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Ludlow health officials celebrate another successful event.

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Fair focuses on health and wellness

Dozens of vendors attend annual event

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LUDLOW – Area residents connected with several

wellness and public safety agencies during the Ludlow Health Department’s second annual Community Health Fair.

Offered free to the public, the Aug. 21 event took place at Memorial Park.

Highlights included educational activities for guests; health resources and information; special giveaways;

health screenings; and appearances from local vendors, agencies, and organizations.

“It’s always great to get out into the community and talk about the resources we offer,” said Melissa Conlin, of Springfield-based MassAbility, which specializes in services ranging from career training to skill building for

people with disabilities.

Each year, event organizers look forward to helping residents connect with health and wellness services. Expanding community awareness is a critical component of the program.

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Multi-million dollar project at golf course discussed

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Select Board meeting, the Westover Golf Commission presented about a rehaul of its irrigation system to be proposed at town meeting.

The Select Board meeting on Aug. 18 included a visitation from Tighe & Bond and the Westover Golf Commission to discuss an irrigation project at the Westover Golf Course.

Commission Chair Sean McBride said the visitation was in the interest of transparency, after the commission voted to request an ar-

ticle for the town meeting in October to bond out for the project. The project is estimated to cost \$6.7 million.

“It is a way of hopefully stimulating some conversation so that, when we get to the October town meeting,” said McBride. “We’ll have meetings with [the Select Board], with the Finance Committee, and by virtue of that, hopefully educate the public as to why this project is so important.”

McBride provided background on the project dating back 18 months, the first phases of which have been funded through the commission’s operating expenses. This phase included design and preliminary

reports, during which Tighe & Bond took a comprehensive look at the irrigation system and the pump house, from intake to out on the course and the infrastructure to deliver water to the course.

“They also looked at the status of our existing culverts, we have three culverts out on the golf course,” McBride said. “I just want to be completely transparent that, although there is information in here about the condition of the culverts, and they’re not great, they are not included in the cost for the irrigation

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Select Board signs agreement for West Street Bridge design services

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Select Board meeting, the board answered correspondence, made appointments and updated the residents on an agreement for design services of the West Street Bridge.

During its Aug. 18 meeting, the Select Board approved and signed an intermunicipal agreement for Design Services for the West Street Bridge between the town and Springfield.

“The City of Springfield and the town will split the cost of the design and engi-

neering services for the fix of the West Street Bridge,” said Town Administrator Marc Strange.

Strange said that Springfield will cover 58% of the cost, and the town will cover the remaining 42%.

“We do have the funds available for that expense,” Strange said. “They have to design and engineer the fix. I’m not quite sure how long that process will take, but this is the next step.”

The board unanimously approved and signed the intermunicipal agreement, then moved on to unanimously sign the waiver, lease agreement and power purchase agreement be-

tween Solect Energy Lessee II, LLC and the town and offtake estoppel certificate for Harris Brook Elementary School.

Two pieces of correspondence were filed by the board, including a notification from EverSource Energy of upcoming transmission right-of-way work, and support for the communities in the Quabbin Watershed from the office of the state governor.

“It looks like we should get two annual payments of \$50,000 for the next two years while they do this study,” noted Select Board

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Planning Board and Select Board, appoint interim member

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LUDLOW – By joint vote between the Select Board and Planning Board, Haley Rivers was appointed to a vacant seat on the Planning Board last week.

The Select Board meeting on Aug. 18 included a visitation by the Planning Board to jointly appoint a new member to the Planning Board.

“We were up to full strength for a little while,” said Planning Board Chair Ray Phoenix. “We had a board member, though, that was reaching a point where he felt he was unable to give the time and attention to the matters of the Planning Board that it warrants.

“While we thank him for his service,” Phoenix continued. “We also thank him for being aware of that limitation and what that meant for him.”

This board member’s absence left the board with a vacancy. Phoenix said the board posted the position to solicit applications, and received one response from the board’s alternate or associate member, Haley Rivers.

“She’s been with us for a little while,” Phoenix said.

“Sitting in on our meetings and hearing the stuff that we’re doing. She’s got some background that I think is relevant, as well, for the work that we do.”

Phoenix said it was the board’s intention to appoint her, by joint motion, to fill the unexpired term, with an option to run for the term in the next election. Rivers introduced herself as having recently moved to Bluegrass Lane with her partner.

“At that time I learned that there are many vacancies in the Planning section of town,” Rivers said. “I am currently an environmental planner at Tighe & Bond, I’ve been there for almost five years, and I thought that my experience would be a great benefit to the town and that I thought this would be a great place to put my energy toward.”

Rivers said that she has enjoyed working with the Planning Board and getting to know the town better, and said that there is more for her to learn and do for the town.

Select Board member James Gennette noted that

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Magician Ed Popielarczyk begins a new trick.

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The magic of reading

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LUDLOW – A special guest visited Hubbard Memorial Library last week to help local youngsters celebrate the completion of their summer reading program.

On Aug. 18, youth participants in the program were treated to a magic show led by popular performer Ed Popielarczyk.

Held outdoors beneath sunny skies, the show drew a strong attendance. Several kids volunteered to assist the magician with acts that combined humor and education.

Each year, Popielarczyk travels to schools, libraries, fairs, and other venues throughout the area. Also a balloon sculptor, he has entertained youngsters and families for nearly four de-

cades.

“My magic show uses a lot of audience participation. The kids are the stars because they make the magic happen,” read a statement released by the magician.

From a series of riveting card tricks, to a mind-reading stuffed animal, to a fun lesson in traffic safety, Popielarczyk kept kids engaged throughout the program.

Following the magic show, officials announced the winners of summer reading program raffle baskets. Library officials thank all program participants for their commitment throughout the summer, as well as staff members for their leadership.

“We have a fantastic staff who did a tremendous job of offering in-demand programming and reading recommendations to the community under the backdrop

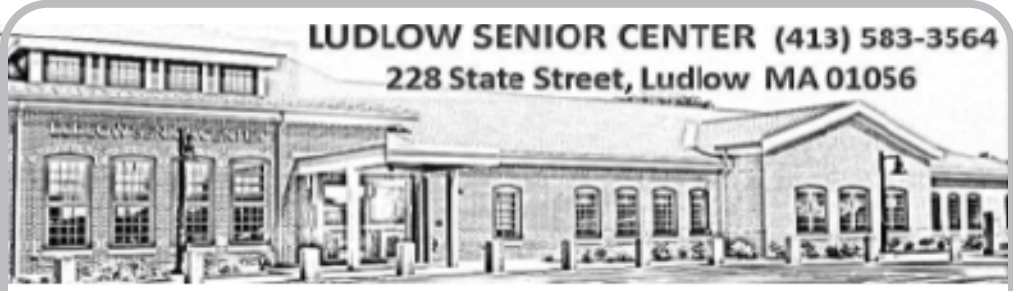


Popielarczyk selects his next volunteer.

of the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s ‘Unearth a Story’ theme,” said Library Director Melissa Rickson.

This year, participants combined to log 128,811 minutes of reading – a nearly 24% increase over last year’s

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

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW – Gather with friends in the Center’s dining room and enjoy a restaurant-style lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert.

To reserve your \$2 lunch, please call 413-583-3564 at least 24 hours in advance (call Friday for Monday reservations).

“As August comes to an end and September begins, the Ludlow Senior Center calendar is gearing up for fall,” read a statement released by the Center.

There is still time to get your senior discount ticket for Festa, good on September 3 only.

Check out the full schedule of events at ludlow.ma.us/coa/.

On hot and humid days, remember that the Center is a place to stay cool. The air-conditioned building offers two water bubblers and a hydration station (please bring a refillable water bottle).

You are welcome to visit Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

“Be sure to read our newsletter to find out which Tuesday nights Jodi is cooking \$2 suppers. No need to heat up your house on those nights when there’s friends here at the Center,” the statement read.

Activities Calendar

Please register in advance for items marked with*.

Thursday, Aug. 27

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club: The Shell Seekers/Rosamunde Pilcher
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Aug. 28

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Drone Basics
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*

Monday, Aug. 31

9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Help by Appoint-

ment*

1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Limitless Legends
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Flexibility, Balance and Core Class
1:30 p.m. Strawberry Shortcake with Care One

Tuesday, Sept. 1

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump

Wednesday, Sept. 2

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Jewelry
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*

Thursday, Sept. 3

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Daily Events:

Café: Monday through Friday from 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Open Billiards: Monday through Thursday from 8-11 a.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 4–7 p.m.

Menu:

Thursday, Aug. 27: Hamburger Chow Mein, rice, Asian veggies.
Friday, Aug. 28: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes.
Monday, Aug. 31: Cowboy burger, sweet potato fries.
Tuesday, Sept. 1: Eggplant parm, bread stick.
Wednesday, Sept. 2: Drumstick, rice pilaf, veggies.
Thursday, Sept. 3: Chef salad.
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Notice of annual meeting

LUDLOW – Notice has been announced for the 76th annual meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club.

According to the bylaws of the organization, the board of directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive).

Board members, ambassadors, volunteers, and do-

nors of the organization are invited to participate.

To RSVP, please contact Christina Yacono at 413-583-2072 (extension 112).

Agenda for the meeting: report on the activities of the organization in the past year; presentation of the audited annual report for approval; appointment of new directors; and recognition and awards for staff, volunteers, and community.

For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, please visit www.ludlowbgc.org.

Early voting hours for State Primary

LUDLOW – In-person early voting hours will be held at the Town Clerk’s Office, 2nd floor of the Town Hall, 488 Chapin St., Aug. 22-28 for the State Primary on Sept. 1.

Early voting dates and times include Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 27 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m.-noon.

DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

uted to those in need.

FREE CLOTHING Every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, 413-478-0768.

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

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held Monday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Tuesday – Aquajazz, 9-9:30 a.m.; Aquacise,10-10:45 a.m.; Wednesday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Thursday – Aquacise, 10-10:45 a.m. and

Friday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 124.

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

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS 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. Call for information about the schedule. 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 888-613-2777 for details.

Zonta Club hosts annual golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The 32nd annual Zonta Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Cold Spring Country Club, 330 Chauncey Walker St., to help create a brighter future for women and girls in the community.

Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. Your support di-

rectly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

Zonta Club of Quabog Valley is working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality and women in decision-making positions.

Tee off will be at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition and making a difference. The registration fee of \$120 includes a round of golf, a box lunch and the chance to win prizes.

Sign up today at zontaqv.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. Zonta Club also welcomes sponsorships from local businesses.

Designer Handbag Bingo

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its first annual Designer Handbag Bingo event next month.

Set for Sept. 18, the event will start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. located at Polish American Club (355 East Street).

The cost is \$40 per person. This includes a book of ten games.

The event will also include designer purses, raffles, a cash bar, and special guest appearances from LFD crew members.

To purchase tickets, please send an email to: ludlowfireladiesauxiliary@gmail.com.

Class of 1976 to celebrate reunion

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School Class of 1976 will hold its 50th reunion next month.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive).

The program will run

from 5-9 p.m. A buffet will be included.The cost is \$30 per person.

Please send a check to: Donna Griffin, P.O. Box 89, Warren, VT, 05674. Include a notation for class reunion in the memo.

Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas Craft Fair

LUDLOW – Crafters are wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Christ the King Church, located at 41 Warsaw Avenue, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an eight-foot table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available during the fair.

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Local author excited for next chapter

Book launch
set for Sept. 1

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PALMER – Local author Suzanne Strempek Shea is looking forward to launching her latest book at Palmer Public Library, which has played a big role in her writing journey.

The book launch will take place on Sept. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the library, 1455 North Main St.

Titled “Compositions: A Memoir in 42 Essays by 1 Kid on Her 8 Years of Catholic School, Handed in 60 years Late” the book revisits Strempek Shea’s early years in a close-knit 1960s and ‘70s Polish-American grade school.

The author of several fiction and nonfiction books, Strempek Shea was inspired to write her memoir by a visit with an old friend. Their conversation about memories from childhood helped start her down the path that would eventually culminate with the publication of “Compositions.”

“On a Sunday five years ago, I visited Robbie DuComb, of Monson, with whom I’ve been friends since first grade,” the author said. “As I was leaving for home, I suddenly asked her if she remembered the little expanding cups we used to keep in our pockets as kids. I went home and wrote about the red plastic one I had in the first grade.”

Added Strempek Shea, “Over time, what I wrote that day became the first chapter of the book, a scene from first grade when I’m standing in line for the bubbler – which was the nuns’ word for the water fountain – and



Submitted Photos
Author Suzanne Strempek Shea is ready for her book launch.

I kept writing about all the other new words I learned in that first year, and then I just kept writing.”

As Strempek Shea delved deeper into her early educational years, she was able to rediscover several additional memories.

“Our minds can be amazing, and once I started tapping into those years, so much came back,” she said. “I could see my classmates and myself in line for recess, or jumping to our feet when Father Pastor entered the classroom, or processing into a dark church on freezing Christmas Eves for Midnight Mass. I have a pretty good memory, and it was fun to give myself an assignment to think about our uniforms – or how in third grade we did little else but study for First Holy Communion – and see how much I could recall.”

Written in the author’s point of view from her first eight years of school, the humorous and poignant essays in “Compositions” bring readers along for a fascinating journey back into the classrooms and halls of her youth.

Along the way, readers will enjoy plenty of interest-



ing glimpses of the school’s staff and daily rituals. These include nuns who sang folk songs beneath a tree, danced the hula, and occasionally hurled textbooks.

The memoir was published by PAHA Books, an imprint of the Polish American Historical Association. PAHA has supported Strempek Shea’s writing since her first book, “Selling the Lite of Heaven,” back in 1994.

This fall, the author will take part in several book signings and discussions. But none will likely be as memorable as her Sept. 1 book launch.

“I’m excited to launch this book in the town where it’s set – and it’s set there because I am set here,” said Strempek Shea, who grew up in Three Rivers. “‘Compositions’ includes a section about how my mom once drove the Palmer Public Library’s bookmobile, another reason for the library to be the perfect place to get this book out to readers for the first time.”

During the launch event, Strempek Shea will give a

short talk, offer a reading, and take questions from guests.

The program will also include a special opportunity for attendees to help give back to their community.

“At each event I do, I’ll be collecting non-perishable items for a local food pantry,” said Strempek Shea. “As the grandchild of immigrants, I want to help a local agency that helps others who might need a leg up, including immigrants, and any folks having a tough time right now. The items collected on Sept. 1 will go half to Food Share of Palmer and half to the Palmer Public Library’s grocery shelf.”

Additional books written by Strempek Shea include fiction titles like “Selling the Lite of Heaven”, “Hoopi Shoopi Donna”, “Lily of the Valley”, “Around Again”, “Becoming Finola” and “Make a Wish But Not for Money”.

The author has also published several nonfiction works and an anthology.

For her current project, working closely with Holyoke author Anne Pinkerton, Strempek Shea is editing a book featuring contributions from dozens of other authors. She is also finishing a book of essays on dementia.

Additional local events for Strempek Shea will include a Sept. 9 appearance at 7 p.m. (Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley); Sept. 19 from 2-4 p.m. (A New Chapter in West Springfield); and Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m. (Hampden Public Library).

To learn more about the author and her books, visit www.suzannestrempekshea.org.

PLANNING BOARD

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Rivers had previously applied for the Town Planner position as well. Select Board member Manuel Silva said any questions he had were answered by Rivers’s introduction.

“I wanted to know what kind of experience you’ve had with real estate,” Silva said. “But being a planner with Tighe & Bond helps.”

Select Board member Anthony Alves recalled Rivers’s interviews in October and November, and thanked her for putting her name forward.

“As I usually say with most boards or committees or anything, and espe-

cially departments, is that they know best,” said Select Board Chair Bill Rosenblum. “So I’m going with your recommendations, and if that’s your recommendation, who be it for us to stand in the way of it?”

Seeing a unanimous decision, Phoenix opened the discussion to the Planning Board.

“I would just add that I think [Rivers] has operated in a very professional manner, and she does, as we’ve all said, bring something to the table,” said Vice Chair William Ellison. “I think it’s great, I think she’ll be a good addition.”

Given Rosenblum’s deference to the board, Phoenix

opened the motion to appoint Rivers to fill the vacant unexpired term until the election, and the motion carried seven to zero.

“I’m happy to see that you’re a full member of the board now, I think you’re go-

ing to do great things for the town,” Gennette said. “We’re very blessed to have you, so thank you for stepping up.”

“Congratulations, thank you,” Rosenblum said. “Thank you for your commitment to the town, also.”

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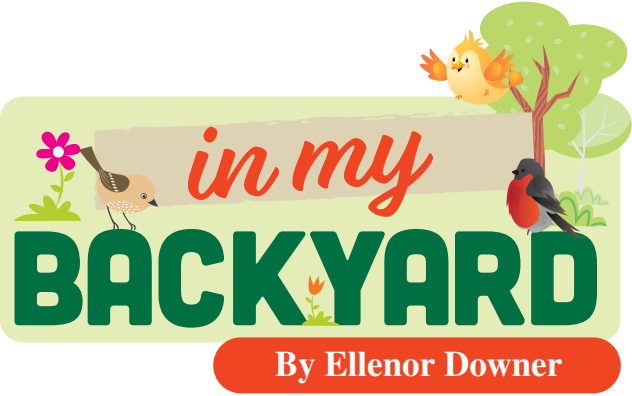
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GUEST COLUMN



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BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email from a Hampden resident, who sent two photos of Eastern bluebirds – one adult male and a fledgling.

She states, “I live in Hampden, for the past several years we have been blessed to have a pair of bluebird’s nest in our yard. They have had three broods of babies each year including this year.”

The fledgling in the above photo is a male. The photo was taken shortly after fledging. Wing feathers, wing coverts and tail feathers are essential in determining the sex of young bluebirds.



The fledgling male Eastern bluebird blends in with the ground cover. Blue feathers are visible.

By day ten to eleven days after hatching, feather colors are noticeable. The blue tail in males and gray in females become apparent. In the male, the short tail at fledging is bright blue. Times may vary but by day 13 the tail color is apparent.

Both sexes have a gray spotted back and chest. They also have a white eye ring.

By the time a bluebird is 19 to 24 days old, the male has blue wing coverts and the female gray ones.

At five weeks old the young male has blue wing feathers and a bright blue tail. The female’s primary wing feathers are blue, but concealed. The base of her tail is blue and the rest bluish gray. Spots are still present on back and breast.

Young bluebirds continue to depend on their parents for food until six weeks old. Siblings tend to forage nearby until they join flocks of young birds. Some first brood birds even help raise their parents next brood if their parents have a double brood season.

Between July and October young birds begin to replace their juvenile plumage. Blue and brick red feathers begin to appear. By mid to late October all juveniles finish molting into their first adult plumage.



This adult male Eastern bluebird is seen at the entrance of a bluebird house checking on his brood.

Leucistic crow

I met a New Braintree resident at the Oakham Post Office this week. He said he saw a crow with one white wing. Leucistic birds are birds that have abnormal plumage coloration due to a genetic mutation that causes a partial loss of pigmentation.

They may have washed out feathers or blotches of white feathers. While rare, they are found in many bird species around the world.

Whippoorwills

A Brimfield resident emailed, “I thought you’d be interested to learn that I still have several whippoorwills calling at dusk in the lower Haynes Hill/Paige Hill area of Brimfield.”

She stated, “I’ve only lived here four years, but they are here every year!. They start calling about 8:30 p.m.”

She stated, “My grandparents owned a house that bordered Reedy Meadow in Lynnfield. We heard Whippoorwills there. So cool to have them calling from my front and back yards at the same time.”

While on vacation as a child on Lake Winnisquam, my dad, brother and I would hear them calling while fishing for horn pout at night. I used to hear them in Oakham, but I not heard one in years.

Owls hooting

I do hear barred owls hooting back and forth at night. Sometimes they are quite loud and can be heard even with the windows closed.

Juvenile red-tailed hawk

I received an email from a reader who saw a juvenile red-tailed hawk in her front yard. She stated, “It was quite beautiful. It had a small rodent for its dinner. It was really close to my front door, I’ve never seen a hawk so close to me.”

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

Preservation questions are popular this time of year

Dawn, who gardens in Tolland, asked a few questions of the Garden Lady this past week.

You see, this is the first year in three years that Dawn has a had a productive garden. Her former garden was too far from the house to be tended. It was tricky to irrigate and animals often found their way through or under the fence.

Dawn’s hard work ended up being a hearty meal for woodchucks and more. Now, with raised beds close to her house, she is grateful for a bountiful harvest.

First, she wanted to be reminded how to roast tomatoes.

I enjoy roasting my cherry tomatoes; it’s a great way to use them up when they produce like gangbusters.

Depending on the size, I either cut them in half or quarters and put them no more than two rows deep in a roasting pan. I sprinkle a teaspoon or two of extra virgin olive oil over the tomatoes and then I add half an onion and two-three cloves of garlic.

After mixing all the ingredients together, I bake at 400 degrees for about an hour, stirring midway. You know when it is done when the skins pucker and there is very little liquid left. Now you can either eat it this way, say over pasta or rice, or you can zip it up with a few basil leaves and you have made your own sauce.

No need to de-seed or remove the skins. Just think, all that added fiber and goodness, with less work to boot!

You can tailor your roasting to suite your own taste buds as well. Some folks add chopped peppers or eggplant.

Certainly you can use any type of tomato, too and add additional herbs or spices.

Speaking of peppers, Dawn also wanted to know

how to roast peppers. It’s a little different from tomatoes.

Peppers roast best when they are fully ripe – i.e., when they have changed color. I have mentioned it before, but my favorite roasting pepper is “Carmen,” a long bell pepper with thick walls.



In the

Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Simply wash the fruits and position them whole in a single layer under the broiler, turning frequently until they bubble up and char slightly. This can also be accomplished on a gas grill or as my husband will attest, over the flame of your kitchen gas stove.

Once charred, place them in a paper bag or covered container. The steam will soften the skin to the point it can be rubbed off, revealing yummy, thick flesh.

Pull off the stem and remove the seeds and voila! Roasted red peppers are yours to freeze.

I just blot mine dry and put them in single servings in plastic freezer bags. The fruit is easily thawed by placing the bag into a shallow basin of water; likewise, you can pop the pepper popsicle on to a plate and let it thaw in the fridge.

Roasted peppers are fantastic on homemade pizza or blended into hummus.

I shared with Dawn that I was making pickles. She went on to say that hers never turn out well, so I texted her a copy of a recipe given to me by a dear coworker over 20 years ago. I am still making them.

I’m not sure who originally gave Ron the reci-



pe, but here it is for anyone wanting to use up an abundance of cucumbers. I’ve made it with full size cukes as well as picklers.

I would recommend that you fill your canning jars, be it quart or half gallon, with the cucumbers first. They can be packed tightly.

Then, add plain water to the jar all the way to the rim. Dump the water out into a large measuring cup to see just how much liquid you need.

Then you can adjust the other ingredients to the ratio in the recipe. I learned this trick the hard way after wasting ingredients because I didn’t need quite a double recipe.

Ron’s Pickle Recipe

Ingredients:

- 14-16 cucumbers
- 8 teaspoons pickling spice
- 6 dill tops
- 6 cloves garlic
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons Kosher salt
- 1 cup vinegar
- 5 cups water

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients into canning jars. Shake and leave on counter for 36 hours. Refrigerate for two days before eating. Will keep in the fridge for a few months although the flavor will intensify with storage.

Enjoy the harvest as much as Dawn is!

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

LETTER TO EDITOR

Resident says Fenton would fight for us

As a lifelong resident from Ludlow, I have always believed that our community deserves a strong voice in state government.

That is why I am supporting Attorney Michael A. Fenton for Governor’s Council.

Mike understands Ludlow and communities like ours. He understands that decisions made in Boston can have a real impact here at home – and that Western Massachusetts needs someone at the Governor’s Council who will make sure our region has a seat at the table.

The Governor’s Council has an important responsibility in reviewing judicial nominees. These are decisions that affect our courts and our communities for decades.

We need someone who will take that responsibility seriously and who will evaluate nominees based on their qualifications, experience, integrity and commitment to justice.

I believe Mike Fenton is the right person for that job.

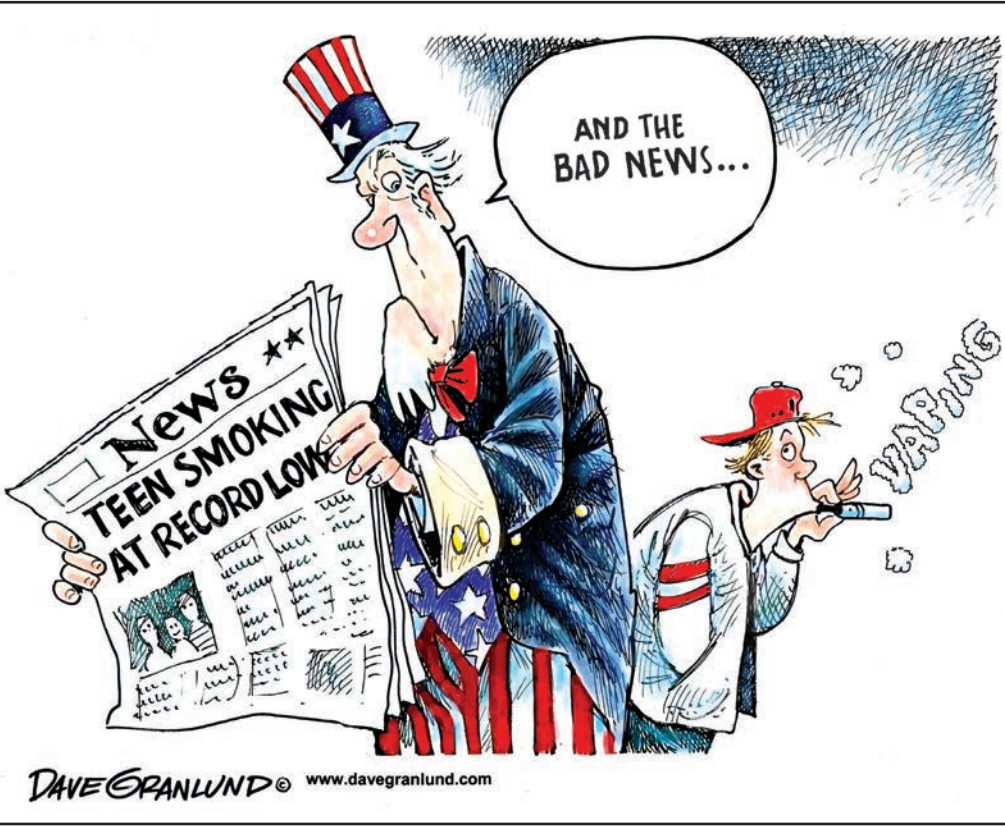
Mike will bring his experience as an attorney and public servant to the Council,

but he will also bring the perspective of someone who understands Western Massachusetts and knows that our region deserves to be heard.

As Ludlow residents, we should support candidates who understand where we come from and who will fight to make sure our communities are not overlooked.

I am proud to support Mike Fenton for Governor’s Council, and I urge my fellow residents to join me in supporting him on September 1st.

Paulo G. Marta, Esq.
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Members of the Ludlow CARES Coalition are all smiles at the festival.

HEALTH FAIR from Page 1

“Our goal is to make health and wellness resources more accessible while encouraging community engagement,” Health Director Paulina Matusik told The Register in a previous interview.

Attendees were able to access information on several wellness services and resources, enjoy live demonstrations, and take home free gifts and educational pamphlets.

The program also provides opportunities for guests to chat with local first responders in a relaxing environment.

“We’ve had a lot of people come by and tell us about how we took care of them over the years. It means a lot for us to learn they had great outcomes,” said Ludlow firefighter and paramedic Matt Niles.

Joined by fellow LFD firefighter Austin Plante, Niles introduced guests to several devices and equipment used by public safety officials. These included an AED unit, a medical gear bag, and a gurney, as well as emergency vehicles on site.

Guests were also able to learn about emergency services through the LFD’s display of an intubation mannequin.

Meanwhile, local dietitian Kathy Jordan introduced guests to the consulting work she does for Big Y. This includes leading several nutritional programs and classes for the community.

“It’s been fun to answer questions and let people know about the free nutritional events we offer,” Jordan said.

Festival organizers thank all vendors for sharing their resources. This year’s pro-



Corina Conceicao, left, and Lauren Flechsig represent Touched by an Angel, Inc., of Ludlow.



Monica Crespo, left, and Rosa Ramos are eager to meet community members.

gram featured a strong lineup of returning agencies and local partners that were new to the event.

Additional attendees included the Ludlow CARES Coalition, the Ludlow Police Department, Rise Behavioral Health Services, and Alianza, a Holyoke-based organization committed to supporting victims of domestic violence.

To learn more about events and services offered by the Health Department, visit www.ludlow.ma.us.



Ludlow Fire Department firefighters Austin Plante, left, and Matt Niles greet guests.



Maddie Bouffard, left, and Denivette Colon represent Gandara Center.



Cady Sizer, left, and Emily Skoczylas represent Holyoke-based Alianza.



Melissa Conlin introduces guests to MassAbility, based in Springfield.



Kathy Jordan is a consulting dietitian who works with Big Y.



Haylie Calver and Matt Thompson represent Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club.



Anna Martinez, left, and Chelsea Gaudreau represent Rise Behavioral Health Services.

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A large group of children and adults are sitting on the grass in a park, participating in a community event. In the foreground, several orange cones are placed on the grass. The children are sitting on blankets or towels, and some are looking at the camera. In the background, there are trees, a white car, a white pickup truck, and a stop sign. A woman is standing and holding a baby, and another woman is sitting in a stroller. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a sunny day.

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Above, a young volunteer joins the act. Right, Popielarczyk wows kids and families.

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs at the library, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library’s Facebook page on the morning of the program.

Library Hours are Monday (9–5), Tuesday (9–8), Wednesday (9–5), Thursday (9–8), Friday (9–5), and Saturday (10–2).

The library is closed on Saturdays during the summer, as well as on Sundays and holidays.

The Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

Suncatcher and Earring-Making Workshop: Thursday, Aug. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. Join Sandy Merrill for an evening making colorful beaded sun catchers and earrings. All supplies provided. Please register.

Creative Writing Group: Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 2-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done. The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Please register.

Tech 101: Ancestry Library Edition will take place on Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. Interested in exploring your family history, but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly lecture introduces Ancestry Library Edition, the library’s genealogy database. Learn what information you can find, how to begin your research, and simple tips for tracing your family tree. Perfect for those who are new to genealogy and want to learn the basics before diving in. No device is needed for this presentation. Please register.

Adult Craft Program – mask making: Sept. 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Use fancy paper, beads, feathers, ribbons, flowers, and more to decorate a masquerade-style mask. Please register.

Chair Yoga for Adults: Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga is an accessible and inclusive movement practice that uses standard chairs to support gentle

stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Sessions are designed to promote physical wellness, stress reduction, and community connection. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Yoga mats are welcome. Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors: every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. No running or jumping required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Technology appointments are available at the library. Do you have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling 413-583-3408 (extension 114).

Additionally, the library is seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library’s display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

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

Who picked this book? Book Club meeting: first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club meeting: last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Tween Graphic Novel Club: Thursday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. For ages 10-14. Book available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Back to School Scavenger Hunt: Tuesday, Sept. 1, all day. For youth of all ages. Feel free to drop in.

Nursery Rhyme Storytime: Friday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. For ages 2-5. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club: Tuesdays (biweekly), Sept. 8 and 22. Sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. Intended for ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club: Tuesdays (biweekly), Sept. 8 and 22. Sessions are held at 3:30 p.m. Intended for middle and high school students. Registration recommended.

Pokemon Club: Wednesdays (biweekly), Sept. 9 and 23. Sessions run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. For students in grades 3-8. Please register.

Little Sprouts (weekly): Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17, and 24. Sessions take place from 9:45-10:30 a.m. For ages 0-2. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play, and Learn, (weekly): Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17, and 24. Sessions run from 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Epic Engineers: Thursday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. For youth in grades 2-5. Hands on STEM challenges. Please register.

Music with Mr. Liam: Friday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. For ages 0-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Wildlife on Wheels: Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. For youth of all ages and families. Forest Park Zoo will bring animal ambassadors to the library. Please register.

Sing With Me sessions are held every Tuesday from 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 0-5. Feel free to drop in.

Lego Build Challenge: every Wednesday from 12-5 p.m. Feel free to drop in.

Online Gaming/Minecraft Club for young adults: every Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 10-15. Drop in, first come first served.

Daily Drop-In Crafts: all ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room daily. A new craft is offered each week.

Young Adult Volunteer Program: ongoing. For students in grades 6-12. Volunteer one hour per week in the Youth Room. Please see the library’s website calendar for more information.

BRIDGE from Page 1

member Anthony Alves.

The board received a letter of retirement from Officer Stephen Johnson of the Police Department. In moving to accept the letter of retirement, Select Board member Manuel Silva offered “many thanks for his service.”

Select Board Chair Bill Rosenblum echoed Silva’s thanks, and the board unanimously accepted Johnson’s retirement.

Another letter of retirement came from Maria Fer-

nandes of the Assessor’s Office.

“Fernandes has been with us for a long time, and I really want to thank her for her time here with the community,” said Select Board Member James Gennette. “We’re going to miss her very much.”

“Thank you again, Mrs. Fernandes, for your time in the Assessor’s Office,” Rosenblum said, and the board moved to accept Fernandes’s retirement.

Karen Pilon and Pamela Hayes both submitted re-

quests to be appointed to the Community Preservation Act Committee. The board unanimously voted to accept both applications.

Gennette filed recommendations for seats on the Public Safety Facilities and Oversight Committee, saying that there were three resident applications at the last meeting, and the committee voted to recommend George Costa for the first seat, Luis Vitorino to the second seat and Linda Collette as an alternate.

“That application was

publicly posted for better than 30 days and there were no other applicants,” Gennette added.

The board approved the recommendations and appointed Costa to the first seat, Vitorino to the second seat, and Collette as an alternate, with three in favor, and one abstention from Gennette.

“I’m not sure if there’s a conflict for me as the Secretary for the committee,” Gennette said. “I’m unsure, so I’m just going to err on the side of caution.”

The board approved re-

quests from Fire Chief Ryan Pease to charge off medical expenses and lost wages for firefighters injured on duty in incidents respectively on July 5 and Aug. 2. The board also received a request from Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo to carry over a week of vacation time, which was unanimously approved.

“[Segundo] has unused vacation [time], and according to the personnel policy manual, employees can roll over a week that can be used within 90 days of their anniversary,” Strange explained.

Hank Bastos of First Love Revival requested the use of the gazebo in Memorial Park on Friday, Oct. 9 from 5-8 p.m. for a concert of contemporary Christian music. After checking that the park was free on that date and that the proper paperwork had been submitted, the board unanimously approved the use of the park.

Another request to use the gazebo was submitted by Sheryl Higgins for Saturday, Sept. 19 for a wedding ceremony.

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SPORTS

Boys take silver in 2026 Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent



Andrew Dziadroz makes a play on the ball.

FITCHBURG — A year ago, Chicopee’s Griffen Wrisley and Minnechaug’s Tyler Supczak were starters for the West soccer team which captured the Gold medal at the annual Bay State Summer games. The duo were the only returning starters on this year’s West squad. The West team took home the Silver medal at the Bay State Summer Games following a 2-1 loss to Central in this year’s Gold medal match, which took place at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg on July 11. “I was lucky enough to be a member of the Gold medal team last year,” Wrisley said. “We have a bunch of new

players on this year’s team and were hoping to win the Gold Medal again. It’s a lot of fun being a leader of this team.” The other members of the West team, who live in the Turley Publications coverage area, are John Carra (Agawam), Zacharia Yarovsky (Chicopee), Antonio Maurico (Chicopee), Aidan Monaghan (Agawam), Kayson Gauthier (South Hadley), Spencer Parsons (South Hadley), and Braeden Fitzgerald (Agawam). The West team finished pool play with a perfect 4-0 record. They posted a pair of one sided matches against Northeast 6-2, and Southeast, 8-0. They also pulled out two matches by 2-1 results against Central and Metro. “Central was the best

team we played in pool play,” Wrisley said. “I scored a goal and had an assist in that game.” The West team was coached by Josh Wietecha, who’s the boys’ varsity soccer coach at Hampshire Regional. He graduated from Chicopee Comp in 2021 and helped the West team win the Gold medal at the 2019 Bay State Games. Wietecha enjoyed coaching Wrisley at this year’s Bay State Games. “Griffen is one of the best soccer players that I’ve coached,” Wietecha said. “He’s an outstanding forward and takes control of every game.” This fall, Wrisley will be one of the few returning players on the Chicopee Pacers varsity team. “We graduated twelve



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Lucas Cruz hustles past mid-field.

players from last year’s varsity team,” Wrisley said. “We only have a couple of varsity players returning.” Wrisley never thought about transferring to a different high school. “Chicopee High School Please see **BOYS**, Page 10

Teddy Bear Pools takes playoff title in Tri-County

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—For the first time since 2012, the Tri-County League championship title belongs to a baseball team other than PeoplesBank. The third-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas ended the second-seeded PeoplesBank twelve year dynasty after sweeping the best of three semifinal series. Teddy Bear then captured the championship trophy for the first time since the 1980’s with an 8-4 victory over the top-seeded St. Joseph’s Saints in last Sunday’s night decisive game three held at St. Joe’s Park in Thorndike. “Before the start of the regular season, I thought we had the most talented team in this league,” said Teddy Bear player/manager Ryan Magni. “We have a couple of outstanding college baseball players on our roster, which made the biggest difference. It does feel great to win the championship title, but I do have a lot of respect for St. Joe’s.” Ryan Magni played for St. Joe’s for eight years before switching sides a couple of years ago. His younger brother, Brandon, was the St. Joe’s starting first baseman in game three. Ryan Magni started the



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Teddy Bear Pools becomes the first new playoff champions in more than a decade.

game in centerfield before replacing righthander Brendan Fournier on the mound in the bottom of the seventh inning. St. Joe’s scored two runs against the righthander in their final at-bats. The game came to an end when Brandon Magni hit a ground ball to the second baseman against his older brother. “I’ve faced my brother many times over the years,” Ryan Magni said. “I didn’t have my best stuff tonight, but I didn’t make it very



Jacob Hayes fires over to first.



Brendan Fournier fires a pitch home.

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The Orioles are the 2026 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League champions.

Orioles repeat as Valley Wheel champions

WILBRAHAM — On Saturday, Aug. 15 at Spec Pond in Wilbraham, the Orioles defeated the Angels 15-8 in the championship game. The Orioles were propelled by nine runs in the

first two innings. While the Angels would manage some offense later in the game, it was not enough to come all the way back in the match-up. The Angels were this year’s pennant winners, tak-

ing first place with an 11-4 record. The Orioles won the championship for the second year in the row. They defeated the Twins in last year’s championship game.



Sam Maxwell makes a backhand play.



Pete Paroli makes a swing.



Taylor Bartosz, of Wilbraham, looks to clear the ball on defense.

Girls represented by two squads at Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG — While the other sections of the state only had one girls’ soccer team competing in this year’s Bay State Summer Games, Western Mass. was represented by two teams for the first time. The West Red team was coached by Matt Mosher, while Eric Woods guided the West Yellow team. The two squads faced each other in the final pool game on July 11 at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg. After building a 3-0 lead, the Red team withstood a late comeback by the Yellow team for a 3-2 victory. “We had more than 40 girls’ try out for the two soccer teams, which shows how popular the sport is in Western Mass.,” said Mosher. “Eric and I have a very good relationship. We try our best to make the teams equal. It’s has been a lot of fun coaching this team.” It was the sixth consecutive year that Mosher

coached a Western Mass. girls’ soccer team at the Bay State Summers Games. His previous teams won two Silver Medals and three Bronze Medals. Mosher was assisted by Laura Wray-Ramos, who’s the longtime girls’ varsity soccer coach at Agawam High School. The members of the Red team, who live in the region, are Filomena Stellato (Agawam), Hannah Haesaert (South Hadley), Kyra Lipmann (Holyoke), Gabriella Ramos (Agawam), Riley Platt (South Hadley), Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Olivia Izzo (Agawam), Bridget Benoit (Belchertown), and Bri-Anne Kraus (Granby). “All of the players on my soccer team have been playing with and against each other for years,” Mosher said. “They know each other very well.” After finishing pool play at 2-1-1, the Red team surged to a 3-0 win over Northeast in the Gold medal game. It marked the first time that a Please see **GIRLS**, Page 10



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Margaret Healey, of Granby, looks to get around an opponent.

OBITUARIES

Derek Victor Rodrigues

March 19, 1983 - August 8, 2026

Derek Victor Rodrigues, 43, of Ludlow, Massachusetts, passed away suddenly on August 8, 2026, leaving an immeasurable emptiness in the hearts of the family, friends,



and community who loved him. Born on March 19, 1983, to Victor and Mary Rodrigues, Derek grew up in Ludlow, the place he always called home and where he built a life filled with love, laughter, and devotion to the people who mattered most to him. Derek graduated from Ludlow High School in 2001 before proudly enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country for four years. His time as a Marine reflected so much of who Derek was: loyal, strong, dedicated, protective, and always willing to give his all. Those qualities never left him. They shaped the way he showed up for his family, the way he stood by the people he loved, and the way he lived each day with purpose and heart.

Derek had a way of making ordinary moments feel special. He loved playing golf, working out, hunting, being outdoors, traveling, and cheering on his Boston sports teams, but what he treasured most was simply being with his family. Whether it was a quiet day at home, a trip, a game, or a family gathering, Derek's

happiest place was wherever Stephanie and his children were. His presence brought comfort, laughter, and a sense that everything was better when they were together.

Nothing brought Derek more pride or joy than watching his children do what they loved. Whether on the soccer field, basketball court, hockey rink, or at dance competitions and recitals, he was always there, cheering them on, encouraging them, and making sure they knew how deeply they were loved. His children will forever carry the gift of his steady support, his proud smile from the sidelines, and the certainty that their father believed in them wholeheartedly.

Derek is survived by his loving wife, Stephanie Rodrigues; his sons, Ethan Love and Gavin Rodrigues; and his daughter, Victoria Rodrigues, who will deeply miss him. He is also survived by his father, Victor Rodrigues; his mother, Mary Rodrigues; his grandparents, Alberico and Dinora Rodrigues; his grandmother, Luisa Gomes; his sisters, Nichole Henriques and her husband, Jeff, and Hunter Rodrigues; his brother, Zachary Rodrigues; his uncle JR and his wife, Nancy; his cousin AJ; his aunt Linda "Lilly" and her wife, Brenda; his cherished neph-

ews, Cayden and Mateo Henriques; his aunt Paula and her husband, David; his cousins, Cassie and Drew; his father-in-law, Olivio Lopes; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Augie and Paula Calheno; his brothers-in-laws, Andre Lopes, Justin Lopes, and Augie Calheno Jr. and his wife, Jenn; his nephew Jackson; his sister-in-law Melissa Calheno; and many other family members and friends who will miss him immensely. Derek was predeceased by his best friend, Patrick Padgett; his uncle, Olympio Lopes; and his grandfather, Filipe Santos.

Derek will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his amazing smile, his big heart, and the joy he brought into every room he entered. He gave love freely, laughed easily, and made the people around him feel seen and valued. To his family, he was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a beloved son, brother, grandson, uncle, cousin, and friend. Derek was truly a light in this world, and although his life ended far too soon, the love he gave will remain with all who were blessed to know him.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 24, 2026, at Ludlow Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Project New Hope, Inc-70 James Street, Suite 155, Worcester, MA 01603 <https://www.projectnewhopema.org/>

Mary Barna

Mary Barna, 98, was called to be with the Lord on Monday, August 17, 2026, in her home in Ludlow, MA. She had the privilege of being born, raised and passed away in the same house she lived in her entire life.

Mary was pre-deceased by her parents, Orest and Mary (Seniawa) Barna. Her mother and father emigrated separately from Krynica-Zdroj, (Galicia) area of what was Austria Pre-World War I, and now is part of Poland. Mary's father passed away before she was born and Mary was raised in a single-parent household by her mother. Mary was also predeceased by her 4 siblings: Anna, Tekla (Tillie), John, and Michael (Mitchell).

Mary was beloved as "Auntie Mary", to her niece Karen Barna, and nephews Mitchell, Gary (wife Linda) and John (wife Linda) Barna; and Lloyd (wife Suzanne), David (wife Shari), Mark (partner Christal) and Thomas (wife Elizabeth) Askew.

She was great-aunt to Brian Barna, Kelli Barna, Tony Diaz, Jessica and Aron Broga; Jess (Askew) and Marshall Clindaniel; Sarah Askew; Ryan, Robert, Jeremy and Evan Askew, Emily (Askew) and Brian Mahoney, Andrew, Kaitlyn, Nathan, Ashley, Timothy Askew; and great-great-aunt to Daniella



Diaz, Logan, Anthony Diaz; Bryce Sibya, Jade Gardner, Hunter, Holden, Carolina, and Mae Askew, Kayleigh and Miles Mahoney.

Mary graduated from Ludlow High School in 1946 and finished her career with Dow Jones & Company (publishers of The Wall Street Journal) in Chicopee, where she worked for 25 years. She enjoyed gardening, walking, bowling, the Yankees and spending time with family and friends. A lifelong parishioner at St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church in Springfield, Mary was active in the choir, Sunday School and other church events.

Most of all, Mary enjoyed her family and was always ready to help and assist them in any way possible.

The family would like to acknowledge Mary's caretakers, especially the Baystate Hospice Team for their compassion and dedication.

Funeral services for Mary were held on Friday, August 21, 2026. Ludlow Funeral Home was entrusted with her arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to the charity of your choice in Mary's name. Some suggestions are Baystate Health Fund; St Peter and St Paul Orthodox Church of Springfield; Dementia Society of America.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Barna
Died Aug. 17, 2026
Services
Aug. 21, 2026
Ludlow Funeral Home

Derek Victor Rodrigues
Died Aug. 8, 2026
Services
Aug. 24, 2026
Ludlow Funeral Home

The Ludlow Register
OBITUARY POLICY

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Friday, Aug. 28: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C)
Saturday, Aug. 29: Confessions – 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, Aug. 30: Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (C), Summer Social – 12-3 p.m. (Pastoral Center)
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08/19, 08/26/2026

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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
08/26, 09/02/2026

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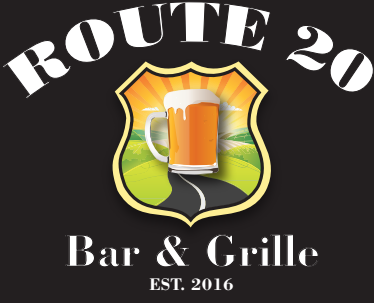
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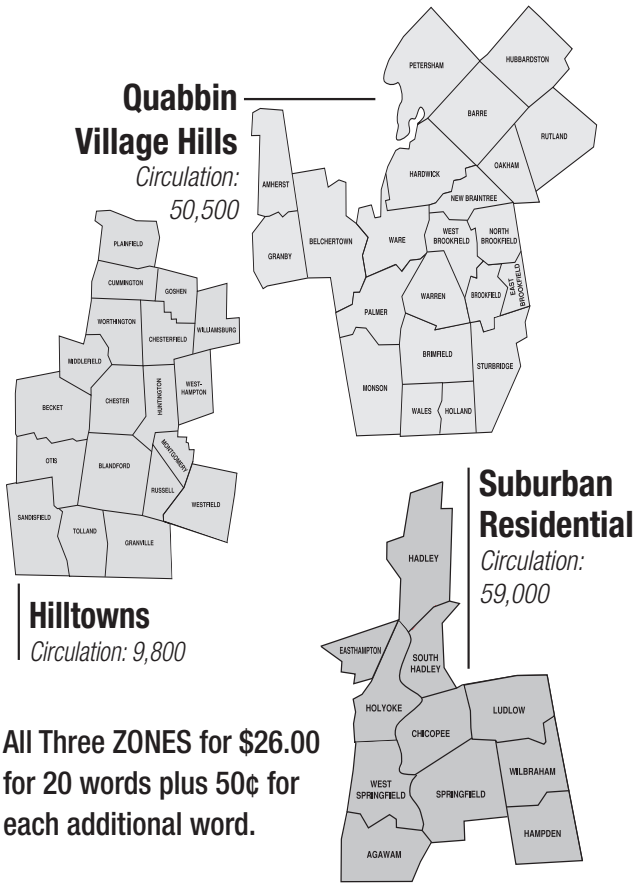
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