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## Deputy Fire Chief Peter Nothe retires

By Kristin Rivers  
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WILBRAHAM - Deputy Fire Chief Peter Nothe officially retired from the fire department after 37 years of service to the town on August 9.

Nothe also served for 36 years in the Monson Fire Department and also served as a volunteer firefighter.

In a retirement celebration at the fire department surrounded by family, friends and members and retirees from Wilbraham and several neighboring fire departments including the towns of Monson, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow and East Longmeadow, Nothe was honored for his many years of fire service and dedication to the community.

Select Board Chair Sue Bunnell reflected on Nothe's career, where he began working at Bill's Sonoco in Monson in June 1977 and then obtained his national certification as an emergency medical technician on May 24, 1978, becoming a firefighter/EMT for the Monson Fire Department in April 1979 and later applying to become a firefighter in Wilbraham on Jan. 8, 1987.

From there, Bunnell said Nothe was appointed by the Select Board--known then as the Board of Selectmen--in 1987 and reported for duty on Nov. 9, working his way through the ranks and later becoming fire captain on July 1, 2008, and deputy fire chief on Feb. 28, 2017, also serving as acting fire chief when called to do so.

She added how Nothe "has upheld his oath of serving the people of Wilbraham to the best



Turley photo by Kristin Rivers

**Deputy Fire Chief Peter Nothe and Ludlow Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Lavoie pose for a photo during Nothe's retirement celebration on Aug. 9. Nothe also served 36 years in the Monson Fire Department and also as a volunteer firefighter.**

of his ability" and dedicated his life to saving others and touching countless lives throughout his career.

"Whereas Deputy Fire Chief Nothe has accumulated a wealth of knowledge in the field of firefighting and emergency management--which is difficult to quantify and impossible to replace--and has generously shared this knowledge as a teacher to aspiring and experienced firefighters and paramedics alike, leaving a leg-

acy of knowledge about Wilbraham Fire Department's history, culture, values, processes and practices," Bunnell said.

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine presented a certificate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, congratulating Nothe "on an amazing career."

"My 25 years in Northampton, I heard his name several, several times. I think everybody in Western Mass has met him

and knows him and he's very well-respected out there and had a fantastic career," Davine said.

Fire Commissioner Ed Rigney next presented a token of appreciation to Nothe.

"Pete, I think you have touched many, many of the people here. Young and old and there's probably no one more deserving of enjoying a retirement than you," Rigney said.

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## Boards partner to create new monument at LHS

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW - At its meeting last Tuesday, the School Committee voted to approve plans for a Prisoner of War/Missing In Action monument at the high school.

At its Aug. 13 meeting, the committee unanimously approved a consent agenda for the minutes from the Policy Subcommittee Meetings on July 23 and 31. The committee then set a meeting for Aug. 26 for policies that need to be discussed.

The committee received a proposal from Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo to install a Chair of Honor at the high school track and field.

"The chair is to serve as a powerful symbol and a solemn reminder of the brave men and women who were POW or MIA while serving our country," Segundo's proposal read.

The committee received pictures and a design, and Committee Chair Sarah Bowler brought the proposal to Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano to coordinate with the Principal Lisa Nemeth and Director of Athletics Tim Brillo before opening up for discussion to the committee. Tiano said the Principal and Athletic

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## Solar panel project heads for town meeting vote

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW - At its Aug. 13 meeting, the School Committee voted to send a project for solar panels on the roof of Harris Brook Elementary School to Town Meeting.

Director of Operations Mickey Buell provided an overview of the history and cost savings of the Harris Brook Elementary School Solar Project. Buell noted that though the project has been discussed for several years, it had not made it to be discussed with the School Committee.

"We're hoping for a vote to approve the project tonight," Buell said. "The basics of it are this; the state has created incentives for clean energy programs."

Buell said that Power Op-

tions is a non-profit that helped create an outline for public entities to create solar arrays. After reviewing the school facilities, it was determined that, because of the age of the roof, Harris Brook would be the most appropriate school to undergo this project.

"The project would be that Solect Energy would install a solar array across the roof," Buell said. "Solect Energy would build it at their cost. Our commitment as the school district would be to sign a power purchase agreement to purchase power from the array at a set rate that would be guaranteed to be constant for the full 20 years."

Buell said that rate is negotiated through the Power Options program, and said that through his conversations about the project, "It's a really good program."

"The rates that we would be paying for the solar from this project would either be 9.5 cents per kilowatt hour, or 8.37 cents per kilowatt hour," Buell said.

Buell said that this difference in the rate would be determined during construction, and could be voted on by the committee.

"Either of those rates are lower than recent rates from Eversource," Buell said. "The savings projection shows savings of somewhere between \$800,000 and \$1 million over 20 years, using a conservative estimate for inflation of what Eversource's rates would be."

Committee members were resistant to make a decision that would last 20 years in a single meeting. Buell explained that the project was held up for a time, and so timing was a factor.

"The state's rates for the 2022 program were very good," Buell said. "Those rates are going to expire. Solect Energy has the opportunity to invest a little bit more money and secure those rates, but it has to be done by Aug. 23."

Andreas Schmidt, representing Solect Energy, said that this project would require paying \$6,000 to the Department of Energy Resources, and would give Solect one year to build the project and have it mechanically complete. The money is refundable once the project has been built.

Schmidt said that he appreciates that Solect focuses on installing solar panels to rooftops of municipal buildings rather than taking up land in fields.

"We don't push things on people," Schmidt said. "We try to be honest and forthright."

Schmidt cited 150 municipi-

pal and school projects in the state and said that Solect has done 30 projects with Harvard University over the last ten years, with four more contracts recently signed.

"If we did a crappy job, the folks at Harvard would have kicked us to the curb long ago," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said that Solect is committed to staying out of the school's way and not distracting students with the installation.

"It's not just me speaking here, it's Solect," Schmidt said. "There are a lot of smarter people than me doing this work to make sure that if you choose to do this project, you get a safe installation."

Committee Member Amanda Coddling asked what would

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# LUDLOW

## Conservation Commission Discusses New Solar Field at Monthly Meeting

By Emilia Alves  
Correspondent

LUDLOW – The Conservation Commission met on Aug. 7 to discuss the installation of solar panels, pipeline inspection and maintenance, an anonymous complaint and the building of a new shed for Harris Brook Elementary.

Palmer Moore of Ludlow Renewables, LLC presented a plan for a solar field to be installed on the site at Reynolds Street, East Street, and the Mass Pike. This project had already been approved in 2019, but due to issues getting access from the Department of Transportation, it was delayed for 462 days, and the permit expired.

The plan is now being proposed again and will be decided at the Commission's next meeting. A few concerns were brought up by residents that border the solar field, such as drainage and wildlife.

"We are seeing more and more wildlife, things we've never seen before," one resident of Reynolds Street said. "My other major concern is, literally, what is going to happen with drainage?"

Moore assured the resident that the drainage from the new solar panels would be redirected away from Reynolds Street by a ridge. However, the runoff will be directed at a street parallel to Reynolds Street, so the company is still looking for a more effective solution.

Angela Tierney, Chairperson of the Commission, told the resident that contacting Ever-source Vegetation Management with her concerns could help with the existing wildlife problems.

Moore requested a certificate of compliance for the original, unfinished, project, to close out the previous permit, which cleared the way for the new project. The commission made a motion to issue the certificate of compliance.

The next topic discussed was the pipeline integrity management project which includes routine maintenance and inspection work on the pipes in town.

The first part of this plan is "confirmatory digs," which are done to make sure the machine used to monitor the pipelines is calibrated correctly. This means digging up parts of the pipeline that the device reads as having

"We wait a few months and they need a shed because they forgot to put a place to store the snowblower."

Angela Tierney  
Chairperson of the Commission

some sort of anomaly, and then assessing if the device is working as it is supposed to.

Once sure the device is working correctly, the operator would study the pipe's interior and exterior for corrosion. This is done with a mix of physical inspections as well as the remote monitoring devices.

The commission then spoke about the anonymous complaint about excavation activity taking place by a stream and wetland on 220 Ventura St. When the commission investigated, it found that the property was owned by a construction company and the owner was

cutting wood from their own backyard and other construction jobs.

The Commission determined that they were not working anywhere near the stream or wetland areas, and it dismissed the complaint.

The last topic on the agenda to discuss was the addition of a shed to Harris Brook Elementary School. The Planning Board had approved a site sketch plan to add a shed to the Harris Brook property. The shed was to be located in the back parking lot of the school.

Some members of the board expressed concern about the shed, and said that the school did not accurately plan out how much space it would need to store its equipment.

"We wait a few months and they need a shed because they forgot to put a place to store the snowblower," Tierney said.

The Commission did not determine a solution for this concern.

The Conservation Commission meets again on the first Wednesday of next month, Sept. 4. At this meeting they will decide on the Solar Field issue.

## Golf for good set for Sept. 7

QUABOAG VALLEY—Join members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley on Sept. 7 for a fun day on the links at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown and be a champion for women and girls.

The \$120 registration includes golf, cart, pastries/coffee, snacks, box lunch, beverages, prizes and more! If you aren't a golfer, you can donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Mary Knight at 413-219-8260 or info@zontaqv.org, or visit ZontaQV.org.

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Mary Esteves celebrated her birthday with Senior Center Director Jodi Zepke and Senator Jake Oliveira.

## Mary Esteves celebrates 100th Birthday



Senator Jake Oliveira presented an official citation in honor of Mary Esteves's birthday.

Submitted photos

## Area teens graduate from Young Marines Academy

LUDLOW— The Young Marines, a national youth organization, has announced the graduates of the 2024 National Leadership Academy Senior Leadership School held at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island. Two area teens, Sierra Williams of Ludlow, Massachusetts and Jayden Edwards of West Springfield, Massachusetts are graduates who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. YM/Sgt Edwards and YM/Sgt Williams are members of the Westover Young Marines unit in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

The Young Marines is a national youth organization for boys and girls from age eight through high school graduation.

Young Marines gathered from throughout the country and were trained in July, in a number of different areas. The goals included development of leadership, mentorship, and management skills while competing in physical challenges. The graduates were evaluated on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Williams, 16, is a rising junior at Ludlow High School. She is applying to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and U.S. Naval Academy. Her future includes a career in Marine Biology.

Edwards, 16, is a rising junior at West Springfield High School. He is planning a career with the US Marine Corps.

Senior Leadership School gave both Williams and Edwards invaluable experience on becoming a mentor and guiding others to grow into bigger leadership roles.

"SLS helped me learn to be better, to trust myself even in rough situations, and to not overthink things," said Williams. "I am



Submitted Photos

Sierra Williams from Ludlow and Jayden Edwards of West Springfield have graduated from the prestigious Young Marines Senior Leadership held in Newport, Rhode Island.

excited to use my newly acquired skills to help other Young Marines in my unit."

Explaining the positive experience he had with the school, Edwards said, "Attending SLS really showed me how much potential I have. I'm eager to use what I learned about being a good leader to mentor the lower ranking Young Marines in my unit."

"This graduation is an important time in the lives of these Young Marines," said Col. William P. Davis USMC (Ret), national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines. "Coming from all social, economic and ethnic backgrounds from throughout the United States, their accomplishments are based entirely on merit. The demanding training is rigorous, but year after year, the NLA graduates report back that

this training is invaluable in their future endeavors. As the highest level of Young Marines leadership training, the graduates of the National Leadership Academy's Senior Leadership School have excelled in their units. Completion of each leadership school is a major accomplishment for each of these young people. They gain unequalled new skills that they will utilize as they return to their communities and units."

The participants are Young Marines who have exhibited exceptional maturity and leadership skills in their units. The program emphasizes the core values of teamwork, leadership, and self-discipline. There is a major focus on physical fitness, citizenship through community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

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unteers could come in from 9 to 11 a.m. or 10 a.m. till noon or 11 a.m. Till 1 p.m., etc.

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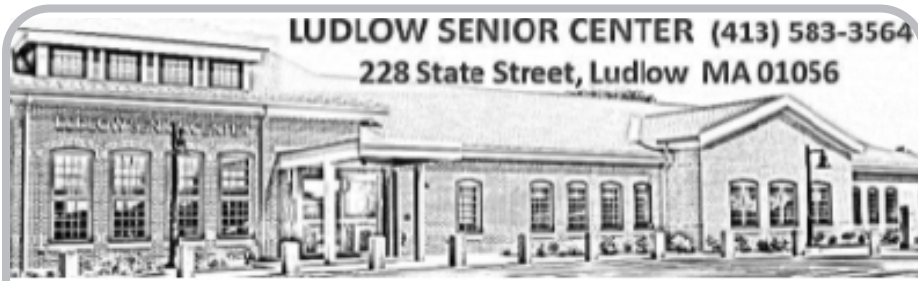
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, Aug. 22

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9 a.m. Worcester Museum Trip\*
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, Aug. 23

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 9 a.m. Reiki\*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1:30 p.m. Forget Me Not Circle\*

#### Monday, Aug. 26

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help\*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Aug. 27

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class

- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
- 4:30-6 p.m. "Souper" Supper
- 5 p.m. Movie: Somewhere in Time (1980)

#### Wednesday, Aug. 28

- 8 a.m. Garden Club
- 8:30 a.m. Facials\*
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn Home Safety\*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Somewhere in Time (1980)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1:15 pm. TED Talk

#### Thursday, Aug. 29

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Sundae Social
- 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:

- Thursday, Aug. 22: Cowboy Burger/Tater Tots
- Friday, Aug. 23: Crab Cakes/Greek Pasta Salad
- Monday, Aug. 26: Eggplant Parm/Spaghetti/Vegetable
- Tuesday, Aug. 27: Walnut Crusted Salmon/Rice Pilaf/Brussel Sprouts
- Wednesday, Aug. 28: Lunch & Learn! Shepherd's Pie/Biscuit
- Thursday, Aug. 29: Taco Salad

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For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

On August 21, 1911, the Mona Lisa was stolen by a trio of handymen. It was recovered two years later, and the ensuing media frenzy propelled it into becoming one of the world's most famous paintings.

On August 22, 1486, Henry Tudor defeated King Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses and establishing the Tudor dynasty.

On August 23, 1305, William Wallace, condemned for leading Scottish resistance forces during the first years of a long struggle to free Scotland from English rule, was executed.

On August 24, 79 CE, Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

On August 25, 1835, New York's The Sun published false claims by British astronomer John Herschel about life on the Moon, which would become known as the Great Moon Hoax. To this day, The Sun has not retracted the stories.

On August 26, 1429, Joan of Arc arrived on the outskirts of Paris for an ill-fated assault on the city as part of Charles VII's campaign to drive the



On August 21, the Mona Lisa (pictured) was stolen and not recovered for two years.

English from French soil.

Finally, on August 27, Edwin Drake struck oil while drilling in Titusville, PA, and went on to become the first driller of a productive oil well in the U.S.

## Here's Your Chance to be a BIG WINNER!

WILBRAHAM - Feeling Lucky? The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors have again kicked off their popular fundraiser held throughout last summer. Just imagine-YOU could win a whopping \$500 basket of MA. Lotto Scratch Tickets!!

Raffle tickets can be purchased at various times throughout July and August. Look for their fabulous Lotto Tower. So, drop by the new Senior Center, behind the Wilbraham Town Hall on

Springfield Street on Tuesday and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. to Noon or stop by the Farmers Market, in front of United Church on Main Street between open hours of 2 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday.

Tickets could also be printed from their website: [friendsofwilbrahamseniors.org](http://friendsofwilbrahamseniors.org)

and mailed in with your check to:

Friends of Wilbraham Seniors, 40 Post Office Park, #747, Wilbraham, MA 01095 or just stick your envelope with filled out raffle tickets and payment into their drop box located in the front lobby near the reception desk and save yourself a stamp.

Ticket prices range from one for \$5.00, three for \$10, seven for \$20 or the best buy, 25 chances for \$50. Yes, a great way for family, friends, or co-workers to pitch in and share the winnings. All tickets need to be in by August 24, 2024. The drawing will take place on the front patio of the Wilbraham Senior Center, at 3 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards new programs and services which can now be offered at new Wilbraham Senior Center.

## Ludlow Cultural Council 2024 Concerts

LUDLOW—The following is a list of concerts to be held at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo on 11 East St. at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 25, Billy Eagen will perform Irish Music.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, the British Invasion Band Union Jack will perform.

These concerts were arranged through the Cultural Council.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Does some of my Social Security payment include repayment of my contributions?

Dear Rusty

I have a question about my Social Security benefits. Would I be correct to assume that part of the monthly Social Security income I get is a repayment of what I contributed to the fund while I was working? If so, how much of my monthly benefit payment is my own money coming back to me? Signed: Curious Beneficiary

Dear Curious

I'm afraid that is not how Social Security works. The money you contribute to Social Security during your working years does not go into a special account to be repaid to you. Rather, the Social Security taxes you pay while working are used to pay benefits to all those currently receiving Social Security benefits.

The system is, in effect, a "pay as you go" program where all those currently contributing help pay benefits for all those now receiving. What your contributions do, however, is earn you "quarter credits" and, when you have enough credits, you become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits for life. Generally, someone must have about 40 quarters, about 10 years, contributing to Social Security to be eligible for SS retirement benefits.

How much you receive monthly is determined not by how much you contributed but, rather, by how much your work earnings were over your lifetime. You will get a percentage of your average pre-retirement work income as your monthly Social Security payment, but that is also affected by your age when you claim benefits.

It is your average lifetime earnings adjusted for inflation, which determines your "Primary Insurance Amount." Your PIA is what you get at your Social Security Full Retirement Age, but your age when you claim benefits determines if you get more or less than your PIA.

Claiming SS before your FRA means a smaller monthly benefit, while waiting longer than your FRA means a benefit higher than your PIA. SS benefits reach maximum at age 70. FYI, each person's FRA is different based on the year they were born, but full retirement age today is between age 66 and 67. When you claim benefits relative to your FRA determines how much of your PIA you will receive each month.

So, your contributions to Social Security aren't used to determine your monthly benefit amount, but your average lifetime work earnings and age when you claim are. Nevertheless, you may be interested to know that most people get back everything they have personally contributed to Social Security within about three to five years of collecting their benefits. In that sense, Social Security is an exceptionally good deal, since most Americans now collect benefits for about two decades.

And therein lies much of Social Security's financial dilemma; people are now collecting benefits for many more years than the current program is designed to support. And that is what Congress needs to fix as soon as possible. The Social Security trust funds, which now provide supplemental money to pay benefits, are projected to be depleted around 2033, which will mean a cut in everyone's monthly Social Security payment, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program and restore it to fiscal

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## GUEST COLUMN



Great egret



I received an email from a Brimfield resident who said, "On Aug. 1 at the no named pond in Warren on New Reed Street there were three great egrets near the far shore. The birds would sometimes be

out of sight in the vegetation near the shore." He also saw two great blue herons and a belted kingfisher.

The great egret is a large, 39 inches, white heron with a yellow bill and black legs. In breeding season, both males and females have long white plumes on their backs. Like other herons, the great egret feeds by slowly walking, head erect and then striking its prey. It forages in shallow water for small fish and amphibians. It also feeds on land for insects, reptiles and small mammals.

Great egrets nest in colonies with other herons, ibises and cormorants or they nest singly. The female lays one to six pale bluish eggs in a flimsy platform nest of sticks, twigs and reeds placed in a tree from eight to 40 feet above ground or in cattails. They

inhabit marshes, swamps, seashores and lake margins.

In the past, they were hunted for the plumes used in the feather trade. Since the ban on hunting and on the use of DDT, which caused fragile eggshells, their population increased.

### Eagle sighting and more

My daughter, Paula, saw a belted kingfisher at Tully Lake in Royalston on Aug. 3. She saw two cormorants, two female mallards and a juvenile bald eagle at Hardwick Pond on Aug. 10. The bald eagle was diving, unsuccessfully, for fish not too far from her canoe. She said, "[It] was really cool to see."

### Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident, who saw the great egrets, said, "I have a bird bath with a drip. On a recent hot afternoon the bird bath got a workout; catbird, blue jay, titmouse, house finch, Baltimore oriole, rose-breasted grosbeak, song sparrow and chipping sparrow all took a bath and goldfinch were getting a drink from the drip."

He also said, "In the yard yesterday (Aug. 2) I saw two Carolina wrens. I've seen two Carolina

wrens in the yard infrequently since spring but I don't think they have nested nearby because I've never heard them singing. And at the very top of a dead tree (where else) I saw a male scarlet tanager." He said the male ruby-throated hummingbirds are still around and there is more activity at the feeders now that the recently fledged young are out and about.

He also reported at the pond on South Street the four great blue herons nests are all empty, the twelve chicks have all fledged and the three osprey chicks are out of the nest and flying around the pond.

### Bird bath

I wish I had the activity at my bird bath this Brimfield resident has. I have yet to see a bird use it. My daughter's dog drinks from it whenever he visits.

### Hovering hummingbird

Recently, I let my daughter Jenny's dogs out. While I watched them from the window

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Fire Chief Michael Andrews presented an axe to Nothe on behalf of the fire department “for all his dedication and hard work he put into this department.”

“He’s somebody that truly cared about the department and that it was always at its best. He worried about the little details that we all need to worry about to keep the place running and it doesn’t go unnoticed. The institutional knowledge he possesses is irreplaceable,” Andrews said.

Andrews also thanked Nothe for his guidance and support when he became fire chief.

“He said to me, ‘I’m going to give you my opinion on everything and no matter what the decision is, I’m going to support it 100%’ and he held true to that from day one until today,” Andrews said. “So, I’m very grateful for that and I wish you the best in your retirement.”

David Bourcier, retired fire chief and 37-year veteran of the fire department, reflected on serving alongside Nothe and commended him for his commitment to the job.

“You are one of the most committed people I ever have known in the fire service and again, I’m really proud that you made it to this point,” Bourcier said. “Congratulations on everything, I really loved working with you and it was great and—just as Chief Andrews said—you bring a lot to this department and when you were my deputy and stuff, it was fantastic. I was able to count on you for so many things and I just really appreciate it.”

Nothe said he loved his job, inspired to become a firefighter after his brother, Francis, was fire chief in Wilbraham and served on the Volunteer Department in Monson.

He also credits his wife, Bonnie, for her support, adding his son, Andrew,

now serves in the fire department and his nephew is too, serving at the Longmeadow Fire Department.

“I fell in love with it from day one. I eat, drink and sleep it, I really do. I’ve been blessed that my wife understood it from the get-go. She knew that there would be times I’m not there, I got to leave for something or work overtime. She understood it, she was always supportive of it. Never a complaint. I owe her a big debt of gratitude for this. I might not be where I am if it wasn’t for her supporting me in this career,” Nothe said.

Reflecting on his career, Nothe shared he enjoyed interacting with the community, being out on the job and moving up the ranks after receiving encouragement.

“I’m very blessed with the opportunities I’ve had. If I could rewrite my career or my career path, I honestly don’t think I’d change a thing,” Nothe said. “Things just fell into place when they were supposed to. I’m very grateful, very blessed for all of that stuff.”

Nothe’s advice to future and aspiring firefighters is to come in and learn the culture, with his greatest lessons focused on perspective.

“Once you learn it, once you understand it, you really come to love it,” Nothe said. “It truly is a family. Learn the ways of your family here at the department and you will learn to love it completely.”

Nothe’s message to the community was this: “I’m leaving them in good hands.”

“As I said before, I wouldn’t hesitate to trust my life, my property, my family on anybody in this building right now. They’re all great guys, they’re very talented guys, they’re dedicated. You’re in good hands with this department,” Nothe said. “I think the town’s very lucky to have this group of guys and this department.”

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Director were supportive of the project.

“Brillo, who’s been working side-by-side with the contractor and the architects,” Tiano said, “he came up with an idea around the flagpole and he’d be more than happy to walk the site with (Segundo) and whomever.”

Tiano added that Brillo suggested adding a spotlight and landscaping around the monument.

The committee said that this chair would serve as a monument, and will likely be roped or fenced in to prevent people from sitting in it. Committee Member Amanda Coddling expressed an interest in installing a camera to record the monument and prevent vandalism.

“I don’t know the camera situation that’s going to be on the field,” Coddling said. “I do know from going to many sports events, and everyone else who has been to sports events at Ludlow High knows, that kids love to climb on things. I’d be only concerned about the sanctity, and making sure that that is on camera.”

Committee Member Jeffrey Stratton noted that the monument would require some maintenance, and asked about the plans to repair and replace the monument as it is subject to weather damage.

“Some of those things can go a while before they get addressed, and that would be kind of embarrassing,” Stratton said.

Bowler said that this was not outlined in the proposal, but that it was a good question to bring back to Segun-

do, noting that the Veterans Services Department maintains “most of the veterans’ monuments in town.”

Committee Vice Chair Jeffrey Laing described himself as a “definite yes,” regardless of details around monitoring.

“Those things can be figured out afterwards,” Laing said. “At the end of the Vietnam War, there were over 2,500 missing people that were either presumed to be POW or MIA. The families wanted to keep the search going and they needed a powerful statement, and they made this.”

Bowler mentioned that she sought clarification regarding the controversy with the Board of Selectmen concerning the use of Memorial Park and its Veterans Memorial, which she said the Selectmen had described as “sacred ground, in their eyes.”

“I didn’t want this item to make our school facility be considered ‘sacred ground,’” Bowler said. “I’ve been ensured that this is school property, this does not fall under their policy, so the public would still be able to use the facility once we go through our public usage policy.”

Bowler mentioned that she came from a military family, and reminisced about her mother wearing POW bracelets “until they fell off or she found out that they were found.”

“I think it’s powerful, and I’d be in favor of it at this time,” Bowler said. “I think that’s a great location for it.”

The committee voted to approve plans for the memorial, and Bowler said she would follow up about the specific questions mentioned during the meeting.

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in the door a ruby-throated female hummingbird came name the door and hovered as if looking in the window at me. Ironically, I was wearing a tee shirt with hummingbirds and bee balm. Maybe it was attracted to the red bee balm.

**Hummingbirds and more**

The Brimfield resident said in response to my email telling him about my hummingbird experience, “I’ve had hummingbirds hover in front of me a couple of times, pretty cool. Also yesterday I

saw some motion out of a window and when I looked it was a hummingbird and a female common yellowthroat having a ‘discussion.’ The hummingbird was upset I believe because the warbler was near where it perches between visits to a nearby feeder.”

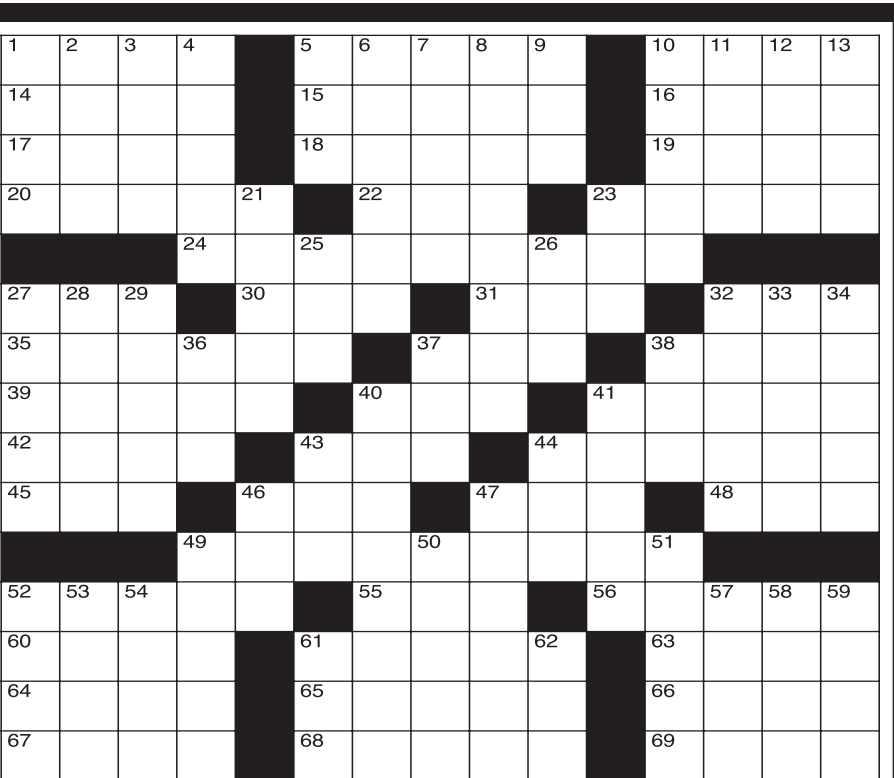
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Mongolian city \_\_ Bator
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city
- 15. Type of sandwiches
- 16. A type of shape
- 17. Son of Shem
- 18. French modernist painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 22. Hill or rocky peak
- 23. Secret political clique
- 24. Songs to one’s beloved
- 27. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Restrict the number or amount of
- 35. Combined into a single entity
- 37. Brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit

- 39. Materials in the earth’s crust
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Of the sun
- 42. Baseball great Ty
- 43. After B
- 44. Place to relax on the beach
- 45. Folk singer DiFranco
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Small dog breed
- 48. Japanese honorific
- 49. Salts
- 52. Beard moss genus
- 55. Mountain pass
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 61. Metric weight unit
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. Wading bird
- 67. Days in mid-month
- 68. Omitted from printed matter
- 69. Upper body part

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Cooking ingredient
- 3. Iranian city
- 4. Accuses
- 5. Corrie
- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Collection of sacred books
- 8. Theatrical
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 10. Arm bones
- 11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 12. \_\_ fide: legit
- 13. Gemstone
- 21. Counsels
- 23. Corporate bigwig
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Small Milky Way constellation
- 28. Satirical website
- 29. Border lines
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam
- 34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
- 36. Bar bill
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Notable Bill Murray character
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Gurus
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 44. Reduce
- 46. Spy organization
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth
- 49. Plants of the lily family
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Oral polio vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. Lose
- 54. Former Brazilian NBAer
- 57. Baseball great Ruth
- 58. \_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. CNN’s founder

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"Congratulations to Dr. Joe Sills, chief of Emergency Medicine at BWH, our Quality and Stroke Program teams, and all our colleagues throughout Baystate Wing Hospital who drive our suc-

cess in delivering the very best care to our patients," added Karli Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer/ chief administrative officer of Baystate Wing Hospital. "This award recognizes the success of our ongoing commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatment to our patients quickly and safely. Our team works closely with area EMS providers to initiate a stroke alert when they recognize a patient with stroke symptoms in the field. Once they initiate that stroke alert, our team assembles to begin the stroke assessment and treatment the moment a patient arrives in our Emergency Department. This award also demonstrates the success of the team's hard work and validates our team's commitment to providing the highest quality of care in the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital."

In addition, Baystate Wing also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

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happen once the contracted 20 years were up, and Schmidt said that Solect would, per the contract, remove the system.

"That system has to be removed by us, per contract, at the end of 20 years if you want it gone," Schmidt said.

Codding clarified that there would also be the option to upgrade to a newer system if the school wished to, at that point in time.

"Who knows what the situation is in 20 years," Schmidt joked. "Maybe it's Back to the Future and you put a banana peel in a machine and it runs the whole school."

Schmidt said that the school could also keep the system at an agreed-upon price, or extend the Power Purchase Agreement with a new negotiated right. Schmidt added that there is a buy-out schedule, but encouraged the school to keep the system for seven years to get the maximum tax benefits from the installation.

Committee Member Ron Saloio asked what the procedure would be if the school needed to remove panels to make repairs to the roof, and Schmidt said that the cost would fall to the school, but that Harris Brook was chosen in part because of its new roof.

After some discussion about the way this would be installed, the committee voted unanimously to send the project proposal for a vote at Town Meeting.

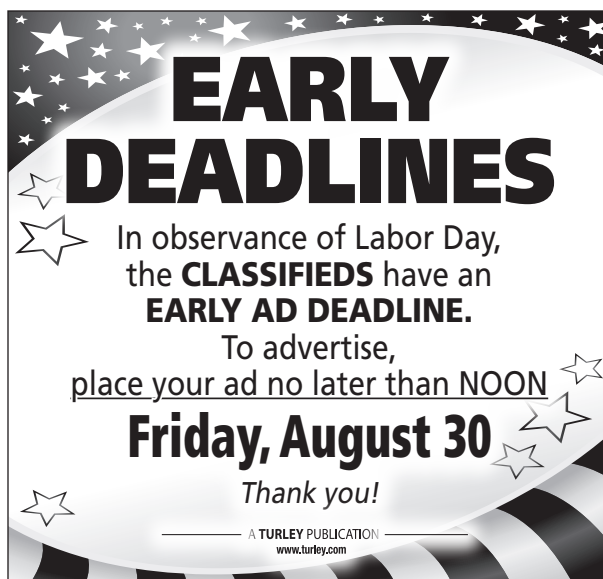
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## FOR ALL AGES

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**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!

**Free Tech Help** Call us at 413-583-3408x114 to book an hour long appointment. We can help you with your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. By appointment only, please no drop-ins.

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**Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday until August 29, 1:30 p.m.** Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

**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.

**Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays through December on Zoom, 9:30 a.m.** The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group is for unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career". Meetings are facilitated by Deborah Hope, MBA PCIC, an experienced executive career coach. Register on our website.

**Memory Wire Bracelets, Thursday, August 22, 6:00 p.m.** Come celebrate the inner crafter in you and create a one of a kind memory wire bracelet!

**Sound Healing, Thursday, August 29, 6:00 p.m.** Relax and listen with us as quartz crystal bowls are played and tuned to 432 hz, also known as the "love frequency". This helps to promote healing throughout the body, qui-

et the mind, and promote deep sleep. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, or relax in one of our chairs!

## FOR TEENS

**Chess Club, Aug 5 & Aug 19, 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.

**Anime Club, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 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 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.

**Beaded Spiral Bracelet Making Thursday, August 22, 4:00-5:00p.m.** Make a beaded spiral bracelet! 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.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

**Pokemon Club, Monday Aug 12,**

**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.

**Nature Sunprints, Monday, August 19, 11:00 a.m.** Ages 5 & up. Use photosensitive paper to turn leaves and flowers into art. Please register.

**Paper Games Day, Monday, August 26, 9:00am-5:00p.m.** All ages. Mazes, connect-the-dots, word searches, & more! Drop-in.

**Fidget Bingo, Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.** All ages. Play bingo for a chance to win fidget toys or books as prizes! 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.

**Shark Scavenger Hunt Wednesday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** All ages. Find pictures & fun facts about sharks to win a prize! Drop-in.

**Inter skate Party, Thursday, August 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All ages. Free skating to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Pick up tickets from the Youth Room.

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

**Movie & Craft: Disney's "Wish", Friday, Aug. 23, 12-2:30 p.m.** Rated PG. Enjoy the movie then make a Wish-inspired craft. Drop-in.

**Carrie Ferguson & the Grumpy-time Band, Friday, August 16, 12:00 p.m.** All ages. This family-friendly concert to celebrate the end of the summer reading program! Sponsored by Ludlow Cultural Council.

## FOR CHILDREN

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

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# Honorees announced for the Inaugural Age of Excellence Awards

## Celebrating Trailblazers Redefining Life at 60 and Beyond

SPRINGFIELD – The anticipation has been palpable, and the enthusiasm from our community has been overwhelming.

Glenmeadow is thrilled to announce the recipients of the inaugural Age of Excellence Awards, a new initiative dedicated to honoring exceptional individuals over 60 who are making a profound impact in their communities. With over thirty nominations submitted, it is clear that the region is eager to recognize and celebrate those who are defining the “third age” with remarkable vigor and accomplishment.

The Age of Excellence Awards shine a spotlight on individuals who are not only redefining aging but also reshaping our perceptions of what it means to grow older. The nominees, representing a rich tapestry of backgrounds and experiences, exemplify that greatness knows no age limits.

Dr. Kathy Martin, Glenmeadow President and CEO, expressed her gratitude: “We are deeply moved by the inspiring stories of all those who were nominated. Our panel of community leaders had the challenging task of selecting the honorees from an impressive pool of candi-



**Springfield Police Superintendent Lawrence Akers of Palmer was given the award for Dedicated Leader.**



**Karen Tetreault of Chicopee was given the award for Dedicated Community Connector.**

dates and did so with great care and reverence for the contributions of each nominee. These honorees are examples to us all that our best years are ahead of us. We are excited to announce this year’s honorees and look forward to celebrating their achievements next month.”

The seven distinguished individuals selected to receive the Age of Excellence Award for their outstanding contributions, relentless pursuit of new endeavors, and unwavering excellence are:

- **Dedicated Leader - Beyond the Badge:** Springfield Police Superintendent Lawrence Akers, Palmer
- **Champion of Community Voices:** Debbie Gardner, Springfield
- **Impactful Entrepreneur:** Jeffrey Greim, Longmeadow

- **Dynamic Difference Maker:** Ethel Griffin, Springfield
- **Game-Changing Mentor:** James Lagodich, Springfield
- **Inspiring Changemaker:** Maria Roy, Springfield
- **Dedicated Community Connector:** Karen Tetreault, Chicopee

To learn more about these extraordinary honorees, visit the Age of Excellence page on the Glenmeadow website.

The full list of nominees also includes these notable individuals: Ann Bronner, Ciro Camerota, Robert S. Carroll, Stewart Creelman, Carol Cutting, Virginia Czuprynski, Wendy Diamond, Dianne Doherty, Donna Durocher, Saul Finestone, Terry Glusko, Marion Grimes, Susan Jaye-Kaplan, Mary Jenewin Caplin, Mary Kay Kadushin, Judy Matt, Gippsy McKenzie, Dan Murphy, Paula Nowick, Dr. Walter Presz, Jr., Colleen Shanley-Loveless, Montenia Shider, Jacqueline Stratos, Margaret Toomey, and Ken Toong.

The community is invited to celebrate these remarkable individuals at the Age of Excellence Awards ceremony on Sept. 4, 2024, at The Carriage House at The Barney Estate. This special evening will bring together honorees, their families, friends, supporters, and the wider community to honor and celebrate their extraordinary achievements. Tickets are available for purchase online.

This event is made possible by the generous support of our partners, including Platinum Sponsor Valley Communications Systems, Inc. We also extend our thanks to Brenda Garton-Sjoberg, who will serve as the event emcee. Brenda is a full-time faculty member in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts at Western New England University and a former award-winning evening news anchor at WWLP-TV 22.

Special appreciation is due to the community leaders who assisted in the selection process: Diana Szynal, President, Springfield Regional Chamber; Jane Martel, Attorney; Jim Leyden, Director, Longmeadow Adult Center; Kristine Alard, Vice President of Development and Communication, Square One; Paul J. Marchese, ChFC, Executive Vice President, St. Germain Investment Management; Xiomara Alban DeLobato, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council.

The Age of Excellence Awards Celebration is more than a tribute to outstanding older adults; it is a fundraiser supporting Glenmeadow’s \$10.5 million renovation project, which aligns with the needs and aspirations of our current and future residents. The event embodies Glenmeadow’s “Next Chapter” campaign, highlighting the remarkable accomplishments of older adults and cel-

## Warm humid weather ramps up mosquito population

PALMER— In June, the eastern equine encephalitis virus was detected in mosquitoes in Carver, Massachusetts located in Plymouth County for the first time in 2024, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

“Although the communities in our region have not been identified on the warning list, it’s still important to take steps to avoid mosquito bites,” said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of Emergency Medicine for Baystate Wing Hospital. “Some mosquitoes carry germs that can make people and some animals sick. In Massachusetts, the diseases linked to mosquitoes are West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus. Most people won’t experience symptoms from either virus, but there are important differences to be aware of.”

EEE is relatively rare in humans, although there are occasional outbreaks in certain regions of the country. Outbreaks of EEE usually occur in Massachusetts every 10-20 years. These outbreaks will typically last two to three years. The most recent outbreak of EEE in Massachusetts began in 2019 and included twelve cases with six fatalities.

The outbreak continued in 2020 with five cases including one fatality. The risk of getting EEE is highest from late July through September when more mosquitoes are present and active.

“It is possible that some people who become infected with mosquito-borne viruses may not develop any symptoms or in some cases only flu-like symptoms,” said Sills. “The incubation period for the virus from the time of an infected mosquito bite to onset of illness ranges from four to 10 days and the illness can last one to two weeks. There is no specific treatment for EEE. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses, and no effective anti-viral drugs have been discovered for the treatment of EEE,” said Sills. “Severe illnesses are treated by supportive therapy, which may include hospitalization, respiratory support, IV fluids and prevention of other infections.”

West Nile virus is a mosquito-carried virus most commonly spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Because most people who are exposed to WNV have no symptoms, it is difficult to know exactly how many

people have been infected. People who develop severe illness with WNV are most often reported. Between 2014 and 2023, 131 people were reported with WNV infection in Massachusetts. Eight of these people died. Cases have been identified from around the state.

Sills encourages community members to follow The Department of Public Health tips that will help people protect themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes:

**Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours:** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning.

**Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors:** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

**Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites:** Wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will

help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Mosquito-Proof Your Home and Drain Standing Water:** Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. They can begin to multiply in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days. If you have a bird bath in your yard, be sure to empty it daily and refill it with fresh water. Remove containers that may hold water in places that are hard to see such as under bushes, porches, decks, or stairs.

Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors so that water can drain out.

Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.

Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.

Change the water in birdbaths every few days; aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

More information about different types of mosquitoes that can spread the virus can be found on the MDPH website at [mass.gov/dph/mosquito-borne-disease](http://mass.gov/dph/mosquito-borne-disease).

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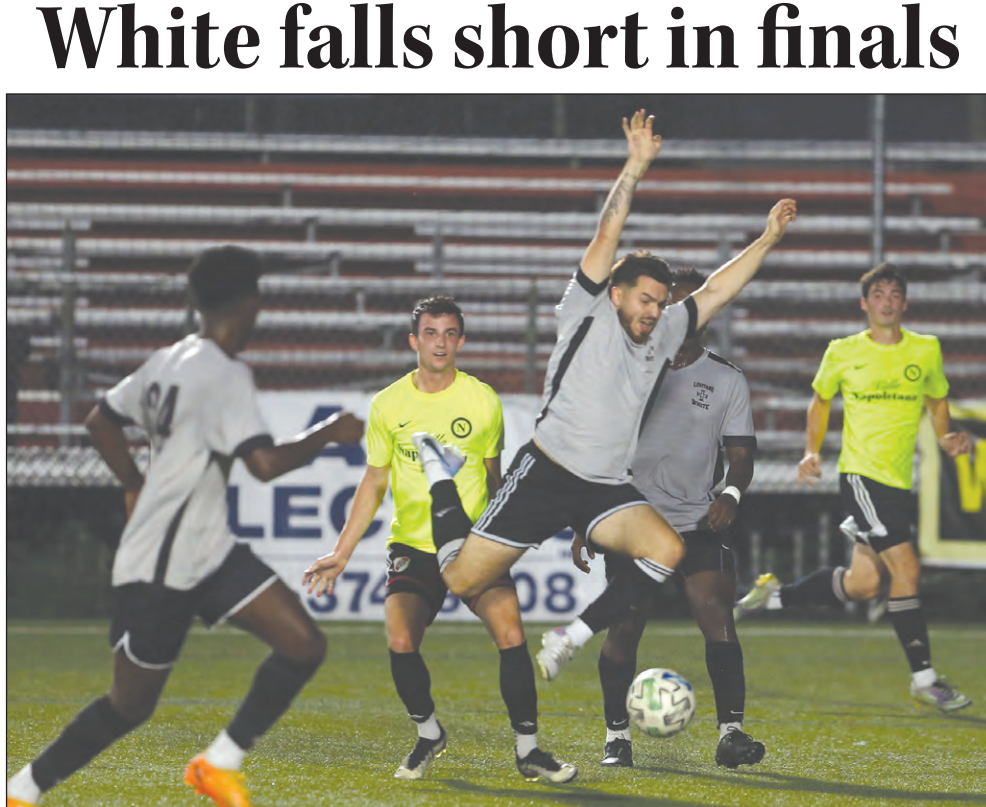
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LUDLOW – The Lusitano White men’s soccer team was the runner up in last year’s PVSSL championship game. White would fall to Villa FC in the championship game earlier this month. Lusitano White has been a regular in the championship game over the past several years.

AJ Quiterio looks to clear the ball.



## Pioneers, Mutiny wrap up great seasons

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The soccer aficionados from Ludlow and the surrounding communities had a lot of fun watching the New England Mutiny and the Western Mass. Pioneers play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow this summer.

“You really never know how things are going to go prior to the start of the regular season,” said Joe Ferrara during a recent interview. “Both teams had a great season.”

Ferrara has several different titles, and he doesn’t have very much free time during the soccer season.

He’s the commissioner of the United Women’s Soccer League and is the owner and Managing Director of the Mutiny, who have been playing their home matches at the 106 year old soccer stadium in Ludlow since 2019. He’s also the General Manager of the Pioneers, who were founded in 1998.

Another person who didn’t



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, was a regular in the Mutiny’s lineup this season.

have very much free time this summer is Federico Molinari, who has been the Pioneers head coach for more than ten years. He was also the head coach of the Mutiny for the first time.

“I’ve watched Federico coach the Pioneers for the past several years, and he has a passion for the game of soccer,”

Ferrara said. “He’s one of the best soccer coaches that I’ve seen particularly on gamedays. He always makes the right tactical adjustments. He also runs a very good training session. I’ve received tremendous feedback from the players on both sides about him. I’m hoping that Federico can coach both teams



Mamadi Jiana, a Chicopee High graduate, played with the Pioneers this summer.

again next year.”

The Mutiny finished the 2024 regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, while the Pioneers posted an 11-2-1 record.

The Mutiny began the U.W.S. playoffs with a 2-1 home win over Steel City FC

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## Locals help lead Western Mass. to bronze

WALTHAM – The Western Mass. representative in the Bay State Games for girls soccer captured the bronze last month. Here is a look at a couple of their matchups during the games.

In the bronze medal game, West won 3-0 over Coastal. West had an early lead on Coastal and was able to hold it throughout the game. The three goals that solidified the bronze medal for West were made by Katie Gilhooly (Chicopee, Chicopee Comp HS), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown, Belchertown HS), and Maya Tellier (Belchertown, Belchertown HS).

During the tourney, West scored a win over Central 4-0. In the matchup, Despite Central taking some beautiful shots, the goalkeeper for

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# Candlepin League News

## Summer Edition

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The summer league on Wednesday nights at Bogey Lanes has now completed with a champion crowned.

After a successful final week of league, Team Seven snuck into first place and ended the summer league with a record of 76-36. The Rolling Stones, who held on to first place for several weeks, fell to second place with a record of 71-41.

Team Nine finished in third place with a record of 66-46. Team Swish finished in fourth place with a record of 58-54. Clock Barn is in fifth place at 57-55. Split Smashers and Straight Shooters tied for sixth place with both teams having a record of 56-56.

Gutter Snipes finished in eighth at 46-66, Gutter Dolls in ninth at 42-70 and Gutter Fingers finished in tenth at 32-80.

One of the final matches featured Straight Shooters bowling against Rolling Stones. In game one, Straight Shooters won by a score of 449-439. Phil Clough of Straight Shooters started off with a 113.

In game two, Straight

Shooters won again by a score of 456-451. Clough almost matched his first game but scored 112. In game three, Straight Shooters swept Rolling Stones with a third consecutive win 484-422. Final score was 1389-1312 in favor of Straight Shooters.

Team Nine bowled against Gutter Fingers in the final week. In game one, Team Nine won 456-447. In game two, Gutter Fingers won 489-465. Two members scored well over 100 to win game two. In game three, Gutter Fingers won the last game 454-433.

Gutter Fingers won total pinfall, 1370-1354.

Team Seven, in pursuit of

the #1 seed, bowled against the Split Smashers. In game one, Team Seven defeated Split Smashers, 484-455. Tim Brayton of Team Seven started off with a 135.

In game two, Team Seven won again by a score of 458-441. Ethan Levy of Team Seven had the highest score on his team with a 114.

In game three, Team Seven won the last game 471-449 for a three-game sweep. Nate Fontaine of Split Smashers finished with a 134. Team Seven won total pinfall by a final score of 1413-1345.

Clock Barn bowled against Team Swish. In game one, Clock Barn won by a score of

439-423. In game two, Clock Barn scored 439 again and won game two against Team Swish who bowled 418. In game three, Team Swish won the last game 448-441.

Clock Barn won total pinfall by a final score of 1319-1289.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Snipes won 438-411. In game two, Gutter Snipes won 426-414. In game three, Gutter Dolls won the last game 441-426. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1290-1266.

Individual prizes and team prizes will be awarded during the league's fun night on Aug. 21.

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on July 12. Two days later, they celebrated an exciting 1-0 victory against Sporting CT in the East Conference championship match. It was their final home match of the season.

The following weekend, the Mutiny played in the U.W.S. National semifinals and championship match, which were held at All-High Stadium in Buffalo, New York.

The Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Michigan Jaguars, who captured the U.W.S. Nationals title a year ago, in the semifinals. The final score of that match was 5-0.

"We performed very well in the semifinals," Ferrara said. "We were able to score a couple of early goals, which took the pressure off of us."

On that same night, Molinari and the Pioneers players were in Virginia playing Lionsbridge FC in a USL-Two playoff match. Unfortunately, the Pioneers season came to an end following a 2-1 loss.

Alec Hughes, who's a post-grad student listed on the UMass men's soccer team, led the Pioneers this summer with 17 goals. He's the USL-Two Golden Boot winner and was also named as the Player of the Year. He'll most likely be drafted by an MLS team next year.

"Alec has really improved a lot in the two years that he's been playing for the Mutiny," Ferrara said. "He was a key player for us this year. I'm hoping he signs with a Pro team next year."

Scott Testori, who plays college soccer at UConn, chipped in with 12 goals. Jared Smith



The Pioneers made it to the second round of the playoffs this season.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, performs during the Mutiny's conference final.

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led the way with nine assists.

One of the Pioneers local players was Mamadi Jiani, who graduated from Chicopee High School. He scored four goals this season.

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and Thomas Duben.

Molinari, along with Duben, coached the Mutiny in the championship match the following night.

The Mutiny, who played in the U.W.S. finals for the first time, faced the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, who lost to the Jaguar in the 2023 championship match.

The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first 45 minutes.

Mila Dillard, who lives in Chicopee and is a sophomore on the Pope Francis girls' soc-

cer team, netted the Mutiny's goal during the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute. It was assisted by South Hadley's Alexis Legowski.

The Mutiny took a 2-1 lead 25 minutes into the second following a goal by Chioma Okafor, which was also assisted by Legowski, who played college soccer at Northeastern University.

Okafor was one of the UConn women's soccer players listed on the Mutiny roster.

The Blue Heat scored the equalizer late in the second half and they wound up winning the title, 6-5, in a penalty shootout.

Following the championship match, Legowski, who signed with a professional team in Poland, was selected as the MVP of the U.W.S. National Tournament finals. The M.V.P. award

was the trophy of a Buffalo.

"Alexis is now playing for a pro team in Poland, which is awesome," Ferrara said. "She played very well in the tournament and was selected as the M.V.P. of the championship game."

Legowski and Dillard were two of the players from Western Mass. listed on the Mutiny roster. The other local players were Maddie Theriault (Palmer), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Sam Breton (Chicopee) Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Chandler Pedolzky (Westfield), and Emma Pedolzky (Westfield).

"I always want the best local high school soccer players to play for the Mutiny," Ferrara said. "It builds excitement and fanfare within the local community. The local players have been the core of our team during the past sever-

al years."

Santaniello, who plays college soccer at UMass-Lowell, is the only remaining Mutiny player from the 2019 squad.

Okafor, who's from Blantyre, Malawi, is listed as a junior on the UConn women's soccer roster. Several of her college teammates also played for the Mutiny this summer.

The UConn women's soccer coach is Margaret Rodriguez, who's a former Mutiny player.

Carey (Dorn) O'Brien, who's currently the associate head coach at UConn, played for the team when they were known as the Springfield Sirens.

"Margaret and Carey played soccer for me, and we've built a very good relationship over the years," Ferrara said. "We're allowed to have five players from a Division 1 school on our soccer roster. We are going to try our best to get the best players from UConn to play for us again next year. I'm looking forward to going to watch the UConn women's soccer team play this fall."

Okafor is only a junior, but she'll most likely be playing for a professional soccer team next year.

Cat Berry, who plays soccer at the University of South Carolina, only played in a couple of matches for the Mutiny at the beginning of the regular season, but she was also a fan favorite.

Before heading back to Ludlow from Buffalo, the Mutiny players and coaches visited Niagara Falls.

"The long bus ride home gave us the chance to reflect on the outstanding season," Ferrara said. "When we got back to the stadium, nobody wanted to say goodbye because they knew it would be their last time together as a team. It was a fantastic season."

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West, Chloe Laizer (West Springfield, West Springfield HS) wouldn't let any past her. Kylie Marino (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS), Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS), Gilhooly, and Clancy all made goals that ultimately led to their win.

In an early round game, West beat Coastal 5-1. Fleury had a great game with two assists and one goal. Both Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown, Belchertown HS) and Megan McGrath (North Adams, Dury HS) had two goals. For Coastal, Savannah Parker (Lunenburg, Lunenburg HS) made the goal in their fight against West.

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# OBITUARIES

## Philip Harrington

LUDLOW – Philip Harrington passed away on August 19, 2024. He was born on June 16, 1931, in Worcestre and moved to Ludlow, in 1963.



He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Helena “Dennis” White Harrington, with whom he shared a loving marriage for 58 years until her passing in 2016. Together, they raised three proud sons: Michael and wife Patty, Joesph and wife Darcy, James (Chip) and wife Noel. Eight grandchildren . Matthew, Katlyn (O’Brien, Breonna (Mucciarone), Sean, Ryan , Angela, Connor and Riley Harrington. 6 Great Grandchildren Hannah, Hudson, Claire, Luca, Declan and Camila.

Philip had a lifelong passion for sports, especially baseball. He notably tried out for the Boston Braves and dedicated many years to coaching youth baseball at the Boys & Girls Club in Ludlow, sharing his love of the game with young players. A true fan of the sport, one of his favorite places was Fenway Park, where he cherished watching the Red Sox play.

In addition to his love for sports, Philip was an avid music enthusiast. He had a remarkable record collection, particularly fond of his jazz albums. His in-

terests extended to his family heritage, as he took pride in being one of the few grandsons of a Civil War veteran, with his grandfather having fought in the war.

Philip enjoyed spending time at his beloved lake house on Mountain View Lake in Sunapee, NH, a retreat he owned for more than a decade. Professionally, he had a successful career in sales for 30 years before concluding his work life as an institutional security officer at Westfield State University.

Known for his great sense of humor and quick wit, Philip touched the lives of many around him. He will be remembered fondly for his dedication to family, love of sports, and passion for music.

A special thank you to the Staff at Vantage Nursing Home and Baystate Hospice care.

Funeral services for Philip will be held on Saturday, August 24th at 11:00 am in Ludlow Funeral Home followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday, August 23rd from 5:00-7:00pm and preceding the service on Saturday from 10:15-11:00am.

Donations in Philip Harrington name may be made to the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

## Walter M. Pyzocha

LUDLOW—Walter M. Pyzocha passed away peacefully on August 13, 2024, only a few days shy of his 78th birthday. Born on August 18, 1946, in Ludlow, MA, Walter led a life marked by dedication to his family, service to his country, and a passion for the great outdoors.



Walter was a proud Vietnam War veteran who displayed his patriotism and work ethic throughout his life. After serving his country, he pursued a fulfilling career ending at Smurfit Westrock, from which he retired after many years.

Walter is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Bonnie (Huff) Pyzocha, and his cherished family who meant the world to him. This includes his daughter, Pamela Pyzocha; his son, Kevin Pyzocha and his wife Kelly; and his grandson, Kevin Jr., affectionately known as “Mr. KJ”. Walter also leaves behind his brothers, Ernest and wife Lynda, Stan and partner Marie, Roger and wife Chrissy, and

Kenny and wife Jacqui, all of whom shared in his life’s journey. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Walter had a deep love for hunting and fishing, especially when accompanied by his favorite grandson, Mr. KJ. As a talented carpenter and woodworker, Walter could fix and build just about anything, fulfilling his role as the master fixer. His love for travel took him on many adventures, and he was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

In keeping with the family’s wishes, services for Walter will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Shriner’s Hospital, reflecting Walter’s generous spirit and his commitment to helping others.

Walter will be remembered for his kindness, loyalty, and the genuine love he spread to all those he met. His memory will live on in the hearts and stories of those who knew and loved him. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Sherry L. Powers**  
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## Sherry L. Powers

LUDLOW—Sherry L. Powers of Ludlow passed away at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield on Saturday, Aug. 10. Born in Worcester to Stanley and Mary (Burroughs) Powers on Nov. 27, 1949, Sherry grew up in the Jefferson neighborhood of Holden before moving to Springfield and then Ludlow, where she resided for the past 30 years.

Sherry leaves behind her beloved daughters Jessica Shyloski of Cambridge and Emily Shyloski of Norwood. She also leaves her brother-in-law Peter Bruschi and his husband Michael Heaney of Rochester, NY. Sherry will also be forever remembered and missed by many cousins and dear friends, especially Liissa Carroll and David Whitney of Palmer and their daughters Libby Del Greco (Rob) of White Plains, NY and Katy Whitney of Seattle. She also leaves her dear pets and constant companions Ringo, Nemo, and Chloe, as well as her wonderful neighbors in the Southview neighborhood in Ludlow.

Sherry was predeceased by her husband Joseph C. Shyloski, Jr and her parents Stanley and Mary (Burroughs) Powers.

Sherry started her career at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton before moving to Baystate Medical Center, first in the intensive care unit and then neurology, from which she retired.

The most important thing to Sherry was her family, and her daughters Jessica and Emily were her two North Stars as she navigated her life. She would tell you that she was the luckiest person

to have been able to share them with the love of her life, Joe. Her mother Mary was her best friend and bedrock of support. They created many happy memories on vacations to Disney World, Lake George, the Bahamas, and even a dude ranch in Colorado. Sherry also adored time spent with her family on her beloved Cape Cod.

The people Sherry loved all had a favorite homemade dessert of hers, and she would spend days preparing everyone’s favorite in advance of holidays and celebrations. No holiday at her house was complete without her signature blue Christmas lights, a table full of desserts, and plates full of leftovers to take home. At holidays, Sherry also took joy in finding the perfect gift for everyone on her list. She loved perusing gift shops and toy stores finding exactly what would make her loved ones’ lives easier, or at least make them laugh.

Calling hours for Sherry were held on Friday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden at noon and burial at Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dakin Humane Society in Springfield, MA. Sherry’s family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Baystate Medical Center for carrying on Sherry’s tradition of providing the utmost in medical care and grace for Sherry and her family. In her honor we suggest that you spend a bit too much time and money getting lost among beautiful things.

## Visiting Angels receives home care re-accreditation

WEST SPRINGFIELD—Visiting Angels West Springfield, a private-pay home care agency based in West Springfield, has reaffirmed its commitment to quality care and ethical business practices by earning re-accreditation from the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts.

The alliance, which represents 180 home health and elder care agencies across Massachusetts, created an accreditation protocol to promote quality services, ethical business standards, and superior employment practices in an industry that lacks meaningful licensing in the Massachusetts even while it grows in popularity.

“We are proud to meet these accreditation standards that convey our commitment to quality,” Michele, president of Visiting Angels West Springfield said. “Peace of mind for our clients and their families is our primary goal. By maintaining our accreditation we demonstrate that we not only promote high-quality, compassionate care, but we actually deliver on that promise.”

The Home Care Alliance launched this accreditation program for private-pay agencies (agencies that are not paid by Medicare or Medicaid) in July 2010. Since that time, over 60 agencies have submitted documentation to show that they meet the standards established by the Alliance. The standards were revised in 2017 to raise the bar to promote even higher standards for agencies seeking re-accreditation. “The Alliance’s accreditation program demonstrates our leadership for an area that is becoming more and more important to the health care delivery system in Massachusetts,” said Timothy Burgers, associate director of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts. “The revised standards highlight our agencies’ best practices, and will help guide members of the public as they choose who will take care of their loved ones in their homes.”



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## Polish Plate Dinner at Immaculate Conception Church

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Basket Raffle sponsored by Youth Group, Children of Mary and Polish School, tickets are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. \$120 worth Lottery Tree sponsored by the Rosary Sodality for \$5 each ticket.

On Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 10:00 am a Solemn Holy Mass celebrated by J. E. Ks. Bp Robert Chrzaszcz--Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow, Poland and Bishop William Byrne--Bishop of Springfield commemorating the laying of the cornerstone of Immaculate Conception Church on September 5, 1904. The First Mass was celebrated on October 2, 1904 in the basement of the church.

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**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.

**Yoga For Little Ones, August 14, 10:00 a.m.** Ages 2-6 & their caretakers. Simple yoga poses are woven together with stories, songs, games, and crafts to create a fun, interactive program. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

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**Elephant & Piggie Storytime Thursday, August 29, 10:00 a.m.** Ages 2 & up. Stories, songs & games about Mo Willem's beloved, funny friends, followed by a craft. Please register.

**Yoga For Little Ones, August 30, 10:00 a.m.** Ages 2-6 & their caretakers. Simple yoga poses are woven together with stories, songs, games, and crafts to create a fun, interactive program. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

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# BBB Tip: Back to school internet safety tips

By Paula Fleming  
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Buying new supplies and clothes is not enough as your children return to school this year. You also should be thinking about how to help them stay safe online and avoid being easy targets for online scammers.

**Parents: Be careful**

**Creating accounts on websites without permission:** Social media sites are ripe with strangers with intentions that may be quite different than yours. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers seeking targeted marketing. When creating an account, some kids may falsely create a birthdate to meet the minimum age requirement. Know what your child is doing online, and keep track of the social media sites and accounts to which they have access.

**Contests and giveaways:** Contests and giveaways often collect a hefty amount of personal information on their entry forms. Many are thinly disguised ways of collecting personal or financial information that could lead to identity theft. Ensure your child doesn't have access to banking or credit card information, and supervise the filling out of any forms.

**Phishing:** Adults are not the only ones who receive spam and junk mail. Kids often get junk mail, and since they don't have much online experience, they are more susceptible to clicking on links and answering questions they probably shouldn't. While some emails may be legitimate, the last thing parents want, or need, is a \$500 bill from a fraudulent website where a purchase may have been made- or worse, giving up personal information that can be tracked back to your home.

**Understand apps.** Short for «applications,» apps are downloaded

software that operates on various devices, such as smartphones. However, certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, and children may not understand that some apps or game features cost money since they were labeled free to download. They may click on these so-called free games and cost parents or guardians a hefty bill at the end of the month.

**File sharing sites:** Many websites allow children to download free media. A child may not realize that these sites often come with the risk of downloading a virus, allowing identity thieves to access the gaming device, personal computer, or cell phone that's being used. From there, the cyberthief can track financial transactions, and physical location, or even tap into the household wifi without anyone knowing it.

**Tips on how to manage online privacy for the family:**

**Know about the Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU).** CARU's self-regulatory program provides detailed guidance to children's advertisers on how to deal sensitively and honestly with children's issues. These guidelines go beyond the issues of truthfulness and accuracy to consider the uniquely impressionable and vulnerable child audience.

**Know about COPPA. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act** protects the personal information of children under 13 on websites and online services-including apps. COPPA requires those sites and services to notify parents and get their approval before they collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. However, if your nine-year-old tells Instagram they are 13 (the age requirement to use the app), this law won't protect them.

**Know about FOSI. The Fami-**

**ly Online Safety Institute** brings an international perspective to our online lives> potential risks, harms, and rewards. The Good Digital Parenting web portal is an excellent resource for families looking to educate online safety measures in the Internet age.

**Read privacy policies together and understand privacy settings.** Parents can have their children read the privacy policies and terms of use of any apps they want. While there might be a little grumbling that the policies "are too long" or that "it takes too much time," remind them of the importance of knowing what they are signing up for and insist that they are read. Then, learn and understand the privacy settings on each app and game.

**Don't share your location.** Nearly every app automatically tracks a user's location. From placing an online order for groceries or fast food to playing an online game, review the apps on all your devices to see which ones are tracking your location. Then, if it's not needed, look in the settings to see how to disable this feature. Advise a friend or family member to avoid geo-tagging their posts with their location. Why? For example, you don't want to announce the fact your family is vacationing out of state while the house sits empty. A simple review of the geo-tagged post will reveal where you are.

**Use parental controls if necessary.** Although the best way to keep a child's online privacy safe is to teach them to manage it themselves, it doesn't hurt to have their backs by using parental controls. Today Android, iOS, and most web browsers offer built-in features that allow parents to monitor their children's online activities, but third-party apps are also available. Research the option that works best. Follow through with the child to explain why you're monitoring their activities.

**Share with care, and remember, per-**

**sonal information is like money.** What is posted online can last a lifetime: parents can teach children that any information they share online can easily be copied and is almost impossible to take back. Talk to them about who might see a post and how it might be perceived, and show them how anything they do online can positively or negatively impact other people. Sharing personal information can also give online thieves an idea of what login information or passwords might be used for banking or other online accounts.

**Teach your kids the language of online privacy.** Discover, together, the meaning of the most common terms found in privacy policies and terms of agreement: personal information, cookies, third party, license, user content, location information, log file information, monetization. Do a Google search if you don't know what they mean.

**Teachers and administrators: Video-conferencing tools:** Just like businesses, ensure the online software used to deliver lectures, classroom work, and other online interactions is secure. The days of Zoom bombing, phishing, and other forms of cybercriminal activity aren't over.

**Evaluate and update cybersecurity plans:** The sudden shutdown of in-person activities left many scrambling to change course in creating and delivering a curriculum. Now is the time for educators to develop a plan to notify students, faculty, and staff should there be a data breach or security problem once classes are back in session.

**Keep a clean machine and update devices that connect to the internet:** Backing up critical lesson plans, personal information, and assignments is the best defense against viruses, malware, and other online threats. The only way to do this is to stay current on the most current software to protect against them.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Town of Ludlow  
Legal Notice**

In accordance with Chapter I 38 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA** on the application of Amy Fields for CMD Cafe, LLC, located at 6-8 Fuller Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a Transfer of a on-premises all alcohol liquor license from Michael Lafever, Brookside Cafe, Inc. located at 6-8 Fuller Street, Ludlow, MA on the following described premises: Two story building with full cellar. The First floor has a lounge, bar, kitchen and 3 bathrooms; cellar has a main area and two small separate storage areas.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
08/21, 08/28/2024

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa Rodrigues to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., said mortgage being dated July 6, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16802, Page 94, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 29, 2024**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 22 Essex Street, Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Ludlow in the County of Hampden, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar in the Easterly side line of Essex Street, said iron bar being distant Northerly One Hundred Ninety-two (192.0) feet from a stone bound at the intersection of the Northerly side line of State Street and the Easterly side line of Essex Street; thence running Easterly Ninety (90.0) feet to an iron bar at land now or formerly of one Mezeas; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Northerly along land of the aforesaid Mezeas Fifty (50.0) feet to an iron bar; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Westerly Ninety (90.0) feet to an iron bar in the Easterly side line of Essex Street; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Southerly along the aforesaid street line Fifty (50.0) feet to the point of beginning, the last described

line forming an angle to 90 degrees with the line first described. Containing Four Thousand Five Hundred (4,500) square feet, be any or all of said measurements more or less, or however otherwise said premises may be measured, bounded and described.

The Mortgagor expressly reserves the right of homestead and does not wish to terminate said homestead by granting within conveyance their waiver of such homestead in the within mortgage.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor and Antonio Rodrigues by deed of Fernao Rodrigues and Antonio Rodrigues dated August 28, 1972 and recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3731, Page 362. Antonio Rodrigues died on December 6, 2006.

Property Address:  
22 Essex Street  
Ludlow, MA 01056

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagor. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$10,000.00 deposit (but no less than \$10,000) with the Mortgagor's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagor's attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be

held by the Mortgagor, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagor agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagor reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagor, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagor agrees otherwise. The Mortgagor reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagor may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Queen Equities, L.L.C.,  
Present Holder of said  
Mortgage

By: David A. Lavenburg,  
Its Attorney  
BACON WILSON, P.C.  
33 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
413-781-0560  
08/07, 08/14, 08/21/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. in the**

**Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA** on the application Ludlow Tennis Club, 40 Carmelina's Circle, Ludlow, MA 01056 Annual Wine & Malt Liquor License for Change of Manager to Christopher McGrath for the following described premises: 3.58 acres, 52,000 sq. ft. butler bldg., operating as a tennis club.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
08/21, 08/28/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 6:15 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 Comer & Curry House 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  
08/21, 08/28/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 5:35 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA** on the application of Awais Kamran Mir for USAVE Food Store, LLC. Dba USAVE Food Store, located at 546A Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a Transfer of an off-premises wine and malt beverages license from Tahir Humayun dba E-Z Shop Convenience to be located at 546A Center Street, Ludlow, MA and a Change of Manager to Tahira K.hatoon on the following described premises: Retail store 30' x 28' which contains a cooler 20' x 10' with storage space to the rear.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
08/21, 08/28/2024

**Town of Ludlow  
Legal Notice**

**Ludlow  
Annual Town Meeting of  
May 13, 2024 - Case #11375**  
Warrant Articles 27, 31, 32, 33 and 34 and the map amendments related were

approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly.

\*\*See full context of text in Town Clerk's office.

Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.

Precinct 1: Harris Brook Elementary School

Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School

Precinct 3: Ludlow High School

Precinct 4: East Street School

Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow

Precinct 6: Paul R. Baird Middle School

Kim M. Batista, CMMC,  
Town Clerk

08/21, 08/28, 09/04/2024

**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. HD24C0260CA**

**In the matter of:  
Brendan Michael Hiller  
CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Brendan Michael Hiller of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Ash Aurelia Hiller**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/10/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: August 13, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate

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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
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50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24P1739EA  
Peggy Ann Irwin  
Also known as:  
Peggy A Irwin,  
Margaret Irwin  
Date of Death: 07/14/2024**

**CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of**

**Personal Representative** has been filed by **Bradley L Irwin of Monson, 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: **Bradley L Irwin of Monson, 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 09/16/2024. 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)**

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration**

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

Date: August 16, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF HEARING BOARD HEARING Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BYLAW**

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**Place:** Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd fl.

**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024, \*

**Time:** 7:15 PM

**Applicant:** Planning Board  
**Location:** 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

\*If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to the Thursday, September 26, 2024 Planning Board meeting, as the last hearing.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection

on the Planning Board web site: <https://www.ludlow.ma.us/243/Documents-for-Review> and in the Planning Department Office and Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following: SECTION IV DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS 4.4 MILL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MRD) Bylaw 4.4.10 Site Plan Approval Process b. By changing six members to five members. SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS add 6.13 Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). SECTION III: GENERAL USE REGULATIONS 3.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS. SECTION 3.2.2 TABLE 1 LUDLOW TABLE OF PRINCIPLE USES. Add to Land Use Classification/General Uses: Battery Energy Storage System associated with Large Scale Solar Facility, Tier 1 Residential Battery Energy Storage

System, Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System, and Tier 3 and Tier 4 Battery Energy Storage Systems (Stand-Alone) with their associated permitted use and zoning district.

Add special permit to the following uses under zoning district Business A (BA) and/or Business B (BB) in TABLE 1 LUDLOW TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES, Room Rental, Amusement Parks, Automated Teller Machine (ATM), Automated Vending Kiosk, Banks, Bowling Alleys, Dining Establishments, Halls, Hotels/Inns, Motels, Office Buildings, Open Air Parking, Parking Garages, Retail, Roller Rinks, Services, Warehousing, Wholesale.

Add Site Plan Approval from the Administrative Review Committee (ASPA) under zoning district Mill Redevelopment District (MRD) for Land Use Classification: Winery, Micro-Winery & Nano-Winery.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman  
08/21, 08/28/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P0709PM**

**In the interests of: Robert Philbrick Of: Ludlow, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A CONSERVATOR**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Lisa Judkins of Sutton, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Conservator of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of 09/06/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named**

**person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 14, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
08/21/2024

**Destruction of Special Education Records**

Please be advised that the SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS from the Ludlow High School Class of 2017, along with the records of students released from special education services during the 2016-2017 school year, will be destroyed the week of September 2, 2024. If you wish to obtain your records, please contact the Special Education office at 583-8372, ext 1216 prior to Friday, August 30, in order to make arrangements for pick up. Please note that identification will be required at the time of record retrieval.  
08/07, 08/14, 08/21/2024

## BBB Scam Alert: Fake events & phony tickets take festival goers by surprise

By Paula Fleming  
[pfleming@boston.bbb.org](mailto:pfleming@boston.bbb.org)

Many people are looking forward to fun festivals this summer. As usual, scammers are taking advantage of the

building excitement. This time, they are cashing in with phony tickets-and even fake events.

**How the scam works**  
You see a fantastic deal on tickets to a summer festival in your area, usual-

ly through a link on social media. The event promises live music, all-you-can-eat meals, craft beer or wine, or other fun activities.

When you click the social media link, it takes you to a professional website with fantastic pictures. You enter your credit card information to buy tickets and think you are all set. But before you buy, do a little research. Whether the event is non-existent, merely disappointing, or you just bought phony tickets, the result is the same: someone pockets your hard-earned money!

BBB Scam Tracker has received numerous reports from people who purchased fake tickets to actual events or events that have yet to materialize.

A customer in Memphis reported buying tickets for \$220 for a concert: "I saw an offer for presale tickets for the group Khruangbin for a concert in May. I clicked on the links and it led me to what looked like a legit site until I realized that they are a resellers site and had marked up the ticket prices tremendously. The prices were also in USD and the service charge was astounding. I contacted the company right away but they just dismiss and ignore. They are SCAMMERS and need to be off the market. They have scammed lots of people and it is very humiliating and stressful."

One consumer who purchased tickets to a fake beer crawl reported: "Reviews across multiple platforms make it clear that these events are at best extremely misleading or at worst canceled. No refunds are given, even when their inconsistent and mostly-unreachable customer service email address responds to confirm a refund will be provided."

**How to spot a fake festival**

**Research before you buy.** Search online for the festival's name and ensure the name advertised matches the website. Scammers often use names that sound similar to those of real festivals.

**Check for (working) contact information.** The festival website should have a real phone number and email address.

Watch out for prices that sound too good to be true. There is no way a festival can offer tickets at extremely low prices without losing money. If the prices are much lower than elsewhere, it's likely a scam.

**What can you do?**

**Pay with a credit card.** You can dispute the charges if the business doesn't come through. Be wary of online sellers that don't accept credit cards.

**Look for secure sites.** The website should begin with HTTPS (the extra "s" is for security) and have a lock symbol on the address bar.

**Avoid tickets sold on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and other free online listings.** Scammers are skilled at providing realistic tickets and fake receipts. Check out third-party ticket sites at BBB.org before making purchases.

**For more information**

Read BBB's tips for buying tickets to an event. For general information on how to avoid scams, visit BBB.org/AvoidScams.

For more advice, read BBB's tips on online shopping. If you've spotted an event scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. Subscribe to BBB Scam Alerts for weekly updates about new scams.

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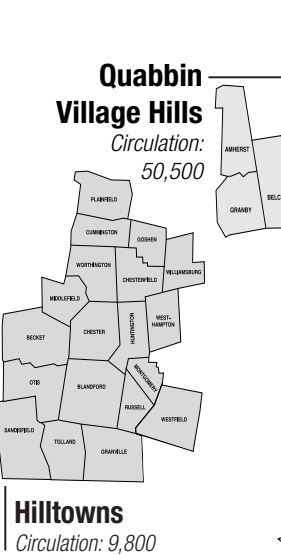
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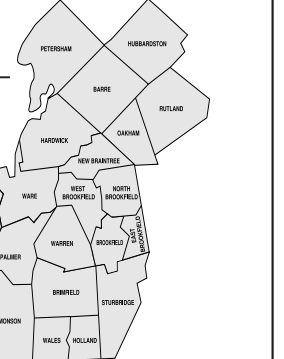
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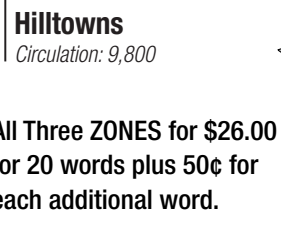
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