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LHS students honored for exemplary work in civic engagement with DAs Office

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LUDLOW – On Apr. 30, there were 60 students from 22 high schools throughout Hampden County were honored at the Basketball Hall of Fame for the Hampden District Attorney’s Office Youth Advisory Board Conference including Ludlow High School’s Abigail Coelho,

Yade Capkin, and Madeline Andrews. The conference allowed high school students to share their perspective on public safety, prevention, and the issues impacting their generation. Throughout the year, the board met every other week and focused on topics including artificial intelli-

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Ludlow High School’s Abigail Coelho, Yade Capkin, and Madeline Andrews.

Community Cleanup Day was success



Areas around Town that the cleanup day focused on was the Mack Donnelly Gazebo.

Volunteers from various civic groups were proud to serve their community.

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LUDLOW – On May 2,

the Town Wide Community Cleanup Day occurred and met at the Veterans Memorial for a day of trash pickup and removal, sidewalk clean-

up, and cleaning up flowerbeds and tree belts. Town civic groups, friends, and neighbors were welcome to help and assist in areas that

needed a bit of love. The Town of Ludlow and

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Ludlow Police Department to develop shooting range on DPW property

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LUDLOW – At the May 5 Select Board meeting, the Ludlow Police Chief Mike Brennan was joined with Lt. David Irwin, the department’s firearms instructor, to explain the reasoning behind developing a shooting range for the LPD on the DPW

property, located at 198 Sportsmen’s Road. Brennan began, “We’ve been looking into developing a range for some time. Irwin runs our training program, and we run our ranges with the good graces of private people here in town. With various gravel ranges, referring to a couple of ranges used, we continue to do that, but long-term planning, that

may not be feasible forever. We run into conflicts with the operations going on there as well. We looked at the DPW property, and Irwin spoke with the Department of Public Works Director Jamie Tomas and Assistant Town Engineer James Goodreau, about developing a range right here in town for us using the DPW property. It’s feasible, we would

construct a range using our DPW personnel, and it comes down to earth movement. Building up berms, used to stop, contain, and absorb bullets fired during training, about 16 feet tall and 10 feet wide; they would be a backstop for rounds and secondly, it also would deflect or contain noise so it wouldn’t be as loud. Right now, we shoot into

a berm, but we’re not necessarily contained. Two things, it’s for safety and the backstop and the other thing is to deflect noise. This is all using the equipment that we have to build up the range, and that’s something we could do right here at any time within the DPW schedule, to build it. We would own the property and the alternatives to that

like a lot of other departments; they’re having to go off and rent range space and that includes the travel time to the ranges. Also, the cost of renting them...in this case, we would build a range using the material and personnel that we

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LHS Drama presents *The Little Mermaid* musical to teachers, ahead of opening night



Performers Bella, Amaiya, Joshua, and Giani were excited for the opening night on May 8.

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LUDLOW – During the week of May 8, before the opening night of the Ludlow High School Drama club’s musical *The Little Mermaid*, The Register was invited to join the students ahead of the show to see what goes on behind the scenes to make the show possible. Speaking

with President of the Drama Club Celine J., a junior at LHS, she was getting ready to play the red crab Sebastian and shared why she moved to LHS for the extracurricular activities. “Drama Club is very welcoming, as much as we possibly can, to everyone who wants to join. We like being that space for people and if people want to join but are unable to fully commit,

they’re still able to join! It’s important for everyone to feel comfortable with us. For me personally, I moved to Ludlow for the drama club and the chorus because I wanted to go to a school that gave me this opportunity. During my freshman year,

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Revised Memorial Day parade route due to West St. Bridge indefinite closure

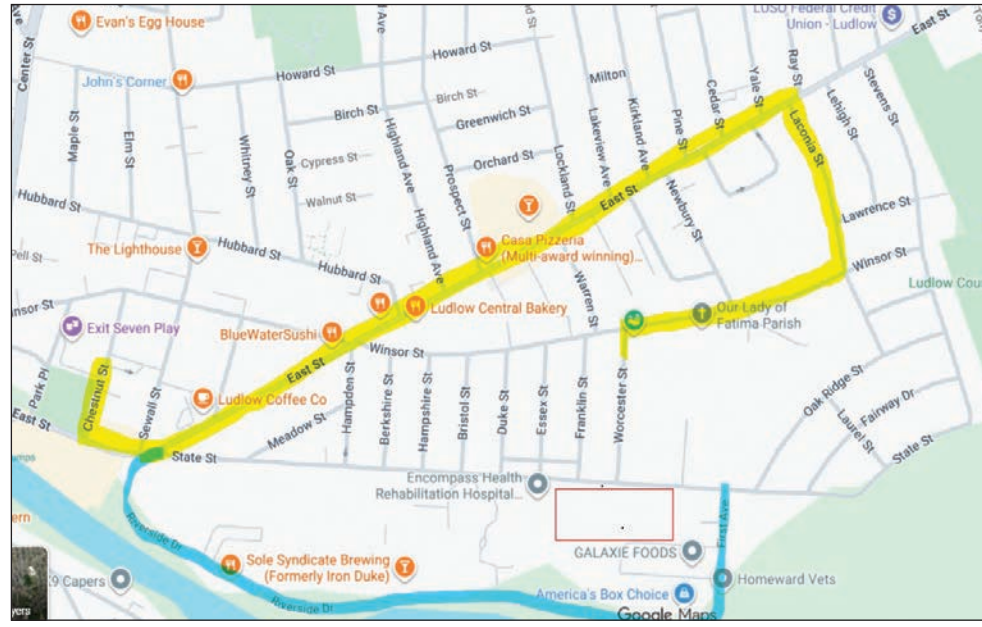
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LUDLOW – At the May 5 Select Board meeting, Linda Collette visited to discuss the revised Memorial Day parade route, upcoming on May 25. Collette began, “Due to the West St. Bridge being closed, we met with the Ludlow Police and Fire Departments to create a new route for our parade. We’ll be starting where

we always do in front of the Gremio Lusitano Club on Winsor St., and the proposed route is to go up Winsor, take a left on Laconia by East St. School, and then when we come out to East St., take a left there and go all the way down to the Veteran’s Memorial on East St. The marchers would go up to Chestnut like they would usually do and all the floats and larger vehicles would take that left onto Riverwalk and would end up there.

So we would be doing our staging on State St. and at the Ludlow Senior Center, we have plenty of room by The Mills and SC, and then the parade participants would come up Worcester St. and then take a right onto Winsor and continue that route, as is proposed,” explained Collette. Collette stated that the route is a bit shorter than

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The new Memorial Day parade route.

Deforges Race runners



Submitted photo

Katherine Anselmo and Luke Slotton recently ran the Sgt. Desforge race in Ludlow. Katherine placed first for the females and Luke came in first overall.

Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas craft fair

LUDLOW – Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church.

To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available.

Aloha with The Register



Submitted photo

Ron and Michelle Desellier and Greg Roy all from Ludlow, recently traveled to Kauai and happily took a photo with The Register on May 4. Thank you for sharing your photo with us hope you enjoyed your time in Hawaii.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Spring is finally here! Come gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, call 413-583-3564 at least one day in advance to reserve your \$2 lunch (call Friday for Monday reservations).

May is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme is Champion Your Health. We have loaded our calendar with many health and wellness programs including a presentation regarding strokes and a Veggie Day in the Café. This is a great time to come to the Center to find a fitness program or event to Champion Your Health. Pick up our monthly newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered directly to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what the Senior Center has to offer at ludlow.ma.us/coa/. For the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow brighter, we look forward to sharing warm meals, engaging programs, and good company. In June, we are looking forward to starting a morning walking group. If you're interested, please call the Center at 413-583-3564 and ask for Maria.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, May 14

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Center Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour
- 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers Block
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, May 15

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10 a.m. Great Phone Program Mass EDP
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Trip*
- 1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, May 18

- 9 a.m. Knitting Club
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10 a.m. Stroke Signs*
- 10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch

- 1:30 a.m. Watercolor Pencils Class*
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, May 19

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
- 1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump
- 5 p.m. Movie: Eleanor the Great (2025)
- 5 p.m. Trivia

Wednesday, May 20

- 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Old Deerfield Museum Trip*
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Eleanor the Great (2025)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Thursday, May 21

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Nostalgic Music w/Tom Callinan*
- 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.
- Open Billiards: Monday –Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Menu:

- Thursday, May 14: Fish Tacos/Black Beans & Rice/Corn Slaw
- Friday, May 15: Cobb Salad
- Monday, May 18: Vegetable Frittata/ Roasted Potatoes
- Tuesday, May 19: American Chop Suey/Garlic Knot
- Wednesday, May 20: Baked Cod/Rice Pilaf/Mixed Vegetable
- Thursday, May 21: Ham & Broccoli Casserole/Biscuit

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. all on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

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First Church in Ludlow drive -thru Strawberry Supper

LUDLOW—The fantastic drive-thru Strawberry Supper at First Church in Ludlow on 859 Center Street in Ludlow returns on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

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beans, potato salad, roll & strawberry shortcake for only \$18.

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The Orchard Covenant Church newly installed little free library for the community to enjoy.

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Orchard Covenant Church installs little free library, 'Take a book, share a book'

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INDIAN ORCHARD – On Sunday, May 3, the Orchard Covenant Church on the corner of Berkshire St. and Myrtle St., dedicated a Little Free Library. Pastor Tamara Fore-Ravelo presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony with a large group of

excited parishioners looking on.

Now, officially, books can be shared with the community for adults and children. The sign says "Take a Book, Share a Book", although if people don't have a book to share, they are encouraged to take one anyway.

Little Free Library is a nationwide, non-profit agency whose mission is to build

community, inspire readers and expand book access and there are over 200,000 around the country. This is the first one in the Orchard but, hopefully, not the last one.

Inspired by a brainstorming session at a meeting of GrowIO, of which the church is a member, parishioners decided that this could be a way to show care and love for

their neighborhood. God's love for the whole person includes enrichment of the mind.

Zaida Govan, a member of the Springfield City Council and a strong advocate for the Indian Orchard community and Ayanna Crawford, a member of the Springfield School Committee also attended the event to lend their support.



New mulch was spread around the flags in front of Memorial Park.

Submitted photos



The Town of Ludlow showed up for cleanup day like Tony Sanches, Josue Irizarry, and many more.



Linda Collette explained that the cleanup day involved mulching, raking, and lots of weeding,

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the Celebrate Ludlow Committee organized the event and had volunteers from the Michael J. Dias Foundation, Brigham Masonic Lodge, the Ludlow Rotary Club, the Ludlow Lions Club, Girl Scouts, and the Ludlow DPW. "Even though it was a little bit of a rainy morning, the rain stopped and we were all out there by nine getting it done!" added Linda Collette from Celebrate Ludlow.



Linda Collette smiles with Maureen Beauregard next to the Hubbard Memorial Library lawn.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



The Garden Lady takes on spring bulb woes

Debi, who gardens in Hardwick, reached out to the Garden Lady with concerns over her daffodils.

They didn't bloom well this year, and she wonders if they need fertilizer.

"Dear Garden Lady, sorry to bother you in this busy season but our daffodils aren't doing well. I'm guessing they need food. What would you suggest?"

I am happy to answer your question! There are typically four reasons why daffodils don't bloom.

Probably the first mistake gardeners make is removing the foliage too soon after the flowers go by. Foliage needs about six-eight weeks of ripening before it can be removed.

While it is still green, it is photosynthesizing and making energy for next year's flowers.

It can get unsightly as it starts to yellow and finally turn brown and dry up, but we must be patient.

It is ready when it comes off with a gentle tug. Some gardeners get strategic with nearby plants so that the eye moves away from the foliage and to another plant taking the stage in full bloom.

Another reason why daffodils may be stingy with their flowers is that the clumps are overgrown and need to be divided. Wait until the foliage has turned brown, then dig up the bulbs, pry them apart and replant them twice their width from one another and about two to three times their height deep.

I recommend using a pointed shovel, not a trowel. Sometimes they can be down deep and you want to make sure you get the bulb out intact.

Do this while the brown foliage is there so that you can find them. While it may feel "off" to be replanting in early summer, it is a perfectly fine time to do it.

Debi's bulbs could also need fertilizer, like she suggested. A sprinkling of granular fertilizer with low nitrogen, but sufficient phosphorus and potassium for blooming and rooting, respectively, would be ideal.

The two best times to feed are when the bulbs are up a few inches and now, just past bloom. Daffodils do require less fertilizer than tulips and hyacinths, and sometimes bloom for years without the addition of fertilizer.

I am wondering if the trees or the ground cover adjacent to Debi's daffodils

were fertilized with a high nitrogen blend and it affected the bulbs? I have a few daffodils near an apple tree that is close to my compost pile, where I mix chicken bedding with vegetable scraps, etc.

I think the high nitrogen run-off from the pile affected my blooming, just as an example. Of five possible clumps I had a measly two flowers. Bone meal, high in phosphorus, is in order to rebalance the soil.

Knowing Debi's sun exposure, I don't think this is an issue, but it is worth the mention for other readers who may struggle with sparse blooms. Daffodils won't bloom in deep shade. Dappled sunlight is fine.

Planting under deciduous trees is also fine. If you think shade is the culprit, wait until the foliage ripens and move them using the guidelines I provided for bulbs that are overcrowded.

I sure hope one of these suggestions will help your daffodils regain their former glory!

Rose, who reads the column in the Ware River News, was concerned that a number of her hyacinths were broken off at ground level when just buds, and she wondered what or who could be the culprit be.

"This is so disheartening, I don't want to even grow them any more."

I was astounded to hear this, because the same thing happened to me in one of my gardens at Old Sturbridge Village where I have a multi red, white and blue planting of hyacinths and tulips. Grooming last week yielded at least 10 hyacinth buds that looked as if they were but off at ground level.

Although the experts say rodents could be the cause, the cut was almost perfect, not gnawed in any way, plus hyacinths contain natural deterrents making them rodent proof, typically. I did cultivate the bed awhile back, my thought being that I may have cut a few of them off under ground.

As the stems elongated, they could have forced the bud above ground even though it was already dislodged, but the mystery remains. I'm sorry this happened, Rose, and I wish I had a definite answer for you, but at least know you are in good company with your hyacinth woes.

If anyone has any answers I would love to hear them!

This summer...



GUEST COLUMN

I'm still working; why didn't I get a higher Social Security benefit?



Dear Rusty:

I began collecting benefits at age 72 and am now 78.

Since that time, I have continued to work and have contributed over \$40,000 to Social Security over the last six years. At the time of my retirement, I was informed that the Social Security Administration would review my contributions annually and replace lower-earning years from my 35-year record with my current higher-earning years.

Despite my current annual income exceeding \$100,000, I have not seen an increase in my benefit amount over the past six years. I recently met with an SSA representative, who confirmed that my benefits are being reviewed annually but did not provide specific details or evidence of these adjustments. Could you please advise me on how to formally verify that my benefits are being accurately reviewed and updated to reflect my continued contributions?

Signed: Collecting and Still Working

Dear Collecting:

For information, your contributions from Federal Insurance Contributions Act payroll taxes to Social Security over the last six years are not what determines if you get an increase to your monthly SS benefit.

Although you contributed to SS since you started receiving SS benefits, those contributions do not affect your monthly SS benefit. Your monthly SS benefit is based only the highest inflation-adjusted 35 years of earnings over your lifetime. And for your monthly benefit to change, your current earnings each year would need to replace at least one of those

35 historical, inflation-adjusted year earnings.

We regularly hear from those who do benefit from SSA's regular review of work earnings after they start receiving monthly SS benefits, and our Advisory staff includes two individuals with a combined 70 years of service with the Social Security Administration. Thus, we are comfortable saying that SSA does, in fact, review your earnings annually to see if your monthly SS payment should be higher.

From a process standpoint, SSA receives your annual earnings information from the IRS (i.e., directly from your annual tax return) by mid-year annually, after which SSA evaluates your recent earnings to see if an increase in your monthly SS benefit is warranted. If so, that increase is automatically applied, usually around October each year and you are paid the extra amount retroactively to the beginning of the year.

What you may not realize is that your lifetime earnings (your historical earnings) are adjusted for inflation. This is a good thing, because that means your current monthly SS benefit is calculated using today's dollar values for your past earnings, rather than the actual money amounts you originally earned and received.

For example, \$50,000 of 1990 earnings would be worth about \$125,000 today. Which also means that those 1990 earnings would only yield a higher current Social Security benefit if your recent earnings were more than \$125,000. And this is true for all 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your current monthly Social Security benefit.

The best way for you to

ensure that you are getting the right monthly benefit amount is to first obtain your lifetime earnings history from Social Security. This is most easily obtained through your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. If you don't have an online account set up, you can also request an "Earnings Statement" by calling Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS field office to request it). Next, I suggest you use Social Security's "Online Benefits Calculator" explained and available at this link: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/AnyApplet.html>

If, after this, you believe you should be getting a higher monthly SS benefit because of your recent earnings, you can again contact SSA and tell them you believe they did not properly adjust your current SS benefit for your most recent earnings. Following that, you can submit a "Request for Reconsideration" (form SSA-561) which will result in a full separate review of your case by an independent SSA person, followed (some months later) by a formal written determination on your assertion. If you received a letter from SSA because of your previous meeting with them, include a copy of that letter with your "Request for Reconsideration."

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Campaign news
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Getting hip to joint replacement surgery

A few weeks ago, I underwent my second total hip replacement. I had already replaced my left hip, and now it was time for the right one.

About 10 years ago, I also had both of my knees replaced. After nearly four decades as an ICU nurse, the physical toll of caring for patients, some weighing up to 300 or 400 pounds, had caught up with me. This is a common story among nurses: We prioritize others' needs and often ignore our own warning signs.

Obviously, I'm not alone. Around 7 million Americans are living with hip or knee



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



replacements, allowing them to maintain mobility despite severe arthritis. Annually in the U.S., there are about 700,000 knee and 400,000 hip replacements, with studies showing many replace-

ments lasting 25 years or more.

We're just not as healthy as we used to be. Arthritis inflammation in the joints can actually destroy the cartilage, and

when you hit bone-on-bone, it causes not only significant pain but also disability. The increase in hip replacements is attributed to the aging baby boomer population, rising

life expectancies and the obesity epidemic. Sports injuries and accidents are additional factors.

I've learned a lot about joint replacement, as a nurse, a patient advocate and a patient. If you're facing a joint replacement, here are some considerations:

Hospital or surgery center?

All four of my joint replacements took place at outpatient surgery centers, which I consider much cleaner environments than hospitals. After early morning surgery, I was home by noon and received home health care, so I never went to re-

hab.

A 2023 study by University of Pennsylvania researchers found that the rates of revisits and complications for surgery center patients were lower than for similar patients who had surgery in a hospital. However, that could have something to do with healthier patients choosing surgery centers and those with other health conditions, heart failure for example, going to hospitals.

That said, this is a topic for you and your doctor to discuss. In the end, you

Riding season kicks off with Blessing of the Bikes

St. Paul's Church welcomes riders from across the region for a unique community tradition

PALMER—As warmer weather returns and motorcycles begin to reappear on New England roads, St. Paul's Church of Palmer will once again host its annual Blessing of the Bikes on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10 a.m., offering riders a meaningful and memorable start to the season. Held in partnership with the Christian Motorcycle Association (Western Massa-

chusetts Chapter), the event is expected to draw a wide range of riders—from longtime touring enthusiasts to newer riders discovering the freedom of the open road. In recent years, interest in motorcycling has seen a steady resurgence, with riders of all ages embracing it not only as recreation, but as a source of connection, clarity, and adventure.

The Blessing of the Bikes has become a distinctive local tradition, welcoming cruisers, sport bikes, trikes, vintage motorcycles, and custom builds alike. Additional non-profit motorcycle groups will also be present, sharing their work and contributing to

the sense of community that defines the event.

The gathering itself is simple and accessible: a brief outdoor ceremony offering a blessing for both bike and rider—for safety, awareness, and the shared experience of the road. It is a moment to pause before the miles ahead, acknowledging both the joy and the responsibility that come with riding.

Each rider will receive a commemorative "Blessing of the Bikes" patch, and light refreshments will be available following the ceremony.

"For many riders, being on the road is something deeper than just getting from one place to another," said

Rev. Steven Sousa, minister of St. Paul's Church. "There's a sense of freedom, focus, and even reflection that comes with riding. This event simply recognizes that—and offers a moment of goodwill and blessing for the season ahead."

The event is free and open to all riders, whether experienced or new, riding solo or with a group. No registration is required. St. Paul's Church is located at the Corner of Park & Central Streets in Palmer, Mass.

For more information, please contact St. Paul's Church at 413-283-8185 or visit StPaulsPalmer.org

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

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during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

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 Monday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday - Aquajazz 9 to 9:30 a.m.; Aquacise - 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday - Aquacise - 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Thursday - Aquacise 10 to 10:45 a.m. and Friday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m. 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.

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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 'sandwich generation' free presentation

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Senior Center will offer a free presentation on May 22, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. as part of its Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program. Melissa Hudson of Chronically Well Counseling will lead an interactive session focused on caregiver stress. The discussion will explore the unique challeng-

es faced by the "sandwich generation," strategies for supporting loved ones with dementia or physical limitations, and ways to cope with anticipatory grief.

The Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program is an ongoing initiative at the Senior Center designed to support care partners of individuals

living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Through educational workshops, support groups, and access to helpful resources and products, the program aims to reduce the stress and burden of caregiving while improving the quality of life for caregivers and those they support.

Please call the Ludlow Senior Center to register for this event or ask for Heather Jolicoeur if you have questions. 413-583-5364 The Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program is funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging in partnership with the Executive Office of Aging & Independence.

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gence, social media, mental health, disability awareness, substance use, healthy relationships, and environmental sustainability.

Guests at the conference were given a better understanding of the issues impacting the younger generations through several presentations and provide insight to work better within the community.

Coelho, Capkin, and Andrews were given certificates of achievements of the Youth Advisory Board and were joined by LHS Social Worker Ron Hokanson.



LHS Social Worker Ron Hokanson with students Abigail Coelho, Yade Capkin, and Madeline Andrews at the Basketball Hall of Fame.

SHOOTING RANGE

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have organically. I credit Irwin for putting this together, he did a great job, and I think it's entirely feasible.

I bring this to the Select Board for basic approval to work with the DPW on building this range," ended Brennan.

Irwin clarified to Member Manuel Silva's question of the construction portion of the berm and the cost of materials, Irwin stated the following, "Speaking with Tomas, he said a few days to move all of that and no materials needed. You're taking the existing earth that's been deposited back there and moving it around," said Irwin.

Member James Gennette asked about the possibility of gating and security for safety, Brennan answered, "Yes, it's on the DPW property, which is secure property, the Town

of Ludlow owns so straight away, it also creates security for the facility itself," said Brennan. Irwin commented that there would be ample signage for residents to know not to trespass, warning people there are police operations and to stay away.

"We would sweep the area, and we'd make it very visible and very obvious. We have signage saying police training in progress and then we monitor it. Everyone is a safety officer on the range for that type of thing. Subject to the direction of the chief for operating hours of the shooting range, usually we do it during the daytime but there is a requirement from the Supreme Court that goes as far back as the 1970s, *Popow v. City of Margate*, 476 F. Supp. 1237, that includes low light training, low light slash no light...so on occasion, one of our training cycles should

be during the evening hours.

Depending on the time of year, we usually do it in Oct./Nov. and then again, in Apr./May, so you're looking at dusk being around, don't hold me to it, between seven and eight o'clock. And sometimes I can work with the time change, I can even get it earlier to not interfere because I understand the noise.

That is certainly a consideration that we are going to be mindful of," explained

Irwin.

Brennan stated that the range of operations will typically be Monday through Fridays, with some Saturdays to accommodate the special police component and no Sundays.

Brennan said it may lead to potential safety classes for LTC, license to carry, residents and opportunities for community education. The Select Board approved the request; motion carried 5-0.

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the previous years due to no zigzagging. Member Manuel Silva asked if they proposed an option to go all the way to Stevens St. and Collette stated that the LPD and LFD asked them to use Laconia so if any emergency vehicles were needed to get in, they would have Stevens St. to

use. Collette also explained that the route allows the option for residents to use side streets to use and get out and around, with most importantly, the option of off-street parking.

The new parade route was approved by the Select Board; residents can expect a robo call ahead of the parade. Please see the attached photo with this article for reference.

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LITTLE MERMAID

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I became the secretary and I stayed that for my sophomore year. It's just been a welcoming environment.

For my life, it's been very hectic and busy because I do theater outside of school as well and am currently an intern at a theater group too. I get to direct and choreograph; it's off the stage which I love to do!

Seeing my work on stage is so refreshing. For today's performance, I am so excited because we're going to have a few teachers in the audience today, possibly some kids of the teachers," said Celine.

When talking about the performance at the end of the week and what she hopes audience members take away from their musical, Celine expressed she hopes everyone loved it. "I hope the kids are so excited they met Ariel, because we do have a meet and greet each other after the show.

I just hope the kids are happy because I love seeing the kids' smiling faces wherever I perform and how they react after the show.

For anyone wanting to get involved, it's always a welcoming space and it's so important to express yourself in the arts. It's such a beautiful art form, no matter if it's painting, singing, dancing, acting... it's so amazing and refreshing and I hope to encourage youth and anyone to join!" ended Celine. Look out for next week's edition of The Register for photos of the musical.



The background crew that made the musical possible were proud to be involved with the LHS Drama Club.



The Little Mermaid musical set had an aquatic theme with bright and colorful costumes.



LHS Drama Club Performers Shea M., Victoria D., Liam H., and Celine J. Turley photos by Amanda Munson



Giani Perez as Ariel, the Disney Princess, sang well-known songs that everyone in the audience enjoyed.

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Ludlow softball shuts out Monson

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Heading into last Friday afternoon's home game against Bi-County league foe Monson, Ludlow sophomore third baseman Olivia Slatton was leading her team with four home runs.

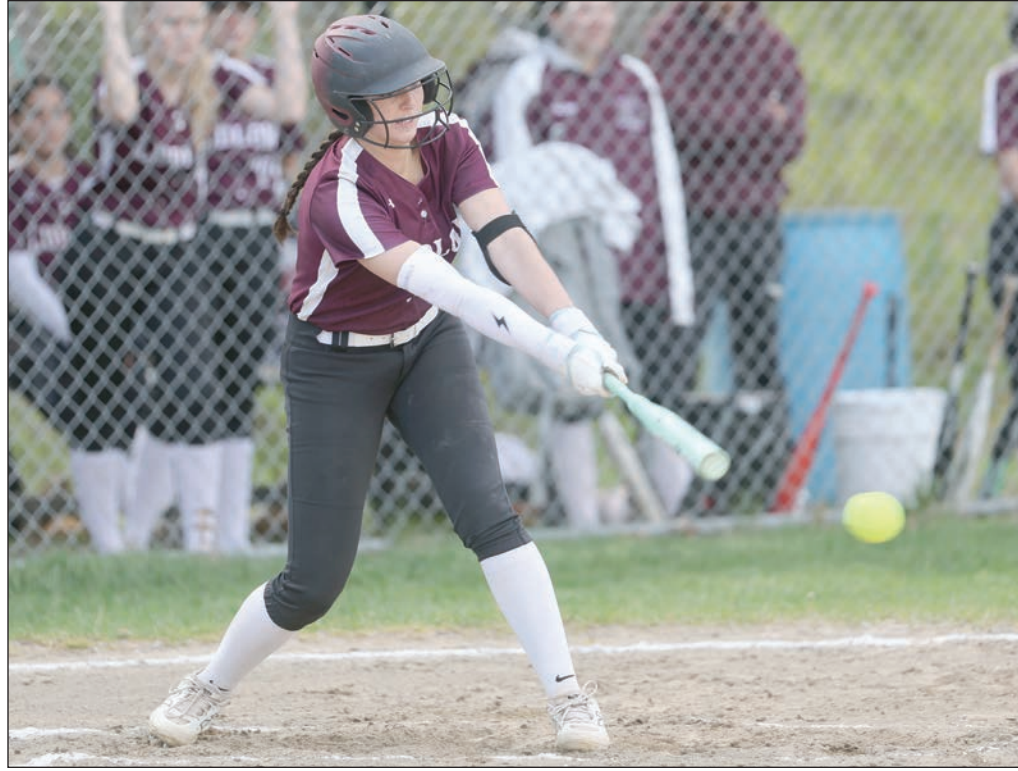
With two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning, Slatton hit her first grand slam at the varsity level. It took the pressure off freshman righthander Madison Goncalves as the Lady Lions cruised to a 7-0 shutout victory over the Lady Mustangs.

"I've hit five home runs so far this season and I have a lot of confidence at the plate right now," said Slatton, who went 2-for-4 with four RBIs against the Lady Mustangs. "It was also nice to have a large lead because we didn't want to make another comeback against them."

When the two teams met in the season opening game at the Quarry Hill Community School softball field in Monson, the Lady Mustangs built an early 7-1 lead before the Lady Lions battled back for a 15-9 victory.

Ludlow had a 12-1 overall record and 11-1 league record following the home contest. Their only setback came at Northampton High School, 11-2, at the beginning of last week.

The Lady Lions, who'll finish the regular season in first place in the Bi-Coun-



Madelyn Goncalves-Korny takes a swing.

ty League standings, will be competing in both the Western Mass. and state tournaments for the first time since 2023.

"We've been playing very well," said Ludlow head coach Missy Rocker. "We're hitting the ball and limiting our errors defensively. I'm hoping to keep riding this wave into the postseason tournament."

Rocker is also very glad that Western Mass. tournament is still held before the start of the state tournament.

"Our main goal is to win a Western Mass. title," she

said. "We also want to make a run in the state title."

While the Lady Mustangs (10-6, 9-4) will also be competing in both tournaments, head coach Matt Hull wasn't very pleased with his team's performance in the second meeting of the regular season against Ludlow.

"We just made a lot of mistakes in today's game, which has been the story of our year," Hull said. "We struggled defensively. We also didn't perform very well offensively. We do have a winning record, but we haven't made very much prog-

ress during the regular season."

Neither team has a senior listed on their roster, so they won't be celebrating Senior Day this spring.

Monson's only base hits against Goncalves were singles by sophomore first baseman Maddy Caron, eighth grade left fielder Veruca Battige, and junior Chelsea Hull, who was the Lady Mustangs starting pitcher. They also had two double plays due to poor base running decisions.

Goncalves finished her complete game performance with six strikeouts and only



Olivia Slatton slides into second.



Isabella Leutsch fields a grounder cleanly.

one walk.

It didn't take the home team very long to build a 2-0 lead against Hull, who's a lefty.

Sophomore first baseman Khole Davis hit a low laser shot into centerfield leading



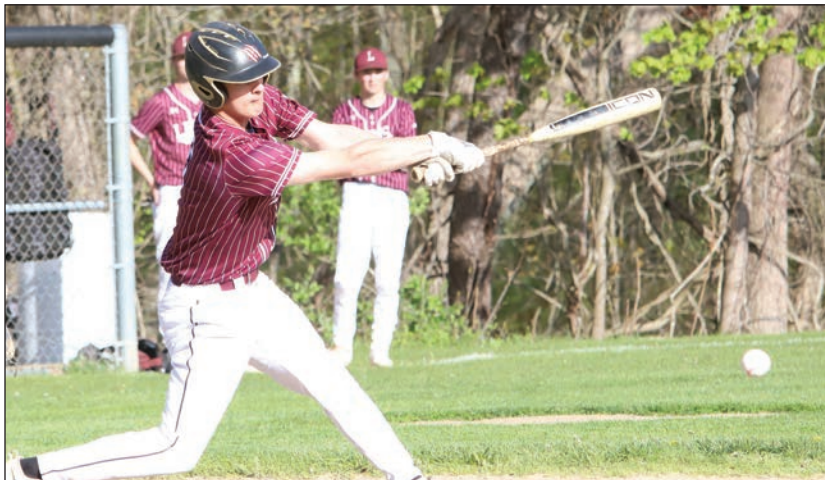
Madison Goncalves winds and fires home.

off the bottom of the first inning. She advanced to second base on a groundball out by junior centerfielder Caitlyn Pecka. Slatton followed with

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Joseph Toomey sends a cutoff throw back to the infield.



Jacob Santos takes a swing.



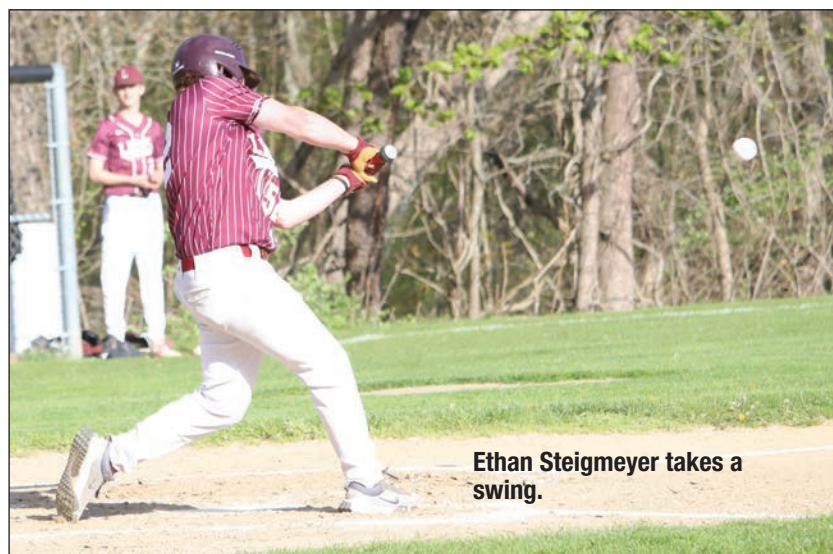
Christian Kochanek sends a pitch away.

Lions grab shutout of Monson

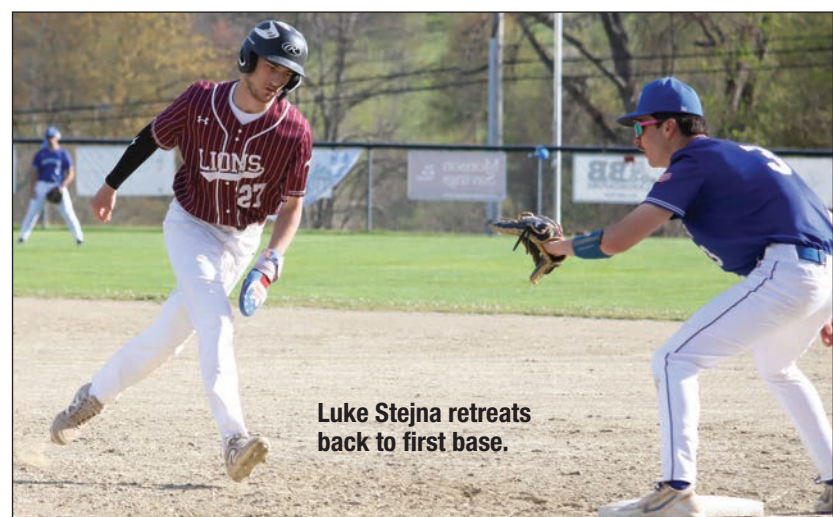
LUDLOW – The Ludlow and Monson baseball teams have had a couple of spirited matchups this season. In their latest one, held last Monday afternoon, Ludlow was able to score a 4-0 shutout, avenging a loss earlier this season to the Mustangs. Both teams are headed for the state tournament with Ludlow at 9-4 and Monson at 9-3 this season. The regular season will be winding down this week and early next week for both teams.



Mason Morace brings in a throw as he tries to tag out a base stealer.



Ethan Steigmeyer takes a swing.



Luke Stejna retreats back to first base.

Ludlow track falls to Chicopee Comp

LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Ludlow High School track was swept in a close contest with Chicopee Comprehensive.

In the boys meet, Comp just edged the Lions 73-32. Gabe DiRosa won the long jump and triple jump for the Lions. Anthony Cabrera-Cavette won the shotput and javelin events for the Colts. Luke Slatton would take the 400 hurdles for Ludlow while Tyler Tatro won the 800 meter. Francis Jordan would win the javelin.

Comp girls defeated Ludlow 76-68. For Comp, Trinity McCarthy won the long jump and triple jump. Faith Keroack would win the high jump for the Lions. She also won the 110 and 400 hurdles. Morgan Vala took the 800 while Avelin Sargeant won the 200 meter. Jiwood Chang won the two-mile for Comp.

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Newest inductees to WMass Baseball Hall announced

HOLYOKE – The Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces members of its 2026 induction class.

This year's inductees include:

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Bill L'Heureux – Honored for his legendary umpiring career spanning decades in Western Massachusetts and across America.

Bob Bohl – A longtime figure in the baseball community in Ludlow and across the region, recognized for his influence and service to the sport.

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The induction banquet will take place on Friday, June 5 at Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke, beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will

feature dinner, recognition ceremonies, and reflections on the careers and accomplishments of this year's honorees.

The evening is presented by the Valley Blue Sox and its presenting sponsor Westfield Bank.

Tickets for the event are available now and can be purchased online at www.valleybluesox.com.

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Khloe Davis catches an out at first.



Abby Monette sends a throw to first.

SOFTBALL from Page 7

a flyball which was dropped by the leftfielder, putting runners at second and third.

It was a costly mistake. A groundball out hit by sophomore catcher Madelyn Goncalves-Korny plated the game's first run. Goncalves followed with a groundball single up the middle into center, which scored the other run.

Another fielding error on a groundball hit by Goncalves-Korny enabled the Lady Lions to score their third run with one out in the third inning.

Hull, who's the Lady Mustangs only junior, wound

up standing on second base leading off the fourth inning following a throwing error by the second baseman. She advanced to third on a flyball out by Caron, but Goncalves got out of that jam by recording her third strikeout.

The Lady Lions loaded the bases in the bottom of the fourth inning. Junior second baseman Isabella Leutsch drew a walk with one out. After the next batter struck out, back-to-back singles by Davis and Peczkla set the stage for Slatton. She stepped into the righthanded batter's box and launched a bomb over the left field fence, which broke the game wide open.

"Olivia has been hitting the ball very well all season long," Rucker said. "It was a very close game before she hit the grand slam. She's a solid hitter"

The Lady Lions, who batted around in the fourth, had two more runners on base before Hull finally ended the long inning with her seventh strikeout.

Hull, who allowed seven runs (four earned) on seven hits, traded places with freshman second baseman Mai Uliana before the start of the fifth inning. The righty didn't give up any runs on two singles and a walk during the final two frames. She also had four strikeouts.

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Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm. Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
05/13, 05/20/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
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Docket No.
HD26P0925EA
Estate of:
Annette Marie Polansky
Date of Death: 04/10/2026
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 **Michael Gove of Easthampton, 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 **Michael Gove of Easthampton, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised adminis-**

tration. 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 05/28/2026.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudevire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 30, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
05/13/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P0277GD
In the interests of
Jahzora B Wilmot
Minor
of Ludlow, MA
NOTICE AND ORDER:
General Probate Petition for Removal of Minor Child from the Commonwealth
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on General Probate Petition for Removal of Minor Child from the Commonwealth filed on 04/22/2026 by **Jessica L. Dube of Ludlow, MA** will be held **IN-PERSON on 06/01/2026 at 08:30 a.m.** Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
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Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: April 22, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/13/2026

Rita Hogan, 76

Rita Hogan, 76, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on May 3, 2026. She was born on October 27, 1949, in Springfield, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Raymond and Rita (Scott) Viens.



Rita was the devoted wife of the late John P. Hogan, with whom she shared 44 wonderful years of marriage. She leaves behind her three sons and their families: John and Lisa Hogan, Michael and Ashleigh Hogan, and Robert and Samalid Hogan. Rita was a proud and loving grandmother to Melissa, Michael, Corey, Alina, Sophia, Nathaniel, Lillian, and Callie, who were a constant source of joy and light in her life. She cherished every moment spent with them and took great pride in their lives and accomplishments. She is also survived by her siblings, Mary Anne Quinn, Kathleen Ziemba, and Raymond Viens, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Rita grew up in Springfield and later moved with her family to Ludlow during the time Electric Park was being developed. She fondly reminisced of

ten about her childhood there and the many family gatherings held at her parents' home—memories she carried with her throughout her life.

A dedicated homemaker and the heart of her family, Rita found great happiness in hosting holidays and bringing loved ones together. She was known for her delicious home cooking, especially her baked beans, potato salad, and "cheesy" potatoes—favorites at many family gatherings. Rita made every holiday, birthday, and milestone special. She always went above and beyond to create meaningful and joyful celebrations. Her love was most clearly expressed through these moments, and her presence will be deeply missed. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and unwavering love for her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Rita's life was held May 7 at Ludlow Funeral Home. Burial was in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

DEATH NOTICE

Rita Hogan
Died May 3, 2026
Services held
May 7, 2026
Ludlow Funeral Home

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will I decide where to have your joint replacement, so go where you are most comfortable.

Choosing a doctor
Look for a surgeon who is affiliated with professional organizations and has completed fellowships in the surgery you're having. You should also prioritize their experience, asking how many

times they've performed this particular surgery.

Studies have found that surgeons who have performed more than 50 procedures have lower rates of complication and revision. You can ask the doctor directly how many times they've performed the surgery and what their complication rate is. Also ask whether you can speak with other patients the doctor has treated.

Second opinions

Joint replacement is a major medical undertaking, so if you're feeling at all unsure about it - or the doctor isn't all you had hoped - Medicare covers second opinions subject to the 20% co-insurance. Medicare Advantage plans also generally cover second opinions, but check with your plan for details.

Robots or no robots?

Robot-assisted joint re-

placement is becoming more common. A study published in the Journal of Arthroplasty reported an increase in surgeons who have adopted robotics, from 10% in 2018 to 35% in 2023. Nearly half of partial knee replacements were robotically assisted. Fewer total knee and hip replacements were reported.

The study noted that further research is needed on outcomes, but surgeons who use robotic assisted systems say that the robot is simply the navigation system while the doctor is in the driver's seat.

Rehab in a facility or at home?

With my surgeries, I wanted to avoid a rehab facility because that's another name for nursing home, where there are a lot of germs, more patients with compromised immune systems and generally higher infection rates.

Today, in fact, most joint replacement patients do recuperate at home. A project by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services found that patients who can safely recover at home heal faster, have fewer complications and have a greater sense of ownership in their own recovery.

Not everyone can come home immediately, though,

if they lack family support or access to home health care. Be sure to have this conversation with your doctor before your surgery.

Chances are your joint replacement will get you back to doing the things you enjoy, especially with a little bit of education and preparation.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, R.N., a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. A Monson, MA resident, she is the author of "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones" and her new book, "Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care," available at Amazon.com. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com to set up a free phone consultation.

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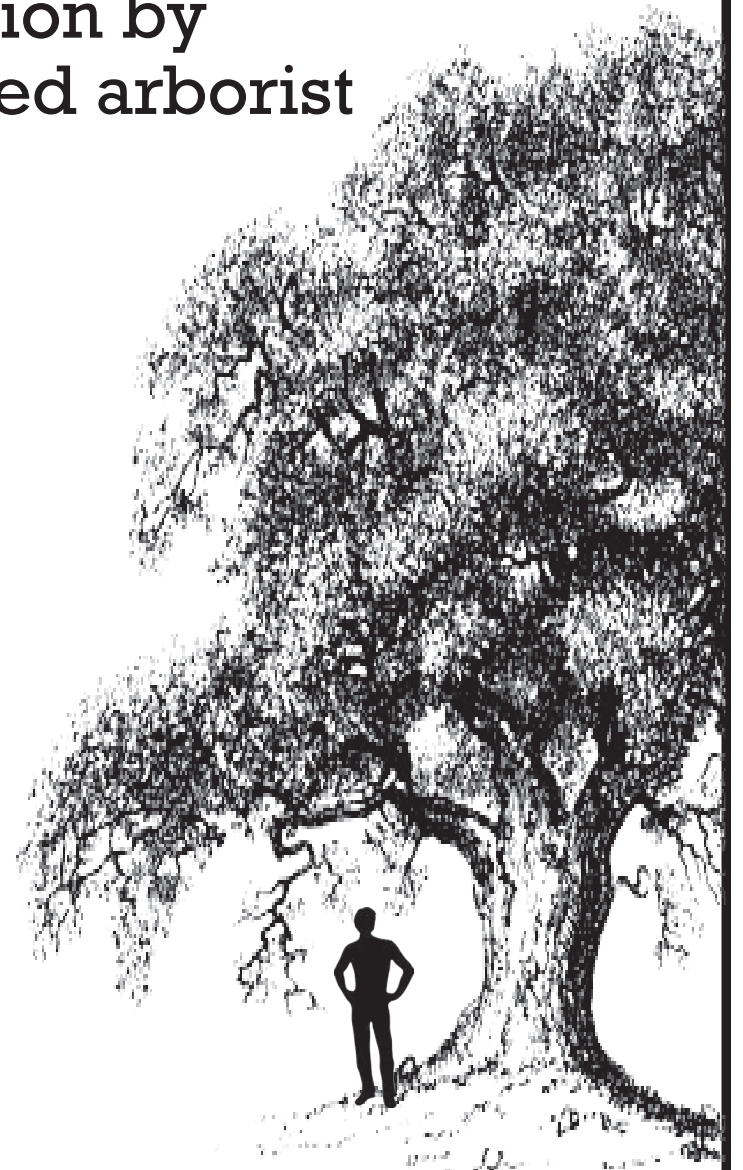


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