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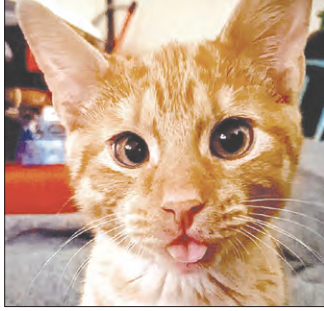
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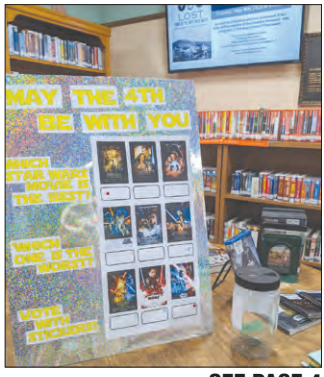
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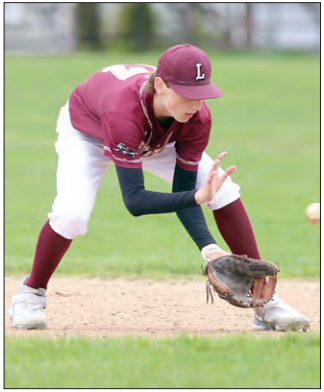
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Upcoming events

TAG SALE: Pack 180 Cub Scouts, Troop 180G, and Boy Scout Troop 180 are holding a huge tag sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the parking lot of Saint Elizabeth Parish. Proceeds help pay for summer camp, Jamboree and other local Scouting needs.

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Community supports Desforges Race

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LUDLOW – The annual Joshua Desforges Walk/Run Challenge was held at the high school last Saturday.

Ever since Sgt. Joshua Desforges died in Afghanistan in 2010, the community of Ludlow has been honoring his memory with a run. Many people in town participate in and come out to support the event, including town officials, police, and the fire department, as well as town residents who just want to show their support.

“It was a great event day to honor a fallen hero, Sgt. Joshua Desforges,” said Police Chief Dan Valadas.

“It was heartening to see so many people participating on a cold rainy day, including my officers. I’m very proud of them



Photo submitted by Police Department

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Participants from the police department stop for a photo in front of the inflatable archway.

Ribbon cutting opens new veterans center



Turley Publications Photo by Rebecca Wehner

The official ribbon cutting of the veterans center.

By Rebecca Wehner
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LUDLOW— A space for local veterans to receive care and support is now open for business following a welcome ceremony and open house last weekend.

The Department of Veterans Services invited the community to visit the veterans center on Holyoke Street for the first time, cutting the ribbon and opening its doors to the public.

Director Eric Segundo said he was grateful to bring this project to town in the same year he celebrated 10 years in his position.

“What an honor it is to celebrate the opening of this center,” Segundo said. “This center is our town’s investment and symbol of the town’s commitment to its veterans, and I feel so thankful to have been a part of it.”

Segundo took the time to thank the organizations that contributed to the refurbishing of the center, such as the Wilbraham Home Depot who provided the cabinets for the food pantry, and the Ludlow Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. for covering the expenses for the furniture and wall plaques.

Eagle Scout Ron Snyder was acknowledged for his creation and donation of a flag box for the center, where the American flag will be stored when it is not being flown.

This donation was part of Snyder’s final project as an Eagle Scout, and he donated two other flag boxes of his own making to the Town Hall and the Elks Lodge.

Segundo was accompanied by other honored guests during the ceremony, including Selectman Derek DeBarge, Sen.

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LHS Drama Club journeys to the land of Oz



Courtesy Photos by Susan Wehner

Riley Londrville as Dorothy, Emma Wehner as the Scarecrow, Peyton Brennan as the Tin Man, and Jack Favata as the Lion.

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LUDLOW— The post-pandemic musical debut of “The Wizard of Oz” at Ludlow High School gave students the opportunity to shine both on stage and behind the scenes, with seniors in the cast ending their year on a high note.

The musical was held on April 29 and 30, with over 150 tickets sold each day and even more audience members buying tickets at the door.

The “Wizard of Oz” is the first theater performance to be shown at LHS since before the COVID-19 lockdown.

Director and LHS teacher Adelei Bernard began rehearsing with the cast at the beginning of April, and has spent the past month working each week to perfect each scene and musical number. Bernard was accompanied by Michael Falcetti



Caitlyn Day as Glinda the Good Witch.

of Falcetti Music in Springfield, who served as music director for the show.

Bernard said this was her first time directing a play, and that despite the short timespan the cast was given to rehearse, she is delighted about how the

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LUDLOW

Selectmen discuss funding charter commission

By Marcelo Gusmao
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LUDLOW – Selectmen disagreed about whether or not to support Article 7 on the annual town meeting warrant, which asks voters to allocate funds for the formation of the charter commission.

At the Board of Selectmen's April 18 meeting, Town Administrator Marc Strange said that the town anticipates the Board to appoint a committee to review the town's bylaws and create a charter sometime in the next few weeks.

"A committee of volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen will need support and guidance from a professional and that's what Article 7 is requesting; funding to pay for a consultant to support and guide a potential government study committee," Strange said.

"I'd just like to say that I will not support this article," said Board member Manuel Silva.

"I think we're on a path to straighten some of our government issues, and to spend \$25,000, I think it's unnecessary, quite honestly, at this time."

At the time of this writing, the town has received a draft of the Financial Management Review from the Department of Revenue, which

included recommendations for the town's future.

One of the things recommended was to form a government study committee with the goal of updating the town's bylaws and creating a charter.

Vice-Chair Derek DeBarge, who has been outspoken about the need to change the town charter in the past, expressed his support for the article during the meeting.

"We can get into a discussion on the night that this is, 'cause there'll be some question on this," said DeBarge, "but I couldn't disagree with Manny more."

Strange told the Selectmen that he reached out to companies familiar with this work to ask what the town should budget for a commission like this.

"They said \$20-25,000," Strange said, "then in going over the warrant, Mead, Talerman & Costa, our attorney, said that they could help us out with this, so I suspect if we go through the attorneys, it'll be less than \$25,000, but I don't know that to be the truth."

Silva added that, "The way we're struggling with (funding) for different departments and schools, I think we probably shouldn't do this, but that's just my opinion."

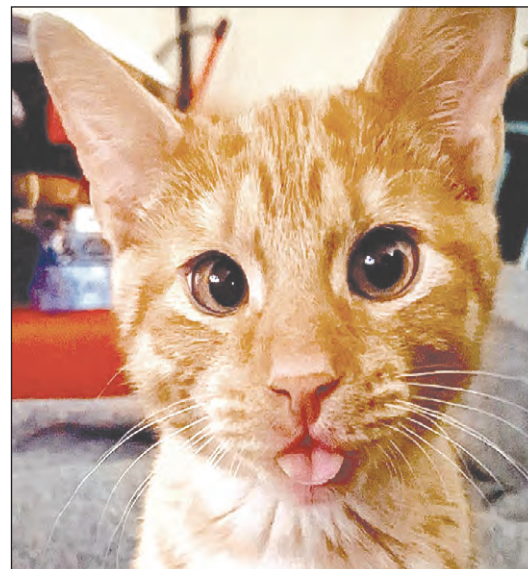
When asked to elaborate, Silva said that he "just can't justify spending \$25k on a consultant."



PET OF THE WEEK

FIBBS

Better known as Fibbs, this orange tabby was named Fblthp as a reference to Magic the Gathering. He loves to play and be around people, and will let out a long, irritated meow when he wants to be put down. He lives in Ludlow with his parents, Alex and Megan.



Early Thanksgiving



Submitted photo
Twelve-year-old Kevin Pyzocle Jr. shot this 20 lb. 3 oz. turkey on Youth Turkey Hunting Day. His Dzadiu and uncle Stan were with him. Kevin loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, kayaking and hiking.



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250th Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser to be held at the Polish Club May 9

LUDLOW – The Ludlow 250th Birthday Celebration will hold a fundraiser event on Tuesday, May 9, at 5 p.m.

The Celebrity Bartender's Event will be held at the Polish American Citizens Club. It will feature a cash bar, appetizers, live music by Ric and Amy Acoustic, and will be sponsored by the Polish National Credit Union.

Celebrity Bartenders are split into two teams.

The Ludlow 250th Team will include Town Administrator Marc

Strange, Executive Director of ERC5 Grace Barone, State Senator Jake Oliveira, Chief of Police Dan Valadas, Fire Chief Ryan Pease, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, and ROCK 102 on-air personality Pat Kelly.

The PNCU Team will include Zaneta Graskis, Teresa Skora, Joe Lubanski, David Fernandes, Stephanie Fernandes, Shane Hall, and Miss Polish America of 2022-23 Paulina Wysocka.

All proceeds will be donated to the Ludlow 250th Celebration.



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Moose wanders through Ludlow



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A moose was photographed waltzing through the 100 Acre Wood in Ludlow.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, an article in the April 18 issue of the Ludlow Register contained false information regarding the photographer Hillary Boutin and her business, Hillary Lynn Photography. Boutin was incorrectly cited as an RN. Boutin has been a longtime resident of Ludlow, and lives with her husband and three children. Boutin enjoys traveling and documenting memories with her family and pets, and has channeled that passion into capturing the memories of others through her photography business. Boutin also has a blog on her website detailing her photography experiences. The website that was linked in the previous article referred to a different company of the same name. The correct site for Boutin's business is hillyarlynnphotography.com.

'Night Out' at Villa Rose to help MJD

LUDLOW — Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center Street is donating 20% of the proceeds for dine-in or take-out orders from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, to the Michael J Dias Foundation.

MJD offers programs to those in recovery.

The event is open to all. The patio will be open depending on the weather. Ample parking is available.

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Library celebrates Stars Wars Day on 'May the Fourth'

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LUDLOW – The Hubbard Memorial Library will be celebrating Star Wars Day with activities, decorations, and a screening of the original movie on the lawn at 8 p.m.

May 4 has been referenced to Star Wars as far back as 1979, due to the pun with the traditional Jedi saying, “may the Force be with you.” Across the globe, Star Wars fans spend the day revisiting the films and gathering to share their enjoyment of the beloved franchise.

“I saw the first movie 12 times in the movie theater the summer it came out,” said July Siebecker, Head of the Children’s Department at the library.

When asked why she saw the film so many times, Siebecker replied “Did you have anything better to do with your summer?”

“I just fell in love with the movie, as the entire rest of the world did,” Siebecker said. “My mom was willing to drop me and my sister off, and we would watch it two or three times in a day because we loved it so much.”

The festivities will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., including a drop-in scavenger hunt, and a screening of the original, pre-remaster version of the 1977 film, retroactively referred to as “Episode IV: A New Hope”. The movie will be screened on the lawn against the library’s inflatable



Photo submitted

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projector screen.

“Our outdoor movies started as a result of COVID, as a way to bring people to the library and bring the community together in a way that was safe during the time of high level COVID concerns,” Siebecker said. “The community really fell in love with them, so we (the library) have made a commitment to doing them on and off through the summertime.”

The library prefers to play its outdoor movies on Tuesday and Thursday nights, when the library is open until 8 p.m.

This year, May the Fourth falls on a Thursday, and so Siebecker was excited to screen the film then.

“Outdoor movies are a fun, multigenerational event where people can participate in person and bring the community together,” said Reference Librarian Tracy Snow. “Star Wars are movies that people love, a brand that all ages enjoy.”

The Star Wars-themed scavenger hunt will involve patrons looking around the Youth Room for pictures of different things, which Siebecker was careful to make sure covered the vast expanse of Star Wars canon.

Though much of the celebration will be put on by the youth department, the library’s adult services will have an interactive display where patrons can vote for

their favorite movie.

“We know that Star Wars fans have a lot of opinions about which movies are the best,” said Snow, “This is just a fun way for people to be able to express that.”

“I know very little about Star Wars, I’m not a super-fan,” Snow said, “but I like that it’s something that people get excited about. May the Fourth is a fun day to celebrate, and we’re fun here.”

Siebecker also mentioned that the library is excited to have the Girl Scouts doing concessions and selling Girl Scout cookies.

“Like many adolescents, 12 years old wasn’t an easy time of life for me,” Siebecker shared, “but Star Wars gave me something I had only gotten from reading books before then: the ability to step out of my life for a little while, and see fierce girls, farmboys, and ‘nobodies’ taking down an evil empire.”

Siebecker said, “It helped me believe that fighting for good, even if you were an unpopular weirdo like I was, could make a difference.”

The library will be holding Star Wars-themed events all day on Thursday, May 4, and will screen the pre-remastered version of “A New Hope” at 8 p.m. In case of rain, the movie will be screened on May 11 instead.

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More evening programs will be added soon.

For full program descriptions and upcoming activities, view the newsletter, "The Senior Scene," at Ludlow.ma.us and "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of "The Senior Scene" is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday May 4

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Craft
- 10:30 a.m. Parade Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday May 5

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic

Monday May 8

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Travel League
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 1:30 Watercolor Pencil
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday May 9

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Veterans Services*

- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:50 p.m. Movie: Plane

Wednesday May 10

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10 a.m. Opera
- 10 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 1 p.m. Movie: Plane
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 1 p.m. Keepin' Steady*

- Thursday May 11
- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Hummus & Lemonade Testing

- 10:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour

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- 1 p.m. Mahjong
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- Thursday, May 4: Eggplant Parm Over Pasta/Small Salad
- Friday, May 5: White Bean Chicken Chili/Cornbread
- Monday, May 8: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veg
- Tuesday, May 9: Ham & Broccoli Casserole
- Wednesday, May 10: Taco Salad
- Thursday, May 11: Macaroni & Cheese/Stewed Tomatoes

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

Lions Food Drive



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LUDLOW — The Lions Club recently helped a non-perishable food drive for the town's new Veterans Food Pantry. Shown here are Ludlow Lions Club members (from left) Diane Walton, Helen Coache and Club President Maureen Beauregard. Lions Pat and Mike Baker chaired the event. The club thanks all who donated.

Saunders Secures \$350k for Ludlow Mills

BOSTON – State Representative Aaron Saunders secured \$350,000 in the House budget which was unanimously approved earlier this week. The funding will go toward the operational costs and expenses supporting the continued redevelopment of the Mills.



Aaron Saunders

"The Mills revitalization has been one of the great success stories not only in Ludlow, but across Western Massachusetts," Saunders said of the project. "It has set the gold standard in housing, health care, economic development, and passive recreation. This funding will ensure that these successes are continued and expanded."

Saunders, who was a member of the Ludlow Board of Selectmen when Westmass Area Development laid out an ambitious vision for the mills and was granted a special permit for redevelopment of the property by the town. Since that time Westmass has worked to revitalize the property.

Westmass President and CEO Jeff Daley commented "Rep Saunders has been a long time supporter of the Ludlow

Mills project and we are glad for his efforts in securing this funding."

The Ludlow Mills complex once employed more than 5,000 people for production of jute yarns, twine, and webbing and was one of the primary economic generators for the region. The historic complex currently encompasses approximately 130 acres, and more than 50

historic mill buildings with 1.1 million square feet of developable space.

Now, in addition to becoming a renewed employment center for some 30 businesses employing over 300 people, the Mills are developing into a rejuvenated residential hub with the recent conversion of Mill #10 into mixed-income, senior housing as well as the anticipated redevelopment of Mill #8 into an additional 91 senior units.

The Mill property also provides recreational opportunities for the community with the development of the River Walk.

The budget now moves to the State Senate for consideration before heading to the Governor.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Random Acts of Kindness

May 2023

By Barb Turcotte

Flowers, flowers, flowers, smiles, smiles, smiles and then more of both; that's exactly what we got from everyone involved.

With flowers galore, in mid-April we traveled to the Hampshire Mall and the Holyoke Mall to do Random Acts of Kindness. We gave many unsuspecting shoppers a beautiful flower for no other reason than to just improve their day.

We put smiles on approximately 700 faces of flower recipients, however, the good feelings and smiles that this produced went way beyond these people. Various florists that donated all these flowers for the residents at Keystone Commons in Ludlow to do this fun Random Acts of Kindness day were so happy and excited about this idea that they were extremely generous with their donations. The observers of us doing these gestures also had huge smiles on their faces and the residents giving out the flowers, well their faces glowed with permanent smiles as they greeted the shoppers and gave them a flower. What happiness this produced for everyone!

Some shoppers thought we were selling the flowers and then their faces lit up as we explained our reason for doing this, just to make their day a better one. Others tried to give us money as a donation, which of course we refused; we were doing this as our way of giving back to the community and doing Random Acts of Kindness.

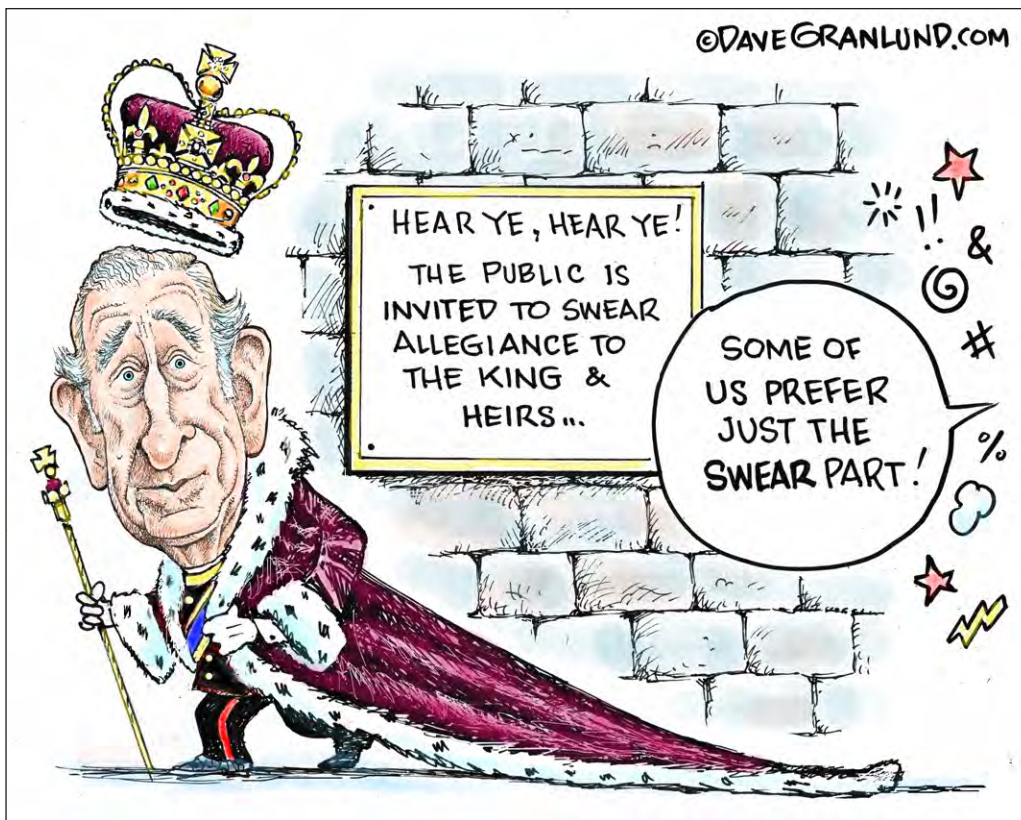
One recipient shared it was her birthday, another receiving a yellow flower told us it was her grandmother's favorite color so we gave her two so she could pass one along to grandma and another even had tears in her eyes when handed the flower. We just never know what another is going through and for us; it was sheer joy to make their day a better one by giving them a gorgeous fresh flower.

Through the incredible contributions of the following florists, we were able to be successful in our vision of the day! Participants were: Floral Concepts by Tom in Agawam; in Chicopee was Golden Blossom Flowers and McClelland's Florist; Mark Henry Florist in Indian Orchard, Kinderhook Flowers in Hampden also helped along with Heavenly Inspirations and Randall's Farm Greenhouse, both in Ludlow; Wilbraham Florist in Wilbraham and Durocher Florist in West Springfield were also among the donors. Over 700 thank you's to you for your amazing generosity!

We wanted to make sure every recipient knew who the businesses were that participated so we made a small spreadsheet listing each florist's name, address with their phone number and attached one to each flower! Now this certainly would have been a daunting task to take on myself so I incorporated some wonderful friends of mine for their help with this project. Guess what?? More smiles! One of the florists had over ordered Easter Lilies so offered them to me which in turn I offered to each friend who had helped me tag the 700 flowers! It was definitely a win-win, fun kind of day!

When I explained our desire to put smiles on people's faces, one florist shared with me that one of her own customers had done just that! She was a regular customer who weekly bought a bouquet of flowers for a relative and on a particular day asked for additional bouquets explaining her plan was to randomly give them out to people to brighten their day. How cool is that! Kindness really starts with

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GUEST COLUMN



Male ruby-throated hummingbird



It is almost May and May is the month ruby-throated hummingbirds usually return to this area.

Some people already put out nectar feeders in anticipation of their return. I will put out a nectar feeder this weekend. I usually see the males first, then the females.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird found in Eastern North America.

These birds are only 3 1/2 inches long and are green. The male has a black head, iridescent red throat, which may appear black and a white breast and belly. The female is green with a whitish throat and underbelly. Eyes and bills are black.

Hummingbirds eat flower nectar, insects, spiders and sap from sapsucker drilled holes. They come to hummingbird feeders.

In spring, the male defends a territory of about 1/4 acre. In dive displays, he flies in a U shape, rising about 10 to 20 feet on both sides. It resembles the swinging of a pendulum. After mating, the female lays two white eggs in cup shaped nest of plant down, bud scales, covered with lichens, bound with spider's silk and placed on a small, horizontal limb.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds, both male and female, near migration, will temporarily defend a food source such as nectar feeders. They migrate 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, having stored enough food to make the crossing.

Hummingbirds make varied chips and

twittering noises. Their wings make a whirring or humming noise, which is how they got their name. When I refill a nectar feeder and return to hang it out, I often hear their humming wings or I will see them perched on a nearby branch.

Nectar

I mix 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water. The mixture should be brought to a boil to ensure all the sugar dissolves and to eliminate bacteria. Cool the mixture before setting it out. It also can be kept in the refrigerator for about a week. It is important to keep nectar feeders clean and change the mixture frequently. I prefer the nectar feeders that have a moat on top to fill with water to deter ants.

I have several larger birds, who drink water from the moat. I even have downy woodpeckers that drink nectar.

Nesting bluebirds

A Belchertown resident said he saw a nesting pair of bluebirds in his yard so he built a bluebird house and now the pair call the bird house home. He succeeded in his quest to attract bluebirds to his yard.

Pileated woodpeckers

The Belchertown resident also has pileated woodpeckers at his feeders. I often hear pileated woodpeckers calling or hammering away on a tree, but I rarely see one. The other day, I heard the call and looked up to see one fly from my yard to the woods across the street.

Ospreys

I received an email this week. The writer visited the site in Wilbraham where osprey had nested previously. He said, "I saw two osprey at a nest on a light pole. I don't think they are incubation eggs because one bird brought a stick to the nest while I was there and both birds left the nest which I don't think would happen if incubation had started."

He said for anyone wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles. He said, "The nest I saw the birds at was the right most light pole as viewed from the Wilbraham Senior Center." I think I will take a road trip to Wilbraham.

Other birds

An Oakham couple saw the first grackle of the year last week. I had a male goldfinch in bright yellow plumage perched on my feeder pole recently.

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

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Blue skies shine on Special Olympics

Athletes from five towns compete at annual games

By Marcelo Gusmao
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MONSON – Last Friday, April 28, Granite Valley Middle School hosted the annual Special Olympics for the surrounding towns.

Attendees of the event got a break from the week of rainstorms as the skies cleared up over the day's athletic events. Students from schools in Palmer, Monson, Ludlow, Belchertown, and Wilbraham attended the annual Special Olympics and played a variety of games.

"We're very honored to host this event," said Monson's Superintendent Cheryl Clarke. "This is our fourth year."

Clarke named Director of Special Education Colette Bidus as the person responsible for the successful event. Bidus described working with the new Special Education Committee to put on this year's Special Olympic games.

"We have a great team that was put together from all of our service providers and a couple of Special Education teachers," Bidus said. "We've been working throughout the school year to have all the pieces come together."

"It's a lot of moving parts, so it's definitely great to see it all come together and everyone working as a group," Bidus said.

Palmer's Director of Special Education Colleen Culligan led a parade of students through Old Mill Pond School to the bus to go to the Special Olympics.

"We have a proud tradition

of going to the Special Olympics," Culligan said. "We have had this collaboration with Monson for many years, and we've gone every year."

"I have never been in a district that has been so welcoming of our high needs students in the challenges that they demonstrate," Culligan said. "We're just so proud of all the students and what they've achieved, and what they feel is a blessing for them to be able to participate in a sports activity where they're honored and respected even with their disabilities and their challenges."

Bidus said that most of the volunteers are high school students, and appreciated that it offers students "lots of different leadership opportunities, and we love to see the environment and the energy, and just the inclusiveness of the day."

"What I love is the Special Olympians and their partners," Clarke said. "Because the bonds that they form and the support they give each other is just so heart-warming."

Bidus spoke about how the partner system promotes inclusion amongst the students by joining them for activities in the Olympics. "We want to have students with and without disabilities competing alongside each other," Bidus said.

"They have some mentor opportunities throughout the school year. Here at Granite Valley, we have an inclusion club called Lift. That is another way for them to get together throughout the school year."

At the end of the day's festivities, the students bused back to their respective schools.

At Palmer High School, the Special Olympians were greeted by the school band, and cheers from the assembled faculty and student body.



Submitted photos

Residents of Ludlow attend the Special Olympics in Monson (from left): Mayra Hervieux, Kayla Nguyen, Anne Field, Leylianis Oliva, A.J. Patalano, Martha Carmody, and Jaine Forsythe.



Davian Motta takes a hit while practicing football tactics.

From left, Noah, Kelly King, Peter Bouchard, and Chris Bak enjoy the weather and festivities.



Ludlow Lions were easily recognizable from far by their maroon T-shirts.



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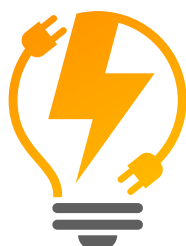
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and for my staff that worked this wonderful event.”
 Desforges was said to have “lived life full throttle.” Instead of a regular 5K walk, this 3+ mile road and trail run includes obstacles inspired by the Marine Corps. Proceeds from the event go to the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Scholarship Fund.



Photos submitted by Police Department
 The fire department raised the American flag to honor the fallen soldier.



A commemorative T-shirt, made to honor the event.



The police department stands behind the school, waiting for the runners.



Soldiers and mourners gathered around the Sgt. Joshua Desforges memorial.



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Lions suffer tough shutout

LUDLOW – Last Friday afternoon, Ludlow baseball went at it with neighbor Monson and suffered a 2-0 shutout. The loss dropped the Lions to 2-9 on the regular season. The Lions did defeat Chicopee Comprehensive last Wednesday 14-11.

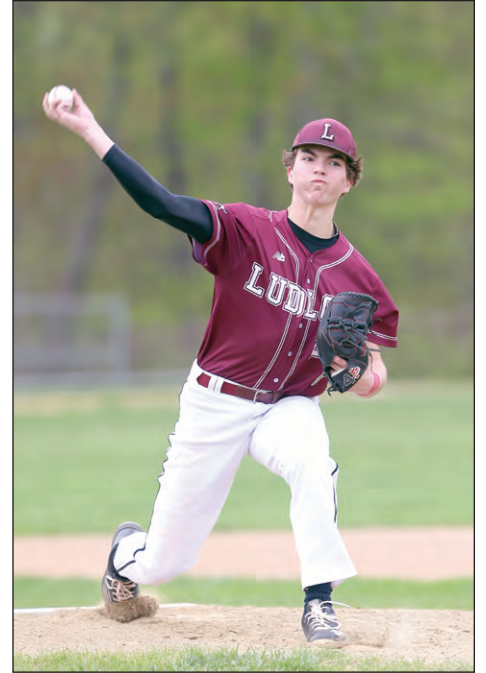


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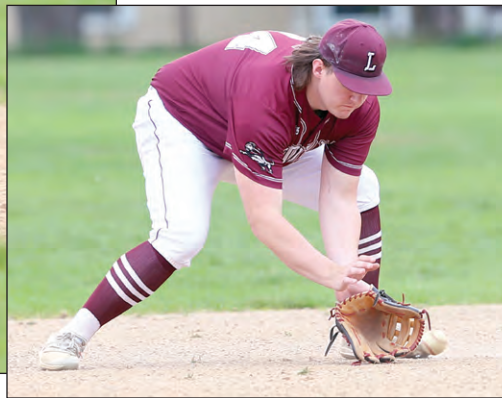
Mason Morace fields a bouncer to shortstop.



Zach Tatro fires to first for an out.



Pitcher Aaron Little delivers home.



Mason Peltier cleanly fields a grounder.



Stephen Goodreau gets a tag on a baserunner.

Ludlow falls to division rival

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Belcher-town boys tennis team didn't have very much trouble defeating Valley Wheel Division rival Ludlow during the past several years.

The first meeting of this season between the two neighboring high schools was a much different story.

The Lions took over sole possession of first place in the Valley Wheel standings with a 4-1 home victory over the Orioles, who are the seven-time league champions, last Tuesday afternoon.

"It feels fantastic because we've never beaten Belcher-town before and the boys really wanted to win today's match," said first-year Ludlow boys' tennis coach David D'Agostino. "Everyone played very well."

D'Agostino, who's coaching a varsity sport for the first time this spring, was the Lions boys' junior varsity basketball coach and assistant varsity coach this past winter.

The Lions senior tri-captains are Owen Shea, John Goncalves, and Ryan Cruz.

"Our three senior captains

have been very good team leaders so far this season," D'Agostino said. "I already knew them before the start of the tennis season because they played basketball."

The Lions boys' tennis team, who hadn't scored a point in their previous four meetings with the Orioles, had a 5-3 overall record and a perfect 4-0 league mark following last Tuesday's home victory.

"This was a very big test for us," D'Agostino added. "I thought it would be a lot closer match than it was. We were ready to play today."

The Lions finished with an 8-7 overall record last season. It was the first time since 2010 that they finished the regular season with a .500 or better record.

The Orioles (2-7, 2-1), who have been one of the best boys' tennis teams in Western Massachusetts during the past decade, are in the rebuilding process this spring. They've also played in the Western Mass. finals for the past seven years. That streak will probably end this spring.

"We're a really young team this year," said longtime

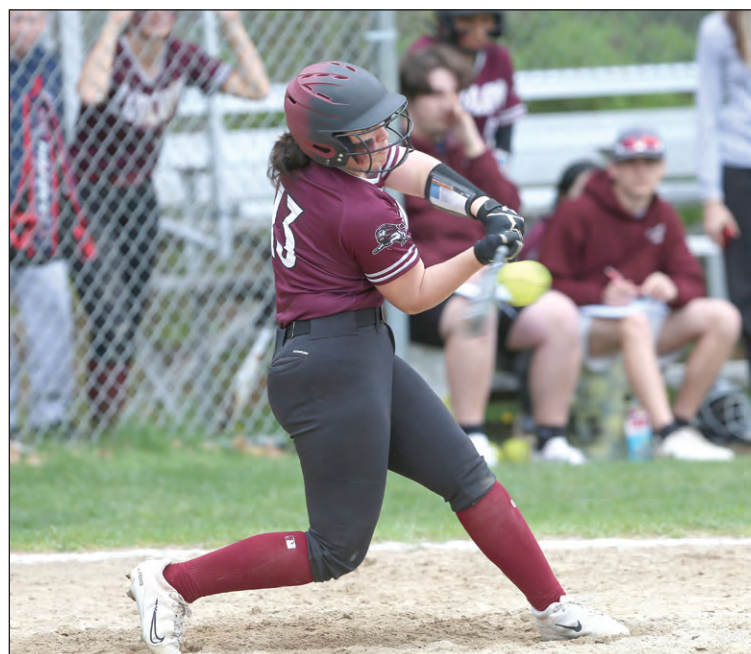
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Ludlow softball beat Comp

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School softball team defeated Chicopee Comprehensive 10-5 last Friday afternoon. The Lions improved to 10-1 for the regular season. Ludlow got three hits each from Aineliz Garcia-Cruz and Debora Rosado Pagan. Madison Sunderland had a complete game win allowing five runs on six hits and striking out 13.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Juliana Co.Oelho swings and connects on a pitch.



Pitcher Madison Sunderland gets ready to deliver home.



Debora Rosado catches the out at first.

T-Birds make large donation to Rays of Hope

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced a donation of \$30,000 to the Rays of Hope as a result of proceeds from the live jersey auction during the T-Birds' 6th Annual Pink in the Rink game on March 11.

Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa and Vice President of Sales & Strategy Todd McDonald presented a check to the Rays of Hope earlier this week inside the MassMutual Center. This year's Pink in the Rink game set new records for total funds generated, and the MassMutual Center came out in full force with a sixth straight "Pink" night sellout crowd of 6,793.

Established in T-Birds' inaugural season in 2016-17, "Pink in the Rink" serves as a kickoff to the Rays of Hope fundraising efforts each March to shine a light on breast cancer awareness outside of the traditional October awareness month. Each year, the fundraising efforts culminate in the annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run in October. Since the establishment of this staple night, the Thunderbirds have generated more than \$100,000 for the Rays of Hope

Foundation, all of which stays local in Western Massachusetts in hopes of finding the cure.

Proceeds for this donation were raised primarily via the post-game live jersey auction, as every Thunderbirds player had his jersey sold to directly benefit the Rays of Hope. In addition, Chris Hayes, General Manager of Oak View Group Hospitality, the food and beverage partner for the MassMutual Center, contributed toward the donation total through the sales of Pink Whitney beverages throughout the evening.

"Pink in the Rink once again proved to be one of the most special nights of our historic season," said Costa. "We share in the Rays of Hope Foundation's pride for our community and our fanbase for their steadfast support year in and year out. We want to congratulate the Rays of Hope on their 30th anniversary and are proud to continue such a meaningful partnership that celebrates so many brave women and men in Western Massachusetts who have not only



survived breast cancer but also thrived in generating awareness through their Rays of Hope family."

"We're sending our signature big pink hug to the Springfield Thunderbirds and their fans for illuminating HOPE in our community," said Kathy Tobin, Director of Annual Giving and Events for the Baystate Health Foundation. "As we kick off Rays of Hope's 30th Anniversary, we reflect on those who have helped us get to this moment. We may not have a cure for breast cancer yet, but we have made lifesaving breakthroughs in treatment and the research continues. Important-

ly we have a big extended family of support here in western Massachusetts. Thank you to the T-Birds for lifting our survivors up!"

Since its inception in 1994, Rays of Hope has raised over \$16.6 million to support the women and men living in western Massachusetts touched by breast cancer. Funds also support vital research at the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research.

The T-Birds Foundation was established in 2018 with a mission of serving the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service. During the 2022-23 season, the T-Birds Foundation raised more than \$131,000 for charitable causes in Western Massachusetts.

This year's Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 22. For more information, visit Baystate-health.org/Raysofhope or call 413-794-8001.

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Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt fea-

turing the "Running Apple" logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust.

Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

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Belchertown head coach Zach Siano. "We have mostly freshmen starters, but this was a very big league match for us. Our future does look very bright."

The Orioles, who graduated five players, won't be holding a senior day ceremony because there aren't any seniors listed on their roster. The only junior is Trevor Weiss, who starts at first singles. He's also the team's captain.

"Trevor is the rock of our team this year," Siano said. "He normally takes care of business at No.1 singles. He has also been doing a very good job of helping the younger players on the team."

Belchertown's two sophomores are Dylan Laramee, who didn't play against Ludlow, and Michael DeMento, who started at third singles. The Orioles other starters are members of the freshmen class.

After winning both doubles matches, the Lions only needed to win one of the singles matches to secure the victory.

"Our doubles teams have been playing very well so far this season," D'Agostino said. "Winning those two matches was huge because it gave the guys a lot of confidence. I'm impressed how quickly they got the job done."

The duo of John Goncalves and Cruz, who have known each other since they were in elementary school, gave the Lions squad an early 1-0 advantage in the first doubles contest. They posted a 6-0, 6-4 win over Belchertown freshmen Jake Gormley and Camryn Kaczowka.

"We crushed them in the first set, but we letdown a little bit in the second set," John Goncalves said. "It feels awesome to beat Belchertown in tennis for the first time, especially doing it on our home courts. We have a talented team this year."

Two of Ludlow's younger hitters are sophomore Jonathan Goncalves and freshman Ben Goodreau, who dispatched Belchertown freshmen Tyler Burrows and Luke Dudek, 6-2, 6-1, in the second doubles match.

The Orioles kept their slim hopes of winning the match alive when Weiss posted a 6-1, 6-3 win over sophomore Ryan Gomes in the first singles match.

"My match was very close, and it was a lot of fun" Weiss said. "I played against Ryan several times in the past at the Ludlow Tennis Club. This was the first time that I faced him in a varsity match. You can see the progression both of us have made."

Weiss was a member of Belchertown's Western Mass. championship tennis team as a freshman. The Orioles lost to Amherst in last year's Western Mass. finals.

Shea sealed the deal in the second singles match with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over freshmen Graham Guardenfield.

"We've lost to Belchertown every time we've played them in the past, so it does feel good to finally beat them," said Shea, who played doubles a year ago. "Everyone has stepped up this year."

In the third singles match, Ludlow sophomore Chris Goncalves, who's a member of the Lions wrestling team, pulled out a 6-3, 6-2 victory against DeMento.

The young Orioles will be looking to split the season series when they host the Lions at 4:30 on Friday afternoon.

VETERANS CENTER from Page 1

Jake Oliveira, Rep. Aaron Saunders, and Town Administrator Marc Strange. Each policy maker spoke on behalf of the center and the impact it will have on the town's veterans.

"Ludlow prides itself on providing for three main groups: our children, our seniors, and our veterans," DeBarge said. "We jumped through hoops to make this happen, but it just proves how much Ludlow cares about our veterans and the lengths we'll go to provide for them."

In addition to the food pantry at the center, veterans will be provided with a private office to hold telehealth meetings and virtual job interviews, with access to a computer and printer for resume writing and other professional endeavors.

The Building Bridges Veteran Initiative will also host a monthly veteran's lunch at the center, with the Elks Lodge

providing food preparation assistance.

To commemorate the sacrifices made by local heroes, Segundo also announced that the center's conference room has been named in honor of Sgt. Joshua Desforjes.

"When I came into this job, I was never able to meet Joshua," Segundo said. "But getting to know, and being with his family, has carried on his legacy."

"Anyone who walks into this building will know the name of Joshua Desforjes and keep him and his family in their prayers and their memory," he said.

After the speakers cut the ribbon together, the Desforjes family was invited to be the first to cross the threshold into the new veterans center. The public was then invited to enter the building and take a tour while light refreshments were provided.

For more information on the new veterans center, visit ludlowveterans.us.



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A view of the outside of the veterans center.

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show turned out.

"I cannot express enough how proud I am and how much I love these kids," Bernard said. "We have spent countless late nights working, as well as wee hours of the morning, to make this happen."

"This was one hundred percent a group effort and everyone involved played a special part in making this happen," she said.

Among the cast and crew were seven seniors that will be graduating in June: Riley Londraville, Emma Wehner, Angela Falcetti, Chavelle Carlson, Victoria Surreira, Ashley Quiterio, and Dillon Pereira.

Bernard and Falcetti presented the seniors with roses after their final performance.

"Being a senior this year, I was beyond excited to get a chance in the spotlight again after being away due to COVID," Londraville, who played Dorothy, said. "The cast and crew worked so hard even when it felt like everything was against us."

"It truly was a magical experience and I'm so incredibly lucky to have been a part of it," she said.

The cast in turn presented bouquets to their directors and gave thanks to the backstage crew, giving a special shout-out to LHS student Isabella Cruz, who designed and painted all of the sets for the show.

"I was super excited to get back into theater this year, as I haven't been in a show for six years," Wehner, who played the Scarecrow, said. "Even though I was nervous, everyone in the cast was so loving, and we created such wonderful bonds...This was the perfect way to end my senior year."

To see a glimpse of the "Wizard of Oz" behind the scenes, and to keep an eye out for future performances by LHS, visit [@ludlowdramaclub](https://www.instagram.com/ludlowdramaclub) on Instagram.



Courtesy Photos by Susan Wehner

Riley Londraville and Angela Falcetti as the Wicked Witch of the West.



Riley Londraville and Madison Koske as Professor Marvel.



Gabi Jimenez as the Ozian Guard.



Emma Wehner and Jack Favata.

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

**James (Giera),
Henrietta N.**
Died April 23, 2023
Funeral May 1, 2023

**Palmer Jr.,
Robert Arnold**
Died April 28, 2023
Funeral May 5, 2023

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Henrietta N. James, 90

LUDLOW -Henrietta N. (Giera) James, 90, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Born in Chicopee on October 5, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Josephine (Nizalowski) Giera.



Henrietta was a graduate of Chicopee High School and Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing. She spent her career as the school nurse at East St. School in Ludlow. A devout communicant of St. Elizabeth's Parish, she was a member of the Padre Pio prayer group.

Henrietta is survived by her sons John James Jr. (Helen) of Chicopee, Daniel James (Starlita) of Phoenix, AZ, Kathleen James of Ludlow and Mary Perkins (Raymond) of Raleigh, NC along with her 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her brother-in-law James James (Keiko) and sisters-in law Cecil James and Margaret Mo-

rin. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband John James in 1998, her daughter Jennifer Switzer in 2012 and her granddaughter Autumn Rose Switzer in 2002.

Henrietta was extremely grateful for her devoted granddaughter Savannah, who helped take care of her beloved grandmother over many years.

Visiting hours for Henrietta will be Monday, May 1, 2023 from 9:00-10:30 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth's Parish. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Montgomery St. Chicopee, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Henrietta's memory may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or www.shrinerschildrens.org. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Robert Arnold Palmer, Jr., 83

Robert Arnold Palmer, Jr., 83, passed away at home on April 28, 2023. Born in Springfield on August 6, 1939, he was a lifelong resident of Western Mass. Robert grew up in West Springfield



and was a 1959 graduate of West Springfield High School where he excelled as a basketball point guard. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. After earning a degree in Accounting and Business from Western New England College, he went on to a long career in accounting and finance. Robert played many sports including racquetball, skiing, and was an avid golfer. He also attended many sporting events with his daughter and grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughter, Jennifer Cotto and her husband

Danny of Ludlow; his beloved grandchildren, Robert Ayala, Mariah Ayala, and Felix Cotto; his former wife and friends Marilyn Palmer; his golfing buddies for over 40 years, Roland, Dan, and Al, and other family members and many friends.

Calling hours will be Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 4-7pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. A funeral home service will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 9am followed by committal with military honors at 11am at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam.

To honor his love of the arts, memorial contributions may be made to Exit 7 Players, 37 Chestnut Street, Ludlow, MA or online at www.exit7players.org. To offer online condolences to the family, visit www.nowakfuneral.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P0877EA
Estate of:
Victoria P. Gardzienski
Date of Death: 03/20/2023
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 Nancy A. Parent of West Yarmouth 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: Nancy A. Parent of West Yarmouth 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 05/25/2023.

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 27, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/03/2023

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Jennifer Wright of 113 Moore Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 32, Parcel 16) for: **telehealth mental health counseling.**

*Please be advised that by Order of the Governor: *S 2475. An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency* - Please feel free to view this meeting via cable television as this meeting is broadcast live or via live stream. Instructions are on the town's website. You may also access the meeting by audio by calling 1-617-758-8793, attending via UberConference, or by attending in person*

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
04/26, 05/03/2023

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Margaret Kibugi of 165 Dowd Court

Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 32, Parcel 23L) for: **office for cleaning business.**

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Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
04/26, 05/03/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P0796EA Estate of:

Richard P Perreault Date of Death: 12/11/2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Susan M Fontaine of Monson, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Susan M Fontaine of Monson, MA 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.

05/03/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23C0132CA

In the matter of: Tyler Michael Redzko CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/30/2023.**

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

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

Date: May 01, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
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THIS WEEK

PURSE BINGO: St John the Baptist school is holding a Purse Bingo event Friday, May 5, at the SJB Pastoral Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. \$25 for a book of 12 bingo games. Bring your own snacks. Beer and wine available for purchase.

EXIT 7 THEATER: The community playhouse located at 37 Chestnut Street presents "Into the Woods" through May 7. For showtimes and tickets, go to Exit7players.org or call 413-583-4301. For group tickets (10 or more tickets to a performance) enter Promo10 to receive a discount.

THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY: The life story of one of the most influential pioneers of 1950s rock and roll comes to the Majestic Theater in West Springfield with the return of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" through May 28. Ticket prices range from \$31 to \$37 and can be obtained at the box office or by calling 413-747-7797 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. For more, go to majestictheater.com.

COMING SOON

TAG SALE: Pack 180 Cub Scouts, Troop 180G, and Boy Scout Troop 180 are holding a huge tag sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the parking lot of Saint Elizabeth Parish. Proceeds help pay for summer camp, Jamboree and other local Scouting needs. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone else who wants to sell is invited to join the fun. Tables are \$10. Email Gloria Fortunato at grfort127@yahoo.com for more information.

NIGHT OUT: Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center Street in Ludlow is donating 20% of the proceeds for dine-in or take-out orders from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, to the Michael J Dias Foundation, which offers pro-

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each of us, so let the thoughtfulness start with each of you!

Beyond just being a beautiful addition to someone's surroundings and improving their mood, did you know that there are proven facts that flowers are beneficial to one's health? Here's just a few that I found interesting. They can reduce stress, help you focus, increase your energy, may help you physically heal, can aid in relaxation and also can increase creativity, innovation as well as productivity. Here's a great one too, they can improve your relationship and bolster your sex appeal! And one additional fact we can boast that we found to be true is that men love receiving flowers too!

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grams to those in recovery. For more information, call Karen at 413-304-0715 or call Villa Rose directly at 413-547-6667 for all takeout orders.

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 indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER COED 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

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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

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Thursday, May 4 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Knights of Columbus - 6 p.m. (JR), Knights of Columbus Honor Guard - 7 p.m. (FLBH)
Friday, May 5 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Designer Handbag Bingo School Fundraiser - 5 p.m. (FLBH)

Saturday, May 6 - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Prayer & Share Group - 5 p.m. (FLBH)

Sunday, -May 7 - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Confirmation Prep (C201) - 3:45 p.m. (ER)
Monday, May 8 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus - 1 p.m. (JR)

Tuesday, May 9 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Spaghetti Supper - 4:30 p.m. (FLBH), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C), Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. (JR), Finance Council - 6:30 p.m. (ER)

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IN THE CLASSROOM

SJB School recognizes Q3 achievers

LUDLOW — The following students were named to the third quarter Honor List at St. John the Baptist School:

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 Grade eight: Jackson Calhe-

no, Christian Kochanek, Meredith LaCroix, Case Mackintosh, Riley Morais, Madelyn Riley and Alicia Yoingco

SECOND HONOR

Grade five: Nicholas DelNegro, Francesca Filippone, Cooper Haluch, Jadiel Valeri and Riley White
 Grade six: Nadia Conrad, Maya Guberow and Shawn Tierney
 Grade seven: Bartosz Checiek, Isabella DiCesare, Nicholas Falcetti, Carter Haluch, Melinda Lapointe, Piper Martins, Avery Morais, Marco

Pio, Gabriella Scibelli and Cameron Webb
 Grade eight: Willow Crowther, Christian Fialho, Sage Kennedy, Desiree Provost and Jacob Santos

EFFORT HONOR

Grade five: Nicholas DelNegro, Delaney Florindo and Cooper Haluch
 Grade six: Dylan Chapdelaine, Shaun Ferreira and Michael Peritore
 Grade seven: Bartosz Checiek, Isabella DiCesare, Nicholas Falcet-

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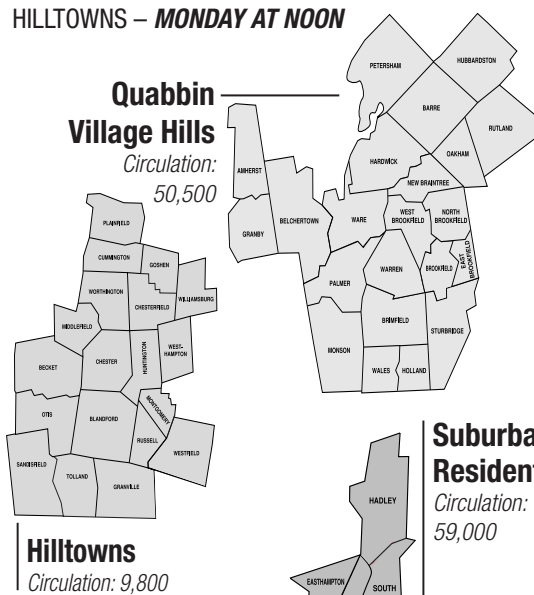
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