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Opening up the season



Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Brooke Lamothe kicks off the Western Mass. Pioneers season on Friday, May 8 at Lusitano Stadium with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The Pioneers are 1-0 to start the year.

CHILDREN'S BIKE PARADE & SAFETY RODEO rides away June 13

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LUDLOW – Mark your calendars for June 13 at 11 a.m. for the Town of Ludlow's annual children's bike parade and safety rodeo, beginning at the Mills Clock Tower parking lot and ending at the Sole Syndicate parking lot.

The 250th themed rodeo encouraged children from ages zero to fifth grade to decorate anything that they can push, pull, tow, or pedal. Please note that there are no electric or motorized bikes or cars allowed in this free family event.

The award ceremony prizes with the Ludlow

Please see **BIKE PARADE**, Page 3



Submitted photo

This Third Grader titled their artwork, "USA Bike Parade" and it shows great excitement for the annual bike parade coming up.

PACC introduces a new K-9 companion named Striker

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LUDLOW – On June 5, beginning at 5 p.m. is the annual Polish American Citizens' Club pasta dinner, in support of the K-9 Program.

Tickets will be sold at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10, and will have in attendance LPD Officer Da Costa and Officer Whitney with their respective K-9's, named Max who is soon retiring and introducing Striker to the department. This dinner has been happening since 2002, with many guests having the ability to meet the dogs and see the work, training, and care of these animals in person.

Speaking with Da Costa, he shared the following about reaching a personal goal within the LPD. "My name is Geovanny Da Costa, and I have been with the Ludlow Police Department for the past three years. Ever since I decided to pursue a career in law enforcement, becoming a K-9 handler has always been one of my biggest goals.

I am extremely fortunate and honored to have been selected as the department's newest K-9 handler and, with the generous sup-

port of the Polish American Club, to welcome our newest K-9 partner, Striker. I grew up in Ludlow and have spent most of my life in this community, which makes this opportunity even more

meaningful to me. I look forward to serving the residents of Ludlow in this new role and providing the town with another valu-

Please see **STRIKER**, Page 6



Submitted photo

LPD Officer Da Costa with his new K-9 companion, Striker.

Select Board deems nuisance dogs at 26 Wilson Street

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LUDLOW – At the May 19 Select Board meeting during the visitation and public hearing portion, a nuisance dog at 26 Wilson St. was discussed with Animal Control Officer and Animal Health Inspector Octavia Anderson with neighbors, Jennifer Lopez and Laurinda Marques in attendance.

Anderson said, "We are here today because we have an ongoing problem with a rottweiler and a cane corso running loose on Wilson St. They're not vicious dogs, so I want to make sure that you know it's not a vicious dog, but it is a nuisance dog because they're big dogs and in the last week, they've been loose twice.

Before that, three times since February. And it needs to be...I left messages, I've left notices on the door, they have not...". Anderson was interrupted by the Marques who disagreed with Anderson's claims stating it wasn't true. Marques stated she does not work, and claims Anderson has never been to their property or never left a note.

Chairman William Rosenblum urged Marques to go through the Select Board in the meeting format before making statements, Anderson continued. "Lopez lives next door; she was the one who instigated this whole thing. Currently right now, the dogs aren't licensed and I checked this morning..." and Marques commented, "They're licensed...oh, here they're not because they weren't supposed to live there..." and Anderson reiterated, "As of today, May 19, they are not licensed."

After each resident stated their names to the board, An-



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The Select Board meeting held on May 19 discussed several line items, including two nuisance dogs on Wilson St.

derson clarified that she just wants the dogs to be licensed and contained in their respective yard, "That's literally all I am asking. Lopez has put in a new fence around her property, so the dogs cannot get into her house, which they try to do. Lopez has two little dogs...that can be really scary even if the dogs are very friendly. The thing that I am really looking for is something that will get a secure fence up, not a half put together one that the dogs can get out of.

So, we're not doing this anymore and for them, referring to Marques' dogs, to get licensed if they're in the Town for more than 30 days," said Anderson.

Lopez said, "I sent the board an email, several emails actually in the last couple of months...For the last four and a half months, my neighbor's two dogs have repeatedly come onto my property without restraint or supervision. These incidents have been documented with both Animal Control and the Ludlow Police Dispatch.

Most recently on Friday, May 15, the same day I had a six-foot fence installed around my backyard.

My dogs and I were outside when the Marques' dogs came once again, got loose, and entered my property. The dog approached and sniffed my fence where my dogs were standing on the other side.

I recorded a video and took photographs of the dog wandering near my side of my house, as well as in my front yard where I came within approximately seven feet of my front door. I've provided dated and time-stamped videos to the Ludlow Animal Control Officer as evidence of my complaint.

The installation of my fence was intended to create a safe and secure enclosed area for my dogs on my property, despite these efforts, the neighboring dogs, specifically the cane corso continues to roam freely onto the unfenced portions of my yard and is able to approach the fenced area where my dogs are located. My issue here isn't whether the dogs are friendly; it's about an ongoing failure to properly contain and control two very large animals that have repeatedly entered private

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Director of Veterans Services visits SB

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LUDLOW – Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo shares inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Palmer for shared veteran's services to the Select Board on May 19, the

board approved 5-0. Segundo began, "The Town of Palmer's VSO is leaving, and they wanted to see about consolidating or merging services. I've had several meetings with the town manager and the contract in front of you, referring to the board, is pre-negotiated on what works for

both of us. Ideally, with the Town of Palmer, they were looking for us to cover their veterans' services like we do here, and they do require having staff there. We negotiated one full day and two

Please see **SEGUNDO**, Page 6

Town of Ludlow announces second annual restaurant week

LUDLOW - Town Administrator Marc Strange is pleased to announce that the Town will host its second annual Restaurant Week from June 6-14, allowing visitors to explore Ludlow's diverse local restaurant culture at a discount.

The Town hosted its first Restaurant Week in 2025 as part of its ongoing "Get Lost in Ludlow," tourism campaign, which aims to draw attention to and highlight the diverse range of quality dining, outdoor recreation spaces, and craft breweries, among other attractions that reflect the charm of Ludlow.

Six local businesses participated, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from business owners, community members, and more.

This year, Restaurant Week will be held from Saturday, June 6, to Sunday, June 14. All six of last year's participating restaurants will be returning, as well as seven first-time participants, more than doubling the amount of menus visitors have to order

from. "I would like to thank Get Lost in Ludlow and the Ludlow Selectmen for putting together Restaurant Week," one restaurant owner wrote on social media following last year's event. "It was very well promoted, and we got a tremendous amount of foot traffic from it."

The event also received newspaper and television media coverage, reaching an estimated audience of 14 million with coverage showcasing the culinary talents and welcoming culture of Ludlow's local restaurants.

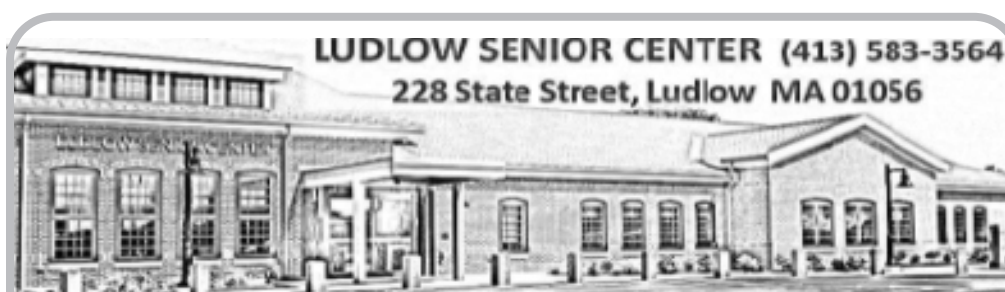
Restaurants expected to participate include:

- The Lighthouse, 108 Sewall St.
- Tandem Bagel Company, 44 Riverside Drive
- Koqui Restaurant, 6 Fuller St.
- Mill's Tavern & Grille, 14 Worcester St.
- Ludlow Coffee Co., 135 East St.
- Elsie's Creamery at Randall's Farm, 631 Center St.
- Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center St.

- Primavera Cafe Restaurant, 257 East St.
- Sole Syndicate Brewing, 100 State St., Building 122
- Casa Pizzeria, 325 East St.
- The Villa Rose, 1428 Center St.
- BarBurrito, 319 East St.
- Come E Cala-Te, 191 State St.

To learn more about the deals each establishment is offering, visit getlostinludlow.com/restaurant-week2026/ or follow Get Lost in Ludlow on Instagram or Facebook.

"We are so excited to be hosting our second annual Restaurant Week event," said Strange. "Our local restaurants, many of which opened in Ludlow within the past year, have become a staple for our community members. These restaurants, their owners, and staff, are a reflection of the culture, pride, and friendliness that reinforce the spirit of our Town, and we are pleased to be able to showcase their efforts with events such as these."



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 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

Friday, May 22

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*

Monday, May 25

Center Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing

- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
- 1 p.m. Limitless Legends*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump
- 5 p.m. Movie: Memorial Day (2012)

Wednesday, May 27

- 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Facials by Appointment
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 10:30 a.m. Eat Your Veggies Day
- 1 p.m. Movie: Memorial Day (2012)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1 p.m. TED Talk*

Thursday, May 28

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers Block
- 2 p.m. Book Club The Two-Family House
- 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 21: Ham & Broccoli Casserole/Biscuit
- Friday, May 22: Pot Roast/Mashed Pot/ Green Beans
- Monday, May 25: Center Closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 26: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Let & Tom/Chips & Pickle
- Wednesday, May 27: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veg
- Thursday, May 28: Chef Salad

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

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

Dog licenses expired on March 31

LUDLOW - Dog licenses expired March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually per MGL C.140, §.137. Starting July 1 there will be a late fee of \$10.00 per dog in addition to the licensing fee.

We must have the most

current rabies certificate to license your dog.

Residents have the option to obtain a license in-person or by mail or Town Clerk drop box behind Town Hall.

When mailing in your payment or utilizing the drop box: please include a

self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Mail to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

\$15 Neutered/spayed dogs; \$20 for Not Spayed/Neutered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 (request Town Clerk's Office) or email clerk@ludlow.ma.us.

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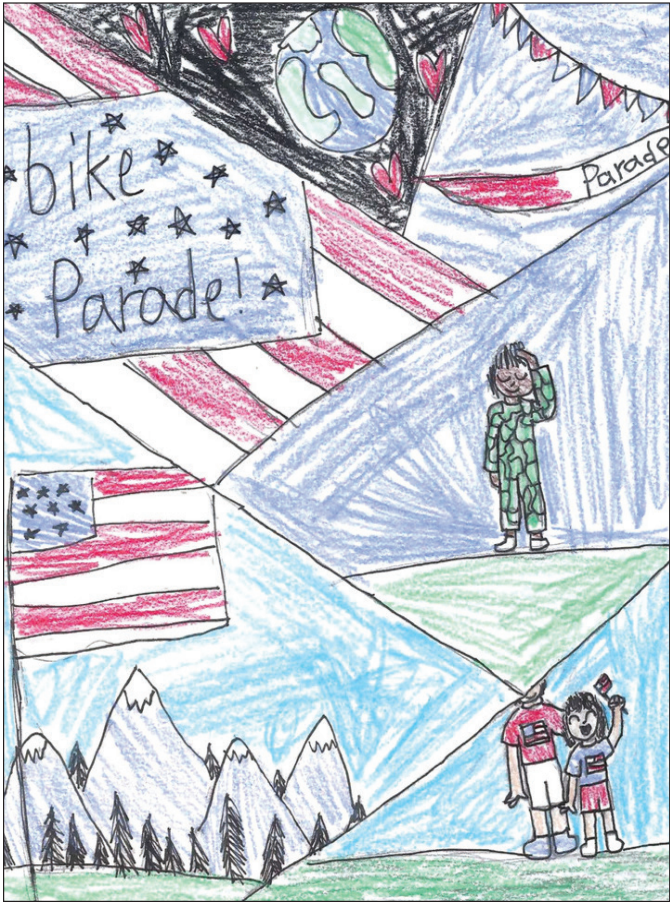
Second Grader drew a bicycle, an American flag, a shiny prize, and colorful fireworks.

BIKE PARADE from Page 1

Police Department safety rodeo will follow in the Sole Syndicate parking lot. Registration is required, and it is asked for families to arrive early to sign in.

Sponsors of the event include Randall's Farm, Tan-

dem Bagel Co., Sole Syndicate Brewing, PlayNow, LPD, and the Celebrate Ludlow Committee. The path begins at the Mills Clock Tower parking lot at 100 State St., continues onto the Riverwalk, stops at Tandem Bagel, and finishes at the Sole Syndicate parking lot.



From the striped border and rose filled lining, to the balloons floating to the top to the fireworks, this Fifth Grader used their imagination for the artwork contest.



Using markers and outlining the American flag, this Fifth Grader left an encouraging message for all the bike parade participants.



Biking through the Town's Riverwalk, the bike leaves red, white, and blue stripes on the floor.

This Fifth Grader used their creativity to show a great flyer to promote the bike parade happening on June 13.

First Church to hold 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.

The menu includes phenomenal sliced ham, baked beans, potato salad, roll & strawberry shortcake for only \$18.

Curbside pickup time is between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Call now to secure your reservations 413-547-8720.

Ringers coming back to Wilbraham United Church

WILBRAHAM – The Merrimack Valley Ringers return to Wilbraham United Church to present their 2026 Spring Handbell Concert, Let Freedom Ring, Celebrating 250 Years Of Our Nation, at 7 p.m., May 30 in the Church Sanctuary, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham. A free will donation will help defray MVR expenses to present the concert. Wheelchair accessible.

Notice from Annual Town Meeting

LUDLOW – In accordance with Section 24, Chapter 1 of the Town of Ludlow Bylaws, the following is a list of Representative Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence with the Town Clerk at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May

11, 2026

Precinct 1: William J. Jolivet, Jr.

Precinct 2: Robert Scott McRobbie, Jose Eugenio

Precinct 3: Cynthia Miller, Lisa Szlosek, Arthur Joseph Lourenco, Nicole Rene Parker, Margaret E.

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Precinct 5: Daniel Kinne, Brian Mannix,

Thomas P. Haluch

Precinct 6: Christina Brown

Members at Large: Alan Aubin, Angela Tierney

Dine Out Day at Krazy Jakes on June 17

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club will hold Dine Out Day at Krazy Jake's, 2537 Boston Road on Wednesday, June 17 all day according to Rotary Vice President Peter Salerno.

Krazy Jakes will donate 10 percent of their custom-

ers' meal check to the Rotary Club to support community services. The Dine Out event runs from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.," said Salerno.

Diners must present a special coupon that they will receive upon entering the restaurant.

All proceeds from the

Dine Out will go for community services that benefit everyone from school children to senior citizens.

The Rotary Club's motto is "Service Above Self". For more information about the Dine Out Day call club Peter Salerno at 203-214-7954 or email PSalerno1@aol.com.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Why do we wait until Memorial Day to plant?

For as long as I can remember, the “safe date” for planting tender crops was always Memorial Day.

This year in particular the holiday is on the early side, the 25th of May, as opposed to the 30th or 31st. Here in New England, five or six days can make all the difference in the world.

Sure, as I write, the mercury is set to rise well into the high eighties for three or four days, then become more seasonable again. It’s a wonder the plants know what to do.

Anyhow, read on to learn about some tender plants and how they respond better when soil or air temperatures have warmed.

Although cool loving peas and warmth loving beans are both legumes, bean seeds in particular crave seventy to eighty degree soil in which to germinate. This is particularly evident with white seeded bean varieties, since the white seeds reflect the heat instead of holding on to it like dark seeds do.

Oftentimes, white seeds will rot before they sprout if planted too soon. If you are in the mood to gamble and desire an early sowing of beans, use a dark seeded variety.

Untreated corn seeds will not germinate in soil below 60 degrees. We are advised to be patient and trust that seed planted in warm soil will make up for lost time, and they typically will, in no time flat.

Those of us who plant only a small plot have luck starting corn seeds indoors then transplanting the seedlings outside. I sowed my corn two seeds per six pack a few days back and have it on heat along with a sowing of winter squash and melons and all are popping up nicely.

I usually pick the best of the two in the cell of the pack and pinch away the slower one so there is no competition, giving the stronger seedling all of the room to grow nicely. Never pull out when thinning; roots may be disturbed.

Speaking of seedlings, it’s also important not to

shock our home grown pepper or tomato seedlings by transplanting them into cold soil or cold air. Night temperatures should be a consistent 50 degrees before planting out peppers.

I typically preheat the soil my peppers are to be planted in with black plastic, laying it right down in the garden bed for a week prior to planting. I cut holes into it at transplanting time, amending each hole as I go.

For added warmth, some gardeners looking to get a head start often use a row cover to add a few degrees of warmth and protect plants from the wind.

Tomatoes are planted outside after all danger of frost has passed. Typically on Memorial Day! In fact, I think the whole “safe date” theory came to be because of tomatoes! When I was just getting started in horticulture I remember all sorts of contraptions people used to use to try and get the first ripe tomato in the neighborhood.

By planting tomatoes transplants earlier you could get earlier fruiting. Cloches or wall-o-waters were popular before the floating row covers became the rage.

I typically wait to transplant my tomatoes. Mine are huge this year.

Remember, if your plants get big and your are still a few weeks away from getting them from the six pack into the ground, “pot them up.” It’s a term for going up a size, say from a cell to a four inch pot, so roots don’t get bound before they get the chance to live happily ever after in the garden.

Soon enough, for sure!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



GUEST COLUMN

Help, SSA says I’m not eligible for benefits

Dear Rusty:

Help, the Social Security Administration says I didn’t pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do?

Signed:
Self-employed American

Dear Self-employed:

For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone including the self-employed must have earned at least 40 “quarter credits” contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years’ worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four “quarter credits” per year, depending on your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one “quarter credit” for each \$1,890 of earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year.

As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted, e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken. The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever infor-



mation you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years.

If you don’t have at least 40 “quarter credits” over your lifetime, you won’t be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal “my Social Security” online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many “credits” you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create you online SS account, you will

also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security and you should review that

record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security.

If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf.

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GUEST COLUMN

Solo-agers need health-care advocates

Approximately 22 million adults age 55 or over live alone in America, with an estimated 28 percent of them being childless. While specific numbers for Massachusetts are not available, this national statistic gives a general idea of the breadth of the solo-ager population.

When Senior Living News interviewed a selection of solo agers in 2025, it found that more than half hadn’t designated a health-care advocate or intended to do so. As solo agers are a growing senior demographic, this could leave a lot of people without a safety net should they become unable to advocate for themselves.

Health-care advocates go by a variety of terms: HCPOA (healthcare power of attorney), POAH (power of attorney for healthcare), health-care proxy or surrogate decision-maker, but they all mean the same thing: It’s a person you legally designate to make medical decisions for you if you become unable to make them for yourself. For my purposes today, I’ll use POAH.

For people with spouses, children or close-by fami-



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

ly, this decision usually isn’t that difficult. For people who are aging alone, miles from family or with no family at all, it becomes a decision that shouldn’t be made on a fly-by-night basis.

Without a POAH, hospitals and doctors lack clear guidance. This often leads to doctors making treatment decisions based on medical standards alone, which may not align with what you actually want. Choosing a POAH in advance makes it more likely that your wishes, values and medical preferences will be respected.

Before I get into how a solo ager can identify a POAH, I want to explain the differences between that and a living will, known in some states as an “advance directive.” Essentially, the POAH designates the “who” and the living will details the “what”: You can say “yes” or “no” to,

for example, CPR, resuscitation, intubation or other life-sustaining treatments.

You can also designate how long you’d want those treatments to go on before you want them discontinued.

The role of your POAH is not to make the decision they think is best for you, but rather to make the decision you would make for yourself if you could.

That means you want someone you trust, who’s willing to advocate for you, can handle stressful medical situations and can be easily reached. So, your POAH doesn’t necessarily have to be geographically nearby, but they need to be within a phone call.

What that person looks like for a solo ager varies. A private patient advocate: This is usually a board-certified professional with a medical background who understands the situation and whom you trust to act appropriately on your behalf.

Anon-family POAH: You can legally appoint someone who is not related to you.

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: Mon 9-5, Tue 9-8, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

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.

FOR ADULTS

Creative Writing Hour, June 2, 2:00-3:00 PM. Drop in and get some writing done! This month's theme is rain. The facilitator will provide prompts or exercises for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing. Choose a prompt or work on something already in progress; then, share what you've written if you like! Please register.

Massachusetts Chocolate History, Wednesday, June 3, 2:00-3:00 pm. Cocoa Beantown of Boston takes us on a tasty tour of Massachusetts chocolate history. Learn about the colonists trading their tea for chocolate, Fanny Farmer's famous cookbook, and the first chocolate factory in the nation, along with so much more! Samples included! Please register.

Adult Craft Workshop - Make a Dinosaur Rubber Duckie Soap, Tuesday, June 9, 6:00-7:00 pm. Create your own bathtime masterpiece using glycerin-based soap. Add vibrant colors, glitter, delightful natural scents, and even embed a dinosaur rubber duckie toy! Ready to use the following day. Please register.

Sound Energy Healing Series, June 13, 10:30 am. Enjoy an hour of peace and calm absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program, as well as a blanket. Please register.

Lenny Zarcone Sings Songs of Sinatra & Friends, Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 pm. Love the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin? Join us as crooner Lenny Zarcone sings popular classics of the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Lenny's upbeat shows include unforgettable music and comedy - all presented with Lenny's inimitable style and flair. Don't miss this one! Please register.

African Gourd Stamped Tote Bag Workshop, June 18, 6:30-7:30 pm. Craft a unique and beautiful tote bag using fabric paint and stamps made from African gourds in this fun craft workshop for adults. Taught by Mary Beth

Silva. Please register.

Felted Otter Workshop, June 24, 2:30-4:00 pm. Dive into needle felting with this adult craft workshop taught by Popup Art School! Use wool and a needle to create a fuzzy and playful sculpted otter. Suitable for beginners. Please register.

Over the Hill and Far Away: New Englanders in the Corps of Discovery, June 25, 6:30-7:30 pm. When we imagine the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, we often picture frontiersmen from the Appalachians or mountain men of Missouri. In reality 8 New Englanders joined the journey, and one was even born in Hampden county! Museum professional and living history interpreter Dennis Picard will be here to tell us more about the exciting lives of these men. Please register.

Chir Volleyball for Seniors - ADDITIONAL DAY!, Every Monday and Thursday, 1:30 pm. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please register, though walk-ins are welcome.

Technology Appointments, Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

Seeking Local Artists, Seeking local artists, craftspeople and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge, Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 pm. Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm. Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Youth Chess Club, Mondays (biweekly), June 1, 15, 3:30 pm. For ages 9-17. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), June 2, 16, 5:30 pm. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), June 2, 16, 3:30 pm. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Music and Movement, Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 23, 11:00 - noon. For ages 2-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, June 4, 11, 9:45 - 10:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 year olds, Thursdays, June 4, 11, 10:45 - 11:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Paper Mache Hot Air Balloons, Saturday, June 6, 11-12:30 pm. For ages 8-17. Please register.

Minecraft Club, Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20, noon to 1:50 pm. For ages 7-11. We have Minecraft accounts. Please register.

Father's Day Card Making Drop-in, June 8 through 16. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Dinosaur Rubber Duckie Soaps for Youth, Tuesday, June 9, 4 to 5:00 pm. For ages 8-17 with adult supervision. Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night, Tuesday, June 9, 6 to 8:00pm. For middle and high school age. Pizza provided by The Friends of the Library. Please register.

Pokemon Club, Wednesdays (biweekly), June 10, 24, 3:30 to 4:45 pm. For gr. 3-8. Please register.

Father's Day Puzzle Gift Making, Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 am. For 0-5s. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, noon to 5:00 pm. Drop-in.

Online Gaming Club for YAs, Every Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program, ongoing. For 6th grade through high school. Volunteer one hour a week in the youth room. Please see our website calendar for more information and to submit an application.

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property without control or supervision.

Although my property is my main concern, the broader concern is that these dogs should not be at-large in the neighborhood at all. Given their size, appropriate containment is not optional; it's necessary for public safety.

I'm requesting that the board require the dogs to be properly contained or restrained so they cannot enter my property at all, and I would like repercussions for failing to comply with the board's decision to be clearly outlined," said Lopez.

Rosenblum began, "First of all, the dogs cannot be unleashed and that's number one. We've also done in the past, referring to Anderson, a fenced area for the dogs in the backyard.

We always go with Anderson's recommendation but after seeing the pictures, just

seeing that the dog is standing on someone's property with no leash and to your point, uncontained is an issue. Anderson knows that I have a dog that is contained in a fenced area and if it goes out, it's on a leash," said Rosenblum.

Anderson explained she has two large breed dogs and one is energetic like a cane corso, "They have been loose once in 13 years because I have a solid fence and I constantly check that solid fence. My dogs will go up to someone and flip over; they're 130 pounds and big dogs." Lopez says that her dogs range from 16 to 20 pounds.

"The whole safety issue that comes to play with loose dogs is that dogs live in a pack situation in their brain. If one dog goes after something in a playful manner, the other dogs are going to jump in.

It's a pack mentality. These two dogs that are running loose in Town are just

too big and the potential for disaster is so high that we can't let this slip through the cracks," said Anderson.

Rosenblum continued, "We had it here before where a dog without any history, nips a child. This would be my recommendation, a dog run, always on a leash when they're outside, or put a dog pen in the backyard with Anderson's dimension recommendations."

Lopez stated that she put a vinyl fence in her yard solely due to this nuisance dog issue, commenting that it came with great expense. Anderson followed, "Putting in a dog pen would entail me inspecting it randomly at times, especially if the dogs get loose again, and if the dogs get loose again then we need to look at dog ownership.

Because if they're unable to keep the dogs confined, then it's a whole different problem. I'm hoping we can find a suitable dog kennel

that fits both dogs or you get someone out there that makes sure your fence is completely secure," said Anderson.

Member Manuel Silva requested Marques to say a few words about what was going to be done to secure her dogs, Marques began, "They're two pups, one is seven months and another is nine months, puppies will be out and they will try to get out.

The cane corso has gotten out but he hasn't roamed the neighborhood, I open the door..." and Silva commented, "You say that they don't roam but we have pictures that they do roam," and Marques asked, "How far?"

The board reiterated the dogs have been seen in neighbor's backyards and front yards, "What I am asking of you is what are you going to do to contain them because they need to be contained," asked Silva. "The fence, I try to do my best, I am not financially stable to

put up a new fence but it's in pretty good condition...I am always nailing wherever the dogs get out in the fence.

I'm always repairing it. The yard is fully fenced," said Marques.

Silva stated that Marques said the dogs were not hers, they are her sons, and Silva urged Marques's son that these dogs are a nuisance and can be removed by the Select Board. Marques confirmed to the board that she is the principal caretaker of the dogs and agreed that she feels she is comfortable taking full care of the dogs, stating that she does not feel overwhelmed.

"What overwhelms me is Lopez's little shih tzu's have been barking up a storm every time she lets them out when they do their business for the past 10 years, I'm out there doing my yard work and those little things go yap, yap, yap! I never once complained, she's my neighbor and I like to get along with

my neighbors. I don't call the police on my neighbors, Lopez's dogs are a nuisance to me," stated Marques.

Member James Gennette urged Marques to focus on her son's dogs and the issue originally presented to the board.

Lopez reiterated that she cannot let her dogs outside if she sees the cane corso or the rottweiler, stating they make every effort to go into her property and referred to an incident where Marques's son's dogs ran over Lopez's 10-year-old arthritic dog.

"I'm afraid something is going to happen to my dogs; it's a safety issue," she said.

The conversation continued, and the board declared Marques' dogs as nuisance dogs, to be licensed on May 20, and containment be done in two weeks. Anderson clarified that if the dogs get loose again, she will have the power to impound them, if needed in the future.

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ONGOING
PLAY CRIBBAGE IN INDIAN ORCHARD - Cribbage players of all ages and ability are welcome to enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Join us at Club #72, "Pegging Fools", Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

VOLLEYBALL at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays. Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

BI-MONTHLYFOOD DRIVE On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building

located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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able resource to help keep our community safe," shared Da Costa.

Following a Facebook post in 2025 from John Diotalevi from the Ludlow PACC, the post shared that the club presented a \$10,000 check for the K-9 program. The post read, The Ludlow PACC has been a supporter of our town's K-9 program since it started 21 years ago.

The club has purchased the last 2 K-9's." Those dogs were named Cito and Rocky. Speaking with Diotalevi further, he shared his involvement within the PACC and why this program embodies the community spirit of the Town. "One of our PACC Officers was also an LPD Officer and were raising funds for the K-9 program by selling popcorn at a local hardware store.

There was a lot of local support over the years through businesses and individuals throughout the community, and they saw great value in having a K-9 program in Town. Being involved with the PACC and being president, I jumped on board and started doing these



Submitted photo

LPD Officer Whitney with his K-9 companion Max, who will be retiring with him from the department soon.

fundraisers.

The money we raised through the pasta dinners all go through to the K-9 program, as well as donations through the PACC go to it as well. Currently, Da Costa is training alongside Whitney to fine tune the dog's training for enforcement.

I've been involved with the PACC for around 41 years and have been an offi-

cer for more than three decades, so my heart is in the club and the community and as a community organization, we found this to be the most fitting cause," ended Diotalevi.

The PACC pasta dinner on June 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. is open to the public, enjoy a nice meal and you'll get a chance to meet the K-9 in Town.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The Ludlow Police Department's K-9 program is fundraised by the Polish American Citizens' Club.

Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas 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

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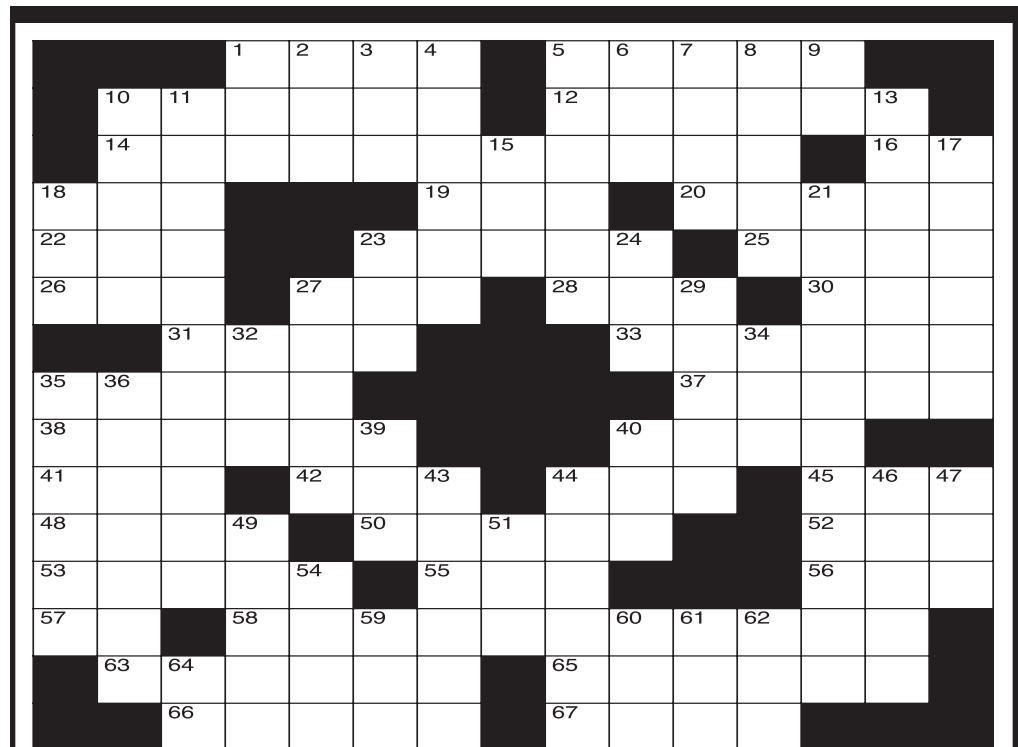
half days, in return for these services.

What we end up getting out of this is the money that Palmer will give us will al-

low us to make our part timer, full time. They will also be contributing towards the expense of the veteran's center, so they'll be giving back to the Town, \$12,000 a year.

What we give them is full

time veterans services," said Segundo. Segundo and Palmer Town Manager agreed to try this out until Jan. 2026 and will reevaluate on the first of the month, this is a trial run.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Streetcar
5. Take ___ of it!
10. SW Asia peninsula
12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
14. One who revitalizes
16. Indicates position
18. Dishonorable man
19. Singer King Cole
20. Short-tailed marten
22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
25. Dirt
26. Superconducting super collider
27. Not good
28. A way to sink
30. Unwell
31. Follow orders
33. Deep ravine

CLUES DOWN

35. Perfumery practice
37. Indian film director Sultan
38. Member of U.S. Navy
40. Wing-like
41. Very fast airplane
42. Slang for cigarette
44. Most cars still need it
45. Political war chest
48. Cools down
50. Diminish toward one end
52. Indigenous person of Thailand
53. Combined
55. Container
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thou
58. Return a favor
63. Go over once more
65. Removed
66. "Silence of the ___"
67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

1. Children's game
2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
3. Own (Scottish)
4. Female follower of Bacchus
5. Subsidies
6. Protects from weather
7. Spanish municipality
8. Supermarket chain
9. Domain name
10. Semitic peoples
11. Designs anew
13. City associated with Jesus
15. Cool!
17. Bank employee
18. Central nervous system
21. Standardized piece of text
23. A type of fever
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Threaten persistently
29. Aspirations
32. Baby's eating accessory
34. Actress Thurman
35. Turn into bone
36. One who saves you
39. Consume
40. Swiss river
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Categories
46. Expressed amazement
47. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
49. Greek war dance
51. Bland, semi-liquid food
54. Regard in a specified way
59. Taxi
60. Naturally occurring solid material
61. Feline
62. Post-burning residue
64. Elevated railroad

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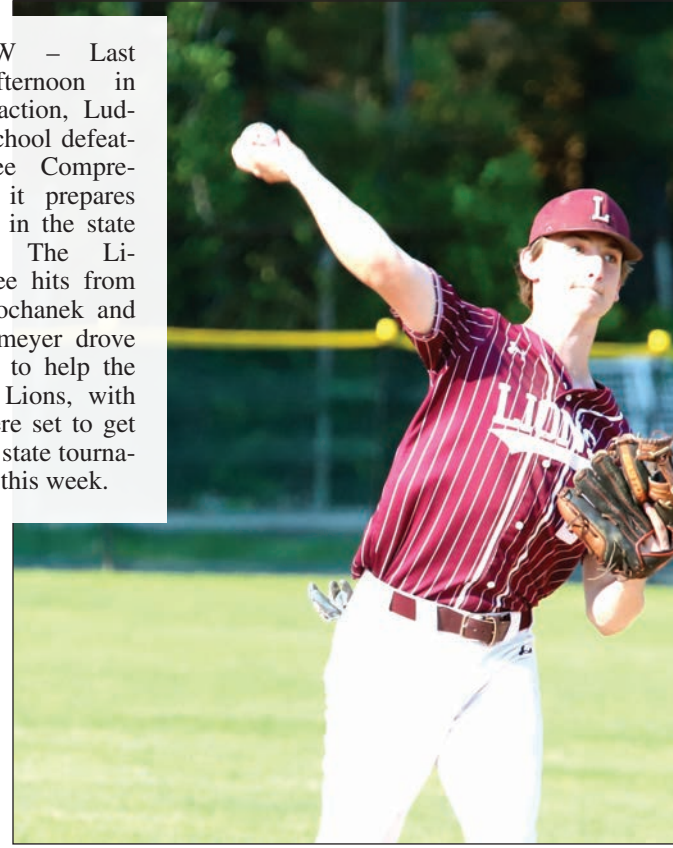
Ludlow baseball defeats Chicopee Comp



Ethan Steigmeyer takes a swing.

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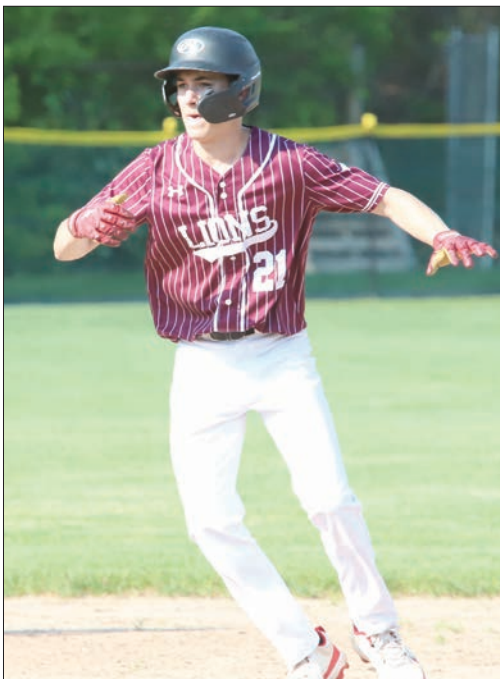
LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon in nonplayoff action, Ludlow High School defeated Chicopee Comprehensive as it prepares to take part in the state tournament. The Lions got three hits from Christian Kochanek and Ethan Steigmeyer drove in two runs to help the Lions. The Lions, with 10 wins, were set to get going in the state tournament earlier this week.



Mason Morace fires to first.



Jacob Santos watches the pitcher as he leads off first.



Jake Tatro shuffles off second base.



Christian Kochanek comes up with a ground ball cleanly.



Joseph Toomey makes a soft toss to first on an easy ground ball.



Luke Stejna fires a pitch home.

Lions fall to undefeated Pacers



Abby Monette fields a grounder.

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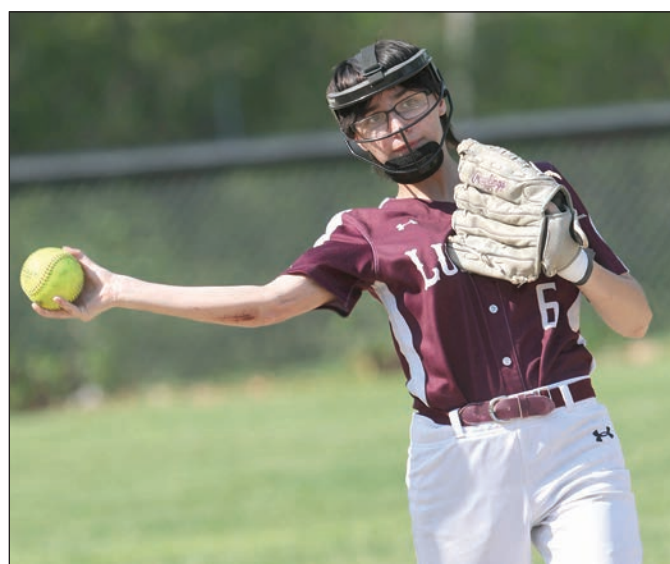
LUDLOW – It's been a very successful season for the Ludlow High School softball team. But they ran into a team that was just a little bit better in the Western Mass. Class B quarterfinals. The Lions competed well, but fell to Chicopee High School 6-4. The Lions would move into nonplayoff action against Belchertown, and now await their placing in the Division 3 State Tournament, which was set to get underway earlier this week.



Isabelle Leutsch picks up the ground ball.



Madison Goncalves delivers a pitch.



Abby Monette slings a throw to first.

Doubles teams lead Ludlow to win

LUDLOW – Last Friday afternoon, Ludlow High School girls tennis defeated Belchertown 3-2. In the win, both of Ludlow doubles teams were victorious, with the third win coming from Ashlyn Mortimer in singles action. Cayden Teixeira and Sydney Pereira won first doubles, while Lella Cruz and Beatrice Chelo won second doubles. The Lions won the third match of the season, and concluded their regular season with a matchup against Northampton High School.

T-Birds win Game 4 to force deciding fifth game

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds staved off elimination for a third time this postseason, picking up a 2-0 shutout win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last Thursday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield win ties the series, 2-2, and forces a deciding Game 5 last Saturday at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.



Early indications were that neither team's red hot goaltender was going to give up anything easy, as the Penguins' Sergei Murashov turned away 13 first period shot attempts from the T-Birds. In turn, Georgii Romanov went a perfect 7-for-7 in the opening period for Springfield. The Penguins appeared to take a 1-0 lead just past the 6:00 mark of the game when Harrison Brunicke jumped into a rush on the right side and snapped a shot over Romanov into the top shelf. However, after officials gathered to converse, it was ruled that Romanov could not properly play his position, and the goal was disallowed. The scoreless deadlock carried well past the midpoint of the game, with Please see **THUNDERBIRDS**, Page 8

SPORTS

Volleyball Hall of Fame announces Class of 2026

HOLYOKE – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) is proud to announce its 2026 induction class, with the official ceremony scheduled for October 17 in Holyoke, Mass., USA, the Birthplace of Volleyball. This prestigious group of nine legends, representing eight distinct disciplines within the sport, has been selected for their history-making contributions, standard-setting excellence as global icons on the field of play and significant impact off the court. In addition, four special award honorees will also be honored for their contributions to the sport.

The 40th IVHF induction class features transformational leader and former FIVB President Dr. Ary Graça (Brazil, leader); three-time Olympian and FIVB World Champion April Ross (United States, female beach player); two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and legendary libero Fabiana “Fabi” Alvim (Brazil, female indoor player); two-time Olympian and World Cup Gold medalist Yoel “Joël” Despaigne (Cuba,

male indoor player); four-time Olympian and two-time World Champion Ekaterina Gamova (Russia, female indoor player); three-time Olympian and two-time World Champion Alison Cerutti (Brazil, male beach player); legendary player who also coached his country’s first Olympic Gold Medal-winning team Laurent Tillie (France, coach); the architect of Paralympic inclusion Denis Le Breuilly (England, ParaVolley) and three-time Olympic referee Takashi Shimoyama (Japan, referee).

Also announced are four special award winners, recognized for their contributions to the IVHF or the global sport of volleyball itself. They include the late Gabriel Cherebtiu (Mintonette Medallion of Merit, Romania/Mexico), John Cook (Mayoral Award of Excellence, United States), Starlings USA (Court of Honor, United States) and Alejandro Coccia (Award for Media Excellence, Argentina).

“The IVHF 2026 Induction Class brings together

some of the most outstanding figures in our sport. Big congratulations to the inductees and to the IVHF Leadership,” said Fabio Azevedo, President of the FIVB. “The entire Global Volleyball Movement thanks and fully supports the excellent work carried out by the IVHF in promoting the values, legacy and heritage of our sport by honouring the athletes, leaders and officials who have made an exceptional contribution to the development of volleyball and beach volleyball around the world. Celebrating these legends strongly aligns with the FIVB Strategic Vision 2032, and our continued partnership with the IVHF helps bring this vision to life. Together as One!”

All told, the IVHF has inducted 185 individuals from 27 countries into its historic Hall of Fame - those totals will rise to 194 inductees from 28 countries after the 2026 event, as this will be England’s first inductee. Three of the inductees also earned one of their votes by winning the Fan Vote for their respective category. More detailed information on

each inductee can be found below.

“The International Volleyball Hall of Fame continues to serve as a bridge between the sport’s remarkable history and its exciting future,” said Steve Bishop, President of the IVHF Board of Directors. “The Class of 2026 reflects the worldwide growth, diversity, excellence, and enduring legacy of volleyball across every level and discipline of the game. On behalf of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Board of Directors, we are proud to honor these extraordinary individuals whose achievements and lifelong contributions have helped inspire generations of athletes, coaches, officials, leaders, and fans while continuing to shape the future of our sport around the world.”

The 2026 International Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in Holyoke, Massachusetts, USA on Saturday, October 17, 2026. The event is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and ticket packages are available online now at VolleyHall.org/Induction-Celebration.

“This is one of the most historically significant classes ever assembled by the International Volleyball Hall of Fame,” said George Mulry, Executive Director of the IVHF. “Collectively, the Class of 2026 and this year’s special award recipients have

helped shape, elevate and re-define the sport of volleyball across multiple eras, disciplines and continents. From Olympic champions and transformational global leaders to innovators in coaching, officiating, media and Para-Volley, their influence can be seen in nearly every corner of the game today. Together, they represent the evolution of volleyball itself — honoring the sport’s rich history while inspiring its future generations.”

Volleyball enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the IVHF Insider e-newsletter for behind-the-scenes and exclusive content before, during and after Induction Weekend, including the new series “The Road To Holyoke.” To sign up for free, please visit ivhf.org/

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Holyoke, Mass., and is dedicated to honoring the legends, recognizing the greats and preserving the history of volleyball at all levels - men and women, amateur and professional players, coaches and contributors, around the world. The IVHF was incorporated in 1978 and continues to create a diversely representative institution from a wide range of countries and disciplines. For more information on the induction events, please visit the Hall’s website at www.ivhf.org or email info@ivhf.org.

THUNDERBIRDS

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Springfield surviving a pair of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton power plays in the opening half of period two.

The T-Birds’ power play then made its presence known, snapping an 0-for-15 drought when Dillon Dube fielded a pass in the slot area and chipped a forehand shot over Murashov’s glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead at 16:14 of the middle stanza. It was Dube’s team-leading fifth goal of the postseason and third in the series.

The T-Birds continued to make life miserable for the Penguin offense as the game shifted into the third period. With Wilkes-Barre/Scranton unable to register more than seven shots in any period, Springfield took advantage to gain some insurance at 6:48 of the third when Akil Thomas fired a pass in the slot to Thomas Bordeleau. Bordeleau’s shot deflected back to a trailing Marc-Andre Gaudet. The defenseman’s one-time attempt knocked a stick out of a defender’s hand, and the puck slowly elevated and trickled over the head of a perplexed Murashov, making it a 2-0 Springfield lead.

From there, Romanov took care of the rest, securing a Game 4 shutout for a second consecutive round and moving the T-Birds to a perfect 4-0 record following a loss in these playoffs.

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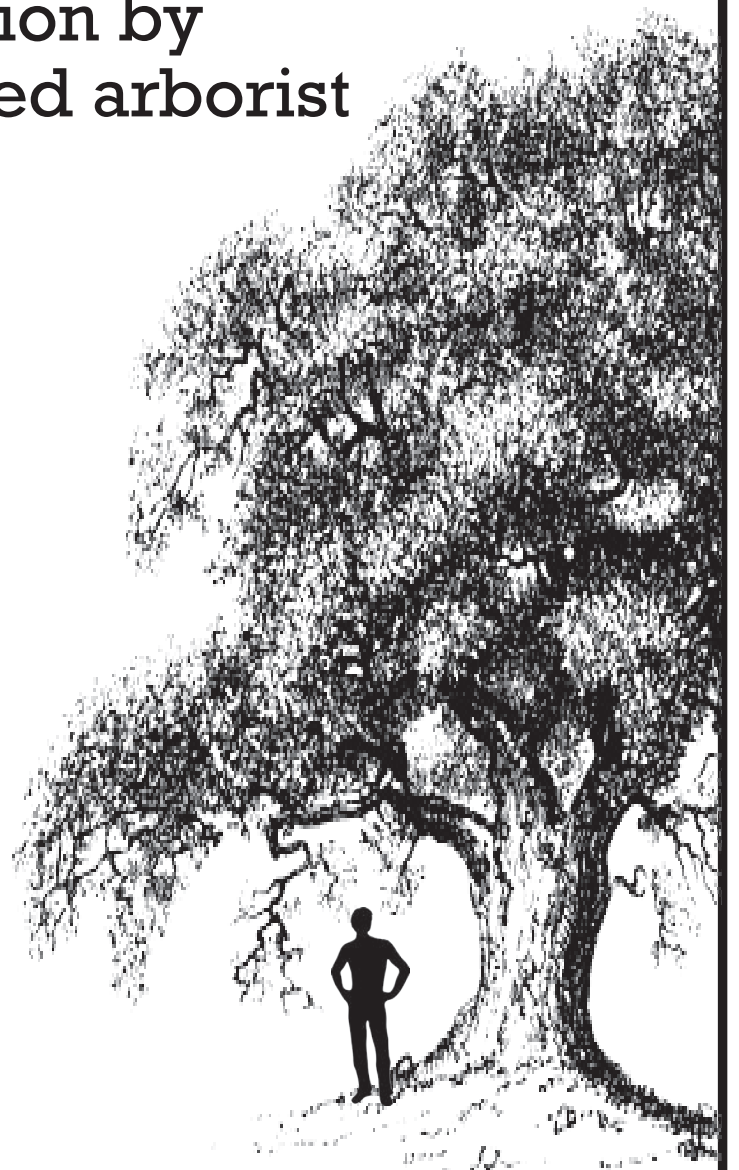
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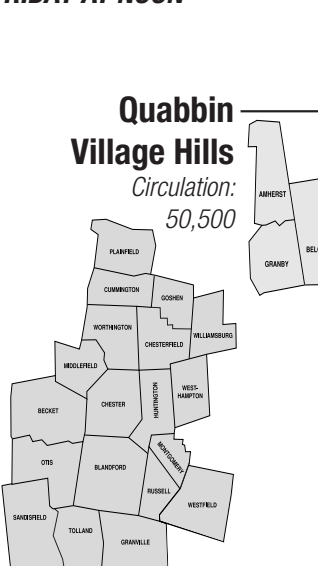
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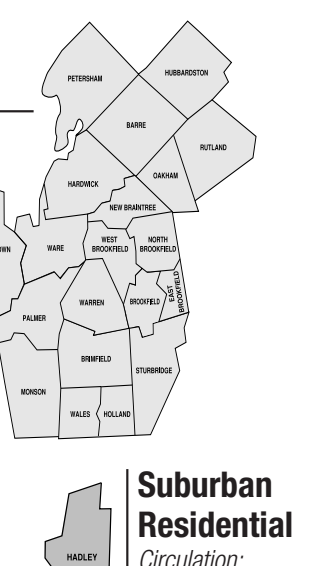
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Community cultivates native habitats for pollinators, birds

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – In neighborhoods across South Hadley, native flowers are beginning to bloom, pollinator gardens are expanding, and residents are learning that even small patches of land can make a meaningful environmental impact. At the center of that effort is Growing Wild South Hadley, a volunteer-driven group working to restore native habitats one yard, garden, and public space at a time.

Part of the statewide Growing Wild Massachusetts initiative through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the local chapter encourages res-

idents to plant native species that support birds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife.

“Growing Wild South Hadley is composed of community volunteers and members of the conservation commission who want to grow native plants in our yards and around town,” volunteer Genevieve Van de Merghel said.

The group’s work stretches beyond simple beautification. Native plants are essential to the survival of many pollinators and birds whose life cycles depend on them. Van de Merghel pointed to monarch butterflies as one example.

“Without native milkweed, monarch butterflies cannot breed,” she said. “Their caterpillars can only

eat milkweeds to survive.”

The same ecological relationship exists throughout nature. Many pollinators rely on specific native plants, and birds rely on those insects for food. According to Van de Merghel, a single brood of chickadees requires between 6,000 and 9,000 caterpillars to mature.

“Plants that support pollinators feed our birds, too,” she said.

To help residents participate, the group hosts educational talks at the Gaylord Memorial Library and organizes seasonal native plant giveaways and bulk purchases. One of the group’s most popular partnerships is with New England Wetland Plants, a wholesale na-

tive plant grower based in town. By purchasing in bulk, Growing Wild South Hadley is able to offer residents flats of native plants at wholesale prices.

The organization also maintains a growing list of native plant nurseries and gardening resources on the town website, helping homeowners navigate the often-overwhelming process of transitioning to native landscaping.

While many of the pollinator gardens are located on private residential properties, the group has also taken on public projects that serve as demonstrations for the broader community. Through a grant from the Hampden-Hampshire Conservation

District, volunteers established a pollinator garden outside the Gaylord Library.

“This garden is maintained by volunteers and is meant to be a demonstration garden of how even a small space can be beautiful and make such a difference,” Van de Merghel said.

Another project, a native bioswale planted near the River to Range Trail, combines stormwater management with habitat restoration. The drainage channel now supports butterflies and beneficial pollinators while helping direct runoff away from the trail and parking areas.

Community involvement remains central to the organization’s mission. Residents can participate through

plant swaps, volunteer garden maintenance, or monthly Zoom meetings featuring guest speakers and updates on local projects.

Looking toward the future, the group hopes its efforts will create something even larger: a connected corridor of habitat running through South Hadley that can sustain migrating birds and pollinators for generations to come.

“We would love to establish a corridor for migrating birds and pollinators to travel through South Hadley,” Van de Merghel said, “with plenty of delicious food and resources to help them on their journey or to make South Hadley their summer home to raise their families.”

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received multiple awards.

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HCC Honors & Awards for 2025-2026: Ludlow: Sarah Kites.

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Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
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Classes for Young Men(11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)
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Wednesday No Mass
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Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
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Thurs., May 28, – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Fri., May 29, – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Sat., May 30, - Confessions – 2:30PM (C), Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM (C)
Sun., May 31, – Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (C), Lifeteen, - 6:00 PM (JR)
Mon., June 1, - Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Tues., June 2, – Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Middle School Youth Ministry – 3:30 PM (JR), St. Rita Choir – 4:00 (C),Pasta Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM (ZR), Bereavement Support Group – 6:30 PM (ER), Parish Eucharistic revival Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM (JR)

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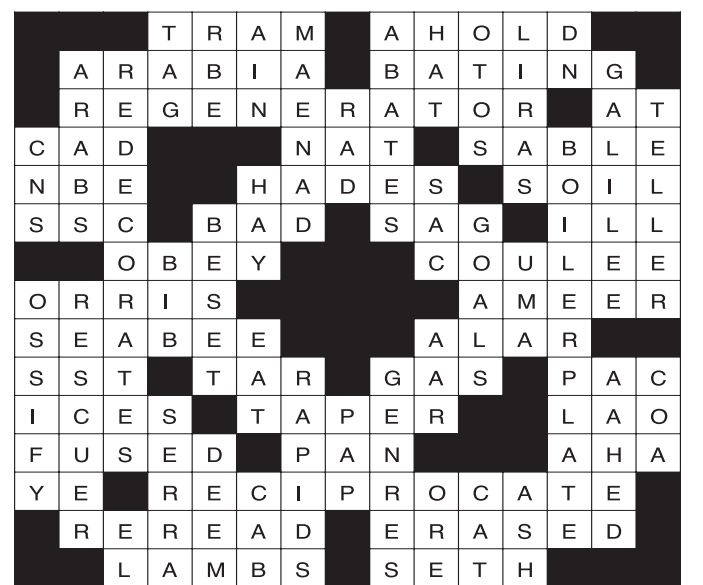
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Many people choose close friends or neighbors, someone who knows you well and understands your values, or former colleagues who can remain objective in a crisis.

Professional fiduciary: Under a durable power of attorney, a professional fiduciary is an individual entrusted to act as your proxy for either financial matters, health-care matters, or both, if you become incapacitated.

Because each of these lacks "next-of-kin" status, it's important to make your documentation bullet-proof, and I suggest working with an elder law attorney to de-

velop them.

Your advance directive should be detailed and specific in your treatment goals. Your POAH should be durable under your state's requirements. If your health-care providers use patient portals, make sure your records are complete in order to avoid fragmented care.

What happens if you don't choose?

If you become incapacitated without a designated POAH and have no next of kin, you are considered "unbefriended" or "unrepresented." In these cases, decisions are often made by a hospital ethics committee, public guardian or independent phy-

sician, who can only act on what they perceive as your wants and values.

In Massachusetts, the Health Care Proxy is a simple document, legally valid in Massachusetts, which allows you to name someone (an "agent") to make health care decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make or communicate those decisions. You can find it on the Massachusetts Medical Society website, massmed.org.

By proactively naming a proxy – whether a professional patient advocate, friend or other trusted individual – and carefully documenting your wishes, you maintain control over your health care and ensure your

dignity is respected.

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.

Run for Rice's 5K Road Race takes place on June 6

WILBRAHAM - The 14th Annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 9 a.m.

This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start.

Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$25, while day-of-race registration is \$30. Ages 18 and

under registration is \$20 including day-of registration.

Everyone registered by May 21, 2026 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring 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 Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration is available at RunSignUp.com.



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