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Town honors veterans and community members at Veterans Day Ceremony

By Emilia Alves
Correspondent

LUDLOW—This Veterans Day, community members gathered at the High School to show gratitude towards our town’s veterans and give out awards to veterans, businesses, organizations, and students who contribute to our community and Veterans.

The ceremony opened with a prayer recited by Navy Veteran, Glenn DeBois, and the High School Choir singing the national anthem conducted by high school teacher, Kevin McAvoy. Eric Segundo, an Army Veteran and the Director of Veterans Services for Ludlow, was the primary speaker and started off the ceremony praising veterans for their service.

“Their commitment was not just a uniform but the values we hold dear, freedom, justice, and the promise for a better tomorrow.”

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Glenn Debois recited the closing prayer.

Photos by Emilia Alves

Faith Community Chapel collects winter clothes for Springfield Rescue Mission



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Sean and Judy Doyle were at the chapel on Saturday to collect clothes for the clothing drive.

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LUDLOW – This Saturday, the Faith Community Chapel held a clothing drive to collect old clothes to be donated to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

The chapel received bundles of clothes to be donated to the Rescue Mission for people in need.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Between January 2023 and January 2024,

the number of veterans experiencing any form of homelessness dropped from 35,574 to 32,882—which represents an 7.5% drop since last year, 11.7% drop since 2020, and 55.6% drop since 2010. Among unsheltered veterans, the number dropped 10.7%—from 15,507 in 2023 to 13,851 in 2024.”

While this number represents an improvement in housing access for veterans, it still leaves over 30,000 veterans without access to housing or shelter.

Collecting the clothes on Saturday were Sean and Judy Doyle, both of whom are active members in the church. Judy said that she is “the primary person that cleans the church,” and does “whatever else needs to be done.”

“We’ve been here to interact with people that are coming in and dropping things off,” Judy said. “We’re meeting some new people.”

“I think it provides a couple of things that are needed.”
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Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Enticing sponsors for this year’s Wreaths, (from left) Dan Florian, Edward Fitzgerald, and Kathleen Duquette.

Vanished Valley holds 4th annual Pig Roast in honor of Veterans Day

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LUDLOW – Last weekend, Vanished Valley Brewing held its annual Pig Roast to celebrate Veterans Day.

As with previous year, the fourth annual Pig Roast involved live music, drinks, and food provided by the brewery. Many members of the community attended the event with their families.

“I just think that veterans don’t get enough appreciation of what they did and what they’re doing from everyone,” said company owner Mike Rodrigues. “A lot of organizations

are sometimes kind of left behind.”

The brewery’s Thank You For Your Service Kolsch was available for purchase, both on draft and in four-packs.

“For the veteran, thank you for bravely doing what you’re called to do so we can safely do what we’re free to do,” the brewery said in a Facebook post.

The event was offered for free to veterans and their families, with proceeds to benefit the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236.

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LUDLOW

LFD reminds residents to sign up for ambulance program

LUDLOW — Chief Ryan Pease and the Ludlow Fire Department would like to remind residents of the ambulance subscription program for 2025.

Ludlow Fire will be mailing the 2025 Ambulance Subscription form to all households in Ludlow by early November. The annual ambulance subscription fee is \$50 per household and all residents living in the same household will be covered under one subscription pay-

ment. The subscription fees will cover any remaining balances for emergency ambulance services provided by Ludlow Fire that insurance does not cover.

Residents should be aware that 2024 subscriptions expire on Dec. 31. To ensure continued coverage for 2025, current subscribers should pay online or in person before Dec. 31.

The fee may be used as a tax deduc-

tion to the extent of the law. Donations from this program are used to help purchase the necessary supplies and equipment for the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

The department also offers online sign-up. Residents who do not receive a form by mail can print one online or call Ludlow Fire to request one. New members are welcome to participate.

Those who wish to drop off payment

at the station should leave it in one of the secure drop boxes located outside the Fire Dispatch Area on the Center Street side or inside the main vestibule of the Public Safety Complex on the Chapin Street side. Cash and checks are accepted.

For questions or assistance, please call the Ludlow Fire Department at 413-583-8332, ext. 2309, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cancer fundraiser to be held Nov. 23

LUDLOW— The Fight Like Jeff fundraiser featuring Ready, Set, Go Band will be held at Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St., on Nov. 23. This local event will benefit the Jeff Coelho fund for Dr. Haq's melanoma research at the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This event includes a Live Band, Dinner, Cash Bar, and Opportunity Drawings; doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via Venmo@Sara-Gladu or @Alyssacoelho. For more information, email at sggladu@gmail.com.

Coelho was diagnosed with stage four melanoma in April of 2022 and was 56 years old when he passed away August 26, 2023. The Jeff Coelho fund is committed to raise \$100,000 over the next five years in his hon-

or and to bring hope to families like Jeff's who have lost loved ones to melanoma. To date, they have raised close to \$24,000.

Haq and his team focus on resistance to melanoma therapies, including targeted agents and immunotherapies. At Dana-Farber Cancer institute, Haq devotes his time to developing the next generation of melanoma therapeutics and translating them to innovative investigator-initiated clinical trials. This research is critical to understanding and developing future treatments for patients.

For those interested in Sponsoring this event, there are three available levels: Benefactor [1000.00], Supporter [500.00], and Donor [100.00]. Please contact sggladu@gmail.com for more information.

40 vendors to attend Christmas Bazaar at St. Elizabeth Parish

LUDLOW – St. Nick's Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center.

Approximately 40 vendors will sell stained glass, hockey items, sea glass trees, photographs - to name just a few.

Free attendance raffle for all, a lottery ticket raffle, and (10)baskets raffle will be available.

A light luncheon at St Nick's Cafe

will be available for a nominal fee. Parking and admission are free.

Please join us for a fun shopping day and get a start on your Christmas shopping.



CODY

This is a picture of Cody, who lives with his friend Christine.

We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mgusmao@turley.com.



Wilbraham Community Chorus to present Concerts Dec. 8 and 14

WILBRAHAM - The nearly seventy-voice Wilbraham Community Chorus, accompanied by Marcia Jackson and conducted by Ray Drury, will present two concerts in early December.

The first concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Saint Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham, and the second on Saturday, Dec.

14 at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Longmeadow. Drury has chosen a varied and compelling program including music of Haydn, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Forrest and Whitacre as well as varied arrangements of folk tunes, pop songs and seasonal music. Of particular interest will be performances by both Jackson and well-known local pianist Todd Rovelli offering selections of four-hand piano music, and additionally a chamber choir comprised of members of the larger group will also perform.

While admission to each concert is free, a free-will offering will be taken.



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Citizens Council welcomes Superintendent for Q&A with local parents



Superintendent Dr. Sonia Dinnall (center) stood in front of the mural of Indian Orchard at the Citizens Council's meeting room.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

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INDIAN ORCHARD – This weekend, Superintendent Dr. Sonia Dinnall visited the Citizens Council to discuss the concerns of the community with local parents.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the new superintendent was onsite with support from the administration to talk to parents and students alike. The event was designed as an introduction for the community, and a chance for a Q&A on what she can do to improve the schools in the neighborhood and throughout Springfield.

Parents raised numerous important issues, such as mental health, technology, community engagement, and how the ballot question to abolish the MCAS as a graduation requirement will affect students.

“It does not affect any classes prior to the class of 2025,” Dinnall said. “It will still be required for anyone who graduated previously and is trying to get their high school diploma. Anyone who needs to take the retake this December, they still have to sit for their retake.”

Dinnall said that as of Nov. 9, there were still gray areas surrounding this, and shared the information she had gotten from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Through the Q&A with Dinnall, mental health was identified as one of the primary concerns of the parents from the neighborhood.

“I would like to know how we’re going to continue to expand some



Parents and community members sat around to talk with Dr. Sonia Dinnall about issues concerning the schools.

of the social/emotional learning for all students,” said Nicole DesNoyers-Brown. “How can we improve some of that education training for teachers and staff?”

DesNoyers-Brown added that it can be “unrealistic” to put all those expectations on school staff, and so she added, “How do we build back our community?”

“One thing I’ve noticed and also heard from other parents is that since the pandemic, we feel like the sense of community has been gone. We feel like it’s a bunch of silos working separately, we don’t feel like there’s this teamwork between school, community, and home. What happens at home affects their day in school. Do teachers consider ‘when they leave this building, what do they have to face at home?’ I just

wonder how we are going to improve that,” said DesNoyers-Brown.

Dinnall said it was an excellent question, and advised parents of students with mental health struggles to look at the SEO form, and proposed major prongs to the approach to manage this issue.

“We definitely, absolutely, have to engage the community a lot better,” Dinnall said. “Our CEOs are partners in the community who specialize in providing support for mental health and for emotional support and well-being and self-care.”

Dinnall said that the school system has been working with its partners to make sure students can ac-

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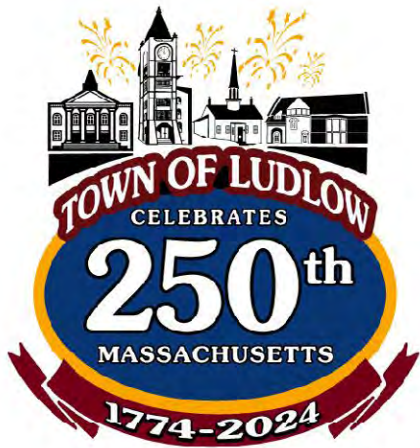
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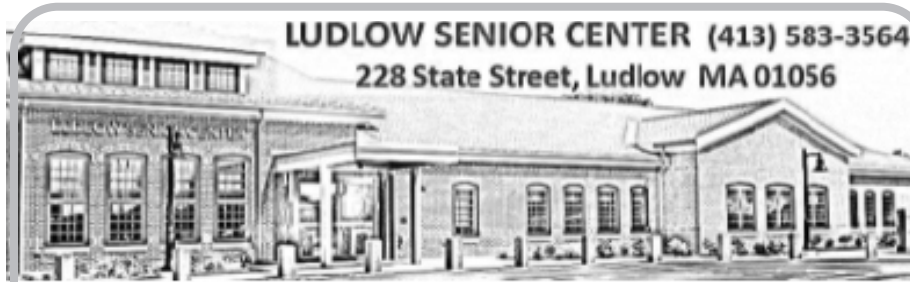
As part of the Ludlow Semiquincentennial, a committee was established to produce a book celebrating Ludlow's history and celebrations. The book will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Ludlow High School in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us as Brian Bylicki and the Book Committee give a special presentation on the book.

After the presentation LUSO Federal Credit Union will be on hand to celebrate with us with a Ludlow 250th Birthday Cake.

Books are \$32. Cash or check made out to Ludlow 250th.

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

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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Nov. 14

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*

10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*

- 10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Senior Center Meeting

1 p.m. Mahjong

2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Nov. 15

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments*

9 a.m. Reiki Appointments*

- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1 p.m. Ceramics

1 p.m. Magic Class

- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

1 p.m. Guidance by Li*

Monday, Nov. 18

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*
- 9:00 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help*
- 10 a.m. Boys & Girls Club Info*
- 10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour

1 p.m. Scrabble

1 p.m. Better Together*

1:15 p.m. Pitch

1:30 p.m. Watercolor

1 p.m. Surviving Caregiving Series*

2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Nov. 19

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Apple Crisp Day
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class

- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. "Souper" Supper Tuesday
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class

5 p.m. Movie: The Searchers (1956) Wednesday, Nov. 20

- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10 a.m. Opera Appreciation
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

1 p.m. Movie: The Searchers (1956) 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

- 1:30 p.m. Cooking with Jodi
- 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 21

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*

10 a.m. Sunshine Art Class*

- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic*

1 p.m. Mahjong

- 2 p.m. Book Club: Sometimes I Lie A. Feeney

2 p.m. Writers Block*

- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- *PLEASE register for Boomer Bootcamp, 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, Nov. 14: Fish Taco/Rice & Beans

- Friday, Nov. 15: Veggie Pizza/Side Salad

- Monday, Nov. 18: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veg

- Tuesday, Nov. 19: Kielbasa/Sauerkraut/Beet Salad

- Wednesday, Nov. 20: Breaded Pork Chop/Scalloped Pot/Veg

- Thursday, Nov. 21: Birthday Lunch! Chicken Cordon Bleu/Rice Pilaf/Mixed Veggies

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250th Committee Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Harris Brook

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The event takes place at the Harris Brook Elementary School, 209 Fuller St. on Sunday, Dec. 1. There are two seatings first seating at 8:30 to 10 a.m. and the second seating is 10-11:30 a.m.

The cost of the tickets are: Children 3 to 12 / \$5 per person (Children under 2 are free) and 13 to Adult / \$7 per person. The menu includes pancakes, syr-

up, sausage, milk, water, juice and coffee.

The Mason's from the Brigham Lodge of Ludlow will be at this event to register your children for the "CHIPS" program. The identification kit collects photos, videos, voice recordings, digital fingerprints, saliva swabs, as well as traditional statistical information like height, weight, hair and eye color. This information is matched to work seamlessly with Law Enforcement.

The kit shares critical identifying in-

formation that can be broadcasted and shared more quickly than ever before to assist with the safe recovery of missing children.

Scout Troop 1774 and the staff from the Harris Brook Elementary School will be assisting with this event. We appreciate the support of the Mason's, Troop 1774 and the staff from the school for making this event a success.

Families will have time to take pictures with Santa. Children will also have time to discuss their Christmas

wishes with Santa. There will be a fun kid's creative craft corner with complimentary crafts and activities for the children.

A basket raffle will be offered that includes kid's raffle baskets.

Tickets for the Breakfast with Santa will be sold at PlayNow at the Big Y Plaza at 433 Center St. Tickets are limited. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Hurley Ouimette at 413-589-7994.

"We look forward to seeing you!"

Wilbraham Women's Club meeting Nov. 12

WILBRAHAM - Please join the Wilbraham Women's Club on Thursday, Nov. 14.

Mary Ann Dietschler will speak about the growing problem of sex trafficking and what she is doing to help bring this to the attention to all. We are located at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, on Main Street in Wilbraham.

Lunch is served at noon. The soup and

sandwich luncheon will be catered by the Village Store in Wilbraham.

Cost is \$12. For reservations, please call Natalie at 413-596-8794. The deadline is Nov. 8. The presentation will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. Mary Ann will have wreaths available for sale. The club will also be collecting miscellaneous items and cash donations for our Veterans at this meeting.

St. Cecilia's Women's Club sponsoring Calendar Raffle Fundraiser

WILBRAHAM - Feeling lucky?? The Saint Cecilia Women's Club is sponsoring a Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of November. Each day a winner will be drawn for a cash prize.

\$3,500 has been donated by generous businesses in our area each sponsoring an amount for a particular day

from \$50 to \$250. The profit is used for the club's scholarships and donations to various charitable and needy organizations.

Raffle tickets may be found in the rotunda of St. Cecilia Church, on the Saint Cecilia website under downloadable forms, or call Sue Agnew, 413-596-9480, for information or tickets.

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OPINION

November 22, 1963

It was a warm autumn day in Dallas, The Kennedys were accepted by the Texans with no apparent malice.

As the motorcade passed the Texas Book Depository and turned onto Elm,

Our country stood proudly with JFK at the helm.

Jack sat on the left and Jackie on the right,

Men on the grassy knoll had our President in their sight.

How many shots were fired? Three? Four? or Five?

The outcome was the same because John F. Kennedy would not escape alive.

Was it Oswald, the Mafia, or the CIA?

America lost its innocence that very day.

Many theories abound concerning this assassination plot,

But the United States had lost its leader, its integrity, and Camelot.

Images of that long weekend in November still seem very clear,

The Caisson on Pennsylvania Avenue, John Junior's salute,

Jackie with a tear.

How do I explain to my children when they ask me who's to blame?

I can take them to Arlington National Cemetery

to see the Eternal Flame.

Still I try to put into perspective November 22, 1963,

Do I keep searching for the truth or let JFK's legacy inspire me?

- Michael S. O'Rourke

GUEST COLUMN



Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way – no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.

I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitchfork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

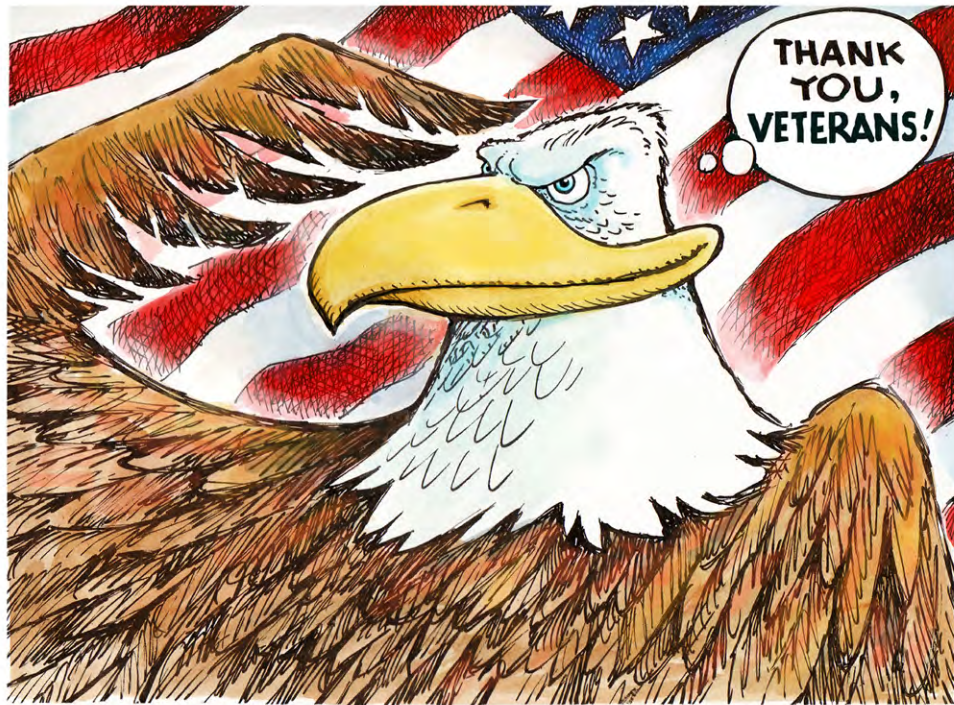
Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes in November.

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

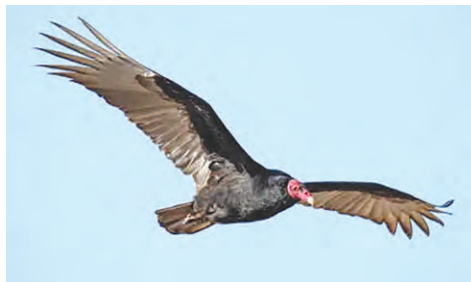
But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin

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GUEST COLUMN



Turkey vulture

A Brimfield resident, who emails quite often noticed three turkey vultures on Sunday, Oct. 20

He said, "I went outside and I saw soon seven turkey vultures flying by along the ridge east of the house. The birds drifted off to the south east. A few minutes later a group of ten vultures drifted slowly south about a half a mile west of the first group. These birds flew around for awhile, circling and gaining altitude until the were quite high. The ten birds then drifted out of sight."

The turkey vulture is 26 inches tall and has black feathers. The trailing end of the wings are silver and the head has no feathers and is red. Immature turkey vultures have gray heads. They are often seen soaring with wings held in a V. They rock side to side, but rarely flap their wings.

Turkey vultures feed by scavenging on carrion, fresh or decayed. They find their food by both sight and smell. Sometimes, they are seen in roads feeding on road kill. They are often seen coming or going to nightly roosts. They use thermals of warm air and updrafts to stay in the air. When the thermals and updrafts end and they have to flap, they usually stop flying and land.

When perched, they will spread their

wings. I saw one several years doing this against a high tension pole in Oakham.

The female lays one to three dull white eggs, occasionally with dark marks in a nest scraped on bare ground, in a hollow stump, cave, cliff edge or old building. Grunts and hisses are heard at the nest site often during competition over food.

Pond tour

The Brimfield resident sent an emailing and reported he and his wife did a tour of some of the ponds in Brimfield, Holland and Warren on Sunday, Nov. 3. He said, "In Brimfield (Sherman Pond) and Holland (Holland Pond) we saw a few pairs of hooded mergansers and a belted kingfisher at the pond in Warren on South Street. Other ponds had lots of Canada geese and mallards."

He also said, "In the yard recently the most exciting sighting was a Carolina wren that showed up briefly a couple of times. Then yesterday we had an immature accipiter was seen sitting on top of one of our feeding stations." He wrote, "The bird was either a female sharp-shinned hawk or a male Coopers hawk based on size, it was a little bigger than a mourning dove, the bird's size was in the area where the sizes of the two species overlap. The tail shape is suppose to help differentiate the species but I'm not confident about the tail shape, I'm not sure which species we saw?"

Later in the day he saw a fox sparrow doing the sparrow feeding behavior, jumping back and forth to stir up ground looking for seeds. He said, "That was the first fox sparrow seen this fall. One or two are usually seen during fall migration."

Moose

Although not bird related – no feathers on this critter – I saw a moose cross New Braintree Road in Oakham one evening. It was dark, but I did get a good view of its rear portion as it went over a stone wall and into the woods.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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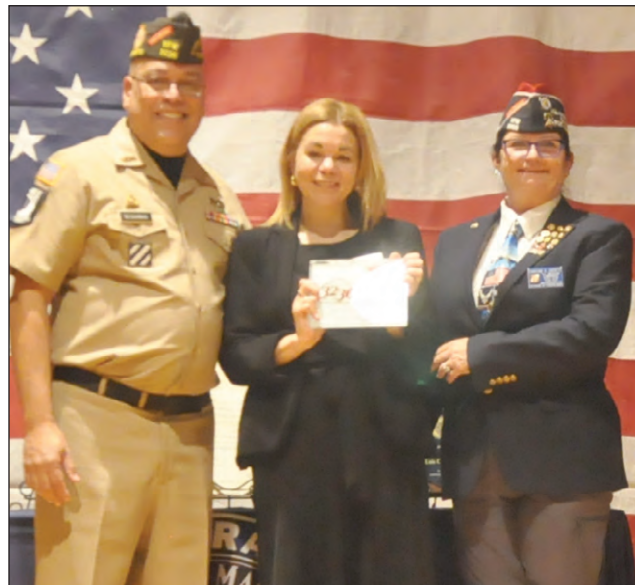
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The 2023 Veteran of the Year and 2024 Veteran of the Year shook hands



Christine Bass was honored after serving 44 years in the Air Force.



Ludlow High School history teacher Shannon Anderson was honored as Teacher of the Year.



Volunteer Melanie Segundo was honored with Volunteer of the Year award by her husband, Eric.



Voices of Democracy finalists, (from left) Ava Augusto, Austin Assaf, and Katherine Anselmo.



Louis "Lou" Casagrande was honored with the Legionnaire of the Year award.

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row," Segundo said. "They have faced hardships and sacrifices that many of us can only imagine, yet they return with quiet humility and an unwavering spirit."

Next, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Marine Veteran, Derek DeBarge, Senator Jacob Oliveria, and Representative Aaron Saunders introduced themselves and gave their opening remarks

After those remarks, the award for Veteran of the Year was awarded to William A. Koss. Koss served in the Air Force from August of 1960 to August of 1964, working in the combat alert center with pilots and radar observers.

After his service, he continued to serve, this time, in his community as a firefighter for seven years, a police officer for 25 years, a police dispatcher for seven years, and now, for the past seven years, as a crossing guard. Along with his work in the memorial parade every year, he also volunteers for the 250th

committee, assisting in many projects.

The next award presented was the Volunteer of the Year award for the best volunteer at the Veteran Center this year. Eric Segundos wife, Melanie Segundo was presented this award by being, what Derek DeBarge describes as "a person (that) has consistently shown what it means to be a true leader, their passion for helping others and their unwavering commitment to making a difference inspire all of us."

The next three awards went to businesses and organizations that helped out the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion organizations with donations. Berkshire Power, Randalls Farm, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, The Ludlow 250th Committee, and the One Call Away organization were among the organizations awarded for their

contributions.

Beth Jarzabek, an English teacher at Baird Middle School, and Shannon Anderson, a history teacher at the high school were presented the Teacher of the Year award for their commitment to their students and hard work as educators.

The next segment of the ceremony was presenting the Baird Middle School "Patriots' Pen" Top 25 with their certificates and cash prizes. To get this award the middle schoolers wrote an essay on democracy. Eighth-grader Haley Adams came in first, Gi-

anna Leah Estrella in second, and Nora Pedro in third.

The American Legion presented the Legionnaire of the Year award to Louis Casagrande, a retired Ludlow teacher, Army Veteran, and active member of the Ludlow community. He served in the Army in Japan in the 1950s, before coming back to Ludlow to serve his community as an educator.

After 44 years of service, Christine Bass will be retiring from the Air Force and was honored with an American Flag plaque.

The last award of the day was the Voice of Democracy essay contest award, the three finalists were rewarded with certificates and a cash prize. Junior Katherine Anselmo placed third, Senior Austin Assaf placed second, and Senior Ava Augusto won first place.

The ceremony ended with Segundo reading a letter from a Vietnam Veteran, reflecting on the sacrifices and challenges faced by Veterans. With a closing prayer read by Glenn Dubois, the ceremony concluded.



William "Bill" Koss was awarded Veteran of the Year.




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A truck from Springfield Rescue Mission came out on the weekend to pick up the donations.

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ple different things,” Judy said. “First of all, it provides people with a way to clean their closets, and then also to give back. That’s when something like this works well, because when someone doesn’t really have the money to give, they can go to the closet and they know that what they have is going to be used.”

The Doyles were impressed that even though people were donating old and used clothes, they were all in good condition.

“(Someone) left, and she just dropped some things off that were brand new,” Sean said. “It’s not like people are throwing away junk, they’re bringing good quality clothes

that can be used.”

The Doyles noted that many of the donations were of winter coats, which are in high demand now that winter is coming.

Jerome, the Rescue Mission truck driver, said, “We usually don’t work on the weekends, but to pick up a great load like this, it’s all worth it.”

Pastor Lisa Morrison thanked the community for dropping off clothes for those who have a need for it.

The Faith Community Chapel is located at 485 East St. If you’d like to contact them about volunteering for future community functions, you can send an email to FCCLudlow@Gmail.com, visit their website at FaithCommunityChapel.org, or call them at 413-583-7875.



Sean Doyle helped to load the bundles of clothes into the truck from Springfield Rescue Mission.



Live music played from the balcony for Vanished Valley’s annual Pig Roast.

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opened in 2016, inspired by what the website describes as a “passion for exciting craft beer and even better company.” Rodrigues said that the company is more than just a brewery, and offers a full menu with both beer and wine.

“We believe in brewing only the beer that we love, through commitment to precision and the highest quality,” the website said.

The brewery was named in honor of the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and the flooding of portions of the towns of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott in 1938.

“Our brewery honors the memory of the work and sacrifice that was made to benefit others,” the website states.

Vanished Valley Brewing Company is located at 482 East St. If you’d like to learn more about the company, you can visit their website at VanishedValley.com, or call them at 413-610-1572.



Shania Velasquez, Laurie Young, and 10-month-old Enzo took a picture in front of the brewery.



Megan Chandler (left) bought drinks from Benjamin Knodler.



Vietnam veteran Bob Marek attended the pig roast with his grandson, Max.

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Under the lights of Vanished Valley’s tent, (from left) Rian King, Briana Liswell, and Kyle Raymond enjoyed the festivities.

WPD awarded \$28,318.99 for Municipal Road Safety Program

WILBRAHAM - Chief Edward Lennon is pleased to announce that the Wilbraham Police Department has been awarded \$28,318.99 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research (OGR) to support the Municipal Road Safety Program (MRS).

This competitive grant is awarded to municipal police departments that have shown a commitment to traffic safety measures. The funds will allow the department to support initiatives that include conducting traffic safety enforcement, bicyclist and pedestrian safety enforcement, non-enforcement activities such as training or community events, and purchasing traffic safety equipment or safety

items to distribute in the community such as bicycle helmets. This year, OGR awarded \$5,637,336.83 to 191 Massachusetts departments, a record number of recipients for the program.

The funds award will allow our department to deploy additional officers to focus on citizen complaints and requests for additional traffic enforcement as well as participate in National traffic safety campaigns such as #DriveSoberOrGetPulledOver, #ClickItOrTicket, and seasonal Speed & Distracted Driving initiatives. This year's funding also includes a new radar message board, Lidar training for new officers and the expansion of our Child Passenger Safety Technician program that inspects and installs Child Pas

Freedom Credit Union helping military families as holidays near

SPRINGFIELD - During November, Freedom Credit Union is collecting cash donations at all its branches throughout western Massachusetts to help the Westover Galaxy Community Council support military service members and their families at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee.

"We salute the service and sacrifices of the brave men and women serving at the Westover Base," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Especially with the holidays coming, having loved ones away from home is challenging. We hope our contributions help ease the burden on military families."

Formed in 1988 as a committee within the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and incorporated as an independent organization in 1989, the Westover Galaxy Community Council is made up of veterans, local businesspeople and other citizens who support the men, women and mission of Westover ARB. Within Department of Defense guidelines, Westover Galaxy Community Council raises funds to contribute to events and special needs at Westover

ARB, the largest air reserve base in the nation.

Anyone can contribute at any Freedom Credit Union branch. "You don't have to be a Freedom member," said Welch. "We feel fortunate to have such a generous community helping us give back to our troops."

Originally chartered in 1922 as the Western Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union and renamed in 2004, Freedom Credit Union is a 9-branch, full-service financial institution.

Today, membership is available to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire counties in Massachusetts, and Hartford or Tolland counties in Connecticut. Offering a complete range of banking services and loan products, Freedom Credit Union has conveniently located Massachusetts branches in Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Greenfield, Ludlow, Northampton, Turners Falls, West Springfield and two in Springfield, as well as a Loan Production Office in Enfield, Connecticut. For more information, visit freedom.coop.

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cess this curriculum.

"If there is something going on emotionally that is blocking or presenting a problem, we have to figure out how to be partnering with those to make sure we clear the space out so they can get to the business of learning," Dinnall said.

Dinnall said that the schools reach out to community-based organizations that provide after-school care, and that there are school counselors in the building that visit the classrooms to provide "tier 1 support" for students to learn how to develop skills to recognize if they're dysregulated and figure out self-care.

Parents also expressed an interest in expanding art programs for the schools, noting that since before the pandemic, schools have been cutting their art and music programs.

"I know it's not accurate to say the schools 'don't care,' but the families feel the disconnect like the schools don't care anymore," DesNoyers-Brown said. "It's no longer, 'hey, we're all in this together.'"

Dinnall said that the schools have been holding several events to meet with parents, including Super Saturdays, and Q&As in different neighborhoods like the one being held through the Citizens Council.

The discussion turned to the need for engagement with parents and the community, and the importance of participating in school events. One speaker said that participating in events at the school is how parents can get to know the school staff.

"When the schools win, the community wins," said Citizens Council President Zaida Govan.



Dr. Sonia Dinnall listened to the concerns of parents from the district who attended the meeting.



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Ludlow boys fall in WMass finals

LUDLOW – For the first time since the new tournament structure began, Ludlow High School boys soccer suffered a defeat in the Western Mass. Class A Championship game. On Saturday, Nov. 2, it was a one-goal difference in the second half as Ludlow fell 2-1. Lucas Alvan scored Ludlow's only goal as Jason Placentini got both tallies for the Terriers, which won its first Class A title. Ludlow would move into the Division 1 State Tournament. The Lions have advanced into the quarterfinals of that tournament as of press time.

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Thomas Wadas sends a quick pass away.



Goalie Daniel Pires makes a save in traffic.



Evan Dias tries to clear the ball away ahead of pressure.



Gavin Vala tries to chase down an opponent on defense.



Owen Wurszt advances toward the West Springfield goal.



Ethan Steigmeyer looks to play the air ball.



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Mason Morace takes the snap and drops back.

Mahar beats Ludlow in slugfest

LUDLOW – Last Thursday evening, Ludlow continued to enjoy its new home turf with a Week 9 nonplayoff game at home against Mahar Regional of Orange. The Senators and Lions went back and forth in the matchup, but Mahar pulled ahead late in the game and defeated the Lions 52-44. The Lions dropped to 3-6 on the season and are matched up with Chicopee Comprehensive on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.



Kyle Rodriguez attempts to kick and extra point.



Anthony Grimm attempts to go on a long run.



The Ludlow defense attempts to take down a Mahar runner.

Lions fall in second round of state tournament

LUDLOW – Two weeks ago, Ludlow High School girls volleyball was defeated by Cardinal Spellman in the second round of the Division 2 State Tournament.

Ludlow would open the tournament with a win at home against Assabet Valley before being defeated 3-1 by Cardinal Spellman. Highlights from the matchup will be in next week's edition.

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Boys soccer alumni game to take place Nov. 29

WILBRAHAM – The Minnechaug varsity boys annual alumni game will be played on Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m., at the Wilbraham Soccer Club fields. Former and current players as well as friends and family are encouraged to attend. Players should be in proper soccer gear. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the game.

Owls field hockey wins conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior forward Kaleigh Murphy (Pembroke, Mass.) scored the game winning goal with 4:20 left in regulation to lift the Owls to the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a 2-1 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

With the win, the Owls improve to 13-8 and set a school record for wins, and earn the MASCAC's automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Division III Tournament.

Tied 1-1 throughout the second half, Murphy had several golden-opportunity chances in front of the net before eventually tallying the game winner.

Murphy found the back of the net, stepping in to ball from Sadie Stauffer (Suffield, Conn.) about three yards in front of the goal as the ball was batted around the critical scoring area.

"We've been a team that's been resilient and been able to change the narrative of a game throughout the season," said Westfield State second-year head coach Carden Brown. "Going into the third and fourth quarter we were really focused on staying tough and knowing we'd get another goal if we just kept shooting."

Second-seeded Westfield survived one final flurry from the fifth-seeded Bears, as Bridgewater mustered a pair of penalty corners in the final four minutes, and Owls goalkeeper Emma Gnaidek (Worcester, Mass.) came up with the save on Kallie Rose's (Dartmouth, Mass.) shot with 1:52 left that represented the Bears best chance to equalize.

Westfield finished the game with a 25-7 advantage in total shots and a 13-3 margin in shots on goal, but the game was tightly played throughout as the Bears made the most of their opportunities and penalty corners were even at 8 each.

Westfield State jumped out to a 1-0 lead 2:20 into the contest, with Erin Lane (Canton, Mass.) pushing a shot through traffic about 10 yards out, from the left side to the back post. The goal came off of a penalty corner, as Lane's initial foray was parried by a Bridgewater defender. Murphy gathered the loose ball and fed it back out to Lane, and her shot worked its way through several players and past BSU goalkeeper Brianna Gagnon (Tewksbury, Mass.) for the 1-0 lead.

"It was really even, I thought Bridgewater played really well," said Brown. "We knew they were going to be a tough opponent. We wanted to have a fast start and sustain it throughout the game."

Bridgewater tied the game late in the first half, capitalizing on a penalty corner, with give and go passing at the top of the circle before Abbie Zuber's (Westport, Mass./Dartmouth) shot from the top of the circle was tipped in at the right post by Lexi James (Ipswich, Mass.).

Westfield State midfielder Abby Clark (Uxbridge, Mass.) was named the Tournament MVP.

"She's been a key player for us, she gets things done, and above all else elevates the energy level of the team, said Brown of Clark's performance. "When she's out there she's our biggest hustler, she works really hard. It was a very fitting award for her."

Gagnon finished with 11 saves for the Bears, while Gnaidek made two saves for the Owls.

Bridgewater finishes its season at 10-9.

Westfield will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since the Owls hosted the inaugural NCAA Division III Tournament final four in 1981. The Owls will learn their destination and opponent on Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. on a livestream shot on NCAA.com.

"We want to be a team that's not only just strong in the MASCAC but strong in the region," said Brown. "And I think in order to do that you have to compete in the NCAA tournament and keep improving each and every season. I'm really excited and excited to see how we'll do."

T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the homestanding Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle

period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Sutter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to

2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout bid.

Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.



be an impenetrable force in the second, as Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears'

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MEATLOAF DINNER. Ludlow lodge of Elks 2448, 69 Chapin Street. Nov. 21, from 5-6:15 p.m. Dinner includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad. \$12 per person or \$40 for a family meal for 4. Pick-up, drive up, takeout only. Ludlow only home delivery available. Proceeds to benefit the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund. For tickets/reservations call, 413-636-1527 or 413-893-8800.

VETERANS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE. Help provide food for veterans, their families and Toys for Tots. Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund will hold their drive Nov. 21 from 12-6 p.m. at the Ludlow Lodge of Elks #2448, 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow. Accepting unexpired canned foods and non-perishable items, also unwrapped toys and monetary donations. For more information contact Paul Curran, 413-636-1527 or visit www.ludlowveterans.us

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413-519-4591.

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

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

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

Mary Ann Dietschler to speak at Wilbraham Women's

WILBRAHAM - Please join the Wilbraham Women's Club on Thursday, Nov. 14.

Mary Ann Dietschler will speak about the growing problem of sex trafficking and what she is doing to help bring this to the attention to all. We are located at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, on Main Street in Wilbraham.

Lunch is served at noon. The soup and sandwich luncheon will be catered by the Village Store in Wilbraham.

Cost is \$12. For reservations, please call Natalie at 413-596-8794. The deadline is Nov. 8.

The presentation will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. Mary Ann will have wreaths available for sale.

The club will also be collecting miscellaneous items and cash donations for our Veterans at this meeting.

GARDEN from Page 6

lookalikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin lookalike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence and lawn, much to my husband's dismay.

After a quick internet search, the white pumpkin lookalike squash still doesn't have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about an hour.

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little. Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to attain more of that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn't taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I'd try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of it's decorations to process more of them, but I don't think I'll go that far. If November is mild, I'll certainly have a windfall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash vine borer.

The plants were so much healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I've said it before and I'll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That's one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come spring-time so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

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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413-583-8454
S Sunday services
Sacrament Meeting 10-11 A.M.
Sunday school for adults, Young single adults (18-30) and teens (11-18) - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon
Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time every Sunday (3-10) 11- 12 noon
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:15 p.m.
Sunday Mass; 8:45 a.m. (English), 10 a.m. (Polish)
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7:45 a.m. (English)
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First Saturday Mass: 9 a.m. (Polish/English)
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15-4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 13, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. Adoration - 8:15 a.m. (C), Morning Prayer - 9:30 a.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir - 5:15p.m. (C), Beacon of Faith -6 p.m. (R), Scouts - 7 p.m. (JR)
Thursday, Nov.14, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C).
Friday, Nov. 15, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m.(C)
Saturday, Nov. 16, - Christmas Bazaar - 9 a.m. (H/E/J/Z/K), Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday Nov. 17,- Sunday Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Take & Eat Program 8 a.m. (FLBH/K), Confirmation Class 8 a.m. (ZR), Faith Formation 10:15 a.m. (All Rooms), Sister of Strength 3:30 p.m. (ER), Fifteen 6 p.m. (JR)
Monday Nov. 18, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), - Faith Formation -6 p.m., Ladies Bible Study 6:15 p.m. (ER)
Tuesday, Nov. 19, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 p.m.(ER), Friends of St. Elizabeth 3:30 p.m.,(ZR) Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m.(ZR)
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Monday and Wednesday Morning Masses - 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses - 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 p.m. (English)
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Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs
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OTHER PROGRAMS
MONDAYS at 6:30 p.m. H.O.P.E. Meeting Recovery Meetings for those with addictions, anxiety, and grief SMC. Call 413-519-4591
TUESDAYS at 7 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
RIDAYS Children's After School Club (pre K through teens) 5-6:30 p.m.

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Ludlow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-583-2140
Pastor: Father Andriy Krip
Liturgy schedule:
Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library?

To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.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.

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, first Wednesday 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.

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.

Free Streaming Services Available! Use your Hubbard Memorial Library library card to access our streaming services, Hoopla & Kanopy. They're compatible with Android, Apple, Roku, AppleTV, Chromecast, and more. If you are a Ludlow resident with a Hubbard Memorial Library library card and the Libby app, you've already got access to Kanopy in the app! Hoopla provides movies, TV shows, music, eAudiobooks & eBooks, while Kanopy focuses on films, TV shows, and documentaries. Both have a version for kids. Why pay for a streaming service when you can get two for free

with your library card? We can help you get started. Call 413-583-3408 x114 to make an appointment.

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. 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.

Food Drive for the Ludlow Veterans Food Pantry, October 21- November 22

The adult department is accepting donations of non-perishable food items. Help us come together as a community to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity! All donations benefit the Ludlow Veterans Food Pantry. Bring to the Circulation Desk.

Bigfoot in Western Mass, Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. Eric and Tim of Bigfoot Field Research Organization will be here to discuss Bigfoot sightings and encounters right here in western Massachusetts! They also want to hear from you! Have you seen something strange in the woods? Come with an open mind and leave with a different perspective! Register on our website.

Witness to History - A Holocaust Survivor's Story, Thursday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. Join us for a gripping story of resilience with Abraham Rodstein, a Holocaust survivor, as he takes us through his life's journey. Facilitated by local writer Tom Slawiak, Abraham will reflect on his harrowing time in the Kovno Ghetto and his survival of the Dachau Concentration Camp. You won't want to miss this evening of reflection, courage, and hope! Register on our website.

FOR TEENES

Chess Club, Every other Monday (next meeting November 18), 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 9-17, please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Every other Tuesday (next meeting November 19), 5:30-6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For be-

ginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Tabletop RPG Club, Every Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. For ages 14-17. The group has room for 2 more players, and is playing D&D this fall. Please register.

Magic the Gathering Intro for YAs, Tuesday November 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. For youth grades 5 & up. A fun introduction to the popular card game. Learn everything needed to play, including rules, card meanings, strategy, deck building, & where to go to play. Kids will walk out with a new hobby & way to socialize! All materials provided. Please register.

Third Thursday Sewing Club: Make Pumpkin Pillowcases, Thursday November 21, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. For 5th-8th graders. Learn sewing basics, including cutting fabric, hand sewing, & using a pattern & a sewing machine, while making a gorgeous case for a large throw pillow. Please register.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, November 22, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Monthly book chat for ages 14-17. For November, the group is reading "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

Open Sew Saturday, Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Drop into the library's program room for sewing space, advice, and time to finish the Sewing Club project of the month at our monthly Open Sew! The library will have 2 sewing machines (or bring your own), tables for laying out projects, and

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P2339EA
Estate of:
Desiree Monique Cintron
Also known as:
Desiree Cintron
Date of Death: 09/20/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alexander Cintron 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: **Alexander Cintron 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 12/05/2024**. 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: November 07, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 11/13/2024

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. HD09P2404EA
Estate of:
Cosette R. Goodreau
Date of Death: 09/20/2009
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR** has been filed by **Michelle R Clifford of West Warren, 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: **Michelle R Clifford of West Warren, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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 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 proceed-

ing. 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 11/29/2024**. 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.

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

Date: November 01, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 11/13/2024

Ludlow Housing Authority
Request for Proposals
Purchase of
Family Housing Unit

The Ludlow Housing Authority (LHA) is seeking to purchase a housing unit in the Town of Ludlow, MA. Housing units that meet the requirements of this Request for Proposals (RFP) will be considered. Beginning November 13, 2024 interested parties may request a copy of the RFP package by

a) email Robin@ludlowhousing.com

b) in person at the LHA office at 114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 or

c) in person from Mike Parker, the LHA's broker at Coldwell Banker at 413-427-4130.

The LHA office is open Monday through Thursday, between 9 am and 3 pm. All parties will need to provide their name, address, phone and email address to ensure the LHA has an accurate list of RFP holders in the event it needs to distribute any addenda.

Responses must be received no later than **10:15 am on Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, in the LHA office at 114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, MA 01056. Responses should be mailed or delivered in a SEALED envelope clearly marked: **"Proposal to sell Housing - Attention: Robin Carvide, Executive Director"** on the outside of your response package. Email proposals WILL NOT be accepted.

The LHA reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals received or to reject any and all submissions when doing so is deemed to be in the best interest of the LHA.

The LHA Board intends to recommend purchase of property to EOHL. The Commissioners' recommendation is subject to approval by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. (EOHLC) 11/13, 11/20, 11 27/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD24D1111DR
Aliyah M Morales vs. Jorge A Morales
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce

requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Aliyah M Morles
Aliyah Ho
64 B Osgood Street,
Apt. 3L
Springfield, MA 01007

your answer, if any, on or before **01/14/2025**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

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

Date: October 11, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 11/13/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P2320EA
Estate of:
CHERYL P. MOUTINHO
Date of Death: 11/13/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **CHRISTI J. STAPLES of BURLINGTON, VT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as

requested in the Petition.
 The Petitioner requests that: **CHRISTI J. STAPLES of BURLINGTON, VT** 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 12/02/2024**. 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: November 04, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
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seasoned seamstress Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and support. Not recommended for beginners. Open to adults, tweens, & teens.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Food Drive for the Indian Orchard Survival Center, October 28- November 22 The Youth Room is accepting donations of non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner food for the Indian Orchard Survival Center. Every child who donates will get a sweet treat! Please bring it to the Youth Room.

Pokemon Club, Every other Wednesday, November 13 & 27, 3:30-4:45 p.m. For 8-14. Trading, dueling, & gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Mass. Children's Book Award Book

Group, second Thursday of the month November 14, 6:00-6:45 p.m. For 4th-6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet each month to share opinions, play games, enjoy free snacks, and talk about what you read and which book you think should be the winner. Please register.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday November 21, 5:00-5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet each month with other graphic novel lovers to discuss and share books, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks. For November, the group is reading "Cardboard Kingdom" by Chad Sell; copies are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Roblox Club, Every Friday, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8-15.

Minecraft Club, Every Saturday, 11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own de-

vices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For grades 3-8. Drop-in.

FOR CHILDREN

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

Yoga for Little Ones, Saturday November 30, 10:00 a.m. Yoga is perfect for little ones - and their caregivers! Learn how to use large muscles to support self regulation, while bending, breathing and stretching, with stories and music mixed in. Fun for little and big! Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. No group on 11/26. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, Every Wednesday, 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.


ABC Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. All ages. Search the Youth Room for all the letters of the alphabet; win a prize if you

find them all! Drop in.

Grow, Play and Learn for ages 0-2, Thursdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m. 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.

Grow, Play and Learn for ages 2-5, Thursdays, 10:45-11:00 a.m. 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.

November PreK Pals, Fridays 9:30-10:30 a.m. This playgroup supports children ages 2-5 and their families. Each week we 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 the month.



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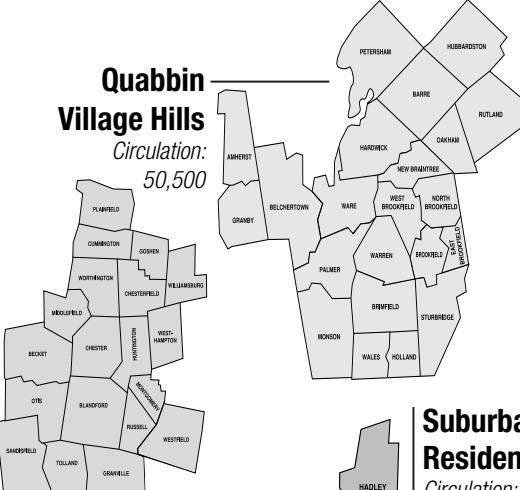
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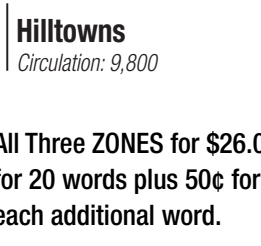
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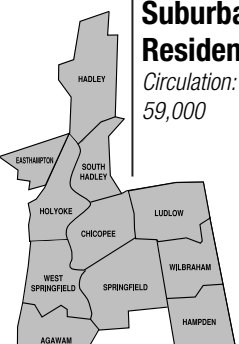
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