

OBITUARIES

Christa M. Garrow

BELCHERTOWN – Christa M. Garrow - At Christmas, when the world glows with lights and warmth, our hearts return to you. Your memory lives in every song, every flickering candle, every quiet moment when we wish you were here. Though time has passed, love does not fade. We carry you with us through this Christmas season- in our traditions, our laughter, and even our tears. You are missed more than words can say, yet forever cherished beyond measure. This Christmas anniver-

sary reminds us that love never ends, and memories are the greatest gifts we hold. Until we meet again, you remain in our hearts, today and always. One year without you, dear Christa. We miss you every day. Forever loved, deeply missed, always in our hearts. My mind still talks to you. My heart still looks for you, but my soul knows you are at peace.

Love always: Rhaelyn, Heidi, Nathan, Mom, Carl, Dad, Uncle Fran, Masy and Grandpa and Hailey.

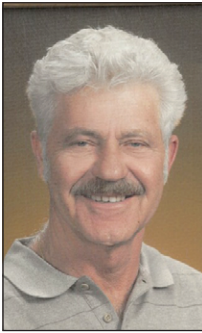


Homer “Pete” J. Stebbins

With broken hearts we share the passing of Homer “Pete” J. Stebbins, 83, of Pine Valley Plantation, a former mason contractor. He passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 16, 2025 after a brief illness. Homer worked his entire career as a mason, owning his own business, Stebbins Construction.

Born in Chicopee on February 23, 1942, he was the son of Homer and Marie (Grenier) Stebbins. He lived in Chicopee until 1971, when he and his wife moved to Belchertown, building their first house on George Hannum Road, where they started building their family.

Very athletic and into sports, Homer was very involved in a number of over- 30 softball and basketball teams for quite some time. He was an avid fisherman, spending time on Martha’s Vineyard fishing for tuna. He often took part in shark tournaments in New York and Martha’s Vineyard. He loved to garden, especially fruits and vegetables, and loved sharing the fruits of that labor.



He also enjoyed cooking. Homer had a very playful (almost child-like) personality, and loved to joke and kid around. His favorite saying upon departing was, “catch you on the flip flop”.

He was predeceased by his father, Homer Stebbins, his mother, Mary (Grenier) Stebbins, his loving wife Donna (Pomietlarz) of 25 years, as well as his brothers, Russell, Lionel, Donald and nephew, Danny. He leaves behind his son, Derek, and his partner, Jillian Brunell of Belchertown, his loving daughter, Natalie of Belchertown, many nieces, nephews, and friends and childhood buddies, Ray Trombley, Bob Le ‘Duc, and Ron Moquin who will miss him immensely!

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, 10 Maple St in Belchertown, MA. In lieu of flowers, any monetary donations can be made out to Natalie M. Stebbins for the Donna Stebbins Girls’ Athletic Memorial Scholarship.

Baystate Wing Hospital recognized on National Forbes’ Top Hospitals List

PALMER - Baystate Health is proud to announce that Baystate Wing Hospital has been named to the inaugural Forbes’ Top Hospitals 2026 list, earning national recognition and a four-star ranking for delivering compassionate, quality, accessible care to our communities. “It is an honor for Baystate Wing Hospital to be included on the Forbes Top Hospitals list,” said Scott Lichtenberger, MD, Chief Operating Officer, Baystate Health. “This achievement reflects the remarkable dedication and hard work of our caregivers at Baystate Wing Hospital and our unwavering commitment to advancing the health of the communities.”

Forbes developed its first-ever Top Hospitals list to provide patients, families, and communities with a clear, evidence-based resource for evaluating hospital performance across the United States. The list identifies general acute care hospitals that demonstrate sustained excellence in clinical outcomes, operational best practices, value, and patient experience.

A central part of the methodology is its strong focus on clinical outcomes - including mortality, survival, infection, and readmission rates - while accounting for social drivers of health to ensure fair comparisons across regions and populations.

Of the 5,400 acute-care hospitals eligible for consideration, less than 15% received a rating of 4 stars or above, placing Baystate Wing Hospital among the top-performing hospitals in the country.

“This recognition affirms the strength of our team and the culture of caring that defines Baystate Wing Hospital,” said Karli Barrett, President and Chief Operating Officer, Baystate Wing Hospital. “Every day, our caregivers go above and beyond to ensure our patients receive quality, compassionate care close to home. Being named to this inaugural national list is a meaningful honor and a testament to their unwavering commitment to those we serve.”

The Forbes Top Hospitals list was developed in partnership with an advisory panel of clinicians, researchers, health policy leaders, and patient advocates, along with Inovalon, a healthcare data and analytics firm. The methodology emphasizes nationally recognized standards and prioritizes measurable patient outcomes to support consumers in making informed decisions about where to seek care.

Baystate Wing Hospital’s inclusion on this inaugural list reinforces Baystate Health’s ongoing commitment to advancing the health of the communities it serves

The Sentinel

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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.

DEATH NOTICES

Christa M. Garrow

Belchertown

Homer “Pete” J. Stebbins

Died December 16

Beers and Story

Funeral Home

Window World of WMass. named to Qualified Remodeler HIP 200 for 2025

BELCHERTOWN – Qualified Remodeler, a leading publication serving remodelers and home improvement companies in the U.S., recently ranked Window World of Western Mass. as No. 92 out of the 200 largest home improvement companies in the country—the HIP 200. This places Window World of Western Mass as

No. 1 in Western Mass. Window World of Western Mass. was chosen as a 2025 HIP 200 company by the Qualified Remodeler editorial staff for meeting a set of criteria including installed remodeling dollar volume, total years in business, industry association membership, industry certification, industry awards and community

service. “Our success is a team effort. Being included in the prestigious HIP 200 list isn’t just about the numbers—it’s about the dedication and hard work of everyone at Window World of Western Mass. Huge thanks to our

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Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town Of Belchertown Notice of Planning Board Hearing Legal Notice Relative to a Definitive Subdivision Plan
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Sections 81-T and 81-U, M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing as follows:
Place: 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA
Date: January 13, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
This application is for a Definitive Subdivision Plan by applicant Jason Lafleur, 44 Mercier Drive, Belchertown, MA 01007. The plan is entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Meeshie Moon Path,”, Belchertown, MA, October 24, 2025; the surveyor/engineers Sherman & Frydryk, 3 Converse St., Suite 203, Palmer, MA 01069
The location and description: Jason’s Way & Aldrich Street, Assessors Map 248, Lot 2 and Map 248, Lot 45.

The plan is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk and Planning Board Office, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, MA 01007
This meeting will be available

online for the public: <https://meet.goto.com/173538941>
Daniel Beaudette, Chair
Belchertown Planning Board
12/18, 12/25/2025

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Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Light cavalry

5. Coconut palms

10. Rounded knob

14. Central Japan city

15. Sandwiches

16. Shape produced by a curve

17. Ancient region in modern-day Syria

18. French modernist painter

19. Grandmother

20. Mammary gland of cattle

22. Rocky peak

23. Secret plan

24. Songs to one's lover

27. More (Spanish)

30. Father

31. Chinese principle underlying the universe

32. Ballplayer's accessory

35. Together

37. A person's brother or sister

38. Evil spirit

39. Monetary units

40. Partner to cheese

41. About Sun

42. Group of like-minded people

43. After B

44. Seaside room

45. Recipe measurement

46. Partly digested food

47. Flat-faced dog

48. People of southern Africa

49. Salts

52. Beard lichens

55. Sanders is one

56. Fencing sword

60. Ethnic group of Albania

61. Metric weight unit

63. Italian seaport

64. Longtime late night host

65. Extremely angry

66. Miami mascot

67. Mid-month day

68. Marked for omission

69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth

2. Fat from a pig's abdomen

3. Romanian city

4. Specifies

5. Rounded, glaciated valley

6. Spoke

7. Collection of sacred books

8. Extravagantly theatrical

9. Very fast airplane

10. Forearm bones

11. Ancient kingdom

12. Legitimate: __ fide

13. Semitransparent gemstone

21. Counsels

23. Head honcho

25. Cool!

26. Touch lightly

27. Extract money via taxation

28. Dyes

29. Cloying sweetness

32. Sodas

33. Coastal village in Guam

34. Chemical ring

36. The bill in a restaurant

37. Car mechanics group

38. One-time presidential candidate Dole

40. Health care for the aged

41. Wise persons

43. Passage with access at one end

44. Make a wound

46. America's spies

47. Roof of the mouth

49. Plants of the lily family

50. Pinkish-red color

51. Vaccine developer

52. Mottled citrus fruit

53. A place to store garden tools

54. Rare goose native to Hawaii

57. Popular Hollywood pig

58. Musician Clapton

59. A move exposing one to danger

61. Historic Spanish soldier

62. CNN's founder

EARLY DEADLINES FOR ADS & LEGAL NOTICES

New Year's will bring early deadlines for all ads & legal notices to run in TURLEY PUBLICATIONS the week of Dec. 29, 2025 - Jan. 2, 2026:

Friday, December 26 at 2 PM for January 1 issue

• Country Journal • The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times • Agawam Advertiser News

Monday, December 29 at 2 PM for January 1 issue

• Sentinel • The Journal Register • Ware River News • Barre Gazette

Tuesday, December 30 at 2 PM for January 2 issue

• Quabog Current • Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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