenses will be available beginning December 1.

For 2026 licensing, we are switching to emailing appli-

cations for the first mailing. Generic licensing forms will still be included in the yearly census in January, but we typically send out personalized reminders in December. By emailing the renewal form, instead of mailing, this will save the Town thousands of dollars in postage alone, for the over 3500 dogs currently licensed.

If you have a dog(s) in Belchertown that will need to be licensed in 2026, please take a moment to email [clerk@belchertown.org](mailto:clerk@belchertown.org) with your current email information.

If we do not have an email address for your account by December 1st, you can use the generic dog licensing form that will be included in every

census mailing in January, or simply log into the online dog licensing program and license your dog.

If you have any questions or have trouble getting into the online dog licensing program, please give us a call at 413-323-0281 or email [clerk@belchertown.org](mailto:clerk@belchertown.org). Thank you for helping us keep costs down.

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improve clarity, consistency, and flexibility to better align with Belchertown’s housing, economic development, and environmental goals.

#### Tadgell Roof Replacement – \$190,000

The Town was also awarded \$190,000 through the Rural Development Fund to complete architectural and engineering design work for the replacement of the roof at the former Joseph F. Tadgell School, a 29,000-square-foot, town-owned building locat-

ed within the Carriage Grove redevelopment district.

“This project represents the next critical step in a phased strategy to stabilize and repurpose this highly visible, underutilized public asset for future economic and community benefit,” said Albertson.

The Tadgell School plays an important role in the Town’s long-term vision for the Carriage Grove property, which continues to evolve into a mixed-use district supporting housing, small business, and civic uses.

#### Continued Success with the One Stop for Growth Program

This year’s awards continue Belchertown’s strong record of success in the Community One Stop for Growth program. In recent years, the Town has secured funding for projects such as the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail and Carriage Grove site improvements.

“These awards show that Belchertown is positioning itself for the future,” Albertson said. “We’re building on the great work already happening in town and setting the stage for thoughtful, inclusive

growth that benefits everyone who lives and works here.”

#### About the Community One Stop for Growth Program

The Community One Stop for Growth program, administered by the Executive Office of Economic Development, consolidates multiple state funding programs into a single application portal. The initiative supports local and regional economic development priorities across Massachusetts, focusing on infrastructure, housing, downtown revitalization, and community planning.

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## OPINION

### SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Did the Obama-era Social Security tax cuts hurt the program?

Dear Rusty:

*I will be retiring early next year, but my question to you is: During the Obama administration, payroll taxes that employees pay were cut in half from 6.2% to 3.1%, while the employer's part stayed the same at 6.2%. This continued for around a year I think. This was an attempt at giving people a tax cut, which I think was a bad idea or maybe the wrong way to have done it. How much damage do you think this may have caused to Social Security?*

**Signed: Soon to Retire**

**Dear Soon to Retire:**

FYI, the Obama-era cut in the employee portion of FICA payroll taxes and SECA (self-employment tax) was a temporary measure, which has long since expired. However, the legislation which enabled that cut in employee FICA/SECA taxes also included a provision to replenish the Social Security Trust Funds from the General U.S. Treasury in an amount equal to the estimated loss of tax revenue to the Trust Funds. So, in effect, there was little or no impact on the Social Security Trust Funds.

FYI, the Trustees of Social Security have been projecting for many years that the Social Security reserves would be fully depleted in the mid-2030s, unless Congress takes action to reform the SS program. Unfortunately, Congress has not yet taken any meaningful action to accomplish that reform and the current projection from the Trustees is that all Social Security reserves will be depleted in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% in everyone's benefit. Time is running short and we

see signs that Congress is finally starting to seriously discuss Social Security reform.

At AMAC, we have developed and submitted to various Congressional Representatives a reform plan, which would restore Social Security to full solvency. People can see AMAC's suggested plan by visiting [www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee](http://www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee). And AMAC is working every day in Washington, D.C. to promote Social Security reform to avoid future cuts in benefits. We believe and hope that Congress will eventually reform the Social Security program to avoid future benefit cuts but, unfortunately, not until they can muster sufficient bipartisan support to make the hard choices needed. To this end, contacting your Congressional Representative to demand Social Security reform now would be a good thing to do. The longer Congress delays reform, the harder the choices will be.

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Designed for when the flakes are down before the leaves are up...



## Thanksgiving questions for the Garden Lady

Eva, who has a big vegetable garden in Ware, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are supposed to have a low of 27 degrees one night this week. With that said, are my Brussels sprouts going to be OK? I was hoping to harvest them just in time for Thanksgiving." It has been a few years since I have grown Brussels sprouts, but I do remember that they do thrive well into late fall and early winter. A few frosty mornings won't hurt them!

For readers not familiar with Brussel sprout culture, I will elaborate. Brussels sprout seeds are started indoors, around the same time you would start their cousins, broccoli, cabbage or kale.

For me, seeds are sown off heat the first week of April through tax day. They are grown cool but under supplemental light to prevent stretching, and are transplanted once the first set of "true leaves" unfold.

I transplant mine into the cells of a six pack, although individual two or three inch pots are also a good option. Brussels sprouts can be moved into the garden a couple of weeks prior to Memorial Day, where fertile soil and eight-10 hours of direct sun are preferred.

They need to be given a lot more room than their cousins, about nine square feet of growing space per plant! It will pay off!

Placing transplants under floating row covers is smart,

and will protect young plants from flea beetles and swede midge, then from various "cabbage" worms. The plants will grow tall over the course of their long growing season and will form buds along the stem.



It is the buds that we harvest, known as the "sprouts" we so enjoy. Experts recommend "topping" the plants in September, or cutting off the first couple of inches of top growth, so that the plant puts all of its energy into the sprouts it already has, making them bigger.

When I grew Brussels sprouts many years ago, aphid were a big problem. There are a number of varieties that have a spaced branching habit that seem to reduce the population of these pests. "Divino," "Speedia," and "Nautic" are all good choices.

Harvest the half-dollar sized sprouts after the first few frosts and you will be in for a great, sweet treat. Like carrots who endure a little cold, starches turn to sugars and yum!

Personally, I like to roast them for heightened crunch and a little more caramelization. I hope they will be a wonderful part of your family

meal, Eva!

Melissa, who gardens in Palmer, just moved to a house that has a few "highbush cranberries" on her property.

"I was curious if this shrub is a tall version of the Thanksgiving cranberry and if so, if it is edible?" The word 'highbush' reminds me of blueberries, so I thought maybe it worked out the same," she asked.

The American cranberry is not to be confused with *Viburnum trilobum*, an eight-12 foot multistemmed shrub sometimes called highbush cranberry, crampbark, or even cranberry viburnum.

The berries of this native shrub hang in clusters and are orange-red in color. Although they are edible, birds generally find them a whole lot more appealing than we do, and will typically "gobble" them up before winter hits.

The shrub typically has great fall interest, too, with foliage that varies in hues of orange, red and purplish red.

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wings, 90 dark-eyed junco and 30 red-winged blackbird.

### Black vulture

I received an email from a Palmer resident on Nov. 4. She said, "When I came home, I noticed two birds across from the house. I thought they might be vultures because of their face, but were not turkey vultures." She googled vultures and said, "It was easy to recognize them because of their face white feet and legs. Plus the head appeared to be gray and like a helmet. They were definitely black vultures. They stayed in that one spot for quite awhile. They didn't appear to be scared of anything. Cars going by did not phase them." Since then she has not seen them again. She said, "They are really a beautiful bird."

### Helping birds

Bird feeders and feeding platforms are also hotspots for disease. Many wildlife diseases, like mange and avian pox, are spread by physical contact between healthy and sick animals. It is important to clean bird feeders frequently and remove any molding seeds and debris from them especially during the rainy weather. Moving

the location of feeders to different locations also helps prevent the spread of disease.

### Flocking birds

Birds are migrating. Last week I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead. I also have seen flocks of about a dozen Canada geese flying overhead. Last week, my granddaughter, Lizzie and I saw a flock of geese flying low over her house. We could hear their wings beating. The robins that head south have also been flocking in my field and along the roads. Some robins over winter living in the swamps.

### Winter berries

Every year a flock of robins come and make short order of the winterberries on a bush in my yard. I've spotted the bright red winterberries in several spots during my travels. I will keep an eye out for birds at those bushes.

*People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.*

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Black-billed cuckoo

## in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

In October, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a black-billed cuckoo at Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary and another was seen at a different location in Wellfleet.

The black-billed cuckoo is often heard more than seen. They spend a lot of time in densely wooded eastern forests and thickets. It is slender, brown bird with white belly, long tail and as its name implies a black bill. It has a red ring around the eyes and white tips on the underside of its tail. They also have a hunch backed look. It is about the size of a mourning dove 11 to 12 inches without the plump body.

Cuckoos eat lots of spiny caterpillars and can make quick work of tent caterpillars and webworms. The spines of the caterpillars stick to the lining of their stomachs. To rid themselves of the spines they periodically shed the stomach lining and

coughing it up in one giant pellet, similar to an owl.

They sing especially at night in midsummer. Their song is a staccato with less of a knocking sound than the yellow-billed cuckoo. They also perch motionless for long periods of time so they can be tricky to find. A good location to look for them are areas with tent caterpillars or fall webworms, a favorite food of these birds.

### Audubon bird sightings

On Nov. 9, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the following sightings at Wachusett Reservoir.

Sightings included: nine

common loon, two horned grebe, one double-crested cormorant, two great blue heron, 135 Canada geese, four mute swan, one immature gadwall, two black ducks, 63 mallard, five ring-necked duck, 95 greater scaup, eight lesser scaup, 41 bufflehead, 11 hooded merganser, seven common merganser, one ruddy duck, one red-tailed hawk, three wild turkey, 11 ring-billed gull, one belted kingfisher, one northern flicker and one pileated woodpecker. Other birds included on common raven, one winter wren, one Carolina wren, 46 eastern bluebird, five cedar wax-



A volunteer bringing in more donations for the Cupboard.



Gail Gramarosa sorting donations.



One of the volunteers, Meg, sorting out soup at a table with other volunteers.

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can't normally get."

The donation stream didn't stop, and other than the usual donations of shelf-stable food, many came with items that are oftentimes too expensive for those who rely on SNAP benefits, including hygiene items, cleaning

supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues.

"As fast as things were coming in, it was just amazing, and we had many volunteers come out to help us," said Eyler-Pelletier. "We really appreciate it so, so much, and people have been super generous."

The Belchertown

Democratic Committee joined the Cupboard to host this donation drive over the weekend, as well as carry down the pantry donations, and unload cars.

"Right before the holidays, we tend to see an upswing in people who need assistance, and we planned it for then, and it was very timely espe-

cially with the uptick in food insecurity and the hold in SNAP benefits," said Eyler-Pelletier.

People came in the weekend before to donate items, time to sort, and money to help out with the pantry and its various needs, and many came in early on the day of to drop items off.

"I really appreciate how much this community comes together when people are facing times of need or challenge, and as much as it's a negative and difficult situation, it's reassuring to see that people really care about their community," said Eyler-Pelletier.

The Cupboard is looking for more donations of personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, beyond the usual food donations are items that are not covered by SNAP, and are needed for people to be healthy.

You can find more information on their Facebook page, The Helping Hand



Amy Eyler-Pelletier sorting out the donations into labeled bins.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Gail Gramarosa, Lynette Knapp, and Debbie Whitney with boxes and bags of food donations.

Cupboard, and reach out to be this Thursday, Nov. 20, via direct message with any questions. Distribution will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m.



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**HAPPY 100** from page 1

Christopher Heights opened in June of 2018 and welcomed Ann Genero into find her new home within its walls.

"It's an honor to be here and celebrate people reading their centennial," said Senator Jake Oliveira, who presented her with a letter from the Senate and one from the House of Representatives, and Aaron Saunders, wishing her happy birthday.

"What a beautiful milestone. Today is about celebrating you and your strength. We hope your day is full of laughter and celebration," said Select Board Chair Lesa Lessard-Pearson, who presented her with a letter from the Select Board on behalf of the town.

"Ann, you are the OG of Christopher Heights," said Mindy Slonka, Christopher Heights' resident hair stylist. "You are not afraid to speak out. You are my Wednesday at 9 a.m., and how I start every Wednesday. I love you."

Many residents also took turns sharing what Ann means to them on her special day, including Donna shared how she met Ann through being gifted warm clothes, Diana who is Ann's next door neighbor, and Alice, who Ann treats like a daughter.

The special day also featured the Happy Birthday song sung in Polish, as well



Ann with her new 100th birthday card.

as other wonderful Polish desserts, and of course, cake and ice cream.

"I want to thank Christopher Heights and all the staff and all the companions who have helped me these seven years I have been here, and everyone has been so wonderful. Everyone's been so wonderful. They kept me going," said Ann Genero.

Genero's family was pres-

ent, as well as her sisters Sally and Connie, and her four daughters.



The room was full of special friends and family for Ann's special day.

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The special birthday card signed by residents.

to welcome everyone in and make sure they were well fed and healthy.

"When I was a child, I wanted to be a nurse," said Genero, who fulfilled that dream and worked as a nurse for 34 years in Palmer.

She had eight children, five daughters and three sons, who will be coming up for her actual birthday celebration on Nov. 22.

She shared how she remembered most the day her high school principal announced the United States was at war with Japan at the beginning of WWII, and then when the 9/11 attack happened, but also the wonderful memories, watching her children grow, and later her grandchildren.

"I'm happy here at Christopher Heights, and they've really taken care of me, and I'm glad I'm here," said Genero.

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**Belchertown Police Log**

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Oct. 31 through Nov. 13. 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. 7**

11:52 a.m. – A 32-year-old Springfield resident was issued a summons for an improper turn, unregistered vehicle and uninsured vehicle. An officer saw vehicle in front of them make sudden left turn, cutting off traffic. The officer stopped the vehicle, approached it and identified the operator. The person's registration status came back as revoked for insurance.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

12:08 p.m. – A 27-year-old Belchertown male was issued a summons for an uninsured motor vehicle. An officer on patrol saw a vehicle parked horizontally in front of a store and another car parked at an odd angle also. The officer ran the plates on the vehicle which came back as revoked for insurance. No one was in the vehicle at the time. The store was closed. A person approached the officer and said it was their car. The person was advised of the status of the vehicle. A tow company was contacted and the person was issued a summons.

12:31 p.m. – A 27-year-old Orange woman was issued a

summons for attached plates, unlicensed operation, unregistered motor vehicle and an uninsured motor vehicle. An officer on patrol saw a vehicle go past them. The officer noticed the registration plate was taped on, it appeared to be package tape. The officer ran the plate which came back to a different vehicle than what it was on. The officer stopped the vehicle. The operator didn't have the title of the vehicle or proper documentation. They operator also did not have their license on them. The person had a Florida license that came back as expired. A tow company was contacted to tow the vehicle. The person was charged accordingly.

5:32 p.m. – A 35-year-old Belchertown male was arrested on an active warrant.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**  
**Friday, Nov. 7**

6:39 a.m. – An officer responded to North Liberty Street for an accident. A vehicle struck a deer that ran into the roadway. The deer was euthanized. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

9:57 a.m. – An officer responded to a person with miscellaneous ammunition

in a bag that they wanted destroyed. It was taken into property and marked for destruction.

10:31 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a wellbeing check for a juvenile at the request of DCF.

**Saturday, Nov. 8**

6:24 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Amherst Road. A vehicle going north on Amherst Road when it struck a deer head on. The deer was deceased upon the officer's arrival. The vehicle had heavy front end damage and was towed. No injuries were reported.

12:12 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of a person screaming for help. The person claimed someone was in their apartment. The person never saw them but heard someone walking around. The officer noticed someone forced their way inside but was caused by a person who went into the apartment to check on them.

2:04 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence to speak with a person about damage to their roof.

3:33 p.m. – An officer responded to North Main

Street. A vehicle going north on North Main Street slowed to turn into a driveway. The operator said they didn't see a second vehicle and went to turn. A second vehicle was passing by and was struck by the first vehicle. No tows were needed and no injuries were reported.

6:05 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. An operator going south on North Main Street struck a deer. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

4:19 p.m. – An officer took a report of a motor vehicle registration plate. The person said their garage door was open and believed someone removed the plate from the motorcycle which was entered in as stolen.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**

1:08 p.m. – An office responded to a residence concerning a past larceny. The person ordered a cell phone to be delivered to their home. When it got there the phone was missing. The matter was documented.

1:47 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire paramedics.

2:27 p.m. – A person reported they lost a registration plate for a trailer somewhere on Stebbins Street. It was entered into the system as missing.

8:28 p.m. – A juvenile reported to their parents that when they got off the bus they were approached by a male who wanted to borrow an air pump for their tire. The juvenile let the person borrow the air pump and then began asking personal questions about the juvenile's family. The officer spoke with neighbors, and the person was recognized by a neighbor.

**Thursday, Nov. 13**

10:55 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. Both vehicles were traveling north on North Main Street. One stopped for the car in front of the first one and the second car rear ended the first vehicle.

5 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person in the lobby regarding a purchase made and a problem with the product. They wanted the matter documented.

7:22 p.m. – An officer took a report of suspicious activity. There were reports of packages taken from the property. The person said they put out one package to be picked up by a company and were expected to have some more packages dropped off. Then the company expected the pick-up came to the house. The person scanned all the boxes and took the remaining packages. The person needed the mater document.

**Granby Police Log**

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 132 calls for the week of Oct. 31 through Nov. 6. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

**Saturday, Nov. 8**

6:44 a.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a tree. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

1:10 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer performed a random license plate query revealing that the vehicles registered owner had a suspended Massachusetts license. The vehicle was

stopped and the registered owner was operating. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating with a suspended license.

**Sunday, Nov. 9**

6:48 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign while traveling approximately 30MPH. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for failure to stop for a stop sign.

10:12 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a guardrail. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

**Monday, Nov. 10**

1:20 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended MA license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating with a suspended license and failure to stop for a stop sign.

5:07 p.m. – A motorist reported an erratic operator. Officers observed the vehicle traveling over the center line in the roadway, almost striking another vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for crossing marked lanes.

10:56 p.m. – A resident reported that a vehicle struck a tree. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**

10:46 a.m. – William Edwards, 43, of Granby, was placed under arrest for an active WMS warrant.

9:07 p.m. – Several callers reported that a vehicle struck a tree and that the car is vertical against the tree. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

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Major Martin Bottari sharing his message about the importance of our hero veterans.

**VETERANS** from page 1

Major Martin Bottari, who Roque asked to be the speaker for this year's ceremony.

"Today isn't about war stories or medals, but about people who raised their hand and said 'send me'. They did it because they had something bigger inside them to prompt them to serve and do something," said guest speaker and veteran Major Martin Bottari.

Bottari also served on the National Guard for 18 years, in both domestic and overseas missions, on the Afghanistan bases, served 10 years as a state trooper, and now serves as the football coach, proud as members of his team are looking to go and serve like him.

"These brave Americans are all around us, and these men and women have served in so many ways," said Bottari. "They may never talk about serving, but we stand here today to serve the people who served us."

Also, a part of the ceremony was to give the annual Hometown Hero Award, and this year it was awarded to a local veteran who works hard in the community, and for BCTV, Lew Louraine.

The Hometown Hero



Lew Lauraine accepting the Hometown Hero Award from State Representative Aaron Saunders, Charly Roque, and John Ritter.

Award is awarded to individuals in communities that work hard to help serve the community and make a positive change.

"Being the town's veterans' agent is an honor that I do not take for granted," said Roque. "I get to work with and help hundreds of veterans and their families through the good, the bad, and the ugly. It's wonderful to be able to continue to serve my country as well."

The ceremony was special and served to show the veterans within the town of Belchertown, which has one of the highest concentrations of veterans in the nation, that their community cares.

"Veterans' Day to me is a day like any other day that we get to thank our veterans for all that they do for us. We just get to be a little louder on Veterans' Day and I love to be able to put that together," said Roque.



The Chestnut Hill Community School students' band playing "America the Beautiful."



Deacon John Murray saying a blessing over veterans with the prayer for the Archangel Michael.



The Scouts preparing to hold the flags for the ceremony with a table set up for veterans who were lost as prisoners of war and missing in action.

**THANKS TO OUR VETERANS**

**Get ready for the Knit and Basket Sale at the library**

GRANBY – The Granby Free Public Library will hold a Holiday Gift Basket and Knit Sale on Saturday, December 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The sales will continue to run through December during open

library hours, while supplies last. Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered!

Donations of premade gift baskets and new hand-crafted items are accepted until December 4th. \*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 granby-library.org or call 413-467-3320.

**Tri- Lakes Association holds calendar raffle**

BELCHERTOWN – Holiday and hostess gifts of chance. The Belchertown Tri-Lakes Watershed Association is holding a Calendar Raffle Fundraiser to raise money to help keep the three lakes in town clean. Our Town Beach is on Lake Arcadia and the other two lakes are Lake Metacomet and Lake Holland.

Three ways to purchase: 1) via Venmo @Tri-Lakes-Watershed-Association by leaving your name and contact information and the word Calendar (you may need the phone number 413-339-4988 to verify) and we will enter your ticket into the raffle for you, 2) stopping by Stop and Shop on November 22 or December 13 to purchase at one of the raffle tables set up outside (check both entrances), or 3) order via email at btowntrilakes@gmail.com and we will set aside your calendars for you to pick up at Stop and Shop on November 22 or December 13.

Area businesses have generously contributed prizes and gift certificates to be raffled off each day in the month of January 2026. Each ticket is \$10 and includes 31 chances to win! A full 100% of the money raised will go towards keeping the lakes clean. The town budget falls short in paying for the cleaning process needed to keep the water clean and safe for the enjoyment of all. So, if you swim, fish, or boat in these beautiful lakes, or if you simply value nature, please consider purchasing one or more calendar raffles.

Ticket sales will end on December 15th. Winners will be posted on our Facebook page (Friends of the Tri-Lakes) each day in January, and each winner will be contacted via the information provided on the entry form. Thank you and good luck.

**Join Hope United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving service**

BELCHERTOWN – There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Hope United Methodist Church on November 23, at 2 p.m., with all the Belchertown churches participating. Tom Stockton of the Anglican Church will be preaching, and Julie

Jonassen of Hope United Methodist Church will be conducting the ecumenical choir and playing the organ. If you would like to be part of the ecumenical choir, please come to Hope United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Let us gather as a community to give thanks to God.

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## Pioneers, Orioles, set for holiday tilt



Nicholas Pfister looks to avoid tacklers as he makes a run for the sideline.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY SOFIA DIGRANDE  
Brian Fuller heads up the field on a carry.

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Thanksgiving rivalry between Belchertown and Pathfinder had a small new layer added to it as two teams now find themselves matched up in the regular season during conference action. The situation has taken place with other holiday rivals such as Agawam-West Springfield and East Longmeadow-Longmeadow.

Because of that, Belchertown will be looking to avenge two straight losses to the Pioneers.

In last year's holiday game, Pathfinder and Belchertown were knotted 14-14. But a touchdown in the second half sealed the win for Pathfinder, giving the Pioneers its 10th win in the all-time series against the Orioles. The two teams were able to play the game on Palmer High's Legion field with the Panthers on the road at Ludlow.

This year's game will kick off from Belchertown High School at 9 a.m.



Eli Grilli makes a tackle for the Orioles during last year's holiday game against Pathfinder.



The Pioneers huddle up before a play.



Anthony Arventos sends a kick away in Pathfinder's holiday matchup with Belchertown last year.



Jake Mastey looks to make a tackle.



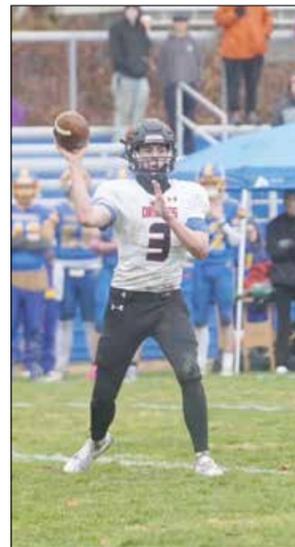
Adam O'Rourke attempts to fend off a pair of defenders.

### BELCHERTOWN FOOTBALL (6-4)

- Friday, Sept. 12 – Belchertown 40, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Sept. 19 – Belchertown 21, Ware 20
- Friday, Sept. 26 – Belchertown 48, Ludlow 26
- Friday, Oct. 3 – Belchertown 18, Monument Mountain 12
- Friday, Oct. 10 – Smith Vocational 26, Belchertown 14
- Friday, Oct. 17 – North 24, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Oct. 24 – Pathfinder 40, Belchertown 25
- Saturday, Nov. 1 – Belchertown 35, McCann Tech 12
- Friday, Nov. 7 – Palmer 21, Belchertown 7
- Friday, Nov. 14 – Belchertown 30, Athol 18
- Thanksgiving Game*
- Thursday, Nov. 27 – vs. Pathfinder 9 a.m.

### PATHFINDER FOOTBALL (5-5)

- Friday, Sept. 5 – Bishop Guertin 35, Pathfinder 8
- Friday, Sept. 12 – Palmer 7, Pathfinder 6
- Friday, Sept. 19 – Westfield 52, Pathfinder 14
- Thursday, Sept. 25 – Franklin Tech 21, Pathfinder 7
- Thursday, Oct. 2 – Pathfinder 28, Smith Vocational 8
- Friday, Oct. 17 – Pathfinder 32, McCann Tech 0
- Friday, Oct. 24 – Pathfinder 40, Belchertown 25
- Friday, Oct. 31 – Pathfinder 24, Monument Mountain 14
- Friday, Nov. 7 – Ware 16, Pathfinder 12
- Friday, Nov. 14 – Vocational Tourn: Pathfinder 42, Smith Voc. 12
- Thanksgiving Game*
- Thursday, Nov. 27 – at Belchertown 9 a.m.



Jack Beals makes a pass attempt.

### BELCHERTOWN VS. PATHFINDER

Belchertown leads series 13-10

- 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



McKenna Zumburski turns play around after taking possession.

## Rams head for state semifinals

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**SOUTH HADLEY**—Just like they want to do in every match, the Granby girls' soccer team scored an early goal during last Wednesday night's Division 5 Elite 8 contest.

The top-seeded Lady Rams managed to hold onto the lead the rest of the way en route to a 3-0 shutout victory over the ninth-seeded Rising Tide Charter School Herons, which was played on the turf field at South Hadley High School.

"We like to put high pressure at the beginning of the game all over the field," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver "I'm really proud of the way the girls came out today. That's a tough team to play against. They're very well-organized and played good defense against us. The girls really did a good job."

The Lady Rams (15-3-4)

have gone 8-0-2 since being shutout at home against Amherst on October 6. It was their seventh shutout during that stretch.

Overall, Granby junior goalie Meredith Bartosz has posted a total of ten shutouts this season. She made ten saves in the Elite 8 match.

"Meredith played a great game tonight," said Granby senior Kaitlyn Curran, who's a starting defender. "We were able to score an early goal, which took a lot of pressure off the defense. I'm very happy that I'll be playing at least one more game with this team."

Curran, who's a tri-captain of the soccer team, is also a member of the Lady Rams basketball and softball teams.

The Lady Rams were scheduled to face fourth-seeded and Central Division rival Monson in the semifinal match at West Springfield



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Meredith Bartosz punts the ball away.

High School on Monday night.

"I'm so happy that we're going to the final four," said Granby junior Kalli White.

"We always want to score the first goal in every game that we play.

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SPORTS

# T-Birds offensive struggles continue against Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-10-1-1) could not overcome an early deficit, falling 3-1 to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (12-3-1-0) on Saturday night inside Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

After scoring five goals in a third period comeback win on Friday night, the Penguins picked up where they left off just 2:20 into the game on Saturday, as Raivis Ansons funneled a wrister through heavy traffic and past Georgii Romanov to make it a 1-0 game.

The T-Birds had a tough time getting much cooking in the offensive end, and the Penguins' relentless pressure pushed the lead to a pair at 12:51. After already picking up a fighting major in a scrap with Springfield's Kale Kessy earlier in the period, Boko Imama positioned him-

self in the slot and deflected a Zach Gallant shot through Romanov's legs to make it a 2-0 game and bringing Imama two-thirds of the way to a Gordie Howe hat trick in the opening period.

The Penguins wasted little time adding to their margin early in the second, as Rutger McGroarty - making his season debut - cashed in with a backhand tuck between the legs of Romanov just 1:06 into period two.

After continuous even-strength action for the first 28 minutes, special teams were finally put to work in the middle frame, and the T-Birds had a perfect showing, killing off two Penguins' man advantages and adding a power play goal at 11:52. After creating his own predicament on a turnover, Romanov reacted alertly to deflect a centering pass toward the neutral zone, where Chris Wagner

and Hugh McGing sped up on the rush and converted a 2-on-1 past Joel Blomqvist to make it a 3-1 game, as McGing picked up his third of the season while Wagner picked up a point for a second straight night.

Romanov settled in very well after the McGroarty tally and turned aside the final 11 shots he faced to keep it at a two-goal margin heading into the third, while the Penguins' PK also survived one more Springfield power play threat.

The T-Birds continued their busy road schedule Tuesday morning when they square off in Hartford against the Wolf Pack at PeoplesBank Arena.

# Participate in the 2025 Wilbraham Turkey Trot

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27 for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 46th year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. This year, the maximum has been increased to 550 participants. 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](http://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

Please see **TURKEY TROT**, page 13

# Stingrays season gets underway

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Stingrays got their season underway this month. The Stingrays split their first two meets. On Nov. 8, Belchertown defeated Westfield 266-258. The Stingrays had 28 first-place finishes in the meet.

Ollie Cartel, Dante Jones, Theo LaGrant, and Cameron Fitzsimmons got the win in the 200 Medley Relay. Several other athletes achieved first-place finishes in their inaugural competitive swim meet, including Avery Boudreau, Ollie Cartel, George Jackson, and Bradlee Currie.

# Local players named to all-star teams

HOLYOKE – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame has made a tradition of hosting a showcase for both high school boys and girls players. The girls all-star showcase was held this week at Holyoke Community College in the Bartley Center featuring players from all over the region.

The IVHF is very proud to have its home in Western Massachusetts and we are very excited to again recognize the top players in our area," said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry. Selected players are chosen by nomination and vote of the Western Massachusetts girls high school coaches.

There were two games scheduled to be played. One featuring the second team all-stars followed by a game between the first team all-stars. Both games were scheduled to be three-set exhibitions. For more information on the Hall of Fame Girls All-Star Volleyball Showcase, contact [events@volleyhall.org](mailto:events@volleyhall.org).

Players named to the first team included: Minnechaug's Anna O'Toole, Cora Pace, Maliha Daubon, and Nehir Elcin,

Player named to the second included: Agawam's Sophia Laprise, and Hannah Jock, Minnechaug's Haley Powers, Belchertown's Layla Liminski, South Hadley's Grace Matyszewski, Chicopee Comprehensive's Olivia Warren and Lori Vazquez.

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The other two Granby senior tri-captains are Mylin Laliberte and Ava Elizabeth Loughman, who's recovering from an ACL injury.

Rising Tide Charter School, which is located a couple of miles from Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II, finished their season with an 11-7 overall record.

The soccer fans were still arriving when Granby scored their first goal against the Herons during the third minute of the opening half.

White, who has more than 100 career points, began the scoring play by sending a pass to eighth grader Margo Healy, who finished off the play by firing a shot into the left corner of the net past senior goalie Lucy Ellis (14 saves).

It was Healy's seventh goal of the season. She also has eight assists.

The duo of White and freshman Marcela Tapia has combined for a total of 43 goals.

White, who leads the way with 28 goals, had a couple of very good scoring chances less than ten minutes later, but the score remained 1-0.

"We were looking at the stat-sheet from our past few games and there's like eight, nine girls on it. It's just enjoyable to see," Weaver said. "Teams can't just concentrate on Kalli."

During the 18th minute, junior McKenna Zumbruski gained possession of the ball at the top of the box before booting a shot into the back of

the net. The assist was given to White.

Zumbruski is another starting defender, along with junior's Jaidyn Roberge and Ellie Szlosek.

Just like they did in the first half, the Lady Rams scored their third three minutes into the second half.

The duo of Healy and White hooked up again. This time, it was White firing a wide open shot into the right corner and Healy was credited with the assist.

Bartosz made a couple of key saves during the second half, which enabled the Lady Rams to punch their ticket into the final four.

The semifinal winner will be facing either second-seeded Hopedale or 10th-seeded Norfolk County Agricultural in the Division 5 state finals this weekend.



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**Margaret Healy makes a stop.**



**Kaitlyn Curran looks to make a move up the field.**



**McKenna Cudworth clears the ball away.**



**Marcela Tapia watches her shot head for the goal.**



**Kalli White advances up the field.**



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# Railers score sweep of Lions

WORCESTER – The Railers spent the first few weeks of this season playing games where it was hard to find something they did right.

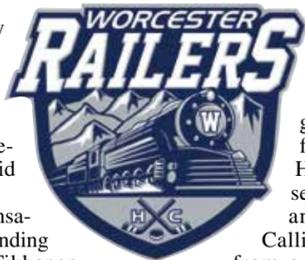
Saturday night they played one where it was hard to find something they did wrong.

Behind sensational goaltending by Henrik Tikkanen and equally sensational penalty killing, Worcester shut out the reigning ECHL Kelly Cup champion Trois-Rivieres Lions by a 2-0 score.

Tikkanen made 32 saves. The Railers killed five penalties, three in the third period. Counting the penalties and the four minutes or so Trois-Rivieres played with its goalie on the bench, Worcester spent about half the period skating 5 on 6.

Goaltending was the difference in the final 20 minutes as Tikkanen made 13 saves. So, which aspect of the game was key, goaltending or penalty killing, coach Nick Tuzzolino was asked.

“It works hand in hand,” he said. “I think the lanes that our penalty kill created allowed (Tikkanen) to be as effective as he did was.”



Worcester got a goal from Lincoln Hatten in the second period and Anthony Callin, just back from a suspension, in the third.

The shutout was the first by a Railers goaltender since Tikkanen beat Wichita, 1-0, out there last Nov. 27. It was the first at the DCU Center since March 2, 2024. John Muse blanked Trois-Rivieres, 4-0.

It was the fifth of Tikkanen’s career here. He is one behind Mitch Gillam, the franchise’s all-time leader, and tied with IceCat Brent Johnson for sixth on the Worcester all-pro list. Curtis Sanford of the IceCats leads in that category with 10.

Tikkanen’s career in the Islanders’ organization has had its highs and lows. It is

highs like Saturday night that have kept him around.

“I know he has had sort of an up and down stat career in Bridgeport,” Tuzzolino said, “but every time I’ve been behind the bench and he’s been in net I can count maybe one game that he’d like back.

“I have no issue with Teeks.”

Tuzzolino did have an issue with the way his team played in the first two periods and let them know about it. Even so, the Railers had the lead going into the third thanks to Hatten’s goal at 12:31 of the second period.

He snapped the dual shutout with his second goal of the weekend at 12:31. Cole Donhauser tried a wrap-around that Lions’ goalie Benjamin Gaudreau denied but the puck bounced out to Hatten just above the crease and he popped it home to give Worcester the lead.

Callin made it 2-0 at 8:12 of the third. Calle Odelius set things up with a nice rush through center ice. He found Callin on the right side and he beat Gaudreau with a high wrist shot to the far corner.

OBITUARIES

## Lars A. Peterson

Lars A. Peterson, 82, died Thursday, November 6, 2025, at The Kensington at Anna Maria, Aurora, OH. Born May 25, 1943, in Ware, Massachusetts, he was the son of Carl J. Peterson Jr. and Maxine (Fuller) Peterson. A long-time resident of Belchertown he



He is survived by his brother Carl E. Peterson of Middleton, MA., his sister, Jane (Peterson) Moody and her husband, Jonathan of Garrettsville, OH, and brother-in-law, Alexander Zalewski of Baldwinville, MA; nephews, Jonathan Moody, Edward Peterson and Peter Zalewski; nieces, Claire Ward, Carol Zalewski, Elizabeth Zalewski, and Susan (Zalewski) Fritz, and five grand nephews.

Edward Peterson and Peter Zalewski; nieces, Claire Ward, Carol Zalewski, Elizabeth Zalewski, and Susan (Zalewski) Fritz, and five grand nephews.

A celebration of life will be held in the future in his hometown of Belchertown, MA. Memorial donations may be made to the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, PO Box 391037, Solon, Ohio 44139. The Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home, Garrettsville, Ohio is directing arrangements.

Lars was predeceased by his sister Carolyn (Peterson) Zalewski and sister-in-law Cheryl (Arslanian) Peterson.

Edward Peterson and Peter Zalewski; nieces, Claire Ward, Carol Zalewski, Elizabeth Zalewski, and Susan (Zalewski) Fritz, and five grand nephews.

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Memorial donations may be made to the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, PO Box 391037, Solon, Ohio 44139. The Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home, Garrettsville, Ohio is directing arrangements.

## Thomas William McRae

Thomas William McRae, 71, of Belchertown, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2025, at Baystate Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.



Born on September 8, 1954, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Tom was the son of the late Rosalie Sullivan McRae and Thomas McRae, Sr. He was raised in Dorchester and Framingham, Mass., and graduated from Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole, Mass. Tom went on to graduate from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture’s Animal Science Program and earned his degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. While at UMass, he was active in concert promotion, booking performers who would become rock and roll legends, including Bruce Springsteen and Linda Ronstadt.

Tom followed his career for sports and, with his beloved wife Sandra (Sandy) McRae, opened the family business, the Belchertown Sports Shed. After the Sports Shed, he joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor for several years before retiring. A people person and natural storyteller, Tom connected easily with customers, clients, and friends alike.

After graduation, Tom returned to “the Aggie” to begin a career as a teacher. He became a leader in his field, serving as President of the Massachusetts Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and the Massachusetts chapter of the Future Farmers of America. He eventually brought his expertise in teaching and science education to the field of animal pharmaceutical sales at Novartis and DVM Pharmaceuticals. Following his pharmaceutical sales

Tom and Sandy lived together in Stafford Springs, CT, before settling in Belchertown in 1985, where they built their life and raised their family. Together, they raised two daughters, Samantha Brooke and Courtney Simpson. Tom believed in family over everything, a value that guided him throughout his life.

Tom enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether hiking, camping, or biking. A lifelong music lover, he was an avid guitar player whose passion led him to play in the Havin’ Fun Band with friends for several years. He was active in his community, volunteering with the Lions Club in Belchertown, and was dedicated to youth sports, coaching hockey, and especially enjoyed coaching Courtney’s teams.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Samantha and her husband Zachariah Page of Austin, TX, and Courtney and her husband Nicholas

**Death Notices**

**Lars A. Peterson**  
Died Nov. 6, 2025  
Services to be announced at a later date.

**Thomas William McRae**  
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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)

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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)

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these improvements, the Selectboard can make efforts to accept an affordable housing restriction for the park.

In June 2021, voters approved a \$100,000 allocation from the Community Preservation Housing Fund to rebuild the drinking water system and/or wastewater at the mobile home park.

Ultimately, the goal of the project is to have clean water for the residents and to transfer ownership of the mobile home park to the tenants’ association, which may come to fruition in 2026.

Town Manager Steve Williams provided the board with an update on the Sports Haven mobile home project on Monday.

“From where we were three months ago and where we are today, it’s just an incredible transformation,” he said. The piping from the well to the large storage tank and the conduit are both in place. Stormwater improvements are underway, with hopes of paving before the first snowstorm.

“Basically, at the close of this construction season, everything should be under the roadway. That has to be under the roadway so the road can be buttoned up,” he said. “Then, in the spring,

the mobile home should be connected. And then if we can get the money for the septic system, we can bring that and divide it up to the water tank.”

Pending scheduling, generators will also be installed. “From where we were three months ago and where we are today, it’s just an incredible transformation,” he said.

Looking to the future, Williams said, “We’re still pursuing about \$1 million of additional grants. We’ve just submitted a CPC application for affordable housing. That application was for \$250,000 to help support that project. And we’re also reaching out to Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, the DEP, the EPA, looking for funding anywhere we can find it.”

The Attorney General and local legislators are scheduled to visit the site later in the year to witness the improvements first-hand.

**Communications Committee Maps Future of Community Calendar**

A significant portion of the meeting centered on the future of Belchertown’s community events calendar. Belchertown Communications Manager Kate Nadeau briefed the board on both technical and philosophical challenges in developing a fair and inclu-

sive policy.

“We had started putting community events on the website calendar back in March, and to date, we’ve added 822 events,” Nadeau said. “A large part of that is funneled in from the senior center with their monthly event calendar that they sent to us. Right now, the event calendar doesn’t have anything for the library on it or the recreation center unless they specifically ask us to put it on there...But usually those are done in association with a vote or something like that.”

Currently, the process to get an event on the calendar includes filling out a form. Nadeau requested guidelines from the board.

Town Manager Steve Williams said the town should a “middle ground” approach was appropriate.

“The easiest thing to do would be to say, unless it’s affiliated with the town of Belchertown, regardless of what affiliation, it’s not posted,” he said. “If [the Communications Committee is] willing to spend a little time on this to try to open some middle ground, but it’s really where it’s going to actually have to approve this policy.”

Board members generally agreed to seek greater stakeholder input before finalizing guidelines.

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Docket No. HS24P0365EA  
Estate of: Sheila J Raimer  
Date of Death: 10/13/2022  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jay S Holsing of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Division  
Docket No. HS25P0693EA  
Estate of: Judith A. Davis  
Date of Death: August 12, 2025

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brittany A. Cassese of Wall, NJ**

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Division  
Docket No. HS25P0707EA  
Estate of: Florence S. Manseau  
Also Known As: Florence Manseau  
Date of Death: July 22, 2025

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathleen Fleury of Belchertown, MA**

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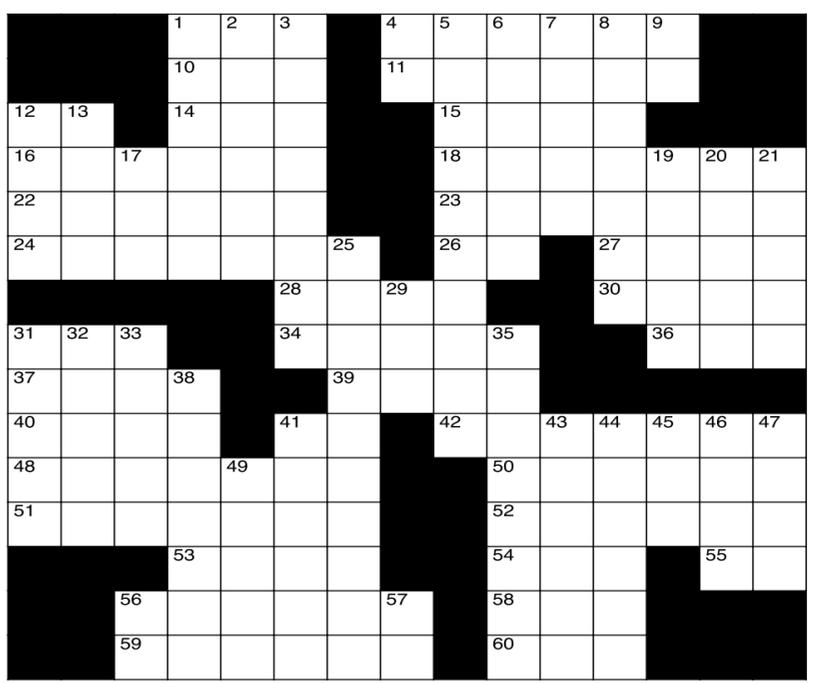
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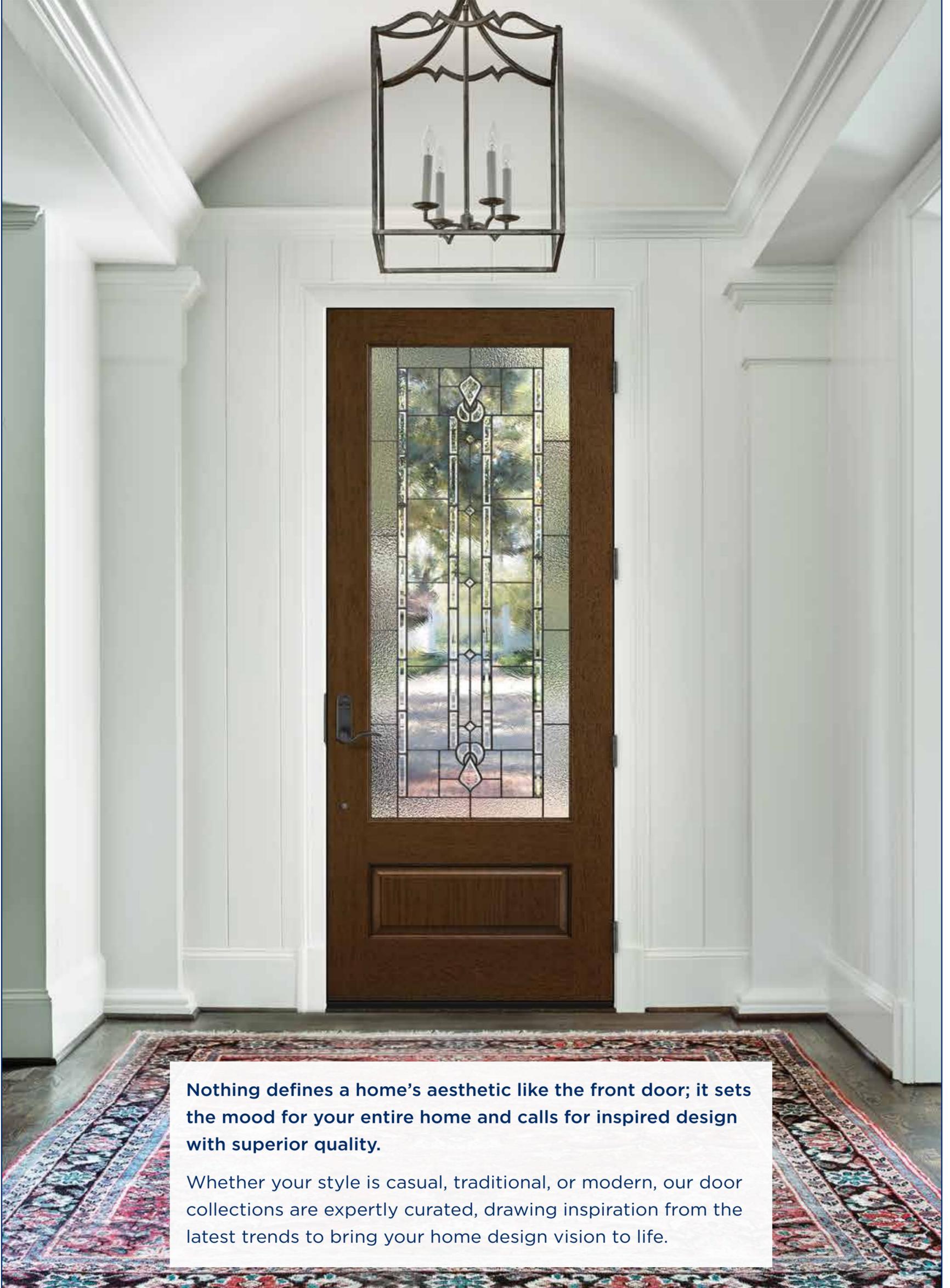
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  - 14. Swiss river
  - 15. It can be straight or curved
  - 16. Edit
  - 18. Utter repeatedly
  - 22. Gotten up
  - 23. Sea vessel
  - 24. Agents of one's demise
  - 26. Not out
  - 27. Something to scratch
  - 28. A round water pot
  - 30. Slang for cylindrical green fruit
  - 31. Promotions
  - 34. Masses of matter
  - 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
  - 37. Nightstand item
  - 39. The content of cognition
  - 40. Arab ruler
  - 41. Northern U.S. state
  - 42. Chewed in small bites
  - 48. Hawaiian island
  - 50. More thin
  - 51. Of one
  - 52. Rigid bracelet or anklet
  - 53. Barbary sheep
  - 54. Not even
  - 55. Atomic #106
  - 56. Haggie
  - 58. Boxing's GOAT
  - 59. Division of a group into opposing factions
  - 60. Vietnamese offensive
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  - 3. Peacefully
  - 4. University athletic official
  - 5. Soldiers
  - 6. Large mollusk
  - 7. Take out again
  - 8. Sour or bitter in taste
  - 9. Songwriter Tunstall
  - 12. Husk of wheat
  - 13. Flexible covering in some birds
  - 17. Energy
  - 19. Night monkey genus
  - 20. Small nails
  - 21. Colorless volatile liquid
  - 25. In a way, changes integrity
  - 29. Mark Wahlberg's stuffed animal
  - 31. Remember it
  - 32. "Good Will Hunting" lead man
  - 33. Pleasant facial expression
  - 35. Sea vessel
  - 38. Lacking poetic beauty
  - 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
  - 43. Sports personality Michelle
  - 44. Robber
  - 45. Liquefied natural gas
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