

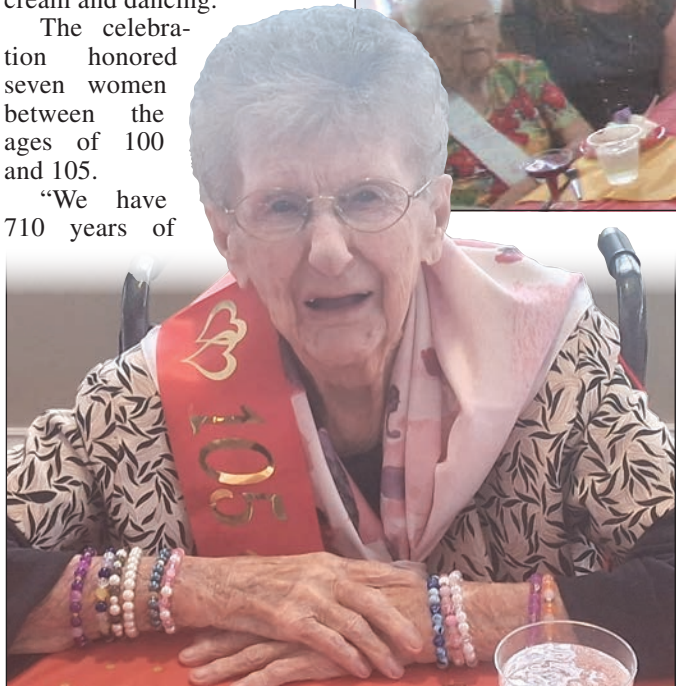
Celebration commemorates centenarians

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – Residents and staff gathered at Christopher Heights Assisted Living Center to celebrate the lives of several residents with cake, ice cream and dancing.

The celebration honored seven women between the ages of 100 and 105.

“We have 710 years of



105-year-old Ann Condon recommended a glass of wine daily to live long and prosper.

life right here at this table,” Director of Marketing Lorna Stone said as she congratulated the women during the centennial ceremony.

She read words of wisdom collected from the centenarians.

A former Auxiliary Women’s Club president in Ludlow, the 105-year-old Ann Condon recommended to stay active in clubs, to volunteer and to have a daily glass of wine.

“She’s 105 and fabulous,” Stone said during the ceremony. “One of her

quotes that made her live to 105 was being with young people.”

Stone has been at the Belchertown branch since its opening in 2018. As she applauded the seven’s achievements, she also thanked her staff for providing a quality of life and care befitting the dignity of the people in residence.

She noted the average lifespan for a person in residence was 22 months, a figure exceeded by the seven featured in the ceremony.



Staff pose with the day’s guests of honor. Inset, the cake congratulated the featured residents was shared among the attendees.

“We’re one big happy family,” Stone said. “You do what you do for your family, but these residents are our family.”

Activity director April Kosuda also expressed how proud she was about the res-

idents’ longevity and how proud she was to be part of the Christopher Heights family. She echoed the celebrated residents when asked

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Ludlow aims to join mosquito control district

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LUDLOW – Officials recently took another step toward joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD).

“The Board of Health recently voted and approved to join at their last meeting in August. This will now go to Town Meeting to hopefully

get approved,” said Health Director Paulina Matusik. “Membership would provide Ludlow with routine mosquito surveillance during mosquito season.”

If Ludlow’s membership in the district is approved at Town Meeting, PVMCD staff members would lead several activities in town. These include establishing trapping locations in the community; collecting mosquito sam-

ples; coordinating laboratory testing for mosquito-borne viruses; and providing surveillance data and weekly reports.

“This local information would help the Health Department evaluate risk and respond to diseases such as West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis using current, community-specific data, rather than relying only on regional findings,” Ma-

tusik said.

At the state level, after additional human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) were recently announced in eastern Massachusetts, officials are urging residents statewide to take precautions.

Last week, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced two new human cases of WNV. The first is a man in his eighties who was exposed

in Middlesex County, while the second person is a man in his seventies with likely exposure in Suffolk County, officials said.

A total of five human cases of WNV have been announced this year across the state. Additionally, 232 WNV-positive mosquito samples were detected statewide so far in 2026.

Meanwhile, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE)

has been detected in seven mosquito samples this year. No human or animal cases of EEE infection have been reported so far this year.

“As we all try to enjoy the last days of summer, we have to recognize the ongoing risk from WNV,” said Public Health Commissioner Rob-

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LHS grad to help debut new play

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LUDLOW – Local actor Paul Taylor and the rest of his cast will debut an original comedy production next month.

On Oct. 9, 10, and 11, Playhouse 44 (located in Avon, CT) will present “The Elements of God.”

The production stars West Springfield’s Taylor in the role of a public relations executive who experiences an unusual wake-up call that changes his life.

“This play is meaningful to me because it’s a great story about a middle-aged man who, despite being 49, hasn’t quite recognized the power he has to realize his dreams,” said Taylor, a 1982 graduate of Ludlow High School. “I love playing Artie because the play addresses many universal themes that people are faced with today.”

Playhouse 44, a not-for-profit, all-volunteer troupe, has held several recent performances. These include two plays at Avon High School; a music-and-comedy revue at McLean Senior Living in Simsbury, CT; four concerts at a local Raimour and Flanigan; four storytelling nights at Avon Congrega-

tional Church; and a corporate event.

“I guess you can say we’re a relentless group of theatrical nomads. We perform wherever we can, even when it’s a challenge, which only makes us even more determined to put on a great show,” said Les Zinner, a troupe member who is serving as the assistant stage manager for “The Elements of God.” “We still hope to have a place of our own one day, though for the time being, watch how we transform Avon Town Hall into a little theater.”

Troupe members were thrilled to welcome Taylor, a retired educator who taught and served as an athletic coach in the region for many years.

“We’re so pleased that Paul decided to drive down from West Springfield to audition for us, because he truly brings our overwrought leading character to life,” said playwright Joel Samberg.

Taylor’s professional acting credits include a pair of true crime shows on Peacock; nine independent films; and dinner theater productions, most prominently with Dinner Detective in New Haven, CT, Providence, RI, and Worcester.

“My acting career started



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Paul Taylor, a Ludlow High School graduate, has enjoyed a career in acting after retiring from teaching.

after retiring from teaching in 2022,” said Taylor, who grew up in Ludlow and met his wife, Elaine Bourbeau, at LHS. “On a whim, I auditioned for a part in Dinner Detective theater in Worcester, got the part, and have been acting ever since.”

Growing up as a decorated athlete, Taylor never imagined his journey would one day bring him to multiple acting roles.

“I was mildly interested [in acting] at LHS, but I played sports and the sched-

uling didn’t allow for me to do both activities, so I chose sports,” Taylor told The Register. “I don’t regret it because I went into teaching and coaching. But over four decades later, I rediscovered acting – and I’m enjoying it a lot.”

In 2019, Taylor was inducted into the West Springfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Flash forward seven years, and it’s his prowess on stage that has taken the spotlight.

“It’s never too late to try something new,” he said.

“The Elements of God” will be performed on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m., as well as Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, a 2 p.m. performance will be held.

Playhouse 44 began in 2023 as a group dedicated to community creativity. Most of its performances – which include storytelling nights, music-and-comedy productions, and concerts – are free of charge.

Admission to “The Elements of God” is free, but seating is limited and patrons need a ticket to attend. Tickets can be requested at info@playhouse44.org.

To learn more about the group, visit https://playhouse44.org/.

Resource fair next weekend

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LUDLOW – Community members are looking forward to a packed schedule of programs this month at First Church in Ludlow.

Highlighting the September schedule is a community resource fair slated for Saturday, Sept. 19 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the church.

Several vendors from across the community will introduce local residents to their services. Vendors will have promotional materials for guests to bring home with them.

“People don’t always realize what resources are out there to support them, their families, and their neighbors. It’s very helpful to have opportunities like this,” said Minister Darcy Borden.

Vendors scheduled to appear at the event include members of the police department, fire department, Ludlow CARES Coalition, and community organizations.

Information on various resources and services will be provided to fair attendees.

Additionally, the church will host a Jazz Bones concert on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Jazz Bones trombone ensemble has a powerful five-part harmony and is backed by a rhythm section to drive the beat.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For more information about the event, contact David Neill at: tbn8@aol.com. You may also call 413-686-5027.

A Just Peace Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 20, at 10 a.m.

The First Church Hummingbird Shop and Bookstore is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Finally, Bible Study with Rev. Borden is held every Monday morning from 10-11 a.m. at the church. All are welcome to attend.

The church is located at 859 Center Street. To learn more about upcoming programs, call 413-583-3339.

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Picture book honors special bond

By Kevin Flanders
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PALMER – With the release of her new picture book, author Mary Outhuse is sharing with young readers the joys of a close-knit family on a rural farm.

“The Adventures of Glady-Lu and Peg: Meeting a Moose” captures the special relationship between Glady-Lu and her older sister, Peg, as they experience both the excitement and the simple pleasures of life on their rural Maine farm.

“I wrote this book to honor my mother and her special bond with her sister,” said Outhuse, a retired banker who lives in Palmer.

Through the eyes of the characters, readers encounter wildlife, farmyard adventures, and plenty of wholesome mischief that defines childhood in the countryside.

Outhuse is eager to see young readers and their families resonate with the experiences of the characters.

When asked about her favorite parts of writing the book, she answered, “Showing the simple pleasures of growing up on a farm. The many adventures to be had and lessons to be learned, especially with the farm animals and the local wildlife.”

As she wrote the book, Outhuse drew from a personal wellspring of inspiration, including the many stories her mother shared about growing up on a farm in Windsor, ME.

Several of these anecdotes involved the close relationship between Outhuse’s mother and her sister.

“Her dedication to this project honors her loving and resilient mother, Gladys Lucille, and her aunt, Margaret Ellen, whose enduring sisterhood left an indelible mark on her heart,” read a statement released by Covenant Books, a South Carolina-based company that published the book.

Outhuse is thrilled that



Palmer’s Mary Outhuse recently published a book for children and families.
Submitted photo

the publication of her book represents the fulfillment of a long-held dream.

“I have always wanted to share the stories my mother told me about her special relationship with her sister – and their experiences growing up on a rural farm,” Outhuse said. “These tales are based on real-life moments, and I believe preserving them through children’s literature ensures they will never be forgotten by generations to come.”

Through lighthearted storytelling, the book shares several timeless lessons about wildlife, farm life, and family-centered values.

“The book serves as a gentle reminder that these cherished narratives—rooted in actual events—offer wisdom and connection that modern families urgently need,” read the statement released by Covenant Books. “Young readers will

eagerly anticipate the next installment of adventures on the farm.”

Looking ahead, Outhuse is excited to see where the story will take her with future books.

“I hope to write a series of at least three. My next one will be ‘Sleigh Ride’, set at Christmas time. I hope to have it available in October of 2027,” the author shared.

Outhuse’s book is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble, in both hardcover and digital formats.

Readers can also purchase “The Adventures of Glady-Lu and Peg” at the Apple iTunes Store and Google Play.

Covenant Books is an international publishing house specializing in all genres of work that appeal to the Christian market.

For more information about the publisher, visit www.covenantbooks.com.

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ONGOING

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

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

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

uted to those in need.

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

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

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

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

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

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow. Call for information about the schedule. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at 485 East St., Ludlow. Call 413-348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 888-613-2777 for details.

Boys and Girls Club annual meeting notice

LUDLOW – Notice has been announced for the 76th annual meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club. According to the bylaws of the organization, the board of directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, which will

take place on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive). Board members, ambassadors, volunteers, and donors of the organization are invited to participate. To RSVP, please contact Christina Yacono at 413-583-2072 (extension 112). Agenda for the meeting:

report on the activities of the organization in the past year; presentation of the audited annual report for approval; appointment of new directors; and recognition and awards for staff, volunteers, and community. For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, please visit www.ludlowbgc.org.

Zonta Club hosts annual golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The 32nd annual Zonta Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Cold Spring Country Club, 330 Chauncey Walker St., to help create a brighter future for women and girls in the community. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. Your support di-

rectly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. Zonta Club of Quabog Valley is working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality and women in decision-making positions.

Tee off will be at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition and making a difference. The registration fee of \$120 includes a round of golf, a box lunch and the chance to win prizes. Sign up today at zontaqv.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. Zonta Club also welcomes sponsorships from local businesses.

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Freedom Credit Union offers free Fall Shred Days

LUDLOW – Freedom Credit Union is giving area residents a free way to safely dispose of sensitive documents this fall as identity theft and financial fraud remain serious concerns across Massachusetts.

The Ludlow branch, 645 Center St., will hold a shred day on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9-11 a.m.

Other dates and locations include Saturday, Sept. 12, Three County Fairgrounds, 54 Fair St., Northampton from 9-11 a.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, 74 Main St., Greenfield from 9-11 a.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 26, 1976 Memorial Drive, Chicopee from 9-11 a.m.

Residents can bring un-

wanted paperwork containing personal or financial information, including bills, bank statements, tax returns and other sensitive documents.

According to the most recent data from the Federal Trade Commission, Massachusetts consumers reported 27,141 cases of identity theft in just one year. The state ranks sixth nationwide for identity theft reports per 100,000 residents. Massachusetts consumers also reported \$210.3 million in fraud losses in one year.

“Protecting your personal information can start with something as simple as being careful about what you put in the trash,” said Glenn Welch, president and CEO

of Freedom Credit Union. “We want to give people an easy and secure way to dispose of sensitive documents, and we welcome everyone in the community who wants to take advantage of this free service.”

The shred days are open to the public and free of charge. Each vehicle may bring up to five file boxes or paper shopping bags of documents.

About Freedom Credit Union

Originally chartered in 1922 as the Western Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union and renamed in 2004, Freedom Credit Union is a nine-branch, full-service

financial institution.

Today, membership is available to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire counties in Massachusetts, and Hartford or Tolland counties in Connecticut.

Offering a complete range of banking services and loan products, Freedom Credit Union has conveniently located Massachusetts branches in Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Greenfield, Ludlow, Northampton, Turners Falls, West Springfield and two in Springfield, as well as a Loan Production Office in Enfield, Connecticut. For more information, visit freedom.coop.

MSB hosts clothing drive for professional work attire

MONSON – For more than 150 years, Monson Savings Bank has been dedicated to giving back to the local communities where the Bank operates.

Most recently, Monson Savings Bank announced they will once again be hosting a clothing drive to collect professional work attire for Suit Up Springfield and Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts at all bank locations.

Suit Up Springfield is happy to accept donations of suits, shirts, ties, shoes, and outer coats. Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts is accepting donations of blazers/suits, dress pants, skirts, shoes, outerwear, and

jewelry.

Gently used and clean professional business attire donations will be accepted at the following locations during normal business hours from Sept. 8-12: Monson Branch, 146 Main St., Monson; Hampden Branch, 15 Somers Road, Hampden; Wilbraham Branch, 100 Post Office Park, Wilbraham; Ware Branch, 136 West St., Ware; and East Longmeadow Branch, 61 North Main St., East Longmeadow.

Suit Up Springfield is a non-profit organization focused on providing the young men of Springfield area professional attire. Their goal is to help each individual find a suit that will give them the

confidence, knowledge, and tools to help them become a successful member of their community.

Learn more at <https://suitsupspringfield.com/>.

Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts has a mission to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Learn more: <https://westernmass.dressforsuccess.org/>

“We are excited to partner with both of these community organizations who contribute to the success of so many people in our communities,” said Dan Moriarty,

Monson Savings Bank President & CEO. “Many members of our team have already started to gather items to donate to the clothing drive. We hope you will also consider donating items to make the drive successful.”

Monson Savings Bank was proud to work with AM Lithography Corporation, a certified Veteran-owned, small commercial printing business based out of Chicopee, to produce collection boxes for the clothing drive.

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank’s commitment to our communities, please visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.

Designer Handbag Bingo

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

Set for Sept. 18, the event will start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The location is Polish American Club (355 East

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

The event will also include designer purses, raffles, a cash bar, and special guest appearances from LFD crew members. To purchase tickets, please send an email to: ludlowfireladiesauxiliary@gmail.com.

Jazz concert this month

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MOSQUITO CONTROL

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bie Goldstein. “People who are older or have compromised immune systems are especially at risk from this disease. The mosquitoes will be with us until the first hard frost.”

Last week, the DPH began weekly public updates on WNV cases in Massachusetts.

“WNV can be a devastating disease. Taking steps to prevent mosquito bites can help keep you healthy for the rest of the season,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown.

Officials recommend taking several steps to avoid mosquito bites. Residents should apply insect repellent when outdoors, and reduce outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours from dusk until dawn.

Moreover, wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Officials also encourage protecting your home from mosquitoes by draining standing water.

“Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit

the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water,” read a statement released by the Massachusetts DPH. “Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in bird-baths frequently.”

Residents are also encouraged to repair all window and door screens, ensuring that they fit tightly.

Animal owners can reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their properties by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains.

“Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas,” the Mass DPH statement read. “Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals.”

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GUEST COLUMN

By Ellenor Downer

Doug Moore of Belchertown took this photo of an osprey protecting its young from a red winged blackbird at Lake Wallace on July 17.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk has the ability to dive into water to catch fish. It also has the ability to hover.

Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds’ feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.

These hawks are excellent anglers. Over several studies, ospreys caught fish on at least one in every four dives with success rates sometimes as high as 70%. The average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

The osprey readily builds its stick nest on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds and nest platforms designed especially for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in reestablishing ospreys in areas where they had disappeared. In some areas nests are placed almost exclusively on artificial structures.

Osprey eggs do not hatch all at once. Rather, the first chick emerges up to five days before the last one. The older hatchling dominates its younger siblings and can monopolize the food brought by the parents.

If food is abundant, chicks share meals in relative harmony; in times of scarcity, younger ones may starve to death.

These birds may log more than 160,000 migration miles during its 15 to 20-year lifetime. Scientists track ospreys by strapping lightweight satellite transmitters to the birds’ backs.

The devices pinpoint an osprey’s location to within a few hundred yards

Osprey at nest.

Photo by Doug Moore

and last for two or three years. During 13 days in 2008, one osprey flew 2,700 miles from Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana, South America.

The oldest known osprey was at least 25 years, two months old and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.

Glossy ibis

On July 13 Doug Moore saw a glossy ibis at Lake Wallace. They expanded their range over the past century from the southeastern United States to include much of eastern North America.

At a distance the glossy ibis looks uniformly dark, but a closer look in sunlight reveals deep maroon, emerald, bronze and violet feathers.

Large flock of grackles

I saw a large flock of grackles in late August. I did not count them, but there were at least 50, probably more.

They flew from one side of the road to the other. I stopped the car and waited for them to safely pass. There were stragglers and some flew behind the car as well as in front of it.

Seeing them reminded me that the fall migrations are happening or at least the birds are gathering in flocks to make their journeys south.

Some species of birds travel long distances to their winter habitat. Ospreys are just one of many that travel thousands of miles.

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

LETTER TO EDITOR

Change is needed to rebuild country

I’m not a lawyer or a politician. I’m just a homeowner, registered voter and tax payer living in Ludlow MA USA.

I pay my bills on time, keep our yard and house clean, assist my wife with her volunteer work and read the newspaper and follow the news from various sources including network TV.

There’s no denying our country is experiencing difficult times. I am outraged and disappointed certain politicians have turned a blind eye to what’s happening in our country.

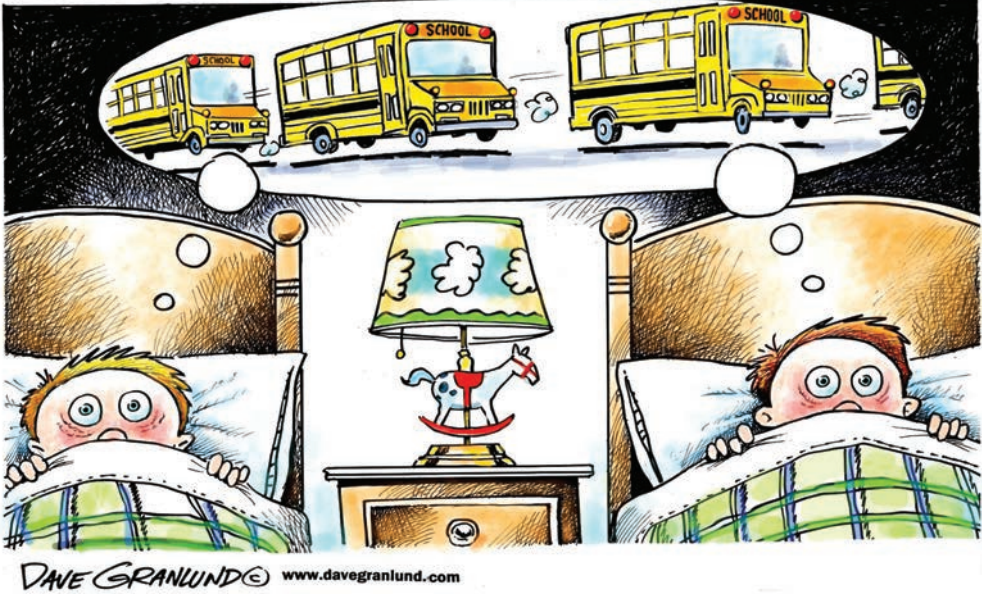
But like the seasons in New England change is coming. Like a nice November breeze. Try not to lose hope. It’s not easy though.

It will take time to repair the damage that has been done but eventually we will rebuild what has been destroyed. And once again we will be able to hold our heads up because after all, we are Americans.

Let history judge the others.

Gary Picard
Ludlow

While visions of school buses danced in their heads...



GUEST COLUMN

E-wheels complicate back-to-school safety

Kids used to have three ways of getting to school: on foot, on a bus or on a bike. School officials in many localities are dreading the new trend toward e-bikes, e-scooters and hoverboards.

Electrically powered two-wheel vehicles seem to be taking over our streets, bike lanes and, sometimes, sidewalks, driven by teens and tweens who don’t necessarily know the rules of the road. Scary. Now couple that with lots of cars and traffic around schools. Even scarier.

As someone who has spent a lot of time around emergency rooms, I urge parents to think twice before buying an e-bike, e-scooter or other motorized vehicle for their child. In some localities, like Douglas County in Colorado, parents can be held liable if their child is caught riding where they shouldn’t or, worse, causing an accident.

Admittedly, state laws can be a bit confusing. In Massachusetts, e-bikes can fall into the same category as mopeds, which creates uncertainty about licensing, registration and where they can be ridden. E-bike riders and passengers age 16 or younger must wear a helmet. Localities are allowed to enact more restrictive rules.

ER visits related to e-bikes and e-scooters have increased by 671% for children and adolescents, according to Karen Gilbert Farrar, lead researcher at Truveta, a health data and analytics firm. “Just to put that in context,” she told USA Today, “that’s if one patient was being seen in 2023, that’s now nearly eight patients in 2026.”

Most injuries are to the head and neck, and about 7% involve traumatic brain injury, her research found. Fatalities typically involve a collision with a car or truck or crashing into a fixed object or curb.

your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

This is a three-pronged problem that needs a three-pronged approach, from parents, children and localities, as back-to-school season begins.

Parents

Understand how the state classifies e-bikes and e-scooters so you know what you are buying. Most states regulate e-bikes in three classes: motorized assist with pedals, up to 20 mph; motorized assist with pedals and a throttle, also up to 20 mph; and motorized assist with pedals and a speedometer, up to 28 mph.

Consider not only your child’s age, but also their maturity level, because e-bike riders need good judgment and mature decision-making, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Kids ages 9 to 12 should not be operating any motorized vehicle, the Consumer Products Safety Commission says.

Instruct them on the use of bike lanes and sidewalks, safety in parking lots, speed limits and how to handle themselves at intersections. I would observe them on the road for a time.

And make them wear a helmet. No helmet, no bike or scooter.

Kids

Don’t give your friends rides or let them drive your

e-bike or scooter.

Don’t wear headphones or earbuds or talk on the phone. Obey traffic signals and don’t show off – no wheelies. If you’re not supposed to be on the sidewalk, don’t be on a sidewalk.

And wear that helmet your parents are making you wear.

Localities and schools

I hope more cities and school districts will consider restricting e-bikes and e-scooters and not wait until a child is severely injured. They can be brought to school but not ridden on school property.

If the vehicles are allowed, the riders should be carefully monitored to make sure they wear helmets and are not riding recklessly.

When all is said and done, though, I think the main responsibility for e-bike and e-scooter safety lies with the responsible adult in a child’s life. It comes with the job.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a Monson resident, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate. She is the author of several books on advocacy and founder of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which equips medical professionals with the knowledge and skills to start their own advocacy businesses. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

Why change Social Security now? It’s a working ‘Ponzi Scam.’

Dear Rusty:

Maybe everybody has the same reaction that I do to Social Security insolvency.

I do not understand a system that has been basically run like a Ponzi Scam since its inception; why have you decided (in 2026-2027) that now is the time to change a perfectly good Ponzi Scam.

In all reality, this began with Babylon. I’m sure that if you searched the meaning of the words “Babylonian money magic,” you would understand what I’m talking about.

If this is as good as the Earth has, why would you mess with a perfectly rotten thing. Why would you decide to change currencies to some sort of fragile digital currency?

Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical Senior:

You touch on an item that the Association of Mature

SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters

By Russell Gloor

American Citizens Foundation has dealt with many times over the years, specifically the notion that Social Security has the characteristics of a Ponzi Scheme.

Our position in response to that notion is that Social Security was created and operated with full transparency with its financial status, formulas and long-term deficits completely and publicly documented and reported to the President and Congress annually.

Unlike the infamous Charles Ponzi, the government has a permanent pool of contributors through man-

datory FICA and SECA (self-employment) payroll taxes and is designed to remain in operation infinitely as long as there’s a taxpaying workforce.

Moreover, the Social Security system is overseen by Congress, specifically the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Government Accountability Office. The Social Security Administration is subject to routine hearings by these congressional overseers and

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

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

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

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

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

FOR ADULTS

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

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

Chair Yoga for Adults: Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga is an accessible and inclusive movement practice that uses standard chairs to support gentle stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Sessions are designed to promote physical wellness, stress reduction, and community connection. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Yoga mats are welcome. Please register.

Birding for Joy and Lifelong Learning: Sept. 26

from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Birding is a popular hobby that can be enjoyed nearly anywhere, at any age, and at little or no expense. Learn more about this growing pastime, its benefits, and how to get started in this introductory program presented by members of the Allen Bird Club of Springfield, Massachusetts. Please register.

Creative Writing Group: Oct. 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done. The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Please register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR YOUTH

Youth Crochet Club: Tuesdays (biweekly). Sessions

are held at 5:30 p.m. Intended for ages 10-17. Please register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

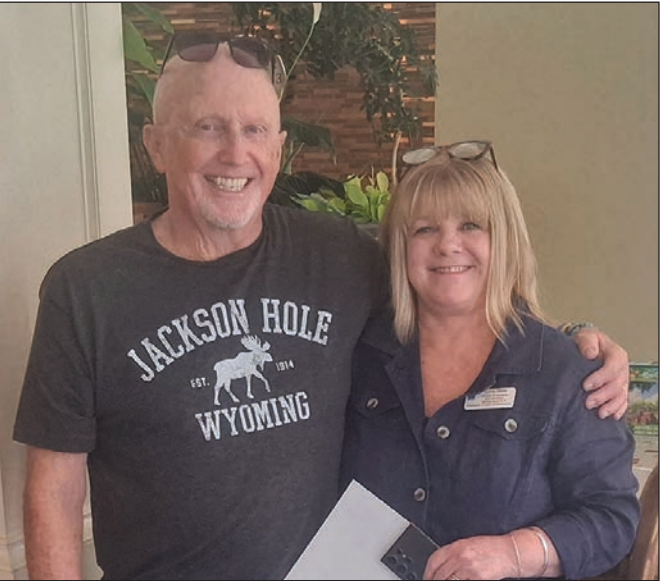
Young Adult Volunteer Program: ongoing. For students in grades 6-12. Volunteer one hour per week in the Youth Room. Please see the library's website calendar for more information.

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what she thought was the secret to their success.

"I think it's the movement," Kosuda said. "Keep going. We all have issues. We all have things go-

ing on, but not letting that bog you down and to keep pushing forward and keep moving...you have to have some type of inspiration to keep moving forward. And honestly, they're my inspiration."



Ann Condon's son is shown with Christopher Height's Director of Marketing Lorna Stone.



Christopher Heights residents smile for the camera.



Activities Director April Kosuda gives a few words to the day's proceedings.



Christopher Height's staff posed with the day's guests of honor.

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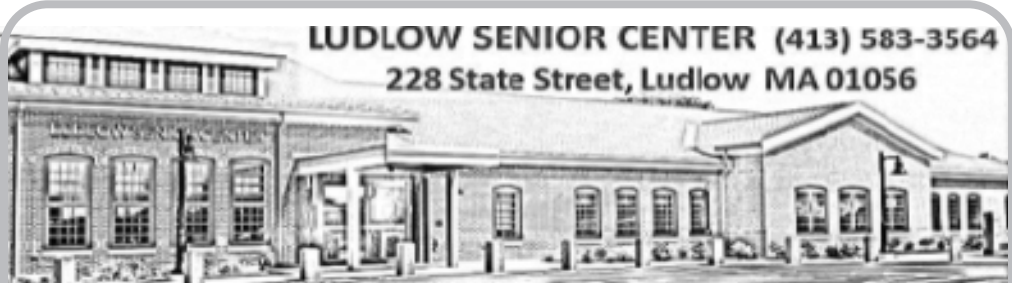
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

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

Mark your calendar for Sept. 25 and join the third annual Senior Strong Exhibitor Event. This special day brings together the people, agencies, and local businesses that support the Ludlow Senior Center throughout the year.

The program will include raffles, giveaways, snacks, valuable information, and more.

For complete program details at the Senior Center, visit ludlow.ma.us/coa, or pick up the monthly newsletter at the Center.

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items marked with*.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Mobile dental hygiene clinic by appointment*
10 a.m. Fun with Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*

1 p.m. Movie: “102 Minutes that Changed America” (2008)
Thursday, Sept. 10
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sanitation Station for mobility equipment
10:15 a.m. Meditation and Mindful Connection*
10:30 a.m. Friends of the Center meeting
10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira office hour
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active yoga
Daily Events:

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

Menu:
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Kielbasa and kraut
Thursday, Sept. 10: Blueberry stuffed French Toast, breakfast sausage
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Alianza 5K Cider Donut Dash

Sept. 26 run/walk to end domestic violence

HOLYOKE – Lace up your sneakers on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Ashley Reservoir, where the community will come together with purpose, and for a sweet finish of cider and donuts.

The 5K starts at the Elks Club, 250 Whitney Avenue, with runners starting at 10 a.m. and walkers at 10:05 a.m. A 1.5 mile fun run will also be held.

Following the race there will be cider donuts, fresh apple cider, music and community connection.

The Alianza 5K: Cider Donut Dash brings people together to raise awareness, support survivors, and help build a future free from domestic violence.

Run fast, walk with friends, or bring the whole family to cheer on the community. There’s a place for everyone at the start line (and plenty of donuts waiting at the finish).

Held just ahead of October’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this event serves as a meaningful kickoff by bringing the community together to show up and stand with survivors.

Registration fees now

through Sept. 24 are \$45 for adult 5K runners/walkers. Prices increase at 1 a.m. on Sept. 25 to \$55 for adult 5K runners/walkers and \$35 for youth under age 18.

Online registration closes at 9 a.m. on Sept. 26. To register, visit www.runreg.com/Alianza.

Proceeds support Alianza DV Services, whose programs provide free and confidential advocacy, shelter, prevention, and support services to survivors of domestic violence and their families throughout our region.

For more information about Alianza DV Services, visit www.alianzadv.org/.



The Padykula family, of Palmer, greets guests at the market.

Photos by Kevin Flander

Area small businesses unite

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer
kflanders@turley.com

REGION – Small business representatives from throughout the area recently teamed up to promote the importance of shopping local.

Linea Lamothe, the owner and manager of Antique Junction in Palmer, organized an outdoor Vintage Pop-Up Market that was held on Aug. 22.

The event featured dozens of vintage vendors, artisans, makers, crafters, and other local small businesses. Several area communities were represented across an array of specialties.

“As a small business ourselves, we know how important it is to support one another,” Lamothe said. “This event isn’t just about bringing people to one location – it’s about introducing visitors to everything Palmer



Oliver Helliard and Aiden Plant welcome guests to their booth.

has to offer and encouraging them to explore our antique shops, restaurants, and local businesses.”

In addition to the market itself, Antique Junction’s sis-

ter company, Bygone Excursions, brought guests on a vintage shopping trolley tour throughout the day.

The trolley made its first stop at the market, then proceeded to visit several local antique shops.

“I come from a family of small businesses, and you can’t survive without getting that support from the community,” Lamothe added.

For event participants, it meant a lot to meet other business leaders and show community solidarity. Amid challenging economic times, every connection and networking opportunity helps bring businesses together.

“I love seeing all of the local businesses come out to support each other. The turnout has been great,” said Brianna Roberts, who represented the Steaming Tender Restaurant.



Event organizer Linea Lamothe thanks guests for their support.

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SPORTS

Lions get ready for opener

AGAWAM – Last Tuesday afternoon, Ludlow High School football tuned up for the regular season with a scrimmage at Agawam High School. The Lions and Brownies have regularly had preseason scrimmages in past years. Ludlow is scheduled to open up the regular season on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at home against Pathfinder.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
The defense breaks up a pass.



The Ludlow defensive line locks up during a scrimmage last week.



The Lions starts a play on offense during a preseason scrimmage with Agawam.



The offensive line protects their quarterback

Lions to open with road contests

LUDLOW – Last week, Ludlow High School boys soccer had a scrimmage with Wahconah Regional High School. With the preseason over for the Lions, they will open up the regular season on the road at West Springfield High School on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. That will be followed by a rare Sunday game at Boston International on Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. Their home opener will be on Monday, Sept. 14 against East Longmeadow at 6 p.m.

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Alex Linna socks long kick away.



Evan Dias tries to protect the ball.



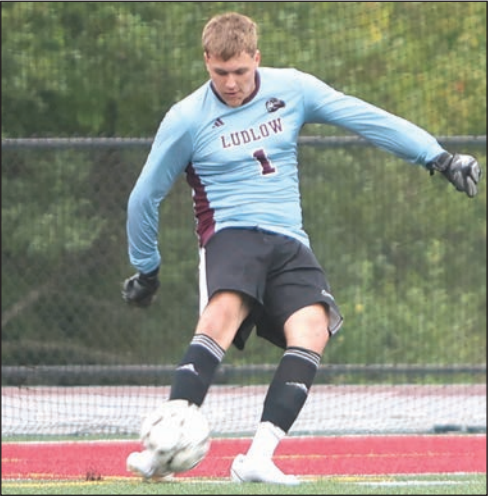
Giuseppe Porfilio makes a no-look pass.



Jake Canoa traps the ball before taking a different path.



Jay Willis tries to overcome pressure.



Goalie Nick Dion takes the goal kick.



Andres Conde delivers a pitch for the Knights.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Tory Buck takes a swing and fouls off a pitch

Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League's title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer's merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular season and were defeated in winner's bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt Dogs. They would go on to beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.

Tom Burzynski leads off first base.



Matt Morin sends a throw to first.



IN THE CLASSROOM

LHS temporary school records to be destroyed

Former students can get records from Counseling Dept.

LUDLOW – Ludlow High School Class of 2019, temporary school records will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless

claimed by individual former students.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record, which is not contained in the transcript.

Such information may include standardized test results, class rank, school sponsored extra-curricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records

and evaluations by teachers, counselors and other school staff.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing to: Ludlow High School, Counseling Department, 500 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, please call 413-589-9001 extension 2407.

LHS Class of 1976 to celebrate 50th reunion

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

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, at

Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive).

The program will run from 5-9 p.m. A buffet will be included.

The cost is \$30 per per-

son.

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

Classes of 1976 plan 50th reunion on Oct. 17

PALMER – The Palmer High School Reunion Committee invites the 1976 graduates of Palmer High School and Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to a 50th Anniversary Reunion Party on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5-10 p.m.

Faculty is also welcome to attend the reunion party.

Graduates and guests are invited to eat, drink and be reunited in the outdoor venue at Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center St., Ludlow. The cost is \$35 per person, includes entertainment by Kingdom of Jones

Band and a BBQ style buffet with cornbread, salad, BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, pulled pork, mac n’ cheese, rice and beans and coleslaw.

Please RSVP by contacting Sue Warner Prosseri at suewpro@gmail.com. Registration and payment are due no later than Sept. 30.



Beth Montemagni, of Chicopee, displays her creations.

SMALL BUSINESS

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In addition to highlighting individual businesses, the event also provided a great opportunity to promote the town’s overall business landscape.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to showcase Palmer as a destination for antiques, shopping, dining, history, and supporting local entrepreneurs,” Lamothe said ahead of the event. “Our hope is that visitors spend the entire day discovering Palmer, shopping locally, dining at our restaurants, and experiencing the charm of our historic railroad town.”

Residents and business owners said the event was a helpful tool for encouraging tourism and celebrating local history.

Additionally, the Vintage Pop-Up Market took place on the same day as the annual Lemonade Day event held across the area. The combination of the two programs helped draw even more



Brianna Roberts and Aiden Valley represent Steaming Tender Restaurant.

guests to town.

At Antique Junction, two young entrepreneurs sold lemonade to guests as part of the Lemonade Day program.

“I think it’s a wonderful addition to the event – and a great way to encourage and support the next generation of small business owners,” Lamothe said.

Additional participating businesses included Cookies by Ray, Barton Beeswax, The Old Crow’s Menagerie, Sweet Amethyst, and Creative Change Glass Creations.

All local businesses and residents who attended the event are thanked by organizers for their support.

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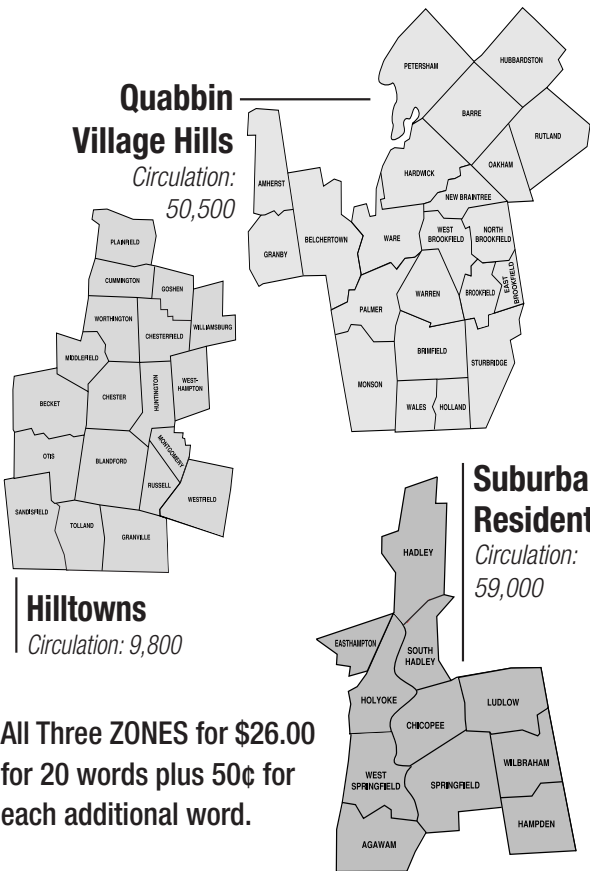
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LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Amy E. Murphy of **97 Prokop Avenue**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 11C, Parcel 22) for: **jewelry crafting.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.
Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/09, 09/16/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Manuel Santos of **492 Miller Street**,

Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 25A, Parcel 10) for: **office for construction business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/09, 09/16/2026

Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AT 5:45 P.M.** On the application of Ludlow Elks Lodge #2448, 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056. Change of Officers/ Directors, Change of Manager, Change of Corporate Structure.

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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, Select Board's Conference Room, 3rd floor
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 7:20 p.m.
Time: 7:20 p.m.
Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection 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:

1. Organizational amendments: Replacing the entire existing zoning bylaw with a rewritten version intended to improve organization, readability and syntax and without changing content or meaning
2. Accessory Dwelling Units: Adding language to the provisions governing Accessory Dwelling Units and related parking requirements, as previously directed by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, so as to bring the bylaw into full compliance with the requirements of current state law and regulations
3. Data Centers: Amendment and/or additions to the existing zoning bylaw to regulate the location, siting, or to establish the possible prohibition of Data Centers within the Town of Ludlow.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman

09/09, 09/16/26

INDIAN ORCHARD

Indian Orchard Citizens Council Meeting

INDIAN ORCHARD - The Indian Orchard Citizens Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings take place at the office located at 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard. The Council empowers residents to influence local decisions by providing a platform for voicing concerns and connecting with city departments. It keeps you informed about neighborhood projects and re-

sources while encouraging community involvement through volunteer opportunities. By organizing events and meetings, the council builds community bonds and advocates for residents in city planning and policy discussions, enhancing neighborhood safety and resilience. Office hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Questions? Call the office at 413-209-8240 or email indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com

Crafters are wanted for St. Nicholas Craft Fair

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

The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an

eight-foot table, which will be provided by the church.

To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available during the fair.

Forms for Faith Formation are available

LUDLOW – Christ the King Faith Formation registrations for students in grades 1-9 will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m. at the church center.

“We encourage all students in grades 1-9 to join our Faith Formation class-

es,” read a statement released by the church leadership team. “All students are welcome. We look forward to seeing all the students in September.”

Christ the King Parish Center is located at 41 Warsaw Avenue.

RESOURCE FAIR

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Additionally, the church is affiliated with Grace Union Church in Wilbraham (10 Chapel Street), where Borden also serves as minister.

“Our two churches are working together to make a better world by putting our prayers and faith into action

through caring, sharing, and giving,” read a statement released by the leadership team.

Sunday services are held in an alternating schedule between the two churches. Grace Union Church will host services on Sept. 13 and Sept. 27, while First Church in Ludlow will host services on Sept. 20. All services begin at 10 a.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 10: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C).
Friday, Sept. 11: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C).
Saturday, Sept. 12: Men's Ministry – 7:30 a.m. (JR), Coat Collection – 9 a.m. (Foyer), Dust and Pray Brigade – 10 a.m. (C), Confessions – 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Vigil Mass 4 p.m. (C).
Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (C). Faith Formation pre-K Confirmation – 9 a.m. (Pastoral Center), Lifeteen – 6 p.m. (JR).
Monday, Sept. 14: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Ladies Aux of K of C – 1 p.m. (JR), Faith Formation for grades 3-5 – 3:30 p.m. (JR), School Board meeting – 6 p.m. (ZR), Women's Bible Study – 6:15 p.m. (ER).
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