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Selectmen accept Department of Agricultural Resources consideration of Lyon Street parcel

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LUDLOW – At its meeting last week, the Board of Selectmen went over routine matters, including approving liquor license transfers and accepting the state’s consideration of a local parcel of agricultural land, and shot down an article for the Town Meeting.

The Sept. 3 meeting began with the board accepting the resignation of Lynda Collins as an election officer, and an announcement from the state’s Department of Agricultural Resources of its consideration of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on a parcel located on Lyon Street and owned by Lyon

Street Trust. Town Administrator Marc Strange clarified

“It’s a way to preserve farmland,” Strange said. “The state has a program where they will pay the property owner for a deed restriction and the property owner agrees that the property will be used in perpetuity for farming.”

Strange directed Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge to the enclosed notice of proposed acquisition, which was dated Aug. 13. This letter identified the property owner as Peter Kielbasa of Lyon Street Trust, according to the application received by MDAR.

“In compliance with General Law, chapter seven, section 7C, section 37,” DeBarge read, “the commonwealth, acting by and

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Town Administrator
Marc Strange

through its Department of Agricultural Resources, hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an APR on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing

their conversion to other uses.”

The notice identified that the property’s use consists primarily of mixed vegetables.

“Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use,” DeBarge continued, “set forth in the APR document, General Law chapter 184, section 31, under regulations of Department 330, CMR 22, signed by Christine Chisolm, APR Regional Planner, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.”

Though the item required no action beyond reading the document, Select Board Member Tony Goncalves noted that the state had requested that the board reduce the notice period from 120 days to 60 days. The

board voted unanimously to reduce the notice period.

Liquor licenses

The board was approached about a liquor license transfer from the estate of Tahir Humayun to USAVE Food Store, LLC, for the E-Z Shop Convenience location. Josh Levine of Levine Law explained that the board had previously refused the application because Humayun was not a U.S. citizen.

“Massachusetts law requires that the manager of record of a liquor license be a U.S. citizen,” Levine explained. “To further complicate things, Mr. Humayan unfortunately passed away in March, after the application was in and

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File photo

Color Ludlow with Love will be held at the gazebo in Memorial Park.

Color Ludlow with Love scheduled for this Saturday

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LUDLOW – Color Ludlow with Love has been scheduled to be held at Memorial Park this Saturday.

This year, Color Ludlow with Love will kick off at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 14, with a speech from State Representative and town resident Aaron Saunders, as well as a speech from Senator Jake Oliveira, and a speech by the past Director of District 53 and distinguished Toastmaster Patti Walter.

Organizer Kelly DeGobbi said that the gazebo will be “filled with music by Junior Marques followed by a fabulous performance by The Lowlights.”

“We are very fortunate this year to partner with The Beauty Studio, who will provide several fun elements for the whole family to enjoy,” DeGobbi said. “Dev’s Mac and Eats, as well as Citrus and Soiree, will be joining us to keep everyone fed and

hydrated. Additionally, we are extremely lucky to have Bri Banas of Banas Design Photography providing open-air photo booth services again this year.”

DeGobbi said that “A wonderful gathering of LGBTQ-friendly community resources will be represented.” A fundraiser snack table will be run to benefit the high school’s Gay/Straight Alliance Club.

Organizations that have signed up to participate in this year’s event include the Boys and Girls Club, the Disability Commission, First Church, the Behavioral Health Network, Western Mass Elder Care, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the town’s Health Department, and the Scouts of America, among many others.

“We would love for the community to come to the Gazebo to celebrate the day with us,” DeGobbi said.

Color Ludlow with Love will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Indian Orchard Citizens Council receives \$20,000 earmark for community events



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

The check presentation at Myrtle Street Park, (from left) Laurie McCorkindale, Maria Roy, Lariah Young, Jackie Farrow, Zaida Govan, Orlando Ramos, Lisa Ndar Rosario, and Chris Gongora.

State Representative Orlando Ramos, Senator Adam Gomez, and State Representative Carlos González earmarked funds from next year’s budget

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INDIAN ORCHARD – The Indian Orchard Citizens Council received a \$20,000 check from representatives of the state government last week. On Thursday, Sept. 5, the

Citizens Council met with State Representative Orlando Ramos and representatives from the offices of Senator Adam Gomez and State Representative Carlos González at Myrtle Street Park to receive a check for \$20,000 in the fiscal year 2025 budget. City Councilor Zaida Govan said that this earmark will help to fund next year’s Food Truck Festival, as well as senior and youth activities.

“This is a great opportunity to help us reach out to the community,” Govan said. “We’re always appreciative of our State Representative.”

A former member of the Citizens Council, Ramos commended the council for its work in beautifying the neigh-

borhood and putting on activities for the community. He noted that neighborhood councils do so much for the neighborhood, but have very limited resources available to them.

“We all have these great ideas on how we can improve the neighborhood and how we can provide more activities for people, but the question always comes up; where’s the money going to come from?” Ramos said. “When I got elected to the state House, I made it a priority of mine to make sure that the neighborhood councils in my district had everything that they needed to provide the services for people of the district.”

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LUDLOW

Charter Committee answers Frequently Asked Questions

LUDLOW – Any charter committee created to change a long-standing form of government will bring many questions from the community. During the many months of our analysis, the Charter Committee has asked themselves all of these same questions and worked-out answers through discussion and research. The committee has come to consensus on nearly every recommendation.

Background

“What is Ludlow’s current form of government?”

Ludlow currently has a Representative Town Meeting form of government. Each of our six precincts elect town meeting members as representatives to act as their legislative body.

These 90 town meeting members vote on the warrant articles at town meeting. There are also at-large, elected officials, such as Selectmen, School Committee members, Chair of Library Trustees, etc. who vote at town meeting.

Town meetings are held twice a year where members vote on matters such as budgets, bylaws, taxes, and ordinances. While all residents may attend and request to speak at the meetings, only the town meeting members can vote.

Special town meetings can be called by the Selectboard or can also be requested by the voters. 200 registered voters or 20% of the total number of registered voters, whichever is less, may request a special town meeting.

Town Meeting is the legislative body for Ludlow and the Selectboard is the executive body. The Selectboard run the day-to-day business of the town. Duties include calling town meetings, proposing budgets to the town meeting, setting

public policy, calling special elections, licensing, setting certain fees, overseeing certain volunteer and appointed bodies, and creating basic regulations.

Charter Content

“Did the Committee consider requiring the town manager to live in or move to town?”

The committee conceded that a town manager who resides in town is ideal, but not at the expense of narrowing the hiring-pool to find best the candidate available.

A non-resident manager can help maintain objectivity. They are non-partisan, career-driven professionals who are assumed to give their best to the community. They will become connected to the town.

We don’t have residency requirements on most of our town employees because we want the best possible people working for our citizens.

The committee discussed an option that would require the town manager to move to Ludlow within a 12- to-18-month period after being hired, but we believe this could lead to high turnover in this position and is likely to dissuade qualified candidates from applying.

Ludlow is an excellent place to live, but we are aware of the realities of uprooting families, especially families with children who are already established in school and social activities in their home communities. Also, there may be spouses that are unable to relocate for any number of reasons.

While it is not required for the Town

Manager to live in town, that does not preclude the Town Council from hiring someone who does live in town. The Council would be responsible to define the process and criteria used to hire a manager and they could choose to give priority to someone living in town or willing to move to town.

No one that the committee interviewed from other communities advocated for a residency requirement, citing that it would shrink the pool of applicants drastically.

“Why is the Committee recommending seven town councilors?”

Our discussion in size ranged from a low of five council members and as high as 13. The committee thought seven was a good number for Ludlow based on the town’s traditional five-person Selectboard. We felt nine or 13 was too large for Ludlow given the town’s history of small competitive elections. Also, decision-making within a new council with nine or 13 councilors could be inefficient and unproductive.

Communities similar in characteristics to Ludlow but with larger populations tended towards nine and 13, while smaller communities opted for seven members.

Some examples: East Longmeadow, with 16,430 residents has a seven-person, all at-large. Agawam has a population of 28,692 and has a 15-person, all at-large council.

“Why is the Committee recommending town councilors be elected ‘at-large’?”

The committee had a lengthy discussion about a combination of at-large and

precinct representation.

A one-for-one precinct to councilor representation would mean six positions from our six precincts which leaves only one at-large position.

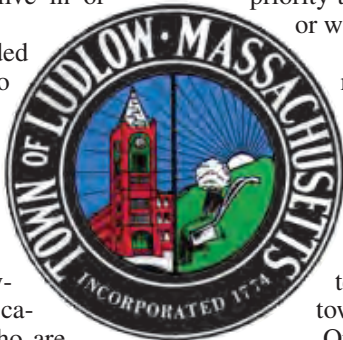
The number of election precincts are set by the state based on population. Rearranging precincts is outside the charter committee’s purview. We could, however, define districts for the purpose of electing district-specific councilors. For example, we could combine two precincts each into three councilor-districts which would result in three district councilors and four at-large.

The two options above are viable options, but for the initial charter the Committee agreed that an at-large council would create a larger pool of qualified candidates. Having individual candidates deciding to run based on other potential candidates within their neighborhoods would not result in the best selection of councilors.

After much discussion we felt the at-large viewpoint promotes a town-wide focus and not a neighborhood representation. Each councilor is accountable to all town voters instead of being focused on issues in only one precinct.

Upon review of communities similar to Ludlow, we found that four have complete at-large councils, while six communities have a combination of at-large and precinct representation. Only one community, Barnstable, has a complete precinct representation structure. Barnstable, however, has a population more than double Ludlow.

The full FAQ document can be found on the committee’s webpage under Frequently-Asked-Questions-Related-to-the-Charter-Proposal at Ludlow.ma.us.



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Pioneer Valley Financial Group honors Head Start CEO



From left to right: Ed Sokolowski, Nicole Blais, Janis Santos and Kelly Haber.

LUDLOW – Pioneer Valley Financial Group had the honor of reconnecting with an old friend, Janis Santos, and the new CEO of HCS Head Start, Nicole Blais to contribute

to the Janis Santos Scholarship fund. This scholarship allows students to pursue their education and follow their dreams.

A proud Ludlow resident, Janis

Santos retired from Head Start in 2021 after 48 years of hard work and dedication to her peers and community. PVFP is honored to help contribute and continue what she believed in.

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Exit 7 Players announce fall production

LUDLOW—The Exit 7 Players are pleased to announce its fall production of Next to Normal, taking place on the Paul R. Hamel Stage at 37 Chestnut St., from Sept. 27 through Oct. 13.

Next to Normal is the story of Diana Goodman and her family. Traumatized by the death of her infant son, Diana has lived with bipolar depressive disorder and delusional episodes for the past several years. The illness has affected everyone in her life and has nearly torn her family apart on several occasions. Next to Normal, with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize.

Next to Normal takes audiences into the minds and hearts of each character, presenting their family's

story with love, sympathy and heart, while exploring pressing contemporary issues of trauma, loss, mental health treatment, and the meaning of family.

This production is intended for audiences aged 13 and up, and contains themes and depictions of mental illness, profanity, discussions of self-harm and the loss of a family member.

For this production the Exit 7 Players are partnering with Empty Arms Bereavement, a nonprofit helping parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, termination for medical reasons, or infant loss.

Due to a town event, parking for our October 6 show may be limited. Please plan on arriving early.

For more information contact the Exit 7 Players at 413.583.4301 or admin@exit7players.org. Tickets can be purchased directly from our website.

Ludlow High 60th Class Reunion October 5

LUDLOW – The High School's Class of 1964 is celebrating its 60th Class Reunion.

The Ludlow High 60th Reunion Committee has announced the upcoming class reunion.

The time to celebrate this remarkable achievement and to reminisce will be on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the

Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center St. There will be a meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. and a sit-down dinner at 7 p.m.

Anyone with questions, including to request a registration form, can contact Alice Letendre Forgione by email at AliceJoe154@GMail.com, or by telephone at 413-592-2443.

Town Hall announces new office hours

LUDLOW – The town has announced Town Hall's new office hours.

Town Hall will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It will be open on Friday to 8 a.m. to noon. Agendas should be received by 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Competitive blood drive at Baystate Hospital

PALMER— A blood drive will be held at the Baystate Wing Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It's Palmer Ambulance versus the Police Department versus the Fire Department Blood Drive.

To participate, go to Conference Room B in Baystate Wing Hospital at 40 Wright St. in Palmer.

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'Friendship Squares' were once all the rage...



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Pam Hayes of Ludlow (right) shows a collection of antique friendship squares to Old Meeting House Museum Vice President Karen Geaghan (left), one of the highlights of the Old Meeting House Museum's "Treasures from the Attic" Open House Sept. 7.

STHS class reunion in September

SPRINGFIELD—The spirit of Springfield's Tech High School is alive and well as they gear up for another exciting reunion on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., from noon to 6 p.m. The reunion is open to all tech classes and friends.

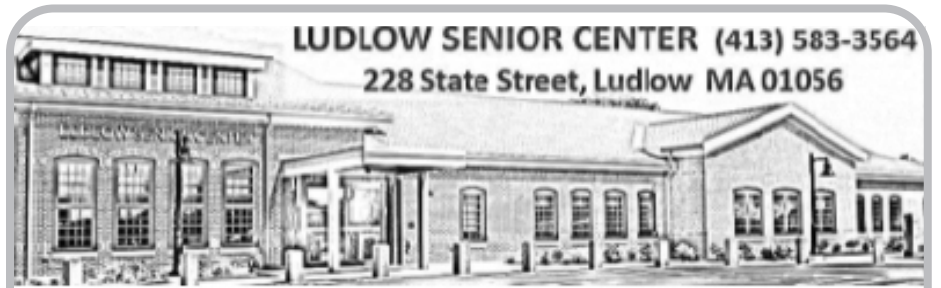
An outside barbecue will be held rain or shine under the lodge's pavilion and a special tent. The BBQ will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, salads, dessert and more. Cash bar. Free parking and handicap accessible.

A fun-filled afternoon will include a live band and dancing, cornhole and bocce games, raffles and time to reminisce with friends over the years and make new friends as well. Donations will be accepted for raffle prizes.

Committee chair Mike Borecki said "Last year we had a terrific turnout of over 300 people and we anticipate a larger group this year. We're thrilled that the Tech Spirit is alive and well and look forward to many years to come".

Seating is limited and tickets are \$25 each. All are on a first come, first served basis. Open seating. For tickets call Mike Borecki '72 at 413-351-6572, Dawn Duncan '71 at 413-896-3930, Paul Montefusco '69 at 413-596-6607, or Matt Villamaino '67 at 413-896-2206. The reunion is always looking for volunteers. If interested, contact Mike Borecki.

Located on Elliot Street in Springfield, MA Technical High School was founded in 1906 and closed in 1986.



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4 p.m. Creative Corner With Tammy*
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
- 4:45 p.m. Movie: The Monuments Men (2014)

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- 8 a.m. Garden Club
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10 a.m. Opera Appreciation
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Movie: The Monuments Men (2014)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 19

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 9:30 a.m. SeniorStrong Celebration
- 10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*
- 12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 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:

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

Menu:

- Thursday, Sept. 12: Birthday Lunch! Stuffed Chicken Breast/Scalloped Pot/Peas & Carrots
- Friday, Sept. 13: Turkey Waldorf Salad/Mac Salad/Roll
- Monday, Sept. 16: Sloppy Joe/Steak Fries
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: Vegetable Chili/Corn Bread
- Wednesday, Sept. 18: Stuffed Pork Chop/Au Gratin Pot/Carrots
- Thursday, Sept. 19: Beef Stew/Biscuit
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
- For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Sept. 12

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*
- 10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of Senior Center Meeting
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers Block*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Sept. 13

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10 a.m. Reiki Presentation*
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Magic Class

Monday, Sept. 16

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1 p.m. Better Together*
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 1:30 Watercolor Pencil Class*
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- 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



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Baystate Wing Auxiliary gives \$25,000 to Emergency Department Capital Campaign

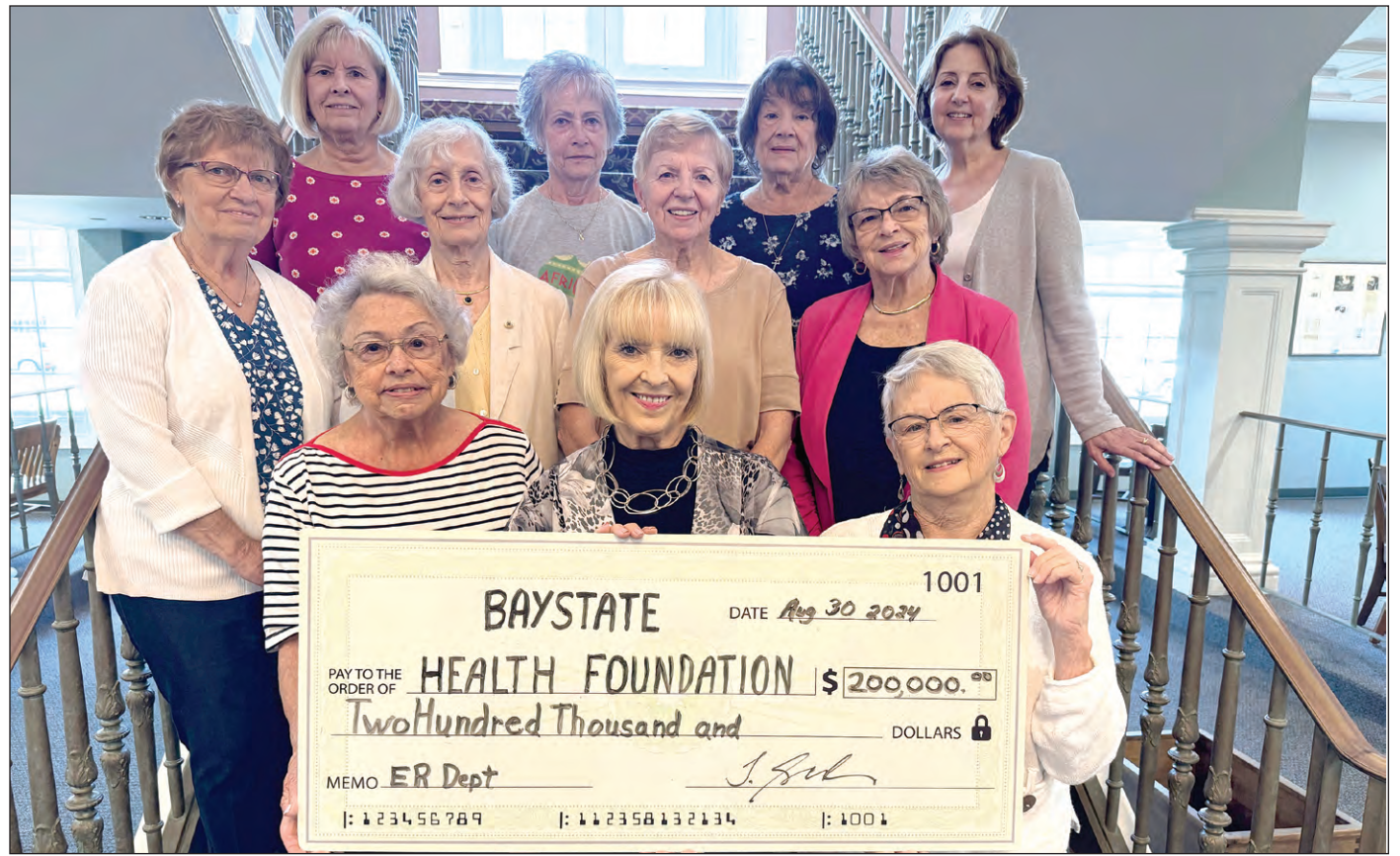
PALMER – Baystate Wing Auxiliary has given its final pledge payment of \$25,000 to Baystate Wing’s Emergency Department Capital Campaign

The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors held their annual meeting last week to not only plan for the coming year but to also formally make their final installment of \$25,000, toward their pledge to the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department Capital Campaign. The total gift made by the Auxiliary was \$200,000.

“I have been a proud leader and a member of this wonderful group of volunteers for many years,” said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary. “They generously give of their time and are committed to the hospital and choose to also show their support through their many generous donations. Our members are also wonderful ambassadors to the many patients and visitors who stop by our gift shop. We are proud to support the Baystate Wing Hospital team.”

For over 65 years, the Auxiliary has been actively supporting Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and management of the gift shop. This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, and business owners, both young and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

In addition to supporting the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department, each year the Auxiliary has funded scholarships to local high school students entering a career in healthcare. They have also supported the reopening of the hospital’s Interfaith Chapel as



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From left to right: Shirley Bagg, Evelyn Glabicky, and Carol Doyle (front row), Carol Holden, Beverly Sangermano, Janice Lachut, and Ursula St. Amand (middle row), Cathy Izyk, Jackie, Johnson, Natalie Noble, and Teresa Grove (back row). Not pictured: Janice Fountain, Elise Anton, Jeanne Bonsall, and Estelle Carbonneau.

well as purchasing medical equipment and supporting other important hospital initiatives.

“Our community and this hospital are indeed privileged to have such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers, and we are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment

and support of our hospital,” said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health’s regional hospitals. “They are not only enthusiastic fundraisers, but also serve as goodwill ambassadors throughout the many communities we serve.”

Often the most important gift we can give is our time. By volunteering you are

having an impact on our hospital and our community.

For more information or an application to become a member of the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary, stop in the gift shop located on the first floor or call Teresa Grove, philanthropy officer for Baystate Health at 413-544-4046.

Community members gather in support of Question 4

Veterans and Elected Officials to gather to “bring hope and healing to Massachusetts.”

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Veterans, elected officials, and community members will gather at the Bilingual Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. to voice their support for a ballot question that will create regulated therapeutic access to natural psychedelic medicines.

Question 4, proposed by Massachusetts for Mental Health Options, will help veterans with PTSD, patients with end-of-life anxiety, and others who are suffering from complex mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD.

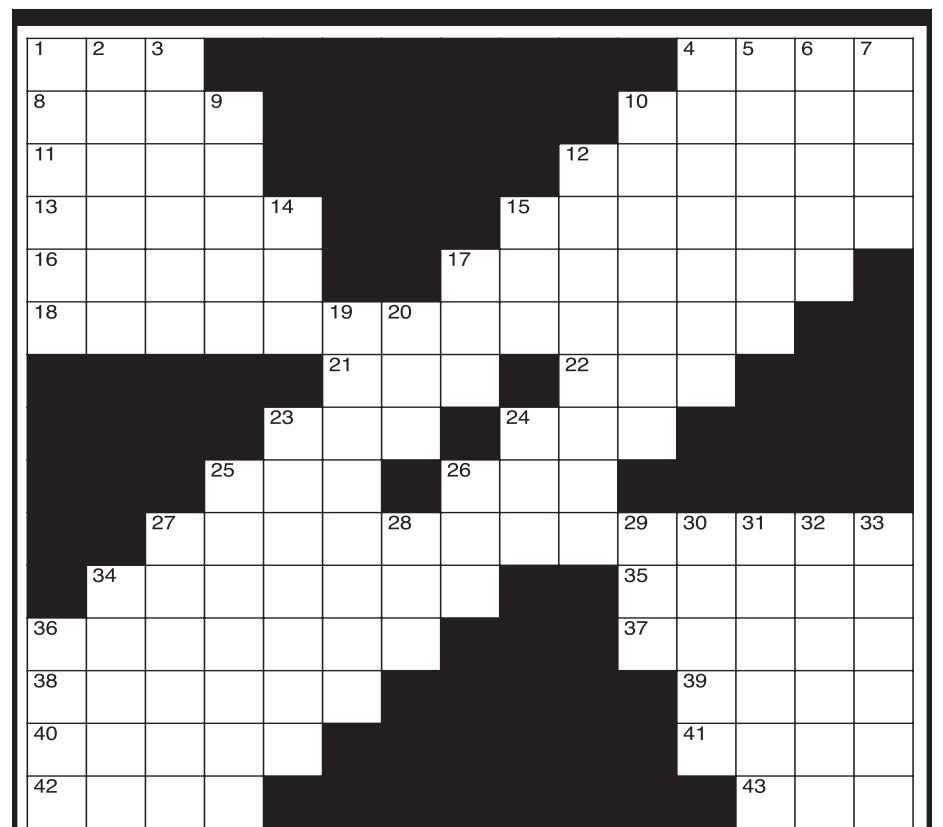
Research from Johns Hopkins, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Mass General, and New York University indicates that natural psychedelic medicines can be a life-saving mental health tool. Under

Question 4, natural psychedelic medicine therapy would be administered under the supervision and guidance of a trained, licensed professional at regulated therapy centers. Retail sales of psychedelic medicines will not be permitted.

Media is invited to hear from local supporters on how natural psychedelics therapies are a safe and effective way to treat mental health.

The MMHO Press Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bilingual Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. at 281 Franklin St. in Springfield, with parking available on-site.

Members of the community and supporters expected to attend include Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, Sergeant Gumersindo Gomez, Executive Director of the Bilingual Veterans Outreach Center and VA/VVA Accredited Service Officer, Senator Adam Gomez, Representative Carlos González, Amherst resident Ana Juliana, and Astranada Gamsey, a psychedelic care beneficiary.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. A type of test
8. Curtail
10. Irish surname
11. The opposite of good
12. Got rid of
13. Central parts of a church building
15. Stylistically
16. Intestinal
17. Negative potential outcomes
18. Lived up to a standard
21. Snag
22. Time units (abbr.)
23. Ad ____
24. “Partridge”
25. For each
26. ____ Paulo, city
27. League titles
34. More intensely black
35. Slang for lovely
36. Petrarch is known for them
37. Old Eurasian wheat
38. Body part
39. Swedish rock group
40. They’re worth avoiding
41. Rising and falling of the voice
42. Wings
43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

1. Idyllic
2. South Pacific island nations
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Boundaries
5. Encircle
6. Weights
7. Samberg is one
9. Sheep sound
10. European country
12. Respected group of people
14. Trigraph
15. Prosecutors
17. Assign a nickname
19. Huge size
20. Partner to cheese
23. Fastballs
24. Principle underlying the universe
25. Distinct units of sound
26. Title of respect
27. Against
28. Foot (Latin)
29. One point east of due south
30. Concerning the blood
31. Type of pentameter
32. North American peoples
33. Layers of rock
34. Georges ____, French philosopher
36. Lengthy tale

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Husband upset about his wife's survivor benefit

Dear Rusty
This is a matter that I find particularly irksome. My wife, a retired teacher, was told that, should I pre-decease her, she is not eligible to get survivor benefits from my Social Security payments. I'm sure there is some arcane, bureaucratic justification for this, but I think it unconscionable. Is this true and if so, what sort of major miracle would be required to alter that?
Signed Disgruntled in Texas

Dear Disgruntled
If your wife was a teacher in a school district, which includes all Texas school districts that exempted her from paying into Social Security, then any Social Security surviving spouse benefit she becomes entitled to from you will be affected by a provision called the Government Pension Offset. The GPO will reduce her Social Security survivor benefit by two-thirds, 67%, of the amount of her (non-covered) teacher's pension, which can and often does eliminate her surviving spouse benefit. The GPO affects teachers in about 15 states, who have opted not to participate in Social Security.

For information, this is similar to what happens to a spouse who has also earned a Social Security retirement benefit, their survivor benefit is offset by their Social Security retirement benefit and only the excess, if any, is paid.

The GPO is actually a bit more generous, in that your wife's survivor benefit is only offset by 2/3rds of her non-covered teacher's pension, whereas the offset is 100% for other surviving spouses who have earned SS retirement benefits as well. This is a provision that has been law since 1977, affecting all those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Its premise was to better equalize the way SS benefits are paid to everyone.

How can that be altered? Well, the only way is by Congress changing Social Security law. There have been numerous attempts to change the GPO law over the years, none of which have been successful. Indeed, there is a proposed law, H.R. 82 The Social Security Fairness Act, which was introduced in Congress last year. That proposal, to eliminate the GPO and a sister provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision, has essentially made little Congressional progress, short of a few committee hearings and the outlook for passage at this point is about zero.

I'm afraid I can't be optimistic that the GPO will be repealed, as Congress is more keenly focused on resolving Social Security's looming solvency issue, set to come to a head in less than a decade.

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GUEST COLUMN



How to best store your produce for winter enjoyment

The question I answered last week on how to best cure onions spawned a number of follow up questions.

Gardeners are looking for advice on storing potatoes, apples, winter squash and more. Read on for some timely tips that will keep your produce in tip top shape for offseason eating and enjoyment.

Why don't we start with potatoes, since they are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting, and toxic greening of the skin and flesh.

By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process.

Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55-60 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitchforked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies.

If you follow the farmers lead, just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which

point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of a fingernail.

Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

My garlic was harvested well over a month ago, after the plant gave me a signal with one-third of its foliage withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground.

Soon I'll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc. Soft neck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding.

In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

I don't grow enough apples of my own to store just yet, because my orchard is still very young. To get the low-down on best storage practices I consulted a couple of great books on the subject and this is what I came up with: According to "The Apple Cookbook" by Olwen Woodier (Storey Publishing) the key to preserving the flavor and texture of apples is to put them in a cool place immediately after picking or purchasing.

But first, sort them, setting aside any with blemishes for immediate use- the old saying "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel" is true! Next, put them in perforated bags (you were right on, Mom!) and store them in the hydrator drawer of the refrigerator at temperatures between thirty-two and forty degrees.

No room in the fridge? Try storing them in the cellar at temperatures close to thirty-two degrees and eighty to eighty-five percent humidity.

Janet Chadwick, in her book "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" (Storey Publishing) recommends storing apples in sawdust inside a cardboard box lined with a plastic.

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Election letters policy

The Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library?

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

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

Hubbard Memorial Library's building will be closed to the public from September 3rd to September 13th for the final repairs linked to the June flood. Holds and limited collections will be available for curbside pick-up during this time. Please check our website and Facebook page for program information as some programs will be happening on the lawn or in other town locations.

FOR ALL AGES

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

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FOR ADULTS

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit massbook.org/readingchallenge.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun

and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Chair Volleyball will be held at the Polish American Citizen's Club on 9/5 and 9/12. 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.

Four Season Corsage Buttons, Thursday, September 19, 6:00 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to design and create their very own corsage buttons inspired by the four seasons. Whether you're drawn to the blooms of spring, the warmth of summer, the rich colors of autumn, or the cool beauty of winter, you can bring a touch of each season to your wardrobe with a unique, handcrafted button!

FOR TEENS

Chess Club, Every other Monday starting September 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All experience levels are welcome for an hour of chess, some instruction provided. Club meets every other Monday. For ages 9 & up, please register.

Youth Crochet Club, September 29, 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, 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.

Book Flowers for Tweens and Teens, Thursday, September 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. For tweens and teens. Use recycled book pages to make beautiful and unique flowers. Please register.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, September 27, 3:00-4:00 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.

Open Sew Saturday, Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Drop into the library's program room for sewing space and support at our monthly Open Sew! The library will have 4 sewing machines (or bring your own), tables for laying out projects, and seasoned sewer Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and support. Not recommended for beginners. Open to adults, tweens, & teens.

Banned Book Scavenger Hunt, Monday, September 23rd 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All ages. September 23-28 is National Banned Books Week, which fights censorship and celebrates the freedom to read. Search the Youth Room for books that have been censored to win a prize and learn some of the crazy reasons why censorship happens! Drop-in.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Fidget BINGO, Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 p.m. All ages. Play bingo for a chance to win a fidget toy or books as prizes. Please register.

Pokemon Club, Wednesday, September 18, 3:30-4:45 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.

Roblox Club, Fridays, September 20 & 27, 3:30-4:50 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8+.

Minecraft Club, Saturday, September 21 & 28, 11:00 a.m. -12:45 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.

Movie & Craft: "Migration" Friday, September 20, 1:30 p.m. Rated PG Enjoy the movie then make a cute duck craft after the show. Drop in.

Annual Roald Dahl Day Celebration, Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For all ages. Make crafts, play games, and do a scavenger hunt, all inspired by Roald Dahl's books. Drop in.

FOR CHILDREN

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

Yoga For Preschoolers, Monday, September 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Songs, movement activities and games help to

bring the yoga practice to young children. Classes are dynamic and playful, with stories, music, themes and often a craft. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. 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, September 18 & 25 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.

Families in Harmony for 18-24 month olds with Renee Coro Wednesdays in September starting on the 4th, 10:00-10:45 a.m. In this music series for children ages 18-24 month olds, you and your child are invited to engage in many aspects of music, including singing, playing instruments, and moving in a fun, social group setting. We will create music together while encouraging children's social, emotional, and physical development. Join us for this dynamic series led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Families in Harmony for 2-5 year olds with Renee Coro, Wednesdays in September starting on the 4th, 11:00-11:45 a.m. In this music series for children ages 2-5, you and your child are invited to engage in many aspects of music, including singing, playing instruments, and moving in a fun, social group setting. We will create music together while encouraging children's social, emotional, and physical development. Join us for this dynamic series led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays September 19 & 26, 9:45-10:30 a.m. For ages 0-2 Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

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Although they will ripen more quickly at even slightly higher temperatures, don't let the lack of a super-cold spot dissuade you from storing your apples. Sure, they won't keep till spring, but you may get a month or two out of them.

Any that turn a little soft will still make great baked apples. Late season apples would lend themselves to winter storage better than those that are ripe now.

Enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labor by proper curing and storage!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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after the denial."

Levine introduced Tahira Khatoun, Humayan's widow, who was named the voluntary personal representative of the estate, and had signed a consent for the transfer to continue.

"Ms. Khatoun has worked in the store and is now signed on as the manager of record, as she is a U.S. citizen," Levine said.

Levine added that Khatoun is TIPS trained. The board voted unanimously to rescind the denial and approve the liquor license transfer.

The board heard another liquor license transfer from Michael LaFever of Brookside Cafe to Amy Fields of CMD Cafe, LLC. The board voted unanimously to transfer this liquor license as well.

Other business

Hubbard Memorial Library's Head of Youth Services July Siebecker re-

quested use of the lawn and gazebo Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for the weekly "Sing With Me" program, Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the Youth Crochet Club, Wednesday Sept. 4 and Sept. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for preschool music programs by Renee Coro of Pathways for Parents, Thursday, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the Teen Games Club, Friday Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 at 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. for Pre-K Pals, and Friday, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for the Dungeons & Dragons Club.

An article that proposed to fill vacant committee seats Strange said that this was formed in response to the process for filling the vacant School Committee seat, as well as one for the Recreation Commission.

"Instead of bringing the boards together, it allows the Board of Select-

men to do the appointment," Strange said.

School Committee Chair Sarah Bowler was present at the meeting, and noted that the state's General Laws dictate that the two boards should work together to make an appointment. Select Board Member Manuel Silva was supportive of the article.

"Why shouldn't the Selectmen appoint people that they feel are going to do what should be done?" Silva asked.

DeBarge advocated for removing the article, though he described it as "an efficiency move." He said that to have the Select Board take over the process would ostracize the sitting board members.

"If there's a vacancy in an elected body, that elected body should be involved in filling their empty seat," DeBarge said.

The Selectmen voted to remove the article 3-0, with one abstention.

Senator Oliveira and State Representative Smola announce Environmental Infrastructure Grants

BOSTON – Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Todd Smola are pleased to announce that Palmer and Warren, two communities they share, have received Environmental Infrastructure Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2025.

The grant awards, earned in partnership with the recipient municipalities, the Department of Fish and Game’s Division of Ecological Restoration, and the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, aim to strengthen resilience to climate change, reduce flood risks, improve climate-ready infrastructure and public safety, and restore crucial wildlife habitats and water quality for local communities.

Palmer will receive \$158,000 (\$100,000 Capital, \$58,000 ARPA) for the Ware River Tributary Culvert Replacements through DER’s Culvert Replacement Training Site Initiative. Palmer will collect field data

and conduct preliminary design and engineering work to replace two undersized and deteriorating culverts on Bacon Road and West Ware Road, a tributary to the Ware River, where flooding has been an issue.

Warren will receive \$140,000 (Capital) through DER’s CRMA grant program. Warren will collect field data and conduct design and engineering work to replace two undersized culverts on New Reed Street over Tufts Brook, a Coldwater Fisheries Resource.

“These Environmental Infrastructure Grants will not only mitigate flood risks but also protect critical ecosystems and wildlife habitats, ensuring that our towns are better prepared for the challenges posed by climate change, once again demonstrating the Commonwealth’s commitment to building climate-resilient communities in Western Massachusetts.

I am proud to work with Representative Smola and our partners in the administration to support initiatives that prioritize both public safety and the environment, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have on our region,” said Senator Jake Oliveira.

Representative Todd Smola stated, “These grant awards underscore the importance of investing in resilient infrastructure and ecological restoration. The projects in Palmer and Warren will address critical issues like flood risks and deteriorating culverts while also enhancing the health and sustainability of our natural resources. Through strong collaboration between local and state governments, we can ensure our communities are better protected and that our ecosystems are preserved for the future.”

“As climate change brings

more intense storms and flooding, building resilient infrastructure and restoring ecosystems are vital for Massachusetts. Ecological restoration is key to this effort, and DER is leading the charge with nature-based solutions to ensure a strong, resilient future,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to supporting projects that restore healthy waterways and looks forward to continued collaboration with municipalities and partners so we can expand our impact and help communities thrive amid the challenges ahead.”

“Collaboration and partnership are essential to achieve Massachusetts’s nation-leading biodiversity and climate goals,” said DFG Commissioner Tom O’Shea. “By working together to restore these important ecosystems, we will improve

passage for fish and wildlife, restore habitat and water quality, and reduce flood risks. These projects are a win-win for people and nature—we are proud to be ushering them along.”

DER is awarding over \$2.1 million to 17 municipalities through its Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program and the Culvert Replacement Training Site Initiative. The CRMA Grant Program helps municipalities replace outdated culverts with new, improved crossings. These upgrades restore river ecosystems, enhance fish and wildlife passage, and reduce flood risks, improving climate resilience and public safety. The Training Site Initiative will turn some of these project sites into training hubs, creating a network of locations for hands-on learning to teach local roadway managers about culvert replacements in Massachusetts.

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“This is just a token of my appreciation and my contribution for them to be able to continue doing what they do for the Indian Orchard neighborhood,” Ramos said.

The check presentation was coordinated by Representative Ramos’s Chief of Staff, Ayanna Crawford, who has been working with his office for four years. Crawford said that “a lot of hard work” goes into the logistics and coordination of the events for state legislators.

“We coordinate all the staff to be able to come here, we let the mayor’s office know, we let the City Council’s office know, elected officials, all the members of the Council, and we make sure everybody’s where they need to be,” Crawford said.

Ramos explained how earmarks are used by state legislators to set aside money for specific budgets in upcoming fiscal years.

“It’s money that comes from the fiscal year 2025 budget,” Ramos said. “\$20,000 is going to go directly to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council. That just means that they don’t have to fight for grants or anything like that, it’s automatically go-



Representative Ramos’s Chief of Staff, Ayanna Crawford (right), arranged the event with Lisa Ndar Rosario (left) from Representative González’s office and Chris Gongora (center) from Senator Gomez’s office.

ing to go straight to them.”

Ramos shared that he bought his first home in 2007 and joined the Citizens Council the following year, before joining the City Council.

“Indian Orchard is a community filled with tradition, and we want to continue the existing traditions, but also build our own,” Ramos said. “I was one of the co-founders of the Indian Orchard Food Truck Festival, and that’s a new tradition here that we want to continue.”

This year, the Food Truck Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12. Govan said that the festival is held the Saturday before Indigenous Peoples’ Day every year.

“The Food Truck Festival costs us about maybe \$15,000 to put on,” Govan said. “We get grants from the state Cultural Councils, Springfield Cultural Council, and we get donations from different entities.”

“We get a lot of donations, but this is really going to help us not have to hustle too much,” Govan said. “We’ll still hustle, but we won’t have to stress about it.”

Govan said that the delegation’s donation will

“We have a Senior Center here, hopefully more people

will learn more about it,” Govan said. “We have Senior Bingo with a meal before it, and that’s twice a month. We have jewelry making, and we’re going to be starting chair yoga again.”

Govan said that the Youth Council, where local youths have an opportunity to lead youth activities in the neighborhood.

“We just got a really nice grant from the Public Health Institute to prevent gambling in youth, and we’re going to want to continue that, so we’re going to use some of this money for their activities.”

Govan added that the council has a computer lab for seniors where the youths help older residents with computers. There will also be a representative from Liberty Bank holding a fraud protection program for senior citizens, as well as an intro to banking for local youths.

The council is also making plans to hold a food drive for non-perishables to help address food insecurity in the area. The council already hosts a brown-bag program for seniors to get produce and non-perishables, and a farm-share program for fresh vegetables from local farms.

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Lions outlast Brownies for win in home opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Ludlow girls varsity volleyball team didn't win a home match until the beginning of October a year ago. It didn't take them as long to celebrate a victory in front of their faithful supporters this season.

The Lady Lions kicked off the 2024 regular season by defeating Western Division rival Agawam by the final score 3-2 (25-21, 19-25, 18-25, 25-12, 15-9) at Mullins Gymnasium, last Wednesday night.

"Last year was a rebuilding season for us," said Ludlow senior captain Peyton Brennan, who's a second-year member of the varsity volleyball team. "Agawam beat us twice last year and it feels good to come out on top against them in tonight's match. We're really hoping to qualify for the Western Mass. tournament this season."

The season opening victory was the first time that the Lady Lions defeated the Brownies on



Peyton Brennan goes for the spike.

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Ludlow grabs draw with Lancers

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday night, Ludlow boys soccer got second half goals from Christopher Goncalves and Thomas Wadas in a very physical game with host Longmeadow, but the Lancers scored a late goal for the 2-2 tie.

Ludlow would beat Amherst 2-0 on the road and are 1-0-1 after the first week of fall play.

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Christopher Goncalves gets the header.



Evan Dias follows through on a pass forward.



Joseph Keroack places second for Ludlow.

Lions sweep Orioles in opening meet

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday afternoon at Foley Field in Belchertown, Ludlow boys and girls cross country picked up wins in their first meet of the season. Logan Walsh finished the course in 16:36 while Joseph Keroack was on his tail at 16:38. Lucas Franco picked up third with a 16:53 time. The Lions picked up the 16-46 win. In the girls race, Madeline Brown took first place at 22:27 while Sophia Quiterio was second at 23:05. The girls were victorious 16-47.



Logan Walsh was the top male finisher.



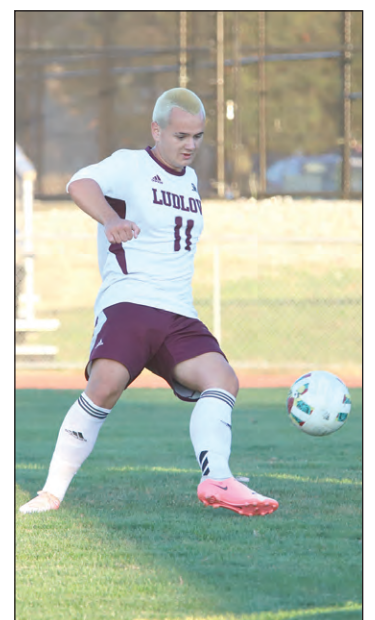
Madeline Brown took first place in the girls race.

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Sophia Quiterio comes in second place.



Daniel Pires makes the grab in goal.



Jayden Premo sends a quick deflection away.



James Dias goes into a slide to try and stop his opponent's progress.

T-Birds announce another season of great promotions

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are cranking up the volume on their impending ninth season of play in the American Hockey League with a loaded promotional schedule that features brand-new giveaways, returning staple events, and some never-before-seen elements at the Thunderdome.



It all starts on Saturday, Oct. 12 with Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. Before puck drop, fans can flock to the Plaza at MGM Springfield for the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, with support from the Springfield BID, from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring live music, food & drink to drop the puck on another magnificent season. The team anticipates a ninth

consecutive Opening Night sellout and a 15th consecutive sellout dating back to last season.

Fans can expect to see five specialty jerseys corresponding to the team's traditional theme nights: Teddy Bear Toss, Throwback Night, Ice-O-Topes Night, Military Appreciation Night, and Pink in the Rink. Should we do six specialty jerseys? Stay tuned for more info. The fan-favorite blue third jerseys will return this season on the following game nights: Friday, Oct. 25; Friday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Dec. 31; Monday, Jan. 20; Friday, March 28; and Friday, April 18.

The full promotional schedule can be found at www.springfieldthunderbirds.com

Railers trainer moves into AHL position

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) announced today that Alex Maring has been hired by the Tampa Bay Lightning to be the next Head Athletic Trainer of the American Hockey League's Syracuse Crunch.



Maring, 24, goes to Syracuse after serving as the head athletic trainer for the Railers for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 seasons. He first joined the Railers after serving as an athletic training intern with the Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League during the 2021-22 season, joining them on their way to an AHL Eastern Conference championship and Calder Cup Finals appearance. He shadowed with the Utica Comets of the AHL during the 2015-16 season, working under current St. Louis Blues assistant trainer Dustin Flynn.

"We're excited to see Alex take the next step in his career," Chief Operating Officer Michael G. Myers said. "This is something that's well deserved, and we look forward to following his success in the coming years. The Railers are extremely proud of our track record and

commitment to developing employees to get to the next level both on and off the ice."

The New Hartford, NY native graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from Springfield College in May of 2021.

Maring graduated from Springfield College's Master of Education in Sport and Exercise Psychology program in May of 2023.

"I'd like to thank the Railers organization and the city of Worcester for the past two years," Maring said. "The Railers gave me the opportunity to provide the best possible care to every athlete that came through the door. I was able to foster great relationships with all of our amazing partners and staff in Worcester. I look forward to maintaining the connections I made in Worcester for a lifetime."

The Worcester Railers HC 2024-25 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Sat., Oct. 19th and Sun., Oct. 20th vs. the Reading Royals.

The new 508 Club is now on sale for the 2024-25 season! Get access to games this season, exclusive events and additional benefits by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

MIAA looks to honor officials

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our Game Officials.

The fall National Officials Appreciation Week will be held Oct. 6 to 12. Once again, MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally

thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that you will consider recognizing them in some manner.

The Winter Officials Appreciation Week will be Jan. 13-18, 2025 and the Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be April 6-12, 2025.



Ashlyn Mortimer makes a set near the net.



Ashlyn Moquin makes a quick bump to her side.

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the volleyball court since a 3-1 home win on October 15, 2021.

Brennan led the Lady Lions with six kills, six aces, and seven digs in last Wednesday's contest.

The other three Ludlow senior captains are Delores Calvao, Michele Winslow, and Kylie Roach.

"The four captains are our leaders," said Ludlow head coach Steve Jarvis. "I voted for two of the captains and the players voted for the other two. They keep everything in order."

Calvao contributed with six digs, four assists, and four aces. Roach finished with three kill and three blocks, while Winslow chipped in with a team-high 17 digs and four aces.

Overall, the Lady Lions had a total of 14 kills, 42 digs, and 22 aces in the five set match.

The Brownies senior co-captains are Elizabeth St. Jean and Isabella Spaulding.

During the offseason, Spaulding and Brennan played on the same club team.

"I played on the same club team with Bella throughout the winter and spring in the Pioneer Valley Juniors," Brennan said. "It was a lot of fun playing against her tonight."

Spaulding helped her team with nine kills and St. Jean had six digs.

Both teams held the lead at the start of the opening set.

The Lady Lions took a 9-8 lead following a kill and back-to-back aces by Brennan.

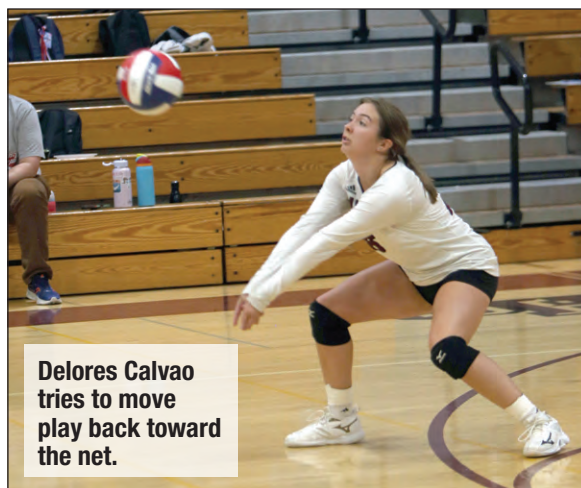
After Agawam tied the score, Ludlow won the next three points.

The Brownies, who lost three starters to graduation, managed to get within one point a couple of times, but the Lady Lions were able to hold onto the lead the rest of the way in the opening set.

Ludlow held an 18-12 advantage in the second set before Agawam came

storming back.

With junior setter Toni Vassallo handling the serving duties, the Brownies reeled off eleven unanswered points which gave them a 23-18 advantage.



Delores Calvao tries to move play back toward the net.

"Toni is one of our most consistent servers and she's also a setter," said second-year Agawam head coach Jess Colson. "She set the tone for us in the second set. She did a fabulous job."

The Lady Lions finally stopped the run before the visitors evened the match with a kill by junior Emily Scott.

The Brownies held the lead for almost the entire third set.

The only time that the Lady Lions led in that set was at 9-8 following an ace by Calvao, which capped off a 5-0 spurt.

Agawam responded with a 6-0 run with Scott doing the serving.

The Brownies was leading, 21-13, in the third set before the Lady Lions made one final comeback attempt.

The home team closed the gap to 21-18 before Agawam took a 2-1 lead in the overall match by winning the final four points.

Ludlow never trailed in the fourth set, as they built a double digit lead forcing a fifth and deciding set.

"We changed to a different offense in the third set," said Jarvis, who has been coaching the Ludlow girls' varsity volleyball team since 2016. "We just didn't let down during the final two sets. We also served very well."

With junior Ashlyn Mortimer handling the serving duties, the Lady Lions won the first two points of the final set.

Agawam tied the score a couple of times in the fifth set before Ludlow put together a 9-1 run giving them a commanding 13-6 lead. Calvao and Brennan did the serving during that stretch.

"You always need to take a quick lead in the fifth set because it's only 15 points," Jarvis said. "Once we took the lead in the fifth set, we managed to keep it. It has been a couple of years since we've beaten Agawam, but we just need to keep improving."

The Lady Lions sealed the deal following a kill by Roach.

The two teams are slated to meet again at Agawam High School at 6:30 pm on September 25.

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

On Sept. 11, 1941, construction began on the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia.

On Sept. 12, 1980, a bloodless coup was carried out by the senior command of the Turkish army, led by General Kenan Evren.

On Sept. 13, 1598, King Philip II of Portugal and III of Spain was crowned.

On Sept. 14, 1752, Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar, advancing the date 11 days from the previous

date of Sept. 2.

On Sept. 15, 1949, the TV version of The Lone Ranger aired its first episode, starring Clayton Moore as the titular lawman and Jay Silverheels as Tonto.

On Sept. 16, 1810, a parish priest in Dolores, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, uttered the “Grito de Dolores” and sparked a revolt in Mexico, a parish priest in Dolores, calling for equality of races, redistribution of land, and the end of Spanish rule.

Finally, on Sept. 17, 1991, North Korea and South Korea were admitted into the United Nations.

Second Chance invites supporters to laugh your tail off at Comedy Unleashed

Third Annual Cocktails for Tails to feature local comedians

LONGMEADOW – Second Chance Animal Services is thrilled to announce the Third Annual Cocktails for Tails event, featuring a lively comedy show in support of pets and families in the Springfield area.

This year’s celebration will take place on Friday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

The evening promises an unforgettable experience featuring Comedy Unleashed, a comedy show benefiting the programs and services that assist pets in need. Attendees will enjoy performances by well-known comedians Adam Webster, Jim Bishop, and headliner Linda Belt, bringing their unique humor and charm to the stage.

Guests can choose from two ticket options. The Premier Dinner & Comedy ticket includes a variety of food stations and reserved premium seating for the comedy show.

Tickets are available for \$70. For those looking to enjoy the comedy show only, Advance General Admission tickets are available for \$20. General admission will be \$25 at the door if tickets remain.

This event is an excellent opportunity for local businesses, community groups, and friends to come together for a night of fun and laughter, all while supporting a great cause. Second Chance encourages groups and corporate teams to consider purchasing group tickets or becoming sponsors, allowing you to make an even greater impact in the lives of pets in need.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals who want to make a significant difference in the community while gaining visibility and recognition at this high-profile event. For more information

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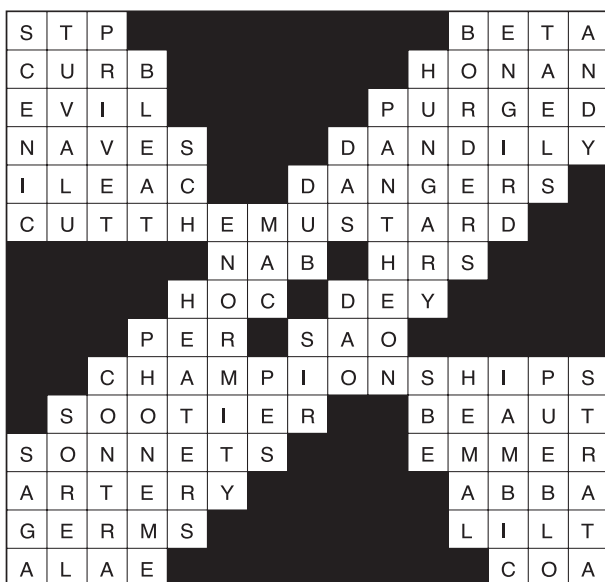
Don’t miss out on this chance to enjoy a night out while making a meaningful contribution to the lives of pets in our community. Proceeds from the event will support Second Chance Animal Services’ mission to provide essential care and support to pets in need across the region.

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit SecondChanceAnimals.org/cocktails.

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need.

Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need.

Last year Second Chance helped over 49,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community & educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at www.SecondChanceAnimals.org.



OBITUARIES

Victorina Rose Robbins 1927-2024

LUDLOW — Victorina Rose Robbins (nee Ventura), lovingly known as Vicki, passed away peacefully at the age of 96 on Sept. 6, 2024. The youngest of six girls, she was born at home in Ludlow on Dec. 19, 1927. She lived a life marked by dedication to her community and profound love for her family.



Vicki attended Ludlow High School and went on to serve as a secretary and receptionist at Mass Mutual Insurance Co., Horseman’s Yankee Pedlar newspaper, Ludlow Boys and Girls Club and the Town of Ludlow Tax Collector’s office and Town Clerk’s office.

A member of St Mary’s in Ludlow, Vicki’s faith was a cornerstone of her life. She cherished moments spent with her family, particularly her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought great joy and fulfillment to her life.

Vicki was preceded in death by her husband, L. Nelson Robbins Jr., her parents Joseph and Elena Ventura and her sisters Maripen (Penny) Abrahamson, Elizabeth (Betty) Marini, Josephine Cantalini, Eva Pyott and Jeanette Ventura.

She is survived by her loving daughters Barbara Bush of Ludlow, Mona Hottin (William) of Monson, Eva Robbins-Davies (Todd) of Monson and Melanie Hopkins (Carl) of Belchertown.

Visiting hours for Vicki will be Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, Mass. with a funeral home service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Vicki’s memory may be made to Rays of Hope, Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

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WILBRAHAM - Registration is now open for the first and only Trot for Tom run/walk. Happening on Sept. 14 at Minnechaug Regional High School, the event features a 5K run or 1-mile walk honoring Dr. Thomas “Tom” Julian. Known for his curiosity and love of learning, Tom’s career as a scientific researcher and academic was cut short, but his impact on those around him was undeniable.

The Trot for Tom event aims to continue his mission, raising funds for neurological disease research.

Lace-up your shoes and visit <https://www.runreg.com/trot-for-tom> to sign-up and learn more.

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

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Buddy Walk of Western Mass takes place Oct. 5

WESTFIELD - 25 years ago, two local mothers, Laurie Isham of Hampden and Sue Devillier of Agawam, bonded over a common experience: both had young daughters with Down syndrome. Their friendship blossomed as they navigated the new unknowns of raising their daughters. As they supported one another, they recognized the need for a local support group for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. This gave birth to the Down Syndrome Resource Group of Western Massachusetts. Initially serving about twenty families, the group is now more than 200 strong, but the mission still remains the same: to discover and embrace the potential of individuals with Down syndrome.

The Down Syndrome Resource Group of Western Mass. (DSRG) is run entirely by volunteers with a passion for supporting and creating community for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. From birth to adulthood, the DSRG have offerings for everyone: the First Call program for newborns, playgroups for toddlers and school age children, social groups for teens/adults and social events for families

Scholarships for recreation and education presentations on cutting edge research, and more..

This community is vital to our members as attested to by Teresa (parent): "I have attended Picnics, Buddy Walks, informational seminars and playdates.... But what I love most about the DSRG is the network of parents who support each other...with advice, referrals and words of encouragement."

As we celebrate our 25 years of community, connection and support, we invite you to join us at the Buddy Walk of Western MA on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA. The Buddy Walk is a wonderful family-friendly community awareness event. Hundreds of family and friends come together to celebrate our loved ones with Down syndrome, enjoy some food and dancing, and take a stroll through the community. The Buddy Walk is also our major fundraiser for the year.

We are excited to share some of the ways that you can join our Buddy Walk family to create a better tomorrow:

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PreK Pals, Fridays starting Sep. 6 until March 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. This playgroup supports children ages 2-5 and their families. Each week, we will focus on an area of development and provide fun activities to support your child learn through play. Areas explored include early literacy, fine motor development, science, math, cognitive and social emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register for each week separately.

Learning in Motion, Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. Learn in Motion is a sporty playtime that gets kids active, socializing and practicing important life skills such as listening, following directions, sharing, taking turns, teamwork, and overcoming challenges. We use our gross motor skills to play games and do activities throughout this 45 minute group. This group is perfect for dads, grandfathers, uncles and other male-identified caregivers. For children ages 3-6 years old.

Monson Schools to host special presentation by Stephen Hill on Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention

MONSON – The Substance Use Community Partnership is excited to announce a special presentation for parents and guardians featuring Stephen Hill, a nationally acclaimed speaker on mental health promotion and substance use prevention.

The event will take place on Monday, Sept. 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Granite Valley School at 21 Thompson St. in Monson.

Stephen Hill is the founder of Speak Sobriety, a young person in recovery, bestselling author, recovery coach, and defense attorney. With over 750 presentations in schools and coalitions across the country, Stephen's inspiring comeback story and cautionary tale of addiction to recovery have touched the lives of thousands.

His message empowers parents to guide their children in leading healthy, substance-free lives by demonstrating the importance of building a life worth defending.

This presentation is a unique opportunity for parents and guardians to hear Stephen's powerful message, which focuses on educating the community about mental health and substance use, providing practical tools and coping skills to navigate challenges, and fostering a deeper understanding of how our actions can influence and impact the well-being of others.

"We are thrilled to have Stephen Hill speak with our community," said Rachel McRobbie, Drug-Free Communities Project Coordinator. "His story is not just about overcoming addiction but also

about the importance of resilience, mental health, and making positive choices. We believe his message will resonate deeply with both parents and students."

In addition to the evening event for parents, Stephen will also be addressing all high school students during the school day. This gives parents the perfect opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with their children about substance use prevention and mental health, using Stephen's story as a platform.

This event, sponsored by Monson Substance Use Community Partnership and Monson PTSA, is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with pizza and refreshments available before the presentation begins.

The school district encourages all parents, guardians, and community members

to attend this important event.

For more information, please contact Rachel McRobbie at McRobbieR@MonsonSchools.com.

Monson Public Schools is dedicated to fostering a safe, supportive, and collaborative learning environment where every student is encouraged to achieve their full potential. The district is committed to providing our students and community with the resources and knowledge needed to lead healthy, successful lives.

Stephen Hill is the founder of Speak Sobriety, a young person in recovery, bestselling author, recovery coach, and defense attorney. He has shared his powerful story with thousands across the country, offering a message of hope, resilience, and the importance of making healthy choices.

19th Rockrimmon Regatta, PVRC's largest ever, at North End Bridge this Saturday

19th Rockrimmon Regatta, Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club's Largest Ever, is free for spectators at North Riverfront Park.

SPRINGFIELD - Rowers of all ages from over 30 rowing clubs from New England and Canada will be taking to the water, launching from the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club in Springfield's North End, on Saturday, Sept. 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at PVRC's 19th Annual Rockrimmon Regatta.

The event brings a competitive rowing event to the Connecticut River and is free for spectators at North Riverfront Park.

Racing occurs Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, starting at North Riverfront Park at 121 West St. in Springfield. Admission for spectators is free, and on-site parking is available behind the Pride Station with a voluntary donation to support youth rowing at 77 West St. Parking is also available along Avocado Street.

The 30 clubs coming to Springfield also include three collegiate squads, making this PVRC's largest regatta to date. The Regatta course will travel north from

North Riverfront Park in a three-mile "stake race" on the Connecticut River in rowing shells.

The stake race format means rowers race 1.5 miles upstream, turn around a buoy-which is called the stake-and continue racing 1.5 miles back downstream to the start/finish line.

There will be food available for purchase for spectators. Proceeds from the Rockrimmon Regatta help fund PVRC's youth rowing, scholarships, and financial assistance programs to make rowing accessible to all.

The Rockrimmon Regatta began in 2005 as a celebration of the Connecticut

River in conjunction with the Pioneer Valley Yacht Club's 50th anniversary. At that time, a small contingent of rowers decided to add in some friendly competition.

That legacy has now grown into a three mile stake race, with first prize being a medal and an actual steak provided by The Munich Haus. Second place finishers receive a pie, provided by Table Talk Pies.

For more information, call Executive Director Ben Quick at 413-695-1841. For inquiries the day of the event, contact Julie Lefer Quick, Regatta Director, at 413-636-5428.

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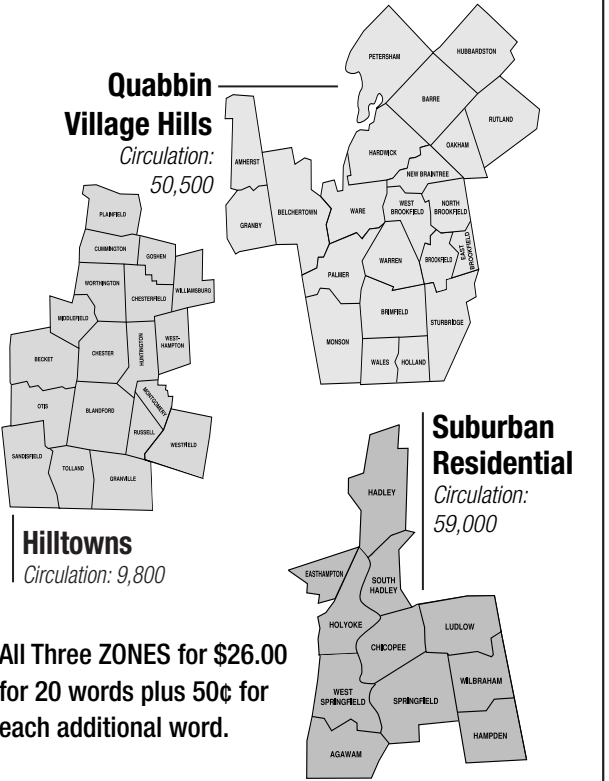
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"James joins our team with more than two decades of military leadership and technical expertise," said Sean Collins, President and CEO. "His insight and experience will be invaluable as we serve our clients in the defense and federal industry and thereby better support our military."

In his role, Brown's responsibilities include researching and building relationships with potential clients, growing Department of Defense contracts within the Hawkeye Innovation division and identifying new business opportunities for growth by analyzing market trends, competitive landscape and customer needs.



James Brown

Brown, a resident of Lake Alfred, Florida, received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, and his MBA in health-care management from Fitchburg State University. He rose to the

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Rick's Place Golf Classic set for Sept. 21

WILBRAHAM - Registration is currently open for the Rick's Place Golf Classic. The Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Country Club of Wilbraham. The tournament is open to all golfers and is an 18-hole shotgun scramble starting at 12:30 p.m. Registration opens at 1 a.m.. The entry fee is \$175 per person or \$700 per foursome and includes green fees, cart rental, lunch and dinner. We encourage those who do not golf to attend the dinner for \$40 per person. There will also be a raffle and silent auction at the event. The Rick's Place Golf Classic serves as

one of our primary fundraisers and proceeds will benefit Rick's Place grief support programs for youth and families who have had a death loss. We hope to see you there!

To register for the tournament, please visit ricksplacema.org. For more information, contact info@ricksplacema.org

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

**Public Meeting
Ludlow Mills Buildings-
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46/58 100 State Street,
Ludlow, MA**

A public meeting will be held on **September 26, 2024** to commence the 30-day public review and comment period of the Draft ABCA for Cleanup of the two sites at the Ludlow Mills complex in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Westmass Area Development Corporation was awarded a FY2023 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom at 6:00 PM. To register and request the meeting link, please contact info@westmassdevelopment.com.

The Draft ABCA will be available by appointment for review and comment at the Ludlow Mill Office, 100 State Street, Bldg 119, Ludlow MA and the Westmass Corporate office, One Monarch Place, Suite 1120, Springfield MA, during regular business hours on Monday- Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. It will also be posted on the Westmass website at: <https://westmassdevelopment.com/ludlow-mills/epa-fy23-brownfield-cleanup-grant/>.

The spokesperson representing the cleanup is Sarah la Cour, VP of Planning and Development at Westmass, who can be reached by email at s.lacour@westmassdevelopment.com and by phone at (413) 386-3124. 09/11/2024

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Docket No. HD24P1880EA
Estate of:
Lisa Dawn Mill
Also known as:
Lisa Mill

Date of Death: 05/30/2024 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 Jorgi Dawn Mill of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/03/2024. 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: September 05, 2024
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Date of Death: 07/02/2024 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 **Catia R Chaves of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

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