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Animal Control Officer to talk about bite prevention at library

Octavia Anderson talks about upcoming educational events about dog care to be held in town.

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LUDLOW – The Friends of Ludlow Animal Control non-profit a number of exciting events planned to raise money for the town’s Animal Control Department.

“Dogs communicate with each other 90% through body language, and we humans need to read that properly.”

- Octavia Anderson

Octavia Anderson, the town’s Animal Control Officer, has been wearing “a bunch of different hats” in an initiative to increase community outreach for the department. This includes partnering with the Hubbard Memorial Library for a Dog Behavior and Bite Prevention seminar this Thursday, and hosting “Read to Karl the Dog” events.

“I bring Karl, my big bull



Submitted photo

A child reads a book to Karl the Dog and Animal Control Officer Octavia Anderson (right).

mastiff,” Anderson explained. “Each kid gets 15 mins, and most read super fast. The age we seem to be targeting is four- to six-year-olds. They sit in a big chair and I sit next to Karl. He’s a good boy, he listens to them, and the parents are in the room also. Occasionally we can get one of the kids to pet him.”

These reading sessions start-

ed in April with two or three kids, but have been growing through the summer. Anderson said that at the last talk, there were six or seven kids who read to Karl throughout the day.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Anderson said. “It’s really good for younger children or anybody that has problems reading out loud.”

Anderson said that the program was inspired by similar library programs across the country. Though other programs will hold group readings, it was decided to keep the program one-on-one, with registration available on the library’s website.

This Thursday, August 1, at 6 p.m. Anderson will be speak-

ing at the library about dog training and care and how to prevent biting and bad behavior. Anderson hopes that this will address the amount of dog bites that her department regularly has to deal with.

“For some reason, Ludlow

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Board of Selectmen discusses ARPA funds and recognizes former member

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Board of Selectmen meeting, the town’s representatives honored a former member of the board, and discussed how the town can allocate its remaining American Rescue Plan funds.

Recognition

The meeting on Tuesday, July 23 began with the members of the board honoring the memory and legacy of Helen Garrow, who Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge described as a “trail-blazer” and “a Ludlow icon.” Garrow was remembered as serving as Treasurer for the town for ten years, as well as sitting on the Board of Selectmen for two terms.

“Helen was on the board when I was hired on the po-



Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge unveiled a plaque commemorating the service of Helen Garrow.

lice department and I have said a number of times, she helped calm me down because I was so nervous interviewing,” said DeBarge. “I was able to focus on Mrs. Garrow and her smile and actually calm down and focus on the questions. She always had that way, at least when I was around her and when I talked to her.”

DeBarge extended his appreciation to various department heads at Town Hall and appointments made to positions in town, highlighting the women who have excelled in leadership positions.

“The Board of Selectmen

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Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

The Rigs & Kids event was geared towards families, (from left) Gabby and Sylvie Boucino, Danielle Sawyer, two-year-old Chase, and Steve Sawyer.

First ever Rigs & Kids event at Vanished Valley Brewery

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LUDLOW – This weekend, Vanished Valley Brewery held its first Rigs & Kids event.

On July 28, families of all ages were invited to the brew-

ery to donate non-perishable food items and personal care items for the town’s Veterans Center.

The event, called VV’s version of “Touch a Truck,” in-

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LUDLOW

Health Department working to catch up on inspections

By Emilia Alves
Correspondent

LUDLOW – At its monthly meeting on July 22, the Board of Health discussed the new Health Inspector, flu and tetanus shots, and the town’s rodent problem.

The Board approved Emily Quinn as the new Health Inspector, who has had a busy couple of months since the former inspector, Timothy Fontaine, departed in February. She and Paulina Matusik, the Health Director, have been working to get the software to make inspections easier.

“When we’re out in the field, we will do the inspection on the iPad, let’s say, of a restaurant, and then we’ll mark the violations on there,” Quinn said.

Since there hasn’t been a Health Inspector for the past five months, Quinn has focused on scheduling inspections for town restaurants. She has also sam-

pled the water of Haviland Pond, the Whitney Park pool and the Thomas Memorial public pool, all with the help of Matusik.

In addition to food inspections at restaurants and water samplings, Quinn and Matusik have been completing food plan reviews, septic plan reviews, percolation tests, housing inspections and nuisance complaint inspections. All of the inspections and inspection software are done with money provided by the Shared Services grant.

“So we’ve been busy,” Quinn said. Ashley Jediny, Mill Towns Social Worker, has been doing monthly social work drop-ins at the Hubbard Memorial Library, on the first Wednesday of every month from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. She encourages people to attend and learn.

“So we had our first one last month. No one came, but we are hoping in the future to get individuals to join,” Jediny said.

As well as these drop-ins, there are also drop boxes for questions at the library and other libraries around the region.

The board approved a two-step salary raise for Paulina Matusik because of her hard work as health director. There was money left in the salary budget for this to be an option, so they went through with it.

Flu and tetanus shots were previously provided at the Health Department at Town Hall, but due to a lack of need, vaccines will not be provided there anymore. It will, however, still be doing homebound vaccine visits and flu clinics, just no vaccines will be distributed at the health department.

The next problem the board tackled was rodents. There have been complaints of rodents infiltrating the homes in town, causing many citizens to complain to the Board of Health.

Since the Mills started their renova-

tions, many rodents have been forced out of their homes and forced into the homes of others. The Mills have been asked to send in monthly pest reports, but without a plan put in place to prevent the spread of rodents, there is a rodent problem.

“So when you’re tearing up an abandoned building, rodents are going to come in, so without a rodent mitigation plan in place prior to renovations, and development (...) this is a result of that,” Kelly Lamas, the Chair of the board, added.

The board has helped in the prevention of rodents and rodent control. Matusik says it is a community-wide issue that should be reported before the rodents spread. The board has been working on a rodent control plan that will further the effort to prevent rodents from entering homes.

The board of health will meet again next month on Aug. 15.

Water pipes to be replaced on Pine Street

LUDLOW —The Town of Ludlow announces that the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission will be conducting a water pipe improvement project in Ludlow starting on Monday, July 29.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission will be replacing water pipes on Pine Street in Ludlow. The project is expected to continue through November with typical working hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., depending on the weather.

Pine Street will be converted to a one-lane alternating traffic pattern throughout

the project. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained, and pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be managed with posted signs and police details.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission manages a large portion of the water main pipes throughout Ludlow.

The Town of Ludlow would like to thank residents and community members for their patience during construction.

For any questions, please contact Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Customer Field Service at 413-310-3501.

LHS Class of 2017 records to be destroyed

LUDLOW - Temporary school records for members of the Ludlow High School Class of 2017 will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual former students, the district announced.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record which is not contained in the transcript. Such information may include standardized test results, class rank,

school sponsored extracurricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records and evaluations by teachers, counselors, and other school staff.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing and sent to: LHS Counseling Department, 500 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA 01056. For more information, call 413-589- 9001, ext. 2407.

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New administrative staff welcomed to public schools

By **Marcelo Gusmão**
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LUDLOW – At last week’s School Committee meeting, the superintendent introduced new members of the schools’ administration.

“Though it’s difficult to say goodbye to our colleagues,” Tiano said. “It’s also an opportunity to welcome some fresh eyes and gain a new perspective to our school district as we provide services for our students, families, and staff.”

Tiano invited three new administrators, Director of Operations Mickey Buell, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Tara Brant, and Jason Taylor, the Principal of Baird Middle School, to formally introduce them to the board and the public.

“Though they have only been here for a few weeks, they have gelled seamlessly with our team and it’s obvious to everyone around us the contributions they could be making to the school district.”

Tiano gave each of the new administrative staff members the opportunity to talk to the board. First up was Buell, who had been introduced to the board at the previous meeting.

“I got to spend a week with (former Director of Operations Kathy Demetrius),” Buell said. “She was incredibly prepared and hard-working and really set me up to understand the flow of the business of the office.”

Buell said that this has been “one of the best starts to a position”

that he has ever had.

Tiano went on to talk about Brant’s varied experiences at the elementary level and in leading and guiding instruction and curriculum assessment.

“I’ve been here only four weeks and I’ve met all of the central office staff, the administrators of the sites, watched some summer school classes, and have gotten some great vibes,” Brant said. “I’ve already started to build some relationships and I’m very excited to jump into the work.”

Finally, Tiano introduced Taylor, who had been acting as Assistant Principal at Baird and had previously served as Assistant Principal at the High School. “It’s an absolute honor,” Taylor said. “With excitement, I introduce myself as the next principal at Baird Middle School. I have absolutely enjoyed my time at Ludlow since the moment I arrived two years ago to be the Assistant Principal at LHS.”

Taylor said that it’s been “an absolute pleasure” to work with the students, families, and staff, and said that “everyone has been nothing but welcoming.”

“I look forward to supporting students, families, and members of the community in my new role,” Taylor said, “and impacting our students’ lives and making their lives the best it could be, and making Baird a safe, nurturing environment.”

Vice Chair Jeffrey Laing said that he was confident that the new

staff members were “the greatest,” because of the way that Tiano hires and prepares new staff.

“I was impressed to see the hires and be part of those interview teams,” Tiano said.

After the welcoming statements from each of the new staff members, the committee got started on the superintendent’s evaluation.

“I asked each (new staff member) individually if they could say I was the best superintendent they’ve ever worked with,” Tiano joked. “It was kind of a test, and y’all passed.”

Committee Chair Sarah Bowler read a series of positive reviews of Tiano’s work as superintendent, as well as some suggestions for improvement. Tiano said that he enjoys working in the community, praising the staff and the administrative team.

“Every sentence starts with ‘Dr. Tiano did this’ and ‘Dr. Tiano did that,’” Tiano said. “I don’t do anything without team members.”

Laing reminisced on his year as Chair, and the amount of work he and Tiano did together.

“I think it’s great, the transparency you give to every single dollar that’s spent by the school is for every taxpayer to see,” Laing said. “I believe that every taxpayer dollar that’s in this town. Anyone who pays taxes should be able to look up where their money is spent.”

“We have a lot more work to do,” Tiano said, “I’m just happy to be a part of it.”

The School Committee will meet again on Tuesday, August 13.

Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop

WILBRAHAM– The Teen Department at the Wilbraham Library is happy to announce a Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop on Tuesday, July 30 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Metalsmith Heather Beck will teach teens in grades 6-12 to design and create their own copper bookmark. Teens will learn about the structure of copper, how to create drawings in metal with textures, and how to use letter stamps to add words on a copper bookmark. No experience is necessary, all supplies will be pro-

vided, and each participant will take their completed bookmark home.

Registration is required and space is very limited. Registration begins on July 10 at 9 am. To sign up, please contact the library at 413-596-6141, or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

CORRECTION

Last week, in our article about the Charter Committee, we said that the charter would change the Town Clerk position to appointed as per Kim Batista’s recommendation. In fact, Batista’s recommendation was to leave the Town Clerk position as elected. We apologize for the error.

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SPIKE AND MILLIE

This is Spike, age five, and Millie, age two. They are both rescues. Spike is a Dixie dog, and Millie came from Kentucky. Spike loves to chase airplanes and thinks he will catch one someday. Millie loves to destroy her stuffies. When they are not doing these things, they love people-watching from their favorite chair. They live with their family, Sarah, Michael, Ella, and Josh, in Ludlow.

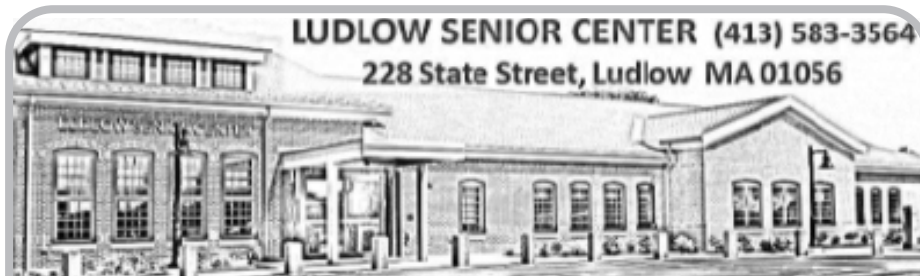


A Conversation with Abraham Rodstein, Holocaust Survivor, at the Wilbraham Library

WILBRAHAM— Holocaust survivor Abraham Rodstein will share his life story at the Wilbraham Public Library on Monday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Facilitated by local writer Thomas Slawiak, Rodstein's discussion will include his journey before, during, and after World War II— from growing up in Lithuania, to surviving the Kovno Ghetto and Dachau concentration camp, to emigrating to America.

Slawiak and Rodstein have spoken to over 2,000 people at schools, senior centers, libraries, and private venues. They are dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust and preventing such horrors from happening again.

Registration for this free event is encouraged as space is limited. To register, please contact the library at 413-596-6141, or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW— The calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more. Reserve a lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Wednesday, July 31

- 8 a.m. Facials*
- 8 a.m. Garden Club
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Mary Poppins Returns
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Aug. 1

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Medicare Counseling by appt.*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Painting Class*
- 2 p.m. Writers Block*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- *PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

- Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
- Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

- Wednesday, July 31: Salisbury steak/Au gratin pot/Green beans
- Thursday, August 1: TBD
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
- For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

ElderCare holds online auction

HOLYOKE— WestMass ElderCare is thrilled to announce its fabulous 50th online auction, an event commemorating five decades of dedicated service to older adults and individuals with disabilities. This milestone celebration not only highlights WMEC's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those in need but also showcases the generous support of the communities we proudly serve.

Since its inception in 1974, WestMass ElderCare has been a pillar of strength and support for the older adults and individuals with disabilities across Western MA. Our comprehensive services, which include in-home care, nutrition programs, caregiver support, and more, have touched countless lives, fostering independence and dignity for our consumers.

"The impact of WestMass ElderCare over the past 50 years has been profound," said Roseann Martoccia, executive director of WMEC. "Our programs have provided vital assistance to individuals, allowing them to maintain their independence and live with dignity. This auction is a testament to the strong bonds we've formed within our community and the unwavering support we've received."

The fabulous 50th online auction prom-

ises to be a remarkable event, featuring an array of exciting items and experiences generously donated by local businesses and supporters. From dining gift cards and gift baskets to Thunderbirds, Red Sox and Bruins tickets, there will be something for everyone to bid on and enjoy. The auction will run from Aug. 8 to Aug. 30, and all proceeds will directly benefit WMEC's programs and services.

The success of this event is made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the community partners and sponsors. Their continued support enables WMEC to expand its reach and impact, ensuring that we can meet the growing needs of our clients.

"We are deeply grateful for the incredible support we receive from our community," added Martoccia. "It is this collective effort that allows us to continue our mission and celebrate this milestone. We invite everyone to join us in this exciting auction and help us make a difference in the lives of those we serve."

For more information about the fabulous 50th online auction and to preview the items up for bid, please visit the website at www.wmelder.org/online-auction.

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Dakin celebrates with lower adoption fees for cats

SPRINGFIELD— In 2019, the Honorable Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of Springfield, proclaimed Aug. 1 "Dakin Day" in Springfield to honor the organization's 50 years of work in the animal welfare industry, as well as the community. The event also coincided with the 10th anniversary of Dakin opening its Union Street location.

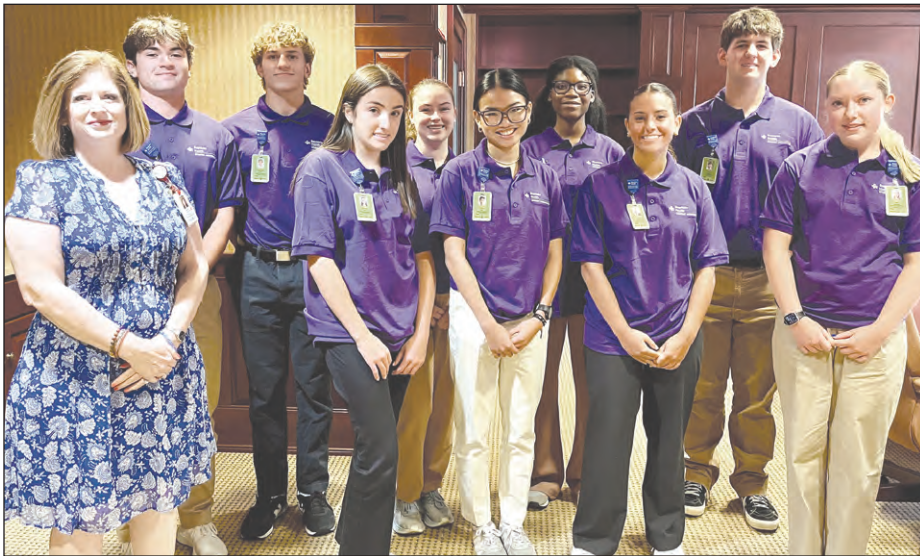
This Aug. 1, Dakin will celebrate 55 years of improving the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them by keeping them where they belong, together. During that anniversary week, from Tuesday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 3, Dakin will lower adoption fees for cats six months and older to \$55, and also discount adoption fees for kittens by \$55. The adoption center will be open from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on each day of the promotion. All cats and kittens available for adoption will have undergone spay/neu-

ter surgery, microchipping, and received age-appropriate vaccinations before they leave the building.

According to Dakin's Executive Director Meg Talbert, the organization will also celebrate Dakin Day by sharing stories and celebrating the animals helped within our community, and those who make our work possible. "Summer always means lots of animals who need rehoming," she said "Cats and kittens, especially, arrive in large numbers at Dakin, and we're hoping that by reducing adoption fees we can help them find homes that much faster."

People interested in adopting a pet at Dakin can see a listing of currently-available pets online at <https://www.dakinhumane.org/adopt-a-pet>. The web page continually updates; removing pets that have left the building, and adding pets who become available for adoption, within minutes.

First ever student ambassador program



Submitted Photo

Student Ambassador-Mini Medical School candidates from the left to right Back row: Jack Lucarelle (Minnechaug HS), Aidan Dzierwinski (Minnechaug HS), Lucia Hellyar (Belchertown HS), Ena Amoakohene (Ludlow HS), George Wheeler (Belchertown HS) Left to right, front row: Michele LaPrade, Volunteer Coordinator, Jamie Bellerose (East Longmeadow HS), Kami Wlodyka (Belchertown HS), Chloe DaCosta (Belchertown HS), Abigail Deren (Belchertown HS).

PALMER— In an effort to provide local high school students the opportunity to explore healthcare fields to help them determine a career path, Baystate Wing Hospital launched its first-ever student ambassador, mini medical school program. The program is an intensive two-week mini-medical school where students learn just some of the many different roles. Nine local students spent two weeks in July at BWH rotating through six different departments, attending educational sessions that were both hands-on and observation, and receiving some training like CPR, How to Stop the Bleed, and hand hygiene. Each day they experienced something new.

"I heard about the Student Ambassador Mini Medical School program during morning announcements at school and decided to put in an application to attend," said George Wheeler from Belchertown High School. "I'm interested in a career in healthcare and thought this would allow me to explore different fields of medicine. Every day was a great experience. During the two weeks at Baystate Wing, I rounded in so many different departments and enjoyed learning from everyone. I found it interesting to learn about all aspects of healthcare, from clinical to non-clinical members of the team, especially liked hearing from the finance department and the quality team; together everyone cared that all patients had a good experience. What I gained from attending Mini Medical School is that I have an interest in clinical rehab, particularly occupational health, and hope to pursue that in college after I graduate next year."

At the end of the two weeks, a graduation ceremony was held where each student had to give a 3-4 minute slide presentation about their experience and journey through the program to their family and BWH team members. As they shared the highlights of their hospital experience and journey, they also shared if they were about to determine or reaffirm a career path decision or if they wanted

to delve into a particular area further. The students also receive a Certificate of Completion for doing the program.

"The Student Ambassador Program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. Not having had this kind of opportunity when I was in school brings me immense joy to be able to provide the first step in these students' career path," said Michele LaPrade, volunteer coordinator for the hospital.

The program, also offered at other Baystate Health Hospitals, is designed to offer selected high school students, 16 and older, who have a keen interest in pursuing careers in healthcare, the unique opportunity to explore some of the many different healthcare roles and experience in the hospital setting.

"Our goal is to help them either make a decision as to what medical career they wish to pursue or guide them in taking a deeper look into a particular field before they make the decision on what college to attend that fits their healthcare career choice," note LaPrade.

"The launch of the Student Ambassador Program, Mini Medical School at Baystate Wing Hospital marks a significant step towards nurturing the healthcare leaders of tomorrow," said Karli Barrett, chief nursing officer/chief administrative officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "As the program progresses, it promises to not only enrich the educational journey of each student but also strengthen the bond between our hospital and the communities we serve."

Baystate Wing Hospital plans to continue offering the Student Ambassador Program annually for two weeks each summer. The hospital will reach out to local schools in the coming year with details and applications for interested students. For more information about the Student Ambassador Program - Mini Medical School program or volunteer opportunities at Baystate Wing Hospital contact Michele LaPrade at 413-370-5295 or michele.laprade@baystatehealth.org.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - JULY 28, 1836



L'Arc de Triomphe, pictured during the funeral of Victor Hugo in 1885, was inaugurated on July 29, 1836.

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On July 28, in 1932, the first feature-length zombie movie, *White Zombie*, starring Bela Lugosi, was first released in New York.

On July 29, in 1836, the Arc de Triomphe, one of the largest such structures in the world, was inaugurated in Paris.

On July 30, in 1965, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed amendments to the 1935 Social Securities Act that established Medicare and Medicaid.

On July 31, in 1667, the Treaty of Breda ended the Second Anglo-Dutch

War and transferred New Netherland, now known as New York and New Jersey, to England.

On August 1, in 1589, King Henry III of France was stabbed by a Jacobin friar and died the next day after acknowledging his Bourbon ally, Henry of Navarre, as his successor.

On August 2, in 1920, Marcus Garvey, black leader and founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, presided at an international convention in New York City.

Finally, on August 3, in 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first transatlantic voyage, departing from Palos, Spain, with the Niña, Pinta, and Santa María.



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OPINION

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services to express our gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support we received for the 12th Annual Second Chance Golf Tournament. This event was a great success made possible by generous sponsors and supporters.

The tournament was held to raise funds for programs to benefit the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals, a cause near and dear to my heart. Our four hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester provide access to full-service veterinary care. Each location offers subsidized rates to those that qualify so all pets can get the care they need. This helps keep pets in their homes with the people they love.

Thank you to the golfers who joined us for a fun-filled day of golf at Cold Spring Country Club. We are particularly grateful to our sponsors including Ted and Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, St. Germain Investment Management and Tito's Handmade Vodka, as well as all the prize and auction item donors, and volunteers who made this event possible. Your contributions helped us reach our fundraising goals and bring awareness to our mission. The generosity shown by our community is a testament to the importance of animal welfare and highlights the significant role that animals play in our lives. We could not have achieved this success without the support of our community.

On behalf of Second Chance Animal Services, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the event. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Doray
Chief Development Officer

GUEST COLUMN



I was self-employed and don't have enough credits for Social Security

Dear Rusty:

For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer.

I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

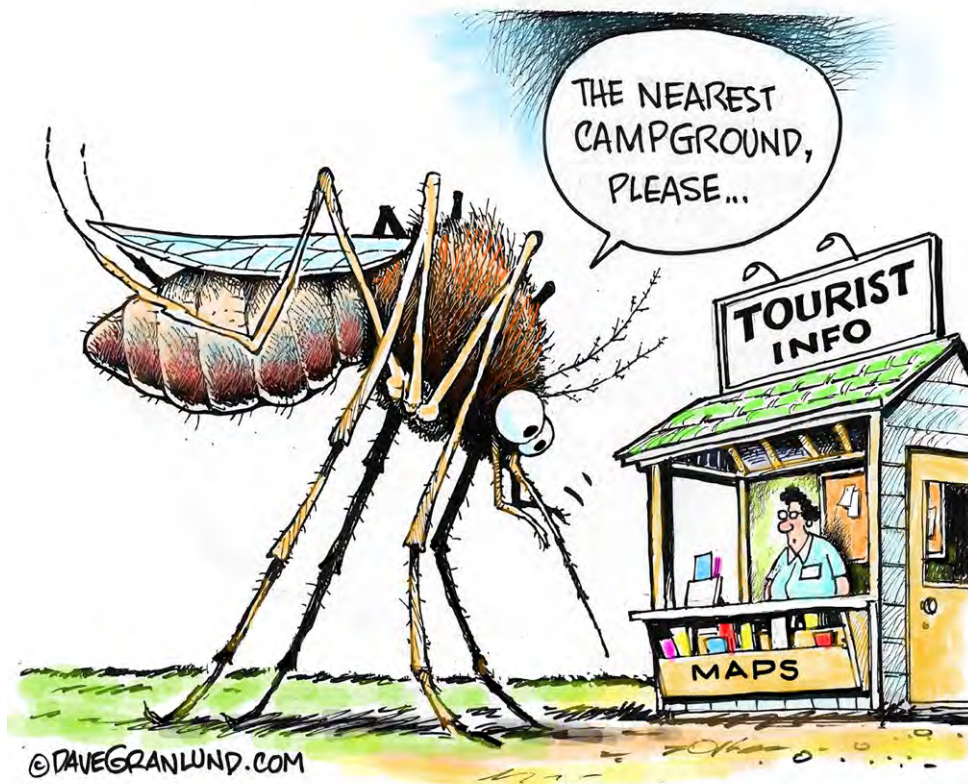
I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits? Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing:

Social Security is an earned benefit and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes or Self-Employment tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit and you can earn a maximum of four credits for each year you work.

The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn four credits). Usually, you

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GUEST COLUMN



Tomato dreams and then there's reality

I always have such high hopes for my tomato plants.

They go into the ground so healthy and green and for the first few weeks manage to stay that way. Then the inevitable yellowing and dropping of some bottom leaves happens from early blight.

The plants are outgrowing their cages and this point, though, so I just accept this as a normal condition and get excited for the first harvest. Some tomatoes look OK, but others are exhibiting strange, less than perfect, symptoms.

Read on to learn which conditions are which and what that means for your harvest.

My paste tomatoes in particular seem to always be susceptible to blossom end rot. It looks exactly as it sounds and is characterized by leathery brown or black spots on the bottom of the fruit.

Usually, it is seen on the first few developing tomatoes and occurs when there is trouble with calcium absorption.

The plan of action for this year would be to regulate your watering, since calcium assimilation can get botched up when plants suffer from drought. Applying a layer of mulch will help to encourage the deep rooting that is essential for nutrient transmission.

In the meantime, send a sample of your soil off to the UMass Extension Service Soil Testing Lab and adjust calcium levels per their recommendation if need be. If by chance you are growing a new variety of tomato and are experiencing blossom end rot for the first time, consider switching to

another variety; some are more susceptible to it than others.

In my garden it is habitually only the paste tomatoes that suffer.

Regarding harvest and use: if you cut the end of the tomato off and then cut into the seed cavity and there is no black area, feel free to use. Sometimes there will be sections of black within the cavity but not always.

This malady can also be seen on peppers and eggplants. Sometimes, though, sun scald can sort of look like blossom end rot in peppers. Planting peppers closer together so that foliage shields developing fruit can help with that issue.

Fruit cracking around the stem, either in rings or radiating downward is caused by overwatering; we or Mother Nature can be at fault. This year I will blame her for some of it.

A little over a week ago many gardeners in the area received an inch or more of rain in two separate deluges. Keep in mind that most veggies require about an inch per week. Adjust your irrigation to accommodate.

As mentioned above, mulches do well to moderate soil moisture; if you mulch, you can water less often! If cracking ends up being a big problem for you, consider scouring the seed catalogs for varieties that are resistant to it.

As long as the cracks are fresh, and haven't begun to show mold, I use the fruit anyway.

Another problem many gardeners experience is a condition called yellow shoulders, in which tomatoes never ripen fully on the top or stem end. This is usually a genetic problem, but it can be lessened by allowing the fruit to ripen slowly under the cover of surrounding foliage rather than out in the open.

High organic matter content and a pH of 6.4 or lower is said to help with this condition—another good reason to have your soil tested and see where it stands.

You can still use these tomatoes. Simply cut that portion off or use it regardless.

These conditions don't have to mean the

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To register for programs or find out more information, visit hubbardlibrary.org, or call (413) 583-3408. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays. The Hubbard Memorial Library is now closed Saturdays for the summer.

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, first Thursday of the month, 11 a.m. Come Meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Public Art Installation, July and August The Hubbard Memorial Library is hosting the sculpture Solar Reflective Movement by local sculptor Brendan Livio Stecchini. It will be on display on our lawn for July and August. Come check out this cool piece of local art!

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FOR ADULTS

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Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

Current Scams and How to Keep You and Your Money Safe, Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. Hear an explanation of current financial fraud scams! Learn ways to keep yourself safe from imposter/grandparent scams, mail theft, online romance, phone & computer scams and more!

Dog Behavior and Bite Prevention, Thursday, August 1, 6:00 p.m. Meet Octavia (Ludlow's Animal Control Officer) while she gives valuable insights into dog behavior with expert tips & tricks. You will gain essential knowledge on dog bite prevention, empowering you to create a safer environment for yourself and your furry friends!

Lawn Art Sculptor's Reception, Thursday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. Come join us on the library lawn to learn about the current art installation titled "Solar Reflective Movement"! Artist Brendan Livio Stecchini will be on hand to talk about the inspiration for the project, techniques used, and the creative process. The outdoor reception will offer a blend of art and conversation! Come view this unique work and see how art can enhance the public spaces around us!

FOR TEENS

Apply to be a Summer Volunteer The Library needs volunteers aged 11 & up (or going into 6th grade in the fall) during the summer help. They will put away books, help prepare arts & crafts projects, help set up and break down outdoor programs, & assist with the

younger kids' programs. Volunteers generally work one hour a week. See website for application or email hubbardyouthroom@gmail.com.

Chess Club, Every other Monday, 3:00-4:00p.m. For ages 9 & up. All experience levels welcome, some instruction provided. No matter what level you start at in June, you'll be a better player by the end of August! Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night, Tuesday August 13, 6:00-7:45 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Snack Wars for YA, Tuesday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. Taste test some familiar and not so familiar snacks for a snack war! Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays 2:30-4:00 p.m. Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, play anime-themed games & try out your cosplay. The group decides what to watch each week. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday July 30, Aug 13 & 27, 4:00-5:00 p.m. For ages 10 & up. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Tabletop RPG Club, Every Thursday starting June 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m. An introduction to tabletop role playing games, including Dungeons & Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, Vampire the Masquerade and Mutants and Masterminds. After trying out a different game for the first 4 weeks, participants will vote for which game to continue with for the rest of the summer & into the fall. For ages 14 & up. Please register.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, Aug 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monthly book chat for ages 14 & up. This month's book is "The Naturals" by Jennifer Lynne Barnes; copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

Summer Olympics Scavenger Hunt, Friday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All ages. Celebrate the end of the 2024 Summer Olympics with a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize! Drop-in.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

The Summer Reading Program Has Begun! All ages. Sign up on the Beanstack app or website. Anyone can

participate. Read and do activities for raffle tickets for a chance to win a grand prize basket. Everyone who completes the program gets a beanie baby.

Pokemon Club, Monday July 28, Aug 11, Aug 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m. For 8 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Book Cover Butterflies, Monday, Aug 5, 12:30 p.m. Ages 8 & up. Local artist Mary Beth Silva will teach how to upcycle picture book dust jackets into elegant 3D butterflies. Please register.

Minecraft Club, Wednesdays starting June 26, 3:00-4:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All ages. Find all the Harry Potter creatures & characters in the Youth Room to win a prize Drop-in.

Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone Movie, Wednesday, July 31, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Rated PG. Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with the story that introduced us to the Wizarding World. Drop-in.

Learn How To Play Jacks, Thursday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. Ages 6 & up. Learn how to play this classic game, and go home with a rubber ball and set of jacks. Please register.

Roblox Club, Fridays, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8+.

FOR CHILDREN


Daily Drop-In Crafts, All ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room daily. New craft each week.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Does not meet June 25. Join Youth Services Librarian July on the lawn (in good weather) for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

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Rigs & Kids at Vanished Valley Brewery



The Veterans' Affairs table was manned by (from left) Dave and Christine Bassett, Kara Smith, and Charlene Hopkins.



Enjoying food and drinks at the beer garden, (from left) Leah Robertson, Randy Letourneau, and Sean and Kara Ellis.



Carl Rohan escorted Seamus and Awhsha to meet the kids for the tough-the-truck event.

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cluded tables with information about town departments and vendors with kettle corn and frozen treats, as well as access to the brewery's beer garden for the adult attendees.

The Veterans' Affairs Office had a table to hand out information for attendees, with representatives from the Women's Auxiliary. Boomer of the Thunderbirds also made an appearance.

The brewery has more events coming up this summer. On August 8, a Permanent Jewelry Workshop will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and then on August 10 there will be a Food Truck Festival from 1-5 p.m.

August 11 will have a '90s Themed Murder Mystery Dinner, where attendees are encouraged to dress in nostalgic '90s fashion, and then on August 13, E.Silver Charcuterie will host a workshop from 6-8 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets for any upcoming events, visit VanishedValley.com.



Elias Acuña (left) manned a table with his daughter, Bella, who spent the afternoon drawing.

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has a ridiculous amount of dog bites," Anderson said. "It's absurd how many we have for the size of our population, and I'm sure half don't even get reported."

According to state law, dog bites are supposed to be reported to the Animal Control office within 24 hours. Anderson said that in the case of a dog bite, victims should seek immediate medical attention and contact either the police or Animal Control.

"I have to, by law, put the dog in a 10-day quarantine, even if the dog has their shots," Anderson explained. "That can be in the house or, if I don't feel comfortable with them being able to keep the dog, I put them in a kennel."

Anderson said that after the quarantine, the dog is released back to its owners, but warned that "dogs that bite will often bite again."

"We really try to emphasize why this dog would bite you," Anderson said. "What were you doing that caused this dog to bite you? Most dogs will avoid snapping, but most people don't read the right warning signs. I see all over internet these pictures of kids hanging off dogs, and I think, 'get your two-year-old off your dog's neck.' You wouldn't want someone hanging on your neck, and your dog definitely doesn't, either."

You can register for Anderson's Dog Behavior Seminar through the library. The seminar is open to all ages, but Anderson warns that there will be gruesome photos of dog bites, and so she is planning to hold a separate program for younger children.

"This talk, I'm hoping, will be more geared towards dog owners and parents to use common sense," Anderson said. "Dogs communicate with each other 90% through body language, and we humans need to read that properly."

The Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 27 at Westover Golf Course, and Animal Control is looking for volunteers, sponsors, and participants.

"The money we raise is going to the immediate needs of the dogs and cats I bring in," Anderson said.

Anderson said that the town is in desperate need of a designated animal shelter. Though the department has been using a building in Wilbraham, the Friends are looking to get a designated facility in town.

"It kind of looks like a jail and is not a happy animal shelter, so we try not to keep animals there," Anderson said. "We're glad we have it, some towns don't, but Ludlow's big enough to support its own shelter."

To learn about other programs being offered by the library, visit HubbardLibrary.org, or call them at 413-583-3408.

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may be five gentlemen," said DeBarge. "Leadership is a great thing, and it knows no gender, and Ludlow knows that we have some fantastic women in leadership."

Select Board Member James Gennette then read a formal adjournment for Garrow that was read to the State House by Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders.

"Helen's life was a testament to her dedication, service, and community spirit," Gennette read. "Her contributions to Ludlow and beyond will be cherished and remembered by all who knew her."

ARPA funds

After some statements from Representative Saunders and Select Board members past and present, the board ran through its correspondence and came to a discussion about the use of the remaining ARPA funds, which was tabled at the July 9 meeting.

Town Administrator Marc Strange compiled a list of suggestions through conversations with various departments, such as the Department of Public Works and the Veterans' Affairs Office. He added that there was still time to look for further projects as well.

"We have about \$550,000 left in ARPA funds," Strange said. "Those projects total about \$479,000."

He listed requests two requests at \$110,000 each; one for the survey and preliminary design work for the Whitney Park upgrades, and the other to mill and pave the town parking lot, as well as redoing the sidewalks, which he warned may be trip

hazards.

"We also talked about milling and paving the library parking lot and doing the extension that's been talked about previously," Strange said. "The DPW guys estimated that to be about \$85,000."

Gennette asked if this would do anything to mitigate the library's flooding problem. Strange explained that the most recent flooding happened because the French drain was too small, and has since been replaced with a much bigger one.

"The other thought was DPW would go and construct a canopy so that the water flows into the drive instead of down into the walkway," Strange said, adding that this would not use ARPA funds.

Strange said that the third solution would be to have an engineer do an evaluation and look for a long-term fix, and that the town does not have that estimate.

Strange mentioned several DPW vehicles that are old and rusted, and noted a pickup truck, which the department would ask for from capital funds for Fiscal Year 2026. He also mentioned that the veterans' office uses the pickup truck from a volunteer to pull the trailer that transports food to the pantry, and suggested using the funds to buy a truck for the department.

The Select Board Members noted that it would be easy enough to use capital funds for these truck purchases, and advocated for denying the requests.

Strange also said that these funds could be used to sort out problems with the Munis system.

"We have a great Munis product," Strange said. "The

problem is the back end users and rolls and our vendor lists. I can't get too technical into it, but it's a mess. It's been a mess for a while, so it's preventing us from really using the product to its fullest extent."

Strange mentioned that a similar project was done in Holyoke, and it cost the town \$150,000.

"We also got an estimate to do the feasibility design work for the Whitney Park building," Strange said. "That would be phase two of Whitney Park, the thought being that the existing building would be demolished and a new building would be built in its place that's more energy efficient, has better spaces for the kids, and brings the bathrooms inside that building. That estimate is \$34,500."

Lastly, Strange noted that the town doesn't have a Crisis Communication Plan.

"This really kind of sparked in my head when we had the issue with Springfield Water and Sewer when that outfall collapsed," Strange said. "Without a plan, when things happen like this, you don't really have time to do the planning in the moment."

Gennette noted that the plan would cost \$9,500, and asked why the town needed this money to create a plan. Strange said that it could cost as little as \$4-5,000, but that he could not create the plan on his own.

At the end of the discussion, the board voted unanimously to appropriate \$144,500 for survey and design work for Whitney Park and its building, and tabled the rest of the items while more information was gathered from the town.

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Boys B clinches playoff spot

Dylan Southall goes after the loose ball.

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LUDLOW – The Ludlow Boys B summer soccer team finished up the regular season with a 6-4-1 record. The Lions would defeat Belchertown 5-1 in its final regular season game and is the No. 5 seed in the B Division playoffs. The Lions were scheduled to face Agawam in the quarterfinals. The finals are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3.

Desmond Danso stops the ball.



Dylan Southall sends a free kick away.



Anthony Shuko looks to get around his opponent.



Lions get second seed in playoffs

LUDLOW – The PVSSL playoffs began this week, and Ludlow Girls A is in the second position after finishing 7-2-2 this summer. The Lions were scheduled to face Hampshire Regional earlier this week for a chance to go to the semifinals.

Ryleigh Remillard heads the ball away.

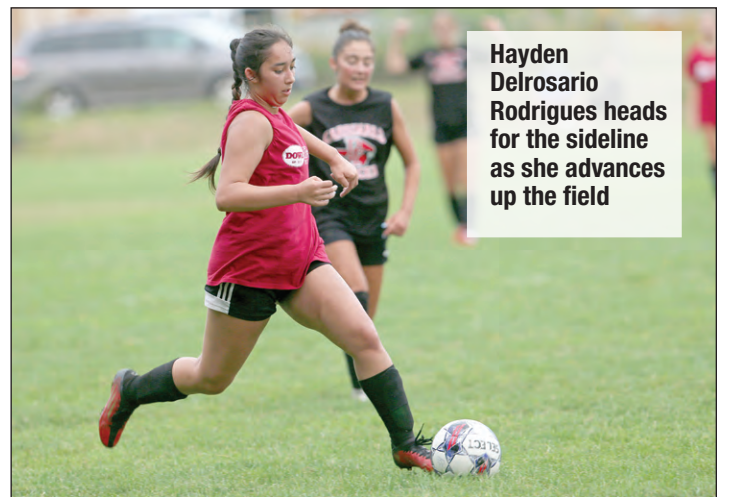


Valentina Molinari tries to get around an opponent.

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Ava Friese makes her way up the field.



Hayden Delrosario Rodrigues heads for the sideline as she advances up the field



Leonel Vergara makes a throw-in.



Aiden Kelly goes for a long pass.

LUDLOW – After a phenomenal season, the Western Mass. Pioneers were defeated for just the third time this season. The Pioneers lost 2-1 against Lionsbridge FC on the road. The Pioneers opened up the playoffs with a 3-1 win against FC Motown. The Pioneers season ends at 13-3-1.

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Kwame Adu-Gyamfi tries to keep the ball from going over the sideline.



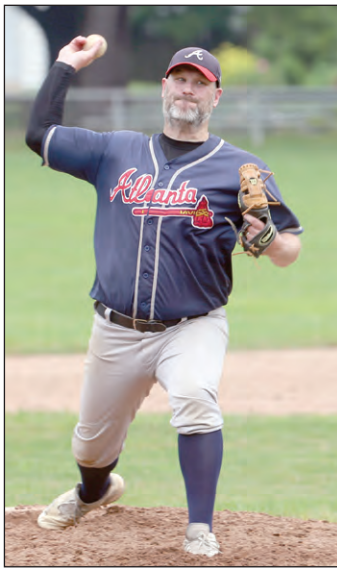
Lawrence Goddard sends a shot on goal.



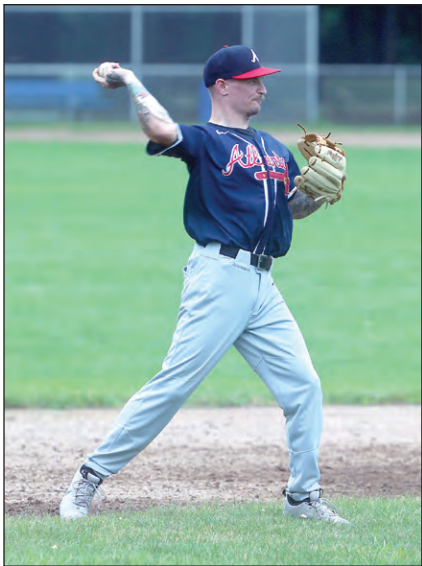
The Tigers' Brad Bullough delivers a pitch.

Quabbin regular season nearing end

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League continues Sunday morning action into August with just three more games remaining in its regular season. So far, the Orioles are at the top of the league followed by the Tigers in second place. The Quabbin League playoffs will follow, and this year, the league will be hosting a fall league for players 28 and over.



Adam Kinney, of Wilbraham, delivers a pitch for the Braves.



The Braves Jamie Ryan throws to first.



Justin Morin fields the bouncer to third.



Randy Marseau fields a grounder for the Tigers.

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Big inning leads Blue Sox to win

HOLYOKE— After the Blue Sox took both games of Saturday's double-header, they were hungry for more against the Westerners on Sunday afternoon.

Valley capitalized on an eight-run seventh inning to win Sunday's game 13-5. The Blue Sox continue to cushion their lead of the eighth seed in the NECBL playoff picture.

Danbury starter Alex Mach struggled early and gave up four runs in the bottom of the second inning. Blue Sox designated hitter Jay Bant hit his third home run of the season. Two of those runs were scored as unearned as Danbury made two errors (one on catcher Roman DiGiacomo and second baseman Carl Schmidt). After two innings, it was 4-0 Valley.

Danbury chipped its way back into the game, scoring one run in the third, fourth and fifth innings. In the top of the sixth inning, Dan-

bury left fielder Jaden Sheffield, son of Major League Baseball superstar Gary Sheffield, struck out looking and was ejected by home plate umpire David Speranza.

Going into the top of the seventh inning, Valley had the 4-3 lead. KJ Lavoie surrendered singles to Kobe Mentzer and Lorenzo Rios. Danbury took a 5-4 lead going to the bottom of the inning.

Mach entered the bottom of the inning and was taken out after immediately loading the bases on an E4, walk and single. Max Foster entered the game and got two quick groundouts.

Jonathan Hogart and Bant singled in runners. Anthony Scarabino walked and Zev Moore also singled in runners. Kyle Henington capitalized the eight-run seventh inning to make it 12-5. Valley tacked one more in the bottom of the eighth and won 13-5

Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/

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Hopkins takes win in Calef 125

WALPOLE, N.H. - A busy stretch of four races in four weeks for the Granite State Pro Stock Series wraps up this Friday night at one of the series' staple venues.

Lee USA Speedway, only a short drive from the New Hampshire seacoast, welcomes the GSPSS back for their first of two visits this year with this Friday's Clash on Calef 125.

Unique among the tracks on this year's GSPSS itinerary, Lee hosts its own regular Pro Stock division, welcoming the class back to its weekly program a few years ago. Lee's own big-ticket Pro Stock shows earlier this year boasted plenty of names familiar to GSPSS fans and followers. But Friday night's showdown, named for the state highway on which Lee has been situated since the 1960s, is the first opportunity for those Pro Stock wheelmen to score points toward the series crown.

That contest took an intriguing turn Saturday evening at Speedway 95, with hometown hero Mike Hopkins the fifth different driver to wave the GSPSS checkered flag this season. The two strongest title threats in attendance, Casey Call and Evan Beaulieu, each faced their own pitfalls in the race. But where Call exited early with chassis damage, Beaulieu recovered from a mid-race spin to finish fifth, chipping away at Call's healthy advantage.

Call's calamity ended a season-opening streak of finishing no worse than fourth, while Beaulieu has back-to-back top-fives after a slow start. Both drivers have a lot of work ahead to be ready for Friday, and with the season's deepest entry list in hand, winning promises to be a tall order.

A trio of Maine rookies have run the majority of the races this year, with Jamie Wright, Morgan Call and Miller Buzzell all set to carry on their season-long efforts at Lee. Joining them from the Pine Tree State is veteran Gary Smith and multi-track titlist Dave Farrington, Jr., who won his GSPSS debut back in 2016.

Wiscasset Speedway veteran and 2023 Speedway 95 winner Josh St. Clair is on the entry list, as well as Nick Jenkins and Matt Dow. Cole Robie, who hails from Maine, but has Granite State ties through his father Jarod and grandfather Carleton, plans to make his series debut as he graduates from Legends and Bandoleros into full-size fendered cars this season.

Local racers Bobby Baillargeon, Bobby Frappier and Frankie Eldredge plan to put their Lee expertise to the test. Dan Winter has stepped up his GSPSS appearances this year and wants to replicate his top-five run at Star Speedway in May's season opener. Andy Shaw missed the season opener, but he and the Dale Drew Racing team have been at every event since.

Massachusetts teammates Alex Quarterley and Jeremy Sorel are back for more GSPSS action, with Sorel still smiling after his second-place finish at Claremont Motorsports Park earlier this month.

Cory Casagrande is back after a week off, with the Connecticut star anxious to avenge a hard crash at Lee a month ago. Fellow Nutmeg Stater Anthony Bello is back with the series as well, racing for Maine car owner Shawn Knight.

With big-league racing on a summer recess, Maine native and NASCAR spotter Derek Kneeland is dusting off his race car for his first GSPSS start since 2022. Kneeland accompanied his driver, Kyle Busch, to June's Keen Parts 150 at Lee, where he and Busch both outlasted the carnage to post top-five finishes.

But the early favorites are sure to be those who have a record of past success at Lee. Ryan Green's redemption arc remains in play after a grinding crash at June sidelined his own race car. Green borrowed a car from friend Joey Doiron to race at Claremont this month, reintroduced his repaired mount at Hudson two weeks ago, and will be a threat in whichever car he brings to the track this week.

Brandon Barker, the first Pro Stock champion at Lee after the division's revival a couple years back, won the Keen Parts 150 in June and took home a \$10,000 prize. Barker has a pair of GSPSS wins at Lee in 2018 and 2019 and would love to add to the trophy case.

Reigning Lee track champion Wayne Helliwell, Jr. last won a GSPSS feature in 2014, a dry spell the New Hampshire all-star would love to erase. Helliwell's longtime rival, Joey Polewarczyk, won a GSPSS feature at Lee that season, one of two touring wins at the track. "Joey Pole" was victorious at Hudson Speedway two weeks ago, his eighth series victory.

And Corey Bubar won the GSPSS' last outing at Lee, taking home \$8,500 in last fall's Bosowski Properties 150. The Beech Ridge Motor Speedway veteran is one of several racers who came to Lee after Beech Ridge was shuttered, and one of many to find success at his new home track.

In a showdown between the proven veterans and the optimistic hopefuls, the sure winners are the fans in the stands who can take in Friday night's on-track fireworks.

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LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV, in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** on the Notice of Intent application of Palmer Moore, Ludlow Renewables, LLC, for the property located at **0 East Street (Assessors' Map 27, Parcels 26,27,28,29,30 & 31)**. The subject of the hearing is: installation of a ground mounted solar array and associated utility connection on portions of six (6) properties.

Angela Tierney
Chair

07/31/2024

LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, for the property located at **0 Lyon Street (Assessors' Map 18, Parcel 3B)**. The subject of the meeting is: excavation & removal of overburden to expose the existing natural gas pipeline to conduct safe inspection of the pipeline and/or repair of the pipeline coating.

Angela Tierney
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Angela Tierney
Chair

07/31/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing

on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 5:35 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Kul Sarki for KB and Sons Venture, LLC dba Pizza Corner located at 70 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a new wine and malt beverage License. Premises described as follows: A quick service or dine-in restaurant of 1923 square feet, featuring one floor and five rooms, which includes a kitchen, dining room, service area, storage room and office. Seating capacity for 70 people.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
07/24, 07/31/2024

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT ACCESSORY APARTMENT

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Brandon McCarthy for the property located at **Lot 82 Turning Leaf Road Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 30, Parcel 253)** for: **792 square foot accessory apartment.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
07/24, 07/31/2024

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:20 p.m.** on the application of Thomas Morin of **143 Parker Lane Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 30, Parcel 52T)** for: **office for roofing business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
07/24, 07/31/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24P1590EA Estate of: Roberta Annette Bennet Date of Death: 06/26/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been

filed by **Roberta A. Duffy of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Roberta A. Duffy of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 29, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
07/31/2024

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Matthew Nay of **186 Lyon Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 24, Parcel 38)** for: **office for bounce house rental business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
07/24, 07/31/2024

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OBITUARIES

James J. Andre

James J. Andre, 82, of Chicopee, formerly of Ludlow, passed away on July 20, 2024. Born in Ludlow on November 10, 1941, Jim was the beloved son of the late Joseph Andre and Jeanne (Bonville) Andre. He was a graduate of Trade High School and went on to become a talented auto mechanic and owner of Andre's Automotive in Ludlow. He was always hard working and in his free time, enjoyed relaxing and watching his favorite tv shows.



Jim leaves his sister Clovia Enos and husband William H. of Ludlow; his nephew William M. and wife Andrea and niece Kimberley Hagan and husband Daniel, all of Ludlow; many cousins including William Mackie, of Chicopee, and several extended family members and dear friends.

Graveside services for Jim will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. directly at St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard (Section U).

DEATH NOTICES

James J. Andre
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Services
July 31, 2024
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Lawrence F. Kus
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Ludlow Funeral Home

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Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug 15, 10:00 a.m. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Teddy Bear Picnic, Thursday, August 8, 12:30 p.m. Ages 2-8. Join us for a teddy bear picnic! Bring your stuffie & a picnic lunch. Drop-in. (inside if raining)

"Ready For K". Friday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. For soon-to-be kindergarteners. Have fun learning essential kindergarten readiness skills. Please register.

QUABBIN LEAGUE from Page 10

summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.


The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.



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FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

SENIOR BINGO: Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

THRIFT SHOP: Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

CHESS CLUB: Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St. For more information, contact the IOCC at 413-209-8240 or indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during oper-

ating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-3564.

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and

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QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at 485 East St., Ludlow. Call 413-348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT: Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

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end of your harvest. By working around the issues, making some minor adjustments and choosing appropriate resistant varieties, tomato sauce is still in your future!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.

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must contribute to Social Security for about ten years to be eligible for benefits.

You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return – you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax).

If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your net earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of four per year.

But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's Full Retirement Age Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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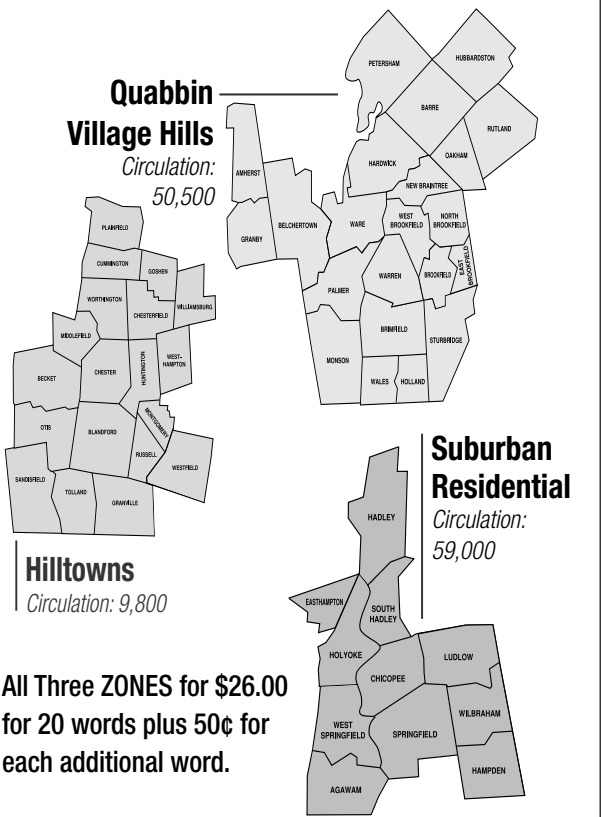
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23 Students inducted into Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society

The Western New England University chapter of Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society welcomed 23 students at the University's annual induction ceremony on April 18th in the Rivers Memorial Hall.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes the study and proactive of accounting, finance, and information systems; providing opportunities for self-development, service and association among members and practicing professionals; and encouraging a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

Jessica Morgado of Ludlow is working toward a degree in Finance.

Catarina Pires of Ludlow is working toward a degree in Accounting.

Goodwin University's dean's list spring 2024

Goodwin University announces 752 students achieved Dean's List status for the Spring 2024 session. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- av-

erage, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Meghan Dumas of Indian Orchard
Christopher Ferreira of Ludlow
Michael Goodreau of Ludlow

Edgar Moratinos of Ludlow earns degree from University of Maryland Global Campus

Edgar Moratinos of Ludlow, earned a(n) Bachelor of Science in Finance from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2024.

Moratinos was one of more than 14,000 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the 2023-24. Graduates came from all 50 states, three U.S. territories, and 24 countries.

Western New England University Honors Class of 2024

Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the MassMutual Center, celebrating the Class of 2024.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you.

Matthew Joseph Nogueira of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Finance. Matthew also graduated with a minor in Accounting.

Fiona Mary Campbell of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Business Analytics & Information Management. Fiona also graduated with a minor in Enterprise Research Planning with SAP.

Theodore A. Zwinski of Ludlow, graduated with a BA in Communication/Media & Journalism. Theodore also graduated with a minor in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Rafaela Morais Fernandes of Ludlow, graduated with a BS in Health Sciences. Rafaela also graduated with a minor in Psychology.

Baylee Jean Edwards of Ludlow, graduated with a BS in Health Studies. Baylee also graduated with a minor in Psychology.

Jacob Alan Vautrain of Ludlow, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Information Technology. Jacob also graduated with a minor in Theater.

Charlie V. Smith of Ludlow, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSBA in Accounting and in Finance.

Anthony Joseph Quiterio of Ludlow, graduated with a BSBA in Accounting.

Nicholas Alexander Wilken of Ludlow, graduated with a BS in Biomedical Engineering.

John Paul Collins of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Busi-

ness Analytics & Information Management.

Malik Abed Serisser of Ludlow, graduated with a BS in Criminal Justice.

Michael D. Riley of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in General Business.

Cameron Michael King of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Management & Leadership.

Joseph Roy Snopek III of Ludlow, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BSBA in Marketing.

Jake A. Wyllie of Ludlow, graduated with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Noah Matthew Mayberry of Ludlow, graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Neuroscience.

Sedona Hadleigh Wikar of Ludlow, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Nicholas John Jasiel of Springfield, graduated with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Janis A. Negron-Resto of Indian Orchard, graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology.

Sam Daniele graduates from Roger Williams University

Roger Williams University is proud to announce that **Sam Daniele**, of Ludlow, MA, (01056) graduated with a B.S. in Biology in May as part of the Class of 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of William Collins for Barburrito, Inc. located at 313-319 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a

New Wine & Malt License. Premises described as follows: Restaurant with an open kitchen with two small dining areas. Current occupancy of 24 seats.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
07/24, 07/31/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

The Ludlow Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing on **Tuesday,**

August 6, 2024 at 5:55 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA on the application of Francis Federico for a new Class II Motor Vehicle License for Sewall Street Auto Center to be located at 330 Sewall Street, Ludlow, MA 01056

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0214CA In the matter of: Kelly Margaret Stephens CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been filed by **Kelly Margaret Stephens of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Olivia Violet Hammond
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

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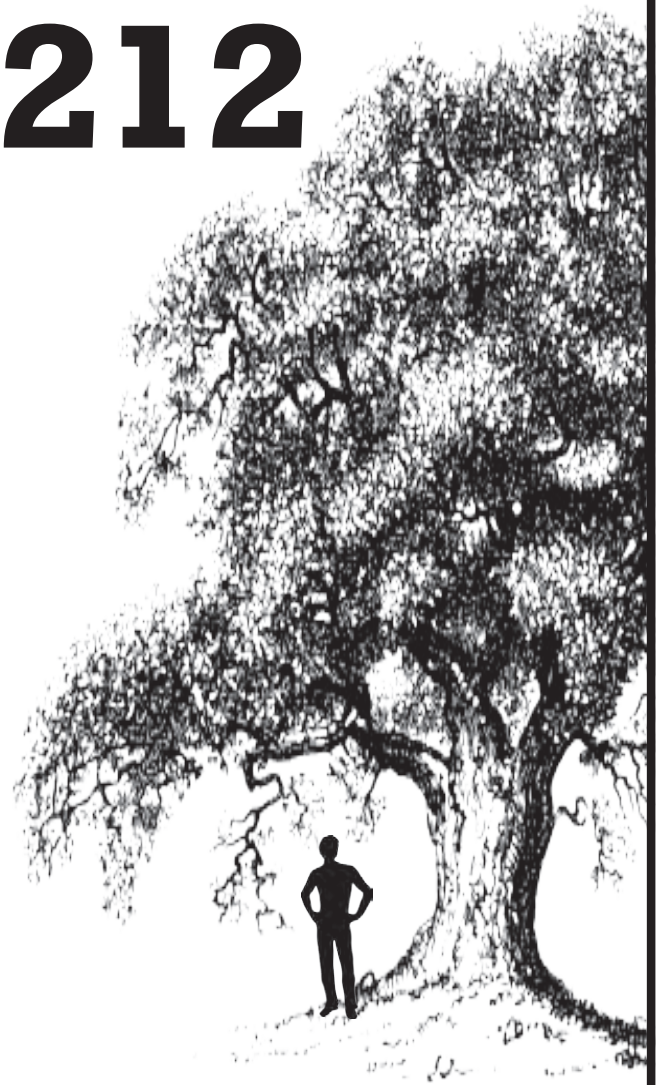
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