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'Encanto' enchants viewers at Hubbard Memorial Library

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LUDLOW – The library held another outdoor movie last week, this time screening Disney's 2022 film, "Encanto".

The movie was projected onto the library's inflatable screen, and attendees were encouraged to take pictures with a Mirabel cosplayer, hired by the Children's Department.

"It was lovely," said July Siebecker, Head of the Children's Department.

"Considering the heat, I was impressed at how many people came out," Siebecker said. "The kids seemed to really enjoy meeting Mirabel, and we had a nice turnout for the actual movie as well."

Mirabel was portrayed by local cosplayer Joana Tulik who runs a cosplay business called Dreams Come True Princess Parties, and can be contacted through her page with that name on Facebook.

"[Tulik] has grown up in Ludlow and came to my story-times when she was a baby," Siebecker said. "She was also our Belle last year for our Princess Party."



Caught wearing the same outfit, (from left) Joana and Meadow, age 5, both cosplayed Mirabel.

Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Library. Kelly De Gobbi manned the refreshment table, and handed out

raffle tickets to anyone who purchased chips, drinks, or candy.

The two raffles being held were for tickets to either Lud-



The Children's Department posed for a picture with Mirabel, (from left) July Siebecker, Joana Tulik, and Kristin Santos.

low's own Exit 7 Theater, or to Majestic Theater in West Springfield. Winners took home four tickets that can be redeemed at any show.

The Chair of the Board of Selectmen, James Genette, was spotted attending the event, saying that when the Selectmen approved the permits for the Library's summer events, he decided that he ought to stop by and see what they had going on.

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Conservation Commission discusses changes to parking lot project

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LUDLOW – The Conservation Commission discussed revisions to the plans for the parking lot that's being constructed on State Street last week.

At 6:30 p.m. last Wednesday, the Commission discussed the plans for the parking lots that are to be built on the parcel of 100 State St. John Furman, who serves as the Project Manager, Professional Engineer, and Director of Land Development for Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., presented the new plans to the Commission.

"All the improvements that we did, and the changes to the plans that you received today improve what you already have," Furman said. "They're all posi-

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School Committee discusses public comments, gender identity

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LUDLOW – At the School Committee meeting last Tuesday, the topics of discussion included an evaluation of Superintendent Frank Tiano, the school's public comments policy, and whether teachers should be required to "out" students who discuss gender identity with them to their parents.

Superintendent evaluation
Committee Chair Jeffrey Laing shared a presentation that he compiled based on the Committee's evaluations of Superintendent Frank Tiano.

"From observations throughout the year, information provided, coupled with presentations made during School Committee meetings, it was clear that Dr. Tiano has met the proficient standard of instructional leadership," the evaluation read.

Tiano was also rated as proficient in his standards of Management and Operations, Family and Community Engagement, and Professional Culture.

"It's a difficult job, but Ludlow's a great place to do it," Tiano said. "I feel so fortunate to be here and enjoy working with all members of our staff within the community."

Tiano concluded that he is "looking forward to another great year this year."

Thrive Act

The School Committee members who attended the Tuesday meeting voted to endorse the Thrive Act, after a presentation from Shannon Anderson, co-president of the Local Education Agencies.

According to the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Thrive Act is legislation designed to eliminate the "high stakes" of tests like the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, replacing it as a graduation requirement and looking to establish a commission that would create a new system of assessing schools.

"One of the great things about this Thrive Act is it would put a large amount of control back in your hands, with the local municipality in determining what the gradua-

tion requirements are for students," Anderson said.

When asked about receiverships, in which the state appoints a receiver to a "chronically underperforming district," Anderson said. "One of the things that's in the Thrive Act addresses receivership and removes that as a punitive part of failing MCAS several times or falling into that receivership."

Public comments policy

The Committee's Vice Chair, Sarah Bowler, reported on attending Massachusetts Association of School Committee Members, and asked that the Committee review the Public Comment policy.

"I want to ask that we put public comment on as an agenda item, [so] that we can look at the public comment policy," Bowler said.

"I think, after listening to some of the things that members of the public have said today, that it is in line with some of the things that I was thinking of and that was said at this

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CELEBRATION CALENDAR
UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
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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:

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LUDLOW

PET OF THE WEEK

This is Gigi, a four-year-old Frenchie, who is the only one who consistently shows up when her friend Becky yells "Dinner's ready!"



Submitted photo

Polish American String Band: Excellence, Dedication, Tradition

LUDLOW - The Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Parade Committee is excited to announce that the Polish American String Band will be in our upcoming parade on Saturday, June 15, 2024. Please tell your family and friends to save the date.

The parade will kick-off at the Ludlow High School at 10 am ending in Memorial Park. Following the parade will be the big block-party at Memorial Park.

The Polish American String Band is, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based out of the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, PA where they call home since their inception. The organization functions primarily to participate in the annual Philadelphia Mummers' Parade on New Year's Day. They compete in the String Band Division against other bands from the area, this is only one facet of what the Polish American String Band does.

"Equally important to the club and its members is the motivation to honor the traditions of their Polish heritage, their String Band heritage, and the mu-

sic throughout the Greater Philadelphia Area."

The Polish American String Band has valuable ties to their community. They participate in a variety of local charitable functions, events, and initiatives by performing at these events.

Additionally, Polish American String Band participates in many parades and concerts both locally and on the road throughout the year, where their travels may take them as far as Boston, MA and Buffalo, NY.

In fact, the Polish American String Band has performed around the world with trips to both Poland and Rome. They had the select honor of having played in a private audience with Pope John Paul II.

"Wherever there is music, laughter and revelry you'll find the Polish American String Band."

If you would like to be part of the parade committee and /or participate in the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Parade, please contact Chair Bruce Durand at durand8998@aol.com or call him at (413) 547-8998.

Food Drive at The First Church in Ludlow

LUDLOW— The First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, continues to hold every other month drive-thru food collections on the first Saturday of every even month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Collections are brought to the Community Survival Center which in turn supports people in Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, and the Springfield neighborhoods of Pine Point, Sixteen Acres, and Indian Orchard.

All non-perishable items are great-

ly appreciated. The collection is behind the church, drive up and someone will be there to assist you in taking your donation out of your vehicle. Follow First Church on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow> for updates on our food collections as well as other events.

The following are the dates through the end of the year when food drives will be held: Aug. 5, Oct. 7 and Dec. 2.



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Ludlow resident serving on Navy warship

MAYPORT, Fla.— Ensign David Miccoli, a native of Ludlow, Massachusetts, is serving aboard USS Jason Dunham, a U.S. Navy warship, operating out of Mayport, Florida.

Miccoli, a 2017 graduate of Loomis Chaffee High School, joined the Navy one year ago. Miccoli also graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2022.

“I had two brothers who served in the military and I felt like this was the best path for me to go to pursue hard work, learn discipline, and have a good overall life experience,” said Miccoli.

Today, Miccoli relies upon skills and values similar to those found in Ludlow to succeed in the military.

“Growing up, I learned that where you start, doesn’t necessarily mean that’s where you finish,” said Miccoli. “Coming from a blue-collar background, going to college and playing golf wasn’t really in the cards at first, but through my parent’s perseverance and sacrifice, I was able to be where I am today and I still apply that same concept to my life every day.”

Serving in the Navy means Miccoli is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America’s focus on strengthening alliances, moderniz-



Ensign David Miccoli

ing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the national defense strategy.

Miccoli and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

“My proudest accomplishment was being a part of the men’s U.S. Naval Academy golf team to beat the U.S. Army’s golf team for the first time in five years, and additionally, being a part of the senior class that has the most single-season wins against Army,” said Miccoli. “It demonstrates the leadership from our class and what we exemplified for our junior class to follow.”

As Miccoli and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

“Serving in the Navy means that my children can have the same freedoms and privileges I had growing up,” said Miccoli.

Miccoli is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

“I would like to thank my parents, Peter and Tammy, my siblings, and teammates on my Naval Academy golf team for their support and guidance throughout the last five years,” said Miccoli. “Without the opportunities provided by my naval service, I wouldn’t be the man I am today,” added Miccoli. “I want to pass on this experience to my future family.”

Greater Springfield YMCA has programs for all ages

SPRINGFIELD—The YMCA of Greater Springfield is a leader when it comes to serving the human needs in greater Springfield by providing programs that promote life-long personal growth and balanced development of spirit, mind and body.

The Y provides care through nationally accredited Early Learning Centers located in Springfield (15m-5y) and Wilbraham (4w-5y).

The Y before and after school programs for children K-6 grade are offered at multiple locations throughout Springfield, Chicopee, and Hampden/Wilbraham. The School Age programs’ goal is to nurture young people by providing a safe place to learn foundation-

al skills, develop healthy, trusting relationships, and build self-confidence.

The Y-AIM program is a social intervention program designed to provide positive adult mentors, strong peer relationships, and academic support, in and out of school, to middle and high school students in Springfield.

In addition, the Y operates four summer camp and program sites: Camp Weber in West Springfield, Stony Brook Acres in Wilbraham, and Fun City Summer Program in Springfield, all for ages 6 through 15. Small Fry Summer Program in Springfield is for ages 5 entering Kindergarten.

At two of the health and well-

ness centers located in Springfield and Wilbraham, members have access to; cardio and strength training equipment, group exercise classes, personal training, wellness programming, steam and sauna, *pools, *gymnasium and *child-care while parents work out (*Wilbraham location). The Scantic Valley Y location offers preschool sports and swim lessons for all ages.

The Y believes in making their programs and services affordable for all. The Y will not turn anyone away based on an inability to pay full fees. Financial assistance is made possible through the generous contributions of YMCA donors.

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Riverwalk Art



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A talented artist came by the Riverwalk last week and provided some lovely chalk art on the pavement.

Car Show: Aug. 19 at Fountain Park

WILBRAHAM -- Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 with Body Works Unlimited Inc., a car show will occur at Fountain Park on Aug. 19.

The first 200 cars will receive a dash-

board plaque and swag bag.

There will be 15 trophy classes; three trophies for each class.

\$20 entry fee. Family fun, food, games and Cruising with Bruce: Classic Hits 97.7 FM & 1250 AM.

Baystate Health holding blood drive next week

PALMER — The Baystate Health Blood Donation team will host a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Baystate Wing Hospital.

According to a news release from the hospital, blood drives will be held every other month on Wednesdays throughout the year at Baystate Wing, including on Oct. 4 and Dec. 6.

“When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local communities,” Nicole VanZandt, supervisor, BRL Blood Donor Services, said.

“Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program.”

Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation and

refreshments, the release states. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds; have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.

In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card or a Big E ticket while supplies last.

There is a constant need for blood donations, which can be lifesaving for many people facing health conditions or problems that might require a transfusion, according to Baystate Health. Some of these reasons may include cancer, trauma or injuries, operations, blood disorders, pregnancy and birth.

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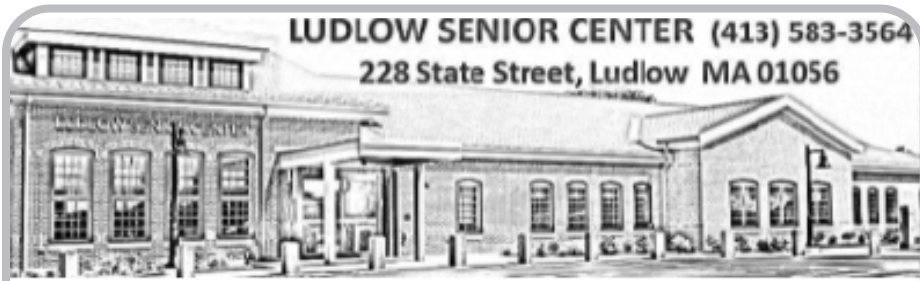
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LUDLOW—The Ludlow Senior Center calendar is packed with many events, activities, programs, and entertainment. Have lunch in the Center's dining room for a meal with coffee, tea, and dessert. Just call a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

They have added more programs including fitness, nutrition education, and art. There is something here for everyone over 60.

For full program and activity descriptions and for general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us You can also "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 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

Friday, July 28

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

- 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: TBA
- 5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class

Wednesday, August 2

- 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: TBA
- 1 p.m. Belly Dancing Class

Thursday August 3

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 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 413-583-3564

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
- Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, July 27: Chicken Picatta/Rice Pilaf/Veggies
 - Friday, July 28: American Chop Suey
 - Monday, July 31: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veggies
 - Tuesday, August 1: BBQ Pork Riblet
 - Wednesday, August 2: Potato Crunch Fish
 - Thursday, August 3: Taco Salad
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
- For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Random Acts of Kindness

Kellie LaVoie

I'm always amazed how some people give of themselves without ever expecting anything in return, those are truly Random Acts of Kindness! Kellie LaVoie is definitely one of those people.

Kellie and her husband are currently residents of Ludlow where they raised their now adult daughter and son, and are enjoying the special delights of grand parenting. Unfortunately when both kids were younger they faced separate medical issues. Her son needed heart surgery and was referred to Boston's Children's hospital. Kellie said friends would make meals for the family, offer rides and gave them gas cards to help with the traveling expenses. That's when the idea of a 'Family Fun Day' hatched with something for kids and adults too! It was her way to give back to those who had helped at the same time of creating a fundraiser so she could give back for the exceptional care her son and family was given at the hospital. It was a huge success allowing them to give a sizable donation.

Years later when their daughter needed help, they were referred to the Shriner's Children's Hospital and because of the outstanding medical help; she wanted to give back to them as well. So once again Kellie orchestrated another fundraiser with remarkable results and was also able to make a very generous donation to honor her daughter's caregivers and the medical treatment she was given.

When Kellie hears about anyone needing help she is the first in line, rallying help from her friends who are always readily on board. She is a frequent customer of Pan'e Dolci Bakery and Coffee Shop in Wilbraham where she grew up and when she heard about the cancer diagnosis of the young owner, she was right there helping with the GoFundMe along with its creator to initiate a successful fundraiser.

Kellie has worked as an Administrative Coordinator at Springfield College for six years and is known to the students as the "American Mom." She's definitely an inspiration to these students and they frequently stop by just to say hi knowing she's always there for them. Often she hands out business size cards with a meaningful message printed on them. A couple examples she shared were, "You make the world a better place just by being in it." and another, "Thank you. You made my day happier!" What beautiful messages these students walk away with.

Kellie said she learned well from her parents, her mother was very humble, but always giving back. And her dad, well he was the creator of the Polish picnic held annually in Indian Orchard with fun for ev-

ery one!

Kellie told me how she befriended a janitor at one of her jobs who didn't have any family and how he quickly became part of hers, spending every holiday with them. How they were there for him when he became ill and departed this life. She welled up as she explained the special bond that had formed between him and her family and how much he will be missed.

Here are another couple of examples of her unselfishness. When she saw a woman on the side of the road with a disabled car, she stopped to help her. The woman recognized her from years ago when Kellie had helped her when she was sick. Kellie was amazed the woman remembered her. She also helps at Christ Church in West Springfield by making meals for the homeless. She has one pup already trained as a therapy dog and her second pup is in training to bring to colleges and nursing homes, such a wonderful thing to do!

Kellie's childhood friend Lori Malloy said Kellie's just always there as she remembered the time she had a medical scare and Kellie stayed right by her side in the emergency room. She also shared how Kellie had rosary beads blessed and gave them to Lori along with a note to pass along to one of Lori's co-worker whom Kellie didn't even know, but knew she was going through a difficult medical diagnosis. And then the unbelievable trip Kellie made from Ludlow, MA to NH, just to give Lori a hug before the funeral service of her twenty-three year old cousin. Lori said it was like an angel standing there when she looked up and saw her. I was in awe of such an amazing gesture!

Kellie's belief is 'time' is the most precious gift of all. She said, "Just doing one thing of kindness will inspire others to continue to pass it forward as well."

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 predesigned 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

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Juvenile red-tailed hawk

Several people spotted a juvenile red-tailed hawk by Coldbrook Road in Oakham last week.

People, who saw the bird, hoped its parents were near by and take care of it. That did not happen.

When no parent appeared by the next day, the bird was brought to a wildlife rehabilitator.

The red-tailed hawk is the most commonly seen hawk in this area. It is about 19 inches long. It gets its name from its reddish upper tail. It also has a white chest with a belly band and markings on the chest. Plumage varies considerably. The immature has a finely, banded gray-brown tail and keeps this plumage for one year.

The female lays one to five bluish white eggs with dark marks in a platform of sticks lined with bark and greens in a tree. The nest can be 15 to 120 feet high.

They often are seen perched in a tree by a field. They make a slurred scream like "tseeaarr" often directed at an intruder. Fledglings and adults also make a "klooeek" sound. During courtship or territorial encounters, they make a piercing "chwirrk."

Bird talk

On July 7, I spoke about birds at the Oakham Senior Center. Ava, age 7, won the door prize of a "Squirrel Slammer" feeder. She came to the event with her great-aunt, who also took the photo of the young red-tailed hawk in this column. She related the story of its rescue since it appeared to be abandoned.

One Oakham woman attending the talk said a robin nested near the house. She and her husband could watch it from their home. One day, they saw the mother shove all her babies out of the nest.

Wild turkeys

Recently, I saw a turkey dust bathing along the side of the road. An Oakham resident had one doing the same thing in her yard. At first, she was concerned it was injured, but it did get up and leave.

Several people reported wild turkeys in their yard with youngsters. I saw one group on someone lawn recently. The poult looked adorable.

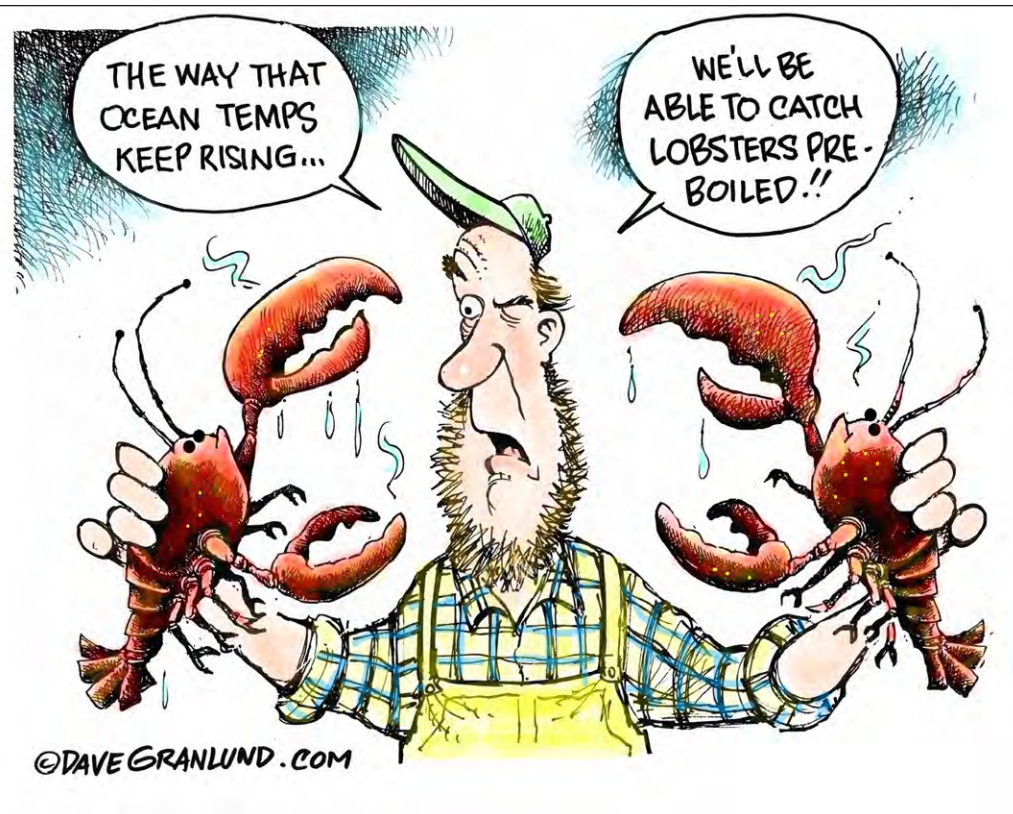
Loons

Most loon pairs hatch their young the first two weeks of July. Both Wachusett Reservoir and Quabbin Reservoir have nesting loons. Floating nests not only provide suitable nesting sites, but they also rise and fall with the water level. This is especially important this year with all the heavy rain in preventing flooding of the nests.

Massachusetts Audubon Society sighting

In Berkshire County, sightings reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a northern goshawk and two hooded warblers in Great Barrington and a single

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GUEST COLUMN



Get out of the garden with a few good books

[[USE IN THE GARDEN BOX FROM JR TEMPLATE]]

The saying goes like this: "If you can't handle the heat, stay out of the kitchen!"

I'd like to switch it up to say "garden" in place of "kitchen" in light of the fact that I really can't handle the summer heat as well as I used to. These last few weeks, gardening has been accomplished early in the day or during the evening hours instead of midday.

What does a gardening fanatic do if they aren't actually gardening? Read about gardening, of course!

Call me old-fashioned, but I still prefer books over online text. I like to see and hold my books, curl the pages and even write in the margins.

Sometimes, just for fun, I'll pick a book and flip the pages to see where my finger will land. What interesting topic will I read about?

Today I'll choose three books and end up with the topics for today's column that way. Maybe we can all learn something new or at least refresh our skills.

The first pick is from one of my favorite herb books, "Herbs in Bloom" by Jo Ann Gardner (Timber Press). I flip the pages and end up on Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*).

Timely, because Feverfew is blooming in my yard right now.

Feverfew is from the Latin word febrifuge thanks to its past use as a fever reducer. Both its single and its double form (*Flora pleno*) lend themselves to admission into the perennial border; often they bloom the first year from seed.

The plants thrive in both light shade and full sun, with the single flower type resowing itself to almost nuisance status if given the opportunity. The flowering span seems to go on and on, the white daisy flowers lending themselves to use in the vase alongside bee balm, summer phlox, veronicas and more.

I especially like the double flowers, and had great luck drying them, their off-white color the perfect addition to a wreath of hydrangea and dried roses.

Second year plants will return with some winter-kill that will need addressing. After blooming plants will likely not return for year three.

Still, feverfew is a must have for those

of us who love herbs in the flower garden. Keep volunteers at bay by deadheading all but a few of the flowers.

The second pick is ironic, considering the rain we've been getting.

On page 138 of "Secrets to Great Soil" by Elizabeth P. Stell (Storey Books), we learn about improving soggy or poorly drained soils, first by mentioning the use of raised beds.

My stone edged raised beds that usually demand a daily watering in the summer heat are handling all the rain in stride. Unlike the corner of my vegetable garden that was literally under water after the 3.5" we received on Friday.

In addition to that mention on raised beds, a number of perennials are cited as thriving in moist soil. You'd be surprised to learn that Astilbe (*Astilbe* spp.) falls into this category, as do the more familiar native wetland plants: Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) and its cousin Great Blue Lobelia (*L. siphilitica*), the three of which bloom later in the summer.

Candalabra primrose (*Primula japonica*) was also mentioned. I have purchased this plant two years in a row and it never thrives; now I know the reason: it needs moister soil.

The plants growing under the tree canopy at Positively Perennials are a sight worthy of mention in mid-May when they are in full multi-tiered bloom. Next year, check it out!

We seem to be on a flower theme, so let's see what "The Flower Gardener's Bible" by Lewis and Nancy Hill (Storey Books) has in store. Alas, pick three does not disappoint.

I landed on a page devoted to both the native Coneflowers (*Echinacea* species) and the Globe Thistles (*Echinops* species). Right now, my new border, devoted to our pollinators, is striking with Purple Coneflower as one of the stars.

This plant too, has seemed to enjoy the rain, gaining some height after the shock of being divided and replanted early in May. If you leave the spent flowers in place, self-sown seedlings will emerge next spring, begging to be moved about the landscape or shared with friends and family.

Like Feverfew, from our first pick, *Echinacea* has history as a healing plant and continues to be used today for immune support.

Globe Thistle, with its steel blue globes and deeply cut, silver gray foliage, as stiff as it is, also deserves a place in the garden. It is a true bee magnet!

Stems can be harvested as everlasting once flowers color up but before the individual florets, aka "pickers" on each plant

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Mount Holyoke Masons announce scholarship students

SOUTH HADLEY—The Mount Holyoke Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons is proud to announce the recipients of their 2023 scholarships.

They are:
Nicole Esemio, who graduated from Ludlow High School and was accept-

ed at St. Anselm College, Sacred Heart College, the University of Rhode Island, Assumption College, Quinnipiac College, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Fitchburg State University and Merrimack College.

Nathan R. Sarrazin, who graduated

from South Hadley High School and was accepted at Westfield State University.

Ashley K. Scott, who graduated from South Hadley High School, and was accepted at Mount Holyoke College, Simmons University, Elms College and Western New England University.

University of Hartford dean's list

WEST HARTFORD, CT— These students from Ludlow were named to the University of Hartford dean's list: Brendan Lafleur, Liam Florence and Callie Gaffron.

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Next month, the Library will be screening another movie, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse", on Thursday, Aug. 17. The event will begin with a "spider-bration" at 7 p.m., where attendees can meet and take pictures with Spider-Man, followed by the movie screening at 7:45 p.m.



At the Friends of the Library table, (from left) Selectman James Gennette, Angela Pratt, and Kelly De Gobbi.

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tive changes versus what we already submitted."

Furman described each of these improvements in detail to the Commission, pointing out the relevant areas on a paper copy of the site's plans.

"If you look at the plans that we originally had submitted, and you compare them to this plan, the change is basically Parking Lot 4," Furman said. "What happened was, we penciled in this lot here, so WestMass Area Development Corporation hasn't purchased the sale for this lot."

"What happened was, there was kind of a discussion between the purchaser and WestMass that said what we will do is, we will extend our parking lot, we'll put a curb cut here that will go on your land, and you can use that as your driveway," Furman explained.

"Apparently, something got miscommunicated, he didn't realize what that was," Furman continued, "there was a lot of discussion just last week where West-

Mass made the decision to make this parking lot smaller. So what we've done is we basically pulled it in about 65-70 feet, we've eliminated the curb cut coming onto Riverside Drive here."

Furman also spoke about the changes that were recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection to some of the parking lots. Chairperson Angela Tierney asked for clarification as to who will be responsible for maintenance of the site.

"When we filed the stormwater permit with [Assistant Town Engineer] Jim Godreau, there was an application that went with that, and we identified WestMass as the responsible party," Furman said. "So, anything in these parking lots is theirs to take care of."

"Because we don't have any infrastructure here to tie into, like a catch basin, the only way to do that in these areas here is to use a stormceptor catch basin," Furman said. "So, for these two parking lots, the catch basins were removed and a stormceptor was put in their place."

Furman described the stormceptor catch basin as having a sealed bottom chamber with only a small hole for the water to exit, which creates a swirling motion within the basin to bring sediment into the center.

"It keeps 44-80% of the sediments that reach it inside that basin," Furman said. "So, the water coming out of it is very clean."

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the plans as they were received. After wards, the Commission moved on to discuss a complaint that had been submitted.

"Some resident from Paradise Creek complained because the management from Paradise Creek was mowing the cattails," said Vice Chair Penny Lebel, who described contacting the management crew to immediately address the issue.

"This will immediately be fixed, they will no longer be mowing in any area that might have some sort of plants, animals, critters, flowers, anything," said Lebel. "They will restrict their mowing."

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meeting," Bowler said.

Public comments during the meeting saw several residents make similar complaints, asking that town residents be given priority.

"I suggest that the School Committee adopt a policy similar to that of Town Meeting," said Richard Oliveira. "Ludlow residents and employees of the Ludlow School Department [should] be given priority to speak; anyone who does not put their address on a list to speak [should] be denied the right to speak."

Oliveira expressed that these policies would serve to prevent the "kerfuffle" that occurred during the library policy discussions last month, saying that, "Outside radical groups like MassResistance want to use Ludlow as a test example to spread their propaganda."

Gender identity

Committee member Joao Dias asked Tiano about the school's policy concerning students experiencing "gender confusion."

This subject was brought up by Dias at the previous School Committee meeting, where Tiano said, "[The school's] perspective, collectively and individually, is that [students] need to connect with their parents, and that's our job to be able

to help them do that."

"The fact that a child is 'gender-confused'...should not make a parent now an enemy of the child," Dias said, and requested that Tiano include language in the policy "so that teachers know exactly how they should handle this, and not guess as to whether your direction is to withhold information from parents, or the direction is to involve the parents right away."

Dias agreed that exceptions should be made in cases where the teacher reasonably believes the parent is abusive, but added that, "Teachers are mandated to report, so...we shouldn't even be getting to this point, because they should've already reported."

"If you need direction from the Committee, I guess I'm not telling you to be pro or against," Dias said. "I would hope that you would be for the teachers involving parents right away."

Committee member Ron Saloio agreed with Dias, saying that, "Just because a child says that 'I'm afraid to tell my father,' that doesn't mean that he's a threat, because there's no evidence that that's the case, right?"

Saloio added, "If I was a middle schooler, I'd be afraid to tell my father that, I think that's a healthy fear."

"I have a completely different per-

spective from what my colleagues on the Board say," Bowler said. "I've been in my office when LGBTQ students or children have been brought in because they have been beaten when people have outed them to their parents... or have dropped them off because they don't want them in their homes anymore. There's a reason why there's safe spaces for students or for kids, and there's a reason why [the Department of Early and Secondary Education] makes policies to protect kids."

Laing did not weigh in on this discussion, but said, "We are constantly attacking the LGBTQ community and...everything, every week, every post, it's all about them and it's just...it's a shame. I think it's a black eye to our community."

Discrediting teachers

Several residents used the public comments period to criticize School Committee members who have used social media to portray teachers in a negative way.

Pete Shelby read a Facebook post that was shared by Dias, which read, "'They're coming for your children'... 'Ludlow teachers are allowed to influence your children as they see fit, without bearing the responsibility of the consequences that are irreversible. Government schools command ownership of

your family against your rights as a parent. Tell them: our children are not for sale.'"

"You're supposed to be working with staff and teachers to make my education for my kids better, but I'm finding blatant misinformation being spread by you that's undercutting their ability to do their job," Shelby said.

"My hope is that the rhetoric can be toned down," said resident Jim Elliot. "These comments and actions are unbecoming and unethical for sitting school committee members."

Elliot asked that the Committee members think of teachers they know from the Ludlow school system.

"These are the people you are attacking and disparaging with your blanket condemnations, questioning and assertions against public education. When you say 'the teachers are coming for your children' or 'they aren't qualified to teach no matter how many letters they have next to their name,' you are attacking the teachers you just thought of."

Elliot listed several Ludlow teachers, saying, "These are people you have celebrated Ludlow with, and will celebrate Ludlow with them in October, and you're saying they're 'coming for your children,' and that you don't trust them and you don't believe in them."

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Ludlow B clings to final playoff spot



Luke Stejna winds up for a pass.

LUDLOW — Last Thursday night, Ludlow B boys summer soccer defeated visiting Enfield 3-0 at Baird Middle School. With the win, Ludlow B is 3-6 and headed into the final week of the PVSSL regular season with eighth place in the B Division.

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Evan Dias makes his way up the field.



Cristiano Williams chases after a loose ball.



Alexander Coelho dribbles up the field.



Damien Martinez approaches the opposing goal.

Pioneers take season finale, make playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The atmosphere at Lusitano Stadium is always a lot more festive whenever the Western Mass. Pioneers celebrates a victory.

The Pioneers faithful supporters were in no hurry to head home following the July 15 5-1 win over AC Connecticut in the regular season finale.

The Pioneers 10th win locked up sole possession of second place in the USL-2 Northeast Division. They also clinched a playoff berth for the fourth time since 2019. The 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

“I think making the playoffs is a little more special for us this year,” said Connor Hicks, who’s one of the Pioneers’ veteran players. “Our backs were against the wall a couple of weeks ago, but we were able to make the playoffs again.”

Following a 2-1 home loss against rival Seacoast United on June 23, the Pioneers (10-1-3) closed out the regular season with five consecutive victories.

“After we lost to Seacoast, most people thought we wouldn’t be making the playoffs this year,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “There was a lot of pressure on us to win every match, but boys worked very hard. It’s not very easy to qualify for the playoffs in this league.”

The Pioneers, who’ll begin



Gabriel Pacheco sends a free kick away.

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Jordan Koduah makes a pass.



Alec Hughes shoots and scores for the Pioneers.

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Garrett Hall takes win in Granite State series



Submitted photo

Garrett Hall was the winner up in Maine last Saturday

HERMON, ME — The Granite State Pro Stock Series returned to “Vacationland” for the first time since 2021 with Saturday night’s Go FAS Racing 100 at Speedway 95. And against a tough field, Garrett Hall captured his second career GSPSS win in the series’ debut at the Hermon, Maine speedplant.

Seventeen drivers, all but one from the state of Maine, turned out for the GSPSS’ rain-delayed debut at the historic oval just outside Bangor. Wiscasset Speedway regular Josh St. Clair topped the charts in time trials, splitting the heats with home-track ace Mike Hopkins.

But in race trim, it was Hall who prevailed. With reigning GSPSS champion Joey Doiron in the pits, Hall worked the inside line around the third-mile oval en route to victory.

Hall won in his GSPSS

debut in 2017, claiming the series’ only trip to Oxford Plains Speedway. With Saturday’s win, the Scarborough native is the first series driver to win twice in the Pine Tree State.

Hopkins, a road warrior with two wins in the Southeast earlier this season, came up short of victory in his second-ever GSPSS appearance, finishing second at his hometown track. St. Clair held on for third in his series debut.

Points leader Travis Benjamin extended his advantage with a fourth-place finish, while Ben Ashline rounded out the top five.

Saturday’s GSPSS showdown capped off a night of racing that included Speedway 95’s local classes. Dalaney Dunn came out on top in the 25-lap Cage Runner feature. Scott Modery took the check-

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SPORTS

West beats East in NECBL All-Star Game

LYNN - The West Division defeated the East Division 5-1 in the 2023 NECBL All-Star Game, presented by Metro Credit Union, behind eight scoreless innings thrown by nine different pitchers.

Catcher Kevin Bruggeman (Upper Valley, C, Hofstra) won the 2023 All-Star Game MVP after going 2-for-2 on the night with two hits including a two-out two-run single with the bases loaded in the fourth inning. Bruggeman was one of two West All-Stars with multi-hit performances, joined by Anthony Livermore (Keene, 3B, Northwestern).

The West Division struck first with a leadoff single by T.J. Williams (Vermont, OF, Notre Dame) on a full count in the top of the first inning. Williams stole second base and later scored from second on an RBI single by Greg Bozzo (Keene, C, Northeastern). East Division starter Santhosh Gottam (Newport, RHP, Brown) limited the damage to one run to keep the game close through the first inning.

Garrett Howe (Ocean State, 2B, Samford) hit a leadoff double with a blooper

to left field for the East Division. Howe attempted to steal third, but was caught with a perfect throw by the catcher Greg Bozzo (Northeastern). West Division starter Nolan Sparks (Vermont, RHP, Rochester) escaped a first inning jam with a diving stop by Kyle Hannon (North Adams, 3B, Penn State) at third base to leave two runners stranded for the East Division.

Alex Logusch (Ocean State, RHP, Winthrop) allowed three walks to load the bases in the fourth and a Ryan Cesarini (Upper Valley, DH, St. Joseph's) sacrifice fly scored Javon Hernandez (Danbury, SS, Auburn) to start the inning.

The West continued its rally when Williams reached base for a third time after his second hit-by-pitch to load the bases once again with two outs. Bruggeman's two-run single drove in Night-hawks teammate Adarius Myers (Upper Valley, OF, Louisiana Tech) along with Brandon Butterworth (Vermont, 2B, NC State) to give the West a commanding 4-0 lead.

Brent Francisco (Bristol, RHP, East Stroudsburg) recorded the first 1-2-3 inning of the evening after retiring three straight batters in the fifth inning, including strikeouts of Anthony DePino (Mystic, 3B, URI) and Mike Bello (Mystic, OF, Auburn).

Bruggeman reached base for a second time with a single to right field in the sixth inning, and later advanced to second on a Kyle Hannon two-out walk. Wyatt Lunsford-Shenkman (Ocean State, RHP, East Carolina) struck out the league's second-leading home run hitter Samuel Tackett (North Adams, OF, Virginia Tech) to escape the jam with a scoreless frame to keep the East within four.

Michael Weidinger (Valley, LHP, William & Mary) retired the side in the sixth inning, including two fly outs and a strikeout of Nolan Nawrocki (Martha's Vineyard, SS, Clemson) to continue a dominant pitching performance by the West Division.

In the bottom half of the seventh in-

ning, Anthony Livermore (Keene, 3B, Northwestern) showcased his speed with a diving attempt at first base to earn an infield single in his first plate appearance of the game. Livermore went on to steal second and third base before scoring on three straight walks allowed by East pitcher Jay Allmer (Mystic, RHP, Seton Hall), the league's leader in saves.

The East Division cut into the lead with a solo home run by Jake Berger (North Shore, 3B, Harvard) in the bottom of the eighth. Fellow Navigator Stan DeMartinis III (North Shore, OF, Bentley) followed with a single to left, but Week 2 Pitcher of the Week George Viebrock III (Danbury, LHP, Denison) retired the next three batters to maintain a 5-1 lead for the West heading into the ninth.

West Division Fan Vote winner Luis Misla (Upper Valley, LHP, SUNY Cortland) split the ninth inning with 2023 Home Run Derby champion and two-way player Anthony Steele (Danbury, LHP, Penn State) to seal a dominant 5-1 victory for the West Division.

Sports nutrition tips from Boston Children's Hospital

What should an athlete eat to prepare for a big event? Read on for sound tips from the Sports Medicine Division.

Carbs are your friend and other game-day nutrition advice.

Like a car, your body needs fuel to run. These foods help you rev up for top performance on game day.

Carbohydrates (pasta, fruit, bread, oatmeal, sugar) provide fast energy. Without carbs, an athlete is likely to hit a wall of sluggishness.

Fat (nuts, nut butters, olive oil, avocados, salmon or tuna) provides longer-lasting energy. Fats and carbs work together to fuel performance.

Protein (chicken, beef, eggs, dairy) builds muscle and repairs tissues. Protein after a practice or game is essential to building and maintaining muscle strength.

Pre-game fueling

Three to four hours before a practice or game, an ideal pre-game meal includes mainly carbs with some protein

and fat: peanut butter toast with a banana, granola bar, yogurt and fruit.

Closer to game or practice time, snacks or meals should decrease in volume and be mostly carbs: oatmeal, sports drinks

Post-game recovery

A snack or meal with both protein and carbohydrates within 30 to 45 minutes after a game helps muscles recover more rapidly: chocolate milk, banana and peanut butter or almond butter, graham crackers with peanut butter or almond butter, yogurt with granola, turkey sandwich.

Foods that work for your teammates might not work for you. Be sure to try out different foods before and after practice and see how they make you feel. When game day rolls around, you'll know what fuel your body thrives on.

Stay tuned for more news and injury-prevention tips from Boston Children's Hospital.

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their postseason journey this weekend, have posted an impressive 42-6-8 regular season record since the start of the 2019 campaign.

"We've changed a lot of players since 2019," Molinari said. "When the new players join us, they always play very hard, and they also have a good attitude. It has been an outstanding season so far."

Hicks, who's from Monson, and Khalid Rose are the only remaining players from the 2019 playoff team.

Hicks, who has been a defender for most of his Pioneers career, was an outside midfielder against AC Connecticut (4-7-3). He had a couple shots on goal, but has never scored a goal while wearing a Pioneers uniform.

"I did score a goal in my first game with the Pioneers four years ago, but it was disallowed because of offsides," said Hicks, who's planning to play for the Pioneers in 2024. "I was trying to score a goal in tonight's game."

Alec Hughes, who's a first-year member of the Western Mass. Pioneers, led the way offensively with two goals and a pair of assists.

"We really needed to win tonight's game to make the playoffs," Hughes said. "It has been a lot of fun playing for this soccer team this summer."

The home team, who scored five goals in a home match for the first time since a preseason friendly with KO Elites FC, took a 1-0 lead six minutes into the opening half.

The scoring play began with Gabriel



Tomas Duben makes his way toward the goal.

Pacheco sending a pass from the left side of the box to Tomas Duben, who tapped the ball over the goal-line past AC Connecticut goalie Clayton Knibbs.

It was a perfect way to wrap up the regular season for the Pioneers players and their supporters.

later, Duben was credited with the assist as Hughes fired a shot into the left corner for his first goal of the match.

Duben and Hughes hooked up again during the 32nd minute. A tap in by Hughes increased the Pioneers lead to 3-0, which was the halftime score.

"I always try to put myself in the right spot and let my teammates find me," Hughes said. "I just want to do anything to help my team win."

The Pioneers outshot AC Connecticut, 15-1, during the first 45 minutes of the match.

Any thoughts the AC Connecticut players might've had of making a second half comeback didn't last very long.

A goal by Lucio Berron, which was assisted by Hughes in the 58th minute, gave the Pioneers a commanding 4-0 advantage.

AC Connecticut, who also lost the first meeting to the Pioneers, 2-1, received an early Christmas gift following an own goal in the 73rd minute.

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Protect yourself and others from the heat

SPRINGFIELD — Extreme heat can cause people to suffer from heat-related illness, and even death. Each year in the United States more than 700 people, both adults and children, die from the heat.

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to properly cool themselves. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic medical conditions are at high risk for heat-related illness and death.

According to Dr. Seth Gemme, FACEP, vice chair, clinical operations for Emergency Medicine, Baystate Health, extreme heat affects the body's ability to safely regulate its temperature, often resulting in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or heat cramps. Sweating is the body's natural defense to cooling itself. However, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly and resulting in a rapid rise of body temperature.

"Those at greatest risk for developing a heat-related illness are children under 5 and people 65 years of age and older, who have the least ability to regulate their body temperatures, as well as those who work outdoors for a living," Gemme said.

As with many illnesses, the best defense is prevention, consider the following tips to keep you safe in the high heat:

Stay out of the heat. Avoid direct sunlight and strenuous activity outdoors. If possible, remain indoors. If there is no AC at home, go to a location that does, such as the mall or a movie theater.

Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. Stay away from polyester in favor of cotton and linens which are better at repelling the sun's heat. Also, consider wearing sunglasses and putting on a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater.

Drink plenty of liquids- Begin drinking before going outside and, if exercising, drink one quart of liquid an hour to replace lost fluid. Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol which can contribute to the loss of more body fluid. Also, if taking water pills or on a fluid restrictive diet, consult with a physician before increasing liquid intake.

Take it slow and easy with athletic ac-

tivity and working outdoors. Postpone athletic activity during high heat and humidity. Limit outdoor activities to the morning and evening. Drinking sports beverages can replace lost salt and minerals when sweating. However, those on low-salt diets should check with their doctor before drinking sports beverages. If you work outdoors, in addition to drinking plenty of liquids and dressing appropriately, pace yourself and take frequent short breaks in the shade.

Eat smaller meals. Instead of the usual rule of eating three square meals a day, eat smaller meals more frequently on days when the sun turns up the heat. Also, avoid high-protein foods which can increase metabolic heat.

Take a cool shower or bath to cool down.

Warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness could include excessive sweating, leg cramps, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, headache and rapid pulse. If these occur, get out of the heat and drink liquids. If you don't feel better soon, Gemme recommends calling a doctor or visiting a local emergency department. "Since the elderly are at greater risk from the ill-effects of the heat, make it a habit.

to check on elderly relatives and neighbors several times a day to make sure they are

safe and free from any signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke," Gemme said.

Gemme also reminds parents and caregivers that hot weather and vehicles can be a deadly combination for kids. About 950 children since 1990 died from heat stroke in hot cars when left alone. Most children unknowingly left behind. And, according to the National Safety Council, on average 38 children under the age of 15 die each year after being left in a hot vehicle.

Kids and Cars, a nonprofit focused on improving child safety around cars, suggests in a "Look Before You Lock" flier to place an item in the back seat that you will need to get before starting your day such as a laptop, handbag, phone, employee badge and more; keep vehicles locked at all times so young ones can't sneak in unknown to you; and teach kids to honk the horn if they become stuck inside a car. More tips are available at kidsandcars.org.

back up his June performance with another win at "Grovetona." Details on the fifth race of the GSPSS' twelfth season will be released shortly.

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hooded warbler at the Hopkins Memorial Forest in Williamstown. Other sightings were a least bittern at Richmond Marsh and merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox.

In Worcester County, sightings included a Brewster's warbler in Harvard, two black vultures soaring near the Hardwick Winery and five evening grosbeaks.

It is good to hear there are evening

grosbeak sightings as many of the people at the bird talk at the Oakham Senior Center said they had not seen evening grosbeaks in some time.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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open. Clip and dry them upside down for use in wreaths and arrangements.

Well, it's been fun escaping the heat with you! Read any good books lately?

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.

OBITUARIES

Jose Cabido, 74

LUDLOW - Jose Manuel Lopes Cabido, 74, of Ludlow, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Born February 12, 1949 in Faiai Guarda, Portugal, he was the son of the late Joaquim Marques Cabido and Deolinda Lopes Cabido. He worked for many years as a machine operator for Ludlow Textiles and was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church. Jose loved watching soccer, especially his favorite team Sporting.



Jose is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years Diolinda de Jesus Boavista Cabido; his daughter Lara Cabido Duffy and her husband Robert; his son Antonio Cabido and his wife Kelly; his grandsons Miguel Cabido Torrao, Manuel Cabido Torrao, Daniel Cabido and his wife Gina and his great-grandson Dante Cabido as well as many cousins

Funeral Services for Jose will be Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St. Ludlow, MA followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of Fatima Church. Burial will be in Island Pond Cemetery. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 PM. More information can be found at www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Julia M. Chmura

LUDLOW - Julia (Adamczyk) Chmura, formerly of Ludlow, died on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Rudolf Adamczyk and Caroline (Maziarz) Adamczyk. Julia was the wife of the late Edward Chmura who died in 1995. They were married during a blizzard in February, 1960. She was a graduate of Ludlow High School, the former Western Mass School of Nursing and New Hampshire College in 1988 where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Human Services. She worked at the former Ludlow Hospital for many years as an LPN and went on to become the Director of the Ludlow Senior Center. She served on the PVT Advisory Board for eight years. In 1996, she was the recipient of the Massachusetts Council on Aging Anna V. Brown Award for Dedicated Service and Outstanding Efforts on Behalf of Older Persons. She received the Hawthorne Community Award for Outstanding Civic Leader for Efforts Dedicated to the Promotion of Respect, Dignity and Independence for Elders in 1997. She was committed to improving the quality of life for Seniors.



Julia leaves behind her daughter Michele Chmura and her husband Timothy Thomas, her son David Chmura and his wife Kelly of Belchertown and her grandsons Nicholas Chmura, Marc Chmura and Sean Thomas, several nieces and nephews, extended family members and dear friends. She was predeceased by her sister Mary Przybycien and her brother Rudolph Adamczyk.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Elaine Center for the care and kindness they showed Julia in her final years.

Calling hours were held Monday, July 24, 2023 at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home 64 Sewall St. Ludlow, MA. A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Julia was held Tuesday July 25, 2023 at Christ the King Church, Ludlow, MA with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mass. Councils on Aging, 116 Pleasant St., Easthampton, MA 01027 or the charity of one's choice. More information can be found at www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

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Come hear music from Bad Signs, a high-powered, jazzy funk jam group that will be performing at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, as part of Ludlow Cultural Commission's free concerts this summer at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo, 11 East St. in Ludlow.

COMING SOON

Come hear music from Jeff Gavioli and his Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra, a big band featuring Cindy Reed, on Sunday, Aug. 6, as part of Ludlow Cultural Commission's free concerts this summer at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo, 11 East St. in Ludlow.

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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.

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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.

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SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

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Ocean State Job Lot announces return of "Buy-Give-Get" Backpack Program for students

Region's premier closeout retailer announces incentives to help benefit students for the upcoming school year

North Kingstown, RI – Ocean State Job Lot, a leading discount closeout retailer headquartered in Rhode Island with stores throughout New England, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, is pleased to announce the return of its "Buy-Give-Get" backpack program to help students prepare for the upcoming school year.

"Students of all ages in underserved communities return to school each year without the resources needed to have a successful academic experience," said David Sarlitto, Executive Director, Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation. "We are thrilled to support those students and provide them with the tools and supplies they need for the 2023-2024 school year."

Through the promotion, any customer who buys a select backpack at OSJL for \$15 and gives it back to the store as a donation to children in need, will get a \$15 "Crazy Deal" Gift Card to be used for a future purchase. 34,000 backpacks are available to purchase as part of the program and will be distributed to students in need across the region in partnership with the USA Veterans and Military Support Foundation as well as various support agencies and state police across the region.

Since its inception six years ago, the Buy-Give-Get Backpack program has supplied over 250,000 backpacks to students in need, including children of military families.



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GOVERNMENT

Resident continues decades-long fight for 'fairness, equity'

By Michael Harrison
Correspondent

HADLEY — Tom McGee has a plaque on his desk with a quote from Calvin Coolidge about persistence.

One day, if a bill in the Massachusetts Legislature he spurred becomes law, someone might have a plaque on their desk with a similar quote from McGee.

"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence," is part of the famous quote attributed to Coolidge, a former Massachusetts governor who became the 30th U.S. president a century ago and said ability and knowledge alone do not guarantee success. It takes tenacity, too.

McGee, a retiree in his 80s who has lived in Hadley for over 30 years, has that by the boatload.

Since 1995 he has been championing legislation to require public access to all state job openings. It became his cause after he realized that only some positions were posted — in a hard copy format typical of the pre-digital age — at regional unemployment offices.

The rest, mostly the prime jobs, he said, were posted on bulletin boards in state offices in Boston or circulated by word of mouth and were available to just "the connected" class, he said.

According to McGee, other than the creation of the Massachusetts Jobs Department website, not much has changed.

"It's an issue of fairness," McGee said.

"It's an issue of equity and fairness in hiring for jobs in Massachusetts and people in Western Massachusetts, people with expertise and training, such as veterans, don't have the opportunity to apply for good jobs they're qualified for."

For decades, McGee filed petition bills through state Sen. Stan Rosenberg and state Rep. John Scibak to try to enact a law requiring all state jobs to be posted publicly across the commonwealth. The bills would go far, but never make it to the finish line.

This legislative session he enlisted the help of their successors, Sen. Jo Comerford and Rep. Daniel Carey, whose districts include Hadley. Both have filed bills in their chambers and Comerford read a statement about them sub-

mitted for the record on behalf of both during a hearing last week of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

"Hiring guidelines in Massachusetts already require posting state employment opportunities publicly to ensure a fair and transparent hiring practice," the statement says.

"However, many state agencies are working around this requirement by obtaining exemption waivers. The current hiring guidelines are not effective for public job seekers because of these exemptions. Furthermore, many residents are unaware of where to find state employment vacancies because of the lack of a centralized referral system.

"Transparency about state employment vacancies will not only garner greater trust from the public in government hiring processes, but will also benefit state agencies which will re-

ceive applications from more diverse and qualified candidates. While it is easy for those close to Boston and the State House to hear about state employment opportunities through word of mouth, the members of the public living outside metro Boston are unaware of poorly publicized job vacancies."

If the bills become law, all of the job openings would be accessible online.

According to an email from Comerford's office, "the committee has until early February 2024 to report the bill out favorably, recommend an amendment, refer the bill for further study or report it out unfavorably."

Asked about his experience working with Comerford and Carey, McGee said it was "excellent" and seeing the bill recognized in the hearing "shows they listen to their constituents."

He said he believes leveling the playing field for state jobs, particularly the

higher level positions, would make the commonwealth run more efficiently and prevent systematic failures. He brought up the dozens of deaths at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic as one example.

After so many years going by without getting a bill passed into law, why McGee is optimistic about its chances this time around seems an obvious question.

"I have confidence in the senators and representatives that they want to ensure fairness and equity in the commonwealth," he said.

"I have confidence they will do the right thing."

And if they don't?

"If not, we'll reintroduce it again," McGee said.

"We'll keep pushing. You keep filing a bill until you get it passed."

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Docket No. HD23P1497EA**

**Estate of:
Joan Mary Coyne
Also known as:
Joan M. Coyne,
Joan M. Dombek
Date of Death: 06/10/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Angela J Ciempa of Punta Gorda FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Angela J Ciempa of Punta Gorda FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/15/2023.**

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

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 17, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/26/2023

**LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** on the appli-

cation 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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1536EA**

**Estate of:
Martha Jo Brogle
Also known as:
Martha Brogle,
Martha J Brogle
Date of Death: 03/15/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David F. Brogle, Sr. of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **David F. Brogle, Sr. of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **without surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/17/2023.**

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

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buton of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: July 20, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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07/26/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD23C0206CA**

**In the matter of:
Bethanne Farrant
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Bethanne Farrant of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Bethanne Morin
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day 08/15/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: July 18, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani
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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,
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07/12, 07/19, 07/26/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD23C0207CA**

**In the matter of:
Hayden Leigh Farrant-Morin
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Hayden Leigh Farrant-Morin of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Hayden Leigh Morin
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/15/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: July 18, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/26/2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
COMBINED NOTICE
OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT AND INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS**

July 26, 2023
Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by EOHLC.

**REQUEST FOR
RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about **August 11, 2023** EOHLC will submit a request to the HUD Boston Regional Office for the release of one million dollars of HOME funds available through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) - Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and DHCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Boston Regional Office for the release of Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) funds under Section 8, The Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for the purpose of attaching eight project-based vouchers to be utilized in a project known **Greenstead Grove**, located at **188 Fuller Street, Ludlow, MA**. The project consists of the new construction of 43 affordable units. Other estimated sources of funds include **AHTF, FCF-DMH, HIF, HSF as well as Federal and State low-income housing tax credits**. The project sponsor is **Way Finders, Inc.** The

total estimated project cost is approximately **\$24,191,386.**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EOHLC have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at EOHLC, Bureau of Rental Assistance, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114 and may be examined or copied by appointment by emailing dan.tobyne@mass.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Dan Tobyn, Bureau of Rental Assistance, 100 Cambridge Street Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 or via email to dan.tobyne@mass.gov. All comments received by **August 10, 2023**, will be considered by EOHLC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Commonwealth of MA acting through EOHLC certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer is in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the project, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

**OBJECTIONS TO
RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Mass. certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Commonwealth of MA; (b) the Commonwealth of MA have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email to CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston, MA. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For EOHLC
Catherine Racer, Director
07/26/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and**

**Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1445EA**

**Estate of:
Anne S Skorupski
Date of Death: 05/19/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Marilyn Monette of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Marilyn Monette of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/18/2023.**

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

Date: July 21, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/26/2023

**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.**

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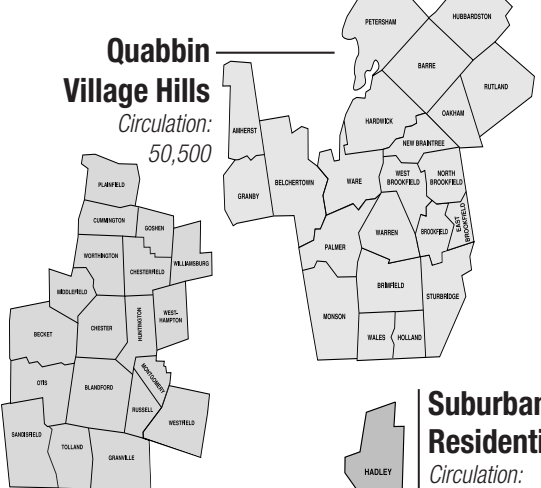
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FOR ADULTS

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. This month the group is reading Alexis Castellano's Isla to Island, copies available in the Youth Room. 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.

Diamond Painting Drop-In for tweens & teens, Friday July 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Diamond painting is part paint-by-numbers, part mosaic, part be-dazzling, and totally cool and fun. Drop in to work on a beautiful picture to be hung in the Youth Room.

"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

Harry Potter Drop-In Birthday Celebration, Monday July 31, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Harry Potter's birthday, as every good fan knows, is July 31st - we'll celebrate with crafts and paper games inspired by the Wizarding World.

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.

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

"Color Me A Story" Storytime for 3-5 year olds, Mondays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Little ones will enjoy stories, games and songs related to the colors of the rainbow, followed by a craft and snack. Please register.

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.

"Ready 4 K" Kindergarten-Readiness Series, Tuesdays 2 p.m. Early Childhood Development specialist Kelly Castor will teach essential Kindergarten-readiness skills in this 3-part series of fun classes sponsored by Pathways for Parents.

"Color Me A Story" Storytime for 2-3 year olds, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Toddlers will start with a free play period, then enjoy stories, games and songs related to the colors of the rainbow, followed by a craft and snack. Please register.

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 9-10a.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.

Learn How to Play Jacks, Thursday July 27, 3:30 p.m. Learn how to play this classic game from the good old days before fidget toys and cell phones. Sets of jacks and rubber balls will be available for each participant to take home.

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