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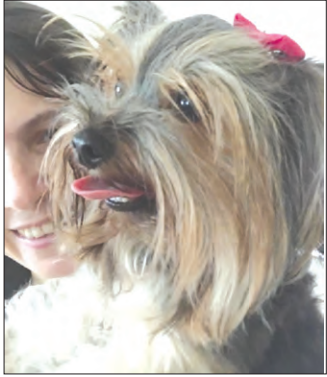
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WestMass gives updates on mill project

Construction on Mill 8 is projected to be finished by July of 2024

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LUDLOW – At the recent Board of Selectmen meeting, a representative from WestMass discussed current projections for the completion of the Mill 8 reconstruction, as well as addressing rumors that the project has been the cause of numerous rodent sightings in town.

“We absolutely do not have rats,” Jeff Daley of WestMass told the Selectmen.

He added that since the company purchased the Mills in 2011, “we’ve never seen a rat or had a trace of a rat present in any of the buildings, from the clocktower all the way down to Mill 8.”

WestMass expects the construction of Mill 8 to conclude in July of 2024, given the current rate of the project.

“Hopefully, a year from now, it’s projected that Mill 8 will be complete,” Daley said. “The parking lot and everything out back are getting finished as the project moves forward, and they’re blowing through it.”

Daley said that WestMass agreed to have WinnDevelopment and their construction developer, Dellbrook, come onto the site and start early on the project. To Daley’s recollection, work started on the site in April, and has been “moving



Turley Photo by Marcelo Gusmao

real quick.”

“These guys come in and they’ve got hundreds of guys on-site every day,” Daley said. “I’m excited for July of next year.”

Daley went over WestMass’s methods of catching and monitoring animals on the property during the construction, assuring the Selectmen

that the company “diligently manage the critters that do come on the site.”

“We do have live catch cages, because we do have a possum problem,” Daley said. “But I talked to our maintenance guys who have been here

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Center St. storage facility proposal to be taken under consideration

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Planning Board meeting, it was decided to hold off on voting for the storage facility project on Center St.

The storage facility project Bohler Engineering project on Center St. was presented to the Planning Board again to pursue a Special Permit request. The decision was made not to vote on the project, but to close public hearing and to vote on the matter at a later date.

Having shared Bohler’s plan with other town departments, Planning Board Chair Raymond Phoenix went over the stipulations put forth by other town Boards.

“At this time, Safety (Committee) has only concerns with lighting and fencing being appropriate for the project; Board of Health will need dumpster permit; Building Department: building, electrical, and plumbing permits will be required prior to the start of construction; Conservation Commission (...) has no issues with property, due to no wetlands,” Phoenix read.

The Department of Public Works also requested a copy of the NPDES construction General Permit SWPPP when completed, and the Fire Department listened no concerns with the plan.

Lucian DiStefano of Bohler Engineering described how the

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Volunteers needed for Government Restructuring Committee

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LUDLOW – The town is in need of informed and passionate residents to volunteer to help shape the future of the town’s government by participating in a Government Restructuring Committee.

“The town has outgrown this form of government, it really has,” said Town Administrator Marc Strange. “It’s a government that’s really constructed for a very small town.”

The town has brought in the Collins Center to do a succession plan, which will involve forming a Committee of up to 11 members, made up of residents and members of the

Board of Selectmen, who will attend 12 meetings to determine the needs and direction of the town’s new government system.

“As with many Massachusetts towns, Ludlow does not have a charter,” reads the Charter Review Assistance Contract from the Collins Center.

“The Town operates under what is often referred to as a ‘legal base,’ which includes local bylaws, state laws accepted, and special acts of the legislature requested by the Town,” the contract said. “Although the lack of a charter is common among Massachusetts smaller towns, most municipalities over 20,000 have charters, and there has been a trend over the last few decades for even smaller towns to write and adopt charters.”

The contract says that this is because municipal operations have become more complex in recent years, and that rather than making occasional changes through bylaw changes or special acts, “they are unlikely to solve all of the issues.”

“As many towns have found, a stronger solution is to take a comprehensive and systemic look at how the government is operating, understand what is working and what is not, and identify changes that would help provide the community with a government that will be more effective, efficient, responsive, and transparent,” the contract reads.

“I feel like it’s just kind of been, ‘We’ve added on this board, added on that board,’ and

officials, they’re not required to talk to each other,” Strange said. “So, everybody kind of has their own domain and their own islands that they have every right to have domain over...it makes it very difficult to get everybody working in lockstep and moving toward the same goals.”

Applications are due by July 28, and Strange said, “we’re hoping to get started in September, but before we get started, we need a committee. The hope is kind of, working backwards, that we will either have a committee or do interviews in August.”

Strange said that applications for the Committee have

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CELEBRATION CALENDAR
UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS
Ludlowma250.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
River Hollow Family Golf Center
15 Hospital Road, Monson

Mini golf, driving range, ice cream and more!
25% of the day's proceeds will be donated to the Ludlow 250th. Have fun and help us fundraise!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH
"Dine for a Cause"
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1428 Center St. Ludlow

Tony Tavares invites you and your family to dine at the Villa Rose where 20% of food purchases will be donated to the 250th events.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH
Golf Tournament Fundraiser
4 Person Scramble
Westover Municipal Golf Course

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ONGOING

Fire Hydrant Painting Contest!

Ludlow residents of all ages are encouraged to show off their artistic abilities by painting a fire hydrant.

REGISTRATION: Registration is now open to submit proposed design. Hydrant painting can begin after approval notification. Applications are available online at ludlowma250.org or can be picked up at the Ludlow Town Hall: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow
All applications must be submitted to the Ludlow Town Hall.

HYDRANT JUDGING: Participants will have until May 30, 2024 to complete their approved design. Judging will take place between May 31, 2024 - June 8, 2024.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded for:
• Most 250th / Ludlow Anniversary Oriented
• Most Patriotic (Military/ First Responders)
• Most Creative

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Bruce Durand, 413.563.1057, ludlow250parade@gmail.com

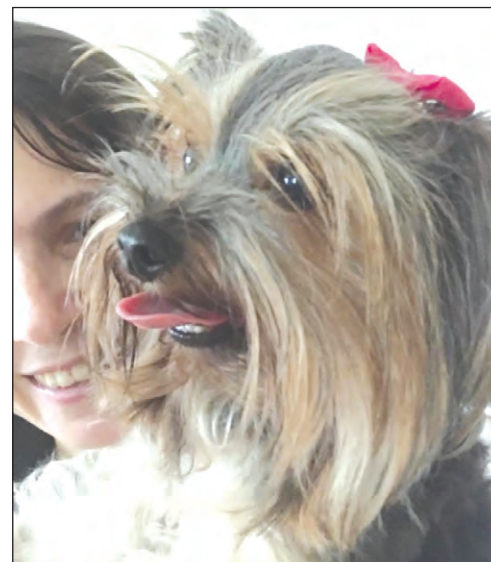
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PET OF THE WEEK

BELLA

This is Princess Bella! She's been fostered in the area a couple of times, and her fur bunches up around her paws so that it looks like she's wearing little pants. She loves being picked up, and always wears a little bow on her head.



LF CREDIT UNION opens little free libraries in Ludlow

LUDLOW – The Ludlow branch of LUSO Federal Credit Union now home to a free little library. In a little house affixed to a post outside the branch's main entrance, visitors can take a book and leave a book there.

LUSO, has their first registered little free library in Ludlow, 599 East St. LUSO's second little free library is currently in development, and will soon be available at the Wilbraham branch in Crane Park.

The little free library movement, which now spans the globe, was started in 2009 by Todd Bol of Wisconsin, who built a model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a former schoolteacher who loved reading.

He put the small structure on a post in his front yard and filled it with books that passersby could borrow or keep. Today, more than 150,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes are in 120 countries worldwide.

"We are excited to sponsor a Little Free Library in the towns where we have branch locations," said Jennifer M.G. Calheno, president and chief executive officer of LUSO Federal Credit Union. "Over the years, LUSO has supported literacy through our school banking program, by offering a free Scholastic book to local students for every six school banking deposits. This little free library is a natural extension of our goal to promote literacy and a love for reading for all, not just students."

Embracing the take-a-book/leave-a-book philosophy, these libraries are a fun and easy way to give both students and adults easy access to reading material, especially in the summer months. Students can find picture and board books as well as early readers and chapter books.



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The Ludlow branch of LUSO Federal Credit Union now home to a free little library.

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Evening of magic Aug. 19 at Polish American Club

LUDLOW — Prepare to be spellbound as three world-class magicians join local magicians for an unforgettable evening of enchantment at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Polish American Citizens Club.

Magic in the Valley will showcase the remarkable talents of internationally renowned Chris Capehart, Jimmy C. and Bill Wisch and local conjurers Rich Gilbert, Bob Hale, Deanna Congo and Jake Dufour. This extraordinary event promises to captivate audiences of all ages with their mind-boggling illusions, comedic performances, and awe-inspiring tricks.

Witness the impossible, laugh until your sides ache and be amazed as these world-class magicians take you on an extraordinary journey that will leave you breathless and wanting more. Magic in the Valley promises an evening of family-friendly entertainment, making it the perfect event for individuals of all ages.

The Magicians

Chris Capehart is known around the world for his award-winning magic and charismatic stage presence, and has been captivating audiences for over four decades. With his expertly crafted routines and interactive performances, Capehart is renowned as one of the most skillful magicians of our time.

Jimmy C., a master of comedy magic, combines quick wit, impeccable timing, and astonishing prestidigitation to create an

experience like no other. With his hilarious antics and mind-blowing tricks, Jimmy C is guaranteed to leave audiences in fits of laughter while scratching their heads in disbelief. A consummate entertainer, Jimmy was the master of ceremonies for the Valley Conjurers' 100th Anniversary show last year.

Bill Wisch is a distinguished sleight of hand artist in the tradition of Slydini, one of the greatest magicians of the 20th century. In fact, he is the only magician specifically endorsed to perform and teach Slydini's tricks. Bill has since performed thousands of shows for parties, graduations, and corporations and lectured over 600 times all over the United States and Canada. He performs regularly in the New York/New Jersey Tri-State area.

Bob Hale, a beloved, regional performer of the highest caliber, has been providing magical entertainment for over 50 years for a variety of audiences. From the Mohegan Sun: Casino and Resort to kids' parties to the Valley Conjurers 100th Anniversary show, Bob is a consummate entertainer. Children and adults alike have been spellbound by his performances, making him a sought-after entertainer for all ages.

Rich Gilbert has been performing at parties, banquets, and special occasions for over 30 years. As well as performing, Rich is an inveterate student of magic and attends magic conventions across the country. He has held numerous offices in the Assembly 17

of the Society of American magicians. Always a crowd-pleaser, Rich is well-known across the Valley.

DC Magic Girl (Deanna Congo) has been performing magic for 20 years. She became interested in magic as an acting student in New York when she followed a rabbit down the hall of her apartment building to a clown magician who set her on the path to magic. She has performed in New York, performed in LA, and Texas.

Jacob Dufour was 7 years-old and watching Breaking the Magician's Code when he was bitten by the magic bug. As chance would have it, he was attending a show by the Valley Conjurers and joined the group. He's been practicing magic for eight years and prefers stage illusions with an emphasis on comedy and danger. He and his assistant Sam met at Demented FX, New England's premiere haunted attraction.

Magic in the Valley is a production of the Valley Conjurers, the local affiliate of Society of the American Magicians.

General admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under, offering exceptional value for an evening of top-tier entertainment. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a magical experience that will leave you with memories to cherish forever.

Tickets for Magic in the Valley are available now from Tom Gentile by emailing tdgmagic@gmail.com or by calling 413-533-7653 for more details, reservations,

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K9 UNIT DONATION

John Diotalevi, President of the Ludlow Polish American Citizens Club (right) is shown with Officer Mike Whitney while presenting a donation of \$5,000 to the Ludlow Police Dept. K9 Fund. The Polish American Citizens Club is a main supporter of the fund and raised the money with its annual pasta dinner.



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POLISH CLUB HOLDS DANCE



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A full band performed in the ballroom of the Polish American Citizen's Club last Friday.



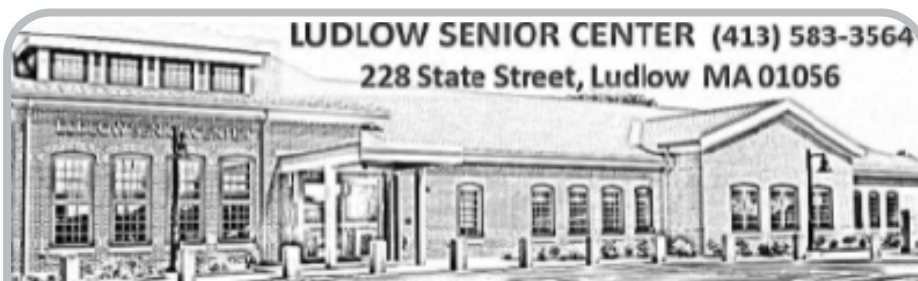
Seniors cut a run on the dance floor of the Polish American Citizen's Club last Friday.

Celebrating End of School Year



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Former Head Start Director Janis Santos celebrates the end of the school year at the new Parkside Early Learning Center.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our calendar is packed with many events, activities, programs, and entertainment. You are invited to have lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room for a hearty meal with coffee, tea, and dessert. Just call a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

This summer will have cornhole outside on the patio and will be adding three more fitness classes; two during the day and one during Tuesday evening hours.

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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, July 20

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Hot Dog Day
- 12:30 Hearing Clinic*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- Friday, July 21
- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Outdoor Cornhole
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Mgmt.*

Monday, July 24

- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Tuesday, July 25

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:50 p.m. Movie: Mafia Mamma
- 5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class

Wednesday, July 26

- 8 a.m. Facials*
- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 12:50 p.m. Movie: Mafia Mamma
- 1 p.m. Belly Dancing Class
- 1:30 a.m. Food Bank Nutrition Education

Thursday July 27

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Craft*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 12:45 p.m. Walmart Trip*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Lincoln Highway
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veteran's Agent, Lunch & Learn, Hearing Clinic, Power Pump, Healthy Bones and Balance, Art Class, and Foot Care by calling 583-3564

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Daily Events:

1. Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
2. Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday
3. Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
4. Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, July 20: Birthday Lunch Stuffed Chicken/Au Gratin Pot/Veggies
 - Friday, July 21: Fruit Salad/Cottage Cheese
 - Monday, July 24: Meat Lasagna/Caesar Salad
 - Tuesday, July 25: Seafood Salad on Croissant/Tater Tots
 - Wednesday, July 26: Salisbury Steak/Mash Potato/Veggies
 - Thursday, July 27: Chicken Piccata/Rice Pilaf/Veggies
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

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

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays; closed on Saturdays for the summer starting 6/17.

FOR ALL AGES

THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS HAPPENING, with programs for preschoolers, kids, teens and adults! Sign up to participate here: <https://hubbardlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

Free Streaming Services Available!

Use your Hubbard Memorial Library library card to access our streaming services, Hoopla & Kanopy. They're compatible with Android, Apple, Roku, AppleTV, Chromecast, and more. If you are a Ludlow resident with a Hubbard Memorial Library library card and the Libby app, you've already got access to Kanopy in the app! Hoopla provides movies, TV shows, music, eAudiobooks & eBooks, while Kanopy focuses on films, TV shows, and documentaries. Both have a version for kids. Why pay for a streaming service when you can get two for free with your library card?

Movie on the lawn: Encanto, Thursday July 20, 8:30 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, & bug spray for a special after-hours free movie night. Popcorn, drinks and snacks sold to benefit the Friends of the Library. Rain date 7/27. Come at 7:30pm to meet Mirabel.

FOR ADULTS

The Happy Hour Book Club discusses "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles, Thursday July 27, 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 "Still Life" by Louise Penny, Thursday August 3, 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

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! Please register.

Melted Crayon Art for ages 10+, Friday August 28, 1:30 p.m.

Use old crayons & blow-dryers to make art on canvas. Class size is limited to 12; 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 August 3, 3-4 p.m.

Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Coming up: The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight" by Jennifer E. Smith, copies available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

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.

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.

Drop-In 3D Pen Doodlepalooza, Wednesday July 19, 1-5 p.m.

Try out one of the Youth Room's 3D pens. There are Mynt3D Pens for teens and older children, and #Doodler Start pens for younger children.

Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

FOR CHILDREN

Make Bug Jars, Monday July 24, 2:00 p.m. Drop in to make a special jar for catching critters, learn which bugs are safe to touch and collect, & how long to keep them.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11 a.m.

Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12-5 p.m.

Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

July Grow, Play & Learn, Thursdays 9-10 a.m.

Stories, songs and skill building led by early childhood development-trained leaders who will introduce pre-literacy curriculum in a fun, playful environment. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Encanto Celebration & Meet Mirabel, Thursday July 20, 7:30 p.m.

Get excited for our 8:30pm outdoor movie, Encanto, by coming at 7:30pm to meet Mirabel and enjoy other fun Encanto-inspired crafts and activities.

Drop-In Outdoor Storytime, Fridays during the summer, 12:00-12:30 p.m.


Best for ages 2-5, we meet on the library lawn. Will cancel due to bad weather, check Facebook for updates.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



My state pension eliminated my Social Security survivor benefit

Dear Rusty Gloor,
Dear Rusty: My husband of 21 years died in January 2022 at the age of 70. We were both retired at the time of his death and they immediately stopped his Social Security payments. After many calls to Social Security asking why I was not receiving his benefits, I was finally told since I have my own pension from the State of Ohio that I would receive none of my husband's Social Security.

I cannot see why my Ohio retirement has anything to do with my husband's Social Security. I do get a small payment from SS based on my past earnings before I worked for the State of Ohio. Is there any chance of fighting this since we were married when they took money from his earnings for SS? If I wanted to write to an elected official to see if these rules could be changed, who would I write to or call?

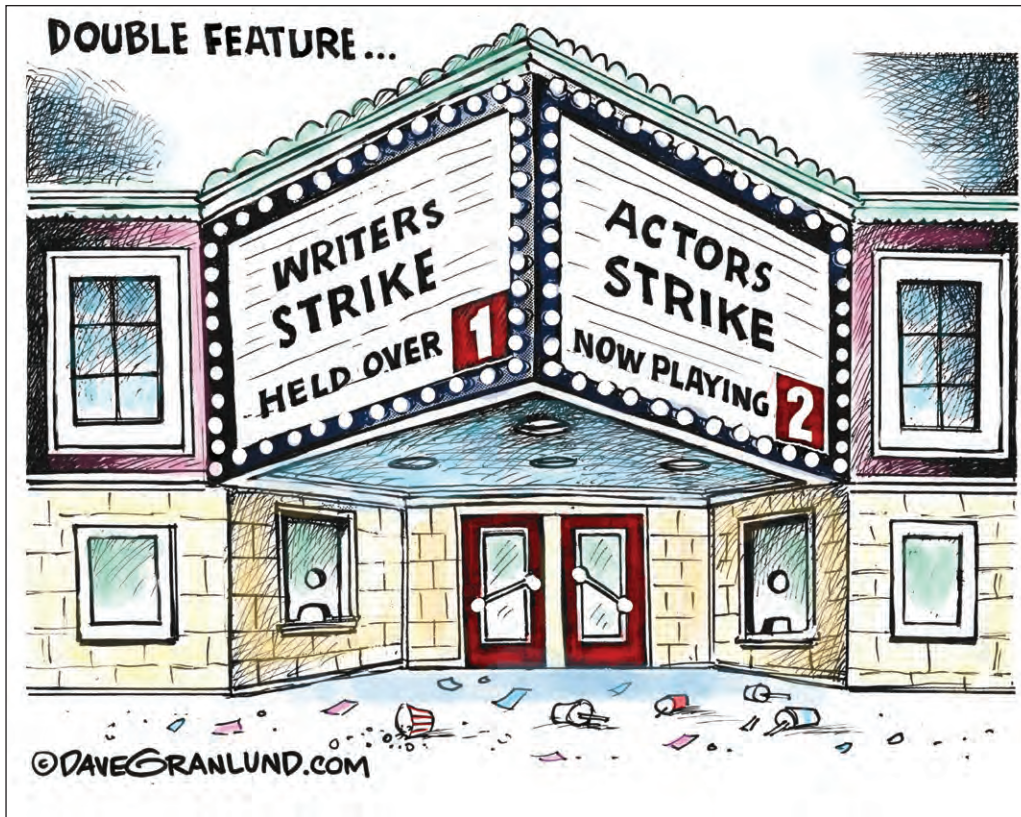
Signed: Upset Widow

Dear Upset Widow: Unfortunately, your entitlement to a Social Security survivor benefit from your husband is affected by a provision known as the Government Pension Offset, which affects any surviving spouse with a federal, state or local government pension earned without contributing to the Social Security program. Ohio is one of 26 states, which have opted not to participate in Social Security, thus exempting state employees from paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. The Ohio state pension, which resulted from your state employment, means that any Social Security benefits earned outside of your state employment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe, a reduction by 2/3 of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can and often does completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might otherwise be entitled to.

For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3 of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving spouse, who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit, their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement benefit higher than their deceased spouse's benefit gets no surviving spouse benefit.

FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your Ohio state employment, here's a quote from Ohio's Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) website: "If you are eligible for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history."

In any case, you are certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success.



GUEST COLUMN



Rainy weather equals slug paradise

I was so excited to be growing my cabbage, kale and cauliflower plants under bug netting this year in an attempt to keep them free from cabbage worms and loopers.

Formerly I had used a row cover with moderate success. It kept in the heat and seemed to encourage tall spindly growth on the broccoli.

So, I did some research and ended up with some netting that so far was working out great, until I saw the holes on my outer cabbage leaves. Slugs.

And of course, bug netting would not have an effect on slugs. Not at all.

Has the recent bout of rainy weather made your garden slug paradise? If so, here is a recap from a previous article so that you too can wage your own private war on the slug.

Your first strategy should be to alter your surroundings to make them less slug friendly. Slugs feed during the night and hide during the day, for that reason we should rid the garden of popular daytime hiding spots, or at least conduct a search and destroy mission on these spots regularly.

I use old boards as garden paths, separating plots of greens. First mistake; boards, bricks, and rocks make great cover for slugs from the midday sun.

From now on I'll turn these boards over once a day and play "salt a slug" or better yet, "squirt a slug." A couple shakes of the salt shaker will dehydrate slugs, and a mixture of half-water, half-vinegar in a spray bottle will take care of business as well.

You can also bring a container of vin-

egar water or salt water to the garden and simply drop them in, using gloves, of course, less be stained by soap resistant goo.

Mass trapping also works. Probably the most famous trap around is made from stale beer.

To be effective it must be set up correctly, otherwise slugs will be lured but not trapped. Bury a container level with the soil surface and fill it with beer to one inch from the top.

Ideally, slugs stretch out their bodies to reach the liquid, fall in and drown. Dump the container often, especially after it rains, since water will dilute the beer as well as raise the level of the liquid.

Commercial slug "motels" come with a yeasty powder you mix with water - these work on the same principle as our homemade version.

Some folks also have good luck trapping slugs in watermelon or cantaloupe rinds placed about the garden. Dispose of the slug filled fruit into the trash each morning without an ounce of slime on your fingers!

Barrier methods are also used to keep slugs off of your plants.

The most common is diatomaceous earth, a sharp substance formed from the skeletons of microscopic organisms called diatoms. Slugs avoid it, less they be cut to shreds.

My mom had reasonable success using lime, and I have heard the same regarding wood ashes. The most common recommendation is a two inch strip around the plants you want to be spared.

Slugs also reportedly hate crossing over copper. Line the perimeter of your garden with copper strips, or just target specific plants that slugs seem to go for.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.

In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress - H.R. 82 - The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in January and "referred to committee" for consideration. Like all preceding WEP/GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee. If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

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Random Acts of Kindness

Michelle Ruark/Bella Couture Salon & Spa

LUDLOW -- Michelle Ruark, owner of Bella Couture Salon & Spa was referred to me by Turley Publications when she contacted them regarding a fundraiser her salon had done.

Michelle was raised in Ludlow, has been married since 2010 and together they are parents of two sons and a daughter. Michelle started her business in 2007 and loves making people look and feel their best. She enjoys building relationships and networking while making a difference within the community.

Michelle said though the salon has supported many charities, this was the first time they'd orchestrated their own fundraiser. Joan Quinn, a volunteer in the Wig Boutique at the Cancer House of Hope, chose Michelle's salon to be featured as a fundraiser in April. Joan's positive energy left quite an impression and they all felt honored to help her cause. Joan assists women who have had 'hair interruptions' due to chemotherapy or cancer itself, acquire a free, good quality, well-fitting wig along with other accessories. Joan was a hairdressing/cosmetology instructor at STCC for fifty years so has many networking avenues to help her mission that allows her to purchase needed items. She retired at 67 to what she thought would be leisurely lunches and golf, but there were different plans in her future.

Joan's son called her from his Midwest home telling her he needed her help. He needed to move closer to the hospital while he waited for a heart transplant after suffering three heart attacks and would need her assistance during recovery too. Needless to say she was on the next plane and making

deals with the 'Man Upstairs.' She bargained if He spared her son she would give back which is what she has done ever since. I'm happy to tell you he received the transplant, has enjoyed an incredible 10 years so far that have included walking his daughter down the aisle and being blessed by adding the new title of 'grandpa'.

Joan selects three salons a month located anywhere from the Berkshires to middle CT to help with her creation, "Hang Cancer Out To Dry!" The concept is a miniature clothesline where money is clipped to tiny clothespins. Michelle's staff readily accepted the challenge with their excitement being infectious, giving themselves a goal of collecting \$35 daily. They were successful in accomplishing more than their original intention! What amazing Random Acts of Kindness, having no idea who their dollars would help only knowing they would help! Unfortunately we've all been touched by cancer somehow and this is an ingenious way to help others going through their extremely difficult time.

Cancer House of Hope provides care and comfort to men and women given a cancer diagnosis. The House is designed to be warm, welcoming and anything but clinical. This nonprofit is completely funded by donations, fundraisers and grants enabling them to offer a large array of services such as wellness education programs, oncology massages, wigs, Reiki and yoga as some examples. It's designed to support and empower those on their cancer journey.

I spoke with many of the Bella Couture Salon & Spa staff to hear what it meant to them to partake in this fundraiser. Most of them first had to sing

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IN THE CLASSROOM

CAMPUS NOTES

Elms College

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at the College of Our Lady of the Elms for the 2023 spring semester: Stephanie Afonso of Ludlow; Abbey Cameron of Ludlow; Audrianna Cope of Ludlow; Emma Cote of Ludlow; Ava Kochanowicz of Ludlow; Alyssa Moore of Ludlow; Makenzie Nally of Ludlow; Savannah Switzer of Ludlow; Agata Cieslak of Ludlow; Rachel Forcier of Ludlow; Meghan Huber of Ludlow; Lauren Lefebvre of Ludlow; Kimberly Quinonez of Indian Orchard; Haylee Rodrigues of Ludlow; Jared Savoie of Springfield; Emma Sawtelle of Ludlow; Austin Scott of Ludlow; Mary Silva of Ludlow; Madison Trombley of Ludlow; and Victor Williamson of Indian Orchard.

To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

Western New England University

Sedona Wikar, a native of Ludlow, was recently initiated into the Western New England University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 486 new initiates from 24 universities this past spring.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals.

Fewer than five% of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Emerson College

Elizabeth Pereira of Ludlow, who is majoring in Political Communication and is a member of Emerson College's Class of 2026, was named to the Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List at Emerson College is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Eastern Connecticut State University

Joseph Banas of Ludlow recently graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

The undergraduate commencement speaker was Thomas Gibson '96, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The graduate commencement speaker was Jeffrey Brown '79, chief executive officer of the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art.

College of Pharmacy

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University congratulates 15 students working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree who were named to the dean's list for the Spring Semester. These students are from the Ludlow area: Sedona Wikar and Jacob Pariseau.

Wilkes University

WILKES-BARRE, P.A.-- Maxwell Cocchi of Ludlow, was named to the dean's list at Wilkes University for the spring semester.



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well past six-seven years, they've never ever seen a rat dropping, [nor] a rat itself."

During the redevelopment of Mill 10, Daley said that WinnDevelopment put out live traps and found no rats. The same was done with Mill 8, which also yielded no signs of a rat infestation.

"One of the false beliefs is that all those buildings have cellars; none of them have cellars," said Daley, adding the exception of a cellar that was built for the electrical connections from State Street.

"I've been down in there, it's clean as clean can be," Daley said.

"I hope it puts it to rest that everybody's pointing the fingers at the old Mill building project at the end of the street," Daley said. "I can sit here today and attest that we do not have a rat problem."

Daley also discussed the plans for the ground level of Mill 8, which is being developed to house businesses.

"We're closing this week on the sale, so as of the end of this week we will no longer own Mill 8," Daley said.

The company will still retain an ownership interest in the first floor, and Daley said that the company is anticipating about 48,000 square feet of the first floor becoming commercial space for retail outlets or offices. There will be restrictions to the project, due to the residential space planned for the upper floors.

"We think that we're gonna have some pretty good activity," Daley said. "Some light retail, sandwich shop, coffee shop-type atmosphere, as well as office space. We do have people that are calling all the time for office space, rentals – and this will certainly meet that need."

"It's gonna give the residents of Ludlow a really nice place, if they would choose to live there," Daley said. "As well as some commercial businesses in the area. We're real excited for that to be ready to go a year from now."

"There'll be some units on the first floor, on the back towards the parking lots," Daley said, "but everything else on the first floor will be all commercial retail, everything else will be 95 apartments coming online [in] July of next year."

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site will handle its water run-off, stating that "This site is designed to basically collect that amount of run-off, put it through the drainage system, detain it, and then let it go at a much slower rate, so if you had that site today and you had that 100-year storm event, you're gonna get water running off the site at a much quicker rate than you would under the post-developed condition."

Phoenix proposed that the Board take the proposal under advisement and voted unanimously to hold off on voting, moving to vote on the issue within 90 days. Phoenix explained how this process works to the gathered residents.

"At this point, we can have (the proposal) as an agenda item and we can discuss it amongst ourselves," Phoenix said, "Because the hearing is closed, we cannot take any new information, whether it's from the applicant, from the townspeople, anything like that."

"If we don't schedule anything and we don't make a decision, then it just gets approved," Phoenix said.

The Board also met with Ali Bulut about a proposal for the property on White

St., which was rejected for lacking information.

"The plan, as it came in, is missing a lot of items, including showing some of the information about property corner monuments," Phoenix said.

"There's insufficient information about the seating inside, there's no room for future growth, so if you have somebody else that's going to be taking up another one of the spots in the building, that's all gonna have to come back in for more work instead of being able to look at that now, we've got stuff from another of other town departments that have indicated deficiencies, including the Board of Health, the Fire Department, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Board of Public Works – we've got all of these different things that are saying that this plan doesn't meet our regulations," Phoenix said.

"Stuff that our regulations says you need to have a chart that has A, B, C, D, E, and F, and you're missing like three things off of that chart," Phoenix told Bulut, "So the plan that we have that was submitted, we don't have enough copies of, for one thing, and it needs to be correct, it needs to meet what our bylaw says it needs to have."

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"started trickling a little bit," and that the town wants to get as many applicants as it possibly can.

Applicants have to be registered to vote in Ludlow, and Strange said the town is also looking for residents that haven't been involved in town government before.

"We kind of want a mix," Strange said. "We want a mix of newcomers and others that have kind of been around, to get different perspectives on things."

Strange addressed concerns about the \$25,000 cost of the Charter Commission.

"Even when I first interviewed for the Town Administrator position, this was kind of the priority issue," Strange said.

"[Since] early 2022, there've been complaints about the form of government," said Strange. "It's not coming from the Selectmen; it's coming from res-

idents and precinct members. When we bring articles to Town Meeting now, and even particularly...the Treasurer/Collector combination and the Board of Public Works, the complaint was, 'We need a form of government change, and not just these little changes.' It's in the atmosphere."

Strange added that "it's kind of been, I think, a critical mass. I certainly wouldn't have suggested this to the Board of Selectmen if this is not something they wanted to do, they certainly wouldn't have put it on the Town Warrant if this wasn't something they wanted to do."

"I think, unilaterally, at least for the Board of Selectmen, this is something they're looking at and they want to achieve," Strange said. "I think people around town that are paying attention and maybe have issues with the town government, I think this is where they want to go."

With a 21,000 person population, Ludlow is ripe for a city form of government. Strange described two forms: either a Mayor and a City Council, or a Town Manager and Town Council. Examples of both forms have been successful in neighboring towns.

"Basically, the Town Council or City Council would replace Town Meeting," Strange said. "With a Town Manager and Town Council, there's a little bit more accountability, because the Town Council hires...and manages the Town Manager, but the Town Manager has more independence."

Strange mentioned that from his own experience, he favors a Town Manager and Town Council form for Ludlow, though the decision will ultimately come down to the Committee.

"Mayor and City Council, it's really political," Strange said. "For me personally, I think the Town Manager and Town Council is the best form of government, because there's accountability and there's really a focus on management and less on politics."

"Having said that, if the Committee wants to go with a mayor and City Council, that's fine too," Strange said. "We will

educate them about the differences, the pros and cons for both of those options."

Strange said they are looking for up to nine residents, as well as a couple of Selectmen to form the Committee.

"The Collins Center will be guiding us through, [and] I will be an ex-officio member so that if people have questions, I'll be between the Committee and the Collins Center," he said.

Though the Committee is currently advertising for nine seats, Strange said the limit is "up to 11."

"If we get five resumes, we're gonna have to go with five people, but we're hoping to get 25, 30, 35 – as many as possible," Strange said. "We just want to give some flexibility."

"I just think it's a really exciting opportunity for a resident who wants to make the town better," Strange said. "I mean, you're literally creating a town government. What an opportunity, right?"

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Lions upend Rams



Audrey Afonso dribbles up the field.

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Valentina Molinari tries to block the ball.

LUDLOW – The Ludlow B girls summer soccer league team defeated Granby 3-1 last Wednesday afternoon. Ludlow is 3-1-1 heading into the final two weeks of the season.



Aneysha Donais fakes and makes her way up the field.



Ludlow makes the goal kick.

Mutiny makes playoffs following tie with Rush



Hope Santaniello maneuvers through the middle of the field.

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By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny managed to qualify for the United Women’s Soccer (UWS) playoffs for the second consecutive year.

The Mutiny officially clinched a berth in this year’s East Conference playoffs following a 2-2 draw against the Connecticut Rush at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on July 8.

However, it wasn’t the result that the Mutiny players or coaches were really looking for in the regular season home finale.

“You don’t always get the result that you’re looking for in

the game of soccer,” said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. “We tried a slightly different formation with the personal that we had for tonight’s match.”

First-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio ‘Toto’ Coimbra was unavailable for comment following the home match.

The Mutiny, who finished the regular season with a 4-2-2 overall record, entered the playoffs as the sixth seed. They were scheduled to make to Lancaster for a quarterfinal match on Wednesday July 12.

“We come into every season expecting to make the playoffs. That’s our number one goal,”

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Blue Sox doubled up by Westerners



Michael Zarrillo gets the out at first.

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners by a score of 10-5 last Saturday. The team fell to 16-15-1 on the season.

Sean Scanlon started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching five shutout innings with four strikeouts.

Valley led the game for the first five innings. Eliot Dix leadoff the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI groundout by Efrain Correa Jr. in the top of the second. Michael Zarrillo added a solo home run in the top of the sixth inning to make it 3-0. Zarrillo batted 2-for-3 on the night with a walk.

The trouble began in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Blue Sox gave up seven runs off of back-to-back-to-back home runs followed by a fielding error and a sacrifice fly to allow the

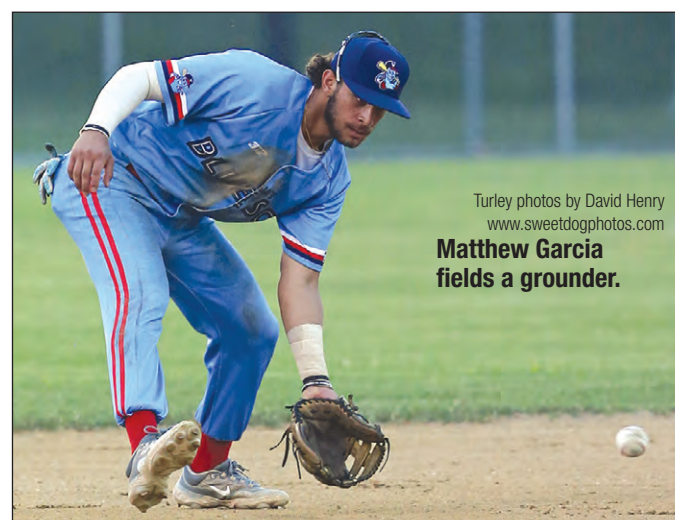
Westerners to take the lead 7-3.

AJ Guerrero hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to cut the Danbury lead to three runs. The left fielder went 3-for-5 on the night.

Danbury added three more

runs off in the bottom of the seventh following a two run home run and an RBI double, allowing the Westerners to increase their lead 10-4.

Valley would take one more run back following a solo home run from CJ Willis, making the final score 10-5.



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Matthew Garcia fields a grounder.



Jeff Pierantoni winds up for a long throw.

Bankers in great shape heading for playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE— PeoplesBank has been one of the best baseball teams in the Tri-County League during the past few decades.

PeoplesBank has won the last nine TCL championship titles and a total of 18 since 1995. They entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 15-1 record.

"We were the second seed in last year's playoffs, which I believe was only the second time that we weren't the top seeded team during the past nine years," said Joe Ferry, who has been the PeoplesBank player/ manager since 2019. "We finished the regular season with the same record as Easthampton Savings Bank, but they won the tiebreaker against us."

PeoplesBank wound up defeating Easthampton Savings Bank in last year's finals.

Because Easthampton Savings Bank is no longer a member of the TCL, the Chicopee Falls Tigers will probably be PeoplesBank biggest challenge in this year's playoffs.

"We're looking forward to playing any team in the playoffs," Ferry said. "All of the teams are gunning for us. We do have a big target on our backs, but we know how to deal with the pressure."

St. Joe's celebrated a 3-1 home win over PeoplesBank on June 6.

"We haven't lost a game since St. Joe's beat us in the second game of the season," Ferry said. "We won the next three games against them by the final scores of 14-1, 14-0, and 14-4."

The only other PeoplesBank managers during the past 30 years have been Jim Long, who passed away on July 12,

2017, and Fred Perry.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jim Long," Ferry said. "He meant a lot to this baseball team and we're trying our best to carry on the winning tradition here. We just want to have fun and win another championship title."

Most of the PeoplesBank players have been playing together for many years.

"We do have a very good team chemistry," Ferry added. "We also have a lot of other guys who can fill in. We're always looking to add new players every year."

PeoplesBank will enter this year's TCL playoffs as the top seed. They clinched first place following a 10-0 home victory against 413 ATC on July 11. Jimmy Flahive hurled a sixth inning no-hitter in that contest.

The other members of the PeoplesBank pitching staff are Johnny Gegetskas, Matt Gardner, Zach Handzal, and Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke.

"We do have a solid pitching staff," Ferry said. "We play a couple of games each week and the starting pitchers know which day they're going to pitch."

Ferry was the j.v. baseball coach at Palmer High School when Handzal was a member of the team.

"I just love playing on the same baseball team with Zach. He's a bulldog on the mound," Ferry said. "He always gives 110% effort in every game."

Several other players listed on the PeoplesBank roster are Dave Clark, Pete Hogan, Kyle Platner, Seth Allen, Sam Allen, Rey Rivera, and Aiden Consedine.

The Tri-County League playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 24. Each of the playoff series will be a best of three series.

Bonsignore wins photo finish at New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Bonsignore scored his second win of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday evening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – and did it in a photo finish coming to the line. The driver of the No. 51 for Ken Massa Motorsports machine was out front when rain hit the track with just under 35 laps to go and the field pulled down pit road.

It looked as though it might be over – but the rain stopped – NASCAR and track officials dried the track – and the Mohegan Sun 100 went back under the green flag. Bonsignore pitted during the caution and had to restart outside the top-10. He charged through the field and was in position to race for the lead in the final few laps in the Phoenix Communications ride.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby to take the lead when the field crossed at the white flag. Off turn two on the final lap, Coby went to the outside of Bonsignore for the lead with Ron Silk looking three-wide to the bottom. Bonsignore led through the middle of turn three before Coby crossed to the bottom and got inside coming off turn four to the finish line.

Bonsignore and Coby drag-raced to the line and made a little bit of contact, with Bonsignore coming out on top by a small margin. It was the 37th career win for the Holtsville, New York, native and his second points-paying win at New Hampshire.

"It was just crazy," Bonsignore said. "The way we were able to drag-race back to the line and beat Doug, it was amazing. This is our Su-



Submitted photo

Justin Bonsignore was a winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last weekend.

per Bowl, our Daytona 500. There's nothing like racing a Modified here. I'm glad we got the race back going and the fans stuck it out. Coby, Silk and I have a good rivalry but there's a ton of respect involved. I knew where I wanted to be on the last lap."

Bonsignore will be back on the track at Claremont Motorsports Park for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event on Saturday, July 29. For more information on the three-time series champion, visit JustinBonsignore.com.

250th Committee announces Golf Tournament

LUDLOW – The 250th Committee is seeking partnerships for a Golf Tournament to be held in the fall.

The 250th Committee is partnering with the Westover Golf Commission to hold a Golf Tournament on Sep. 9. Proceeds will go toward funding the Ludlow's 250th Anniversary Celebration including upcoming fundraiser events, and the Committee is looking for vendors and sponsorships to participate in the tournament.

Interested parties can reach out to members of the 250th Committee by phone or by email.

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Laci Lewis gets ready to clear the ball.

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said Meghan Cunningham, who has been playing for the Mutiny for more than ten years. "It's disappointing that we're not a higher seed this year."

The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at a site to be announced this weekend.

Following a 3-0 road win against the Scorpions SC on June 12, the Mutiny had a 3-0-1 record.

Their leading goal scorer at that point of the regular season was Catherine Berry, who headed back to University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.

Had Berry been able to play in every regular season match, the Mutiny, who posted a 1-2-1 mark during the second half of the regular season, would've probably been hosting a playoff match for the second consecutive year.

A year ago, the Mutiny lost to FC Buffalo, 2-1, in the East Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium.

"Having to play a midweek playoff



Laura Gauvin gets past an opponent.

game on the road is always a very difficult thing to do," Cunningham said. "Hopefully, we can get a good group of players for our playoff game. It has been a lot of fun being a member of this soccer team and I'm hoping to come back again next year."

The start of last Saturday's match was delayed for an hour due to lightning.

Once the weather did clear up, the Mutiny took a 1-0 lead during the second minute of the opening half.

Jenna Kalwa, who's the head coach of the University of Saint Joseph women's soccer team, began the scoring play by sending a pass to Catherine Bean in the middle of the box. Bean finished off the play by blasting a shot into the upper left corner past Rush goalie Alessandra Augur.

Bean, who's from Westfield, will be a junior on the Bryant University women's soccer team in the fall.

She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage

by converting a rebound goal during the 23rd minute.

The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper.

The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery Winkler's first goal of the contest.

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide.

The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2.

Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OBITUARIES

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, August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** on the application of **Dennis P. Auger** for the property located at **0 Dale Street, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 27A, Parcel 77A, Zoning: Residential A)** The subject of the hearing is a special permit for a proposed single family ranch style home to be located within a lot area of 10,000 square feet and 15 ft of frontage off of Bartlett Street, which does not meet the required area of 15,000 square feet or 30 feet front yard setback. The applicant is seeking relief from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw under Sections 4.0.4 and 4.0.7.

Manny Lopes, Chairman
07/19, 07/26/2023

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT ACCESSORY APARTMENT

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** on the application of Laura James Scibelli of **10 Turning Leaf Road Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 31, Parcel 113)** for a **784 sq ft accessory apartment**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
07/12, 07/19/2023

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 27, 2023 at 7:45 p.m.** on the application of CRC Communications LLC, D/B/A GoNetSpeed for the property located at **355 East Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15A, Parcel 337)** for the purpose of: **Install fiber distribution equipment; replace existing "smoking tent" with gazebo.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD23E0030PP

To **Shawna Koske of Ludlow, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.**

A petition has been presented to said Court by John Papamarkakis of Ludlow, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Ludlow, in the

County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$270,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **fifth day of September 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 5th day of July 2023.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
07/12, 07/19, 07/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1390PM

In the matter of: **Reme Wilson Negron Of: Ludlow, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mary Ann Webster of West Suffield, CT in the above captioned matter alleging that **Reme Wilson Negron** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Mary Ann Webster of West Suffield, CT (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/11/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your

attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: July 10, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/19/2023

LEGAL NOTICE Ludlow Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2023 - Case #10926

Warrant Articles 3, 27, 28, 29, and 31 were approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly.

****see full context of text in Town Clerk's office.**

Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.

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Precinct 5 First Church in Ludlow

Precinct 6 Paul R. Baird Middle School

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Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen opened the Warrant on July 11, 2023 for the October 2, 2023 Special Town Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at Ludlow High School. All Articles should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA no later than Friday, September 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Selectmen will close the Warrant on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at their regular meeting.

James Gennette,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
07/19/2023

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Francis C. Dominique, 92

LUDLOW - Francis C. (Bucky) Dominique, 92, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 8, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield, MA on March 31, 1931, he was the son of the late Leo and Rose (Caske) Dominique. A longtime Ludlow resident, Bucky proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Occupation of Japan. He worked as a mechanic for Alamac Mills and later, Utility Manufacturing Co. retiring in 1993. Bucky was a member and past Commander of American Legion Post 286 in Wilbraham and member of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Ludlow.



Bucky is survived by his children Gary Dominique (Ellen); Gayle Farrell (Dean) and Donna Soja (Garry) all of Ludlow; his sisters Geraldine Ayers and Diane Pease (Bob), also of Ludlow. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren Jeff (Toni), Jeremy (Karla), Dan (Sarah), Krystal (Kyle), Melissa, Laura (Derek), Justin and Jason, as well as his great-grandchildren Nikolaus, Cameron, Marina, Calleigh, Lily, Kristofer, Leo, Zoe, Eva, Gigi, Lucci; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Richard and Dawn Brochu and his sisters-in-law Evelyn Urban and Irene Hurst, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Sadly, he was predeceased by his wife Alice (Brochu) Dominique and his granddaughter Jaime Leandro in 2020, his brother Leo Dominique and his sister Bernice Batista.

Bucky's family would like to thank the staff of Beacon Hospice, especially Megan and Pam for the wonderful care they provided to him.

A funeral service was held Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow. Rites of Committal with Military Honors were held in St. Aloysius Cemetery. Donations in Bucky's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

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THIS WEEK

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/.

COMING SOON

Magic in the Valley: Internationally-renowned magicians promise to captivate audiences of all ages with mind-boggling illusions, comedic performances and awe-inspiring tricks at 7 p.m. Aug. 19, at the Polish American Citizens Club at 355 East Street in Ludlow. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Email tdgmagic@gmail.com or call 413-533-7653.

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, call 413-209-8240.

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.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Nashville and a Smokey Mountain. Christmas: Enjoy the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame, plus the show and extravagant holiday decorations of Dollywood, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, Gatlinburg and Biltmore, the Vanderbilt Mansion in Asheville, N.C., Nov. 29-Dec. 6. Contact Jim Martin at jamesmartin47@gmail.com or 413-583-6339.

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Friday, July 21, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Saturday, July 22, - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, - July 23, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Take & Eat - 8 a.m. (FLBH & K)
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:15 p.m.
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Respite for caregivers offered

WestMass ElderCare, a leading provider of services for older adults and individuals with disabilities in Western Massachusetts, recently announced the expansion of its paid caregiver respite service.

According to a news release, the Caregiver Assistance, Respite and Enrichment program is designed to provide relief for caregivers who need a break from their responsibilities, offering peace of mind and an opportunity to recharge.

"Caregiving is a demanding job, and many caregivers struggle to find time for themselves and take care of their own needs. The CARE program from WestMass ElderCare, funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, aims to address this need, providing caregivers with a much-needed break while ensuring their loved ones receive the care they need," the release states.

The CARE program offers flexible scheduling, with caregivers able to choose the length and frequency of their respite sessions. Caregivers have the option of hiring their own respite care provider, which may be a trusted family member or friend or a professional from one of WestMass ElderCare's partner agencies.

"We understand the challenges that caregivers face, and we're committed to providing the support they need to succeed," said Roseann Martocchia, executive director of WestMass ElderCare.

"Our CARE program is just one of the ways we're working to make caregiving easier and more manageable for families in Western Massachusetts."

To learn more about the CARE program from WestMass ElderCare, go to wmelder-care.org/care/ or call 413-538-9020.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS from Page 7

the praises of the owner Michelle for her caring and positive nature and how she always made it such a joy to come to work. That's a sign of great leadership, creating harmony! I must admit I did feel a calmness yet excitement when I walked through the front door into this exquisitely designed salon.

Here are some shared perspectives from the staff: Sheryl Higgins divulged she handpicked the salon as her place of employment and was excited to be part of this fundraiser. She referred to the salon as, "The jewel of Ludlow." Danielle Reilly explained how good it felt to be part of something supporting people with cancer. She asked every one of her clients to help! Michele Barbeau has known the owner since they were sixteen. She lost her mom to cancer so this was special to her. She expressed, "The kindness was contagious." Randi Valentini has been personally touched by being a sixteen year survivor of a pre-cancerous brain tumor. Many in her family have been affected by this disease and stated she is, "Thankful for life!" Another team player Nicole Lewandowski, was a great contributor and loves helping her community by giving back. Others conveyed gratitude, saying it was like an electric spirit being part of this.

Did you do a Random Act of Kindness today? There's still time!

If you would like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514.

You don't need one, but if you'd like to have a pre-designed flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done.

See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court
 Hampden Probate and Family Court
 50 State Street
 Springfield, MA 01103
 Docket No. HD23P1389PM
 In the matter of:
 Sophia Angelina Negron
 Of: Ludlow, MA
RESPONDENT
 (Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mary Ann Webster of West

Suffield, CT in the above captioned matter alleging that **Sophia Angelina Negron** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Mary Ann Webster of West Suffield, CT (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/11/2023**.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on

behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

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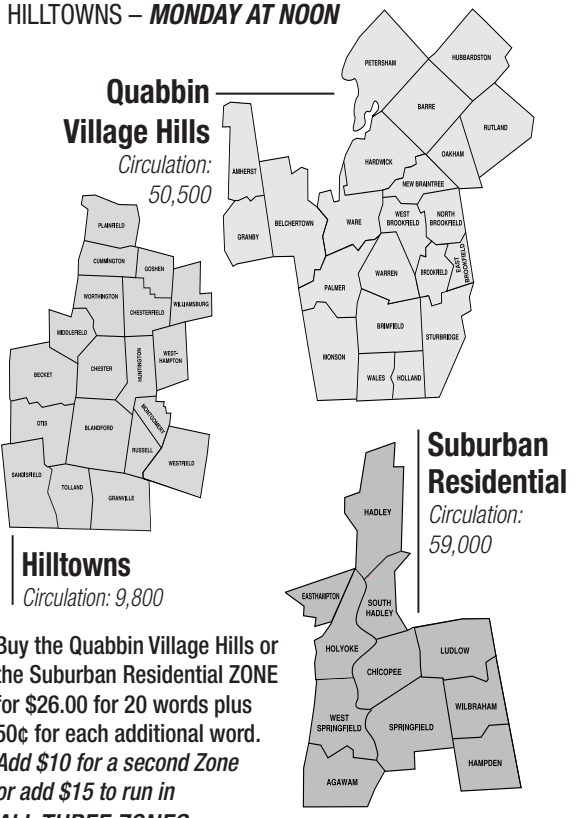
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