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**THRIFT SHOP:** Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices.

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# Festa celebrates 75 years of Portuguese heritage

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer

LUDLOW – Another weekend of Festa has come and gone, leaving behind a night of fun and games celebrating the town's Portuguese heritage.

Every year, the town comes together to put on a carnival for residents from all over the area, in an event that rivals upcoming fairs like the Big E. The town held Festa in its usual location by Our Lady of Fatima Parish this past weekend.

Rides and attractions from the event made a stop at Festa before heading to West Springfield for Sept. 15. There were various carnival games and booths with food, drinks, and raffles to offer the attendees.

Live music was an essential part of Festa, with Eagles

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The Great Escape covered Van Halen on the stage behind Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Turley Publications photo by Marcelo Gusmão



Students flash peace signs as they get ready for their first week of classes.

## First week back for Ludlow students



Students at Baird Middle School started the new semester of classes last week.



The Ludlow Public Schools buses dropped students off at Baird Middle School.



## Town announces 11-member Charter Commission

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer

LUDLOW – After interviews with the Board of Selectmen last week, the town has selected nine residents to form the Charter Commission, which aims to decide the future of the town government.

The town selected Jennifer Aldworth, Judy Breault, Brian Bylicki, Linda Collette, George Costa, Michael Engel, Martin Fanning, Michele Mangano-Thompson, and Marissa Ribeiro Dahan to be appointed to the Commission.

Aldworth has worked as CEO of the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club and as Executive Director of the Massachusetts alliance of the organization.

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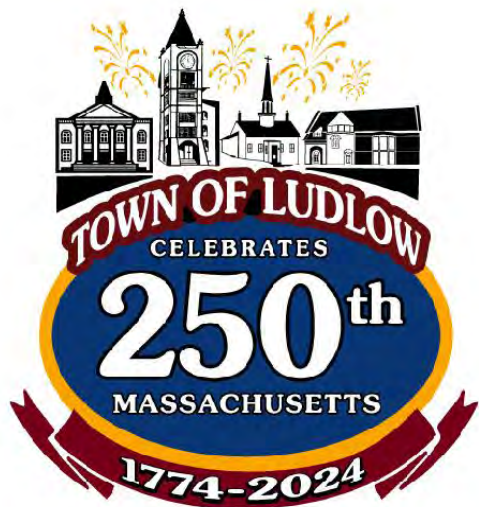
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### UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH • 5PM**  
**An Evening of Irish Music**

Featuring Billy Eagen  
 Concert starts at 5pm at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo  
 Bring your own chairs. This event is in partnership  
 with the Ludlow Cultural Council

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**  
**& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST • 11AM-3PM**  
**Ludlow Cultural Council**  
**Marketplace**

*Veterans Memorial Park, 11 East Street, Ludlow*  
 Featuring local vendors, free arts and crafts, food,  
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 The Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee will be  
 at the Market Place to speak to the public about our  
 upcoming events. We will also be doing outreach  
 for more volunteer committee members for our  
 sub-committees such as the Parade Committee,  
 the Picnic Committee, the First Night Committee,  
 the Beautification Committee and  
 the 250th History Book Committee.  
 The committee will be selling our  
 Ludlow 250th merchandise: t-shirts, hoodies, ball  
 caps, knitted hats and mugs. Please bring CASH!

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 The 250th Celebration Committee will also be selling water  
 as a fundraiser to help with our upcoming events.

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# LUDLOW

## Local Henson fan re-creates Muppets for celebrities



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Emily Engel, surrounded by Muppets that she has re-created from images.

By Marcelo Gusmão  
 Staff Writer

LUDLOW – A local crafter has gotten the attention of celebrities, television stations, and the Disney corporation through her re-creations of Muppets characters on Etsy.

Emily Engel made her first Muppet re-creation in 2012 in response to a challenge from a friend to build a Dr. Teeth puppet.

“It was always something that I could do,” Engel said. “It was sort of a hobby. I didn’t go to school for it, I didn’t have a family member that taught me how to do it.”

“It began with wanting to make my clothes fit better,” Engel recalled. “Instead of spending money on new clothes that didn’t fit, I started teaching myself to tailor my own clothes, and it took off through there.”

Engel owned a shop in Ludlow for four years, and now owns one in Wilbraham. She takes commissions through an Etsy page, titled Battleaxe Custom Sewn, where she has garnered some celebrity attention, including CNN anchors, sitcom actors, and the crew of the Disney+ series, “Muppets Mayhem.”

“My most recent famous client was Jake Tapper, I made him an original Muppet anchorman from the 1970s Muppet show,” Engel said. “I did it for all the current Muppeteers, including Dave Goetz, who is one of the last original Muppeteers who worked with Jim Henson in the 70s, [as well as] the entire cast



CNN anchor Jake Tapper poses with a Muppet character created for him by Engel.

of Muppets Mayhem.”

Engel described working with “Community” actress Yvette Nicole Brown, who purchased a replica of fan-favorite Muppet Gonzo, and has been open about her love for the franchise.

“Yvette’s a doll, she is such a sweetheart, she loves the Muppet fan community,” Engel said. “A big goal of [Brown’s] is to be on Sesame Street. She’s tried, she’s actually tweeted about this, but it doesn’t matter how famous you are; you don’t ask to be on Sesame Street, they ask you. It’s considered quite an honor.”

Although the copyright for the Muppets is owned by Disney, Engel said that her fan-made re-creations are not in violation of copyright law, and that Disney is aware of her re-creations and has not pursued legal action in the 10 years she’s been selling her plushes.

“I’ve been accused of stealing, which is really silly,” Engel said. “Disney’s worth \$44 billion and I’m not. I am a grain of sand on the Disney beach, so I don’t think they’re losing any money over me.”

“I’ve never once received any legal anything,” Engel said. “I’ve done replica work for a couple of the CEOs, for Disney employees, specifically the actual current Muppeteers.”

Engel said that for the company, this is not hurting their profits on Henson’s intellectual property, and is actually serving as free advertising.

“I think if I produced a shabby product or embarrassed their brand, it would be different, but if anything, I’m promoting them for free. I’m making them look



Actress Yvette Nicole Brown poses with Engel’s re-creation of the Muppets character, Gonzo.

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# The latest on the Red Bridge Hydro Plant building collapse

The collapse happened on Aug. 22

By Kristin Rivers  
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WILBRAHAM -- The Red Bridge Hydro Plant on Red Bridge Road experienced a building collapse and fire on Aug. 22 that is now under investigation.

The power plant, located over the Chicopee River, is owned by Patriot Hydro, an affiliate of LS Power and private entity. The building is not owned by the town.

Building Inspector John Walsh explained that “a good size portion” of the building collapsed and fell into the riverbed, with the cause undetermined. No one was inside the building at the time.

“The fire department got the call first because there was smoke in the area and at that point, they didn’t know what it was so they responded, and that’s when they found out about the collapse and then they called me,” Walsh said. “So police, fire, conservation were all called and responded. (The Department of Environmental Protection) was also there.”

In addition to debris, oil drums had also fallen into the river.

Walsh explained how much fell in would be part of the investigation.

“We don’t know what kind of oil it was,” Walsh said.

In a statement to the Times, Patriot Hydro explained the collapse took place around 9 a.m. on Aug. 22 when a section of the building collapsed and there was no danger to residents.

“The site, comprised of historic wooden and brick structures, is not accessible to the public, limiting any immediate danger to the community. The 4.5 megawatt power generation plant was offline at the time of the incident and the gates that control water flow to the powerhouse have since been closed. There was no impact on local power supply. The powerhouse is the building where the power generation equipment is located,” they said.

The statement said the situation is being assessed by “plant person-



A full shot of the Red Bridge Hydro Plant on 5 Red Bridge Rd. which experienced a building collapse and small fire on Aug. 22.



A close-up of the damage after the collapse and fire at the Red Bridge Hydro Plant on Red Bridge Road on Aug. 22. The investigation into the cause of the collapse and fire is ongoing.

nel, structural engineering experts, local and state public safety and environmental agencies.”

“Plant personnel promptly notified state and federal agencies of the incident and will be coordinating stabilization and assessment efforts,” they said.

Walsh did receive updates since the collapse, explaining he attended an Aug. 31 meeting with representatives from the hydro plant, their insurance company, the fire department and Associated Building Wreckers.

Since the meeting, the river around the building is being pumped out, with a temporary dam approximately 600 feet from the building set up.

“So they’re pumping the water

from the building so that they can make an access wing down to the building and get some heavy equipment down there from Associated Building Wreckers, so that they can clear the riverbed, first of all, and they’re going to start working on the rest of the building to remove any parts of the building that are unsafe,” Walsh said.

Walsh added there was also a setback due to “water coming back to the building” even with the temporary dam in place.

“So at this point, they’re talking about making a steel-type dam closer to the building to keep the water away from them and then be able to get down there with the machines

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# Town Select Boards and Councils gather for regional government meeting

The meeting took place at the Wilbraham Police Department

By Kristin Rivers  
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WILBRAHAM -- Quorums of five Select Boards and Town Councils came together on Aug. 29 for a regional government meeting discussing varying topics affecting the region.

The quorums included the Wilbraham Select Board, Hampden Select Board, Longmeadow Select Board, Monson Select Board and the East Longmeadow Town Council.

Additionally, Bruce Adams and Cheryl Spinks from State Rep. Angelo Puppolo's office (D-Springfield) were in attendance.

Other state legislators were unable to attend.

## Regional Dispatch

Regional Communications Director at Central Dispatch, Anthony Gentile, explained how Wilbraham and Hampden merged three years ago and "so far it's been great for both communities."

"Both communities have seen an increase in services and faster services. Later last year, Belchertown approached us, requesting to see if they could join the Wilbraham Regional Center and, actually, last week, they signed their letter of attestation for the state, letting the



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

A wide shot of quorums of the Wilbraham Select Board, Hampden Select Board, East Longmeadow Town Council, Longmeadow Select Board and Ludlow Select Board and two representatives from State Rep. Angelo Puppolo's office (D-Springfield) discussing issues affecting the region during the Aug. 29 Regional Government Meeting at the Wilbraham Police Department.

state know they're committing to regionalizing with the Wilbraham Regional Communications Center," Gentile said.

Longmeadow Town Manager Lyn Simmons shared she is the Chair of the Board of Directors for WestCom Regional Dispatch Center, which covers Monson, East Longmeadow, Ware and Chicopee.

Simmons explained if anyone is interested, a director would attend a board or committee meeting and conduct a presentation.

"We also provide contract dispatch services for specialty units through the Sheriff's Department. Been up and running since December 2019 with Longmeadow and Chicopee as the lead communities and then the other communities have come on board since then. We have purchased Salter College off of the Pike. It's currently in the design phase right now and is going to be undergoing substantial renovation and then the doors will be wide open to accept as many more communities in the Western Mass area as are willing to join us," Simmons said.

## Veteran's Services

Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz shared the town's full-time Veterans Agent departed recently and they connected with Wilbraham Town Administrator Nick Breault to have Jered Sassen, director of Veteran's Services, help them out.

"Our goal is to create a district agreement with Wilbraham and possibly other communities if they are willing to do that. The Veteran's Services is a very unique, municipal department where you

can live in any community and go to any community to get your services," Wolowicz said.

Ludlow Select Board Vice Chairman Derek DeBarge said the town opened a Veteran's Center five months earlier.

"Since we've opened, we've been getting veterans from all over the area," DeBarge said. "Actually, just this week, started a Regional

al Veterans Service Rep that will be at our center two days a week from here on out that will be able to do things that our great Veterans Service Director cannot attend to which is mostly out of town veterans needing services."

## Broadband

After Wilbraham Select Board Vice Chairman Sue Bunnell provided an overview of broadband and answered questions from Ludlow Town Administrator Marc Strange on providing municipal broadband and who administers Mobile Location Protocol or MLP, Hampden Town Administrator Bob Markel shared the town is moving in a similar direction as Wilbraham, with prior town meetings approving the steps.

Hampden uses Westfield Gas & Electric, or Whip City Fiber, for their broadband.

"We have received a \$250,000 grant under the Community Compact Program to start off by connecting town buildings and the goal is very similar that we'll be connecting, eventually, all residents who choose to be connected," Markel said. "The estimate is we need about 50% of the residents to take the service in order to break even and service our bond which will be somewhere in the range of five to six million dollars as well to have a certain surplus to service the system."

East Longmeadow Town Manager Tom Christensen said the town is in a similar direction as Hampden.

"What they've proposed to us is sort of a full service. They do the billing, the marketing, construction, bidding, procurement, the whole bit and we charge the customer and give them their cut and that's about the extent of our involvement," Christensen said.

Upon Wolowicz's suggestion on regionalizing broadband, Wilbraham Select Board Chairman Theresa Goodrich presented the idea of the town managers and administrators meeting to discuss this further.

Additionally, the chairs of all boards meet once a month to discuss what each town is working on.

"Maybe we can collaborate on some things and ultimately save money and effort and time on projects and get things done fast and more efficiently," Goodrich said. "We're all small towns, we're all very similar demographics. Just kind of seems to make sense."

The idea to meet was unanimous.

## Health Services

Simmons explained the towns of Longmeadow, Monson, Hampden and Wilbraham are part of the Eastern Hampden Shared Public Health Services, providing public health services to all the communities.

Hampden Selectmen Donald Davenport praised its success.

"The important part for us was that we were able to keep the fees in the town or any other permits that the inspector would do the permits we keep the fees, which helps offset our portion of the payments, so it's really worked well it's been great," Davenport said.

Strange said Ludlow recently signed a similar contract with the towns of Warren, West Brookfield and Palmer.

"We also get money for admin support, so what we'll be able to do is take money from admin support and turn any part-time admin in our Human Resources Department into a full-time position so that's going to really help us and I'm really looking forward to it," Strange said.

## Trash Collection

East Longmeadow Town Manager Mark Gold was concerned about future contract negotiations for trash collection individually, explaining there was a regional approach before and "we had a better price for it."

"I think we really need to reconsider regionalization because I saw how ef-

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Wilbraham Select Board Vice Chairman Sue Bunnell provides insight as Wilbraham Select Board Clerk Michael Squindo, Wilbraham Select Board Chairman Theresa Goodrich, Monson Select Board Member Peter Warren and Monson Select Board Vice Chair John Morrell listen during the Regional Government Meeting at the Wilbraham Police Department.

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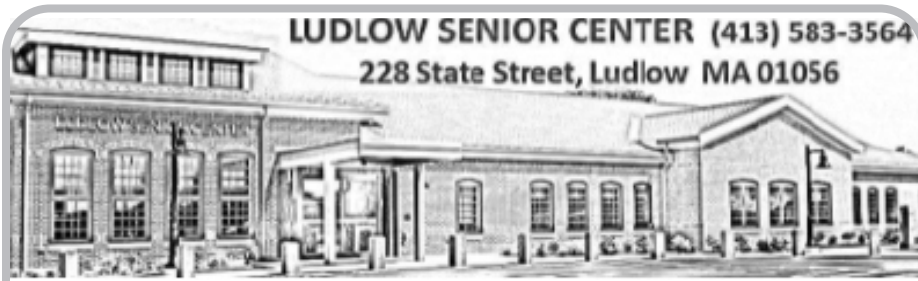
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More programs have added including fitness, nutrition education, and art. There's definitely something here for everyone over 60.

For full program and activity descriptions and for general information about what a senior center is and does go to: [Ludlow.ma.us](http://Ludlow.ma.us), can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of The Senior Scene is available at the Center.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, Sept. 7

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Craft\*  
12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
1 p.m. Foot Care\*  
1 p.m. Writers Block\*  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, Sept. 8

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Magic Class  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*

#### Monday, Sept. 11

9 a.m. Knitting  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
12:30 Billiards Travel League  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1:15 Pitch  
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil\*  
No Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Sept. 12

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check  
12:30 Billiards Round Robin  
1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
5 p.m. Movie: Strange Love of Martha Ivers  
5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class

#### Wednesday, Sept. 13

8 a.m. Gardening Club  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
10 a.m. Opera  
10:30 a.m. Root Beer Floats  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
1 p.m. Movie: Strange Love of Martha Ivers  
No Healthy Bones & Balance Class

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

8:30 a.m. Foot Care\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:30 a.m. Friends of Senior Center Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Senator Oliveira Office Hour  
12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
1:30 p.m. Quabbin History Presentation\*  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veteran's Agent, Lunch & Learn, Hearing Clinic, Power Pump, Healthy Bones and Balance, Art Class, Forget-Me-Not Circle, and Foot Care 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  
Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from parking lot.

#### Menu:

Thursday, Sept. 7: Tuna Salad Plate  
Friday, Sept. 8: Reuban Casserole/ Vegetable  
Monday, Sept. 11: Sloppy Joe/ Tater Tots  
Tuesday, Sept. 12: Strawberry Spinach Salad with Grilled Chicken  
Wednesday, Sept. 13: Crab Cake/ Onion Rings/Cole Slaw  
Thursday, Sept. 14: Quiche/Roasted Potatoes

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

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

## PET OF THE WEEK



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## Reading the Register



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Gloria Bourbeau enjoys reading the Register in front of St. Elizabeth's rectory. She's enjoying a quiet moment due to the generosity of an unknown contributor who left a "damaged couch/junk" in front of the church property.



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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



By Ellenor Downer



### Black-crowned night heron

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a black-crowned night heron in Pittsfield.

The black-crowned night heron is about 25 inches long and is gray and white. It is a stocky heron with pale yellow legs, which turn reddish in the breeding season.

The immature is brown with white streaks below and large, buff white spots on its back and wings. It keeps its immature plumage for two years. The immature black-crowned night heron is distinguished from the yellow crowned night heron by its greenish-yellow lower bill. The yellow-crowned has a dark bill.

Although the night heron will feed by day, as its name implies this species feeds mostly at night or at dusk. They roost in trees.

It feeds on fish, amphibians, insects and small mammals. It also will eat the young of other bird species such as terns, herons and ibises. They inhabit freshwater streams, lakes, rice field, dry grassland and salt marshes.

These herons nest either in colonies or singly. The female lays three to five pale blue green eggs in a nest of twigs, reeds and finer material placed against a tussock or in the reeds, shrub or trees up to 160 feet.

When greeting other black-crowned night herons, they stretch their necks horizontally with breeding plumes on the head raised and they touch bills. They make a low, hoarse "quok" sound often heard at dusk. During nesting, they make a "rok rok."

### Red-winged blackbirds

I received an email this week from someone who lives in the West Springfield Agawam area. She said, "Red-winged blackbirds are one of my favorite birds, but I always wondered why they leave the area so early?" She also said, "I go to areas where I know they nest, but never see them after mid-July or so."

Red-winged blackbirds are one of the first to arrive in early spring with the males coming first, then the females. They migrate anytime from late August to early October and gather in flocks for the trip south.

### Audubon Society sightings

Other Audubon Society sightings reported for August in Berkshire include an alder flycatcher in Washington and a yellow-bellied flycatcher at the Jug End State Reservation in Egremont. In Hampshire County, four sandhill cranes were at East Meadows in Northampton and four more sandhill cranes at the Arcadia Sanctuary.

Migrants tallied at Quabbin Park in Ware included four common nighthawks, two yellow-bellied flycatchers and four Cape May warblers. In Worcester County 14 Common Mergansers were seen near fishing area #3 at Quabbin Reservoir in Petersham and four Bonaparte's Gulls were tallied along the Dana shoreline in Petersham.

Two black vultures were seen soaring over Mt. Wachusett in Princeton and in Paxton there was a Cerulean warbler. Mount Wachusett is a popular spot for birders to view hawk migrations during September and October. Two Cape May warblers were seen at the Moose Hill Wildlife Area.

### Wild turkeys

It seems wild turkeys are everywhere. I



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## GUEST COLUMN



by Roberta McQuaid

### Fall plants extend the season

Over the last few days, I have heard the same sorry statement again and again: "I can't believe summer is over."

I am not sure if this is because school has started, or if honestly, folks feel cheated out of summer because of all the rain and overcast skies we had. Probably it's a little of both!

There have been a few coldish mornings, enough to make me get excited about all that is fall. Pumpkins, crisp apples, beautiful foliage and you guessed it, autumn plants!

Read on for a column from the archives, one that will inspire you to add some late season color to your landscape.

It is always fun to freshen up the garden with new plants. I think of adding a splash of color at this point in the season as a last hurrah before old man winter sets in.

There are all types of mums, and flowering cabbage and kale available for sale right now. Unfortunately, they command higher prices than summer annuals do.

This article will teach you how to get the most out of your investment.

Choose mums carefully.

Daisy and other decorative flower types will generally not last as long in the garden as "cushions" will. These have petals straight through to the center of the flower- no yellow center is visible.

Because the flower head is dense it tends to hold up after a heavy rain and as well as after the first few frosty nights. Although mums are pretty in their pots, they will do better if planted in the ground or at least repotted into a larger container.

The poor things have been growing in the pots you bought them in for quite a while and are usually root-bound. Because of this it is important to slice the roots in a few places just as you would annuals or perennials at planting time.

This way they will have a chance to expand into the new soil you have provided. Mums tend to dry out quickly and require water often.

If you notice that your plant has wilted

before you have had a chance to plant it, submerge the pot in a bucket of water- the shrunken soil ball will soak up water like a sponge!

Although mums can stand temperatures a few degrees below freezing, it is still a good idea to cover them if an early hard frost is in the forecast. Try using bushel baskets, old sheets or blankets, etc.

It is a nuisance, but so many times I have been grateful that I went through a bit of work to be able to enjoy my mums for weeks longer than if I hadn't.

If you are hoping that your mums will return for another season, cut them back to "fist height" in November, and provide them with a loose mulch after the ground freezes. The term "hardy mum" doesn't always prove true, but planting them properly, providing ample water and mulching for the winter will increase your odds of a repeat performance.

Remove the winter mulch around the time forsythias bloom.

Prevent gangly growth by pinching them back to a manageable height two or three times prior to mid-July. Expect blooms this time next year.

Flowering kale and cabbage can add nice texture to the fall garden. The same planting instructions apply here, but I have found that they can be finicky about water.

Consistent overwatering and they rot; giving them too little and they wilt. The best advice: test them before you get out the hose by inserting your finger into the top couple inches of soil.

Kale and cabbage need little in the way of grooming other than an occasional bottom leaf removed. Slugs do tend to enjoy the foliage, however, so set up some traps or barriers nearby.

The color on cabbage and kale will intensify as the weather gets colder, and the plants will continue to look good well into December, provided we don't get an early long standing snow- it will eventually make the leaves mushy. While it's tempting to leave them in your containers and add greenery and such for the holidays, it's not recommended unless the planters are in a protected spot.

Plant now for your garden's last hurrah of the season- you'll be glad you did!

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## FOR ADULTS

**The "Who Picked This Book?" Book Club discusses "Here's to Us" by Elin Hildebrandt, Thursday September 7, 3:30 p.m.** The "Who Picked This Book?" book club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

**Adult Diamond Painting: Bookmarks, Monday September 11, 10:00 a.m.** Join us to make your very own bookmark out of "diamonds." Please register.

**Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors, Wednesday September 27, 6:30 p.m.** Join us virtually with Tory Stephens of Grist Magazine, an independent non-profit media organization focused on the climate crisis, and learn how he created Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors. Imagine is a storytelling initiative that calls for fiction writers to envision the next 180 years of equitable climate progress, imagining intersectional worlds of abundance, adaptation, reform, and hope. Find the Zoom link on our website.

**The Happy Hour Book Club discusses "The Egg and I" by Betty MacDonald, Thursday September 28, 6:30 p.m.** The "Happy Hour Book Club" meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

## FOR TEENS

**Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (9/5 & 9/19), 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. Free pizza is generously donated by Domino's of Wilbraham. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

**Anime Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. Please register.

**The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Tween Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Meet each week to discuss graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading "Isla to Island" by Alex Castellanos, copies of which are

available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-4:30 p.m.** This group is for experienced high school players and has room for 2 new players this fall. Please register.

**The Read Between the Lines YA Book Group discusses "The Inheritance Games" by Jennifer Barnes, Friday September 8, 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Copies of each month's book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

**Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 p.m.** For 7 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

**Minecraft Club, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 p.m.** Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

**Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m.** Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

## FOR CHILDREN

**Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.** For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather

(please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

**You and Me in Music For Babies & Toddlers, Wednesdays in September, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** For 0-36 months. Join us for this dynamic program led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 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.

**September Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays in September, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For ages 0-5. Come join us for stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

**Me, You & We, Fridays, September 15- October 20, 9:30 a.m.** Ages 3-5. Playgroup to support 3-5 year olds and their caregivers in developing social-emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Dog Bite Prevention Presentation, Saturday, August 9, 12:00p.m.** For ages 4-10. Ludlow Animal Control Officer and her dog Karl teach how to prevent dog bites. Includes meet and greet. Drop in.

## Pigs, Pancakes and Pack 180

LUDLOW - Find out what does happen when you give a pig a pancake Saturday, Sep. 9 at Ludlow's River Walk.

St. Elizabeth Pack 180 Cub Scouts are planning a Saturday morning hike at the Ludlow Mills complex's River Walk for Sep. 9, drop in between 9 a.m. and noon.

The Story Book Hike was created by the national committee of Scouts of America for youth in K-fifth grades, but Pack 180 has added their own twist, with crafts of the porcine kind, Scout lacing gimp into pig's tails, masks, pet rocks and a pancake bean bag

There will be leaders and scouts along the way to guide parent and child through the crafts. It promises to be a fun start to your Saturday morning, and offers family time together.

If you can't make the Saturday hike,

Pack 180 invites you to their rollicking Let's Be Pirates Recruitment on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Come dressed as a pirate and learn how to decode a message, play Pirate games, create your own Pirate name, and much more. This recruitment ends at 7:30 p.m., because some pirates need their ZZZZs.

St. Elizabeth Pack 180 meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church social hall and has their calendar ready for sharing. From Kindergarten to fifth grade, your child will have a year of learning and making new friends for the youth and adults.

Email [grfort127@yahoo.com](mailto:grfort127@yahoo.com) or [join@scouts180.org](mailto:join@scouts180.org) if you have any questions. Information on the unit, as well as their calendar can be had at the hike and we encourage you to "take a hike" with us.

## Perseids Meteors Impress St. Elizabeth Scouts

LUDLOW - August 11 proved to be a stellar night for the three Saint Elizabeth Scout units. Cub Scout Pack 180, Scouts BSA Troop 180B and Scouts BSA Troop 180G, along with family members, set up telescopes, arranged camp chairs, and settled in for a night of meteor watching.

As dark deepened, a strand of moving lights grabbed everyone's attention and were identified as Leon Musk's Starlink Satellites. Cameras captured the flight via videos or still shots and as quickly as they came, they disappeared.

The meteor shower was slow to start

but did not disappoint. Flashes of light flew across the night sky with one meteor appearing to fly through the Big Dipper, but dew was falling and the temperature began dropping, so all three units called it a night and packed up.

For complete information for any of the 180 units, e-mail [join@scouts180.org](mailto:join@scouts180.org), or visit their Facebook page. Cub Scout Pack 180 looks forward to sharing their programs with families looking for new and different adventures.

Recruitment information for grades K - 5th grade can be found via Cub Scout Pack 180 - Welcome Aboard!

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# Festa celebrates 75 years of Portuguese heritage



Hundreds of Ludlow residents went to Festa for rides, food, and games.



Samantha Gloster attended Festa with her children, Benjamin, age 7, and Cora, age 3.

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A fireworks display went off as the evening drew to a close.

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Experience and Live and Let Die playing on Friday, and The Great Escape playing to Saturday night's crowd.

Festa also serves as a great way for the community to come together and socialize. Families with their children, youths with

their friends, and couples of all ages were in attendance at the festival on Saturday.

This year's Festa was a roaring success, thanks to the efforts of the town, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, the Festa Committee, and all the local businesses and vendors that help to make it happen.



Friends Alfred, Edward, Ron, Noelle, Ella, Sophia, and Maxyne posed for a picture while waiting in line.



Tim Fitzgerald, Ines and Lisette Malaquias, and Irene Lopes sold raffle tickets as members of the Festa Committee.



Katie Bottis and David Fernandes worked the Primavera booth on Saturday night.



A bungee contraption provided a fun experience for kids who wanted to jump around.

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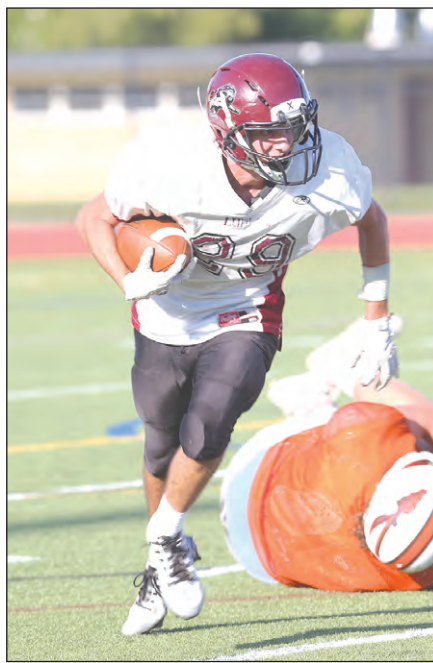
## Scrimmage action for Lions



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Cruz Guzman returns a punt for the Lions.

AGAWAM – In what is likely their final tune-up before the regular season begins, Agawam football host Ludlow last Friday evening. Agawam traveled to Ludlow for a scrimmage before last season. The two teams were gearing up for their season openers. Ludlow will face Quaboag at 6:30 p.m. while Agawam is set to face Chicopee Comprehensive at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8.



Josh Marino avoids a tackle.



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Abigail Toomey gets the ball back into play.



Maeve Carter sends a quick pass away.

## Lions takes on Pope Francis

SPRINGFIELD – Last week, Ludlow girls soccer ramped up their preseason with a scrimmage at Pope Francis High School in Springfield. The Lions were using the

matchup to prepare for their season opener, which took place on Wednesday against West Springfield. Ludlow then travels to Belchertown on Friday evening, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.



Kate Del Negro makes a long throw-in.



Ava Gabriello is pressured.



Anthonie Emco fires a pass attempt.



Danny McKenney heads up the field on a rush.

## Pioneers cap season with Festa match

LUDLOW – After another season with a playoff appearance in the USL-2 League, the Western Mass. Pioneers got together one last time for the annual Friendly Festa game on Sunday afternoon. The exhibition has been happening for the past several years during the town's Festa celebration.



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Monson's Connor Hicks receives a pass and makes his way up the field.



Kyle Tomas winds up for a long kick.



Max Robbins looks to catch up with the ball.



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Noah Rivera stops the ball.



# Paul, Hall team up to host tip-off event

SPRINGFIELD – The Chris Paul Family Foundation and Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the third annual circuit of two Historically Black College and University (HBCU) events, the HBCU Tip-Off and Challenge, presented by the AEA Foundation.

The HBCU Tip-Off will take place Nov. 18-19 at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut, and the HBCU Challenge will be held Dec. 16-17 at Michelob ULTRA Arena at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

“As an HBCU graduate himself, Chris Paul has long been a prominent voice for the empowerment of HBCU athletes,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “The Hall of Fame is honored to work alongside Chris to create opportunities for these student-athletes, and we look forward to watching them play in two competitive weekends of basketball.”

Paul, an active philanthropist and entrepreneur, has actively supported HBCUs for years. He currently serves on President Joe Biden’s advisory board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Paul executive produced Why Not Us: North Carolina Central Basketball,

Why Not Us: FAMU Football, and Why Not Us: Southern Dance on ESPN+. In addition, Paul partnered with Harvard Business School to bring its Entertainment, Media and Sports program to select HBCUs to develop a pipeline for students pursuing careers in those industries. He launched HBCU voting initiatives to encourage students to vote during the past election and partnered with Sour Patch Kids and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund to create The Mischief for Change Scholarship, a college scholarship fund with a \$1 million commitment over the next five years for students attending HBCUs. In 2022, Paul graduated with a degree from Winston-Salem State University.

“We are looking forward to the third year of our HBCU events,” said Paul. “These events present a unique opportunity for student athletes to play on a national stage. I’m excited to collaborate with the Basketball Hall of Fame, Mohegan Sun, and MGM Resorts and am grateful to all of our partners for their commitment to HBCU schools and athletes in partnership with this event.”

Tickets for the 2023 Chris Paul HBCU Tip-Off and HBCU Challenge will both go on sale on Friday, Sept. 8.

# Railers name new VP

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) is pleased to welcome David Aitken to the front office staff as the Vice President of Tickets & Corporate Partnerships.

“David has a proven track record of driving revenue in minor league sports,” said Railers HC President, Stephanie Ramey. “He has been a direct contributor of significant AHL ticket sales growth in both Rochester and Cleveland and will bring new ideas to enhance the Railers experience for fans and sponsors.”

Aitken will oversee all revenue channels for the Railers and will help further develop the ticket sales and corporate sponsorships departments. Most recently, Aitken spent nearly five years as the Director of Ticket Sales with the Rochester Americans (AHL) and Rochester Knights Hawks (NLL), as part of Pegula Sports and Entertainment, the parent company of the Buffalo Sabres and Buffalo Bills. His responsibilities included strategy, budgeting, and personnel.

Under Aitken’s leadership, the Amerks achieved their highest season ticket numbers and ticket sales revenue in the franchise’s 67-year history. The Amerks concluded the 2023 Calder Cup Playoffs with the highest attendance for the AHL clubs playing more than one home playoff game, which featured three of six home games with a sell-out crowd of 10,662 at their venue.

Prior to his time in Rochester, Aitken spent eight seasons with the Cleve-

land Monsters (AHL) as part of the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA) organization. His position with the team was Sr. Manager of Business Development where he led all new business ticket sales efforts, as well as managed a senior level team of ticket representatives. During this time, Aitken was also responsible for youth hockey game-day programming and community outreach efforts for six seasons and was instrumental in the founding of the Monsters’ “Grow the Game” and Learn to Play initiatives in Northeast Ohio.

Aitken’s tenure in Cleveland was highlighted by placing among the AHL’s top 10 in group sales for five seasons and generated the most group sales in franchise history at that time in the 2015-16 season. He was also part of the 2016 Calder Cup champion Lake Erie Monsters staff which won the AHL’s President’s Award for Business Team of the Year.

Aitken is originally from Chestertown, NY in the Lake George region, and is relocating to Worcester with his wife Colleen, and their three daughters, Leah, Emma, and Olivia. His start date with the Railers is Monday, July 24.

The Worcester Railers HC 2023-24 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder & Trois-Rivieres Lions. Season memberships, mini-plans, and group packages for the 2023-24 season are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

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# OBITUARIES

## CHARTER COMMISSION

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“Bringing together a diverse group of people, that has certainly been my experience in Boys and Girls Clubs,” Aldworth said during her interview with the Selectmen.

Breault is currently a volunteer for the town’s Pond Management Committee, and said her history in the corporate world will be an asset to the Commission.

“I managed about 35 to 40 individuals on four to five different teams at any point in time, and being in Human Resources, you have to deal with a lot of different people, diverse backgrounds, diverse thinking, diverse ways of doing things,” Breault said. “My role has always been to listen first and really understand what people are talking about.”

Bylicki is a former high school teacher who taught U.S. government for more than 35 years and was the Chairman of the previous Charter Commission.

“If you’re going to do a Charter Commission, you’ve got to do it right,” Bylicki said. “You have to do it where we look at the options that are available. That’s what I see as the most important thing, as a government nerd.”

Collette, the current Chair of the library’s Board of Trustees, as well as the 250th Committee, described her professional career as an Administrative Assistant at Mass Mutual.

“I see that there’s a need for change,” Colette said. “I think as our community grows and changes, the issues and needs that we face change, too.”

Costa has resided in town for most of his life and is a licensed engineer who has been practicing since 1995.

“The Commission will collect a lot of information and try to process it...and then present it to the town, for the town to decide,” Costa said. “It’s very much in line with what I do...on the engineering side.”

Engel, a former Selectman and professor at Westfield State University on the subject of government and American politics, felt his skills would be of use to the Commission.

“We ought to have a system that encourages greater political participation and more candidates and a better voting turnout, which has been terrible,” Engel said.

Martin Fanning is a town resident who taught in the Ludlow school system for several years.

“I’ve taught U.S. history for 35 years, and I’ve taught government on and off at Ludlow High School for probably eight to 10 years,” Fanning said. “I’d like to see Ludlow’s government see a little improvement; I think we have some dysfunction between some of our different groups.”

Manganaro-Thompson is a teacher from Harris Brook Elementary School with experience as a realtor.

“I think there’s various skills that I’ll bring,” Manganaro-Thompson said. “As an educator, I’m used to being with a large group of people. [Teachers] may have a common goal, which is educating kids, but we all come from very different backgrounds and philosophies and ideals.”

Ribeiro-Dahan was immediately recognized by Board Chair James Gennette as the daughter of Rosemary Ribeiro.

“I grew up in Ludlow, some of you probably know that,” Ribeiro-Dahan said. “I spent about four or five years living out in Boston when I was working for former Governor Baker in his administration.”

Selectmen Bill Rosenblum and Derek Debarge round out the 11-member Commission. Kathy Green and Christopher Pelletier were also chosen as Commission alternates.

“We were fortunate to receive 21 qualified applications, which allowed the Board to choose nine of the most qualified applicants that represent a diverse mix of backgrounds and experiences,” said Town Administrator Marc Strange. “We could not have asked for a better group to help write the town’s new charter and next chapter. Everyone seems eager to get started. We’re looking forward to seeing what the next 12 months hold.”

The Commission will have a kickoff meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at Town Hall, which will be streamed live on LCTV.

## MUPPETS RECREATION

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good,” Engel said.

Engel described an innate knack for sewing things based on sight alone, which allows her to make replicas of things like Muppet characters without patterns.

“I wish I could tell you how I do it, I don’t know half the time,” Engel said. “I discovered I had this ability to be able to replicate things based on just a picture, with needles and thread and fleece and fabric.”

This ability was how she eventually got into Muppet re-creations.

“A friend challenged me to make my first Muppet, Dr. Teeth, and I found a few pictures on Google,” Engel said. “It was very good for a first shot, but I like to think I’ve vastly improved.”

“The ones I’ve been doing for ten years now are kind of second nature,” Engel said. “If somebody gives me a new challenge, a new character they want me to replicate, I just pop on computer and Google some pictures. I’ll look at them and sort of render them into 3D in my head...I will visualize the angles of each if I can’t find pictures that have certain angles, which is tough in the Muppet world, because there’s not a lot of detailed photos of some characters.”

“I like to think that I add my own little bit of flair into each replica,” Engel said. “But I stay as true as I can to Jim Henson and his legacy and his char-



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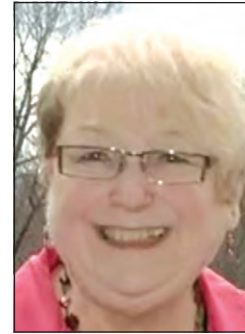
**Actor Jimmi Simpson holds up Engel’s re-creation of Beaker, from the Muppets.**

acters. I do it as an homage to him, his genius, and his work. I never, ever take credit for those characters.”

“I’m happy to be able to honor the legacy of Jim Henson as much as I can every day, because he’s provided such a wonderful world of kind and unique characters, and set an amazing example for the art world,” Engel added.

## Diane Marie (Fedoras) Robbins, 72,

LUDLOW - Diane Marie (Fedoras) Robbins, 72, passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2023 at Baystate Medical Center. She was born on March 22, 1951, and was the daughter of the late Agnes (Selepak) and Joseph Fedoras. She was a long-time resident of Ludlow, MA recently moving to neighboring Belchertown.



Diane was a 1969 graduate of Ludlow High School. She then went on to earn her Licensed Practical Nurse’s degree. She began her nursing career at Wesson Women’s Hospital working in the Infants’ Unit. She worked at Ludlow Hospital for 11 years, working the 11-7 night shift where she made many life-long friends. After Ludlow Hospital closed, she worked as a visiting nurse before making a complete career change and joining forces with her husband when they purchased Miracle Method of Western Mass in 1999. They ran the business together for 20 years until their retirement in 2019.

Diane met the love of her life, Raymond Jean-Paul Robbins, when she was sixteen years old, working as a Candy Stripe Nurse at Ludlow Hospital. She married Raymond three years later and had two children together, Jeffrey Robbins of Belchertown, formerly of Ludlow, and Erica Cronan of Ashland, MA. She leaves behind her son-in-law Earl Cronan and was the adoring “Baba” to Madison and Owen. Diane was the older sister to her best friend and brother, Michael Fedoras, and his wife Barbara of East Hartford, CT, and also to JoAnn Cardinal and her husband Robert of Ludlow. She leaves behind a large extended family including Leonard and Dorothy Robbins, Ramona Reccord (predeceased by Rocky), Marie Sbriscia (predeceased by Lawrence), Paulette and David Gilfoil, Elizabeth Robbins (predeceased by Allen McGrath), Suzanne and Gary Desrosiers, Brenda and Dino D’Angelo, and so many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews that she just loved with all of her heart.

The greatest joy of her life was her two grandchildren. Baba was always so proud of them, loved attending all of their school and sports activities, and especially loved cheering them on during their hockey games.

Diane loved to entertain and cook amazing meals, and nothing made her happier than to have a full house! Her family and friends will sorely miss her kindness, smile, and infectious laugh.

Visiting hours for Diane will be held on Tuesday, September 5th from 4:00-7:00pm in Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services are on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00am from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00am in St. Elizabeth Parish followed by burial services at 1:00pm in Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

Diane loved spending her time needlepointing, cross-stitching, knitting, and crocheting. She often gave her craft to others as thoughtful gifts. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Diane’s name to Knots of Love <https://www.knotsoflove.org/>

## DEATH NOTICE

**Robbins (Fedoras), Diane Marie**  
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**THE POLANIE CLUB** will hold a meeting Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the Polish Americans Club, 355 East St. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THE POLANIE CLUB** will hold Spotlight on Beautiful Fashions, Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Ludlow Country club. Doors will open at 11 a.m., lunch will be served by Noon. There is a choice of entrée, Chicken Francaise, roast port tenderloin, and grilled salmon. \$48 a plate and is reserved seating. To reserve a plate please send a check payable to POLANIE CLUB and mail to: Ms Denise Meyers, 14 Glen Albyn St., Springfield, MA 01104 specify Meal Choice Information please call: Denise-413-563-7464, Stacy-413-593-1172, Dianne-413-214-3822, Jeanne-413-589-0366 or Sophie-413-540-9877.

## ONGOING

**FARM FRESH:** Come to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday all summer and early fall for free fruit and vegetables. Registration is required. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

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**AQUACISE AT THE CLUB:** The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

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

**H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP:** Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles,

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**QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS** If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

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Tuesday, Sept. 12, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Spaghetti Supper - 4:30 p.m. (FLBH), Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. - (JR), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C), Finance Council - 6:30 P.M. (JR)

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## Annual Day for Kids Celebration: Free for everyone at the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW— The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club is hosting our annual Day for Kids event on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 12 to 3 p.m. All activities will take place in the Club's back fields at 91 Claudia's Way. This event is free and open to all families. Day for Kids focuses on kids and adults spending meaningful time together through play and fun. Come on down and enjoy the day with activities including: a bounce obstacle course, music, giveaways, games, tie dying (bring your own apparel), and more.

DazzleDay Face Painters will be there from Noon 2 p.m. Ed the Wizard, from 2 to 3 p.m. will be providing free talent and entertainment and Ice Cream Mass Truck will be on site for purchasing frozen treats. This event is graciously co-sponsored by Ludlow CARES Coalition, Ludlow Cultural Council, and Country Bank.

In the event of inclement weather, this event will be canceled. Check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ludlowbgc](http://www.facebook.com/ludlowbgc) and website [www.ludlowbgc.org](http://www.ludlowbgc.org) for updates. Please direct any questions to the Director of Programs, Jodie Lambeau, at [jlambeau@ludlowbgc.org](mailto:jlambeau@ludlowbgc.org).

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and remove all the debris from the riverbed," Walsh said.

After the debris is removed, Walsh said the engineers can conduct their evaluation.

The town of Palmer also responded to the collapse as the plant is located between the two towns.

Town Manager Ryan McNutt said the town is not directly involved with the reconstruction. As the road hasn't been closed, the impact to local traffic will be minimal, but McNutt said he hopes it will be reconstructed quickly.

"This is a location that I think a lot of folks use for recreation, a lot of folks fish down there," McNutt said.

McNutt added it's important for aged infrastructure in the state to be addressed and properly funded.

"We have a lot of aged infrastructure in this commonwealth, and we really need to focus on fixing it, because as you can see, sometimes it fails," McNutt said.

Patriot Hydro also provided us with the following update on Sept. 1.

"We continue to work closely with state and local public safety and environmental agencies, as well as external experts, to determine the source and fully assess the impact of this incident. Clean-up is already underway, and we have taken steps to protect against downstream impacts, including with the placement of booms across the canal. Patriot Hydro is committed to safety and the integrity of our facilities. We will continue to provide updates as the evaluation progresses," they said.

Walsh asked for patience "to let the experts do their job" as they conduct their evaluations because "it will take some time."

The access points, he added, are closed at this time.

"I expect them in the next couple of weeks to have it secured," Walsh said.

More on this story as the investigation continues.

**REGIONAL MEETING**

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fective it was back when we did it," Gold said. "I don't have an answer but we really ought to consider the strength of negotiating as a group because we have 5,000 curbside but when we're together with other communities we had like 15, 20 or 25,000 curbside pickups and that made a big difference."

Longmeadow Select Board Chair Thomas Lachiusa brought up composting and organic waste, saying "It's pretty heavy stuff" and "Everybody develops a lot of it."

"If we could set up some kind of system where, you know, compost all this kind of organic waste safely, it might be something we could do in our own communities," Lachiusa said.

**Crime Statistics**

Wolowicz stressed the importance of fighting the opioid crisis in her report.

"I think from the chief's point of view, I think really that's where a lot of the focus should be from your

select boards and town councils is support your chiefs with the fight against the opioids and the drugs," Wolowicz said. "It's in every community and it's just really unfortunate there's this underground world that is affecting the quality of life for all of us."

Christensen said East Longmeadow had traffic and bylaw offenses, followed by all other offenses and shoplifting as their top items.

"We haven't seen any real uptick and we're almost right on par with last year," Christensen said.

Hampden Select Board Chair John Flynn said for them and Wilbraham, car break-ins have been the top issue.

"I think we see a lot of that in social media, the warnings 'don't leave them unattended, don't leave them open' and even if we don't leave them open, they're still getting in," Flynn said. "Other crimes there's barely any other crime in Hampden."

**School Enrollment Trends & Budgeting**

Davenport explained how

"there's quite a bit of disparity" between the Hampden and Wilbraham populations for the schools.

"Right now, we're looking how to reconfigure the school system in order to not only get the utilization of school, the best-educated schools, but also to do something about the disparity of the funding," Davenport said.

Ludlow Select Board Chairman James Gennette shared that their district is also experiencing a decrease in its student population and concerns about "running into another budget crisis."

"But we have a new superintendent of schools who is doing a wonderful job, a new business manager she's doing great, they're truly trying to hone in everything in the school department, so we're hoping for some better results this year than we've had in the past couple of years," Gennette said.

The meeting concluded with plans for future meetings between the boards and councils and invitations for state legislators to attend.

**BACKYARD**

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have seen groups of three or four Tom turkeys and much larger groups of hens and their poults. Several times I stopped while a large flock of hens and youngsters crossed the road.

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### Town of Ludlow, MA NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE - ZONING BYLAW

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**Place:** Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd fl.

**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 \*

**Time:** 8:00 PM

**Applicant:** Planning Board

**Location:** 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

\*If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to the Thursday, September 28, 2023 Planning Board meeting, as the last hearing.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection on the Planning Board web site: <https://www.ludlow.ma.us/243/Documents-for-Review> and in the Planning Department Office and Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following:

SECTION III: GENERAL

USE REGULATIONS 3.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS delete 3.0.2 Existing Uses Not Affected. Delete 3.0.3 Obstruction at Street Intersection and replace with Visibility at Street Intersections and Driveways Street Entries with new text and Figure 1. Amend 3.0.4 Fences, adding in "excluding shrubs/shrubbery" and "All chain link or cyclone fences shall be installed with the barbed edge face down" and deleting crossed out text.

SECTION IV: DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS: 4.0 GENERAL DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS by adding "\*For further clarification see Definitions Section X." Add Diagram 4.0.1 and Diagram 4.0.1.1 to Section 4.0.1. Add Diagram 4.0.7 and Diagram 4.0.7.1 to Section 4.0.7. Add Diagram 4.0.8 to Section 4.0.8. 4.4 MILL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MRD) Bylaw 4.4.10 Site Plan Approval Process by deleting from a.1. "and one member" and "of the Board of Public Works."

SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS, 6.12 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ON ESTATE LOTS 11. Estate Lot Example by deleting existing Diagram and replace with new Diagram.

SECTION VII: LAND USE REVIEW METHODS: 7.1 SITE PLAN APPROVAL 7.1.3 Exemptions From Site Plan Approval c. by changing "use" to "occupancy" and

adding in "The application will require a sign-off from the Building Commissioner, to ensure that the change will comply with the Massachusetts State Building Code."

SECTION VIII: ADMINISTRATION: 8.1 ENFORCEMENT 8.1.1 remove "Inspector" replace with "Commissioner or their designee, hereafter referred to as the Building Official." Remove "He" replace with "The Building Official" remove "of which" replace with "that" and remove "all respects in." Section 8.1.3 remove "Inspector" replace with "Official." 8.2 CONDITIONS OF CONSTRUCTION. 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 Remove and replace entire sections. Remove DIAGRAMS from BACK OF BOOK: TABLE OF CONTENTS: And remove DIAGRAMS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in back on the Zoning Bylaw.

SECTION X: DEFINITIONS delete the existing Diagram references from FRONT YARD, FRONTAGE, LOT WIDTH, REAR YARD and SIDE YARD and replacing with new Diagram section numbers.

Add SECTION XI: Moratorium on Large-Scale Solar Battery Storage and Large-Scale Battery Storage.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

08/30, 09/06/2023

### LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Marcelo Sousa of **38 Cypress Street, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 15A, Parcel 429) for: **home office for house painting business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will

be rescheduled to Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

08/30, 09/06/2023

### LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT/ HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Joshua Block of **45 Hunter Road, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 17D, Parcel 34F) for: **home-based communications consulting.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 28, 2023

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

08/30, 09/06/2023

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD23P1770EA

Estate of:  
ALLAN D. NOYES  
Date of Death:  
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INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **MELISSA J. MOTT of JEFFERSON, MA** Petitioner **ANN J. ROBILLARD OF LUDLOW, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**MELISSA J. MOTT of JEFFERSON, MA**

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09/06/2023

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The Trial Court  
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Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD23P1809EA

Estate of:  
Sarah Louise Santucci

Also known as:  
Sarah L Santucci

Date of Death: 07/03/2021

CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jason E Santucci 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: **Jason E Santucci 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 09/25/2023.**

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

Date: August 28, 2023

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09/06/2023

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Docket No. HD23C0209CA

In the matter of:  
Sariyah Anjel Hill

CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been filed by **Sariyah Anjel Hill of Indian Orchard, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Rhys Anjel Hill**

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

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LUDLOW – Members of Ludlow Brownie Troop 65173 proudly present their troop’s inspirational mural to Harris Brook Elementary School. The mural, created as part of a badge-earning endeavor, beautifully mirrors the design of the troop’s crest.

The mural symbolizes the spirit of ambition, dreams, and limitless possibilities. The mural adorns a prominent location within the foyer of Harris Brook Elementary School, where it can be viewed and appreciated by all students and educators.

The mural serves as a daily reminder of the incredible potential within each student.



Engaged in their badge-earning project, members of Brownie Troop 65173 diligently create their mural and other paintings. Top left is Daisy Rego and front to back are Penny Batch, Mia Wegner and Ruby Mateus.



Courtesy photos

Left to right are Brownies Penny Batch, Daisy Rego, Mia Wegner and Harris Brook Elementary School Principal Nikki Reed.

## PET OF THE MONTH

### Meet Leo!



Meet Leo! He turned a year old in February. He is a short legged, Jack Russell. He is very photogenic, and is very lovable. He loves to play with his toys and chase birds and squirrels in the yard. He is loved by the Reid family!

# PET PAGE



## READERS!

Send in your pet picture for our “Pet of the Month” and receive a free weekend get-away or spa package for your pet courtesy of Porter Road Pet Care. Email your photos to: [jwalker@turley.com](mailto:jwalker@turley.com). Please include your name and your pet’s name.

## The Benefits of Letting Your Cat Go Outside

Cats are not naturally indoor animals. While there are some valid reasons why you may want to keep your cat inside, they naturally love the outdoors and most of them will take easily to it. There are benefits to letting your cat go outside. These include better health, more mental stimulation and more natural living conditions. Many people do not allow outside access for their cats because of the hazards, however, it is possible for your kitty to have the best of both worlds.

### Healthier Body and Mind

When you keep a cat inside it’s quite hard to give it enough exercise and mental stimulation. Indoor cats sleep longer than outdoor ones. Even providing indoor climbing frames and adventure space may not supply enough exercise. This can result in health issues, weak muscles and an underdeveloped rear end. When a cat is outside it naturally moves more for a longer period of time and has a larger range of movement.

### More Stimulation of Your Cats Mind

Simply being outside will give your cat much more stimulation than it would have indoors. All the sights, sounds and smells; the insects and the birds to look at, all help to stimulate your cat’s mind, keep him occupied and tire him out. While indoors they can look out of the window (and love to do so) they are still separated from the activity. There is the added benefit of being able to use their sense of smell, which is absent when sitting at a closed window.

### Limited Outdoor Access

Even with an indoor cat there are ways to allow safe outdoor access. Catios and runs are good alternatives. The advantages are that you can attach them to your house and your cat can come and go as it pleases in safety. Taking your cat out for walks on a harness or lead is another option. Not all cats will take to the harness. If you decide to try this as an option go slowly and take notice of your cats reactions. There are ways to train your cat to accept the harness and go for walks.



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