

MVP team backs climate-resilient housing trust

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The town’s MVP core team laid out its plan to pursue a climate-resilient housing trust, detailing two years of outreach and debate over whether limited state funding should go first toward housing or a long-sought community center.

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0 presentation dominated the Feb. 17 Select Board meeting as town staff, residents and regional planners explained how Belchertown became a pilot MVP 2.0 community and why a housing trust rose to the top of local priorities.

The state’s MVP program helps cities and towns plan for and adapt to climate change. The MVP team said they will return March 2 with a detailed climate-resilient housing trust bylaw proposal. If the Select Board agrees to place it on the warrant, the final decision will rest with Town Meeting voters.

Belchertown completed MVP 1.0 several years ago with a focus on infrastructure and internal town planning. MVP 2.0, launched locally in 2024, required extensive community outreach and the selection of a “seed project” that could later unlock up to \$3 million a year in climate resilience action grants.

“We’re here to provide the overview of what we’ve done with the MVP. Two-point municipal vulnerability preparedness, and...how we got to choose our seed project,” Library Director Cindy Harbeson told the board.

Harbeson said the town’s core MVP 2.0 team includes staff from the library and senior center, community liaisons representing vulnerable populations, and planners from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC).

Please see **MVP**, page 4

QHMA held annual breakfast meeting

By Paula Ouimette
Editor
pouimette@turley.com

WARE – The Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce held its first event in the new year, its annual breakfast at Cedarbrook Village at Ware.

Chamber CEO James Przypek welcomed attendees to the Feb. 12 breakfast, which also featured a presentation by the Employers Association of the NorthEast, a century-old nonprofit organization in western Massachusetts.

Przypek thanked the sponsors of the breakfast, the Employers Association of the NorthEast - Presenting Sponsor; Cedarbrook Village at Ware - Breakfast Sponsor and Host; Hardwick Vineyard & Winery - Raffle Sponsor; and Monson Savings - Raffle Sponsor.

Please see **QHMA**, page 8



Saying hello to this adorable “danger noodle,” Jack Skellington.

Wildlife on Wheels introduces kids to new friends

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – The Granby Free Public Library hosted a special time to welcome into the Community Room five animal ambassadors from the Zoo at Franklin Park in Springfield.

Zoo educator Sara came to the library with five animals as a part of the program, including Ella the

Umbrella Cockatoo, Darwin the African Side-Neck Turtle, Jack Skellington the California King Snake, a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, and Dorothy “Doty” the Striped Skunk.

“We love coming out to visit people, and our ambassadors are friendly and ready to be greeted,” said Sara.

Sara spent some time showing each animal, then

Please see **WILDLIFE**, page 13



Say hello to little Darwin, the African side-neck turtle.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Celebrating former Veterans Service Officer: Charly Roque

By Emily-Rose Pappas
epappas@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – Over the past six years, the Belchertown Veterans’ Services Department has been faithfully led and directed by Charly Roque.

Roque had her last day with Belchertown on Thursday, Feb. 12, having accepted an offer for a position with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans’ Services.

“I started as the veteran’s agent in Belchertown in December 2019. Only a few short months later, we were hit with a pandemic, and everything had to go digital,” said Roque. “The community welcomed me as the new veteran’s agent and helped me find my footing not only in a new job, but a new community, which I moved my family into right in the middle of the pandemic.”

With her 19 years of experience working as a local VSO in both Springfield and Belchertown, Roque is looking forward to the many new opportunities and challenges that await her, while not forgetting her roots in the local veteran’s offices.

“My favorite part of being Belchertown’s veteran’s agent



Charly Roque (center) with Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders.

is getting to meet so many of the community’s veterans and their families. Everybody has their own story, all of which is very interesting, and many are very humbling,” said Roque. “This community has been welcoming and supportive, and I look forward to continuing to be part of the community as a resident and hopefully helping the new veterans service officer if they need it in the future.”

Roque has been able to

leave her mark on many areas of the Belchertown Veterans’ Services Department, including the hugely successful food pantry on the shelves outside her office, completely free for the local veterans to utilize when in need.

The pantry shelves are stocked with home goods, hygiene items, and, in winter, socks, gloves, hats, and many winter coats that were

Please see **VSO**, page 7

Eating wings for a cause with fire and police

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Police Officers’ Association and Belchertown Fire Department competed in a wing-eating contest to raise money in order to co-sponsor a local little league.

Five police officers and four firefighters met at McCarthy’s Pub for a friendly competition and a chance to enjoy the signature flavors of wings the restaurant offers, Buffalo, so that everyone competing

had the same flavor.

“As the Belchertown Police Officers’ Association, we hope people enjoy the friendly competition between the local first responders. It’s about the community coming together, having fun, and supporting a great cause, all while sharing a few laughs,” said Officer Rivera. “Events like this let us give back to the community that supports us every day, and we’re grateful for the chance to connect with residents in a positive, lighthearted way while making a meaningful impact.”

The first responders got

together to raise funds for the Belchertown Little League softball team, which has been a part of the town since 1967, and with the renowned Mini-Fenway since 2006.

Officers and firefighters come together to cheer on the games the Little League puts together and have participated in the Home Run Derby.

“The Belchertown Little League is a great organization that helps promote the development of players and team skills from ages 8-16. For this, the Belchertown Little League is run by donation basis. Organizations like us can help sponsor teams, helping the program assist youth in our community,” said Rivera.

The firefighters won the competition as the teams ate their buffalo wings, resulting in a 37-37-wing tie, and two guests, a retired firefighter and police officer, came and ate six and five wings, respectively, bringing the total to 42-43, with the firefighters winning by one wing.

“We are hoping for peo-

Please see **WINGS**, page 5



Who will win the contest? Police or Fire?

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A watershed is full of action!

By Keith Davies
Coordinator, Chicopee
4Rivers Watershed Council
Guest Contributor

Editor's Note: This is the second part in a multi-part series about the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council.

By 2014, the original Chicopee River Watershed Council (1970s) had ceased to exist, it had not been able to engage new people.

A small group of people saw a need to change that and began to renew an idea: the Chicopee Watershed and its tributaries are a special place and should be better known and appreciated by its local residents. Why and how to do that?

Rivers have long been the lifeblood of communities across the region. They helped build New England and they were worked hard and taken for granted.

By the 1970s, people began to realize we needed to clean up our rivers, they benefited us and wildlife in ways we had overlooked. Watershed Councils sprang up and helped start a process to turn things around



A paddler is shown enjoying a day on the river.



and in the big picture, things improved, our rivers were cleaned up a great deal.

Yet the job is not done, and some practices still impact healthy rivers in undesirable ways. Today we enjoy rivers recreationally and realize they serve wildlife and people in many important and healthy ways.

The new effort started with going community to commu-

nity sharing the idea and inviting people to get involved. We held many local meetings at town halls, libraries, and community centers and it stirred interest and awareness.

We hosted river paddles and clean ups. Some joined the effort!

To give this effort focus and connect people in meaningful ways to the rivers, C4R inaugurated two programs: Water quality mon-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Volunteers participated in one of many river cleanups in the Chicopee River Watershed.

itoring and Paddling trail development.

We would monitor the basic bacterial health of the river for recreational use and enjoyment. This would invite people to see these special places and learn if they were a healthy place to enjoy.

We started with six sites on two rivers in 2015 and are now at 20 sites on all four

rivers. We have created four Blue Trails, routes on and maps of the rivers that highlight both historical and natural places that people can explore to see how special our four local rivers are.

Knowing their special character and health benefits reveals their value.

Good progress, yet just a start. The initial excitement

of renewing the idea has worn off a bit.

But once something of value is recognized, it needs to be maintained, cared for, what a handful of people had started needs more hands to keep things going. Could you help?

Next week we share our vision going forward...



Volunteers stood near a pile of trash and debris collected during a cleanup.



Paddlers made their way down river during a group paddle.



Keith Davies led a discussion about the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

Belchertown democrats to elect delegates to State Convention

BELCHERTOWN — On Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m., the Belchertown Democratic Town Committee (BDTC) will hold a caucus at Town Hall to elect 9 delegates and 4 alternates who will represent Belchertown at the 2026 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. This year's convention will take place in Worcester on Friday, May

29, and Saturday, the 30 at the DCU center. Eligible voters who are not yet registered as Democrats and wish to do so may register at the caucus or on March 7.

Young people (ages 16-35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to

apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org.

At this year's convention, delegates will gather to hear from and nominate candidates running for statewide office.

Those interested in attending the BDTC caucus can sign up on the BDTC's website at www.belchertowndemocrats.org/caucus.

Open positions for town elections

BELCHERTOWN – The town election is coming up in May, and there are several positions available to run for across many boards and committees in town.

- Board of Assessors - 1 seat open with a 2-year term
- Board of Assessors – 1 seat open with a 3-year term
- Board of Health – 2 seats open with 3-year terms each
- Housing Authority – 1 seat

- open with a 4-year term
 - Moderator – 1 seat open with a 3-year term
 - Planning Board – 1 seat open with a 3-year term
 - School Committee – 2 seats open with 3-year terms each
 - Select Board – 1 seat open with a 3-year term
- Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk's office and are due back by 5 p.m. on March 30, 2026.



Easy Propane Tank Swap Out!

\$99

Call For Details!



HEATING CO., INC.

60 Shumway Street
Amherst, MA 01002

413.253.5999

CONTACT SURNER HEATING TODAY! VISIT OUR WEBSITE SURNERHEAT.COM



JIM POTTER

Your Local Home Town REALTOR® Since 2007

EXPERIENCE | KNOWLEDGE | PERSONAL ATTENTION

Excellent Service • Exceptional Results

“Glad I put my trust in Jim!”

413.221.5230

Jim.Potter@Raveis.com

200 Triangle Street | Amherst, MA 01002



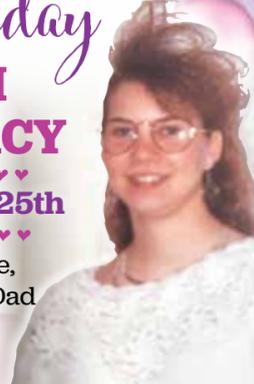


Happy 50th Birthday

JODI DESORCY

February 25th

With Love,
Mom and Dad



DL&G TREE

Tree
Removal



Structural
Pruning



Crane
Service



Storm
Damage



Stump
Grinding



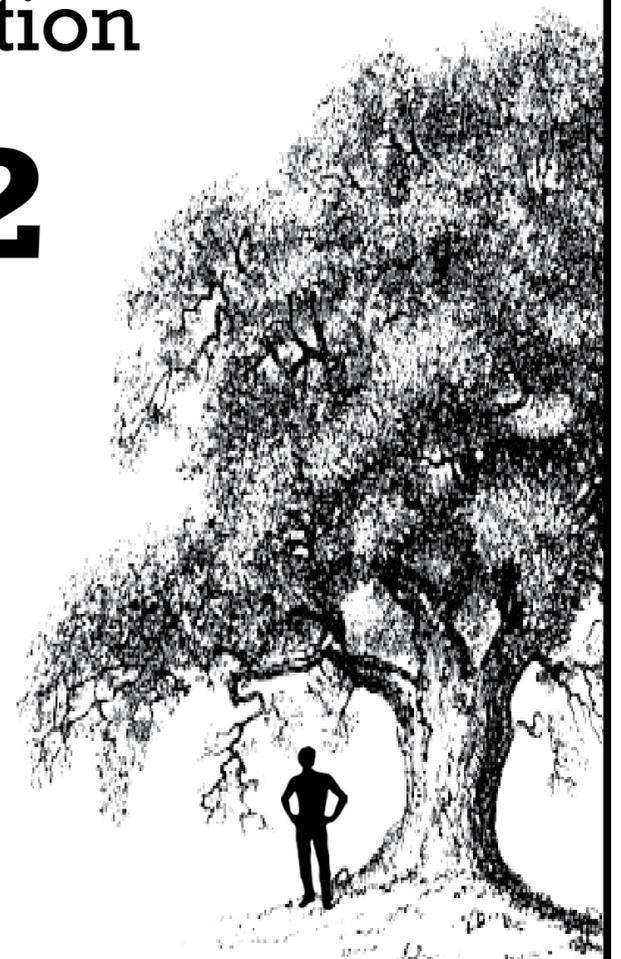
Lot
Clearing



Give us a call for your free estimate
and tree evaluation

413-478-4212

DL&G TREE



INSURED AND CERTIFIED

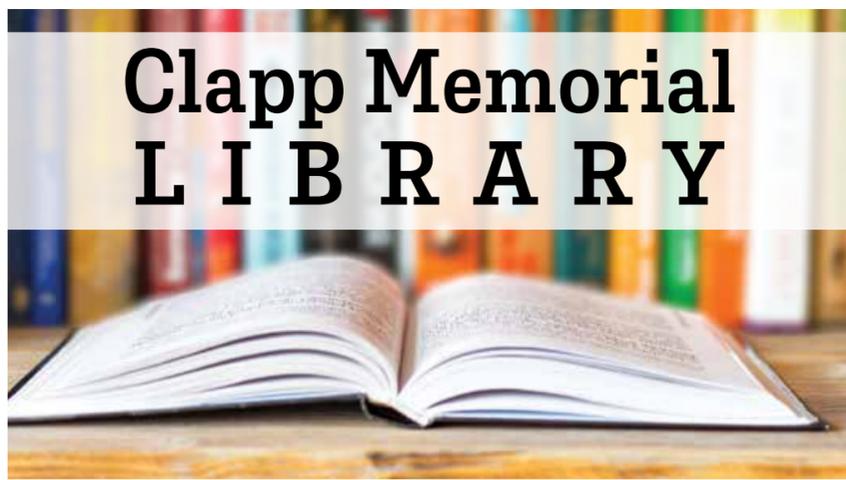
Get ready for more events at the library

BELCHERTOWN – What's going on at the Clapp Memorial Library? Check out these upcoming events and programs!

FOR GENERAL AUDIENCES: BHS Art Reception Pokémon Day All Day Event

Friday, February 27

For the second year in a row, the Clapp Memorial Library invites the public to visit and celebrate Pokémon Day with fun for all ages! Take part in any of our themed activities to earn a raffle ticket for a Pokémon Prize Bundle! Activities include a Pokémon Scavenger Hunt, Pokémon Bingo, Pokémon Crafts and Pokémon Movie Night! Get all of the details about times and whether an activity requires registration on our website at clapplibrary.org/event/pokemon-day-2. Please keep in mind that children under age 10 must be accompanied and continually supervised by a parent or caregiver



while in the Library per our Unattended Child Policy.

FOR ADULTS: What "YA" Readin'? Book Club

Thursday, March 5,
7 to 8 p.m.

The library's What "YA" Readin'? Book Club, a group for adults who read Young Adult books, will meet to discuss Twenty-Four Seconds From Now by Jason Reynolds. April's book will be One Step Forward by Marcie Flinchum Atkins.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. New members are welcome!

Coming Up! Mindfulness Meditation 8 Week Course:

Thursdays: March 12 to
April 30, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Clapp Memorial Library is once again offering an introductory Mindfulness Meditation and Stress Reduction Awareness course. Mindfulness meditation skills teach us to be fully

present in the moment, help decrease stress levels, and improve general well-being and health. Registration is required. We ask that you register only if you are able to attend each session. Register online at clapplibrary.org or call 413-323-0417. This course will be taught by Magda Bechar, a retired nursing professor who has taught mindfulness meditation skills to many groups, including at the Clapp Memorial Library, for many years.

FOR TEENS: Pokémon Diamond Painting

Friday, Feb. 27,
4:30 to 6 p.m.

Celebrate Pokémon Day at the Clapp Memorial Library!

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the library to learn the basics of diamond-painting by diamond-painting their own Eeveelution drink coaster! All materials will be provided. Space is limited; email clapplibrary-tab@gmail.com to register. This program, which takes place in the library's Activity Room, is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

D&D Afterschool Adventures: Into the Abomination Vaults

Mondays, Feb. 23 to
March 30, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Grab your dice and join us for our Spring Teen D&D Campaign! Brave adventurers are needed once again to delve deep within the Abomination Vaults and defeat the dangers below! For teens in grades 7-12. Teens who played in last year's Abomination Vaults may return with their same characters as the story progress-

es. No experience necessary. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at clapplibrary.org or call 413-323-0417. Confirmations will be sent out to students confirming enrollment or waitlist status. Please email any questions to tmannino@cwmar.org

FOR CHILDREN: Children's Scavenger Hunt Every Month in 2026

February's Theme: Dav Pilkey, Prize: Dav Pilkey Book Bundle

We're inviting children to participate in a Monthly Scavenger Hunt! Look for book characters and write down the word you find with them. When you have all of the words, figure out the saying and enter to win the month's themed prize! One raffle ticket per child each month.

Clapp Memorial Library Hours:

- Monday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Thursday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

MVP from page 1

The team conducted a wide-ranging outreach campaign that included a town-wide survey, tabling at community events, targeted interviews and work with specific neighborhoods.

"We did community interviews and surveys with both Sports Haven and Pine Valley mobile home park communities," Harbeson said. "We did resident interviews at the farmer's market. We did table and interviews at the Family Center committee clothing swap. We did resident interviews at the trunk or treat."

In all, the group collected 225 surveys and estimated it reached about 2,500 people, Harbeson said.

From those efforts, residents repeatedly highlighted several needs: more community events for all ages, more community space, protection of the environment, better transportation, diverse and affordable housing options, better engagement with local government, support for agriculture and food access, health care access and more jobs.

Those community-identified needs were combined with the earlier

MVP 1.0 work to update Belchertown's list of 10 local climate resilience priorities. Any future MVP action grant proposals must be tied to those priorities and demonstrate benefits to socially vulnerable residents.

The core team then had to select one "seed project" to spend a \$50,000 MVP 2.0 implementation grant on and to carry forward to Town Meeting.

"Ultimately, we chose the housing trust as our seed project," Harbeson said. She said the proposal "responds to a community need to increase opportunities for

people to remain in their homes," aligns with three of the revised priorities, offers broad reach for the resources available and "fits within our team's expertise."

Board member Jennifer Turner asked the question she said she was hearing from residents: why the housing trust instead of a community center.

Senior Center Director Jessica Langlois replied that money was the main constraint.

"The community center did not get chosen because we had the \$50,000 that could be used towards this housing trust to get us there to the seed project, and \$50,000 wasn't going to get us close to... a community center," Langlois said. She noted that even draft plans for a center had been estimated "upwards of 20 or \$30,000," consuming most of the available funds.

Board Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson stressed that a community center "came in number two" in the priority rank-

ing and remains high on the list. She also disclosed that, separate from the MVP seed project, town officials and PVPC are actively exploring an MVP action grant focused on reusing the former Tadgell School as a "Belchertown resiliency hub and civic center."

Several board members pressed for details on how the \$50,000 MVP 2.0 grant is being spent and why some participants are paid while most town boards are volunteer.

Harbeson said PVPC is the town's consultant on the project and is paid from the grant. Community liaisons, residents recruited to represent older adults, mobile home residents, single parents, the recovery community and other groups, also receive stipends.

Board member Nicole Miner asked how much those liaisons are paid and said she had not realized that some local participants were receiving money. Lessard

Pearson said the stipend was \$2,500, describing it as a one-time payment.

Turner questioned that structure, comparing it to the Select Board's own annual stipend.

"I have a problem with paying \$2,500 stipend, when me, as a Select Board, only gets \$2,000 as a stipend," Turner said.

PVPC planner Angela Battle told the board that paying liaisons is not optional if Belchertown wants to participate in MVP 2.0.

"It is a mandatory requirement of MVP, 2.0... there is a specific line item for community liaisons. You have to use community liaisons," Battle said. She added, "MVP wants you to pay them \$4,000 for the work. But the committee as a whole... agreed to be paid \$2,500 not the \$4,000 that MVP wanted, and to use the extra money to do more for engagement and outreach in the community."

PAID ADVERTORIAL



Ed Sokolowski, Managing Partner and Wealth Advisor at Pioneer Valley Financial Group, Named Business West Difference Maker

Pioneer Valley (PV) Financial Group is proud to share that Managing Partner and Wealth Advisor Ed Sokolowski has been recognized as a Difference Maker by Business West.

When Ed founded PV Financial in 2002 alongside partners Joe Leoczky and Chuck Myers, they set out to build something different. From the beginning, the firm has been guided by what Ed calls "the triangle" — three areas that must work together to create real success: clients, employees, and community. For PV, giving back isn't an afterthought; it's one of the three sides that holds everything up.

"We're not here to make the most money — we're here to make a difference in all three areas," Ed says.

That mindset continues to shape the company today. PV Financial operates with a simple mission: We believe in helping our clients and community live better. Our legacy is the people and the lives that we have touched.

For more than two decades, giving back has grown into a defining part of the firm's culture. It's not just about writing checks — it's about showing up. The entire team is involved, volunteering their time with local nonprofits and supporting events that strengthen the community.

Longstanding initiatives like the annual Slide into Summer Safety event with local schools and first responders, as well as the First Responder's Appreciation Dinner, have become traditions for the firm. At the same time, newer partnerships with organizations such as CHD All In, and Rachel's Table have created even more opportunities for employees to get involved throughout the year.

In 2025 alone, PV Financial worked with more than 64 organizations, participated in 51 community events, and contributed over 75 volunteer hours across the region. The Difference Maker recognition is an honor, but for PV Financial, the real reward is continuing to live out that mission every day.

Read full article at <https://businesswest.com/issues/feb-16-2026/#p=44>.

NESCO SALES INC.

COMPLETE AUTO BODY CENTER



We Make It Easy For You! RS #1688

- Collision Specialists
- Free Estimates (By Appointment)
- We Help with Insurance Claims!
- Expert Color Matching

89 ½ State Street, Bondsville, MA 01009
www.nescoautobody.com
413-283-6403



ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEANING NOTIFICATION

The Department of Public Works,
Maintenance Division will be conducting
the annual removal of ALL seasonal decorations
within the Towns' Cemeteries.
For anyone wishing to retrieve
personal graveside items,
please do so before March 23, 2026.

**All items will be removed beginning
March 23, 2026.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Feb. 13, through Feb. 19. 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
Monday, Feb. 16

1:09 p.m. – A 34-year-old Springfield male was issued a summons on charges of leaving the scene of property damage/accident. An officer dispatched to a residence regarding property damage from a delivery truck. There was heavy damage to a stone retaining wall at the end of the driveway. A video showed a package drop off. The delivery driver then responded to another residence where a parked car was struck, and an officer remembered the delivery driver. The company received a complaint and was told to call police. They were identified as the person in the video and criminal application issued.

ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS
Friday, Feb. 13

3:06 a.m. – An officer on a patrol located a vehicle in Piper Farm area on Maple Street with a New Hampshire registration plate. The officer found it was not reported missing. It was left there.

11:24 a.m. – An officer went to the Post Office for a report of a confused person. Belchertown Fire paramedics also responded to the scene. There were several other recent issues with the person with memory issues. An immediate threat was put on their license.

1:36 p.m. – An officer responded to Sargeant Street for a report of a person in the road appeared to be intoxicated. They were falling into snowbanks and stumbling into the roadway. Their gait was unsteady. They were located and identified by the officer. They said they were walking home. Their eyes were glassy, they admitted to consuming alcohol. Another officer went to the person's residence to see if anyone was home. They located the person's partner and said they could be experiencing a reaction to a medication. Belchertown Fire paramedics arrived and transported the person from the scene.

2:36 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle parked in a lot at a

George Hannum Road business when the vehicle owner came to the vehicle from the store. They found the rear passenger light and corner were damaged.

Saturday, Feb. 14

2:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence to speak with a person who went to log in their Amazon Prime on a tv. There was a flag which prompted the person call a number to speak with a scammer who claimed to be from Amazon. The person was told to send gift cards as payment for the account to work. The person wanted the matter reported.

9:15 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person got a cold call from a person working for the bank's fraud department. They asked if they were trying to make an out of state purchase then they said last number of the social security number and then asked for the personal questions and then became skeptical that it was fraudulent. They were advised to freeze all their accounts.

Sunday, Feb. 15

10:33 a.m. – Police responded for a report of missing juvenile. They were later located.

11:15 a.m. – An officer responded to Stebbins Street for a report of an alleged past assault. There was video footage provided and viewed by officers.

Monday, Feb. 16

11:02 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle going east on State Street struck a vehicle going west on State Street. The first vehicle spun around and came to final rest facing the west. The second vehicle continued west onto Summit Street. There was damage to both vehicles. No tows were needed and no injuries were reported.

2:44 p.m. – An officer assisted a resident who had water leaking into the residence.

2:54 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. Two vehicle's traveling on State Street. One vehicle went into the straight lane and the other went into a left lane to turn. The operator of the first vehicle then went to move into the left lane, striking the second vehicle. Both came to rest in an adjacent parking lot. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

6:50 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling east on Federal Street stopped at Federal Street and George Hannum Road. A second vehicle failed to stop in time and rear ended the first vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

9:11 p.m. – An officer

responded to a State Street business regarding a person seen on a camera removing a small statue from the property. The person left going south toward Turkey Hill Road. One officer responded to speak with the reporting party. Another officer went to look in the area where the suspect headed. The business was closed at the time of the incident the person was located about a quarter of a mile away. They discarded the statue when the officer arrived. It matched the description that was on the camera footage. The property was returned to the business. They didn't want any charges but requested the juvenile was trespassed.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6:31 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A vehicle traveling east on Ware Road, when a deer struck by another vehicle got up and ran into the eastbound lane. The deer ran into a vehicle. A vehicle had damage to the center front. No injuries were reported and no tows were reported.

6:31 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A deer entered the roadway and struck a vehicle. There was damage to the front left of the vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

Thursday, Feb. 19

7:40 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A vehicle going west on Ware Road swerved to avoid rear ending another vehicle. The vehicle went into a snowbank. There was damage to the front wheels. The vehicle was towed and no injuries were reported.

7:49 a.m. – An officer took a report of suspicious activity. An officer took a letter out of the drop box in front of the station. It was put into property.

4:42 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Mill Valley Road. A vehicle going north on Mill Valley Road went into another lane and into a tree. The operator reported the steering wheel locked. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was towed.

See **GRANBY POLICE LOGS, PAGE 11**

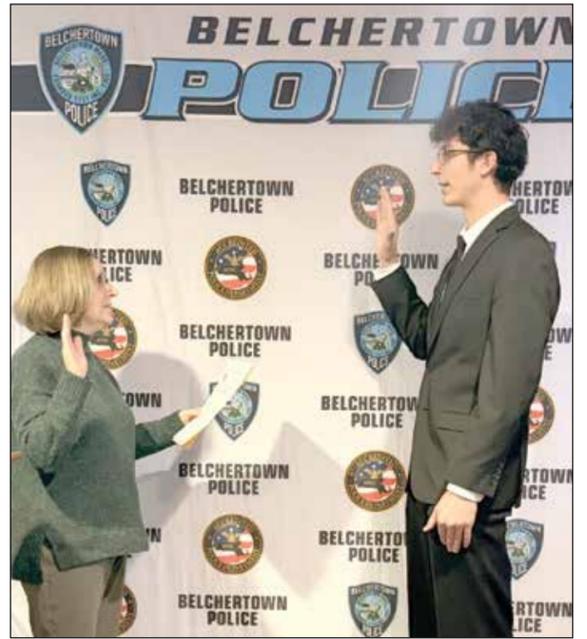
BPD welcomes in new police officer

BELCHERTOWN – We are pleased to introduce and welcome Connor White to the Belchertown Police Department. Connor was sworn in this morning by Town Clerk Camerlin, with his parents proudly in attendance to share in the moment.

Connor will begin the 22-week police academy on March 2, and upon successful completion, will move on to an 8-12-week field training program.

A Belchertown resident and 2023 graduate of Belchertown High School, Connor is currently completing his junior year at AIC. He plans to finish his degree in criminal justice after completing his academy and field training.

SUBMITTED PHOTO
Connor White being sworn in by Town Clerk Camerlin.



WINGS from page 1

ple to enjoy themselves. This wing contest is being done so that both the police union and fire union will co-sponsor a Little League softball team. The thing I like most about events like this is the involvement from not only the members but the community as well," said firefighter Kevin Girard.

The competition between the police and fire departments is always fun to witness and offers a different way for the community to see their first responders in a less formal way, and helps create bonds between the community and the people who serve them to keep them safe.

"The biggest sponsor of this event is McCarthy's Pub. They are always willing to partner with both police and fire. They truly are invaluable community partners," said Girard.

"What I love most about events like these is the opportunity to come together in support of one or multiple causes that truly matter to our community," said Rivera. "These interactive gatherings give us a chance to connect with community members in a relaxed, welcoming environment without the uniform, allowing for genuine conversations and stronger relationships beyond our day-to-day roles."

The event was a great success, and it allowed for all in attendance to get the chance



Going for the tie-breaker.



How many wings could you eat?



Working through that many buffalo wings is tough.

to come together for a fun event before the blizzard and enjoy some good food for a good cause.

please recycle this newspaper

THE ROADHOUSE CAFE

(413) 323-6175
178 Federal St. Belchertown, MA

Swing on by The Roadhouse Cafe!

Specials Are Served All Week
And Breakfast Is Served All Day!

OPEN MONDAY-SUNDAY 7 AM TO 2 PM
Check our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates

TOP DOLLAR PAID CARS, TRUCKS & SUVs

GOOD OR JUNK
"WE COME WITH THE CASH"

Nate (413) 636-2929

D AND M AUTO
1422 Park St.
Palmer, MA 01069

LEFT OUT IN THE COLD?

Did your propane company let you run out this winter?
Couldn't reach a real person when you needed help?
Tired of dealing with a company that isn't even local?

You deserve better.

Surner Heating is a locally owned fuel company.

We live here. Work here. We answer our phones.

When temperatures drop, we don't disappear.

Surner Heating 24/7 Emergency Service

Real People - Not Call Centers
Reliable Deliveries
Look for our Blue and Yellow Trucks

No one in our community should be left without heat.
Call Surner today and make the switch.

413-253-5999

LOWER PRICES TO BOOST YOUR BUDGET! **INFLATION PRICE BUSTERS** **PRICES IN RED ARE AT OR BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRICES!**

USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN PORK LOIN LOIN END or RIB END ROAST \$1.89 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF STRIPLOIN CUT FREE WHOLE OR HALF \$7.77 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH WHOLE CHICKEN TWIN PAK..... \$1.39 lb
USDA INSP. FROZEN BONELESS CENTER CUT 1/2 PORK LOIN \$1.89 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF CHUCK ROAST or STEAK \$6.59 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST 10 LB BAG \$1.99 lb
USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS PORK BUTT STRIPS..... \$1.89 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF CHUCK ROAST or STEAK \$6.59 lb	Denten Specials
SLICED IN OUR DELI	USDA INSP. FROZEN RIGHT NOW ASSORTED PASTA MEALS 16 OZ..... \$2.99 ea	USDA INSP. FROZEN BATTERED & BREADED ONION RINGS 2 LB BOX \$2.99 box
USDA INSP. FULLY COOKED SMOKED BEEF BRISKET \$4.99 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN RAW SHRIMP 26/30 COUNT PEELLED & DEVEINED 2 LB BAG \$15.99 ea	
USDA INSP. MUESTER CHEESE..... \$5.55 lb	USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN IQF 90 Meat Outlet 90 Avocado St. Springfield 413-737-1288 www.90meat.com	
SOUP'S ON!	USDA INSP. FRESH MEATY BEEF NECK BONES. \$3.99 lb	
USDA INSP. FROZEN WHOLE RABBIT \$4.99 lb	USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF 7 LB BAG \$3.99 lb	

SALE DATES: 2/26/26-3/3/26

BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters

By Russell Gloor

My friend is 65; shouldn't she be exempt from Medicare payroll taxes?

Dear Rusty:

My girlfriend is 65 and she just enrolled in Medicare.

She is still working full time as a nurse, but they are still deducting Medicare taxes from her paycheck. I thought as soon as you started Medicare, that they would no longer take any Medicare taxes from her paychecks. Is that not correct?

Signed: Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend:

Your understanding about Medicare payroll tax is, indeed, not correct. Medicare taxes are levied on everyone, who works and earns, regardless of whether or not they are currently enrolled in the Medicare program. That is how Medicare has worked since it was first enacted in the mid-1960s and how it still works today.

For Your Information, everyone who works for an employer must pay Federal Insurance Contributions Act payroll tax of 7.65%. Most (6.2%) of that payroll tax goes to support Social Security, but 1.45% goes to support Medicare Part A. Self-employed individuals must also pay this tax under the Self-Employed Contributions Act, which is equivalent to FICA, except the self-employed individual must also pay the employer portion of the payroll tax. The Social Security portion of the FICA/SECA tax has an earnings cap (\$184,500 in 2026), but there is no cap on earnings for the Medicare portion of the FICA/SECA payroll tax. FYI, employers pay an equivalent amount of Social Security and Medicare taxes and the Medicare portion of the payroll tax is paid on all earnings. There is no cap

on earnings from which the Medicare payroll tax is withheld.

To ensure understanding, Medicare Part A provides healthcare coverage for inpatient hospitalization services and Medicare Part B provides coverage for outpatient medical services (doctors, medical tests, etc.). That 1.45% of the FICA and SECA tax for the self-employed is paid by those who work to help fund the Medicare Part A program, which is premium-free for most Americans after age 65. For Medicare Part B, there is a separate premium which helps pay for Medicare outpatient healthcare services. The standard Medicare Part B premium for 2026 is \$202.90 per month, compared to Medicare Part A which is free to all who are eligible for Social Security benefits. But the 1.45% payroll tax which is being withheld from your girlfriend's paycheck is paid by everyone who has work earnings, even if they are enrolled in Medicare.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisory@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Snow flowers for an impending storm

As I write, we are expecting a blizzard. More snow in a winter that has already provided plenty, at least in my humble opinion.

Instead of focusing on all of that depressing news, why don't we "think spring" by focusing on bulbs that appear just as the snow is melting.

Perhaps the earliest and best known of the spring harbingers is the Snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*). Toughened points on the leaf tips make it possible for the snowdrop to push through the crusty soil of late winter. Two or three strappy leaves grow from each bulb; most often there is just one flower.

You'll notice three white outer petals first and upon closer inspection you'll see green tipped inner petals. The flowers are held on the stem in a nodding fashion and in my experience they stay in bloom for upwards of three weeks.

Reportedly they are well adapted for bees, at least those that are brave enough to venture out of the hive in search of pollen during the warmest days of late winter!

Snowdrops will naturalize if happy, increasing in numbers both above and below the ground! Although we "deadhead" most bulbs, keeping spent flower heads of this genus in place will allow seeds to ripen and new plants to form. It is interesting to observe the process of a snowdrop self-sowing.

Once the flower has gone by a large seed will form; because of its weight, the stem will bend toward the

ground dropping its ripe seed at a perfect distance from the

flowered lawn effect: don't mow until the foliage has yellowed or mow high to miss the foliage.

Another one of my favorite harbingers is the Snow Crocus (*Crocus tommasinianus*). Not to be confused with the large Dutch crocus, Snow Crocus is typically lilac in color and has white stems.

They grow about three inches tall and naturalize well with daughter corms forming around the mother corm. They are both squirrel and deer resistant.

Native to Hungary, Snow Crocus are sometimes called "Tommies" thanks to their species name, which was a tribute to Muzio G. Spirito de Tommasini, a Hungarian botanist. Years ago we had these beauties in a sequence of spring bloomers that started with Snow Drops, moved on to the Snow Crocus, then on to a Daffodil and then finally the Spanish bluebell. The combination spanned March through May.

Just the thought of that versus what we are expecting in terms of weather has lightened my mood some; I hope it has done the same for you.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



mother plant. Under no circumstances should the foliage of a bulb be removed until it is brown and dry.

It may not be the most beautiful to look at, but all the while that it is green it is making and storing food for next year's flowers.

Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa luciliae*) is also one of the first spring bulbs to appear, sometimes right through the melting snow. Most common in periwinkle blue with a white center, these six inch tall, six petaled flowers also appear in pink and white.

They thrive in full to part sun situations, whether it be the rock garden, at the base of shrubs or deciduous trees or even when planted in the lawn! They naturalize easily, forming large colonies by bulb offsets and self-sowing. They are deer resistant.

Glory of the Snow stay in bloom upwards of two weeks, maybe longer if temperatures don't spike. Like other spring bloomers, the bulbs go dormant after the foliage ripens. It does not stick around long enough to be much of an eyesore in the garden.

One word of caution for those looking for the blue

other insects. They also eat fruits and berries in fall and winter.

Bird bath visitors

A Brimfield resident sent an email recently. He said, "I have a heated bird bath so I modified it by placing rocks in the center so that the only water available is near the edge and birds can't immerse themselves in water to take a bath. The birds sit on the edge of the bird bath to drink."

He also said, "I have a trail camera aimed at the bird bath. I was looking at pictures taken during December (40,000) and saw that blue jays, house finches and juncos are the most frequent birds taking a drink. Birds that show up less often are cardinals, titmice and morning doves. Curiously chickadees drink infrequently even though they are often seen in the yard. We seldom see goldfinches drinking, but they are not seen in the yard often. I was surprised to see a downy woodpecker show up twice to get a drink. I can't recall ever seen a woodpecker drink at the bird bath before, summer or winter."

Helping birds

The Brimfield resident said creating brush piles provides shelter for birds. The piles also provide shelter for small animals as well. He said this time of year is a good time to trim trees and shrubs, a source of materials for a brush pile.

He said someone sent him a link about the possible dangers to birds of their feathers freezing if they take a bath in cold weather. For more information, people may visit the link at <https://blog.nature.org/2022/01/31/should-you-provide-birds-water-in-winter/>.

Project Feederwatch

The Brimfield resident also said, "I recently visited the Project Feederwatch 2025 results (https://cdn.feederwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Winter-Bird-Highlights-2025_12.22.2025.pdf). The chart shows the top 25 birds seen in the Northeast during last year. The top 11 species can be seen most days in our yard."

Here is the list: 1. chick-

Please see **BACKYARD**, page 11

Turley Publications
Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor should be 350 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: Sentinel, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 or via email to sentinel@turley.com. The deadline for submissions is Friday at 5 p.m.

Turley Election Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

SENTINEL TEAM

EDITORIAL
sentinel@turley.comSTAFF WRITER
Emily-Rose Pappas
epappas@turley.comSPORTS EDITOR
Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

The Sentinel is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

@ The Sentinel

WEB
www.sentinel.turley.comPATRICK H. TURLEY
CEOKEITH TURLEY
President

Turley Publications, Inc.

www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

On President's Day I saw a northern flicker fly up into a tree as I traveled in Barre.

The white rump patch was clearly visible. A Brimfield resident said he has a friend in Belchertown, who occasionally has a flicker come to his suet feeder. Four or five bluebirds also frequent his suet feeder.

Northern flickers are a fairly, large woodpecker about 11 to 12 inches long. They are larger than a hairy woodpecker and smaller than a pileated woodpecker.

They appear brownish overall with a white rump patch that's is conspicuous in flight and often visible when they perch. The undersides of the wing and tail feathers are bright yellow for eastern birds or red for western



Northern flicker

birds. The brown plumage has black spots, barring and a black "bib." The sexes are similar, but the male has a black mustache.

Flickers spend a lot of time on the ground and like many woodpeckers fly in an undulating up and down path with flapping and gliding. They make a repeated flicker or "wicka-wicka-wicka" call and a loud "kleer."

They inhabit open forests,

woodlots, groves and semi-open country. The female lays five to eight eggs sometimes more. Both sexes incubate the eggs with the male incubating at night and part time of the day. Both parents feed the young by regurgitation. The young leave the nest in about four weeks after hatching, but parents feed them for whilet. Later, they follow them to good foraging sites. They mainly eat ants and



Charly met this WWII veteran at the State House, with Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans Services, Dr. Jon Santiago.

VSO from page 1

provided generously by the police department.

The pantry also includes food items, including spices, dry goods, snacks, soups, and canned goods.

"I am proud of this because it started on a little spare shelf I brought from home and expanded to the two large shelving units we have now because the community saw what our office was doing and helped," said Roque. "We received donations to purchase the new shelves as well as donations of items and funds to keep those shelves stocked. It may not be an enormous food pantry; however, it helps our community, and I am extremely proud of it."

Roque has made a positive difference in many people's lives, and the community is proud to see her moving forward, but will miss her and the way she was a constant support to the veterans in Belchertown.

"Some advice I would leave for the next veteran's agent would be to connect



Charly with Vietnam Veteran Kenneth J. David, Medal of Honor Recipient.

with the local communities' veteran agents. The network is strong and very supportive. If you need anything or a local veteran needs something that you are not able to acquire here, it is almost certain that a fellow VSO will have or be able to find what-

ever it is," said Roque.

Roque has been able to make many positive changes and influences on the town during her time as the agent, and is looking forward to this new opportunity, which will give her the chance to welcome and help many more people to come.

"Even though my new position is with the state, I will still be supporting local veterans in my new role. I will absolutely miss being the town's veteran's agent. This is a very bittersweet move for me. My family will continue to live here. We are still your neighbors, and we look forward to continuing to be a positive part of this community," said Roque. "I'd also like to say thank you to my colleagues and clients for all of the humbling, kind words I've been receiving since I shared that I would be leaving my position."



Charly and retired Major Keith Poulin at the Quabbin Cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony with handmade wreaths for the graves of veterans.

Community Summit to bring residents and organizations together

A morning for collaboration and connection

BELCHERTOWN — The Town of Belchertown invites residents, volunteers, and community groups to attend the upcoming Belchertown Community Summit, a morning gathering designed to foster connection, collaboration, and conversation across the community.

The Belchertown Community Summit will provide a welcoming space for attendees to share ideas, learn about ongoing initiatives, and explore opportunities to work together to strengthen Belchertown. Participants will have the chance to connect with local organizations and committees, hear about cur-

rent projects and available resources, and help shape future community efforts.

Whether you are actively involved in a committee or organization, or simply interested in becoming more engaged in the community, all residents are encouraged to attend.

Event Details:

What: Belchertown Community Summit

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium

Event details can be found via Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1C4hKKqKtA/>

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/VoJob5BDeSJgbsEy7>

Email culturaldistrict@belchertown.org with any questions.

End-of-life issues program comes to St. Francis

Sunday, March 22, 2 to 3:30 p.m., St. Francis Parish Center, Pine Room, 10 Park St., Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN — Our Respect Life Committee is hosting an informational afternoon on End-of-Life Issues, with multiple speakers presenting on topics to include hospice care, funeral planning (funeral home arrangements and funeral liturgy), the MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) form, and File for Life and Lock Box.

After a general Q&A, speakers will be on hand for more specific questions. Brochures, forms, and informational materials, as well as refreshments and coffee will be available.

Pokémon Day at Clapp library

BELCHERTOWN — For the second year in a row, the Clapp Memorial Library invites the public to visit and celebrate Pokémon Day on Friday, February 27th with fun for all ages! Take part in any of our themed activities to earn a raffle ticket for a Pokémon Prize Bundle!

All Day: Pokémon Scavenger Hunt

Pokémon have taken over the library! All ages are invited to go on a scavenger hunt to find them in the building. 2:30 to 5 p.m. on the Main Floor: Pokémon Cross Stitch with Jon Rymaz

Learn how to cross-stitch a Pokémon! Jon Rymaz will demonstrate cross-stitching and assist others in learning on the main floor of the library. Preregister online at <https://clapplibrary.org/>

event/pokemon-cross-stitch/ and choose your Pokémon. Kits will be distributed on Pokémon Day. Walk-ins are welcome, but Pokémon options for walk-ins will be limited. This program is for ages 10+.

4:30 to 6 p.m.: *Pokémon Diamond-Painting for Teens and Tweens*

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to diamond-paint a drink coaster featuring Eevee or one of its Eeveelutions! Teen Services Coordinator Ruthie Sterling will teach the basics of diamond-painting. All materials will be provided. Space is limited; email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register.

5 to 6 p.m.: *Pokémon Bingo*

Do you know your Pokémon? Patrons of all ages are invited to drop-in during

this hour for Pokémon Bingo on the main floor of the library! Win a sticker prize! Patrons under 10 must be accompanied and continually supervised by a parent or caregiver while in the Library per our Unattended Child Policy. No registration is necessary.

6 to 7:45 p.m.: *Pokémon Movie Night*

We will end the day by showing the 2019 Pokémon movie featuring Ryan Reynolds as the voice of Detective Pikachu.

This film is rated PG. Patrons under 10 must be accompanied and continually supervised by a parent or caregiver while in the Library per our Unattended Child Policy. Register at <https://clapplibrary.org/event/pokemon-movie-night/>

Local student contributes through service learning

BOSTON — Sarah Hiersche, of Belchertown, recently made an impact in the lives of young Bostonians through service learning.

Hiersche contributed during the fall session of The Great American Experiment, an entry-level course at the School of Education that focuses on the history of education in the United States, plus a service-learning component to supple-

ment classroom learning with real-world experience.

Students in the Great American Experiment contribute at the Mission Grammar School, the Sister Mary Hart afterschool program, or the 3 Point Foundation.

With more than 80 majors and areas of study, Emmanuel College combines outstanding classroom instruction and real-world

experience to prepare students for lives of professional achievement, lifelong learning, and purpose. Voted the #1 college location in America in 2025 by Niche.com, Emmanuel offers ready access to world-class medical, cultural, and business organizations in the Heart of Boston, all with a tight-knit 17-acre campus and 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Learn more at Emmanuel.edu.

A FULL SERVICE COMPANY

Owner **Mike McKenzie**
MA. Lic. #15648A
Fully Insured
OSHA 10 Certified

Residential
Commercial
Industrial

Office: 413-213-0770
Email: btownelectric413@gmail.com

Neighborhood Marketplace

Locally owned businesses here to serve you!

TILTON AUTOMOTIVE

GENERAL REPAIRS

AutoCare Center
We Install Only NAPA Parts

FREDERICK TILTON
Owner
323-5051

ROUTE 9
3 AMHERST ROAD
BELCHERTOWN, MA 01007

Quabbin Analytical Laboratory

Have you tested your well water recently?

P.O. Box 1192
9 Stadler Steet
Belchertown, MA 01007
413-323-7134
quabbinanalytical@yahoo.com

Adventure tours of Warren
Share the Adventure with us!

Two Great Cruises aboard Norwegian Breakaway!

June 9-12 4-Day Boothbay Harbor Vacation\$899
June 27.....Lake George Cruise & Lunch\$185
July 11.....Provincetown by Fast Ferry.....\$220
July 19.....8-Day Bermuda & Halifax Cruise.....from \$1699
Aug 30.....8-Day Nova Scotia Cruisefrom \$1699

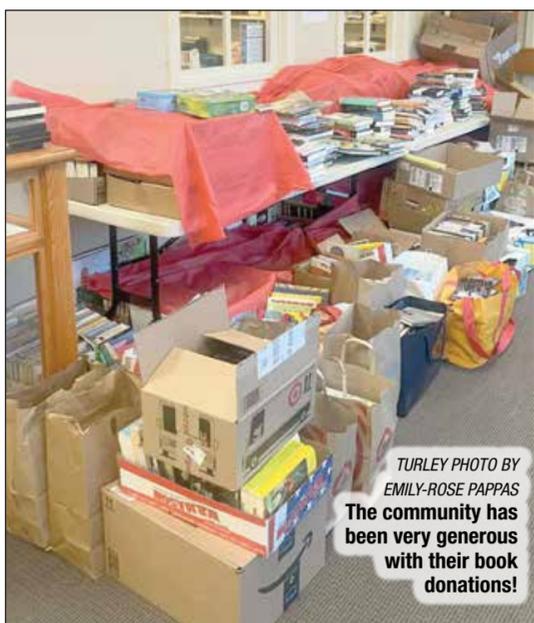
Share the Adventure with us soon!
For further information call Randall at (413) 436-5357 or email adventuretours@att.net or go to www.adventuretoursofwarren.com

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Has This Happened to You?
We do what your body shop won't!
Body Rust • Body Rot • Frame Rust • Chassy Work

Turn to the experts at
Amherst Welding
Welding • Fabrication • Hydraulic
Hoses & Hydraulic Repairs • Snow Plows • Sanders • Hand Railings
330 Harkness Road, Amherst • (413) 253-4867

GRANBY



TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
The community has been very generous with their book donations!

Granby Free Public Library to host month-long book sale

GRANBY – Book lovers! Bargain Hunters! The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will host their Month-Long Book Sale during the month of March in the Community Room of the Library. You will be able to choose from a large assortment of used and like-new hardcover, softcover, paperback books, teen books, and children's books, along with a selection of CDs,

DVDs, video games, and audiobooks. The sale will run during regular library hours from March 3 through 31.

The Library is no longer accepting donations after February 25th. Thank you for your support!

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St, Granby, MA 01033. Visit granbylibrary.org for hours and more information.

Democratic Town Committee to hold annual caucus

GRANBY – The Granby Democratic Town Committee will hold a caucus on Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State Street.

The committee will elect four delegates and four alternates to the 2026 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will gather to endorse candidates for statewide office. The Convention will be held on May 29 and 30 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

The Democratic Committee welcomes participants. The caucus is open to all, but only Democrats registered in Granby can run for delegate. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the Caucus will start at 11.

The committee normally meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Granby Free Public Library. For more information on the caucus or the committee please contact Tobias Wilson at chair@granbydemocrats.com or visit their website at www.granbydemocrats.com.



Gary Dawson, director of Learning & Development at the Employers Association of the NorthEast, was the featured speaker at the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's annual breakfast.



Mackenzie Diaz, Workforce Solutions Specialists at the Employers Association of the NorthEast, spoke about membership options.



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's CEO James Przypek welcomed attendees to the chamber's breakfast, held at Cedarbrook Village at Ware.

QHMA from page 1

He also thanked the chamber's underwriters for the year, Superior Plus Propane, Burkhart Pizzanelli, Country Bank, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Inc., Monson Savings, Servepro, Behavioral Health Network and Christopher Heights of Belchertown.

Director of Learning & Development at the Employers Association of the NorthEast, Gary Dawson, explained the history of the nonprofit, and how its staff can help local businesses and employers.

"It started out as a manufacturing association," Dawson said of the Agawam-based organization. "Over the years we've grown."

Now, the Employers Association of the NorthEast offers over 60 different training courses, offered both in-person and remotely, with flexible timing schedules to meet the employer's needs.

"One of the things that makes us unique is all of the ways you can attend training," he said. "We're trying to give them a lot of flexibility."

Dawson said the nonprofit also offers roundtable discussions and peer exchanges.

"That's a chance for you to sit collectively and talk about a topic," he said.

He said webinars are offered monthly, and the use of artificial intelligence has become a big topic of discussion for many employers.

"We constantly are looking for something you'll find interesting and beneficial," he said.

Dawson said grants for the trainings are available to employers, offering reimbursement up to 75% of the cost.

Dawson said the Employers Association of the NorthEast offers human resources services too, including employee handbook services, and a hotline that can provide crucial support for "HR departments of one."

"Many companies have one person in HR," he said.

The nonprofit also hosts a human resources conference at MGM in Springfield. On April 9, a leadership summit will be held at the same location.

"It's our biggest event of the year," he said.

Dawson said the Employers Association of the NorthEast provides services throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Dawson said one of the things his organization helps employers with is bridging the "critical skills gap," and helping to develop "power skills" in employees.

"We're seeing more and more gaps," Dawson said.

The Employers Association of the NorthEast also provides leadership training and technical training. The goal of these trainings is to create "confident,

capable leaders."

Dawson said the nonprofit also provides training and solutions to improving interpersonal relationships in the workforce.

"Conflict resolution skills are always at the top of the list of needs for our members, and also emotional intelligence," he said. "The ability to have a professional presence."

Dawson said a complete calendar of available trainings is posted on the nonprofit's website, EANE.org.

"We're happy to customize the content to make sure we're speaking the way you want to speak," he said.

Mackenzie Diaz, Workforce Solutions Specialists at the Employers Association of the NorthEast, said the nonprofit works to empower employers to be better "people" people.

She said employers don't need to be members of the nonprofit to benefit from its trainings and services, but that membership helps provide more incentives to employers. Membership fees are based on the number of employees an employer has.

"We try to be as affordable as possible," she said.

For more information, visit EANE.org.

Upcoming QHMA events

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce will host its inaugural women in business event, EmpowHer, on Thursday, March 12 in the chamber's

office at Pathfinder Tech, Four Corners, 191 Sykes St., Palmer starting with breakfast from 8:30-9 a.m. followed by a panel discussion from 9-10 a.m. Space is limited and registration is required.

A Bingo Night fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 20 at AMVETS Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Online registration ends at noon the day of the event and walk-up registrations (cash only) will be accepted from 6-6:25 p.m. You must be 18 years old to register/play.

Prizes include designer handbags, premium power tools and a large screen television.

An Intro to AI session will be offered free to chamber members on Monday, March 30 at the chamber office. Advance registration is required and participants must bring their own laptops.

An Open House and Members Showcase will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at the chamber's office from 5-7 p.m. and the Choice Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at Steaming Tender Restaurant, 28 Depot St., Palmer from 6:30-8 p.m. Registration deadline is April 24.

For more information about the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, or to register for an upcoming event, visit QHMA.com.



**NEED HELP WITH
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY?
HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY?
SOMETHING ELSE?**

**Come in with your problems,
leave with our solutions!**
Top Floor Learning Presents...

AN OPEN TUTORING EVENT
March 3rd, 4th & 5th ~ 5-7PM
(Come one night or all three, no registration)

TUTORING AVAILABLE
Meet Your Professional & Educational Goals

Tutors Needed
For English Language Learners, HiSet
Tutors: English, Writing & Math

Computer Security Class

- Basic Computer Use —
- Resumé Building & Updating
- English Language Learning
- GED/HiSET Preparation
- Reading, Writing, Math
- Citizenship Exam
- SAT, TOEFL, etc. Test Prep

Call to ask about our next class

Contact Us For More Information

NEW PHONE NUMBER **413-544-6600**

email: Director@topfloorlearning.org

https://topfloorlearning.org/

Low cost tutoring & scholarships are available!

We're a private, non-profit organization at the Palmer Public Library, here to help you meet your educational and professional goals.

**1455 N. Main St
3rd Floor
Palmer, MA
01069**

We're on Facebook!



1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11	
12				13		14			15				
16					17		18			19			
20						21				22			
				23		24			25				
26	27	28	29				30						
31							32						
33									34	35	36	37	38
				39	40	41		42	43				
			44	45				46					
	47						48						
49					50			51		52	53	54	55
56					57			58					
59					60				61				
62					63					64			

CLUES ACROSS

1. What travelers must do
5. Calendar month
8. Hopefully quickly
12. Once more
14. Bravo! Bravo!
15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
16. Astronomy unit
18. Savings vehicle
19. Get your ducks in this
20. Right away
21. Popular sports league
22. Containers
23. Entireties
26. One who wassails
30. Turned-up position
31. Extreme modesty
32. Writing utensil
33. Rewards (archaic)

34. Ancient capital
39. S. American wood sorrel
42. General discomfort
44. Philippine island
46. A witty saying
47. One who summarizes
49. Covered in
50. Mimic
51. Henry was a notable one
56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
57. Retired NFLer Newton
58. Playground equipment
59. Concept
60. Satisfaction
61. Fishing net
62. Hammer end
63. A father's male child

CLUES DOWN

1. Off-Broadway figure
2. Gelatinous substance
3. Concern
4. "Lick It Up" rockers
5. Serbian river
6. Part of a hat
7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
8. Semitic language
9. Utter a shrill cry
10. Long times
11. Animal parts
13. Causing annoyance
17. Amorous talker
24. Attempt
25. Harmonic effects
26. Cost per mile
27. They ___
28. Bitterly regret
29. Not even
35. A way to drop

36. Title of respect
37. World leader
38. Georgia rockers
40. National capital
41. Great Plains people
42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
43. Architectural recesses
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. Mountainous
47. Kite bird
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Popular snack made of potato
52. 70s songsters The Bee ___
53. SE China port ___-men
54. Something to fill up
55. League of Legends character

SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

Rams capture Western Mass. Class D title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—After trailing third-seeded Pioneer Valley Christian Academy by twelve points late in the third quarter, the top-seeded Granby Lady Rams came storming back during the final eight minutes of the Western Mass. Class D finals.

Led by junior's Brenna Moreno and Kalli White, the Lady Rams captured the Western Mass. title for the first time since 2007 with a 64-56 win at Chicopee Comp's Herbert H. Curry Gymnasium, last Tuesday night.

"It has been 19 years since our girls' basketball team has won the Western Mass. title and it just feels amazing," said Moreno following the championship game. "Our coach (Dave Padavano) gave us a pep talk before the start of the fourth quarter. It motivated us and we played well in the fourth quarter. I love all the girls on this team, and I knew that we could do it."

The 2007 Granby squad, which finished with a 23-2 overall record, defeated Lee High School, 62-46, in the Western Division 3 championship game at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass Amherst campus. They then defeated Quabog, 48-43, in the Division 3 state semifinals before losing to Eastern Mass. champion Archbishop Williams, 62-48, in the state finals.

Moreno scored 14 of her game-high 30 points in the Class D finals during the fourth quarter. It's the first time that Moreno has scored 30 points in a game since she joined the varsity basketball team in the eighth grade. She made a total of seven field goals and four 3-pointers, along with four free throws.

"Once I made my first shot of the game, I didn't miss very many other shots," Moreno said. "I was feeling very good out there tonight."

White, who achieved a

significant accomplishment during the regular season by scoring her 1,000th career point, chipped in with 25 points in the championship game.

Moreno and White also combined to score 43 points in the quarterfinal game against eighth-seeded Smith Academy, which was a 55-42 victory.

The Lady Rams (18-3) didn't have very much trouble dispatching fifth-seeded Pioneer Valley Regional, 61-23 in the semifinals. Their first two games in the Class D tournament took place inside the friendly confines of Sullivan Gymnasium.

Granby's only other scorers in the Class D finals were freshman Rowan Cook (6 points), and junior Eleanor

Please see **GRANBY**, page 10



The Western Mass. Class D Champion Granby High School girls basketball team.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY
WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Rowan Cook and Eleanor Szlosek go after a rebound.



Brenna Moreno takes a shot.



Eleanor Szlosek brings in a pass.

Orioles get past Eagles in finale

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Having already secured a berth in the Division 3 girls basketball state tournament, the Belchertown Lady Orioles were determined to celebrate a victory in last Thursday night's non-playoff home game versus Easthampton.

Led by sophomores Aubrey Klingensmith and Kina Roy, who combined to score 16 fourth quarter points, the Lady Orioles posted a 49-44 win over the Eagles.

"We really wanted to win tonight's game because we're hoping to play another home game in the state tournament," said Roy, who finished the contest with 13 points. "I also enjoy playing close games like this one. They're so much more entertaining for everyone. We played very well defensively."

Klingensmith, who also scored 13 points, made three

Please see **ORIOLES**, page 10



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
Morghan Litz looks to overcome a block.



Kina Roy takes the open shot.

Registration for Pioneer Valley Baseball opens

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, has just opened up its registration for the 2026 season.

The adult league will be administered by the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, and a registration link is on the home page of the league's website www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Thought it will be under the Quabbin umbrella, there will be no major changes in how the league is operated.

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to utilize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a sixth team this season.

There are several spots open for that sixth team, so players interested in joining the league should get signed up as soon as possible to claim a spot.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range. The league will start play in late April and running through the end of August. There are slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for \$130. Fees paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs and no one profits in any way.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in

Please see **REGISTRATION**, page 10



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Kalli White goes for the layup.

GRANBY from page 9

Szlosek (3 points).

The two seniors listed on the Lady Rams varsity roster are Mylin Laliberte and Kaitlyn Curran.

PVCA (10-11) played in the Western Mass. finals for the first time in school history.

“Our goal before the start of the season was just to make it to the Western Mass. finals,” said PVCA head coach Stephen Porter. “We don’t have any seniors, so we’re hoping to make it back here again next year and win the title. I’m very proud of my players.”

With 2:30 remaining in the third quarter, the Lady Rams were trailing, 46-34, following a put-back hoop from junior Sadie Keegan, who led the Eagles with 27 points.

Moreno hit a 3-pointer before White made a layup during the final seconds, which sliced the Lady Rams deficit to seven points (46-39) entering the fourth quarter.

Granby also scored the first six points of the final quarter. They got within one point before a Keegan inside basket helped the Eagles keep the lead at 48-45 with 6:25 left.

The Lady Rams, who briefly held the lead at the end of the first half, took the lead for the second time at 51-50 when Moreno hit a jumper in the lane with 3:25 left in regulation.

Another Keegan put-back hoop gave the Eagles the lead back before Moreno drained a 3-pointer from the right side.

The score was tied for the final time at 54-54 before the Lady Rams finally pulled away with the help of a 10-2



Kaitlyn Curran gets ready to make a long pass.

run during the final two minutes. White scored four of those points, while Moreno and Cook both made 3-pointers.

The Lady Rams, who were trailing 19-12, at the end of opening quarter, outscored the Eagles, 20-14 in the second quarter.

Moreno’s first 3-pointer of the game gave Granby the lead for the first time at 32-31 with a minute left in the first quarter.

The Eagles began the second half with a 13-2 run, which helped them build a double digit lead, but the Lady Rams gave their faithful supporters plenty to cheer for during the final eight minutes.

Granby entered the Division 5 state tournament as the eighth seed. They were scheduled to host a round of 32 game.

ORIOLES from page 9

of four shots at the free throw line during the final twenty seconds of regulation, which sealed the Lady Orioles victory.

Belchertown ended the regular season with an 11-9 overall record for the second year in a row.

“The pressure was off of us, but we didn’t want to enter the state tournament with a loss,” said Belchertown junior co-captain Morghan Litz, who checked in with 11 points. “It’s the second consecutive year that we’ve qualified for states. We’re a very close team this year and we work very well together.”

Belchertown locked up a spot in the Division 3 state tournament following a 70-30 road win against Mount Greylock Regional on February 17.

The Lady Orioles did earn a home game, as they entered the Division 3 state tournament as the 29th-seeded team. They were scheduled to host 36th-seeded Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr High School of Worcester in a preliminary round game.

“I’m very proud of the players on this year’s team,” Woodcock said. “Most teams that graduate a 1,000th point scorer and are young like we are, normally don’t have a winning season the following year.”

A year ago, Belchertown began the state tournament by squeaking out an exciting 60-59 win at Dover-Sherborn High School in a preliminary round game. Chloe LaRoche scored her 1,000th career point in that game.

LaRoche’s outstanding high school basketball career came to an end two nights later following another road loss against top-seeded St. Mary’s of Lynn, who wound up capturing the Division 3 state title with a 46-38 win vs Norwell.

Litz and junior Aubrey



Cassidy MacLean makes a strong pass inside.



Gabby Slovack attempts a layup.

McCain (2 points), who’s also a co-captain, are the only remaining members of the 2023-24 team that won only six games.

“Morghan is our junior starting point guard since she was a freshman. I’m always confident whenever she has the ball in her hands,” said Belchertown head coach Jason Woodcock. “Aubrey doesn’t normally score very many points, but she’s an excellent defender.”

The Eagles (11-9) also had three double digit scorers.

Freshman Teagan Crussana scored a team-high 11 points with the help of two 3-pointers. The duo of junior Piper Collins and senior Samone Young both finished the game with 10 points.

The Lady Orioles’ only seniors are Jaden Bean and

Madison Kapinos, who are reserve players.

“Our two seniors are very important to us,” Litz said. “Although they usually don’t get much time in the game, they consistently bring great energy to practice. We’re hoping to win a couple more games in the state tournament for them.”

Sophomore Gabby Slovack scored four of her six points during the first quarter, as the Lady Orioles entered the second stanza holding a slim 10-9 advantage.

Belchertown was held scoreless until the middle of the second quarter when Klingensmith made back-to-back 3-pointers giving her team a 16-14 lead.

The Lady Orioles, who were trailing 20-18 at halftime, fell behind by six points (24-18) less than three

minutes into the third quarter after the Eagles scored back-to-back inside hoops from junior Camilla Corsello (6 points) and Young.

Belchertown closed out the third quarter with an 11-6 run, and they retook the lead at 31-30 following a put-back hoop from sophomore Cassidy MacLean following a Roy steal with 7:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

There were a couple of lead changes before Roy hit a jumper from the right side and buried a 3-pointer giving the Lady Orioles a 38-35 lead with 5:48 left in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles retook one more time before the Lady Orioles put together an 11-5 run during the final four minutes of the contest.

Registration now underway for QVBL

SOUTH HADLEY – Registration has opened for the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 recreational league, held its first meeting of 2026 to prepare for the upcoming season.

For the 2026 season, the cost will be \$215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother’s Day Saturday as well as a week-night game to allow players an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night games were very successful, the Mother’s Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with

an opponent to be determine as the league’s board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

For returning players to the league, the deadline is Mar. 22 at 12 noon to be registered for the 2026 season in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. There will be open practices for all players but specifically targeted at new players scheduled for March 29 and April 4 at times and locations to be announced. The draft is currently scheduled to take place on April 4 following that practice.

The season is currently slated to start on Sunday, April 19 and following the success of the six-team fall

league last year, the league will also have a fall league in September and October this season.

The registration is live at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Players must register and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed.

Aside from the weeknight and Mother’s Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

This is the 30th season for the league and league officials are looking to celebrate the anniversary with a couple of events.

REGISTRATION

from page 9

as soon as possible to participate in this season.

Games are played at ballfields throughout the region from as far south as Southwick’s Whalley Field, through South Hadley’s Beachgrounds and up north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

For any questions, please go to the league website for more information. The league hopes interested players will come out and join the fun this spring and summer.



Your Local
BUSINESS CONNECTION

TILTON AUTOMOTIVE
GENERAL REPAIRS
3 AMHERST ROAD (RT. 9) BELCHERTOWN
323-5051

WE HAVE MOVED!
115 North Main, Belchertown
SWIFT RIVER
HEATING & OIL COMPANY
Sheet Metal Fabrication
Is Our Specialty
• Automatic Fuel Delivery
• 24 hr. Burner Service
• Replacement of Furnaces & Boilers
• New Construction & Renovations
• New Customer Discounts
413-323-4123

Complete A/C Service
Glass Installations
Used Cars • Windshields
Expert Body & Fender Repair • Painting
REECE AUTO BODY
323-6664
FREE ESTIMATES
Old Springfield Road
Belchertown
Visa-Mastercard Accepted

SEPTIC PUMPING
• pumping
• new installation
• repairs
• Title 5 inspection
Complete Septic Service LLC
Jason Laffleur • David Kibbe
413-323-4327

\$799 /each
SAVE 27%
WD-40® Multi-Use Product With SMART STRAW
12 oz. • WD 49005
Belchertown Auto Parts
116 FEDERAL STREET (RT.9) BELCHERTOWN, MA
(413) 323-7661 OR 323-9296
NAPA AUTO PARTS

GET HITCHED AT AMHERST WELDING
TRAILER HITCHES SALES & REPAIRS
Welding • Fabrication • Hydraulic Hoses & Hydraulic Repairs • Snow Plow • Sanders
DID YOUR MAILBOX POST GET CRUNCHED THIS WINTER?
Stop in and see our exclusive "Steel" retractable mailbox posts!
Amherst Welding, Inc.
(413) 253-4867
330 Harkness Road, Amherst, MA

ROBERTS ROOFS
SPECIALIZING IN
Slate • Copper • Architectural Shingles • Gutters
Historical Restoration • Flat Roofing • Snow Removal
Tel. 413-283-4395 • Cell 413-237-9434
www.RobertsRoofsInc.com
Trusted Name Since 1982

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com
Proud publishers of 12 community newspapers
Call 413-283-8393 to advertise your business here

POLICE LOGS

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 133 calls for the week of Feb. 13, through Feb. 19. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Feb. 13

8:05 a.m. – While observing traffic in a school zone, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the vehicle was traveling 45MPH in a 20MPH active school zone. The vehicle was discovered that the registration was revoked due to no insurance. The operator was issued a criminal citation and charged with speeding, operating with a revoked registration and no insurance.

Saturday, Feb. 14

8:40 p.m. – While on

patrol, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation.

Monday, Feb. 16

9:04 a.m. – An on-duty state trooper reported observing a hit & run accident in front of Dollar General. The involved vehicle then proceeded at a high rate of speed north on Route 202. The involved vehicle then drove off the road on State Street, into the parking lot of Center Pharmacy, collided with a parked vehicle, and then struck the side of Center Pharmacy. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The operator was charged by the State Police with several offenses.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

3:29 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. There were no injuries.

Need help affording food?

REGION - When food costs compete with heating bills and rent, many Massachusetts families are facing impossible choices. The uncertainty around nutrition policy changes makes the situation even more challenging. If you or your family need help accessing food, call Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline today at 1-800-645-8333. The FoodSource Hotline connects residents to resources right now. Trained counselors help with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), share resources on the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), connect families to free meals for children, and locate emergency food programs like community meals and food pantries. The hotline also provides refer-

rals to other federal nutrition programs, like Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Whether you're a college student, a senior, or a family facing hardship, the FoodSource Hotline provides confidential, free support. The hotline is recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Call Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for support, available in more than 180 languages. Get Help Now: If you are struggling with food insecurity, call 1-800-645-8333. Visit projectbread.org for more information and resources in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole.

OBITUARIES

Fay Mary Flanary

Fay Mary Flanary, of Belchertown, Massachusetts, devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on February 14. Born to the late Mary E. Carbonneau (née Sands) and Armand H. Carbonneau, Fay was a cornerstone of a large, loving family with deep Massachusetts roots.



A woman of profound faith, Fay served as a devoted Deaconess in the United Methodist Church. Her life was a testament to the values of service and compassion; she dedicated herself to nurturing the spiritual well-being of her congregation and providing selfless care to her community.

Outside of her ministry, Fay enjoyed a long and meaningful career with the Massachusetts Department of Public

Health. A loyal friend and colleague, she formed lasting bonds throughout her years of professional service to the Commonwealth. Her warmth and dedication extended into every circle she touched, and she will be remembered fondly by the many friends she made throughout her career.

Above all else, Fay's greatest joy was her family... and especially her granddaughters, who were truly her world. She was deeply involved in their lives, never missing an opportunity to cheer them on, celebrate their accomplishments, or simply spend time together. Whether it was attending events, sharing traditions, offering guidance, or creating quiet moments of connection, she poured her heart into being their grandmother. Her love for them was constant,

unwavering, and evident in every story she shared and every prayer she lifted on their behalf.

Fay lives on through her family: her daughter, Michal Flanary, and granddaughters, Jasmine and Kaleigh Cooper; her son, Michael Flanary, and his wife, Emily Pettit, and granddaughter, Ella Flanary. Her family's reach is vast, stretching from Massachusetts to Ohio and California, and as far as Dubai. She is also survived by her aunt, Harriet A. Gobi, along with many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church with a service at 11 a.m. Burials are private. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the church.

Ann Elizabeth (Connally) LeBrun

Ann Elizabeth (Connally) LeBrun, passed away on February 12, 2026, at the age of 63. Born on August 17, 1962, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Ann enriched the lives of many with her warmth, compassion, and unwavering commitment to family and community.



Ann was preceded in death by her beloved infant son, Sean Michael, in 2001, and her parents, John "Jack" Joseph Connally and Ann (Flanagan) Connally. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 42 years, Will LeBrun, and their three children: William LeBrun and Hilary of Westfield, Courtney LeBrun and Tom

Marks of Windsor Locks, CT, and John LeBrun and Sara of Quincy.

Ann took great joy in her role as a grandmother to William, C a l l u m , and Cormac LeBrun. She also leaves behind her loving siblings: Jackie Connally of Medford, Mary Chase and Don of Belair, MD, Mike Connally and Sheila of Westfield, and Meghan Shea and Chris of Holyoke; as well as her cherished nieces and nephews: Cullen, Gillian, Conor, Declan, DiDi, Jack, Riley, and Rory; her aunt, Kay Jerome of Pittsfield; and many cousins, extended family, and dear friends. Professionally, Ann was

the Nursing Director for Inpatient Services at Mass General Brigham and Cooley Dickinson Hospital, where she demonstrated unwavering dedication to her patients and staff.

Ann was a volunteer member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, and hosting- especially for Christmas. She could always be found by the beach or the pool, basking in the sun with a good book in hand.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belchertown. A Funeral Mass was held the following morning at 11 a.m. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ann's mem-

DEATH NOTICES

Ann Elizabeth (Connally) LeBrun
Died February 12
Burial at later date

Fay Mary Flanary
Died February 14
Services private

The Sentinel
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

ory to Shriners Children's Hospital by visiting shrinerschildrens.org. For those wishing to send flowers, please request delivery to the funeral home.

In her passing, Ann leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication to her family and community. She will forever be remembered in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

BACKYARD from page 6

adee, 2. dark-eyed junco, 3. northern cardinal, 4. downy woodpecker, 5. blue jay, 6. mourning dove, 7. white-breasted nuthatch, 8. American goldfinch, 9. house finch, 10. red-bellied woodpecker, 11. tufted titmouse, 12. American robin, 13. European starling, 14. house

sparrow, 15. hairy woodpecker, 16. Carolina wren, 17. white-throated sparrow, 18. song sparrow, 19. red-winged blackbird, 20. common grackle, 21. American crow, 22. brown-headed cowbird, 23. chipping sparrow, 24. northern flicker and 25 purple finch.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowne@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

~ DORSEY MEMORIALS ~

- Monuments & Cemetery Lettering • 707 Main St., Amherst, MA • 413-253-5212
- Civic Memorials & Custom Designs • www.DorseyMemorials.com

You can count on Dorsey Memorials to guide you through the Memorial Stone Process.

Haluch's MEMORIALS

**Cemetery Memorials + Markers
Granite Benches
Religious Statuary + Outdoor Display**

RAY HALUCH INC.
1014 Center St | Ludlow, MA | 583-6508

Spring home

DISTRIBUTED IN ALL 12 TURLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

**AD DEADLINE: MARCH 11, 2026
PUBLISHED: APRIL 8, 2026**

DON'T MISS OUT!

**Contact Dan Flynn to reserve your space today
413-297-5886 or dflynn@turley.com**

home garden lawn family

APRIL 2026
A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO
Turley Publications, Inc.
WWW.TURLEY.COM

Turley Publications is looking for an outgoing, energetic person interested in selling advertising for our community newspapers plus more! The right candidate will assume an established territory with a portfolio of customers.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

You must be a self-starter with excellent communication and organizational skills. Basic computer skills are required. Previous print sales experience is preferred but we will train the right candidate.

Join Our Team!
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

Turley Publications
Send resume & cover letter to:
Jamie Joslyn
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
Email: jamie@turley.com

NOW HIRING: Advertising Representative

Offering a competitive commission structure, 401k, and health plan.

Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD
Fresh cut & split \$225.00
Seasoned cut & split \$325.00
All hardwood.
Tree length available
*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor boilers (Cheap).
Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!**
New England Forest Products
(413)477-0083

MORE HEAT LESS WOOD. Central Boiler Classic Edge HDX Outdoor Wood Furnace. EPA Certified. Titanium Stainless Steel. \$2K Tax Credit. Call (508)882-0178

WANTED

WANTED! CASH for:

- Machinist tools, power tools & Snap on.
- Electronics & Audio Equipment.
- Sports Cards.
- 70s/80s/90s Toys.
- Antiques & Collectibles.

Much, much more!

Call/Text Sam
413-531-5381

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY

ALL ANTIQUES AND OLD STUFF WANTED.

BUYING Bottles, Crocks, Jugs, Pottery, Costume Jewelry, Toys, Games, coins, sterling, Glassware, Silver-plated items, watches, Musical instruments, typewriters, sewing machines, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, lamps, kitchenware, cookware, knives, military, automotive, fire department, masonic, license plates, beer cans, barware, books, oil cans, advertising tins, hunting, fishing, signs, and more.

Donald Roy (860) 874-8396

ALWAYS BUYING ALL ANTIQUES:

Musical instruments, guitars, horns, keyboards, vintage electronics, jewelry, coins, watches, military cameras, sports memorabilia, art, sterling, signs, automotive, hunting, advertising, radios, ham radio equipment, audio equipment, toys, one item or entire estate.

Call Paul 413-206-8688

JUNK REMOVAL

A Call We Haul FAST REMOVAL
Junk, Appliance, Cleanouts.
We load it & take it.
413-531-1936
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

SERVICES

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Handyman Services

Walker Home Improvement

Finish Carpentry • Framing • Drywall • Painting • & more!

(413) 687-5552

SERVICES

HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST

DRYWALL, PAINTING AND CEILINGS, plaster repair. Drywall hanging. Taping & complete finishing. All ceiling textures. Fully insured. Jason at Great Walls. (413)563-0487

Decks, porches, repair service, roofing and siding contractor. Tim 413-563-2229. Licensed/insured. 35 year construction supervisor.

SERVICES

HOME IMPROVEMENT

CHAMELEON PAINTING & REMODELING
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
Remodeling & Deck Specialists
Residential/Commercial
Fully Insured • Free Estimates
413-351-1147

ELECTRICIAN

PJ's Electrical MASTER ELECTRICIAN
• Licensed & Insured •
Providing safe, reliable electrical services for residential and commercial projects.
NOW OFFERING FREE CONSULTATIONS.
Call today to schedule your appointment.
(413) 366-1703
(Lic. #24046-A)

SERVICES

LANDSCAPING

A+ ROZELL'S LANDSCAPING & BOBCAT SERVICE
Excavator Services
Overgrown property?
Extreme Brush Cutting!
Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal
Lawn/Arborvitae Installed
Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand
Storm Clean-up
Small Demolition/ Junk Removal
Insured
Josh Rozell 413-636-5957

MASONRY

STOP WET BASEMENTS
ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

PAINTING

PRO PAINTING
Low, low prices. All phases interior, exterior painting and wallpapering. Also minor carpentry. **413-310-5099.**

PLUMBING

GREG LAFOUNTAIN PLUMBING & HEATING Lic #19196 Repairs & Replacement of fixtures, water heater installations, steam/HW boiler replacement. Kitchen & Bath remodeling. 30 years experience. Fully insured. \$10 Gift Card With Work Performed. Call Greg (413)592-1505

RUBBISH REMOVAL

BOB ROBILLARD'S RUBBISH REMOVAL Attics, Cellars, Garages cleaned, Pools/Hot Tubs Removed. Family owned/operated since 1950 (413)537-5090

TREE WORK

AAA-TROM'S TREE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE. Residential removal of trees. Free estimates. Fully insured W/Workman's Comp. Remove them before the wind takes them down. Cordwood, stump grinding. Call **413-283-6374.**

DL & G TREE SERVICE. Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate **(413)478-4212**

STUMP GRINDING

DL & G STUMP GRINDING Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave **413-478-4212**

PETS

GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPS. Champion Czech and Belgian bloodlines. 30 years experience. 3M, 2F. Ready, w/shots. Now \$1,200. **413-218-2321**

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development " HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

TAX SERVICES

2026 TAX TIME

CHANTEL BLEAU ACCOUNTING SERVICES
For Full Accounting & Tax Service
Registered Tax Return Preparer
228 West St., Ware, MA 01082
413-967-8364
Call For An Appointment
The IRS does not endorse any particular individual tax return preparer. For more information on tax preparers go to irs.gov.

Personal & Small Business Federal & All States

FAST TAX USA TAX PREPARATION SERVICE
413-348-2279

IRS Certified Tax Preparers
Independently owned and operated. Over 25 years experience.
1622 B North Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069
www.FastTax-MA.com
Free E-File & Direct Deposit

AJE FINANCIAL SERVICES

588 Center Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
www.ajefinancial.com
(413)589-1671

Personal, Business, Corporate and Partnership Tax Filing
Bookkeeping and Accounting Services
Trusted Experts Since 1995

TAX-TIME SURVIVAL GUIDE

Call your local Turley Publications sales representative for information and rates on advertising your tax service here!
413-283-8393

Call Your Local Turley Publications Sales Representative For Information And Rates On Advertising Your Tax Service Here
CALL 413-283-8393 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 DEADLINES: **FRIDAY AT NOON**
or call: 413-283-8393

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Base Price \$26.00
21 Base Price \$26.50	22 Base Price \$27.00	23 Base Price \$27.50	24 Base Price \$28.00
25 Base Price \$28.50	26 Base Price \$29.00	27 Base Price \$29.50	28 Base Price \$30.00
29 Base Price \$30.50	30 Base Price \$31.00	31 Base Price \$31.50	32 Base Price \$32.00
33 Base Price \$32.50	34 Base Price \$33.00	35 Base Price \$33.50	36 Base Price \$34.00
37 Base Price \$34.50	38 Base Price \$35.00	39 Base Price \$35.50	40 Base Price \$36.00

Quabbin Village Hills
Circulation: 50,500

Hilltowns
Circulation: 9,800

Suburban Residential
Circulation: 59,000

All Three ZONES for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
Credit Card: MasterCard VISA Discover Cash Check# _____
Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____

GREAT VALUE!
ALL 3 ZONES NOW FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!
Make checks payable to Turley Publications

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

Post your job openings in our classifieds.
We get results!
Call 413-283-8393

SUMMER CAMP

Check Out These Great Camps!

Registration open for HCC Summer Youth Programs

It's still winter, but it's not too early to start thinking about summer.

Registration is now open for 2026 Summer Youth Programs at Holyoke Community College.

Starting July 7 and running through August 8, HCC will offer 16 week-long, in-person summer programs for youth aged 8 to 16.

For more than 40 years, HCC has offered fun, challenging summer education activities for youth, providing early opportunities for students to experience a college environment guided and encouraged by experienced professionals.

summer youth programs run Monday through Friday, some for a full day and others for a half day.

All in-person programs will be held on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave., except for cooking classes, which are held at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke:

July 6-10:

Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16): In this lively hands-on camp, young chefs will team up to chop, stir, and create tasty dishes from around the world. Each day brings a new theme and a chance to dis-



cover fresh ingredients, cool cooking techniques, and the joy of working together in the kitchen. By week's end,

they'll walk away with new cooking skills, delicious recipes to show off at home, and plenty of tasty memories. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16): Join us for an exciting week of hands-on culinary fun, where young chefs will discover the joy of cooking delicious, easy-to-prepare meals to share with family and friends. Participants will work together to chop, season, cook, and taste a variety of recipes – all made from scratch. Each day introduces new menu themes, ingredients, and techniques designed to build confidence in the kitchen. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

July 13-17: Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

ROBLOX Coders (ages 8-10; 11-14): Discover the Lua coding language while designing experiences in ROBLOX, an online universe where you can create anything you dream of. New developers will learn to use ROBLOX's Studio software to reimagine the popular game genres with their own custom code. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

July 20-24: Around the World with Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16): Cuisine around the world serves as a universal language that unites people across cultures through shared flavors, traditions, and stories. Learn to prepare full-course meals from Asia, Puerto Rico, Greece, Italy,

and New Orleans. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Make Your First Video Game (ages 8-10; 11-14): Go beyond the limitations of traditional 2D game design classes and create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

Passport to Flavors with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16): This hands-on cooking camp takes kids on a delicious journey across global cuisines, exploring flavors, techniques, and ingredients that make each culture unique. Dive into fun daily themes like diner classics, Mexican favorites, Mediterranean feasts, Filipino street bites, and southern comfort food, all while building confidence one tasty dish at a time. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425) July 27-31:

Around the World with

Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Minecraft Designers (ages 8-10; 11-14): Learn how to create a custom map, design structures to share between worlds, build with Redstone and Command blocks, and create custom textures for you to import at home or share with friends. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199).

Passport to Flavors with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

August 3-7: Python Programmers (ages 8-10; 11-14): Learn the world's fastest-growing programming language favored by Google, NASA, YouTube, and the CIA. Learn how to code with Python to create engaging apps and games. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199).

For more details or to register for Summer Youth Program classes, please go to: hcc.edu/summer-youth.

summer@HCC

Holyoke Community College Summer Youth Programs for Ages 8-16

Save your spot and register today for summer fun!

- July 27-31, Minecraft Designers (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- August 3-7, Python Programmers (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 20-24, Make Your First Video Game (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 13-17, ROBLOX Coders (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 6-10 and 13-17, Fun Bites with Chef Swanigan (ages 9-16)
- July 20-24 and 27-31, Around the world with Chef Swanigan (ages 9-16)
- July 6-10 and 13-17, Cooking without Borders with Chef Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16)
- July 20-24 and 27-31, Passport to Flavors with Chef Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16)

**HOLYOKE
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

Check out our adult enrichment courses, too! hcc.edu/bcs

Greene Acres Equestrian Center L.L.C.

2026 Summer Riding Sessions

June 29 - July 3 • July 20 - July 24
August 10 - August 14 • August 24-28

9AM - 3PM LUNCH NOT PROVIDED

Basic Horse Care, Daily Riding, English & Western, Ages 5 & up

Call to Register (413) 813-9291

53 Ware Road, Belchertown
Email: Amanda.greeneacres@gmail.com

Girl Scout Camp For All Girls!

DAY &
OVERNIGHT

www.gscwm.org

Belchertown Kidz Club

TODDLER • PRESCHOOL • SCHOOL AGE

Offering Flexible Care Programs For Kids Ages 15 mo. - 12 yrs.

Open 7:00 a.m.-5:30* p.m. / MONDAY - FRIDAY
Both Full Time & Sibling Discounts

NOW ENROLLING FOR SPRING/SUMMER/FALL PROGRAMS

Caring For Kids For 30+ Years!

KIDZ SUMMER PROGRAM/K-6TH GRADE

Ages 5 - 12 yrs. • JUNE 22ND-AUGUST 21ST
9 Weeks • Full & Part Time Options/Single Weeks or All Summer!
Swimming • Field Trips • Close walk to Playgrounds & CHCS Pool
Daily Creative & Educational Indoor/Outdoor Activities!
*Start of camp based on Belchertown School Schedule

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

K-6th Grade • Full & Part-Time • Homework Support
School Bus Pick Up & Drop Off • Indoor & Outdoor Activities

PRESCHOOL

Year round program for Ages 3-5 yrs.
Full & Part Time • Choose from Full Day or 3/4 Day Options
Creative Educational Kindergarten Readiness Curriculum

TODDLER/YOUNG PRE-K

Year round program for Ages 15 mos.-3 yrs.
Choice of Full Day 7:00-5:00 or 3/4 day option 8:30-2:30
Come Grow, Learn, and Play!

4 Stadler Street • (413) 323-5439

Follow Us belchertownkidzclub@gmail.com

EEC LICENSED PROGRAM #177446

REGISTER FOR SIX WEEKS,
GET THE SEVENTH FREE!

BEMENT SUMMER CAMP

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-9
Campers participate in a wide variety of fun activities including arts & crafts, swimming, nature programs, hiking, and 18 enrichment themes! Lunch is included and before and after care is available!

DAY CAMP JR. DAY CAMP	ENRICHMENT CAMPS	Weekly Tuition \$350- \$500	MOUNTAIN BIKING & ADVENTURE CAMPS
--------------------------	---------------------	-----------------------------------	--

<p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 1: JUNE 15-19</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 2: JUNE 22-26</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 3: JULY 6-10</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 4: JULY 13-17</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 5: JULY 20-24</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 6: JULY 27-31</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #fff;">WEEK 7: AUGUST 3-7</p>	<p>Studio Arts & Crafts</p> <p>Speech & Debate</p> <p>Broadway at Bement</p> <p>Magic Behind the Music</p> <p>Graphic Novel Camp</p> <p>Little Explorers Camp</p> <p>Movie Magic Camp</p>	<p>Cross Country Camp</p> <p>Taylor Swift Camp</p> <p>Soccer Club</p> <p>D&D Camp</p> <p>Counselor in Training</p> <p>Soccer Camp</p> <p>Spanish Explorers</p>	<p>Games Guild</p> <p>STEM Challenges!</p> <p>Mission Monadnock</p> <p>History Hunters</p> <p>Flag Football & More</p> <p>PE Games & Sports</p>
--	---	--	---

The Bement School
34 Old Main Street
Dorchester, MA 01922

Registration Link
bement.org/summer