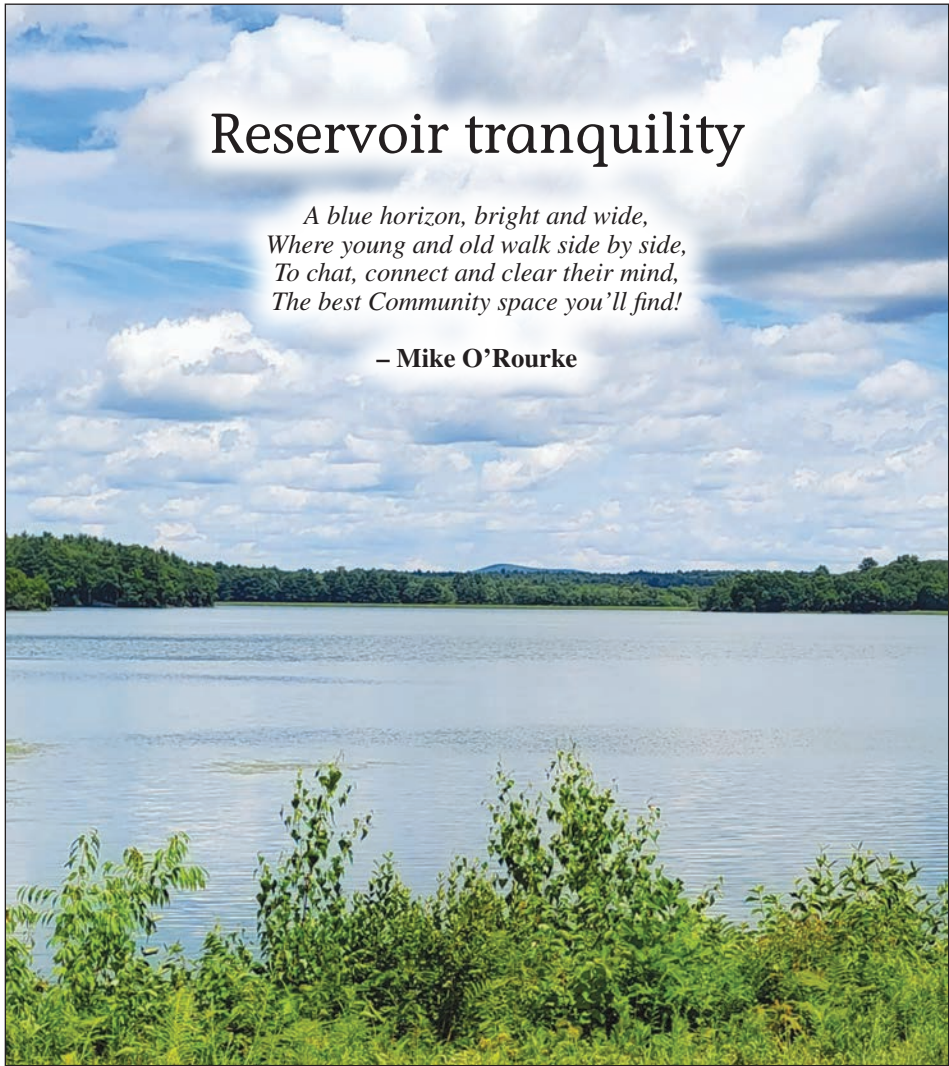


Reservoir tranquility

*A blue horizon, bright and wide,
Where young and old walk side by side,
To chat, connect and clear their mind,
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– Mike O'Rourke



Submitted photo
Mike O'Rourke took this photo from the walking trail at the Ludlow Reservoir and shared with us the photo and the poem he wrote.

2026 Vote by mail postcards available

LUDLOW – Ludlow Town Clerk's Office would like to inform Ludlow voters that per M.G.L. c. 54, § 25B paragraph (7) (i), the State Secretary must send vote-by mail applications to every registered voter in Massachusetts prior to state primaries and state elections.

Please expect to receive the application on or before July 18, 2026. You will not receive an application if you have already applied for a vote-by-mail ballot for all elections this year. Please sign your application before returning it. Massachusetts law requires your signature in order to process your request.

If you are an unenrolled voter requesting a vote-by mail ballot for the State Primary, you must choose a party ballot (Democratic or Republican). If you do not select a party, we cannot send you a vote-by-mail ballot for the State Primary because we must know which party's ballot you are requesting.

If you misplace your application, they are available on the town's website or through the Secretary of State website or you may provide a handwritten request.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail for the September 1, 2026, State Primary is Tuesday, August 25, 2026, by 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office (413) 583-5600.

School records to be destroyed

LUDLOW – Ludlow High School Class of 2019, temporary school records will be destroyed on or about December 31, 2026 unless claimed by individual former students.

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 extra-curricular 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 the address below: LHS Counseling Department, 500 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

If you have any further questions, please call (413) 589-9001 ext. 2407.

LPD announces temporary traffic pattern changes for 2026 Festa Celebration

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Police Department is informing residents and visitors of temporary traffic pattern changes that will be in effect during the 2026 Festa Celebration, held in September, to help ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and emergency responders.

The temporary traffic pattern will affect the areas of Canterbury Street, Newbury Street, and East Street during the following dates and times:

- Thursday, Sept. 3: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4: 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 5: 12 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 6: 7 a.m. - 12 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 7: noon - 6 p.m.

These traffic pattern changes are in effect only during the dates and times listed above. Normal traffic flow will resume outside of these designated periods.

Important Traffic Information

To assist with traffic flow during the event, motorists are asked to observe the following changes:

- Access to Newbury Street from East Street will be restricted to emergency vehicles only.
- Residents who need to access Newbury Street should do so via Canterbury Street or Winsor Street.
- Canterbury Street will operate as a two-way street from its entrance to the end of the Tony & Penny's parking lot.

A Ludlow Police officer will be stationed at the intersection of Canterbury Street and Newbury Street to assist motorists, answer questions, and help maintain safe traffic flow.

Community members and visitors attending the event are encouraged to allow extra travel time, follow posted signs, and obey the directions of officers and traffic control personnel.

The Ludlow Police Department appreciates the public's patience and cooperation as these temporary changes are implemented to accommodate the Festa celebration and looks forward to a safe and enjoyable event for all.

Golf for Good: tee off for women and girls

BELCHERTOWN – Join us for the 32nd Annual Zonta Golf Tournament and help create a brighter future for women and girls in our community. On Saturday, Sept. 12, at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown, we'll tee off at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition, and making a difference.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. For \$120, you'll enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Your support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. We're working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality and women in decision-making positions.

Let's make a lasting impact together! Sign up today at zontaqv.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. We also welcome sponsorships from local businesses.

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watch party in Chicopee to-night,” he said.

It was later revealed that the Moulton campaign took a stake in the city as the Rumbleseat Bar & Grille, which hosted the congressman and his supporters to field additional questions and watch and react to the debate live, which was his 50th town hall across the state.

Markey showed up, citing the list of local endorsements he has garnered, by revealing a few such as Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, and countless others, citing, “I have consistently delivered for Western Massachusetts, and I’m looking forward to being able to tell that story,” Markey said.

Its Showtime

The highly-contested Democratic Primary debate featured a plethora of national issues, as well as a variety of local topics, such as the recent influx of local hospitals struggling, including Baystate, and funding for the West-East Rail project.

Markey kicked off the discussion by revealing that if he returns to the Senate, he would be the chairman of the subcommittee on health if the Democrats can win back the House and the Senate in the midterm elections. He then acknowledged that if that does come to term, then he would restore the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

“We’re going to restore the \$300 billion from the Affordable Care Act, which was cut, that went to people out here in western Massachusetts to ensure that there was solvency, and then we have to go beyond that,” Markey said. “We have to double funding for community health centers. We have to double the funding for NIH research on Alzheimer’s, Diabetes, Parkinson’s, Heart Disease, and all of those other diseases that run right through every single family. That has to be the goal. And in Western Massachusetts, I have stood up, and I’ve fought for this cause; I’ve met with all the hospital leaders out here, and we are going to deliver next January.”

He then added that if funding isn’t expanded and private equity isn’t weeded out, Western Mass hospitals will be in crisis.

“You have to make sure on a permanent basis these hospitals in Western Massachusetts are not weighted by private equity, rooted in emergency rooms and our eyes, otherwise our communities are just shut down; that’s what happened in Easthampton,” Markey said.

Moulton shared that he isn’t against universal healthcare, but believes that people should keep the health plan they prefer and those that unions fought for in contract negotiations.

“Look, I stand with President [Obama] and say we should have Medicare for all, but you should also be able to keep the health care plan you prefer if that’s what you want,” Moulton said.

He then shared that, as an Iraq war veteran, he chose to use Veterans Affairs benefits for healthcare in part to ensure problems with that system are improved. Markey responded, saying VA benefits are a single-payer system and that many people would appreciate the chance to receive those benefits.

Moulton responded by declaring that universal healthcare, housing, and education should be human rights.

The conversation then pivoted to the ongoing development of the West-East Rail project, a proposed concept to bring high-speed rail service from Boston to Pittsfield and Springfield. Markey revealed that he and U.S. Congressman Richard E. Neal, of Springfield, have secured



Moulton supporters standing in unison holding signs as cars drive by.



Incumbent Sen. Ed Markey's supporters standing in unison holding signs as cars drive by as well.

\$157 million for the region to fund the long-overdue project.

“We were able to secure the funding for the project because it is absolutely essential that we connect the Western Mass economy to the rest of the commonwealth. I understand it’s been long overdue, and that’s why I worked so hard on the infrastructure bill of 2022 to ensure we get that funding,” Markey said. “However, we also acknowledge that we needed the funding for Springfield for this asthma crisis, which had happened, and now it is absolutely indispensable that that funding be made available, and it is there, and we are working to ensure that it gets built on in cooperation with Governor Healey as quickly as possible.”

Moulton argued that the amount Markey noted will only fund up to 10 miles of rails, which isn’t up to par.

“\$152 million will be for about 10 miles of rail; that’s not enough to get to Boston, and I want to add that no one is going to ride your train because it is too slow,” he said.

He then discussed the prospect of linking the state together if the project was

correctly funded, as he drew a comparison to the \$2 billion he delivered to the city of Lynn for infrastructure, and the possibility of what \$2 billion could do for the project instead of the \$152 million Markey and Neal raised.

“Imagine what \$2 billion would do for so many cities out here in Western Massachusetts,” Moulton said. “Imagine what that would do for job opportunities. Imagine what that would do to knit our state together. That’s why I think we need high-speed rail transportation, because not only do I think it would be transformative for the state, but I feel Americans in Massachusetts should be traveling the same speed as the rest of the world, and I’m going to continue fighting to get it done.”

Post-Debate Questions

After the debate, we then talked to both candidates, where we had an additional chance to inquire about the recent influx of Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) issues that stem from Holyoke, Chicopee, and Springfield dumping into the Connecticut River.

Markey told us he’s aware of the situation and shared a

quick comment on how to solve the issue, “Well, I’m going to be senior on the infrastructure committee in the Senate and we need a trillion-dollar infrastructure bill beginning in January of this year coming up to make sure the funding is there for CSO making sure the funding is there for communities who absolutely cannot pay for it by themselves. They’re going to need help. They’re going to need federal help, and I will be there to make sure that help is present,” Markey said.

Moulton opened his thoughts by sharing, “It’s just absolutely appalling that this has happened,” he said. “And it’s also happened across the commonwealth, in Haverhill, which has dumped into the Merrimack River, which flows through my district; it has closed a lot of beaches right over the holiday weekend, and this is why we need Democrats to win so that we can deliver infrastructure back here. And when the senator says he supports all these great ideas, the reality is that those great ideas cannot come to fruition if Trump and the MAGA Republicans are still in charge.”

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GUEST COLUMN

By Ellenor Downer



Black and white warbler

My daughter, Paula, saw a black and white warbler and as the name implies it has black and white feathers.

The black and white warbler is easy to spot and easy to recognize. Its former name was the black and white creeper. Like the white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches and the brown creeper, it climbs about on the trunks and major limbs of trees seeking insects in the bark crevices. It often feeds low, and nests even lower, usually on the ground.

This warbler inhabits forests, woodlands, shrubs, Savannas, and thickets from Alaska and the north, California, eastern Canada, Florida, Great Lakes, mid Atlantic, New England, northwest, Plains, Rocky Mountains, southeast, southwest, Texas and Western Canada.

Spring migration begins rather early and takes place mainly at night. Migration is spread over a lengthy period in both spring and fall.

The sexes are similar and are about 4.3 to 5.1 inches long. The black and white warbler feather pattern is stripes, white central crown stripe and black streaks on back and sides.

The adult male has black throat and cheeks and the female and young paler or whitish there.

Their song is a thin, high-pitched, monotonous “weesy-weesy-weesy-weesy” like a squeaky wheelbarrow. The call is a chirp or chip.

The black and white warbler breeds in mature or second-growth forests, deciduous and mixed. Males arrive on breeding grounds in late April, before the females.

During courtship, a male chases female, with much singing and fluttering. The female lays five creamy white eggs flecked with brown in a cup shaped nest on the ground or less than two feet above under dead leaves or limbs or against a shrub or tree. They are commonly parasitized by cowbirds.

Both parents feed the young and the young leave the nest in eight to 12 days after hatching. The young are able to fly well.

Adapted to creeping along limbs and on tree trunks to feed, they forage on dormant insects from tree trunks and branches in early spring. They switch body from side to side at each hop while foraging. Sometimes, they fly out after insects in the air.

They eats primarily insects. It feeds on a wide variety of caterpillars including those of spongy moth, beetles including bark beetles, click beetles, and wood borers, ants, flies, bugs, leafhoppers, aphids and other insects, spiders and daddy long-legs.

Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Unusual bird sightings reported in late June to the Massachusetts Audubon Society included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich and a Franklin’s gull and two royal terns in Provincetown.

Central Massachusetts sightings in the Ware River watershed included: a great blue heron, belted kingfisher, yellow-bellied sapsucker, two northern flickers, two eastern wood pewees, two alder flycatchers, two least flycatchers, three eastern Phoebe, four great crested flycatchers and two eastern kingbirds, a yellow-throated vireo, a blue-headed vireo, six warbling vireos, 110 red-eyed vireos, a common raven, two red-breasted nuthatches, two house wrens an eastern bluebird, 43 veery, a hermit thrush, a wood thrush, 34 gray catbirds and four cedar waxwings.

Also reported were a blue-winged warbler, four yellow warblers, seven chestnut sided warblers,, three black-throated warblers, three green warblers, a Blackburnian warbler, seven pine warbles, on prairie warbler, three black and white warblers; two redstarts, 56 ovenbirds, 28 yellow-throated warblers, a Canada warbler, nine scarlet tanagers, six eastern towhees, a field sparrow, three swamp sparrow, a rose-breasted grosbeak, four indigo buntings, two bobolinks and three red crossbills..

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

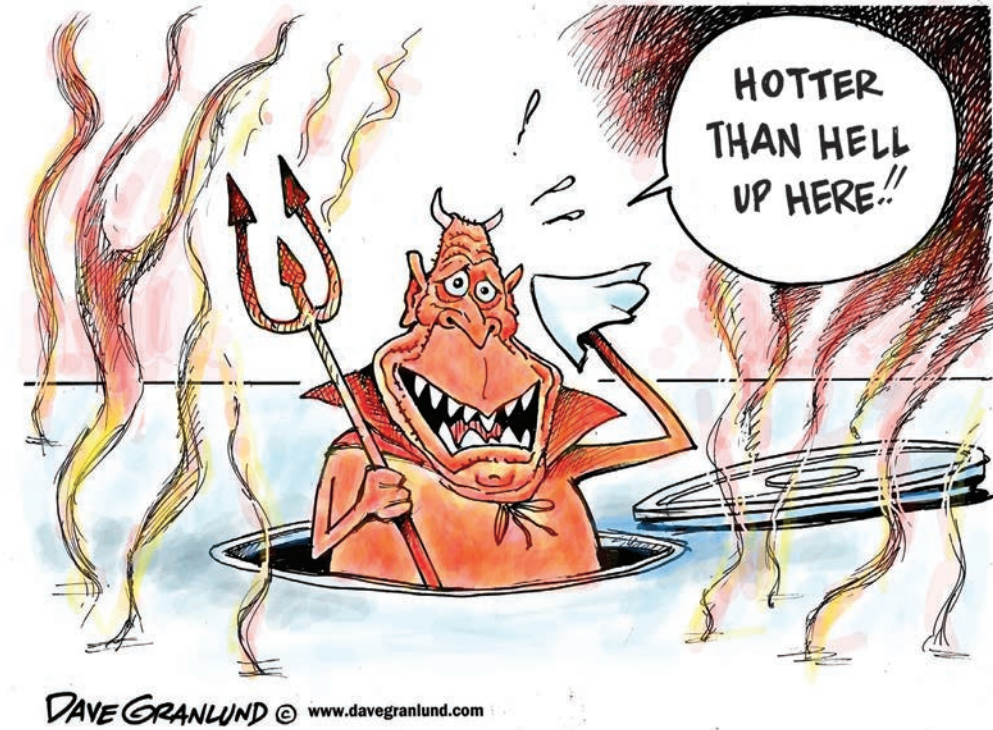
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OPINION



GUEST COLUMN

An endless supply of flowers for the windowsill

I must admit that I feel unmotivated in the flower garden this summer. It took me forever to sow my seeds, and even longer to install the resulting plants.

The seedlings finally went into the ground a good two weeks after Memorial Day (gasp!) but they are making up for lost time despite my bad attitude! Just last week the first bouquet graced the kitchen windowsill.

In a few weeks I will have a collection of different vases filled with flowers in that very spot; it’s something I look forward to doing every summer. But if I am going to have flowers to fill the vases, I have to keep up with maintenance.

It’s not enough to sit back and watch them grow.

Here is some great advice worth repeating that will help to keep summer annuals looking their best.

Deadhead

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

You see, a plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. Once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed, seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease and it will begin to decline.

By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower! When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants

that require regular dead-heading to look their best throughout the growing season.

Shear them back to encourage new growth

batches can be made right in a watering can.

Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

In the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips. These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks.

Give them a good haircut. Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point.

Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don’t worry; they won’t look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

Feed your plants

Occasionally, even plants that are well fertilized at planting time begin to have issues. If foliage is pale and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in

You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks. If going natural is your cup of tea, make some!

Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed. Smaller

Water, water, water

If Mother Nature fails to provide at least an inch of rain each week, then unfortunately we must make up the difference. It is so easy to forget to perform this very obvious maintenance task, especially when we are busy doing other things.

If we are negligent often enough, however, our plants will suffer.

Sometimes pale green foliage is a nitrogen deficiency from simply a lack of water. When you water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation.

Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months or more – well worth the effort for vases of flowers on the windowsill.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should I Claim Spouse Benefits now, or my Own SS Benefit?

Dear Rusty:

I am writing to get advice on the optimal time to sign up for Social Security benefits.

I am a 64-year-old female and my birthdate is August 1961. My husband is already taking his SS benefits, so I have also wondered if it be advisable to take spousal benefits or full benefits.

Signed: Wondering Spouse

Dear Wondering:

If you take your Social Security benefits at age 64, they will be perma-

nently reduced.

And, for information, you cannot take only your spousal benefit; you must take your own SS retirement benefit whenever you claim and, if you are entitled to more as your husband’s spouse, you will also get a “spousal boost” to bring your monthly payment up to what you are entitled to as a spouse.

If you claim at any time before your SS Full Retirement Age of 67, both your own SS retirement amount and your spousal boost amount will be actuarially re-

duced for claiming early.

All of which means that claiming before your FRA (e.g., at 64) will mean your monthly benefit will be less than 50% of your husband’s monthly FRA amount.

Now, for clarity, it’s important to know how spouse benefits are calculated: if your FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your husband’s FRA entitlement, then you will get a “spousal boost” added to your own SS retirement amount.

Note that FRA amounts are always used to calculate spousal amounts, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed. If your husband waited until age 70 to get a higher monthly benefit or even if he claimed before his FRA, your spousal amount would still be based on his

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Connected Buildings: demand response for commercial customers

LUDLOW – NextZero’s demand response program is expanding. Starting this summer, NextZero is expanding its Connected Homes residential program to offer a commercial demand response pilot with participating municipal light plant (MLP) customers called Connected Buildings.

Connected Buildings takes a new approach to conserving energy. Rather than having commercial, industrial, and municipal customers enroll specific Wifi-enabled devices that allow NextZero

to make adjustments during times of peak demand, such as with the traditional Connected Homes program, Connected Buildings will utilize advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data to allow the customers to adjust their energy usage themselves. This expands the program beyond the scope of specific devices and brands and increases potential energy and cost savings for the light department.

Using AMI data, NextZero will determine the customer’s baseline energy usage on

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havioral program.

Connected Homes is available to all MLPs, not just MMWEC Members. The Connected Buildings pilot is expected to launch this summer and conclude at the end of December. Based on the results of the pilot, NextZero expects to share the pilot findings and open the program to all light departments in 2027. For more information, visit www.nextzero.org.

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formance by the band Solar Eclipse on July 14 at 5:30 p.m. (with free ice cream included) and Bunko (a dice game) on July 21.

The Holyoke Senior Center is offering Tai Chi lessons on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. from now through Sept. 3.

For those interested, the RiverMills Senior Center is also offering an ice cream social on July 17 at 1:30p.m. They also have a visit from Paul Revere on

July 28 at 2 p.m.

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noise is staying under control.

Monitoring the bass level was also suggested. Continuing to look at the location of the stage was also brought up.

It was mentioned that

music was held during the Fourth of July weekend, and there were no complaints.

Selectmen Chairman William Rosenblum suggested continuing to monitor closely and look at more stage tweaks if necessary to keep the noise under control.

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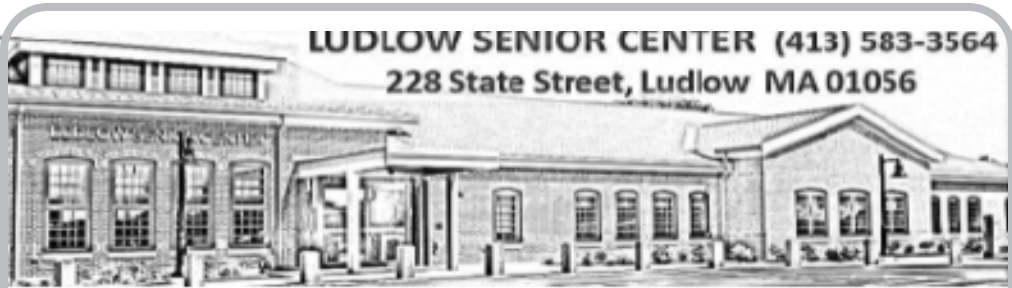
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Join us on July 23rd for Soothing Sound Healing with Mystic Willow. Sound healing uses gentle tones and vibrations from instruments like crystal bowls to help the body and mind slow down, release tension, and restore balance. Understanding Vascular Disease, a presentation by the Vascular Care Group, will be the Lunch & Learn topic on July 22; be sure to register for lunch! We are celebrating America this month! The screen in the Corner Café will display facts about America, we’ll have a dance party, and Benjamin Franklin will be here to wrap up the month! Check out our busy schedule on the Town of Ludlow website ludlow.ma.us/coa/

On hot and humid days, remember that the Center is a wonderful place to stay cool. Our building is air-conditioned and offers two water bubblers and a hydration station (please bring a refillable water bottle). You are welcome to visit Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to read our Newsletter to find out which Tuesday nights Jodi is cooking \$2 suppers. No need to heat up your house on those nights when there’s friends here at the Center!

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, July 16
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
1 p.m. The Art of Card Making*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, July 17
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Corn Hole
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Monday, July 20
9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment*
10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Flexibility, Balance & Core Class

1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class*

Tuesday, July 21
9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
10:30 Pina Colada Day
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump
5 p.m. Movie: Larry Crowne (2011)
5 pm. Trivia

Wednesday, July 22
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn Vascular Disease*
1 p.m. Movie: Larry Crowne (2011)
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1:30 p.m. Ted Talk

Thursday, July 23
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Paint Class*
10:15 a.m. Sound Healing w/Mystic Willow*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance 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, July 16: Birthday Lunch! Chicken Marsala/Egg Noodles/Veggies
Friday, July 17: Loaded Nachos (vegetarian option)
Monday, July 20: Crabcake/Sweet Potato Fries/3 Bean Salad
Tuesday, July 21: Asian Chicken Salad (contains nuts)
Wednesday, July 22: Turkey Tetrazzini/Mixed Veggies
Thursday, July 23: Stuffed Pepper/Side 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.

DATEBOOK

Do you have a local event or activity to publicize? Please send the information as either a Word doc or plain (no bold text or other formatting) email text (no PDFs, please and do not use all uppercase (i.e. UPPER CASE) by 5 p.m. Friday. At least two weeks prior to the event is encouraged. Send your community events to theregister@turley.com

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.

BI-MONTHLY FOOD 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Palmer High School Class of 1976 plans reunion in August

PALMER – Do you have the Spirit of ’76? With the 50th anniversary of Palmer High School’s Class of 1976 this year, a reunion of classmates and faculty at the end of the summer has been planned for Aug. 28 at Salem Cross Inn, 260 W. Main St., West Brookfield. It will be a summer option for those unavailable in the fall, when a separate Class of ’76 group is planning a reunion on Oct. 17. The event at Salem Cross will begin with cocktails at

5 p.m., and dinner will start at 6 p.m., offering a menu of cheese and crackers, garden salad, and entrees of Rustic Chicken, Honey Dijon Salmon or Vegetarian Option. Tickets for the summer event will be \$50, which will include a tip. For the Aug. 28 registration link, which includes payment options online and by post, contact Suzanne Strempek Shea at sess7@comcast.net. RSVP and payment are due no later than Aug. 10.

Crafters wanted for St. Nick’s Fair

LUDLOW – Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshments will be available.

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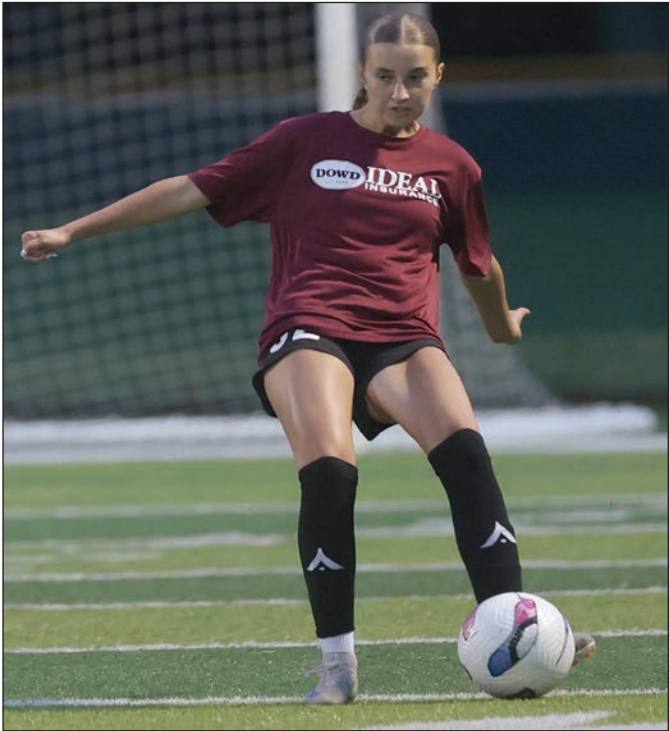
WILBRAHAM – Last Monday evening, Ludlow Ideal A girls summer soccer made a short trip over to Wilbraham to play on the turf at Minnechaug. But the hosts were in control as Ludlow

suffered a 6-0 defeat. Ludlow fell to 4-4 on the season heading into the final week of regular season play. The

Lions are holding a tie of seventh place in the girls A Division and hope to secure their playoff spot this week.



Lily Ayers takes possession.



Sydney Pereira clears the ball up the field.



Rhiley Comeau sends a pass away.



Valentina Molinari goes after the ball.



Charlotte Maciolek winds up for a long kick.



Ronan O'Brien heads past midfield.

Vermont Green hands Pioneers defeat

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The members of the Western Mass. Pioneers gathered for a team photo before kicking off their regular-season finale against rival Vermont Green FC last Friday night.

Having been eliminated from the USL League 2 playoffs for the first time since 2018, the Pioneers were hoping to end Vermont Green's long unbeaten streak.

The Pioneers overcame a 2-0 halftime deficit to tie the score early in the second half, but Vermont Green stretched their unbeaten streak to 37 matches following a 4-2 victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium.

“Our main goal was to make the playoffs, which we’ve been able to do every year since 2018,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We battled back in the second half, but it just wasn’t enough.”

Vermont Green (13-0-1), who are the defending USL League 2 champions, haven’t suffered a loss since a 3-0 setback against Seacoast United in the 2024 Eastern Conference semifinals.

Alfred Baafi, who completed his first season playing



Shun Murasawa sends a free kick away.

for the Pioneers, was a member of the Seacoast United squad, which wound up winning the National championship title, two years ago.

“We really wanted to beat our rivals in tonight’s game,” said Baafi, who led the Pioneers with four assists. “It was a great feeling after my Seacoast team beat them in the playoffs two years ago. I really enjoyed playing for the Pioneers this summer. My dream is to play for a professional soccer team.”

One of the Pioneers veteran players is Santiago Blasco Gomez, who was the team captain.

“This is my third season playing for the Pioneers and I love this place,” Gomez said. “We’ve made the playoffs the past two years, which was an amazing experience. It’s disappointing not making it this year. I’m hoping to play here again next year.”

Gomez, who’s from Alboraque, Spain, was a graduate student on the Bryant University men’s soccer team a year ago.

The Pioneers, who finished their season with an 8-3-3 overall record, haven’t



Santiago Blasco hustles with the ball.

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Martin Echarren goes for the goal.

St. Joe’s grabs win over PeoplesBank

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – Since 1995, the PeoplesBank baseball team has built a dynasty in the Tri-County League, capturing 21 championship titles, including each of the last 13 seasons.

The St. Joseph’s Saints, who are looking to win the TCL championship title for the first time in two decades, are determined to knock PeoplesBank from its perch this summer.

In a span of 48 hours last week, the Saints celebrated two victories in the rivalry series.

St. Joseph’s traveled to Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke last Wednesday night and defeated PeoplesBank, 10-5, which kept them in first place in the league standings.

“We’ve faced Peoples in the championship series the past couple of years, and they’ve gotten the best of us,” said St. Joe’s short-stop Devin Slattery, who had a base hit and scored three runs in last Wednesday’s game. “We beat them in a regular season game last year and they’re a great team. We’re also outstanding team this year and we’re trying to win the championship title.”

St. Joe’s entered this week’s action with a 13-3 overall record, while Peoples had an 11-3-1 mark.

“We made a couple of



Cam MacDonald sends a throw across the diamond.

mental errors in tonight’s game,” said Peoples player/manager Joe Ferry. “We out hit them, but we left too many runners on base. It’s a frustrating loss.

Peoples, who fired a 6-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the regular season between the teams, never held the lead in last Wednesday’s game.

The visitors took a 3-0 lead against lefty James Fla-



Johnny Gegestkas connects on a base hit.

hive in the top of the second inning.

After loading the bases with no outs, St. Joe’s second baseman Greg Vouras, who’s the Athletic Director at Westfield High School, grounded into a double play plating the game’s first run. First baseman Dillon

Slattery, who singled to center, and his older brother, Devin, (walk) both crossed the plate on an errant throw

by the catcher that bounced into left field.

“I believe baseball games are won and loss on the bases,” said Devin Slattery, who played for Peoples for one season before moving to St. Joe’s. “We put some pressure on them in the second inning, and they made a throwing error.”

Dillon Slattery, who finished the game with two base hits and scored three runs, and his older brother were teammates on the Ware varsity baseball team for a couple of years.

Peoples first baseman Cam Rivest, who’s the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, led off the bottom of the second with a line-drive single into left field before scoring on a wild pitch.

With two outs in the top of the fourth inning, third baseman Joey DeMichele (3-for-4) delivered a two-



James Flahive delivers a pitch for PeoplesBank.

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run single into centerfield, which increased St.Joe's lead to 5-1.

St. Joe's scored five more runs in the following frame with the benefit of only one base hit.

Right fielder Brian Hayes, who was hit-by-a-pitch, and Dillon Slattery (Walk) both scored on wild pitches.

Centerfielder Jacob Hayes drove home another run with a sacrifice fly. Another sacrifice fly by left-fielder Mark Jodoin scored two more runs.

PeoplesBank battled back against righty relief

pitcher Jack Feltovic, who wound up as the winning pitcher, during the final three innings.

Feltovic replaced lefty starter Jackson Hayes on the mound with two outs in the fourth inning. He allowed four runs on eight hits.

With two-outs in the bottom of the fifth, third baseman Cam McDonald drew a bases loaded walk cutting Peoples deficit to 10-2.

After scoring another run in the sixth, Peoples catcher Pete Hogan knocked home two runs with two outs in the seventh.

The home team couldn't get any closer than five runs,

as Feltovic ended the game with a groundball out.

Fueled by a complete game performance from Monson's Trey Yesu, St. Joe's posted an 8-5 home victory in last Friday's contest against the Bankers.

Yesu, who was the ace of the Bridgewater State University pitching staff the past couple of years, allowed five runs on 12 hits with eight strikeouts and just one walk. He threw 108 pitches.

The two rivals are scheduled to face each other again in a make-up game before the end of the regular season.

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beaten their archrivals from Burlington since a 1-0 road win on June 17, 2023.

Vermont Green, who are hosting the first two rounds of the playoffs this weekend, now holds a 4-3-2 edge in the series against the Western Mass. squad.

Vermont Green took the lead when Samson Kpardeh sent a pass from the left side into the box where Jeremy Fancou fired a shot into the right corner past Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander during the 24th minute of the opening half.

Fancou scored his second goal seven minutes later, which was assisted by Ryan Zellefrow.

The score was 2-0 at intermission.

Nine minutes into the second half, the Pioneers sliced their deficit in half following a corner kick goal.

Ronan O'Brien booted the ball into the box from the left corner. After the ball was headed by Dylan Hunston, Riley Priddy put another header into the left corner past Vermont Green back-up goalie Seth Wilson.

During the 59th minute, Martin Echarren booted a

free kick into the right corner tying the score at 2-2. It was also his team leading seventh goal of the season.

Vermont Green retook the lead following a goal by Kpardeh during the 74th minute.

Another goal by William Sawin during stoppage time sent the Vermont Green rowdy supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers will be looking to qualify for the league playoffs, and they'll also be looking to celebrate a victory against the Vermont Green during the summer of 2027.

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Assuming you will be entitled to a "spousal boost," the decision you must make is whether to claim early (e.g., now at 64) or wait until you are 67 to get your maximum amount as your husband's spouse. The factors to consider are these:

Are you still working? If so, claiming before FRA means you will be subject to an annual earnings limit until you reach FRA. The earnings limit for early filers in 2026 is \$24,480 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit increases a bit yearly).

If you substantially exceed the earnings limit by working, you may even be

temporarily ineligible for SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or stop working full time.

Do you expect your husband to predecease you? If so, then your benefit as a widow will be 100% of the larger amount he is collecting when he passes provided when that occurs you've reached your FRA and your own SS retirement is less.

Depending on timing, that may mean that taking a reduced spouse benefit now, which will be replaced by your larger widow benefit later, is a logical choice.

What is your own life expectancy? If you have health issues or have other reasons to believe you will not achieve "average" life expectancy average is about 87 for a woman your current age, then claiming your Social Security benefits early is likely a prudent choice.

So, as you can see, you must evaluate your personal

circumstances to make this decision. Although we aren't able to say exactly when you should claim your SS benefits, I hope this provides the information you need to make an informed decision.

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Tomlinson graduates from Eastern Connecticut State University

WILLIMANTIC, CT – More than 800 Eastern Connecticut State University students received undergraduate and graduate degrees in the 2025-26 academic year, culminating this past May

in two commencement ceremonies at the conclusion of the spring 2026 semester.

Nathan Tomlinson of Indian Orchard graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics.

Searching your family history with ancestry library edition

WILBRAHAM – Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition at the Wilbraham Public Library on Wednesday, July 29 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

She will give a brief introduction of how to use the online resource in the Brooks Room, followed by time in which participants use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. All participants will be given a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy.

“Ancestry Library Edition includes records of the U.S. Census from 1790 to 1950, military records such as World War I and II draft cards, and other records worldwide. International records available include particularly good coverage in Canada and the United Kingdom,” said Bell.

Images of original records, including immigration records and town records of births, marriages, and deaths can be saved to a flash drive or sent to your email from Ancestry Library Edition. It is accessible in-library only, but can be used through both library computers or personal devices connected to the library’s Wi-Fi.

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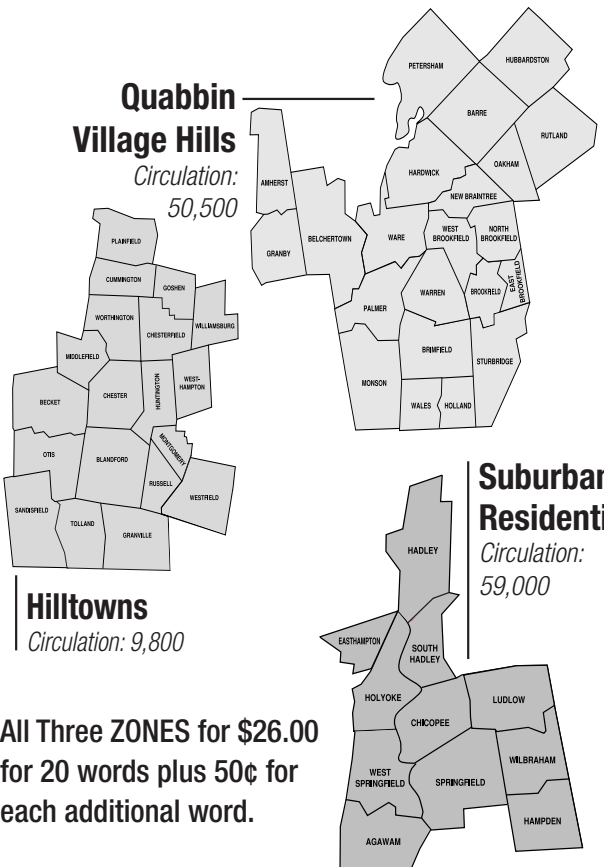
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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 13, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
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07/15/2026

Ana Goncalves, 89

Ana Goncalves, 89, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving children.

Ana was born on September 11, 1936, in the small village of Travassos da Chã, Portugal.

She later immigrated to Venezuela with her husband, Avelino Goncalves, where they began their family and welcomed their two sons. They eventually settled in Ludlow, Massachusetts, where they completed their family with the birth of their daughter.

Ana's greatest joy in life was her family. She loved traveling and cherished the many trips she took to Portugal over the years. One of her proudest accomplishments was fulfilling a dream of bringing each of her grandchildren to the village where she was born and raised. She also treasured the many winters spent in Florida with her children and grandchildren.

Above all else, Ana was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her grandchildren were truly the center of her world. She helped raise them and loved each of them unconditionally. The bond she shared with her family was extraordinary, and the love she gave will continue to live on through them for generations.

Ana will be deeply missed by her three children: Matias Goncalves and his wife, Ermelinda; Manuel Goncalves and his wife,



Donna; and Anna Gomes and her husband, Luis, all of Ludlow. She also leaves behind her eight beloved grandchildren: Manuel Goncalves Jr. and his wife, Daniela; Alexander Goncalves and

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She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Custódio Goncalves; her sister-in-law, Joaquina Goncalves; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Ana was predeceased by her beloved husband of 62 years, Avelino Goncalves; her brother, Manuel Fernandes (Lucia); her sister, Maria Rodrigues (Mario); her sisters-in-law, Ana (João) and Ana (Avelino); and her brothers-in-law, João (Ana), Antonio (Idalina), and Fernando (Maria).

Funeral services for Ana were held on Saturday, July 11. Calling hours were from 9 to 10:15 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Burial followed at Saint Aloysius Cemetery.

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The gift will provide critical funding to help the shelter recover from the outbreak and ensure it has the supplies needed to continue providing lifesaving care to animals. Funds will be used to replenish personal protective equipment (PPE) and parvovirus vaccines for the veterinary clinic, as well as purchase diagnostic tests, treatment supplies, cleaning and disinfecting products, and food for the animals currently in the shelter's care.

"An outbreak like this, places an enormous strain on shelter resources," said Janna Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation for TJO Animals. "Every day, the veterinary and animal care teams are working tirelessly to protect the health of the animals while preventing further spread of disease. This generous donation from Pioneer Valley Financial Group allows the clinic to replace critical supplies and continue providing the highest level of care during a very challenging time."

Parvovirus and panleukopenia are highly contagious viral diseases that primarily affect puppies and kittens, as well as unvaccinated animals. Managing these illnesses requires strict isolation protocols, enhanced sanitation procedures, additional personal protective equipment, specialized medical treatment, and increased vaccination efforts, all of which significantly increase operating costs for the shelter.

"This contribution is about more than replacing supplies," Brown added. "It's about ensuring that every animal who comes through the doors has access to the medical care, protection, and nutrition they need while their team works to safely navigate this situation."

The Foundation for TJO Animals serves as the nonprofit fundraising partner for the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, providing financial support for veterinary care, medical equipment, shelter improvements, enrichment programs, and emergency treatment for thousands of animals each year.

The Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Pioneer Valley Financial Group for stepping forward when the need was greatest. Their generosity will have an immediate impact on the health and well-being of the animals in TJO's care.

For more information about the Foundation for TJO Animals or to support its mission, visit the Foundation's website or contact the Foundation office.



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