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Board of Selectmen reorganizes, Derek DeBarge named Chair

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LUDLOW – The Board of Selectmen met last week to reorganize after the recent re-election of two of its members.

The meeting started with the reorganization of the Board. Derek DeBarge was voted in as Chair, and newly-re-elected Manuel Silva was voted as Vice Chair.

The Board unanimously approved a contract extension

for Town Administrator Marc Strange.

“We have discussed this, we have gone back and forth. All parties, including attorneys, have agreed, Marc (Strange) has agreed, so I move that we sign the Administrator’s contract,” Silva said.

DeBarge added that besides being a routine matter, this contract extension has also come up in discussions with the Charter Committee, which he also serves on.

“The contract extension was not only necessary but also very

important to the process of the possible change in government through the Charter Committee,” DeBarge said. “That’s why that was there, as well.”

Strange then went over the warrant for Special Town Meeting, listing each article individually. Many of these were fairly routine, such as unpaid bills, but there were also questions of police overtime, revolving funds, and other issues that will be voted on.

“Article Three is Fiscal Year ‘24 snow and ice deficit,” Strange said. “Typically this

is in the operating budget, but in order to mitigate our budget deficit we plucked it out of the operating budget and we’re paying out of it from Free Cash. This is one of those anomalous where the state does allow you to overspend this particular line item and then raise it, they call it ‘on the recap.’”

One article in the Special Town Meeting referred to an appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash for a park ramp, which is a prerequisite for applying for the ramp.

“We need to show the state

that the town is actually committed to spending this money, and then (...) if we get approved for it, it gets spent, it’s reimbursable,” Strange said. “So we would get reimbursed the \$500,000, assuming the project is going to cost more than \$500,000, which it probably will, and then that \$500,000 can be put into Free Cash.”

There was also some discussion about the school budget. Selectman Bill Rosenblum was pleased to announce that

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Local student awarded \$125,000 scholarship for caddying

Khruanha Naiyanan pursues a career in biomedical engineering with the Ouimet Evans Scholarship

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LUDLOW – The Western Golf Association has awarded the Ouimet Evans Scholarship to local high school senior, Khruanha Naiyanan.

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund and the Evans Scholars Foundation annually co-sponsor scholarships for caddies all over the commonwealth. The Ouimet Evans Scholarship is a full housing and tuition scholarship awarded to golf caddies, with a value totaling \$125,000.

Naiyanan’s family immigrated from Thailand, and raised her in a bilingual household. As a senior at Ludlow High School, she plans to study biomedical engineering.

“It’s a pretty good awesome environment, I love everyone there,” Naiyanan said. “They really care about me and support me. I have played on the golf team for all four years, I’m on the Student Council as a Student Representative, and I usually volunteer at the Hubbard Library.”

Naiyanan lives with her mother, Natcha Muenthaikul, and her step-dad, Konrad Pekala. Her family moved to the United States five years ago, first living in Manchester, before moving to Ludlow, where her step-dad is from.



Submitted photo

Khruanha Naiyanan was awarded the Ouimet Evans Scholarship.

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– Khruanha Naiyanan

Naiyanan compared her schooling in town to her experience as a student in Thailand.

“It’s different, culturally,” Naiyanan said. “I went to an international school. There was a foreign teacher teaching me, so that’s how I learned English. The program there in my school was based around the U.S., so

the curriculum is similar. Most of my classes were in English, but then there was also Thai Class, where we learned Thai history.”

Naiyanan shared that she was inspired to enter the medical field when watching her father battle cancer.

“My father died from cancer,” Naiyanan said. “He was in the hospital a lot of times, so I got to see all the medical equipment. I thought it was cool. I just want to help people, that’s the main goal.”

Naiyanan intends to study biomedical engineering, but said that her long-term goal is to be a

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Middle school principal departs

Sullivan now acting principal

By Jim Russell
Correspondent

LUDLOW – Assistant Baird Middle School Principal Daniel Sullivan is now the acting principal, while a search commences to replace the former principal, Melissa Knowles – whose sudden departure last month has not been explained by the school district.

In recent communications to parents and staff, Superintendent Frank Tiano said the former principal had both: resigned from her job; and placed on administrative leave by the district.

“Today, I would like to update that [previous] notice by informing you that Mrs. Knowles will be on leave for the remainder of the school year and will not return for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Sullivan will now serve

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Turley photos by Harrison Giza

Two of Oliveira's biggest supporters, his mother Carol, and sister Georgie, were all smiles at the re-election fundraiser.

Oliveira fundraiser kickstarts re-election campaign

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“I can assure you that your issues, your voices, your concerns could not be better expressed by someone other than Jake Oliveira,” Rodrigues said. “It is so good to see so many friends here. Jake and I speak regularly all the time while sharing our commutes to the

state house and I continue to support him.”

Oliveira appreciated the comments from Rodrigues, and recalled their time together many years ago.

“What he (Rodrigues) did not tell you is that 15 years ago, I was working on the State Rep’s campaign over near my alma mater of

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LUDLOW

Ludlow's got a new look



Submitted photos
 The Town of Ludlow signs were replaced this week with newer custom designed signs by ChucksSign.com. Be sure to keep your eyes out for the new look when you enter and leave town.

Pet Week



MAZZY

This is Mazzy. She is a Heeler mix from Texas who loves to run, hike, and swim.

Pay taxes online

LUDLOW — Town Administrator Marc Strange is reminding residents that the fourth quarter property tax bills are due May 1. To streamline the payment process and reduce the Collector's Office's administrative workload, the Town has partnered with Kirkwood Direct, a leading provider of municipal billing services.

Kirkwood Direct offers a comprehensive solution for managing municipal billing needs, ensuring accuracy, quality and timely mailings. Their team of experts oversees the entire process, from data management and design to printing and postal optimization. This partnership allows Ludlow residents to benefit from a hassle-free payment process, minimizing delays and processing their payments efficiently.

"Previously, we had long lines at Town

Hall and piles of payments to process every 90 days," Strange said. "The automation of this process is a significant improvement in the interest of our constituents."

Property tax statements were mailed on Jan. 12. A sample letter is attached to this release for reference.

The Town strongly encourages Ludlow residents to take advantage of the convenient online payment option available or send their payments directly using the provided envelope. This approach not only facilitates faster processing but also empowers residents, reassuring them that their payments will be handled in a timely manner and significantly decreasing the administrative burden on the Collector's Office, which has traditionally handled a high volume of mail-in and in-person payments.



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Local doctor adopts 'longest stay' from shelter

By Harrison Giza
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LUDLOW - The Ludlow Animal Control had a reason to celebrate recently, with Ludlow Animal Clinic member Dr. Stephanie Bacon adopting one of its longest time stays, a loving beagle.

The dog was given the name, Delilah, and Bacon has since changed it to Maple.

"So Maple came in pretty much the same day she was found," Bacon said. "And my other dogs name is Echo and she is very picky about who she likes. So when I met this dog, I kind of looked at her and was like 'honestly, if I were to get another dog, I would pick this one. Then she did her seven day stay at the shelter and I became her foster parent and after welcoming her into the house, she basically, I was like 'you could never leave. You have to stay here forever.'"

Bacon really appreciates the amount of support she has seen for Maple online.

"Oh, we love seeing the support," Bacon said. "Having it and seeing it all happen on Facebook and stuff has just been such a blessing to have all of that support. The names of people that pop up that we see I know that those are names of clients and we really know them. So it is such a beautiful thing to see them come out and not only help support us financially, because a lot of them do donate to the Animal



Maple and new friend Echo patiently looking out the window for even more furry friends.

Control bills, but they support us with just emotions and work can be hard sometimes so it is such a nice thing to see that we do have the support of the community."

Maple has been doing well since moving into Bacon's home. She recently had a procedure and also was spayed.

"She is doing well," Bacon said. "She just got back from surgery where she just got spayed. She has settled in so well with my other dog, and I have a cat named Po, and she has become one of the crew. My boyfriend fell in love with her the moment he saw her. I think honestly she must have been owned by someone fire because

she wants so much love and attention that she knew that when she found people, she was safe. So she is very much fitting in with the family."

Ludlow Animal Control is a town-run Animal Control. They occasionally have pets to foster and adopt.

Rather than buying, the group encourages people to adopt a dog, adopt a cat, adopt a puppy or adopt a kitten at their local animal shelter, SPCA, humane society or pet rescue group.

The Official Ludlow Animal Control may be reached by email here animalcontrol@ludlow.ma.us or by phone here (413) 583-5600.



Maple has been making headlines as a dog who brings a smile to everyone who meets her.



Maple, a former long-term stay, is happy to be in her new comfortable home.

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Yellow and Zucchini Squash	\$1.49 lb.
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Rain date Sunday, April 21. Registration form on our website

Ludlow 250th Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, May 18

4 Person Scramble
at Westover Municipal Golf Course

Team Total: \$500. Registration due by April 26.

Send team name, contact person, contact person's email and phone, and the four participants names to:

ludlowma250@gmail.com along with a check made out to:
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For more information call Paul Chrzan: 413-636-1527
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For a sponsorship opportunity, please contact
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Kids Bike Parade and Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 25th, 10am-noon

Ages K-5th. Decorate your bike, trike, wagon, etc.

Prizes awarded! Parade starts at the Mill Clock Tower, travels down River Walk, ends at Iron Duke parking lot. Randall's will be serving cups of ice cream to all registered participants.

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27th

Be A Part Of The Parade!

Sign up your organization or business today.
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250th Celebration Block Party Picnic & Parade

Saturday, June 15th

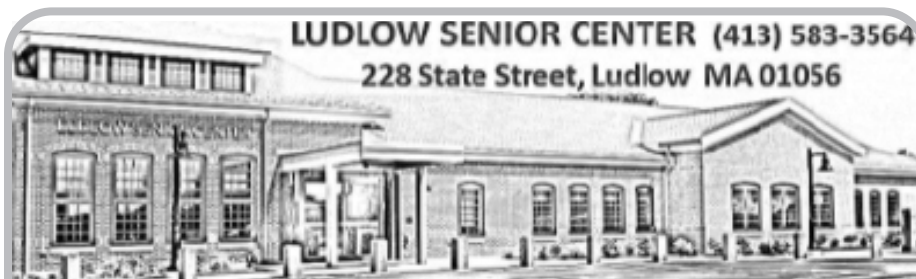
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Foot Care*

9 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Dominos

10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office

Hour

10:30 a.m. Friends of the Center Meeting

1 p.m. Mahjong

1:30 p.m. Chair Volleyball Hubbard Mem. Library

2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, April 12

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. Country Bank Info

10:30 a.m. Trivia

1 p.m. Ceramics

1 p.m. Health Bones & Balance Class*

1 p.m. Magic Class

Monday, April 15

Center Closed for Patriots Day

Tuesday, April 16

9 a.m. Quilting

9 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Cribbage

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga

10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1 p.m. Western Dance Class

1 p.m. Brown Bag*

1 p.m. Better Together*

1:30 p.m. Spring Fling Dance

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class

4:30 p.m. "Souper" Supper

5 p.m. Barbie the Movie (2023)

5 p.m. Trivia

Wednesday, April 17

8 a.m. Garden Club

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: Barbie the Movie Teidi GHhhey (2023)

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

4:30 p.m. COA Board meeting

Thursday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Foot Care*

9 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Dominos

1 p.m. Mahjong

2 p.m. Writers Block*

2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.

Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

Thursday, April 11: Tuna Salad/ Macaroni Salad/Roll

Friday, April 12: Pepperoni Pizza/ Small Salad

Monday, April 15: Center Closed for Patriots Day

Tuesday, April 16: American Chop Suey/Vegetable

Wednesday, April 17: Chicken a la King/Rice/Broccoli

Thursday, April 18: Birthday Lunch! Stuffed Shells/Caesar Salad

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Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays.

For All Ages

National Book Week Favorite Book-a-thon April 8 - 13. All ages. Fill out a bookstack page (available in the library) with the titles of your ten all-time favorite books & hand it in any time this week to win a prize; adults will win a raffle ticket for a local author prize basket, teens & children will win a free book.

Summer Safety, Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

Get prepared for summer! Town Nurse, Angela, will be here giving tips for staying safe this summer. All ages are welcome! Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

Sarah Clay and the StarCats: "Blue Skies", Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month! Each year, Sarah Clay and the StarCats create a new themed concert that is both entertaining and informative. All ages are welcome. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

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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. January's challenge is a book you read years ago that you may feel different-

ly about now. 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 Thursdays until June 27, 1:30 p.m.

Have some fun this winter by joining 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.

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month (April 25), 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.

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month (May 2), 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.

How to Use the New Library Catalog, Wednesday, April 10, 11:00 a.m.

Did you know the library catalog changed in March? Learn how to navigate the new one, sign into your library account, place holds, and more! This class is limited to 4 people. Please call Olivia at 413-583-3408x114 to sign up.

The True Story of the Lincoln Assassination: The Nest That Hatched Evil, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Many of the commonly-held myths about the murder of our 16th President are utterly false. Although assassin John Wilkes Booth fired the gun that killed the President, there were many fingers on that trigger. Join Honorable Dennis J. Curran, Justice Massachusetts Superior Court (Ret.), as he thrills us with the story of Lincoln's assassination and the conspiracies surrounding the murder. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

Planning for Medicare, Wednesday, April 24, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, this informative presentation will cover topics like COBRA, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, programs available to early retirees, and more. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

Painting on Canvas, Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the world of vibrant colors, unleash your creativity, and embrace the beauty of negative space. No brushes required, just a flair for originality and a passion for self-expression. During this hands-on workshop, you'll discover the art of tape resistance and

create an abstract, angular masterpiece on a 10" x 10" stretched canvas using acrylics and tape. For adults only. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408.

For Teens

Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (not 4/16), 4/30) 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. The group decides what to watch each week. (*Does not meet April 16*). Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Every other Tuesday (4/9 & 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18), 5:00-6:00 p.m. For ages 10 & up. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to discuss books, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading "The Storm Runner" by Jennifer Cervantes, copies are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-4:30 p.m. This group is for experienced high school players; the group is currently full but you can sign up now to be part of the summer campaign. Please register.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, April 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. This month's book is "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton; copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

For Children & Teens

Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 p.m. For 8 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award Book Group for 4th-6th Grade, Thursday, April 11, 6:00-6:45 p.m. 4th-6th graders across the state are the ones to decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 of the nominated books. Everyone who has read at least 5 of the books by April 11th can come to our ice cream party and cast their vote, and will be featured

in an article in the Register! Please register.

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

Minecraft Club, Saturdays, 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 and Craft: Trolls Band Together, Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. Rated PG Watch Trolls Band Together, free snack provided and then stay after to make a cute troll craft. Drop in.

For Children

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

Storytime for 3-5 year olds, Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *Does not meet April 8 or 15.* A five-week series of stories, songs, & games relating to the theme of space, tailored for 3-5 year olds, with a craft & snack at the end. Please register.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. *Does not meet April 16.* Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Drop-in.

Design Your Own Kite, Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. 2nd grade and up. Design and decorate and then assemble your kite from a kit, under the guidance of Mary Beth Silva artist and LPS educator. Please register.

Storytime for 2-3 year olds, Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. *Does not meet April 17.* A five-week series of stories, songs, & games relating to the theme of space, tailored for 2-3 year olds, with a craft & snack at the end. Please register.

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

Story Art, Wednesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m. Ages 4-6 A storybook introduces and inspires a fun, gently educational hand-on creative art project. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Homeschooler Storytime: True Tales, Wednesdays 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. *Does not meet April 17.* For ages 5-8. A fun, gently educational story-

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Ludlow WIC opens April 10

LUDLOW— Valley Opportunity Council will host a grand reopening event for its WIC office in Ludlow, closed since the COVID pandemic, on Wednesday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 14 Chestnut Pl.

The event will feature snacks, activities and a raffle, and will provide information to the community about available resources offered through the WIC program. The Ludlow WIC office has been closed since the COVID pandemic.

WIC is a nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to healthcare and other services free of charge to qualified Massachusetts families. WIC serves low- to moderate-in-

come people in critical stages of growth and development.

VOC encourages those who live and work in Ludlow and surrounding areas to drop in and learn about the WIC program and resources that may be available to them, such as personalized nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and a WIC card to redeem at participating grocery stores and pharmacies for nutritious foods, infant formula and baby foods. WIC can also provide referrals to other healthcare and social service agencies.

Those seeking more information about VOC's WIC program can also visit VOC's website, ValleyOpp.com.



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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



When should my wife claim her Social Security benefit?

Dear Rusty

I just saw an article which said that certain spousal options were going away, but there are still good options for when a spouse can claim. I am filing for my Social Security to start in October when I turn 70. My wife's Full Retirement Age is in December, and she now plans to file then for half of what my FRA benefit would have been (our original plan was for both to file in August). My wife's main reason for delaying until her FRA is to lock her into my maximum benefit if she has to someday change to Survivor's Benefit. Will this be gone for us? Neither of us was born before Jan. 1, 1954. Please advise. Signed: Planning for Both

Dear Planning

I expect that the article you refer to was speaking of the option to claim only a spousal benefit first and allow one's personal SS retirement benefit to grow. That option was available only to those who were born before 1954 and had reached full retirement age. As you now know that option is not available to you.

Assuming your wife's highest benefit entitlement will be as your spouse, your current strategy – you claim your maximum benefit to start in October at age 70 and your wife starts her benefit in December at her FRA – is a good one which will yield the maximum possible monthly benefit for both of you. But for clarity, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow has nothing to do with when she claims her spouse benefits now.

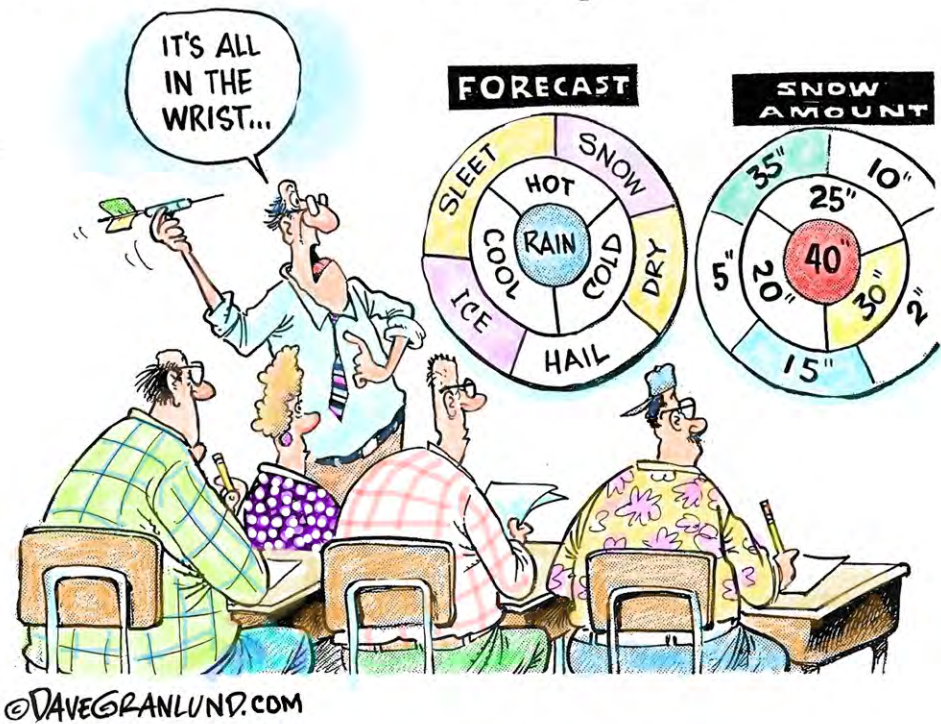
The only thing which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse is her age when she claims the survivor benefit. If she has already reached her FRA of 66 years and 8 months when you pass, she will get 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were living. Her survivor benefit would only be less than 100% of yours if she claimed it before reaching her full retirement age (which, of course, we hope would not be the case).

Just so you have the complete picture, your wife could, if desired, claim her Social Security to start at the same time as you in October but, since that would be earlier than her FRA, the amount she would get would be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. Her spouse benefit would be reduced by 0.694% for each month earlier than her FRA it starts.

For example, if your wife starts her spousal benefit in October when your benefit starts, she will get about 98.6% of the amount she would get if she waited until December to start her benefits. That's a permanent reduction, so if your wife's life expectancy is at least average about 87, it's likely still wisest for her to wait until her FRA to start benefits. But in any case, when your wife claims her spousal benefit now will have no effect on the survivor benefit she will get as your future widow.

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Refresher course for meteorologists...



GUEST COLUMN



Transplanting your homegrown seedlings

I bet there are a few garden enthusiasts out there with seedlings up and growing indoors.

My tomatoes are just poking through, but my peppers are ready for transplanting. Why transplant you ask? It's important that we give our young plants room to spread out!

If seeds were sown in rows, chances are that several seedlings have sprouted and are now growing within a close proximity to one another. They are competing for nutrients and moisture.

Even if two seeds were sown in a single cell of a six-pack and both germinated, they too are competing with one another in that tiny of a space. So, if we want garden center quality seedlings, we must transplant them to their own cell or small pot.

You know a seedling is ready for transplant when it has its "true leaves," not the cotyledon leaves that were first to sprout from the seed, but those that come right after. At this point in growth plant roots aren't tangled up and therefore transplant shock can be kept to a minimum.

Although the seedlings may be tiny and appear fragile, transplanting them is quite simple.

First, take a wooden plant label or dull butter knife and "cut" into the row of seedlings. Then, use your implement "spatula-style" to remove a small cluster of plants from the bottom up.

I always tell folks to "think brownies!"

Be careful to get as many roots as you can.

Once you've done this it is time to separate them from one another. Gently pull on a leaf, not the stem, to pry them apart.

Think of it this way: the plant has two leaves but only one stem. If it should snap, that's it! Leaves on the other hand, can and will be replaced if accidentally torn off.

Individual seedlings can be planted in small containers or cell packs filled with soilless growing medium. We steer clear of garden soil because of the pathogens and weed seeds it may contain as well as its tendency not to drain very well.

Soilless mix is sterile, and has the ability to retain moisture yet drain freely- just what the young seedling needs as it grows additional roots and top growth.

Make a hole in the moistened growing medium with your finger, a pencil or wooden dibble. Insert the seedling to the correct depth then firm around it with your fingers.

Most are transplanted to the same depth they were growing in the pack.

One exception is tomatoes; they can be buried deeper than they started out. This is because tomatoes have the ability to make roots along the length of their stem.

Another exception are marigolds. More roots mean healthier shoots!

Water the transplants well with a gentle spray. They can now be put back under the artificial lights you've rigged up.

Continue to keep the lights within inches of the plants for the stockiest growth. Or, if you're lucky enough to have a sunroom or hobby greenhouse, the seedlings will thrive there!

Shade them from direct sun for a few days after transplant to prevent wilting. Soon the roots will recover from the shock of transplant and will again be able to sustain the plant.

Night time temperatures can dip as low as 50 degrees for most plants. In fact, lower night temps will help to ensure the stocky specimen we desire.

Fertilize with half-strength liquid plant food every 10 days to two weeks. Begin to

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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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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the

newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in *The Register*.

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Healing Racism Institute appoints Interim Director

Rev. Dr. Terrlyn Curry Avery to lead Initiative

SPRINGFIELD — The Healing Racism Institute today announced the appointment of The Rev. Dr. Terrlyn L. Curry Avery as Interim Director of the initiative, succeeding Vanessa Otero, who served on the HRI Board before being appointed its Executive Director. Otero left HRI in February to pursue other opportunities in the community.

Dr. Curry Avery is recognized as a trailblazer at the intersection of pastoring and psychology. She currently serves as the pastor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church in Springfield and will serve in the Interim Director position on a part-time basis while she continues to minister.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Howard University, a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and a Ph.D. from Hofstra University.

Dr. Curry Avery is a public speaker, author and retreat leader recognized for her grounded approach in bridging racial

divides in institutions and communities while promoting racial equity.

HRI is engaged in the process of identifying a permanent director for the over decade-old initiative that offers intensive two-day Healing Racism seminars as well as an online program designed around the principles of safety, listening, and transformation in a healing process. Since its inception over 1,000 individuals have participated in HRI's signature two-day program or its multiple-session virtual series.

According to Healing Racism Institute Board Chair Modesto Montero, "On behalf of the HRI Board I welcome Dr. Curry Avery. She is grounded in the work of racial healing and has experience in creating spaces for people to recognize the impact that racism has on all of us. She has a distinguished history of doing transformative work in the field and she will be a great asset to HRI as we continue these difficult conversations and this critical work."

According to Dr. Curry Avery, "I am passionate about the work of racial equity and social justice. I've been engaged

in this work since the early 90s and consider it my honor to continue the legacy of my ancestors who were committed to making the world more loving, peaceful, and equitable for all of humanity. Serving as the Interim Executive Director of HRI affords me the opportunity to expand my sphere of influence in this area and join a team of individuals who recognize that we are all interconnected and when one group of individuals hurts, it impacts all other groups. I am excited to join this dedicated team of advocates."

Dr. Curry Avery has hosted a radio program "Dismantle Racism with the Rev. Dr. TLC," and is the author of Dismantling Racism: Healing Separation from the Inside Out.

HRI hosts public in-person and virtual seminars and also private seminars and programs for interested organizations or companies. Its signature two-day in-person seminar, held from 8:30am-4:30pm each day, is held at Springfield Technology Park, and its virtual series consists of five two-hour sessions.

Upcoming two-day in-person semi-

nars include April 24 and April 25; May 22 and May 23; and June 27 and June 28. Virtual series dates will be forthcoming.

The cost for the two-day program is \$475 and those interested can register at www.healingracism.org/seminars. Scholarships are available to those with financial need. The Healing Racism Institute was formed in 2012 by a group of local leaders and is modeled after similar programs that have been established nationwide including an Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which has served as a model for the local initiative.

The Healing Racism Institute works to build racism-free communities. Founded in 2012, HRI has engaged over 1,000 individuals and 200 organizations across nearly 20 sectors through its signature two-day seminars held in the Pioneer Valley and in Greater Boston, and through its Virtual Series. The Institute provides a safe environment to learn about the impact of racism on communities and individuals and offers a process that is engaging and transformative. Learn more at <https://www.healingracism.org/>.

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the school was able to find level service funding for the next fiscal year.

"They found \$1.3 million to get them to level funding at, I think it was 3%," Rosenblum said. "I'd like to congratulate them on that."

Rosenblum speculated that \$400,000 may have been found in a revolving fund related to ESSER funding, and said that this raises some questions about the department's funds and how they are being allocated.

"This is nothing towards their board or the school department in general," Rosenblum said. "I'm cautious about

next year. It's level-funded this year, what's it going to be next year? That question I did see come up from one of their School Committee members, which is a valid question."

Rosenblum clarified that when he described "level services," he was referring to the school's funding needs in order to offer the same level of service as the previous year. This budget regularly increases due to contractual raises and the cost of materials and services.

"Apparently there was a good amount of teachers that were let go in certain positions last year, but they gave back \$300,000," Rosenblum said.

"The question that always comes up, and I'm going to say this loud and

clear," Rosenblum said, "everyone looks at our board and says 'give the schools money, give the schools money,' but no one asks 'how do they spend it?'"

Rosenblum said that there are plans in the new charter being written by the Charter Committee to make the President of Town Council sit on the School Committee as a member for increased transparency.

Selectman James Gennette asked if the back and forth with the School Committee about the budget and the potential of losing teachers was "staged"

in order to get the community fired up.

"We want to do great things with the school," Gennette said. "But if it's a big shell game, how are we supposed to trust the school? We want to work with you, but at the same time if you're shifty like this, then how are we supposed to just accept what you're requesting?"

The Selectmen approved a change in Directors for the Country Club, and accepted Ben Ferris as the new Director. Tony Tavares will be Bar Manager, and will hold the license for both the bar and the shack, according to Ferris.

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as the Interim Principal until June 30," Tiano wrote to the school community on April 5.

The school chief said that, following vetting of candidates for the permanent principal's position at Baird Middle

School, public interviews would occur next month, and that the current hope is to fill the job by Memorial Day.

A request made by The Register to the school district about whether Knowles is currently on paid or unpaid leave, to provide her present salary, and some explanation for her departure; had not been fulfilled at the time of publication.

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"harden-off" your transplants a couple of weeks prior to putting in the ground.

Thus far they have been kept in a carefully controlled environment. Planting them without a period of acclimatization may mean disaster!

Place them outdoors in a shady spot protected from the wind for only a few hours each day. As the days progress keep them out longer and increase their exposure to bright sun and wind.

Don't forget to water during this pro-

cess, but forgo all fertilizer.

With less than two months to go until the danger of frost is officially passed, our home grown seedlings won't have long to wait, and neither will we!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.



BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade K	7	Grade 6	2
Grade 1	10	Grade 7	10
Grade 2	6	Grade 8	10
Grade 4	3	Grade 9	5
Grade 5	5	Grade 10	5

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a **complete** application is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 10, 2024.**

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on May 10, 2024, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 9, 2024.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownps.org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

The Belchertown School District does not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation or ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, disability or proficiency in the English language in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Pathfinder mathematics teacher scores national recognition

By Harrison Giza
Staff Writer
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PALMER - Each school year, National Life Group receives hundreds of nominations across the United States from members of school districts hoping to secure a spot for the LifeChanger of the Year award.

This year, an anonymous party nominated Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School Mathematics Department Head, Joshua Dusza for the opportunity.

"He teaches students that every problem has a solution, both in the classroom and throughout their lives," the anonymous nominator stated.

Brand Affinity Manager, Camilla Williams, had positive things to say about the Mathematics Department head.

"National Life Group is thrilled to honor Joshua Dusza of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School as a LifeChanger of the Year nominee," said Williams. "Joshua doesn't just teach math, he also strives to inspire his students and to make a



Submitted photo
Mathematics Department Head and LifeChanger of the year nominee, Joshua Dusza.

positive impact on their lives, both in and out of the classroom. We created LifeChanger of the Year to recognize and reward kindergarten and 12th grade teachers and school employees, like Joshua, who go above and beyond to make a difference."

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and teaching professionals. All nominees must be K-12 teachers or long-term school district employees.

To even be considered, here are the six rules to each nominee must embody: 1.) be able to make a positive impact in

the lives of students, 2.) Enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture and pride, 3.) Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and or district level, 4.) possess a proven record of professional excellence, 5.) show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning, and 6.) adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards in the current year.

Caitlin Sabourin, who works for the organization, is a big help putting together these events. She notes that anonymity is key to the LifeChanger of the Year awards.

"There are a few anonymous nominations within our program," said Sabourin. "We keep this option to allow for privacy, that way anyone can submit a nomination."

LifeChanger of the Year is sponsored and run by National Life Group, an organization with over 175-year-old financial services company that serves kindergarten to 12th grade educators nationwide. Along with their distribution partners, National LifeGroup strives to focus on helping school employees retire with dignity. The program itself

was created to shine a light on the field of education, celebrate diverse array of school employees, and provide those educational members with any and all resources they may need to succeed while in the classroom and beyond its doors.

"We do this in several ways," said Sabourin. "Providing grants to nonprofit and educational organizations, giving our employees 40 hours of paid volunteer time annually, sponsoring events, and offering in-kind donations. We also support mental health and wellness programs for kindergarten to 12th grade students and returning school employees."

National Life Group's charitable arm, the National Life Group Foundation, also provides cash prizes through their LifeChanger of the Year program. Since its inception in early 2006, the goal of the National Life Group Foundation has been to build solid connections and do good in the communities in which they live and work.

There will be 17th individual LifeChanger of the Year awards to be given out during the 2023-2024 school year.

Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary seeks scholarship applicants

PALMER - The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is making scholarship applications available for the 2023-24 academic year.

The Auxiliary will award scholarships of \$1,000 to seniors graduating from Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, Minnechaug, and Ware High Schools who are pursuing higher educa-

tion in a healthcare field. The students will be chosen based on their academic excellence, volunteer efforts and related community service, work experience, and dedication to their goals.

Applications and instructions for completing the application forms are available in each school's guidance department and must be completed and submitted by April

12. The Auxiliary Scholarship Committee will select student recipients and recommend them to the Auxiliary board for final approval.

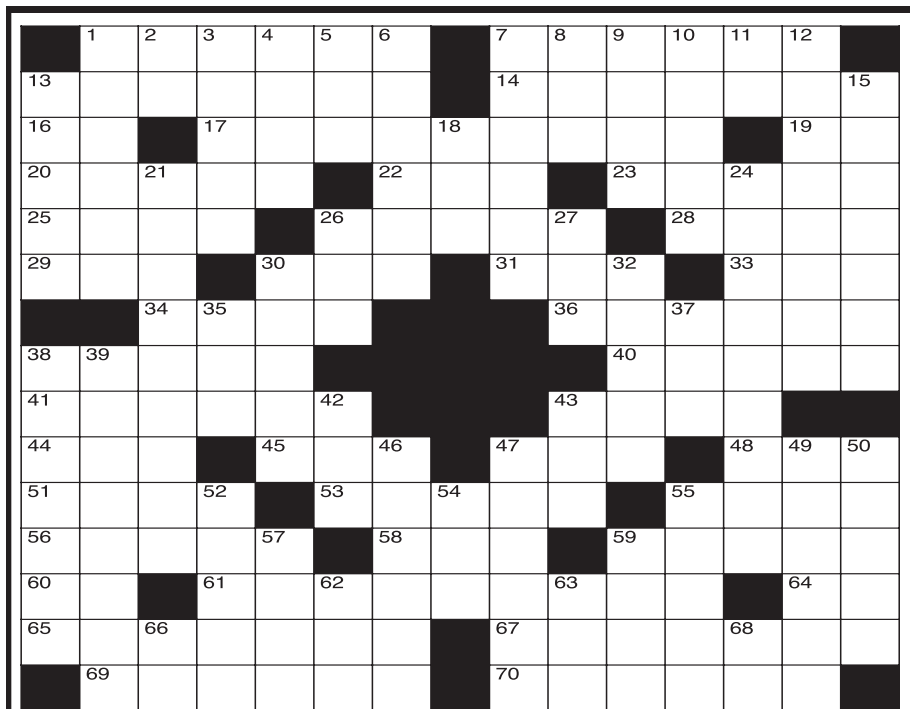
Throughout the years, a wide variety of healthcare fields have been represented by area students who have received these scholarships, including premedical, dental hygiene, health system management, nursing, pharmacy, and radiology.

"Growing careers in healthcare is now more important than ever," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in a press release. "We are so proud when we hear from our former scholarship recipients who are now providing healthcare throughout the region

and Massachusetts."

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.

"We are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment and support to our hospital and the many communities we serve," said Teresa Grove, philanthropy officer for Baystate Health's Eastern Region.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Island nation
- 7. Platforms
- 13. Project plan
- 14. French fishing port
- 16. South Dakota
- 17. Oakland's baseball team
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Ornamental stone
- 22. Garland
- 23. Process that produces ammonia
- 25. Mousses
- 26. Music notation "dal"
- 28. Fail to win
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Not near
- 31. Some cars still need it
- 33. Lizard genus
- 34. An idiot (Brit.)
- 36. Postponed
- 38. African country
- 40. Gazes unpleasantly

CLUES DOWN

- 41. In a way, traveled
- 43. Ukraine's capital
- 44. Appropriate
- 45. Dash
- 47. Twitch
- 48. Swiss river
- 51. Data file with computer animations
- 53. City in S. Korea
- 55. Particular region
- 56. They have eyes and noses
- 58. Tear
- 59. Large Madagascan lemur
- 60. Not out
- 61. Ornamental saddle covering
- 64. A driver's license is one
- 65. Latin term for charity
- 67. Rechristens
- 69. Objects from an earlier time
- 70. Hindu male religious teachers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used as a weapon
- 2. Yukon Territory
- 3. Makes a map of
- 4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
- 5. Unnilhexium
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Playing the field
- 8. Folk singer DiFranco
- 9. Something to scratch
- 10. Mexican agave
- 11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 12. Session
- 13. North American people
- 15. Ranches
- 18. Electroencephalograph
- 21. A type of compound
- 24. Avenue
- 26. High schoolers' test
- 27. A type of meal
- 30. Gradually disappeared
- 32. Ancient Frankish law code

CLUES DOWN

- 35. Popular pickup truck
- 37. Buzzing insect
- 38. Deal illegally
- 39. Lying in the same plane
- 42. Obstruct
- 43. Related
- 46. Challenge aggressively
- 47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 49. Bird's nests
- 50. Forays
- 52. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. One-time name of Vietnam
- 57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 59. Private school in New York
- 62. Political action committee
- 63. A way to fashion
- 66. Email reply
- 68. "The Great Lake State"

Scholarship deadline extended

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the James and Mary O'Neil Scholarship (\$40,000 paid over 4 years), the S. Louis Marceau and the Paul R. Baird scholarships (\$1,000 each). Due to difficulties with the new FAFSA process the deadline for the Scholarship applications has been extended to April 28, 2024.

Mail applications to the Ludlow Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 72, Ludlow, MA 01056-0072.

Eligible applicants must be residents of Ludlow, regardless of the high school

attended, and entering freshman year at an accredited college or technical school in the fall. The James and Mary O'Neil scholarship is available only to students who will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus.

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Departments of Ludlow High School, or Pope Francis Preparatory School, by using the "Scholarship" button on the Ludlow Lions Club Web page (https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/ludlow_ma/index.php), by request at LUDLOWLIONS@YAHOO.COM or by contacting a Ludlow Lions Club member.

Ad club scholarship now available

SOUTH HADLEY—The Advertising club of Western Massachusetts Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce applications are now available for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a deserving western Massachusetts high school graduate pursuing higher education in the communication arts in 2024. Guidelines and application form can be found at www.adclubwm.org/scholarships or by contacting David Cecchi, Scholarship Committee chairman at cecchi@davidcecchi.com or (413) 786-3236.

Completed scholarship applications and all support materials must be submitted to the Ad Club, postmarked by April 15. Scholarship decisions are made by the Scholarship Committee of The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts and are considered final. The scholarship will be awarded in May.

Western Massachusetts high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or technical school to study advertising, communications, marketing, or graphic design and will be attending school in September 2024 are encouraged to apply. The scholarship must be applied against tuition and fees at the school. Candidates will be judged on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service and/or work experience, a demonstrated interest in advertising, communications, marketing or graphic design, personal recommendations, and a letter of introduction outlining future plans.

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Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Wins Mass. Bar Association's 2024 Mock Trial State Championship

SOUTH HADLEY -- Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School defeated Gann Academy, the New Jewish School from Waltham, to become State Champion of the Massachusetts Bar Association's 2024 High School Mock Trial Program.

In a rematch of last year's state final, PVPA prevailed against 2023 champion Gann Academy at the 38th Annual Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition Final, which was held at the Boston Public Library. This year's state title is PVPA's fourth Mock Trial state championship.

PVPA will have the honor of representing Massachusetts at the National High School Mock Trial Championship to be held in Wilmington, Delaware, from May 3-4. A portion of the trip will be funded by a \$2,500 donation from the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the Mass. Bar Association. The team will be fundraising to support the balance of the cost of the trip.

Mock Trial is an interscholastic competition in which students portray lawyers, defendants and witnesses in a "mock" court case supplied by the state bar association. This

year the teams were presented with a criminal case, with the defendant being charged with larceny, burglary and filing a false police report. PVPA played the role of the prosecutor in the finals, and Gann Academy played the role of the defense. Over 100 schools statewide competed this year in a competition graded on presentation skills and knowledge of the law.

PVPA has won three previous titles in 2005, 2011 and 2012, as well as being finalists on nine other occasions since the team and school was founded in 1996. PVPA is the only

charter school to win the state title, as well as the only school from either Western or Central Massachusetts to lay claim to the state title in the 38 years of the competition.

PVPA's team is coached by faculty members Gary Huggett and Assistant Coach Anna Furr, along with Attorney Coach Mary Lou Rup (retired). Coach Gary Huggett is justifiably proud of this year's competitors, saying "They are a wonderful group of human beings as well as an awesome team." Mr. Huggett has been the team's coach since its inception, and will be stepping

down from that role after this year. PVPA is grateful to Gary for the time, talent and commitment he has dedicated to this program and every one of his teams over the years.

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts is a Charter Public school enrolling 400 students from 50+ towns primarily in Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties. PVPA has a 25+ year history of providing a free, college-preparatory education that is firmly based in a commitment to providing students with a broad exposure to the arts with an emphasis on creative and critical thinking.

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surgeon.

There are 24 colleges Naiyanan can apply to as part of the scholarship. She said that she has not made any decisions yet as to which school she'd like to go to, but noted that Rutgers University is one college that is on the list that has a good biomedical program.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, Naiyanan had to work as a golf caddy for two years and display a strong caddy record, as well as maintaining an excellent academic record, demonstrating financial need, and outstanding character. Naiyanan got her experience caddying at the Longmeadow Country Club.

"I caddy every weekend," Naiyanan said. "Sometimes it could end early; a three-hour golf ends at 10 a.m., but it could be later like noon. What I do is carrying bags, handing out golf clubs to golfers, cleaning clubs, measuring yardage, lifting the pin, things like that. It's a fun job, and I get to speak to the

golfers, who are really nice to me, so it also helps with making connections."

Naiyanan remembered caddying for lawyer Patrick O'Shea. "He wrote me a letter of recommendation to some of the colleges he attended," Naiyanan said.

An estimated 340 caddies across the country are expected to be awarded the Evans Scholarship, but Naiyanan is one of only four students in the state who received this honor.

"Usually it's just one scholarship," Naiyanan said. "The Evans Scholarship is the full tuition one. The other one, Frances Ouimet, is for caddies in the state. That one is not full tuition, it's needs-based. They partnered with Evans to give me the scholarship."

Naiyanan said that had she not received these scholarships, she would still try to go to college, but that it would be a lot harder for her.

"I would probably have to take out a lot of loans," Naiyanan said. "As a child of an immigrant, I had no clue what to do with FAFSA. I definitely

worry a lot less with the scholarship, because they have an educational support team to tell me how to do this, the process of going to college."

Naiyanan took the time to thank the people who have helped her achieve this opportunity.


"I definitely want to thank my parents," Naiyanan said, "and my guidance counselor, Ms. Connelly and Ms. Dionne, and I'd like to thank my coach, Kurt Anderson. He's the reason I got this scholarship, he told me about caddying and scholarship, and he's always asking how that goes and keeping me updated."

To learn more about the Frances Ouimet Scholarship Fund, visit their website at ouimet.org. For more information about the Evans Scholars Foundation, visit their website at WGAESF.org.

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Khruanha Naiyanan with her coach, Kurt Anderson, who encouraged her to apply for the scholarship.





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Seen here: Oliveira bolstering support for his campaign by doing what he does best, speaking from his heart.



The event was packed with a diverse array of Ludlow residents, all feasting on cold booze and fresh hot food.

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Framingham State, and we met at an event like this, a fundraiser," Oliveira said. "We had dinner afterwards and from then on, when I was looking for a job after the campaign ended, obviously he saw my last name, a Portuguese last name. What he didn't tell you is that was the number one job requirement in his office at that time. So, I think I had a little bit of an advantage working for him at that point in time."

Oliveira asked the supporters in attendance to vote for him again this year.

"I am again asking you humbly to if you have not already done so," Oliveira said. "Sign my papers in the back of the room to get me on the ballot, and then in September for the Democratic primary, I'd appreciate your support and vote. Hopefully in November we are successful in continuing the work that we've started."

Oliveira spoke about major wins he has been a part of; from legislature that made universal school lunch permanent for every child attending K - 12 schools, continued efforts to help healthcare workers get the financial support they deserve, and seniors struggling to get the proper medication they need to function.

"But there is more work to be done," Oliveira said. "We have a major economic development bill with projects here in Western Massachusetts that we need to continue to invest and build upon. To invest in our gateway cities like Springfield or Chicopee and in Holyoke, but also making sure that some of our smaller projects, that are in each one of our cities and towns, things like the Ludlow Mills, Belchertown State Schools, clean up for certain sites for the disastrous effects on climate change, we have an opportunity to invest in those programs now and at the same time make Massachusetts a

much more affordable state to buy a house or place to live with our housing bill that we rewording on now.

The candidate expressed the importance of democracy and emphasized he needs his constituents to make it happen.

"Democracy is a two way street," Oliveira said. "Without you advocating to us, we do not know what to fight for. We don't have all the answers. It is about interaction and that is what I promise to do as a State Representative and that is what I promise to do as a State Senator, but I need your help sending me back there for another two years."

The event was catered by Ludlow staple Villa Rose and the recently opened Brazilian restaurant, Monster's Den.

Interested parties that were not able to attend but still wished to support the campaign were suggested to consider making a virtual contribution through a secure email link Oliveira's team provided.

The Jake Oliveira Re-Election Committee may be reached at PO Box 302 Ludlow, MA or email committeetolectjakeoliveira@gmail.com.

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Thomas Deroin attempts to get a point.



Austin Moorhouse goes for a set from the back line.

Ludlow sweeps away Belchertown



Tristan Moss sets the ball straight up.



Anthony Shea reacts to a serve with a hit.

BELCHERTOWN – Last Monday evening, Ludlow volleyball came to Belchertown and quickly dispatched over the Orioles, winning 3-0 with scores of 25-15, 25-8, and 25-17. The Lions got 15 kills from Anthony Shea and 28 assists from Tristan Moss. Belchertown got eight kills each from Noah Yankson and Shea MacLean. Rainer Kristensen had 19 assists.



Ethan Love is square with the ball as he bumps it away.



Andrew Provost goes for a spike on the right side of the net.

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Eclipse leads to schedule reshuffling

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Several games and contests being held outdoors on Monday, April 8 had their start times delayed or have had the games moved off the date completely due to the upcoming solar eclipse set for the late afternoon hours that day.

Agawam High School Athletic Director Karen Gomez said she moved a softball game to later in the afternoon after she and other athletic directors received guidance from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association urging them to move events away from the time the eclipse is scheduled for.

According to the email from the MIAA: "On Monday, April 8, Massachusetts will be experiencing a solar eclipse from 2 to 4:30 p.m. You may already be aware of the danger of looking at the sun during the eclipse. Outdoor activity, practices, and games should be approached with extreme caution as unavoidable exposure to the harmful intensity could happen accidentally with extreme harm to athletes."

The email did not specifically bar events from happening during that time period, but most of the rescheduled games outdoors were moved to the 5 p.m. hour to avoid the eclipse, which is supposed to result in

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Ludlow outdoor track sweeps season opener

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys and girls track teams both won their season opener held last Tuesday on the road at Chicopee Comprehensive.

The girls track team had no trouble with the Colts, scoring a 91-54 win in the meet. The boys track team absolutely dominated their matchup, scoring a 115.5-29.5 win.

The track teams will not be seen at home at this season while a new turf field is being constructed at Ludlow High School.

Ludlow was scheduled to be in action on Tuesday at West Springfield, and next face Chicopee following the vacation week on April 23 at 4 p.m.

Thunderbirds suffer loss against Laval

LAVAL, QC – The Springfield Thunderbirds (29-33-3-2) witnessed history from their leading scorer, but an offensive surge from the Laval Rocket (32-28-6-2) was too much, as the home team emerged with a 7-4 win on Saturday afternoon inside Place Bell.

The matinee affair doubled as a day at the fights in the first 2:45 of the game, as two separate scraps elevated the temperature on the two benches and throughout the Place Bell crowd. First, Sam Bitten came to the aid of his brother Will after the elder Bitten took a sturdy check from Tobie Bisson. Six seconds after Sam and

Bisson scrapped, Brayden Guy made an impression in his second Thunderbirds game as he scored a winning decision in a tussle with Laval penalty minute leader Riley McKay.

Things did not get off on the right foot for the T-Birds, as a net-mouth scramble just 4:04 into the contest saw Mitchell Stephens open the scoring, jamming a forehander through Vadim Zherenko and giving Laval the 1-0 edge. That goal came moments after Zherenko made a marvelous sliding blocker save on a Stephens one-timer in the opening minute.

The Rocket and their rau-



cous crowd were hoping to run Springfield out of the rink just 3:17 later when 2023 fifth-overall pick David Reinbacher stepped up in the offensive zone to the right circle and uncorked a post-ringer under the bar to make it a 2-0 game on the rookie's second AHL goal.

Despite the early stumbles, the T-Birds stayed with the

program. At 11:06, with an abbreviated power play, Mikhail Abramov connected from the low slot off a centering feed from Hugh McGing, cutting the Laval lead in half. Ryan Suzuki nearly equalized the game just seconds later when he slipped behind the defense, but Rocket netminder Jakub Dobes stood up to Suzuki with a sturdy blocker save.

Despite the Suzuki chance at Dobes' end of the rink, Zherenko continued to have a far busier period than the Laval goalie. To his credit, the T-Birds' second-year backstop

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Calder's five goals score huge win for Railers

WORCESTER – It is hard to separate the various histories that were made in the Railers' 9-5 victory over Maine at the DCU Center Sunday afternoon but let's give it a try.

The triumph came after Worcester had fallen behind, 4-1, early in the second period. No Railers team in a history that dates back to 2017-18 had ever even earned a point, let alone won a game, after trailing by three goals.

Five Worcester goals were scored by Ashton Calder. That set a Railers record, established an individual league high for the season and was the first five-goal performance by a Worcester player of any uniform since the IceCats' John Carter scored five versus Cape Breton here on Jan. 4, 1995.

Do the math. It last happened 29 years ago.

Calder also had two assists for a seven-point day. That set a team record and tied the Worcester pro mark set by Jim Campbell of the IceCats on Dec. 28, 1999 in a 9-4 victory over Saint John. He had three goals and four assists.

Finally, the nine goals were the most ever in Railers history. They had scored eight four times before including Saturday night.

After taking two of three from the Mariners this weekend, Worcester is in position to win itself into the playoffs. The Railers play three games at Trois-Rivieres next weekend. Two victories and they are in. Worcester still has a chance to finish third, as well.

Maine has four games left, all versus first-place Adirondack.

Calder was plus-5, tying a Railers record. He has a four-game points streak during which he is 6-5-11. He has six goals in the last two games after enduring a stretch where he had six goals in 33 games.

"Basically," Calder said, "I just play the game the right way whether that means I score or make plays. Lately my linemate (Jake Pivonka) has been hot shooting the puck so I try to find him a lot, and when I have a pass I'm a passer, when I have a shot I'm a shooter.

"I don't try to think about it too



much. I just play my game and go from there."

As has happened throughout the season the Railers started slowly. That translated into a big early deficit and with the talented Brad Arvanitis in goal for Maine, that deficit looked like Mt. Katahdin.

"I wasn't thinking good thoughts," coach Jordan Smotherman said of that bad beginning, "but we have a resilient group and they did not let down."

The Railers argued that the Mariners' fourth goal by Sebastian Vidmar was directed in off his skate. That was at 3:24. They lost the debate but Calder scored his second of the game at 5:10 and the mood changed.

"As soon as we scored the second goal everything on the bench shifted," Smotherman said. "It got everybody's attention. The shoulders all came back from a slouch."

Calder made it 4-3 at 6:50 on what might have been the pass of the year from Joey Cipollone. Reece Newkirk tied it at 10:42 and Christian Krygier put Worcester ahead for good at 11:11. It was Krygier's second goal of the season, first since opening night.

Calder got his fourth at 18:14 with the Railers on a power play.

Tyler Drevitch got Maine back on the board at 1:43 of the third period making it a one-goal with lots of time left. Calder got his fifth at 4:48, though, to restore some scoreboard space.

Brendan Robbins hit an empty net at 18:17 and Ryan Verrier got his fourth of the season at 18:37 to set the franchise record.

Henrik Tikkanen got the win with 22 saves on 27 shots. Arvanitis was replaced by Shane Starrett for the third period and he made two saves.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check

each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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more than 80% coverage of the sun in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also issued guidance to all schools, directing education officials not to allow students to look directly into the eclipse while it is happening.

"A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the Earth and the sun," the DESE guidance states. "The moon is much smaller than the sun, but because it is so close to the Earth, it

can appear to partially or completely block the image of the sun."

South Hadley High School Athletic Director Eric Castonguay confirmed he had to move some events scheduled Monday, including a track meet due to the eclipse's timeline.

"I didn't really have an issue with it," Castonguay said. "I don't really know a lot about it, but I certainly would not want to expose the kids to anything that could be harmful to them."

The forecasted weather for Monday, April 8 was actually supposed to be ideal for the eclipse.

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stabilized and helped Springfield kill off a pair of abbreviated Rocket man-advantages to keep the 2-1 score intact after 20 minutes.

The T-Birds began the second period on another power play, and after a brief 5-on-3 ended, Adam Gaudette got the game evened up with a wrister from the right side just 1:03 into the middle period. The goal, his 39th of the season, brought him back into a tie with Samuel Fagemo of Ontario for the AHL goal-scoring lead.

Springfield, however, could not vault to the lead, and before long, the Rocket had scored two more to take a 4-2 advantage on goals 1:06 apart from Arnaud Durandea and Philippe Maillet.

Down but unfettered, the T-Birds again showed resolve. Gaudette drew a penalty shot after being held on his way in on goal on a breakaway. With a chance to become the first man in the AHL to reach 40 goals this season, Gaudette made no mistake, deking to the

backhand and roofing a shot over Dobes to make it 4-3 at 11:40. The sharpshooter's 40th goal also marked the first time since 1990-91 that a Springfield AHL player recorded 40 goals in a single season.

Gaudette's marker also lit a fire under his team. Just 45 seconds later, Abramov whistled a cross-seam pass to a crashing Joey Duszak, who beat Dobes to tie the game, 4-4, at 12:25.

The 4-4 tie carried into the third, but an unfortunate break wound up putting Laval back in front for good. After Leo Loof fearless blocked a shot up near his face, the loose puck landed flat at the feet of Durandea, who snapped it into an open net before Zherenko could locate it, and the Rocket lead was restored, 5-4, at 6:37 of the third.

This time, a third comeback was not in the cards for Springfield, as Stephens added his second and third goals of the night with a power-play redirect at 10:25 and an empty-netter with 1:11 remaining to finish the scoring. Stephens finished the night with three goals and two assists.

The T-Birds are next in action on Friday, April 12, when they begin a three-game weekend in Hartford against the Wolf Pack. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. at the XL Center.

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OBITUARIES

Maria Natalia (Henriques) Conceição, 85

INDIAN ORCHARD - Maria Natalia (Henriques) DaConceição, 85, of Indian Orchard, passed away peacefully at Life Care Center of Wilbraham on April 4, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.



She was born in São Bartolomeu dos Galegos, Lourinhã, Portugal, daughter of the late Inácio Henriques and Julieta dos Dolores Sales. In 1973, she immigrated to the U.S. with her husband and children settling in Indian Orchard and was employed at Nixon Company from where she retired. She was also a devoted Catholic and active communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish where she participated in several of their programs and events. She enjoyed gardening, baking, and was a self taught seamstress and proudly made all of her own clothes.

Natalia was predeceased by her husband Amaro H. DaConceição in 1998 and leaves her 2

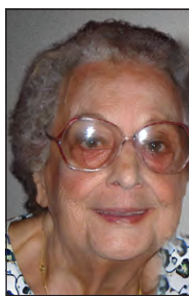
sons, and Duarte Henriques (Herminia), Antonio Henriques (Vitalina), all of Ludlow, and a daughter Lucilia Moura (Humberto), of New Rochelle, NY; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and dear friends here and in Brazil, Canada, Germany, and Portugal.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Life Care Center of Wilbraham for the exceptional compassionate care that was provided to their mother in the last days of her life.

Funeral services for Natalia were held on Tuesday, April 8, 2024 at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Natalia's memory to Our Lady of Fatima Parish or to the charity of one's choice.

Laura McCarron, 100

LUDLOW - Laura McCarron, who recently turned 100 years old and was a life-long resident of Ludlow, MA passed away April 2nd at the home of her youngest son, Kenneth McCarron and his wife, Lori in St. Augustine, FL.



She was born in Ludlow on Sept. 13, 1923, and was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" McCarron; parents, Joseph and Conceicao (de Jesus) Alexander; and siblings including Armenio Alexander (Marion), Theresa Ferreira (John), Maryetta Casagrande (Reno), Ida Pelczar (Fred) and Dolores DiPietro (Tony). She is survived by her sister, Irene Carenza (Jack) and by her loving children, Bob (Joy) of Boulder, CO, Dick (Nancy) of Berlin, MD, and Ken (Lori) of St. Augustine, FL. She will also be greatly missed by her four grandchildren and their spouses, Michael, Peter (Lisa) and Andy (Anna) McCarron, who all live in Nashville, TN, and Lindsay Ruscin (Josh) of Lafayette, Colorado. "GiGi" will also be missed by her three great grandchildren, Sadie, Luke, and Colin.

Laura had a wonderful life growing up in a 'Portuguese' home enjoying school and attending dances along with her sisters. She worked at Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., in Indian Orchard, MA after graduating from Ludlow High School and was a part of the workforce that played a major production role in the World War II Uncle Sam's military effort.

A few years later, she met her future husband, Bob McCarron, at a local dance (they won their share of jitterbug trophies) and were married on April 26, 1947 - those were the good old days. After getting married, they moved in with Laura's mother and fa-

ther along with her four younger sisters; all three sons were born during those

early years; and those kids never needed a babysitter with all the aunts around -

Those were the good old days! The family moved into their own

home on White Street in 1952 and began a wonderful, happy life together there for more than 50 years. The home was always open to friends and family enjoying good food, good coffee, and lots of laughs! Affectionately called 'Moose' by her husband and sons, she was known for working at least as hard as anyone else, no matter the task. As the boys grew older and were active in sports, Laura and Bob also became founding members of the Ludlow High School Boosters Club. They continued to attend LHS soccer games long after their sons graduated to support their many nieces and nephews. Those later years were also filled with weekly trips to the local Big Y Grocery store, favorite breakfast spots, card games, and continual visits with their family and friends at their always open house - No, THOSE were the good old days!

For the past 14 years in Florida, Laura became particularly adept (unbeatable) at Scrabble, JUMBLE, and various Word Search puzzles. Last September, she graciously and gratefully celebrated her 100-year birthday with everyone she loved around her.

During her entire life she seemed to have an endless amount of love and laughter to share with all who knew her including her friends, and especially her family and beloved husband. If she were here, she would say They ALL were the good old days!

DEATH NOTICES

Maria Natalia (Henriques) DaConceição
Died April 4, 2024
Services
April 8, 2024
Ludlow Funeral Home

Laura McCarron
Died April 2, 2024
Craig Funeral Home

Ronald Gerard Proulx
Died April 6, 2024
Services
April 11, 2024
Beers & Story Funeral Homes

The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

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Ronald Gerard Proulx

BELCHERTOWN— It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Ronald Gerard Proulx on April 6th, 2024 with his loving family by his side. Ron was born on Aug. 3, 1946 in Springfield, MA to the late Armand J. Proulx and Annette (Lussier) Proulx.



He married the love of his life Pat (Doyon) in June of 1967. After proudly serving his country in the United States Army for 3 years he then obtained his bachelor's degree in engineering. Ron built a career as the Vice President of Strategic Development at ABB Combustion Engineering after working his way from Draftsman to International Sales, traveling primarily to Asia. After retirement he then went on to work in public relations at South Bay Hospital in Apollo Beach Florida while also serving on various boards with the local Chamber of Commerce. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed playing the guitar and singing, sharing his passion for wine, watching and playing golf, spending time with family, and always maintaining strong family values.

For the past two years, Ron and Pat have lived in Belchertown, previously residing in Ludlow, Enfield and Florida. His memory will forever remain with

his wife, Patricia J. (Doyon) Proulx along with their children, Ronald G. Proulx (Tracey) of Randolph, VT, Tammy Ann Martin (Luke) of South Berwick, ME and Jennifer Lynn Bridges (Scott) of Quincy, MA. Ron will be deeply missed as Pepere to Ryan and Jared Proulx, Isabel and Harrison Martin as well as David and Aidan Bridges. He will also be missed by his sisters, Diane Cecchetelli and Marie Proulx along with many family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Jacqueline Brouillard and Camille Murphy.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 11 from 4-7pm at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be Friday, April 12 at 9 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi with military honors to follow at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA 11 a.m. Kindly meet directly at the church. Donations may be made in his memory to either the Veterans Association (www.cdceportal.va.gov) and select Massachusetts, VA Central Western MA or the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org).

Please visit www.beersandstory.com

9th Annual 5K Falcon Trail Race Sign-Ups taking place

WILBRAHAM - Every year the Friends of Recreation hosts the Annual 5K Falcon Trail Race to support improvements at Town of Wilbraham Recreational Facilities. The race is held at McDonald Nature Preserve on Washington Road in Wilbraham. This year the race is scheduled for Sunday, April 14 with a start time of 10 a.m., rain or shine. All ages are welcome to run, but please leave strollers

and dogs at home. Prizes will be awarded for all age groups and all pre-registered participants will receive a custom designed moisture-wicking long sleeve shirt. Registration is available online through active.com or the day of the race at the registration table.

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ONGOING

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.

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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 indianorchard-citizenscouncil@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.

The Theatre Guild of Hampden presents 'Oklahoma!'

HAMPDEN – Tickets are now on sale for The Theatre Guild of Hampden's production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic musical "Oklahoma!"

The musical, which was the first collaboration from the legendary composers, is set in 1906 and centers on farmgirl Laurey Williams, who is courted by two rival suitors, cowboy Curly McLain and farmhand Jud Fry.

The directors are Christopher Rojas and Mark Giza, Bobby Scott as music director and Dina DelBuono serving as choreographer.

The show takes place at The Red Barn at Fountain Park at 883 Tinkham Rd. in Wilbraham, with the show dates scheduled for April 12, 13 and 14.

The Friday and Saturday evening shows take place at 7 p.m., while the Sunday matinee shows take place at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.theatreguildofhampden.org/tickets.html>.

To learn more, contact Mark Giza at 413-204-5333 or 413-543-4203.

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time that uses picture book biographies to share inspiring stories about real people and historical events Please register.

The Wonderful World of Bats, Wednesday, April 17, 1:30p.m. Ages 5-10 Learn how important bats are. Learn about echolocation, hibernation, migration, plus fun facts about different species of bats. Kids will create their own bat t-shirts (you must bring your own white cotton t-shirt). Space is limited, please register.

Snack Attack Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. For ages 15-36 months. Make healthy snacks, do sensory food exploration, and listen to a story while eating. Allergies accommodated. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m. for babies and toddlers; and Thursdays 10:45- 11:30 a.m. for 2-5 year olds. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

The Poop Museum, Thursday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-10 Learn fantastic, fabulous and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop in this program that blends solid science with hilarity! Space is limited, please register.

Read to Karl the Dog, Thursday, April 18, 3:30 p.m. For beginner readers. Therapy dog Karl is a great listener! Join him and his trainer Ludlow Animal Control Officer Octavia Anderson for 15 minutes of solo reading. Please register.

Me, You, & We: Social Emotional Playgroup, Fridays from March 1-April 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (*does not meet on 3/29*). This playgroup will support 3-5 year olds and their caregivers in developing and practicing social-emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt, Friday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All ages. Search the Youth Room for tips and tricks on how to take care of the environment and fight climate change, find them all and win a prize. Drop in.

Learn in Motion, Saturday, April 13, 12:00 p.m. Ages 2-8 An active playtime for little ones and their dads, grandpas, uncles, or other male-identified caregivers. This program will get kids moving, learning, and having a ball! Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Church DIRECTORY

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A Church of the Nazarene
485 East St. Ludlow, MA 01056 413-583-7875
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faith-communitychapel.org
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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 WEDNESDAYS at 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Meeting Hank Bastos, Leader, 413-348-6487
SMC and Facebook Live Stream ludlowfellowship.org
FRIDAYS Children's After School Club (pre K through teens) 5-6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 10, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Youth Group - 3:30 p.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir - 5:15 p.m. (C), Confirmation Class - 5:30 p.m. (JR), Scouts - 6 p.m. (FLBH), Scouts - 7 p.m. (JR)
Thursday, April 11, - Daily Mass - 9 a.m. (C)
Friday, April 12, - Daily Mass - 9 a.m. (C)
Saturday, April 13, - Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), K of C Movie: Cabrini - 1:30 p.m. (FLBH)
Sunday, April 14, - 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), Confirmation Class - 8 a.m. (JR), Faith Formation - 10:15 (All Rooms)
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Tuesday, April 16, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Friends of St. Elizabeth - 10 a.m. (ZR), St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Pastoral council - 6:30 p.m. (JR), Bereavement Support - 6:30 p.m. (ZR), Eucharistic Revival - 6:30 p.m. (FLBH)

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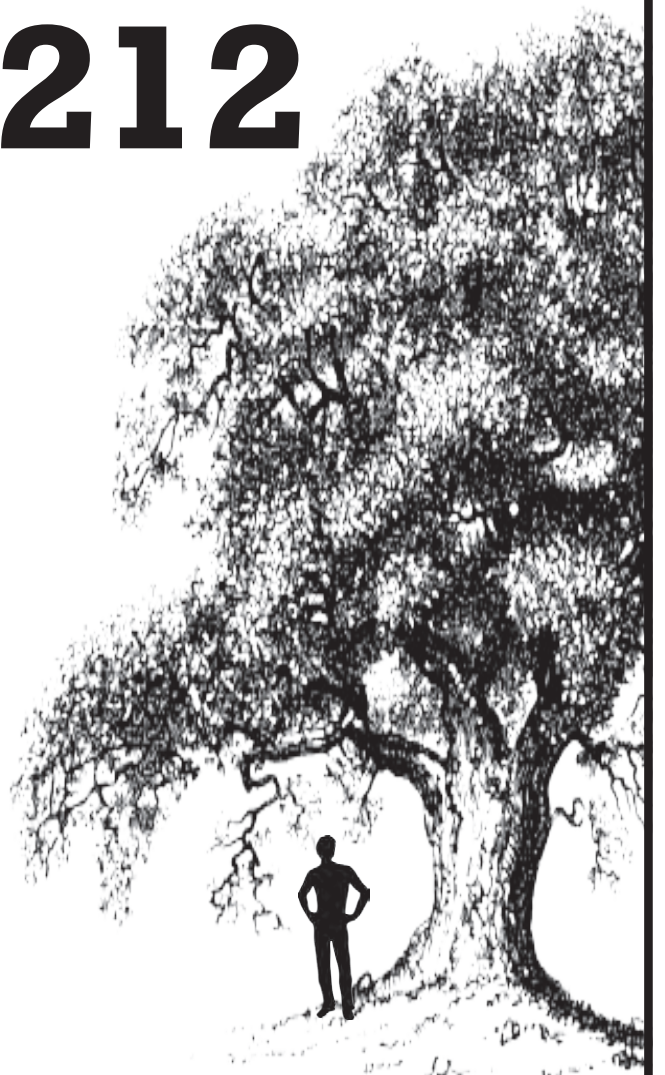
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Manny Lopes, Chairman
04/10, 04/17/2024

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. HD24P0716EA
Estate of:
William J Granfield
Also known as:
William Granfield
Date of Death: 11/06/2023
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 **Deborah L Briand of San Marcos, CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Deborah L Briand of San Marcos, CA** 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 04/29/2024. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHU-

SETTS 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: April 01, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/10/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P0671EA
Estate of:
Kristina Teresa Boccia
Also Known As:
Kristina T. Boccia
Date of Death:
January 15, 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **Bernard L. Boccia, Jr. of Danbury CT**
Petitioner **Lisa K. Branner of Silverton, CO**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Bernard L. Boccia, Jr. of Danbury CT
Lisa K. Branner of Silverton, CO

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
04/10/2024

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. HD24P0731EA
Estate of:
Maria F. Pires
Date of Death: 01/16/2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **John G. Pires 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: **John G. Pires 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 05/06/2024.

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: April 08, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/10/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P1229EA
Estate of:
Carl Michael Rohan
Also Known As:
Carl M. Rohan
Date of Death: 4-22-2023
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on **June 2, 2023** Lee A O'Connor of Belchertown, MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a

Petition for Informal Probate of a Will
Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve with-

out surety on the bond
Lee A O'Connor of Belchertown, MA

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
04/10/2024

**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. HD24P0730EA
Estate of:
David F. Teixeira
Date of Death: 07/12/2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Armindo C. Teixeira 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: **Armindo C. Teixeira of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in un-

supervised 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 05/03/2024.** 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.

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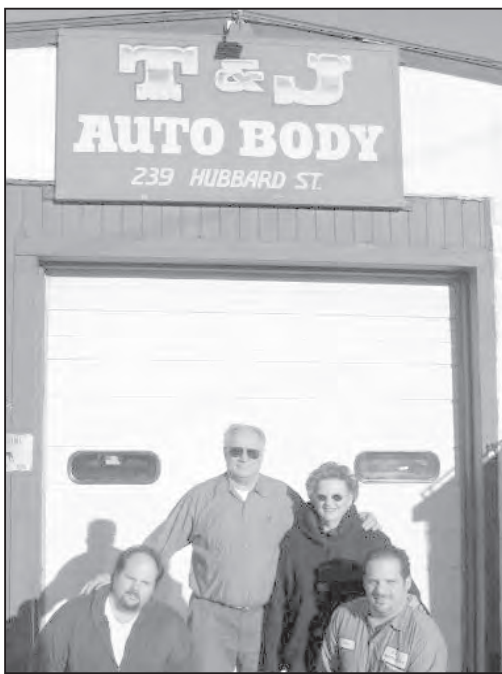
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