

Happening this week

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

Love your neighbor... donate to those in need!

Teen Advisory Board’s “Love Your Neighbor” Food Drive
Friday, February 6 - Friday, February 13

The Clapp Memorial Library’s Teen Advisory Board will be collecting nonperishables at the library in their second-ever Food Drive February 6 through 13. There will be a designated donation box inside the library during those dates. Donations will be sorted by Teen Advisory Board members on the 13th and distributed evenly amongst Belchertown food pantries. TAB is a group of 7th-12th-grade students who meet monthly during the school year to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer, and have fun. New members are welcome!

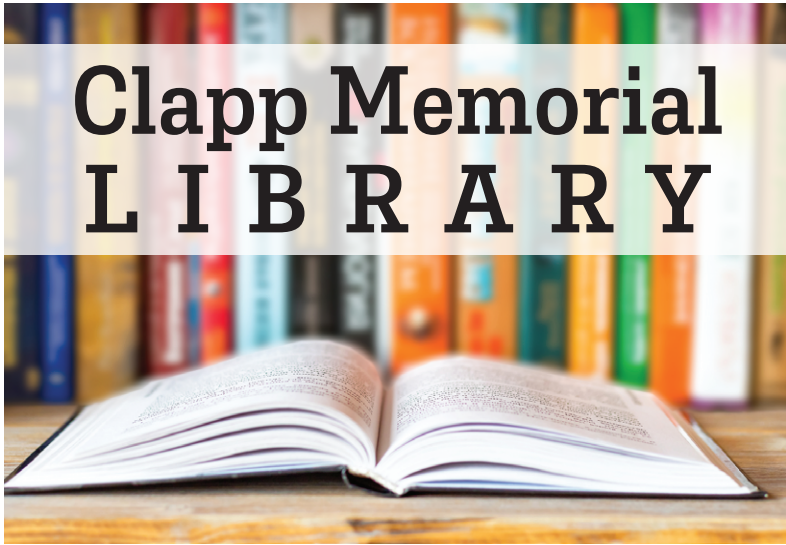
For General Audiences:

Indigenous Stories from this Valley and Beyond with David Brule
Saturday, January 31, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Join Clapp Memorial Library for an afternoon of Indigenous stories with David Brule, President of the Nolumbeka Project and chair of the Nehantic Tribal Council. Drawing from oral traditions, research, and a decade-long study of King Philip’s War, his stories highlight gratitude, balance with nature, and cultural resilience. Sponsored by the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library.

For Adults: MassSave Pop-Up Resource Table
Thursday, February 5, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Learn about no-cost Home Energy Assessments (HEAs) and other MassSave



benefits for homeowners and renters. Stop by the resource table any time between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. Representatives of HomeWorks Energy will help explain all the benefits and answer any questions. This program is funded by HomeWorks Energy, Inc.

What “YA” Readin’? Book Club

Thursday, February 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 Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell. March’s book will be Twenty-Four Seconds From Now by Jason Reynolds. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. New members are welcome!

Mending the Body with the Mind Book Talk

Wednesday, February 11, 7 to 8 p.m.
Join us for a talk from Belchertown resident and pediatrician, David Gottesgen, author of Mending the Body with the Mind: Harnessing Kids’ Superpowers To Heal and Stay Healthy. Dr. Gottesgen will discuss integrative medicine in general, then talk about how he utilized the mind-body-spirit connection in all parts of his practice.

For Adults and Teens:

A Night With Paranormal Investigators
Monday, February 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Spend an evening with Eastern States Paranormal Investigators as they set up a mock command center in the library showcasing their cameras and equipment. They’ll share evidence they’ve gathered during overnight stays at some of Massachusetts’ most haunted mansions. Sponsored by Eastern States Paranormal Investigators.

For Teens:

Teen Crafternoon: DIY Chalkboard
Monday, February 9, 4 to 5 p.m.

The library will host a Teen Crafternoon for students in grades 7-12 on Monday, February 9th. Teens will make their own DIY chalkboard wall-hanging: perfect for jotting down schedules, reminders, and doodles! All materials will be provided. Space is limited. Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, February 13, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library’s Teen Advisory Board will meet Friday, February 13th. TAB is a group of 7th-12th grade students who meet monthly during the school year to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer, and have fun! At this meeting, teens will sort items from their “Love

Your Neighbor” Food Drive to distribute to local food pantries. Teens can email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register. New members are welcome!

Coming up! D&D Afterschool Adventures: Into the Abomination Vaults
Mondays, February 23 - March 30, 2:30 to 4:30 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 progresses. 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@cwmars.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. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Belchertown Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a Request for Determination of Applicability permit application submitted by Rachel Telushkin c/o Berkshire Design Group to **permit two existing docks that extend into the Swift River at 241 East Street (Assessor’s Map 258-10) in Belchertown.** Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.
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the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a **Request for Determination of Applicability** permit application submitted by Zachary Restucci to **permit the rehabilitation of an existing bridge at Scarborough Brook Conservation Area (Assessor’s Map 202-19.01) in Belchertown.** Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.
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Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Belchertown Select Board proclamation of International Holocaust Remembrance Day

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Select Board made a proclamation that January 27 would be International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Their first ceremony was held on Tuesday, January 11, at the Town Hall.

The Select Board’s Proclamation:

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed to honor the memory of the six million Jewish people and millions of other innocent victims who were systematically murdered by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Presidents of the United States have consistently affirmed the importance of remembering the Holocaust, honoring the survivors, and reaffirming the responsibility of all people to confront hatred, antisemitism, racism, and intolerance in all its forms; and

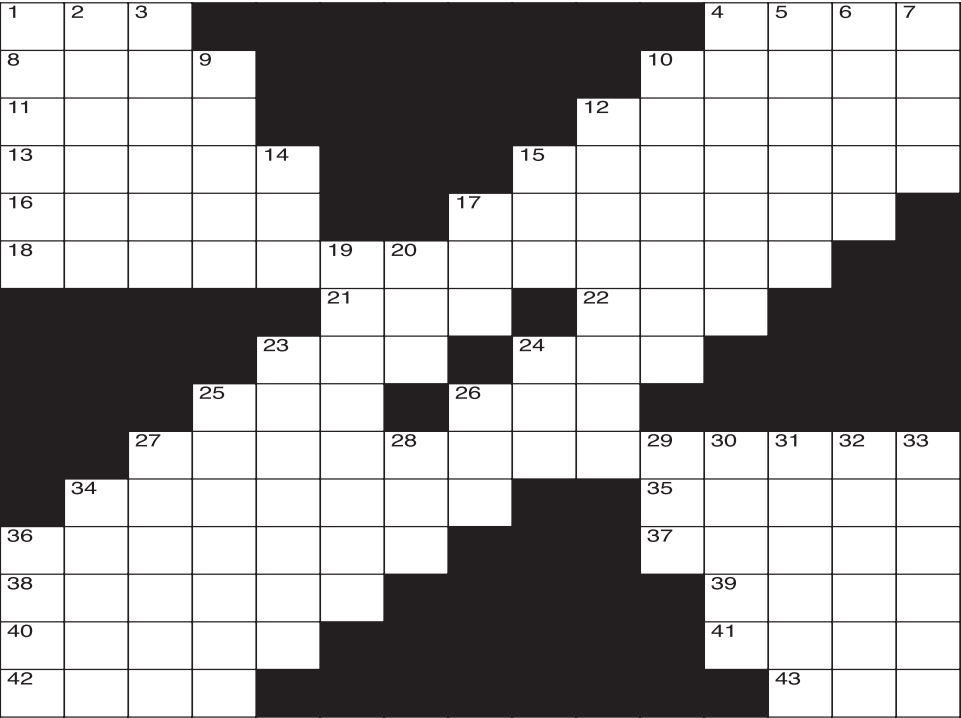
WHEREAS, remembering the Holocaust serves as a solemn reminder of the consequences of indifference, silence, and the erosion of human rights, and underscores the need to uphold the dignity and worth of every individual; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belchertown is commit-

ted to promoting education, reflection, and understanding so that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten, and such atrocities are never repeated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 27th day of January 2026, the Belchertown Select Board hereby proclaims International Holocaust Remembrance Day and encourages all residents to pause in remembrance, honor the victims and survivors, and recommit themselves to combating hatred and standing up for justice, equality, and human dignity for all.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racket sport pros
- 4. Make tea
- 8. City South of Moscow
- 10. Spanish bullfighting term
- 11. Egg-shaped
- 12. Could not remember
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Persons
- 16. Painful intestinal obstruction
- 17. Professions
- 18. Is up to the task
- 21. Wood or metal bolt
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. A way to save for the future
- 24. Georgia rockers
- 25. Midway between

north and northeast

- 26. High schoolers’ test
- 27. Does not accept responsibility
- 34. One who prepares
- 35. Gout-indicative deposits
- 36. Place to play games
- 37. Book of Genesis character
- 38. Cleans oneself
- 39. Unloaded for money
- 40. Genus of flowering plants
- 41. Take a puff
- 42. Congressmen
- 43. God of battle in Scandinavian mythology

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. South Pacific islands
- 3. Celestial body
- 4. Negotiates
- 5. Consider in a specified way
- 6. Type of group in organic chemistry
- 7. Buddhist monasteries
- 9. Inhabitant of Bering Sea island
- 10. Body part
- 12. Milestone birthday
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. More (Spanish)
- 17. Chicago ballplayer
- 19. Leaves a place

- 20. Cannot be found
- 23. One’s internal body parts
- 24. Tell on
- 25. North American peoples of southwest
- 26. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 27. Extract used for jams and jellies
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Old English letter
- 30. A way to exaggerate
- 31. Get up and leave
- 32. “Boardwalk Empire” character
- 33. More generous
- 34. Hanging cloth used as a blind
- 36. Ancient Greek sophist

Join the new youth group at HUMC

BELCHERTOWN – A Youth Group has recently formed at Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown. At our first gathering in January, eight youth met at Claymates for a fun time. Our next monthly meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall at the church, at 11:15 am on Sunday, February 8th . We will be doing a service project. This is an invitation for youth between the ages of 8 years old and high school age to join. If this sounds like fun and sparks an interest please come on Sunday, the 8th of February. Call the church at 413-323-7584 if no answer leave a message and ask for Youth Group leaders, Meg or Diana’s

contact information. Thank you. Hope United Methodist

Church is located at 31 Main Street.

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