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West Street Bridge between Springfield and Ludlow is closed indefinitely and is expected to have an inspection on Aug. 25.

## West Street Bridge closed indefinitely

*Motorists encouraged to find alternate routes*

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LUDLOW – On Sunday Aug. 17, the West Street

Bridge between Springfield and Ludlow was closed to traffic due to an expansion joint issue, located on the Springfield side from issues from a large bump. At the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation the City of Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Department of Public

Works Director Christopher Cignoli notified residents of the bridge closure.

Speaking to a MassDOT spokesperson, “Following a bridge inspection on Sunday, August 17, MassDOT directed the City of Springfield and the Town of Ludlow to close the West Street Bridge. The bridge is munic-

ipally owned, and the City of Springfield will be responsible for making repairs. Plans for repairs will be submitted to MassDOT for review. I would refer any further questions to the City of Springfield and Town of Ludlow directly.”

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## Pension Action Center to visit Senior Center



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The presentation with the Pension Action Center will be on Aug. 29 at 10 a.m.

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 29, the Senior Center will hold a presentation from the Pension Action Center (PAC), a free legal services organization that’s dedicated to preserving pension and retirement benefits for workers and their families. PAC Director Tyler Compton shared how he began, “I have been the Director and Managing Attorney at PAC since July 2023. Previously, I served as PAC’s Staff Attorney from 2019 until I became director in 2023.

I’d say that my favorite part about working at PAC is helping our clients. Retirement benefits can be difficult to navigate, and I love being able to help people secure the benefits they worked so hard for. PAC is fully funded through grants from the federal government and support from private foundations and donations, so we’re pleased to be able to help people completely free of charge.”

When asked about PAC and what the company strives to do, Compton continued.

“We are part of the Ger- Please see **PENSION**, Page 6

## Mark your calendar for Sept. 20 electronics recycling event

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LUDLOW – Electronics with or without wires in need of being recycled? If so, stop by on Sept. 20, Green Day Recycling group will be partnering with the First Church of Ludlow for the fourth annual electronics recycling event, open to residents and surrounding areas. This cash-preferred event that occurs rain or shine is a great way to finish off that spring clean that may have uncovered a few random wires and electronic toys with batteries that no longer work.

With a tiered system that lists off the certain electronics that begin at \$5 to \$40 on what you can bring and what it will cost, as shown with the attached photo, items like bicycles, cell phones, tablets, batteries, wires and more are completely free. Unsure about what can or cannot be recycled at this event, visit the Green Day Recycling Facebook for further guidance.

Sitting down with Director of Operations Brian

**GREEN DAY RECYCLING**  
**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2025**  
**9:00 AM — 2:00 PM**  
 First Church in Ludlow • Parking Lot  
 859 Center Street, Ludlow MA

**What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:**

- \$5 EACH** Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereo, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.
- \$10 EACH** Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Roomba, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Planers, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Car Seats.
- \$20 EACH** Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).
- \$25 EACH** TVs up to 36" CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorn-Stead Refrigerators.
- \$30 EACH** TVs between 26" and 35" White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks.
- \$35 EACH** TVs over 36", Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.
- \$40 EACH** Projection TVs

**FREE!** (Cash Donations Appreciated) Bicycles (Reusable), Cell Phones, Tablets, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Batteries, Chargers, VHS/DVD's.

**ALL TOWNS WELCOME RAIN OR SHINE**  
**Questions, Business Clean Outs or Event Hosting?**  
 Contact: GREENDAYRECYCLINGMA@GMAIL.COM

**CASH PREFERRED, VENMO, CHECKS (OVER \$30)**

Submitted photo

The electronics recycling event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 beginning at 9 a.m.

Wood at Green Day Recycling, he spoke about beginning the business in college that originally focused on Central Massachusetts, how an electronic recycling event is conducted and common

misconceptions from past donators, and what happens after dropping off an item like a treadmill or oven. With our conversation re-

Please see **RECYCLE**, Page 6



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Professional Magician Ed Popielarczyk found more volunteers in the crowd to help with his tricks and magic.

## Magician Ed Popielarczyk captivates the library crowd

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 18, Professional Magician Ed Popielarczyk stood in front of the library audience and took them through a mystical presentation on the lawn that had everyone from kids to adults laughing at his jokes and tricks. The parking lot of the library was packed alongside the lawn, with families who gathered with chairs and blankets eager-

ly awaiting the magic show that would soon exceed their expectations.

Popielarczyk stood in front of the patrons and had a few tables of mysteries, magical props, and speakers to ensure everyone heard his stories that were threaded throughout his engaging performance. From disappearing peanut butter and jelly jars, a missing pizza pie, handkerchiefs that moved seamlessly in thin air and appeared in a glass jar, Popielarczyk even made the

adults wonder...’how did he do it?’.

From a magician, balloon twister, to a flea circus, Popielarczyk has been entertaining children and family audiences for over 35 years. Even before attending the event, my mom reminded me that I attended many of his performances at the East-field Mall when I was little and Popielarczyk has not changed one bit since then.

Please see **MAGIC SHOW**, Page 6

## Select Board sends support letter for potential Riverwalk art installation

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 19, the Select Board discussed a potential art installation that residents could view at the town’s Riverwalk and wrote a letter of support for Metal Artist Donald Longley, to go along with the Department of Public Works letter, and eventually have the Lud-

low Cultural Council vote on the ultimate decision. Longley’s letter to the DPW was reviewed at the select board meeting and stated that Longley specializes in large-scale outdoor sculptures, hoping to create a sculpture that would have durable materials suitable for long-term outdoor display.

The letter goes on saying, “My goal is to add a unique, engaging piece that com-

plements the Riverwalk’s character and enhances the experience for residents and visitors.” Longley hopes the funding of the project would primarily come through a grant which is the reason the select board read through the potential art installation at the last meeting, hoping that with the letter of support from the DPW and the select board, the cultural council would highly consider this

art proposal.

The select board agreed with the letter suggesting sketches, concept descriptions, and details from Longley for the cultural council to ultimately review and discuss. Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum began by commenting that there’s a possibility of grant money coming from the cultural council and possible donations, “It would add

to the view and the uniqueness of the Riverwalk. The only thing that I am thinking about is figuring out where the sculpture is going to go, a site plan, things of that nature. I think it’s a great idea.”

Town Administrator Marc Strange continued, “Mr. Longley submitted the letter to the DPW requesting their support and Director of DPW Jamie Tomas felt it was more appropriate for you guys to

consider that. It’s a letter of support for a grant application for the Ludlow Cultural Council, so the LCC will ultimately be approving or denying the application. Mr. Longley is doing the right thing and going through the select board.”

The board agreed on wanting to see a design to en-

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# LUDLOW

## Select Board discusses West St. Bridge indefinite closure



Submitted photo

The Putts Bridge on Route 21 near the Hubbard Memorial Library.

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LUDLOW – Last week, the West St. Bridge was closed indefinitely due to concerns on the Springfield side due to issues with a large bump, further explained in the Aug. 27 edition of The Register in another article. The Select Board met to discuss the closure and what it would mean for residents in the coming weeks, whilst waiting for the City of Springfield to conduct the repairs.

Member James Gennette began by announcing the bridge closure and stated that Mayor of the City of Springfield Domenic J. Sarno assumed responsibility for the bridge and to maintain it. “We do appreciate that they stepped up to that, but is that a permanent closure?” Gennette asked Town Administrator Marc Strange, who clarified

it’s an indefinite bridge closure.

Discussing the impact on the Putts Bridge with this closure where the weight restrictions were recently decreased, Gennette stated how the traffic on Center St. will soon be ridiculous.

“Center St. itself has side streets, the bridge is congested during major hours without the West St. Bridge being closed, plus the weight restrictions it has on it now, you have the PVTA has stops up and down that route. We’re going to have a real problem with Center St. from Putts Bridge up to the Mass Pike, it’s going to be incredible. We’re going to have to reach out to the state, MassDOT, and tell them they need to come in here and do a traffic study because of the closure of West St. Bridge is going to make it hard on us here in Ludlow.”

Vice Chairperson Wil-

liam Rosenblum agreed with the concern of increased traffic and stated that this issue must be fixed. “As we have all seen and all heard is that cars receive damage. In that statement that Sarno put out is that they’ve been ahead of this and his hope is MassDOT has been notified, quite possibly if they get on it quick enough it could be three to six months I don’t know. The hope is it’s not a year or two, which most bridge projects do but also understanding this bridge project is not a state project, the difference between Putts Bridge and West St. Bridge is Putts is on Route 21; a state road.”

For clarity, the West St. Bridge is a split seed of Springfield and Ludlow. The Putts Bridge mentioned in the meeting can be viewed with the submitted photo along with this article.

The Register will follow this bridge closure and report on it in future editions.

## Ludlow Police and Fire respond to early morning motor vehicle rollover

LUDLOW - Provisional Chief of Police Michael Brennan and Fire Chief Ryan Pease report that the Ludlow Police and Fire Departments responded to a rollover motor vehicle crash early this morning.

On Wednesday, Aug 20, at approximately 4:17 a.m., Ludlow Central Dispatch received a call from a motorist who reported that they had struck a utility pole, and that the vehicle had rolled over multiple times had come to rest in the woods near East Street.

Ludlow Police and Fire

immediately responded. Ludlow Dispatch maintained communication with the driver and assisted first responders with locating the vehicle. The vehicle was located down a steep ravine, approximately 150 feet from the roadway.

Upon arrival, Ludlow Fire crews initiated a technical rescue operation. Using rescue ropes and a pulley system, firefighters - working closely with Ludlow Police Officers - safely extricated the driver from the steep terrain.

The driver, the lone occupant, was transported to a

local hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. Due to the difficult location of the crash, a heavy-duty rotator tow truck was required to remove the vehicle from the ravine. Provisional Chief of Police Brennan and Chief Pease commend the teamwork of dispatchers, police officers, and firefighters whose coordinated efforts ensured a rapid and safe rescue under challenging conditions.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Ludlow Police Department.

## Summer Social at St. Elizabeth Parish on Sept. 7

LUDLOW—St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow, will have a Summer Social on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12 to 3 p.m. on parish grounds and the Pastoral Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 3 and up, and children under 3 are free. Our Summer Social will be catered by Margarida Ancieto and we will have hot

dogs, hamburgers, potato and/or pasta salad, chips and soda. Parishioners should bring a dessert (cupcakes, brownies or cookies) to share with all).

Entertainment will be provided by the Ludlow Community Band from 12 to 1 p.m. then Billy Eagen from 1:30 to 3 p.m. In addition, there will be outdoor activities for

adults and children.

Tickets will go on sale after all masses at St. Elizabeth Parish starting August 2 till the event.

You may also purchase tickets at the rectory Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional questions please call Richard Landry at 209-0813 or Jim Meehan at 547-8822.

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

### Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center’s beautiful dining room, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert, by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call on Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions, as well as general information about what a senior center is and does, please visit: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also “like” the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

**Activities Calendar:**  
Please register in advance for items with\*

**Thursday, August 28**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*.  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Book Club: *The Light Between Oceans*  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

**Friday, August 29**  
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.\*  
10 a.m. Pension Action Center Presentation\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle\*

**Monday, September 1**  
Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**  
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 Checks  
1 p.m. Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class  
5 p.m. Movie: *TBD*

**Wednesday, September 2**  
8 a.m. Garden Club  
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Movie: *TBD*  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

**Thursday, September 3**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*.  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

**Daily Events:**  
Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.  
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.  
Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

**Menu:**  
Thursday, August 28: Vegetable Lasagna/Side Salad  
Friday, August 29: Cowboy Burger/Sweet Potato Fries  
Monday, September 1: Closed for Labor Day  
Tuesday, September 2: Shrimp Scampi/Linguini/Mixed Veggies  
Wednesday, September 3: Meatball Grinder/Fries  
Thursday, September 4: Chef Salad

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## Notice of 75th Annual Meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW—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 & Girls Club, which will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ludlow Country Club located at 1 Tony Lema Drive in Ludlow, MA.

Board members, Ambassadors, volunteers, and donors of the organization are invited to participate. To RSVP, please contact

Christina Yacono at (413) 583-2072, ext. 126.

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Report on the activities of the organization in the past year.
- 2) Presentation of the audited annual report for approval.
- 3) Appointment of new directors.

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club’s purpose is to promote good citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and to provide a place with facilities and equipment for

educational and recreational activities for both our youth and adult citizens.

To continue our mission of providing year-round youth and family services, programs, and activities that are convenient, affordable, and accessible programs, the Club will continue to work toward more positive changes.

For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club please visit our website [www.ludlow-bgc.org](http://www.ludlow-bgc.org) or call us at (413) 583-2072.

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# Senator Jacob Oliveira visits the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW—Staff and youth at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club were honored to welcome Senator Jacob Oliveira on August 11, with a tour of the facility. A group of excited children waited to meet the Senator. He had the chance to read to our children in our preschool program and to some of our school age children in our Summer Fun Program.

“Just like a good book can spark imagination and open doors to new worlds, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club opens doors to brighter futures, giving young people the tools, confidence, and opportunities that can shape their lives. I want to thank President Irizarry for the tour and for the chance to share in the joy of reading with the children in their preschool and Summer Fun programs,” said Senator Jacob Oliveira.

The Club plays a big role in the community by providing valuable out-of-school time programs to our youth that enable them to achieve great futures. Every day, the Club provides children a safe space to go during out-of-school hours, giving them access to opportunities and experiences that can change and save their lives.

“We’re grateful to Senator Jacob Oliveira for taking the

time to see our work in action and to see the incredible difference programs like ours can make on youth. Senator Oliveira thank you for your continued support and for helping make a difference in our community,” said Josue Irizarry CEO.

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home and provide a welcoming, positive environment where children and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs and experiences, ready themselves for success in education, life, and a career, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults. Investment in out-of-school opportunities creates impact in local communities, especially for working families that rely on Boys & Girls Clubs as a means to be employed full-time. Boys & Girls Clubs drive measurable results for our nation’s youth:

- Every day over 200,000 children in Massachusetts leave school with nowhere to go. Boys & Girls Clubs in Massachusetts currently serve over 112,000 youth.

- There are currently 63 Boys & Girls Clubs locations as well as 1 military site in Massachusetts.

- During the summer, Boys & Girls Clubs help close the summer learning gap that significantly impacts youth from

low socioeconomic backgrounds.

- Regularly attending Club members ages 12 to 17 from economically disadvantaged families

- outperform their peers academically, with 76 percent reporting getting A’s and B’s in school, nearly 10 percent higher than their peers nationally.

- Every \$1 invested in a Massachusetts Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$4.90 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.

- Provides preschool to approximately 60 children per year and Before & After School care to over 120 per year.

- Provides programs to over 1,115 youth a year ranging from the age of 2.9 to 18.

- Provides over \$40,000 in financial assistance

- About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

- For more than 150 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, 4,600 Clubs serve over 4 million young people annually through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native

lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Learn more at [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org).

About the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club has been serving youth from Ludlow and the surrounding towns in Ludlow, MA for 75 years. While serving a dual role as a community center and a Boys & Girls Club, the Club’s purpose is to promote good citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and to provide a place with facilities and equipment for educational and recreational activities and program for both youth and adults, year-round, in convenient and affordable ways. For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, please visit our website [www.ludlowbgc.org](http://www.ludlowbgc.org) or call us at (413) 583-2072.

## Crafters wanted for Nov. 8

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshments will be available.

## 2025 Health Fair takes place on Sept. 6

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Health Department is excited to announce the 2025 Health Fair.

All ages are invited to join us on Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Randall Boys and Girls Club at 91 Claudias Way in Ludlow.

The event will showcase

local organizations, businesses, and departments that operate throughout Ludlow providing an array of health resources that our community has access to.

CPR/First Aid demonstrations, health professionals, raffles, and FREE resources make sure to save

the date because the event will be a blast.

Hope to see everyone there.

There are available vendor positions, if you are interested in tabling, please reach out to [health@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:health@ludlow.ma.us) for more information.”

## Spaghetti Suppers are back

LUDLOW—St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, will restart their monthly spaghetti suppers from September to June starting on Tuesday, September 9th in the Pastoral center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Suppers will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Cost for adults is \$8 each, children 12 and under are \$6 each, with an immediate family cap of \$25.

Take out dinners are also available.

Please join us on Tuesday, Sept. 9 for starting our newest journey.

## Bereavement Support Group begins meetings Sept. 9

LUDLOW—The next 6 week session of St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, Bereavement Support Group will start on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. This support group will meet

for 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Pastoral Center, Zechariah room.

For additional information please call Pat at 531-6997.



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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### How do I apply for Social Security and receive my payments?

Dear Rusty:  
I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received.  
Signed: Ready to Collect

Dear Ready to Collect:  
Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent, just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time. You can also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly get the number for your local SS office at this link: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator). It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

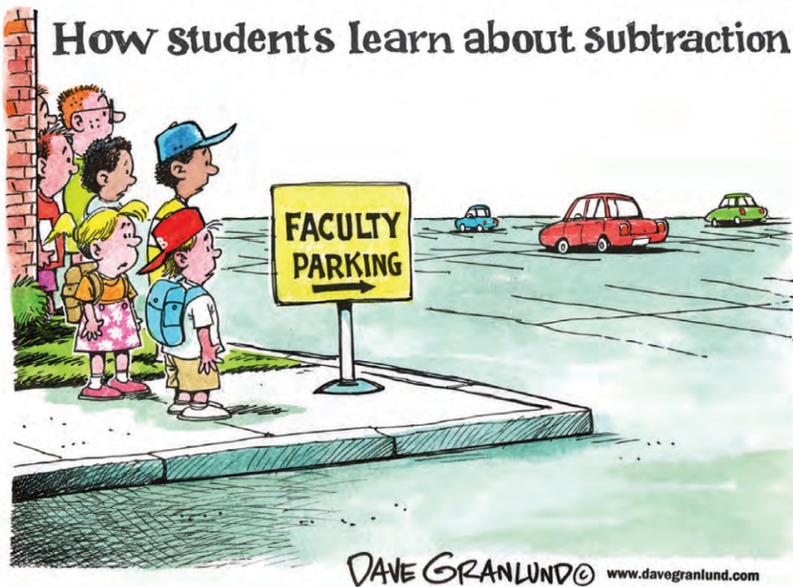
If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: [https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm).

If applying online, you can start your online application at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply) and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code," which is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your first payment will be received in September on either the second, third or fourth Wednesday of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday.

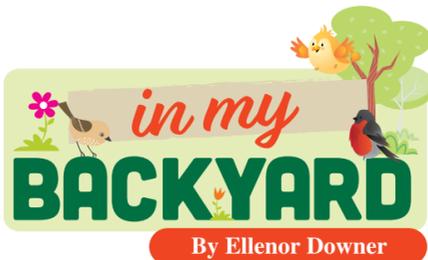
For receiving your monthly SS payments: you will (on you application) be able to specify how you wish your monthly payments to be made. The preferred option used by most beneficiaries is to have your monthly Social Security payment deposited into a financial (e.g., bank) account, details for which you will specify when applying. However, you can also choose to receive your monthly payments in the form of a debit card called "Direct Express," which will be replenished monthly. If you choose to have your payment deposited in your bank account, be sure to have your bank account information ready when you apply. Note that Social Security no longer issues payments via printed checks except in rare circumstances.

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## GUEST COLUMN



Great egret

A Brimfield resident reported he visited Lake Wallace in Belchertown with a friend last week and saw a great egret.

They also saw a great blue heron, at least three green herons, a few Phoebes and an Eastern kingbird. There were also several ducks, mallards and wood ducks. The two male wood ducks were in eclipse plumage.

The great egret is slightly smaller than the great blue heron, but they are still large birds with an impressive wingspan. They hunt in the classic heron way standing immobile or wading through water to capture fish with their bill. At one point, egrets were hunted to near extinction for their feathers for hat decoration. The great egret is the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

Rivalry among nestlings is common and the larger chicks frequently kill their smaller siblings. The great egret is white with a yellow bill and black legs. During breeding, a patch of skin on its face turns neon green and long plumes grow from its back called aigrettes. These aigrettes were prized for ladies hats.

Great egrets fly slowly, but powerfully with just two wingbeats per second at a speed of about 25 miles per hour. The oldest known Great Egret was 22 years, 10 months old and was banded in Ohio.

### Eagle sighting

A New Braintree resident and a friend went bass fishing on Brooks Pond in North Brookfield in a canoe recently. Half way out on the pond, they started to hear the seagull like calls of an eagle. As they rounded a little peninsula on the left side up in the top of a broken pine was a large eagle's nest.

The broken pine made a perfect platform for them to

build a nest. They then saw the two mature adult pair with their white heads on a stump near the water. Up in the pine near the nest were two juvenile eagles, all dark brown. They weren't flying, but just squeaking for food.

They actually looked quite big for baby eagles. His friend said it was because they still had their fluffy feathers and developing new feathers.

They fished nearby and watched them hop around. They seemed unbothered by them being about 60 feet from the shore of the peninsula. Eventually the two adult eagles flew off probably in search of a meal for there big babies. So neat to be able to see eagles fairly common now in Massachusetts.

### Male cardinal

I received this email, "I was just walking the dog after dark and my flashlight came upon this guy (male cardinal). I have seen him every night since. We just stare at each other for a few seconds and say good night."

### Loon census

The Loon Preservation Committee reported on Saturday, July 19 from 8-9 a.m., 566 volunteers simultaneously surveyed 135 lakes across New Hampshire for loons. Together, they counted 541 adult loons and 109 loon chicks during the census hour. The New Hampshire loon census is part of a larger regional effort. While N.H. participants were out surveying for loons on their lakes, hundreds of volunteers in Maine, Vermont, and New York were doing the same. This simultaneous survey of so many lakes helps create a "snapshot in time" of not just the loon population here in New Hampshire, but across the Northeast.

### Helping birds

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. Some people also continue to put out suet and that is so dangerous. It gets rancid in the heat and that's bad for birds. Perhaps even worse, it gets their feet and chest feathers greasy and when the green, they spread the grease all over their bodies. This interferes with a bird's natural waterproofing and can also

cause their nestling to be covered in grease.

### Sandhill cranes

An Oakham resident saw two sandhill cranes in Barre on Aug. 14 in a field across from the Listening Center. Sandhill cranes also visit his field in Oakham as well.

### Warren birds

The Brimfield resident said, "In Warren this week there are still adult ospreys about, on two visits I saw and adult on or near the nest. I have not seen a juvenile out of the nest so am not sure if any young fledged this year. I saw one chick in the nest earlier this summer and there is an eBird report from July with a picture of a fully grown chick in the nest with an adult. It's unknown if the chick fledged successfully?" In Warren at the pond on New Reed Street the past several years I had seen Great Egrets there in August but none have been seen there this year.

### Cedar waxwings

The Brimfield resident in referring to recent mention in this column about cedar waxwings, said a large part of their diet is fruit based. He read an article that stated that because their diet is mostly fruit based that if a waxwing nest is parasitized by a brown-headed cowbird the cowbird chick is not likely to survive because it can't survive on the fruit based diet.

I visited the section of Ware River recently where my daughter has seen cedar waxwings and I was not disappointed. I stood and watched them fly over the water and into nearby trees. They moved so quickly I was unsuccessful in watching them through binoculars.

### Bird bath

The Brimfield resident reports the bird bath in his yard is getting lots of use, especially by catbirds and blue jays. Goldfinch show up and drink from the drip as well as black-capped chickadees, chipping sparrows and house finches.

Four juvenile raccoons are regular visitors to the bird bath. He has a trail camera near the bird bath and it captures lots of pictures of the raccoons in the bird bath. Not sure what they are doing, it doesn't look like they are drinking and sometime the stones in the bath are moved around. A couple of times he's seen a pickerel frog in the bird bath.

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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

The library will be resuming regular operating hours on September 1. Please note a change in Saturday operating hours of 10-2 rather than 9-1.

## FOR ALL AGES

**Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 11:00 a.m.** Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

**Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.** Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

## FOR ADULTS

**Tuesday Movie Club - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, Tuesday, August 19, 12:30 p.m.** It's a heartfelt drama inspired by the real-life friendship between journalist Tom Junod and beloved TV icon Fred Rogers. Starring Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys. Please register.

**Bob Dylan and the Band, Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.** Music historian,

percussionist, and Washington DC radio host Craig Harris will discuss his new book with rare recordings, a video montage, and intriguing stories to trace this still influential quintet! Please register.

**Jim the Spoon Man, Thursday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.** The Spoon Man is a published author and comedian (as seen on America's Got Talent) who offers a hilarious interactive program for all ages. With a totally clean act (no dirty silverware here!), the Spoon Man will leave a lasting impression after playing on YOU! Join us on the library lawn!

**A Love Story Book Club Meeting (new!), first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for the 3rd meeting of our new book club! Every book chosen will represent themes of love & romance. Come pick up your copy of *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen at the circulation desk.

**Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge** Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit [mass-book.org/readingchallenge](http://mass-book.org/readingchallenge).

**Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m.** Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

**Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club

meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

## FOR TEENS

**Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, August 29, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** For ages 14 -18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. This month the club is reading *Kill Creatures* by Rory Power; copies are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Anime Club, every other Thursday, September 4 and 23, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about Anime. Registration recommended.

**Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** For middle & high schoolers. Meet once a month to play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games, while munching on free pizza & drinks! 16 person limit. Please register. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday August 28, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.** For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month the group is reading *Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club v.2: Time to Party*, by Molly Ostertag, which is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

**Pokemon Club, every other week, September 3 and 17, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.** For grades 3-8. Bring your cards, Nintendo Switch, phone, or tablet for Pokemon Go, handheld gaming, and trading. All trades will be supervised by staff who will check

market value; all trades must be of equal market value. Please register.

**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, September 9 and 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

**Quilting for 10+, Fall Session, Thursday, September 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Seamstress Janet Foy will teach everything you need to know to make your own full-size quilt, including measuring & cutting fabric, using a pattern, hand sewing, & using a sewing machine. Meet every other week for 6 weeks, and make an entire winter or holiday-themed quilt!

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**Tween D&D Chaos Club, every other Friday, begins September 19, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.** For 10-14 year olds.

The group has room for 5 players, experience preferred but not necessary. During the first meeting ("Session Zero"), the Dungeon Master will help everyone create a character for the campaign. Please register.

**Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 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.

**Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m.** For grades 3-8. Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or

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Following a press release directly from the Ludlow Police Department, the bridge will be closed indefinitely until the concerns are addressed by the city of Springfield. The LPD encourages motorists to utilize alternate routes, like following Main St. towards Ludlow Ave. near the Hubbard Memorial Library or utilizing the American Legion Memorial Bridge adjacent to Fuller Rd. To clarify, for further inquiries the LPD states to contact MassDOT

directly.

Based on the City of Springfield website, "Earlier this summer, the City of Springfield hired VHB to inspect the structure and to determine the cause of the "bump". The bridge is scheduled to have an underside inspection on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025. Cignoli stated that "due to the weight restrictions that were placed on the Route 21 Putts Bridge between Springfield and Ludlow, the West Street Bridge has seen a significant increase in heavy vehicles this summer which

has added to the problems experienced at the West Street Bridge. We have been monitoring this issue throughout the summer in hopes of keeping the bridge open until the repairs could be completed, however, we reached the point where that is not possible any longer." Cignoli continued, "We hope to complete the inspection and make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. Once the underside inspection is completed, it is anticipated that the repair scenarios will be submitted to MassDOT for their review

and ultimate approval. At that point the city will complete the necessary repairs to get the bridge re-opened to traffic. The City of Springfield will work with MassDOT on

expediting the repairs as soon as possible, with the hopes of completing the repairs in the next couple of months."

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ontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston. PAC is staffed by attorneys and volunteers who are committed to providing legal advice and advocacy to workers and their families who have questions or issues related to retirement benefits such as pensions, 401(k)s and more. We provide quick advice through our legal

helpline and take full-service cases where we file claims to secure benefits. PAC helps anyone who has lived in or worked in Massachusetts, another New England state, or the state of Illinois, regardless of income, age, or financial status. 2025 marks our 31<sup>st</sup> year providing advocacy and education to New England and Illinois. PAC has been focusing on providing educational outreach events

throughout Massachusetts. I grew up in the Sixteen Acres neighborhood of Springfield just below Ludlow, so it was important to me to increase our presence and outreach in Western Massachusetts.” In conversation about the importance of supporting older adults, Compton shared the difficulty of navigating retirement benefits and the value of having another person able to assist with the right resources

and information. In hopes of the senior center presentation on Aug. 29, Compton hopes to spread awareness of pension and retirement issues to anyone who needs PAC services in the future. “Financial security is a crucial part of retirement and aging. Many older adults budget the rest of their lives based on the pensions and accounts they’ve earned during their working years, and so

it can be very difficult when they encounter a problem with their retirement benefits. PAC is dedicated to helping clients who encounter these problems, but we also value educating retirees and those nearing retirement to know their rights. Hosting this educational event at the Ludlow Senior Center provides an opportunity to spread awareness of pension and retirement issues in Western

Mass and ensure that anyone who needs our services will know how to reach us.” For anyone interested in setting up an appointment to speak with a PAC attorney or pension counselor, please call at 1-888-425-6067 (toll-free) or submit an online intake at the PAC website: [www.umb.edu/pensionaction/](http://www.umb.edu/pensionaction/) Registration is recommended for the Senior Center event.

**RECYCLE** from Page 1

volving around the importance of safe electronic recycling and how Green Day Recycling is doing their part, Wood began.

“It’s been about 15 years at this point doing Green Day Recycling, this is a small company that I started in college when I was kind of doing some odd jobs like marketing while I was getting my degree in that major. It was a nice opportunity to get a start in my career; I stayed with the company since then and

worked my way up to the role I’m in now where I’m overseeing the operations. I organize the events, promote the events, and work with newspapers to bring awareness to the going-ons in the community doing our recycling event so that’s what my role is now.”

Wood continued and stated that the electronic recycling event occurs on a Saturday, explaining that residents are encouraged to load up their vehicles with whatever they need to get rid of. A truck or dumpster will be at

the event with Green Day Recycling workers present to assist with traffic and keep the event orderly.

“We try to keep it as simple as we can. Residents of any community are welcome to the event, we are not affiliated with a government or a dump, so we aren’t checking addresses. When the resident brings the electronics to the event, we unload it and we’ll separate the items depending on whether it’s scrap metal items or things with data on them, which is destroyed during the recycling process.

Then the items will be hauled away to our recycling center that we partner with, and the items will be broken down and shipped out to other companies in the region that’ll melt the materials down. Once the items go to the recycling center, the precious metals will be extracted, the metal and the glass will be separated, then will go on to be recycled further. Not only is it a step process in this sequence, but the first step is getting it to our event location.”

Wood highlighted that if

there’s an electronic that is salvageable and is still working, Green Day Recycling will do their best in restoring it.

“If we get an air conditioner and we ask the customer if it still works and it does, we might be able to rehome that, and it doesn’t need to be destroyed. A lot of the materials we get are older or have been damaged, there’s a variety of reasons why it needs to be recycled. We’re doing our best in trying to reuse the waste, we can do our part in trying to salvage what can be

stripped from the items we receive.”

When asked about the company’s partnership with the First Church, Wood exclaimed his appreciation towards the community and his excitement of their efforts in participation like the church’s bake sale that’ll be occurring on that same Saturday. If you are unsure about the event or certain electronics, kindly visit the Green Day Recycling Facebook page or refer to the submitted photo in The Register for examples on what you can bring.

**MAGIC SHOW** from Page 1

The magic show entertained the audience but also utilized a lot of audience participation that had the children scratching their heads from confusion or yelling at Popielarczyk since the answer was right in front of him all along. The magician would get into a lot of trouble and have the kid volunteer help whilst performing his trick without anyone noticing.

A crowd favorite was having the kid volunteer help Popielarczyk by pulling a smaller and smaller magic wand and then use the magic to change a letter from the alphabet to a completely different letter, which led to a rose flying out a vase. The Hubbard Memorial lawn



Professional Magician Ed Popielarczyk spoke with one of the volunteers after waving the magic wand moments before the audience noticed the rose that would fly into the sky.

was full of laughter and curiosity, teaching everyone that there is magic everywhere.

For anyone who hasn’t seen Popielarczyk perform at their local library or event venue, I encourage you to

take your family and friends to see the magic yourselves. To see more events like this, visit the library website.



A kid volunteer astounded by the height of the wand Professional Magician Ed Popielarczyk wanted him to use.

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## Girls soccer gets bronze at Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG — Both the Central and West girls' soccer teams began the annual Bay State Summer games with losses last month from July 10 to 12.

A couple of hours later, the West squad celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Central team at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg.

"We didn't play very well in our first game this morning," said West head coach Matt Mosher, who also coaches the St. Mary's (Westfield) girls' varsity soccer team. "Once we got into a rhythm, especially during the second half, we took it to them in this game. We were a lot more aggressive."

The members of the West team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are Allison Fleury (South Hadley), Kiana Ramos (South Hadley), Hannah Haesaert (South Hadley), Kayleen Sullivan (Agawam), Lylia Ellis (Monson), Kyra Lippmann (Holyoke), Mia



Kallie Tevepaugh clears the ball away for Central.

Oyler (Agawam), Riley Platt (South Hadley/Williston Northampton School), Kylie Warner (Agawam), Gabriella Ramos (Agawam), Alexis Canoa (Belchertown) and Laura Parolo (Agawam).

Mosher has been coaching at the Bay State Summer Games for the past five years. His teams have won two Silver Medals and two Bronze

Medals.

The West team also won the Bronze Medal this year after defeating Southeast, 6-1.

Mosher was assisted by Laura Wray-Ramos, who's the longtime girls' varsity soccer coach at Agawam High School.

"It took Laura and I a game to find out which play-



Filloma Stellato fights for possession of the ball.

ers play well together. We moved some players around to different positions," Mosher said. "A lot of the players have played on the same club teams. It's been a lot of fun coaching at the Bay State Summer Games."

Both starting goalies in Please see **GIRLS SOCCER,** Page 1



Allison Fleury, of South Hadley, socks a shot away.



Kylie Warner, of Feeding Hills, sends a shot into the net for the West team.



A Central midfielder is pressured as he stops the ball.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG — The West boys' soccer team won the gold medal at the 2022 and 2023 Bay State Summer Games. After finishing in third place a year ago, the West squad didn't have very much trouble capturing the

gold medal this year. The boys' soccer showcase took place at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg last month July 10 to 12.

The West team began the tournament with a pair of victories.

After overcoming an early 1-0 deficit to defeat Metro,

## West dominates Bay State Games



Evan Tyrrell looks up the field as he makes a pass.

5-1, in the morning match last Thursday, the West team dispatched the Central team, 6-0, in the afternoon affair.

"We're off to a very good start in this tournament, but we haven't accomplished anything yet," said Hugo Destapdo, who coached the West boys' soccer team at the Bay State Summer Games



Griffen Wrisley, of Chicopee, heads for the goal with possession of the ball.

for the first time. "We do have a solid group of players, but we're going to be facing some very good competition during the next couple of days."

During the fall, Destapdo is the boys' varsity coach at Chicopee High School. He replaced Marc Atkins as the West coach at the Bay State



Nicholas Jennings attempts to settle the ball.

games. The members of the 2025 West boys' soccer team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are John Carra (Agawam), Timothy Haley (Belchertown), Yousif Hamid (Chicopee), Spencer Parsons (South Hadley), Tyler Supczak (Wilbraham), Evan Tyrrell (Chicopee),

Griffen Wrisley (Chicopee), Chase Henderson (Wilbraham), Tiago Destapdo (Chicopee), and Braeden Fitzgerald (Agawam/Pope Francis).

"Several college coaches will be attending these games, so this is a very good

Please see **BOYS SOCCER,** Page 8



The Orioles claimed the 2025 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League Championship on Sunday, Aug. 17, beating the Twins 8-7.

## Orioles hold on for Valley Wheel title

WILBRAHAM — On Sunday, Aug. 17 at Spec Pond, the Orioles staved off a big comeback from the top-seeded Twins to win the Valley Wheel Over-28 Base-

ball League championship. The Twins would hold a 4-2 lead until the Orioles rallied and eventually held an 8-4 lead going into the bottom of the ninth inning.

The Twins would score three times and get the tying run to second base before the Orioles were finally able to close it out for the title.

## Quabbin Valley playoffs get underway

SOUTH HADLEY — Last Sunday, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League playoffs got underway with a pair of quarterfinal games.

In one matchup, the Tigers defeated the Braves 12-8 thanks to some great pitching late in the game by the Tigers' Brad Bullough.

The Dodgers walked off on the Pirates in the other matchup 17-16 when a hit by Andrew Tuck plated the winning run. The Cardinals defeated the Dodgers 9-7 and the Orioles defeated the Tigers 17-7 in the semifinals held on Aug. 24, setting up a Cardinals-Orioles championship game on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Booster Field in Easthampton.



The Dodgers' Josh Turner attempts to make a backhand.



Jorge Figueroa fields a grounder to short.

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last Thursday afternoon's match attend Agawam High School

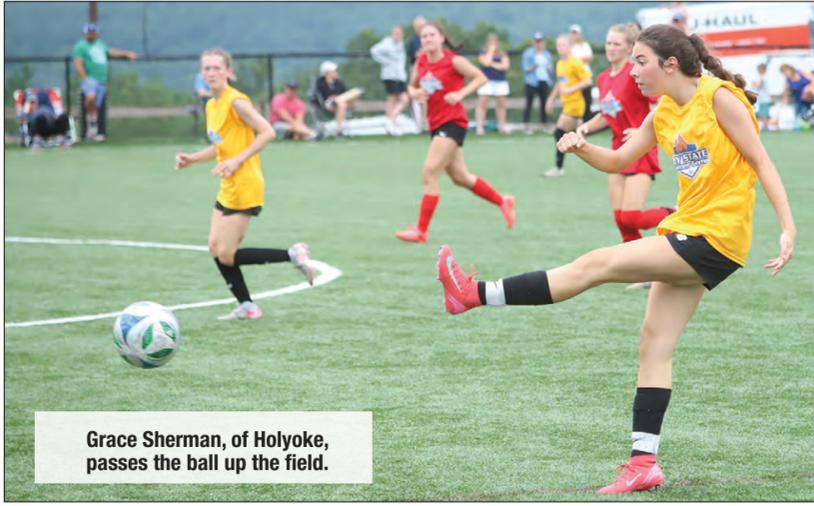
Sullivan was the starting goalie for the West team, while Talia Oliveira was the starting goalie for the Central squad, which took home the Gold medal last year.

Because there weren't enough girls' soccer players from Central Mass. to fill the Central team roster, more than half of the players listed on their roster are from Western Massachusetts.

"About five years ago, we noticed that the Central team didn't have enough players," said Central head coach Eric Wood, who also coaches the girls' soccer team at the MacDuffie School in Granby. "We now fill out the Central roster with the players who don't make the West team. We have 15 players from Western Mass. on this year's team. It's been a great situation."

The other members of the Central team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, were Rylee Joesph (Holyoke/Hampshire Reg.), Eleanor Szlosek (Granby), Taylor Bartosz (Wilbraham/Minnechaug Reg.) Filomena Stellato (Agawam), Brenna Moreno (Granby), Grace Sherman (Holyoke. South Hadley H.S.) and Kali White (Granby).

Even though the Central team went 0-4, it was still an enjoyable experience for the players.



Grace Sherman, of Holyoke, passes the ball up the field.

"I just want my players to have a lot of fun here," Wood said. "I also keep in touch with the players throughout the year."

The Central squad took an early 1-0 lead following an unassisted goal by White.

A couple of minutes later, White had another shot attempt that clanged off the post.

The West team tied the score at 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining in the opening half.

Willow Claps (Northampton) blasted a shot that deflected off the goalie's hands into the left corner of the net.

At the start of the second half, Warner put a shot into the upper left corner giving the West squad a 2-1 advantage. She also scored the final goal of the match.

The other three second half goals scored by the



Laura Parolo makes her way up the field.

West team during the second half were by Kate Moccio (Longmeadow), Addison Perich (Westfield), and Haesaert.

Central would end up go-

ing 0-4 during the Bay State Games while the West prevailed in the Bronze Medal Game on July 12, defeating Southeast 3-0. Coastal won the Gold for girls soccer.

**BOYS SOCCER**

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showcase for the players," Destapdo said. "There are a lot of talented soccer players in Western Mass."

The worst part of being a coach of an All-Star team is having to make cuts at try-outs.

"We had 35 players try-out, and we have 20 players on our team," Destapdo said. "Having to make cuts is very difficult. I wish we could've taken all 35 players."

The duo Henderson and Max Graham (Southwick/Pope Francis) combined to post the shutout against Central.

"They're different types of goalies," Destapdo said. "Chase is just tremendous with his feet. If he wasn't a goalie, he would be a very good field player. Max is a physical goalie."

Henderson, who's a raising senior, played the first half against the Central team.

Graham, who's a raising sophomore, played the sec-



Brandon Barker is pressured near the opposing goal.

ond half.

The West goalies received plenty of support from a locked down defensive unit led by Fitzgerald, Supczak, Hamid, and Casey Bestler (Frontier Reg.).

The West scored four goals during the first half against Central.

Glodie Manyegezi (Springfield Central) scored

two of the goals. The other two first half goals were netted by Brandon Barker (West Springfield), and Will Sean-McNally (Northampton).

The two second half goals were scored by Cajun Benson (Smith Academy). Sean-McNally was credited with both assists.

The following day, the



Caleb Iborra sends a pass away for Central Mass.

West team won two more matches against Northeast, 2-0, and Southeast, 5-0.

The West team then captured the Gold medal by squeaking out a 2-1 win against Coastal last Saturday morning.

In their five Bay State matches, the West team outscored their opponents, 20-2.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD25P1715EA  
Estate of:  
Mark Anthony Santos  
Also known as:  
Mark A Santos  
Date of Death: 07/13/2025  
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 **Alice M Santos 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: **Alice M Santos 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 09/16/2025. 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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**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

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

Date: August 19, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
08/27/2025

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF LUDLOW ROBERT ST NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Town of Ludlow invites sealed Bids for the Robert St. Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Project. Sealed bids will be received at the offices of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104 until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on **Wednesday September 10, 2025** at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, FY22/23 Ludlow Community Development Block Grant Programs.

The Base Bid scope of work includes installation of approximately 740 feet of 8-inch ductile

iron water main, 16 water service connections, 13 precast concrete drainage structures, 570 linear feet of sanitary sewer cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation, one sanitary sewer manhole, 2,310 square yards of road reconstruction and associated work. All work related to the replacement of the water main, installation of new water services, temporary water, and associated water infrastructure work must be completed by November 15, 2025, or started after April 15, 2026.

**The estimated project cost for the Base Bid is \$680,000.**

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be viewed electronically beginning August 20, 2025. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at [www.biddocs.com](http://www.biddocs.com) (may be viewed electronically and downloaded at no cost) or hard copies may be purchased online at [www.biddocs.com](http://www.biddocs.com) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

A bid bond with an acceptable surety, or a certified or bank check in the amount of 5% of the total bid to the Town of Ludlow shall be submitted with each bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond. Water lines located within the project area are under the ownership and authority of Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (SWSC). Per License Agreement No: 20250071 between the Town of Ludlow and the SWSC, A Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$29,340 to the SWSC will be required at project close and remain in effect until the one-year warranty period ends.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

Contractors must be a SWSC Commission Approved Contractor (CAC). If the contractor is not currently approved, they must apply with the SWSC to become a CAC before a Notice of Award will be given. More information can be found on the SWSC website: <https://waterandsewer.org/contractors/becoming-an-approved-contractor/>

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged- owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Robert St Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Project, Ludlow, MA.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the EOHLB Block Grant program. The Town of Ludlow, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

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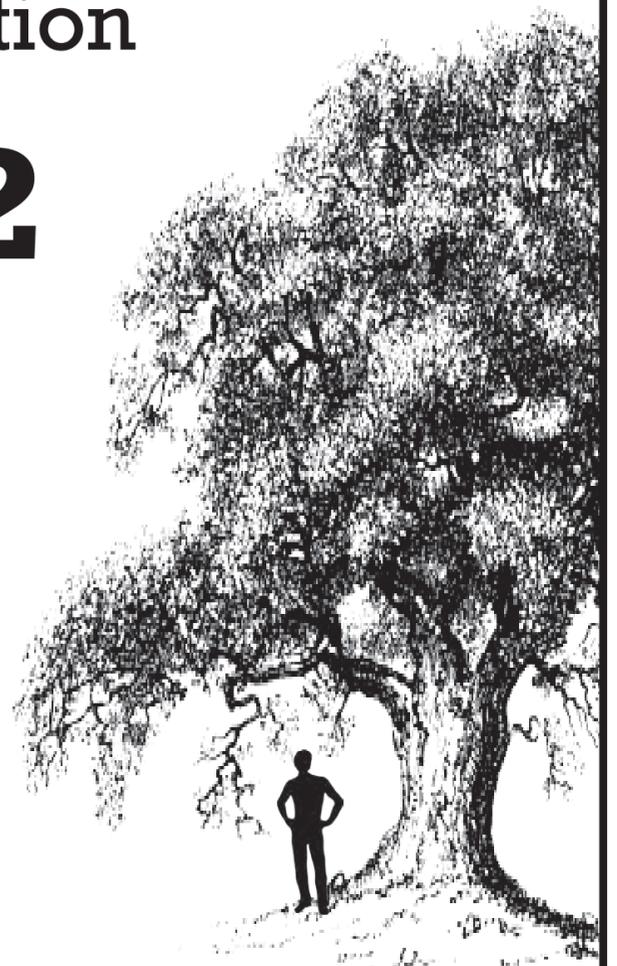
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**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Hampden Probate and Family Court**  
 50 State Street  
 Springfield, MA 01103  
 (413)748-7758  
**Docket No. HD25C0256CA**

**In the matter of: De'Andre Taj Boyd-Jones**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
 A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by De'Andre Taj Boyd-Jones of Indian Orchard, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**De'Andre Taj Jones**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 Any person who appears 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 09/18/2025.**

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: August 14, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
 Register of Probate  
 08/27/2025

**TOWN OF LUDLOW**  
**Ludlow Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2025 – Case #11777**  
 Warrant Articles 22 (General) and 27 (Zoning) and the map amendments were approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly. Article 28 (Zoning) by agreement with Town Counsel pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, the Attorney General's office has extended its deadline for 60 days.  
 \*\*see full context of text in Town Clerk's office.

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 Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow  
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Weekly sessions run on Wednesdays from Sept. 10 to May 20, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and are for children ages two through fifth grade. Registration is required on the church website at [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church). There is no charge. All families looking for a positive activity for their kids are welcome.

teaching, fun activities, and mentorship to help young people build a lasting foundation of faith. The program provides a safe, structured environment where kids can make new friends, build confidence, grow spiritually, and explore how God's Word applies to their everyday lives.

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**Preschool Yoga, Monday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.** For ages 2-5 & their caregivers. Movement, breathing, songs, games, and crafts to teach mindfulness, support self-regulation, and bring the fun of a yoga practice to young children. Please register.

**Music with Mr. Liam,**

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**Read to a Poodle, Monday, September 15, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.** For beginning readers. Quill the poodle will visit the Youth Room after school every other

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**Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 0-2, Thursday, September 18, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.** Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to

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