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Boys & Girls Club gets a new CEO, Josue Irizarry

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LUDLOW – The Community Center and Randall Boys and Girls Club has recently welcomed its new CEO and President Josue Irizarry.

“So far everybody’s been so friendly, and so kind,” Irizarry said in an interview with the Register, “I had an opportunity to meet some of the board members, and I can see their passion about being here in the community.”

The Boys & Girls Club offers everything from preschool programs, to before and after school programs, summer camps, basketball, fitness classes, swimming lessons, and a gym. “It’s a great opportunity to impact a lot of families here in Ludlow,” Irizarry said.

Irizarry started his career at

the New Britain-Berlin YMCA in New Britain, Conn. as the youth and family director, where he oversaw their childcare summer camp programs, team programs, the youth basketball league. After that he worked as the events coordinator for the Yale Peabody Museum for about nine years, including through the COVID-19 lockdown. Irizarry then applied to become the executive director of the West Hartford and Tri-Town YMCA, followed by a position as executive director of educational resources for children in Enfield, all in Connecticut.

Then, while browsing job board indeed.com, Irizarry discovered the opening at the Boys & Girls Club.

“Where I grew up in New Britain, they had a Boys & Girls

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CEO Josue Irizarry, photographed outside of the new pickleball court.

Cruisin’ all summer long



Turley Photo by Dallas Gagnon

Logan Silva, Jay Koziol and Kelly Silva are shown standing before Koziol’s 1974 Plymouth Duster.

Ludlow Elks present
2023 Tuesday
Cruise Nights

By Dallas Gagnon
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LUDLOW – For the past 30 years, residents and neighboring community members have gathered at 69 Chapin St. every Tuesday night to see old school vehicles while supporting the Elks of Lodge 2448.

The Elks organization is a fraternal order dedicated to educating youth, giving back to the community and patriotism.

Cruise Night Chairman David Kenniston said the weekly car shows aim to “make money and donate [it] back to the community.”

Event volunteer and Elks member, Terry Papesh, said

“historically, Cruise Nights are our biggest event fundraiser of the year,” adding the Elks donate proceeds to “support veterans and scholarships in Ludlow.”

Kenniston said he believes the Elks fraternity is the “second largest organization that gives back to the veterans other than the federal government.”

The event is made possible by volunteers from neighboring towns such as Palmer, Wilbraham and Belchertown, said Kenniston.

He said 350 cars usually enter the show and 50/50 raffles and trophies are given away at each event.

Many attendees said they enjoy the shows because they create a sense of community.

Tim Gleason, of Monson, said he attends Cruise Nights

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Balloon Magic Show was held at Hubbard Memorial Library



Photo by Seth Chaffee

Jungle Jim entertained people on the lawn of the Hubbard Memorial Library.

By Seth Chaffee
Correspondent

LUDLOW- On Wednesday, June 28, a balloon magic show took place at the Hubbard Memorial Library from noon to 1 p.m.

Parents and their children came to this event to watch magician, Jim Manning, professionally known as Jungle Jim, perform his balloon magic.

Along with being a children’s entertainer, Manning is also an educational entertainer. He explained what motivates him to perform these shows.

“My work involves performing for groups of children generally between the ages of three and 11, and the goal is to encourage them to read, to sign up for summer reading,” Manning said. “It’s really important

that children continue to read, especially during the summer months when they’re not in school.”

Manning found what helps to perform is the Cultural Council. The council was able to sponsor this event and paid for Manning to come out.

“Libraries are sometimes limited with funds so cultural councils make up the difference. Oftentimes friends at the library do as well,” he said.

Manning has been doing events like this for almost 20 years since he started his own business in 2004. It wasn’t until 2012 that he focused more on libraries because it has helped him with his passions for literature and reading.

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LUDLOW

School superintendent shares his progress

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LUDLOW –At the last School Committee meeting Superintendent Frank Tiano made a presentation about his progress toward the school district’s goals. He described being escorted around town by Police Chief Dan Valadas and Baird Middle School teacher Heather Goncalves, who is also a real estate agent, so he could familiarize himself with the town and its residents, as well as making connections with the Hubbard Memorial Library, the Boys and Girls Club, and the senior center.

Tiano provided documents, which are accessible through the town’s website’s Archive Center, to indicate the improvements his administration has made to the school’s curriculum.

“The first half of the year was me basically listening and learning,” Tiano said. “This is (...) an opportunity for us, at a lot of levels, (...) in the presence of

Rubrik’s standards, to see how we’re doing.”

Though official evaluations will be written and presented to the School Committee Chair before the next meeting, the Committee praised Tiano for his work, particularly highlighting his transparency with the budget.

“I don’t know what it was like before I got on the School Committee,” said member Ron Saloio. “The first thing we had to do was vote on a budget and we had no clue. (...) I don’t believe it was as open in the past.”

Mask policy

The School Committee discussed the current COVID-19 policy, which requires any student that tests positive for the virus to wear a mask upon returning to school. Also discussed was eliminating the mask policy altogether, although it was decided to maintain the regulation in accordance with state and federal standards.

Gender dysphoria

Committee member Joao Dias asked

Tiano about the school’s policies over gender dysphoria.

“There’s a growing number of children (who are) expressing ‘gender confusion,’” Dias said, “What is the message to school administrators on notifying the parents of a child who discusses this with a teacher, counselor, or administrator?”

“What I believe, philosophically and educationally, to be the best practice is that students come to trusted adults in the schools, be it the teacher, sometimes it’s a cafeteria worker, sometimes it’s a custodian (...) we want them to have a trusted adult,” Tiano said. “Sometimes they share with us things around abuse, things around drugs, things around dating, things that they may not immediately feel safe with their parents, so they try out with a trusted adult. Our perspective, collectively and individually, is that they need to connect with their parents, and that’s our job to be able to help them do that.”

Homework

The volume of homework that stu-

dents are receiving also received attention.

“That’s not something that we’re talking about at our table, in our meetings right now,” said Tiano.

Chairman Jeffrey Laing mentioned that he would personally like to see his kids receive less homework.

During public comments one resident complained about the cut-off times for discussions at previous meetings, and insisted that the Committee be prepared to listen to comments until midnight.

Another resident, Kelly Kapinos, expressed a similar concern, saying that, “At the last meeting, there was quite a bit of time taken up by out-of-town residents reading Bible verses.”

Kapinos suggested that these people may have taken time that would be better served listening to residents, such as the students who were unable to speak, and recommended that speakers during public comments be prioritized based on residency.

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Achieve Greatness Inc.; turning tragedy into purpose

By **Marcelo Gusmao**
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LUDLOW – Next week, Achieve Greatness, the new non-profit organization that emerged to combat the current opioid crisis, is announcing a fundraiser to be held on July 8.

“We’re looking to bring forth awareness and educate the community about fentanyl and xylazine,” said Paula Santos-Young, president and director of the organization.

As stated on the company’s website, Achieve Greatness was founded in memory of Santos-Young’s son, Andrew, a town resident who died from fentanyl poisoning in March of 2022. Andrew founded Achieve Greatness to pursue his passion for coaching and teaching basketball, and helping the youth of his community.

On Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., the organization will be holding a fundraiser at the River Hollow Family Golf Center in Monson.

After Andrew’s death, Santos-Young decided to carry on his mission in his memory, partnering with Ludlow residents, Manny and

Lisa Pedro, both of whom serve as directors for the organization.

“What Paula and her husband Phil have been able to do, and Manny and I have become a part of, is to raise that awareness in our communities, give people more education so they can make better choices, and continue Andrew’s legacy of helping youth through sports,” Pedro said.

“I don’t want anybody you know to be me. I don’t want you to go to a funeral home and pick out a casket because they were just taken from you,” Santos-Young said. “My son’s legacy is not going to be how he passed away, but how many people he helped.”

“Our mission is to continue to capture Andrew’s vision of sponsoring youth through basketball camps and other sports, while also bringing awareness to and educating people about the dangers of fentanyl,” the organization’s website states.

According to Maegan Boutot, epidemiologist with the Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance, “Fentanyl is stronger than heroin, in the sense that the amount you need to experience similar highs is much lower. It’s a very strong opi-

oid agonist; you don’t need a lot to have an overdose, especially if you don’t have any tolerance to it.”

Achieve Greatness is based out of New Bedford, but with its roots in Ludlow, the nonprofit’s leadership intends to carry out its mission all over the state.

“We’re not just for here in Bristol County, but also our hometown of Hampden County,” said Santos-Young. “Because one of the things Achieve Greatness Inc. is going to do, (with) Lisa and Manny (Pedro) as boots on the ground in Ludlow, we’re going to go across Massachusetts.”

“This is not a focus of one town or another, this is a state focus,” said Santos-Young.

“It’s really just to have that community involvement and help save lives,” Lisa Pedro said.

The organization has been meeting with the Boys and Girls Club, the Ludlow Cultural Council, the 250th Committee, as well as the Board of Health. There are plans to have a table at Festa celebration in Ludlow this year as well.

“Sometimes you can talk to one person, and you impact that person,” said Manny Pedro, “One life saved is a win.”

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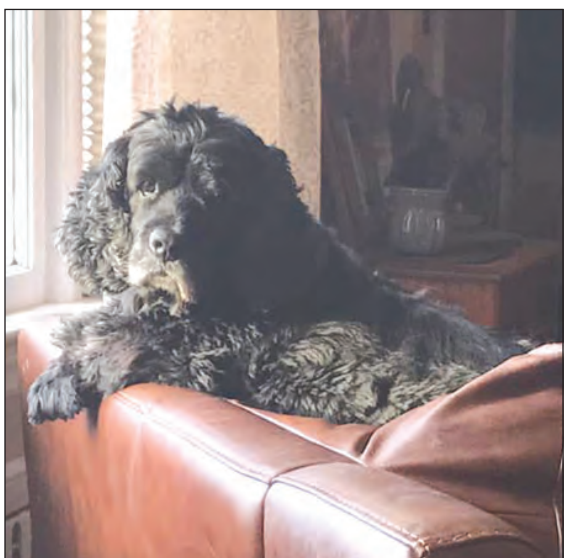
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PET OF THE WEEK

PISTOL

This is Pistol, in his favorite chair enjoying the view out the window.



Ludlow High Class of 2016 school records to be destroyed

LUDLOW - Temporary school records for members of the Ludlow High School Class of 2016 will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual former students, the district announced.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record which is not contained in the transcript. Such information may include standardized test results, class rank, school sponsored

extracurricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records and evaluations by teachers, counselors, and other school staff.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing and sent to: LHS Counseling Department, 500 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, call 413-589-9001, ext. 2407.

Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration and Lupa Zoo Special Event

LUDLOW - Lupa Zoo and the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee will hold their Fundraiser Event on Saturday, July 8, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Committee encourages residents to come on out with their family, friends and neighbors to enjoy this special event. By attending, you can help support the many activities and events the Ludlow MA 250th Celebration Committee has planned.

Take advantage of this special pricing to Lupa Zoo. A family of four pays \$25, and additional individuals pay \$5 per person.

Come and explore Ludlow's hidden gem, the Lupa Zoo. All proceeds go directly to support the upcoming Ludlow 250th Celebration Events. The 250th Committee thanks Lupa Zoo for this special event, saying "it is much appreciated."

Pre-sale tickets are available thru Venmo by visiting the ludlowma250.org website. Tickets will also be available at the Lupa Zoo the night of the event.

There will be a live performance by Acousticca, a group of songwriters, musicians and entertainers that add a little comic relief in between. Acousticca offers a dynamic variety of original and classic

Americana music blending country, rock and blues to raise spirits, get your feet moving and your heart pumping. The Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee thanks the group for stopping by to provide quality music.

Vanished Valley Brewing will be there, for attendees who'd like to stop by and pick up a cold brew. There will be food and drinks for purchase at the event. Lupa Zoo is a 20-acre conservation and education institution demonstrating the value, beauty and interdependence of all living things. "Your family will love their visit to the Lupa Zoo, as it has many types of interesting animals. Stop by and pick up some animal feed to feed the baby animals." The zoo is very interactive with many activities for the kids. Your children will love the many playgrounds and the zoo now has a new splash-pad, so have the kids bring their bathing suits. Check out their Conservation Garden too. Please join us for this fun event! If you have any questions, call Kathy at (413) 589-7994.

Please visit Ludlow's 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee on Facebook or go to the website at ludlowma250.org for more information.

The New England Mosaic July 6 at Crestview Country Club

AGAWAM- The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans invite the community to the unveiling of the New England Mosaic on July 6, from 5-7 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane.

The New England Mosaic is a 24-foot fine art wall made up of 240 individual canvas tiles that captures the beauty and diversity of New England life. The tiles range from fine art paintings to fabric art to metal art to multimedia expressions of the artist's

love of New England.

Free canvases were supplied to community members by ACAA and Scantic River Artisans through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Local libraries in Agawam, Southwick, West Springfield, Springfield, and Westfield distributed them to the community to create original art.

Returned canvas tiles now comprise the New England Mosaic wall of art. Together

community artists have created this diverse and unique piece of composite art every bit as beautiful as New England.

Following the Crestview event, the mosaic will be on display at the West Springfield Public Library featuring a reception for artists on July 19 at 6 p.m. The mosaic will also be displayed at the Agawam Public Library on July 24.

The mosaic will finish being displayed at the Pioneer Valley Art Festival, ACAA's

fourth annual arts and fine crafts festival, Aug. 26 - 27, at the Polish American Club in Agawam.

Individual canvas tiles will be sold at the unveiling and at the Pioneer Valley Art Festival with net proceeds going to fund local art scholarships. Community members throughout the Pioneer Valley, both professional artists and amateurs, have donated their time and talent to create this art wall.

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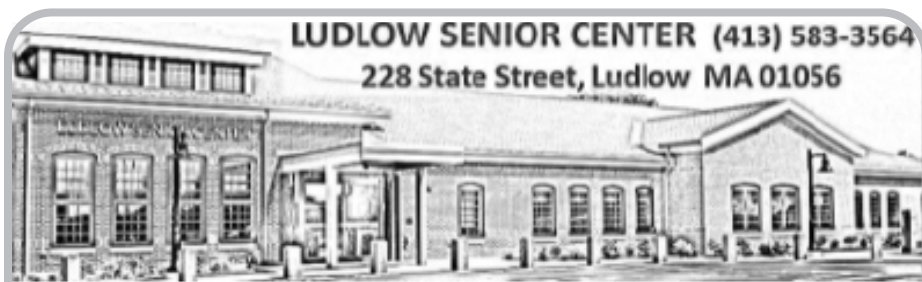
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This summer, visit the Corner Café for our hydration station with delicious fruit and herb infused water. The Senior Center have three new fitness classes and cornhole is being played outside.

For full program descriptions and upcoming activities, view the newsletter, The Senior Scene, at Ludlow.ma.us where more information about exactly what a senior center is all about can be found. A paper copy of The Senior Scene is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, July 6

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, July 7

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Outdoor Cornhole
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, July 10

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 11 a.m. Lunch Bunch *
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Travel League
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 1:30 p.m. Art Class
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, July 11

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

- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday, July 12

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9:30 a.m. Jewelry Class
- 10 a.m. Tea with the Town Administrator
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*
- 1 p.m. Movie: 12 Angry Men
- 1 p.m. Belly Dancing Class

Thursday July 13

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Vets Services*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1 p.m. Fishing
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
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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
- Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, July 6: Turkey Waldorf Salad Plate
- Friday, July 7: Shepherds Pie
- Monday, July 10: Reuben Casserole/Small Salad
- Tuesday, July 11: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Lettuce & Tomato/Fries
- Wednesday, July 12: Baked Cod/Scalloped Potatoes/Mixed Veggies
- Thursday, July 13: Cobb Salad
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
- For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Slide Into Summer Safety Event



Submitted photos

LUDLOW – This summer, the Ludlow community plans on keeping its children healthy and safe. Since 2015, PV Financial Group, in conjunction with LUSO Federal Credit Union, Ludlow Cares Coalition, Ludlow Boys & Girls Club, Ludlow Rotary and the Ludlow Police and Fire departments, has hosted its 8th annual “Slide into Summer Safety” event at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club on Friday, June 16th.

The children of Ludlow, along with their families hit a record number of attendees this year with over 400 children attending.

PV Financial hosts this event annually to promote engagement between children and local first responders at the start of the summer. PV Financial Managing Partner, Edward Sokolowski says that “while summer break is very exciting, it brings a number of dangers for children, including fireworks, sun and tick exposure, and bike-related injuries. It is important for children to learn how to prevent these issues, and to be familiar with local first responders in case of an emergency.”

Children enjoyed water slides, splash pad, a dance floor with Brian Nicks Pro-

ductions, ice cream and more! Kids were encouraged to interact with Ludlow firefighters, police officers, EMTs and members of the Ludlow CARES Coalition. Ice cream was generously donated by Elsie’s Creamery at Randall’s Farm, including PV Lava Dough ice cream, which features swirls of marshmallow, ripples of raspberry and chunks of cookie dough.



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GUEST COLUMN

When it comes to poison ivy, prevention takes priority

By Dr. Joe Sills



PALMER — Problems with poison ivy are most prominent during the spring and summer. However, poison ivy can cause a problem any time of the year," said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Wing Hospital.

"An allergic reaction to the oil in these plants, called urushiol, produces the rash," Sills said.

"Exposure to poison ivy can happen when people are hiking, camping or at home gardening, clearing brush, cutting vines or carrying and burning wood. Every part of the plant – the leaves, stem, vines, flowers and roots – contains urushiol," he explained.

"Once you're exposed to urushiol, a rash can occur from several hours to three days after contact with the plant. While direct skin-to-plant contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac is probably the most frequent cause of the rash, the irritants from the plants can also be passed on indirectly by pets, garden tools, shoes or virtually anything that touches a plant."

What to do if you have come into contact with poison ivy?

"Rinsing your skin immediately after touching the poison ivy, oak, or sumac, with lukewarm water, may help to rinse off some of the oil and lessen or avoid the rash," Sills said.

"Beware that the oil can stick to clothing and other surfaces as well, so be sure to also wash the clothes you were wearing when you came into contact with the poisonous plant, as well as gardening tools, golf clubs, leashes, and even a pet's fur."

Most people – 85% – develop a rash when they get urushiol on their skin. The first time you get this oil on your skin, you may not get a rash. The next time this oil gets on your skin you can become sensitive to it. Once you are sensitive to it, a rash appears. The rash caused by these plants is not contagious and does not spread.

Scratching the rash or the leaking fluid from the blisters does not spread the rash, although it can cause scarring and potential infection.

"Urushiol can remain active for years," Sills said.

"For that reason, even dead poison ivy, oak or sumac plants must be handled with care. Plants should never be burned or shredded, as airborne particles can spread the oil to sensitive areas like the face and eyes and may potentially cause damage to lungs."

Knowledge is power

According to Dr. Sills, "Prevention is the best approach; know what the plant looks like and teach your family to avoid it. If you do have contact with one of the poison plants and the rash has set in, the three main goals of treatment are to stop the itching, decrease inflammation and prevent infection."

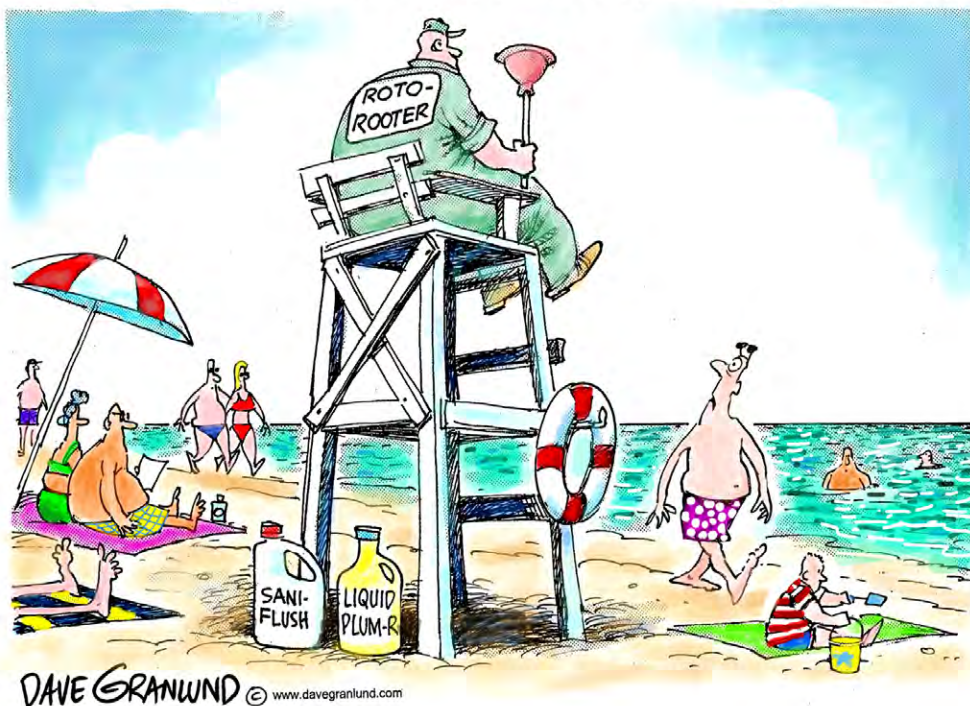
If infected, it can last at least a week.

"The rash from poison ivy, oak, or sumac usually lasts one to three weeks," Sills said.

"Most rashes go away without treatment and while your skin heals, it more than likely will continue to itch. If the eruption is mild, applying calamine lotion three or four times a day can help with the itchiness. If the rash covers a large area of the body, oatmeal or baking soda baths may help reduce itching and discomfort. Avoid those preparations containing anesthetics or antihistamines, as often they can cause allergic eruptions themselves. Infections can occur if blisters break and bacteria enters the open wound. Keep the rash clean and any open blisters bandaged to help lessen the chance of infection."

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GUEST COLUMN

Hiking the Appalachian Trail through Georgia

By Julie Midura
Correspondent

"Keep throwing me everything you've got, Georgia! I can take it!" I said with false bravado as I collapsed into my tent at 7:30pm, thoroughly exhausted after five days on the trail.

For the first 50 miles of our backpacking trip, Georgia lured us in with her smooth dirt paths, but as soon as we let our guard down, she sucker punched us with so many roots and rocks and uphill that it felt as though we were hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. To make matters worse, we had been battling fierce wind for the past three days.

We began our hike five days earlier under the iconic stone arch at Amicalola State Park's 8-mile 'Approach Trail.' It took us five hours to hike to the summit of 3,782' Springer Mountain- the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. We would continue walking until we arrived at the North Carolina border.

As we passed our first white blaze marking the official start of the A.T., I reached up and pressed my hand over the 2-inch wide by 6-inch tall painted trail marker on the tree, feeling a curious connection to the unknown path that lay ahead of us.

At 6pm, we found a primitive spot in the woods to set up camp for our first night in Georgia. We knew that there was an official campsite just up the trail, but we prefer to seek out dispersed camping spots instead for the solitude and serenity that they provide.

We pitched our tent, washed the stench from our bodies, changed into our camp clothes, made dinner on our stove, then sat just outside our tent to watch the daylight



Submitted photos

fade and the stars come alive... until a hiker walked into our tent-site.

"Do you happen to know how far it is to the official campsite?" the man asked. I told him that it was three tenths of a mile ahead. The weariness on his face told me that he was ready to call it quits after a long day on the trail. "Well, I don't want to disturb you, so I guess I'll keep going to the shelter," he said.

While a peaceful first night on the trail would have been lovely, we insisted that

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Club there so I know the work that they did, and the great work that they've done in the community," he said.

Irizarry said he "saw it as an opportunity for me to continue doing what I love, which is helping families, helping children, and making a difference in the children's lives and having that impact to help the community grow and provide great programs for families."

Irizarry said that he's excited to be able to bring his skill set and experiences to the club, and to help it continue to grow, and provide services to the town's youth. When asked about town complaints about youths riding bicycles through traffic and getting in trouble, Irizarry said that the way to keep them off the streets is "giving an opportunity for kids to be able to participate in

sports, or some kind of STEM activity because not all kids want to play sports and everything."

"I grew up in a low income area," he said, "I've seen how clubs like these impact the community and the kids, many kids that may not have an opportunity to participate in things. The club gives them the opportunity of being able to experience things that they may not be experiencing at home or at school."

"When I was in New Britain-Berlin, we used to run a teen program," Irizarry said. "And one day I was in a restaurant, eating with some friends, and someone who used to be a kid, but now they were adults, they were with their family there, they come up to me and goes, 'if it wasn't for your programs, I would not know where I would be.'"

Irizarry told of another experience,

where a mother who was having difficulties with her child asked him to speak to the child, as the father wasn't in the picture. Irizarry found that the child was willing to open up to him about the difficulties they were having with their parents not being together.

"Afterward, he said to me, 'You're a great man. I hope you stay here forever,'" Irizarry said. "That's why I do this. (...) I see what these clubs can do."

He has ideas for new programs to introduce to the curriculum, such as archery, sports programs for kids with disabilities, and more programs for senior citizens.

"One program that I had the experience to participate with was a cancer program," Irizarry said. "That was a fitness program for people that had cancer, (...) for people that recovered from cancer to help them get back on track

healthwise."

"I would love to be able to do something like that here at the club," Irizarry said.

Irizarry also talked about the importance of collaborating with local businesses and organizations to better provide guidance for the town's youth. He mentioned connecting with Westfield Bank and the Rotary Club in his first week, and that he looks forward to connecting with other individuals in the community.

He said he was "seeing how we can potentially collaborate with other businesses that maybe have a skill set that we may not have, and we have space."

The club has been making some improvements, and Irizarry said they hope to hold a grand opening for their new basketball and pickleball courts next month.

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because he knows a lot of local people, the beer is cold and he enjoys seeing the vehicles.

"They are all engineering marvels," said Gleason.

He added he love[s] the atmosphere as "it's all positive."

Elks member and volunteer, Adekunle Odugbile, said for him "it's about the community," and that's what he "enjoy[s] about it."

Jay Koziol, of Wilbraham, said he "tries not to miss a Tuesday show," as they are something he used to attend with his dad.

At the June 27 Cruise Night, Koziol entered his purple 1974 Plymouth Duster in the show.

While a pendant of ashes hangs from the rearview mirror, a decal clings to the rear window reading "Forever cruisin' with Ken 'Koz' Koziol 1950-2018."

Koziol said his dad shared his love of cars with him and it was always their "dream to build one together."

Growing up, Koziol and his father worked on vehicles together, adding his dad used to street race and in the 60s' and 70s'.

However, in 2018 'Koz' was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away only 27 days after his diagnosis.

"The day before he passed away he told me to go get my hot rod," said Koziol.

One day, after "scouring" the internet, Koziol found 11 cars he was interested in. He then spent over 13 hours looking at the vehicles in person.

Koziol said the 74' Plymouth has always been his "dream car."

He said he first took an interest in the Plymouth when he saw it at a car show at 8 or 9-years-old.

"It looked fast sitting still," said Koziol, and the shape and style caught his eye.

Although Koziol said did not com-



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Elks club members Neal Chagnon, Adekunle Odugbile, Terry Papesh and Chris Papesh are shown standing outside of Elks Lodge 2448.



A red Oldsmobile was on display at the June 27 car show.



Freddy Fender, of Ludlow, is shown holding his award for "Best Classic."

plete the body work himself, he did "touch every nut, bolt and screw in this car."

Since purchasing the vehicle in 2018, Koziol said it has been entirely rebuilt and restored.

"Building this car is my therapy...it kept me moving through life after I lost my dad," said Koziol.

He is often joined by fiance Kelly Silva and nephew Logan Silva.

Sharing an interest in classic cars with younger generations is important, he said, because "it's an amazing piece of history that's going to go away if they aren't involved."

To support the Elks Lodge 2448 in their initiative to give back to local communities, embrace a community of car enthusiasts or check out some classic cars, stop by the Elks Lodge on Tuesdays, between 5 p.m and dusk.



Shown is an old-school tan and black Plymouth.



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Every summer, hundreds of cats and dogs die needlessly due to their owners not taking the proper precautions regarding the extreme heat. Follow these simple tips to ensure your beloved pet enjoys - and survives - the warmest time of the year.

If its above 70° leave your pet at home! Temperatures inside cars can reach fatal levels within minutes. Even with the windows cracked, the interior of a car can reach 99° when its only 80° F outside. If you see a pet (or child) alone in a car, call it in. Your call could save a life.

Ensure access to fresh, cool water. All animals need to quench their thirst. If there are feral cats or wildlife in your neighborhood, set out a bowl of fresh, cool water for them as well.

Limit time spent outdoors. On days when its super-hot out, limit your pets outside time to potty breaks only. On cooler days, your pet can be outside more often, but be sure they always have access to fresh water and shade.

Avoid hot cement or asphalt. You can still go for your walks or jogs, but make sure to do them during the coolest parts of the day, early morning and late evening and do not overdo it. It is much easier to overheat in high temperatures. Also be sure to feel the cement with the back of your hand. If you cannot keep your hand pressed to the cement for five seconds, it is too hot for your pet's feet and can cause burns and blistering.

Keep auto coolant out of reach. This is something that should be done year-round, but summertime is when coolant puddles are more likely. Do not let your dog ingest auto coolant. It is poisonous!

Ask before you shave your dog's coat. Always consult with your groomer before clipping or shaving your dog's coat. Even though your pet may look hot, their coat actually protects them from getting sunburned. Brushing your pet regularly can help get rid of any loose hairs and allows for better air circulation.



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Belchertown defeats Ludlow Legion



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Nick Morace pitches for Post 52.

BELCHERTOWN – Last Saturday afternoon, Tyler McDonald and Belchertown Legion Post 239 defeated Ludlow 6-1. It was one of Ludlow’s more competitive games this summer, but their offense still could not get things going against ost 239. Belchertown would improve to 5-1 on the summer, their only loss coming in their first game. Ludlow remains winless at 0-8.



Tyler Priest catches the bouncing ball.



Stephen Goodreau sling a throw on to first.



Connor Kokosa fires a throw back to the infield.



Aaron Little fields a grounder to short.

PeoplesBank blows out St. Joe’s



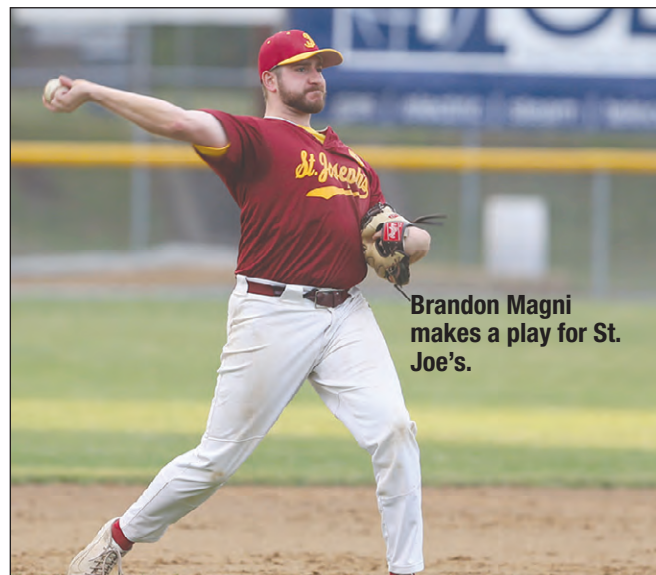
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Dave Clark makes a throw to first.

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday night, PeoplesBank kept their momentum with a 14-0 mercy-rule shortened win over the St. Joe’s Saints. Both teams, which feature players from all over the region, will be back in action following the Fourth of July holiday. PeoplesBank holds down first place with 18 points.



Cam MacDonald fires across the diamond.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe’s.

Mutiny shut out at home



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Ela Kopec gets set to punt the ball away.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The forecast called for thunderstorms, but the New England Mutiny lucked out with a beautiful night to play their third home match of the regular season. The weather turned out to be the only bright spot for the Mutiny.

Sporting CT, a first-year member of United Women’s Soccer, made the trip north to Ludlow from Middletown, Connecticut and posted a 4-0 shutout before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, June 24.

“We faced a very tough opponent tonight. They played a 3-5-2, which is more of an at-

tacking formation, against us,” said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. “We did have a couple of scoring opportunities. If we could’ve capitalized on them, it probably would’ve been a different result.”

Kochanek took over the head coaching duties from first-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio “Toto” Coimbra for one night. Coimbra missed the home match because he was in Virginia coaching his club team at the Regionals.

The Mutiny (3-2-1), who lost 3-2 to the Albany Rush on the road on June 16, suffered their first regular season home loss

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Blue Sox falls to Danbury 8-4

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners last Thursday night 8-4. Valley’s record now sits at 9-10.

Danbury got out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, following a two-run homer from Luke Boynton. The Westerners added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth after an RBI double and error from Blue Sox starter Jonathan Bautista.

Bautista made his team debut for Valley, and pitched five innings allowing five runs, and striking out seven batters.

Valley answered back in the top of the sixth inning. The offense hit back-to-back home runs to lead off the inning, with solo shots coming off of the bats of AJ Guerrero and EJ Kreutzmann. Both outfielders went 3-for-5 on the night with an RBI apiece.

Michael Zarrillo would add another solo home run in the inning, cutting the

Danbury lead to 5-3.

Leo Harris relieved Bautista in the bottom of the sixth inning, and allowed two runs in two innings of work out of the bullpen.

The Blue Sox scored one run in the top of the eighth inning off of a sacrifice fly from Sean Scanlon.

Jason Arrigo took over for Harris in the bottom of the eighth, allowing one run and striking out two batters in his one inning of work.

Last Tuesday evening, the Valley Blue Sox are back in the win column following a 5-4 victory over the Bristol Blues in 10 innings. The Blue Sox’ record stands at 9-9, and they hold a 1.5 game lead in the West Division

Valley scored five runs off of nine hits in this game. The bats were rolling early after Matt Bergevin hit an RBI single to put the Blue Sox in the lead 1-0 in the top of the first inning. Bergevin went

2-for-4 with two RBIs and a walk on the night.

The pitching staff was on point tonight for the Blue Sox. Graham Jeffries started the game for Valley, and pitched four innings allowing two runs and striking out one batter. Bristol took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning following an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly. Manager Pedro Santiago turned the ball over to Dillon Ryan in the bottom of the fifth, who pitched a scoreless inning with one strikeout.

Thomas Ballard was the next man out of the bullpen for Valley. The right-hander pitched one inning allowing one run along with one strikeout.

The Blues would add one more run in the bottom of the sixth off of an RBI double to make it a 3-1 game.

Michael Weidinger struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh, his one inning of work in this game.

Valley would fight back to tie the ballgame in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs off of an RBI fielder’s choice from Matt Bergevin and an RBI single from CJ Willis.

Zach Cameron took over for Weidinger in the bottom of the eighth inning, keeping the game tied in his first two innings of work to force extra innings.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the top of the tenth after an RBI double from CJ Willis scored Michael Zarrillo from second. Cian Sahler would pinch run for Willis and score on a wild pitch, making it a 5-3 game heading into the bottom of the tenth.

Cameron closed the door in his third inning of work, working a double play after a leadoff RBI single. The right-hander struck Bristol’s Dixon Black to end the game, and snap a five game losing streak for the Blue Sox.

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Coby finishes fifth at Seekonk

SEEKONK – Doug Coby rebounded after being collected in a mid-race wreck to finish fifth during Open Wheel last Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway. Coby won his qualifying heat race to start off the night in the Mayhew Tools No. 10 and rolled off ninth for the 100-lap, \$10,000 to win race.

Coby ran around the bottom of the top-five for much of the first half of the race until the wreck off turn two on lap 49 left him nowhere to go. During the caution period, the team worked to repair the car and Coby returned to the track, restarting from 19th. He was able to pass 14 cars up into fifth before the finish.

“It was a way different race compared to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour

race here a few weeks ago,” Coby said. “I thought it was a really competitive race. We raced hard out there, risking using up your stuff for track position, but you had to do it. To come back from a wreck and grab a top-five, we’re happy. The Mayhew Tools team worked hard.”

Doug Coby will return to the track driving for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Mayhew Tools No. 7NY during the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday, July 8.

For more information on Doug Coby, visit DougCobyRacing.com and follow his page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on both race days.

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SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds were recognized for hitting milestone thresholds across a variety of business categories during the American Hockey League’s Team Business Meetings this week in Tucson, Ariz.

The annual event features representatives from all 32 member clubs for sessions discussing best practices and innovative ideas across multiple departments. On the heels of another record-setting year for the Thunderbirds business that saw new regular season records in attendance per game (6,162), sellout games (15, including every Saturday from Dec. 30 onward), season ticket members, and

group sales revenue, the team’s ticket sales department achieved a number of milestones for a second straight season. Among them were 600 new Full Season Equivalents (FSEs), a metric that tracks full-season and partial-season ticket sales.

The department also saw a greater than 85 percent renewal rate among its full-season ticket members. Individual game ticket sales also provided the Thunderbirds with two more threshold recognitions, as the business saw a greater than 15 percent increase in both FSE revenue per game and group ticket revenue per game.

In what was also a record-setting year for the club’s corporate sales department, that area of the business was recognized for also seeing a greater than 85 percent renewal rate in corporate cash accounts en route to a single-season record in corporate revenue.

“Our entire staff has worked diligently to have an impact that is tangible in the arena, and these honors speak to that hard work coming to fruition,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa.

“On each of our big promotional nights, we are engaging fans of all ages and creating lifelong memories, which will always remain a top priority. The

growth in ticket sales is a testament to our incredible fan support, which proves we can be a force in our league, even as a smaller market. In turn, those bodies in the arena provide so much value for our corporate partnerships, and their support and involvement have allowed that department to reach new heights as well.”

The Thunderbirds also had a prolific season in the Springfield community, with more than 250 appearances by mascot Boomer and team players combined, ranging from youth hockey practice sessions to charitable affairs like the Rays of Hope Walk, annual Teddy Bear Toss deliveries, and corporate partnership events.

MUTINY from Page 9

during the past two years. They did lose to FC Buffalo, 2-1, at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals, last July.

“We’ve had a couple of setbacks, but that doesn’t define you as a team,” said forward Hope Santaniello, who’s one of the Mutiny veteran players. “Our main goal now is to win our final two regular season matches.”

If the Mutiny can post victories at the Worcester Fuel on Saturday night and at home against the CT Rush in the regular season finale on July 8, they should be able to clinch a berth in the U.W.S. playoffs for the second consecutive year. The top eight teams in the East Division will automatically qualify for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

“We’re still vying for a playoff spot,” Kochanek said. “If we do want to make a long run in the playoffs, we’ll need to capitalize on our scoring chances. This game was a good learning experience for us.”

Santaniello, who’s from Agawam, has been a member of the University of Rhode Island women’s team during the past couple of years. She recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is in the process of searching for a new school to play soccer at in the fall.

In last Saturday’s match, Santaniello had a couple scoring chances in the first five minutes of the contest. Santaniello’s first shot attempt sailed wide, and

her second shot on goal was saved by Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

Midfielder Lily Fabian, who graduated from Monson High School in 2018, played in her first match of the season for the Mutiny.

“Lily has been one of our leaders during the past couple of years,” Kochanek said. “We’re grateful to have her back for today’s match.”

Sporting CT (6-0-0) took a 1-0 lead during the 21st minute when forward Aubrey Kupla fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Naya Lipkens. Tiffany Weimer, who’s the Sporting CT player/head coach, was credited with the assist.

Kupla finished her first ever soccer match at Lusitano Stadium with a hat-trick.

“The atmosphere at this stadium is electric,” Kupla said. “It was a lot of fun playing in front of a large crowd. Getting the win is the most important thing to me. Scoring the three goals was just the icing on the cake.”

Weimer, who’s also an assistant women’s soccer coach at Yale University, was a member of the Penn State women’s soccer team from 2002-2005. She holds the school record with 91 career goals.

Kupla, who’ll be a senior at Cromwell High School in the fall, will be following in Weimer’s footsteps. She has verbally committed to playing college soccer at Penn State.

“Tiffany holds the record for goals at Penn State,” Kupla said. “I’m really



Agawam’s Hope Santaniello looks to take a shot.



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, eyes an open teammate.

hoping to score 92 goals during my collegiate career, so I can break her school record.”

Early in the second half, Mutiny forward Chandler Pedolczyk stole the ball away from Abby McCarthy, who was the Sporting CT starting goalie, but her shot attempt sailed wide. She also had a header, but it was saved by McCarthy.

The score remained 1-0 until Sporting CT scored three goals in a span of seven minutes late in the second half.

The duo of Kupla and Weimer combined for the second and third goals.

Weimer finished the match with three assists. She netted the final goal of the match in the 77th minute.



Jungle Jim blows and shapes balloons on the lawn of the Hubbard Memorial Library.



Photos by Seth Chaffee

BALLOON MAGIC SHOW from Page 9

During the show, Manning brought up about 10 kids to participate in his act because getting the kids involved is his favorite part since they can feel inspired.

“Those are the greatest moments because it gives the kids a chance to be the star,” Manning said.

Manning added that this can help with crowd management because “children support what they help create.”

Manning also lets his personality shine during his performance, which makes the kids feel more connected with the act. This includes his humor which brings his crowd to life. After doing


3,000 performances, this is something he feels more comfortable doing.

“A lot of the jokes that I built up have come organically,” he said.

Manning manages to keep his humor light and friendly while also keeping the parents entertained. This is part of why he enjoys performing at Ludlow since when everyone is involved, the kids can enjoy the show more.

When the show was over, Manning spoke with kids because he believes asking questions gets them excited.

“Whether or not they want to be a magician or do balloon art at some point, the more important thing is that they see you can make your living in many different ways,” he said.



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COMING SOON

FLOURISH: Hillary Lynn Photography At 200 Center Street In Ludlow hosts Flourish, an empowerment event for women 3-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 9. For more, call 978-424-7642 or email info@hillarylynnphotography.com.

KIDS THEATER PROGRAM: Exit 7 Theater Presents Adventures In Theater, fun and creative theater-based activities for kids ages 7 to 11 July 10-14. For more information and to register, go to exit7players.org.

MACK DONNELLY GAZEBO: John Everett Martin, one of Ludlow's own, will be giving a one-time musical performance of jazz, blues and gospel. Everyone is welcome to attend free of charge on Friday, July 14 (weather permitting) from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo on 11 East Street. Bring a chair/blanket and your supper picnic basket. John is looking forward to seeing his family & friends, and sends his thanks in advance for any and all support.

DINNER DANCE: The Heritage Pops Orchestra, an 18-piece big band, is sponsoring a dinner / dance 6:30-9:30 P.M. on Fri. July 14, 2023 at the PACC in Ludlow Open bar, 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$20 per person. Reserve tickets at heritagepops.com.

GOLF TOURNEY FOR PETS: Second Chance Animal Services' 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday, July 24. The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in the region. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

ONGOING

FARM FRESH: Come to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday all summer and early fall for free fruit and vegetables. Registration is required. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

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,

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education,

resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

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

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

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

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

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POISON IVY from Page 6

Seeking medical help might not be necessary, but varies by case.

“A rash from poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac, can usually be treated at home,” Sills said.

“If the rash is severe, on your face or extensive parts of your body, seeing a doctor is important; You may need a prescribed steroid ointment that you can apply to the skin, or to be placed on an oral steroid like prednisone,” he said.

If you have any of the following symptoms, or if you have a serious reaction, seek immediate medical care by going to the emergency room, including: Trouble breathing or swallowing

A rash that covers most of your body
You have many rashes or blisters
Swelling, especially if an eyelid swells shut

The rash develops anywhere on your face or genitals

Much of your skin itches and nothing seems to ease the itch.

Signs of a bacterial infection, such as pain, increased redness, or pus

“There is no cure for the reaction once the rash starts,” Sills said.

“Avoiding the plants is the best treatment. It is very important to learn what the plants look like and to not touch them.”

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital, visit baystatehealth.org/wing.

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FOR ADULTS

The Happy Hour Book Club dis-

cusses **"The Hanging Judge" by Michael Ponsor, Thursday June 29, 6:30 p.m.** The "Happy Hour Book Club" meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

The **"Who Picked This Book?" Book Club** discusses **"Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford, Thursday July 6, 3:30 p.m.** The "Who Picked This Book?" book club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

FOR TEENS

Young Adult Summer Volunteer Program The Youth Room needs middle and high schoolers to work one hour a week shelving books, preparing crafts, keeping the room tidy, and helping with children's programming. If interested, apply by June 28th by contacting the Youth Room at hubbardyouthroom@gmail.org, or fill out this application form: <https://forms.gle/b1gkLtYuGCqJ7WYBA>

Nintendo Switch Night, every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month during the summertime, 6-8 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. Free pizza is generously donated by Domino's of Wilbraham. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Anime Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5 p.m. Meet each week to watch & talk

about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. Please register.

Fellowship of the Pages: Tween Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to discuss graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and make friends! This month: *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang. Please register.

Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-4:30 p.m. This group for experienced high school players is currently full, but check back during the summer to see if there are openings.

"Read Between the Lines" YA Book Group, Friday July 9, 3-4 p.m. Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. This month: *Shatter Me* by Tahereh Mafi, copies available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Shark Week coloring pages, paper games and trivia, Monday, July 10, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Drop in to celebrate the start of Shark Week with shark-themed coloring pages, crossword puzzles, mazes, connect-the-dots, and trivia pages.

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

Make Shark Week Pins, Tuesday, July 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Drop into the Youth Room to color, cut, laminate and assemble a pin to celebrate Shark Week! Ages 5 & up.

T-Shirt Painting Wednesday, July 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Decorate your favorite shirt w/fabric paints! You bring what you want to decorate, the Library will provide the paint. For ages 5 & up. Please register.

Minecraft Club, Wednesdays 3-4:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

Shark Window Art, Wednesday, July 12, 12-1 p.m. Drop in to make an artistic celebration of Shark Week! Deceptively simple, this craft uses nothing more than coffee filters, watercolors, and shark cut outs! Ages 3 & up.

Fidget BINGO for kids, families and teens, Thursday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. Play bingo for a chance to win fidget toys or books as prizes! Please register.

Sharknado in a Jar, Thursday, July 13, 6:30-7 p.m. Learn about sharks and do this fun science experiment that's simple

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Ali Bulut for the property located at **4-8 White Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors'**

Map 15B, Parcel 39) for the purpose of: **Site plan for a new social club to be located at 8 White Street.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 27, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
06/28, 07/05/2023

LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** on the application of **Debra Burnett** for the property located at **51 Chapin Circle, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 130, Zoning:**

Residential A) The subject of the hearing is a special permit for a proposed addition on the house to be located 27.5 feet from the front property line. The applicant is seeking relief from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw under Zoning Bylaw Table 2 – Table of Dimensional Regulations.

Manny Lopes, Chairman
07/05, 07/12/2023

HIKING from Page 6

there was ample room for him to stay. We showed him to a bare spot of level dirt where he could pitch his tent, then we chatted while he unloaded his backpack.

His trail name was Buffalo and it was his first day on the A.T. Unlike Tom and I, he was a thru-hiker, attempting to hike all the way to Maine. But he was new to backpacking, and he hadn't had the chance to set up his brand new tent prior to starting his journey.

It was getting dark, and Tom and I wanted nothing more than to collapse in our tent for the night. But there was a fellow hiker in need, so we donned our headlamps and helped Buffalo get his somewhat complicated new tent set up. As we finished, Buffalo admitted that he had never practiced hanging his bear bag, either. So with the light of 3 headlamps aimed upwards to light up the night sky, I lobbed my rock sack and para-cord over the limb of a tree and showed him how to keep his food bag from becoming dinner for a hungry bear.

It was 10:15 pm before Tom and I finally crawled into our tent for the night. As we shook hands and said goodnight to Buffalo, he couldn't stop thanking us for our help. "It's what hikers do for each other, Buffalo. It's what hikers do." Our first night on the trail may not have been

the solitary experience we were hoping for, but being given the opportunity to help someone in need made it one of the most special.

The next seven days on the trail were filled with green tunnels and wide open vistas, sunny skies and driving rain, level walking and steep pitches, calm breezes and howling wind. Every morning brought excitement. Every evening brought exhaustion. Every mile was new, yet somehow familiar. It may have been our first time hiking through Georgia, but our days on the trail felt like coming home.

The days passed in a blur, until we were a mere hours from reaching the border. We hoped that our final night on the A.T would be just the two of us, primitive camping in the middle of the woods. We wanted to be surrounded only by earth and trees and sky. No voices. No humanity. No structures.

We found an existing site in the woods less than a mile before the North Carolina border. After pitching our tent and unloading our sleeping bags, we continued north, arriving at the NC border a half an hour later. "We did it!" I exclaimed. "One more state completed on the Appalachian Trail!" Tom and I celebrated our achievement, headed back to our tent site to prepare dinner. We gathered wood, lit a fire in the small fire ring, then sat side by side on a fallen tree to enjoy freeze-

dried Pad Thai in front of the fire.

The flames outshone the stars and took the chill from the air in our private, tree-covered oasis in the heart of the wilderness. Shoulder to shoulder, we stared into the depths of blazing fire, saying nothing. Mesmerized by the dancing flames that stretched upward.

I broke the silence first. "There's one more thing we need to do to make the end of this journey official." Tom looked at me with questioning eyes. "Do you remember how we finished the New Hampshire 48 on Mt. Carrigain? And how we finished the New England 67 on Katahdin?" I asked.

I stood up, took his hand in mine and guided him to a small patch of earth near the fire. With one hand behind his neck and one hand intertwined with his, I softly sang the words of our wedding song.

Our hearts touched and our bodies swayed and our feet moved softly on a dance floor of dirt and crunching leaves. We were woven together in a language as old as time.

We danced. Oh how we danced... until the flames died and the burning wood became nothing but red-hot glowing embers.

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See you in the wild places, my friends!

HUBBARD LIBRARY

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enough even for little ones to do. Ages 3 & up.

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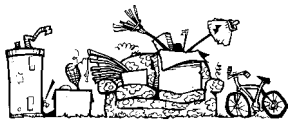
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