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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.

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Local organizers ‘Color Ludlow with Love’

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LUDLOW – This past Saturday, residents and organizers from the town held a “Color Ludlow with Love” event, during which diversity and inclusion were celebrated within the community.

The event was held at Veterans Park on Sept. 16 with live music by singer and guitarist Junior Marques playing from the gazebo, as well as tables and booths from local organizations gathered around the park.

Organizer Kelly De Gobbi described the event as “a true testament to community involvement.”

“As we reflect on the impact of an event like this in Ludlow after too many years of negativity, let’s not forget how powerful it is to work together to build something beautiful,” De Gobbi said. “It’s a testament to the power of teamwork and the



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmão

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Pictured making use of the props and backdrop, (from left) Leydiani Frias, Deborah Collins, Desiree Negron, Carlos, age five, Elizabeth Santos, and Willie Clark.

Planning Board drafts motion to deny storage facility proposal

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LUDLOW – The Planning Board met last Thursday to come to a consensus on the proposal of a storage facility on Center Street.

Although the Board did not reach a unanimous consensus, it was decided that a motion to deny the proposal would be drafted, to be voted on at the next meeting.

The meeting began with the Board approving two home-based offices for Marcelo Sousa for a house painting business on Cypress Road and Joshua Block for a communications consulting business. A portion of the meeting was then dedicated to committing to a final decision regarding JLL Real Estate’s site plan.

One sticking point, pointed out by Planning Board Chair Ray Phoenix, was on a clause restricting the storage of “explosive, flammable, toxic, or radioactive materials.”

“Most of the discussion on this had to do with the question of whether people would be able to be relied on to follow their agreement that they

had with the property owner for what they would be storing in there,” Phoenix said.

The contract does specifically prohibit any of the hazardous materials mentioned in the bylaw, and so the discussion was whether or not the possibility of people using the storage facility against their contract should be considered by the Planning Board.

“It comes down to the philosophy question about the overall goodness or badness of people, and where we need to find that this falls,” Phoenix said.

It was ultimately decided that the clause mentioned is satisfied by JLL’s contract.

There was some disagreement amongst the Board members over whether the proposal reasonably preserved the aesthetic preferences of the neighborhood, and another discussion was held as to whether the project would meet the needs of the town, given that there are other storage facilities accessible to residents that are not at full capacity.

“We live in a capitalist society where whether the businesses are bursting at the

seams or not isn’t necessarily the decider there,” Phoenix said. “If there’s not enough capacity to support the business, then it’s not going to do well, and the applicant’s going to end up losing money.”

Additionally, Ralph Capua approached the Board to request an extension on his development agreement, due to delays in receiving transformers from the electric company.

“The extension is for six months, I’m looking for two years,” Capua said. “The subdivision just got energized three months ago...but I wouldn’t have been able to sell lots or do anything, because the electric company just decided to give me transformers three months ago. Had I gone ahead and started building houses or doing any of that stuff, I would’ve been stuck for two years, because I haven’t been able to do anything with no transformers.”

“Luckily, I didn’t go ahead and start building houses, because I would’ve been sitting on them for two years or better and not be able to sell them,”

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Select Board receives updates on Red Bridge Hydro Plant collapse

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WILBRAHAM -- The Select Board received updates from Patriot Hydro on Sept. 11 regarding the Red Bridge Hydro Plant collapse that took place on Aug. 22.

After explaining what happened, John Robichaud, asset manager and general manager at Patriot Hydro and their parent company, LS Power, explained they’re working on securing the building to figure out the cause.

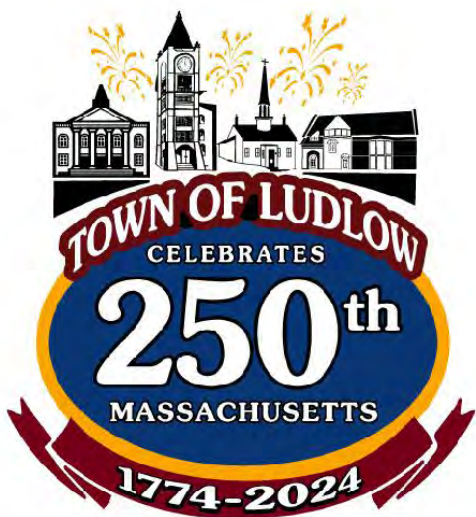
“Ultimately, our goal is to provide a coffer dam in the tailrace area, which will allow us to drain water from the substructure of it so we can get a better evaluation,” Robichaud said.

Robichaud said some debris from the tailrace will be removed in addition to removing and securing the superstructure. From there, they will assess and decide how to move forward.

“It’s going to be a long road,” Robichaud said. “We’ve had ex-

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LUDLOW



CELEBRATION CALENDAR

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Ludlowma250.org

**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, LIVE music & much more!

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!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH • 12 NOON-7PM

Celebrate Ludlow!

Veterans Memorial Park, 11 East Street, Ludlow

Featuring lots of food choices hosted by Ludlow's non-profits, Vanished Valley beer garden, kids carnival rides, kids inflatables, pumpkin contest and LIVE music. Please bring CASH!

The Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee will be at Celebrate Ludlow 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.

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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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PET OF THE WEEK



GUINNESS

This is Guinness. He likes to chase after the ball and not give it back.

Police locate resident who was missing for 20 hours

By Marcelo Gusmão
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LUDLOW – The Police Department has announced that it was able to locate missing resident Brandin Beaudoin on Monday.

Beaudoin was seen leaving his family's home around 7 p.m. on Sunday night, with police releasing a photo of him walking down East Street near the Polish Club. He was located around 2:45 p.m. the next day on Armory Street by a Springfield police officer, who took him to a nearby hospital for examination and then reunited him with his family.

"Brandin left to go for a walk after being upset and then got lost and couldn't find his way home," said Beaudoin's aunt, Nicole Beaudoin, who posted about his disappearance on social media. "He is very sore and very tired, but he is thankful to be home."

"Thank you to our mutual aid partners for their professionalism during this search, and to the Massachusetts State Police for providing invaluable resources," said Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas. "I wish to recognize the Springfield Police Department, and the officer whose attentiveness led to locating this individual. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Fire Chief Ryan Pease and the Ludlow Fire Department for all

of their help."

The Police Department had alerted neighboring police precincts to help look for Beaudoin, and entered him into the National Crime Information Center's missing persons database. A larger team including Massachusetts State Police and the Hampden County Sheriff's Department was mobilized to aid in the search, and the department issued an emergency reverse-911 notification to residents on Monday around 2 p.m.

"I want to first thank our family who stayed out all night to search for him," said Beaudoin, "especially my daughter and my niece, who walked neighborhoods looking for him."

Beaudoin went on to thank the sheriff's department, the state police, as well as Search and Rescue, K-9, and Project Lifesaver.

"The Ludlow Police Department, especially Officer Blair and Detective Collette, both went above and beyond to make sure we had constant communication with the search teams," Beaudoin said.



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Lions hold Food and Back-to-School Drive



The Ludlow Lions had another successful Food and Back-to-School Drive for the Community Survival Center. Pictured is the Past President Maureen Beauregard and Lion Sue Jessmer.

Polanie Club to hold 'Spotlight on Beautiful Fashions' fashion show

LUDLOW -- The Polanie Club will hold a Fashion Show "Spotlight on Beautiful Fashions" to honor the memory of the late Loretta T. Goyette, Club President for 32 years, Fashions presented by Zanna of Amherst on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 at Ludlow Country Club, 1 Tony Lema Drive, Ludlow.

Doors open at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon with Entree choices of Chicken Francaise or Roast Pork Loin

or Grilled Salmon.

Entertainment provided by Richie Mitnick and Peter Annone. Reserved Seating at \$48 available by sending check payable to POLANIE CLUB and mailing to: Ms. Denise Meyers, 14 Glen Albyn Street Springfield specify Meal Choice Information please call: Denise-413-563-7464, Stacy 413-593-1172, Diane 413-214-3822, Jeanne 413-589-0366 or Sophie 413-540-9877.

Dias golf tournament set for Oct. 16

LUDLOW—The Michael J Dias Foundation gears up for its 10th annual golf tournament fundraiser, at the Ludlow Country Club on Monday, Oct. 16. The tournament is sponsored by Luso Federal Credit Union

The Michael J Dias Foundation, renowned for its steadfast commitment to providing sober housing to individuals in recovery, has organized this event as a cornerstone fundraising effort to advance its mission further. The tournament will begin with registration starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by an exhilarating shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Golf enthusiasts, community members, and foundation supporters are invited to participate in this day of friendly competition. The cost per golfer is \$150, covering greens fees, a golf cart, a delectable mid-game lunch, and a celebratory buffet dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities are open to businesses and individuals who want to make a difference. Sponsors will play an integral role in supporting the Foundation's crucial work, contributing to the well-being and recovery of the individuals the Foundation serves.

For inquiries and additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Isabel Martins, reachable via email at imartins@mdiasfoundation.org or by phone at 617-429-0541.

The 10th annual MJD Golf Tournament stands as a celebration of community and a testament to the potent force of collective goodwill.

Registering for the 10th annual golf Tournament and becoming a valued sponsor is just a click away through the official registration portal: <https://bit.ly/MJDGOLF23>. We'd like to have all sponsors confirmed by Sept. 27 and golfers registered by Oct. 2, in order to plan the best day for everyone. For more details about the event, please visit the Foundation's official website at www.mdiasfoundation.org.

Wilbraham Garden club hosts a meeting on Oct. 5

WILBRAHAM— The first meeting of the 2023/2024 year of the Wilbraham Garden Club will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5. A luncheon will be served at noon, at the St. Cecelia's Parish Center on Main St. Please bring a pro-

spective new member. There is no guest fee for this meeting.

The speaker for the day will be Jen Angle, the owner of Wood and Word Blooms of Connecticut. Angle will demonstrate various painting techniques on wood flowers;

the material used to create them; and how they are made. Angle will show us how they are painted, stemmed and arranged into bouquets for weddings or made into arrangements for special occasions.

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FOR ADULTS

Painting on Textiles- Scrunch Paint a Silk Scarf, Thursday September 28, 6:30 p.m.

Join Garine of Kulina Folk Art to paint your own silk scarf. Everyone will go home with their own creation! Reserve your spot on our website.

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.

The "Who Picked This Book?" Book Club discusses "The Stranger in the Life Boat" by Mitch Albom, Thursday October 5, 3:30 p.m.

The "Who Picked This Book?" book club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

FOR TEENS

Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (10/3, 10/17, 10/31), 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 "Apple Crush" by Lucy Knisley, 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

October Storywalk: The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything, Come to the library grounds any time during the month of October to walk through Linda William's fun story "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything!"

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.

Fluffy Slime, Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. For ages 5 & up. Learn how to make soft, fluffy slime. 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.

Movie Night: Super Mario Bros. Movie, Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. Rated PG. Popcorn and drinks sold by the Friends of the Library. In the program room.

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+.

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt, Friday, September, 29, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Search the Youth Room for dinosaurs, learn some fun dino-facts, and win a prize!

FOR CHILDREN

3-5s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Monday October 2, weekly for six weeks except 10/9, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. A six week session about parents, siblings, grandparents and even pets! 30 minutes of stories, finger-plays, songs and games followed by a snack and craft. Please register.

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 & move-

ment. 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.

2-3s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Wednesday October 4, weekly for six weeks, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. The fun, easy-going 45 minute storytime includes 15 minutes for free play, 15 minutes of stories, fingerplays & songs, and 15 minutes of craft and snack time. Please register.

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.

Yoga for Preschoolers, Wednesday, August 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Movement, breathing, songs and games to teach mindfulness and the practise of yoga. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. 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.

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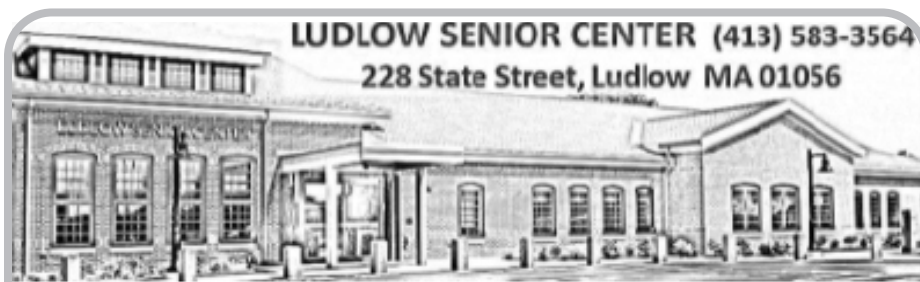
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LUDLOW— The calendar is packed with many events, activities, programs, and entertainment. Seniors are invited to have lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room for a hearty meal with coffee, tea, and dessert. Just call a day in advance at 413-583-3564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

The Center has added more programs 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 You can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of The Senior Scene is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, 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
12:30 Hearing Clinic
1 p.m. Mahjong
1:30 p.m. Quabbin History Presentation*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Sept. 15

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

Monday, Sept. 18

9 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic
9 a.m. Knitting
9 a.m. Big E Trip*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
12:30 Billiards Travel League
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Sept. 19

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 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up

1:30 p.m. Bingo
5 p.m. Movie: About My Father
5 p.m. Trivia
5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class
5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

Wednesday, Sept. 20

8 a.m. Gardening Club
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Zumba Gold
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
1 p.m. Movie: About My Father
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
1 p.m. TED Talk*
4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 21

8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Craft*
10:30 a.m. Veterans Agent*
12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
1 p.m. Mahjong
1 p.m. Fishing Club
1 p.m. Writers Block*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veteran's Agent, Lunch & Learn, Hearing Clinic, Hearing Clinic, Healthy Bones and Balance, The Writers Block, 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, September 14: Quiche/Roasted Potatoes
Friday, September 15: Beef Stew/Biscuit
Monday, September 18: Spaghetti w/Marinara Sauce/Roll
Tuesday, September 19: Sausage Grinder/Onions & Peppers/Mac. Salad
Wednesday, Sept. 20: Seafood Casserole/Wild Rice/Veggie
Thursday, Sept. 21: Birthday Lunch! Stuffed Pork Chops/Scalloped Pot/Veggie
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.

TJO craft fair to be held Sept. 30

SPRINGFIELD— The annual Paw-zaar Craft Fair is a signature event for the Foundation for TJO Animals. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley's finest crafters, along with hundreds of animal loving patrons, all to benefit homeless animals in the community.

There will be 30 vendors, great raffles, Jeannies Weenies and Fat City

Kid food trucks, music provided by Visual Sound Productions, pet merchandise for sale, bake sale and more. Special guests Jonathan Hall and Toto the Tornado Kitten will be stopping by for the afternoon.

Proceeds go directly to the medical care and treatment for Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center animals in need.

More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161

Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn at 361 Sumner Ave. This fall Festival hopes to unite Springfield and surrounding towns as a go-to event for family fun and community engagement. Guests can look forward to purchasing the perfect jack-o'-lantern from an amazing display of over 400 pumpkins grown locally in nearby farms. Music will fill the air at this event as children find their way to a favorite activity

while adults enjoy browsing among the various craft vendors.

Youngsters will have the chance to paint their own pumpkin, have their picture taken with Mr. Scarecrow, and purchase tickets to win a cake, fish for prizes and line up for a turn or two in the bounce house. Guests can select from an assortment of themed gift baskets to bid on at a silent auction.

There will be a variety of food truck vendors and the opportunity to purchase a dish of freshly-baked apple crisp for dessert.

Ludlow Lions raising money for cancer research

LUDLOW— Through the months of September and October, prostate and breast cancer awareness months respectively, Ludlow Rotary will be selling T-shirts to support local cancer support and research organizations. The T-shirts are \$25 each or 2 for \$40. All proceeds will benefit local organizations.

Shirts can be purchased at [tary.org or directly at the following local businesses: Brookside Café, Evans Egg house, the Ludlow Safety Complex, and the Bilberry Salon \(Wilbraham\).](http://ludlowro-</p>
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RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Crista Aiken

Okay, so if you're old enough, you'll remember the thin paper used back in the days of the typewriter. It was on this thin almost like tracing paper but a little thicker, that was now yellowed and frayed from 1958 that he wrote to his future wife what he thought of her; blonde, petite 97 pounds, blue eyed happy and enthusiastic German woman. I introduced Crista Aiken in my first Random Acts of Kindness article in September 2022, when I highlighted some of the residents from Keystone Commons, an Independent/Assisted living facility in Ludlow. If you missed it, I'll reiterate her story within this one.

Their love story began back in 1958 when he was stationed in Germany while in the Army. He didn't know much German or her much English, but they did know they liked each other. During their three year courtship, both went to school to learn the others language and in the beginning he would send her letters which he'd translated in German for her.

Before leaving on a short tour in 1961 he gave her a card with instructions not to open it until Valentine's Day and when she did, written inside was his proposal of marriage. When he returned in April he put an engagement ring on her finger then just 4 weeks later on May 27th they were married.

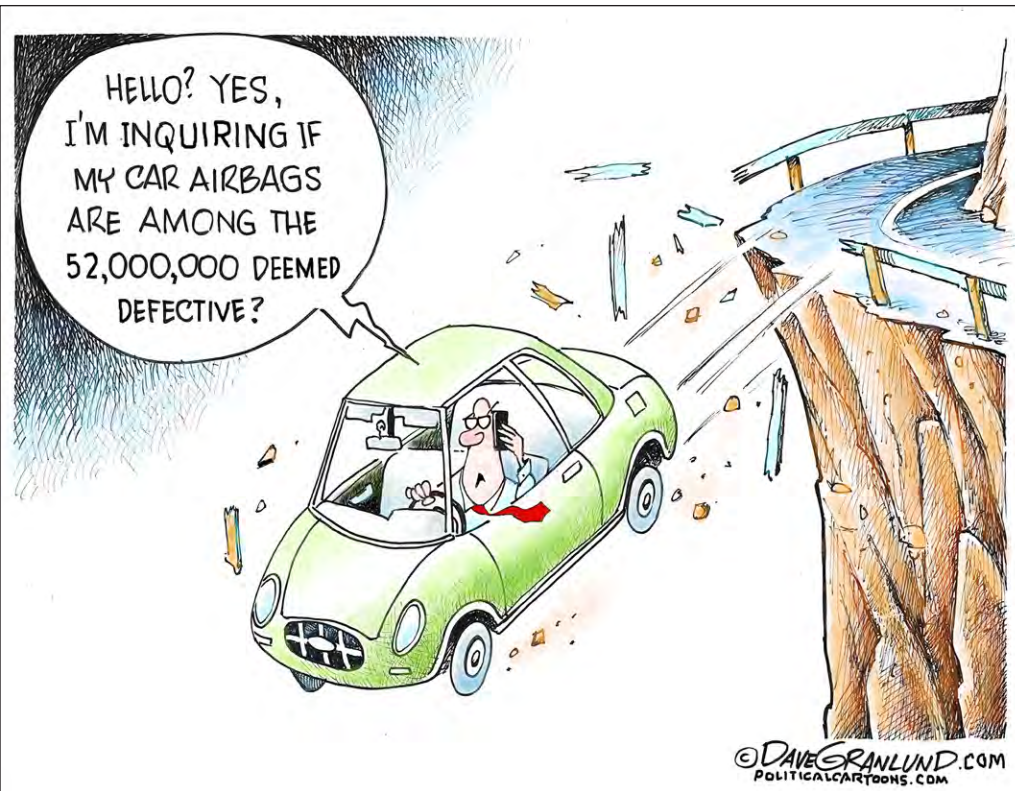
Before leaving on his next tour he sent her back here to the States to live with his mother whom she'd met when she'd spent four weeks with them in Germany. They quickly learned to understand each other and had a wonderful relationship. In 1962 they had their son who now lives in Belchertown and he has twenty-one year old twins. This summer the twins have been traveling much of Europe, including Crista's old neighborhood and even meeting some of their distant relatives. Crista's first trip back to Germany was with her son when he was two and has traveled there several times since, her last time being in 2017 after her husband passed.

Crista's dad passed away when she was just five and her mother worked in a ceramic factory while raising her and her 3 sisters who ranged eighteen years apart from the youngest to oldest. Crista's occupation was a seamstress both in Germany and here and her husband's career was a teacher and counselor at the Somers prison.

Crista and her husband settled in Westminster but loved to travel so in their retirement years spent January through April in Florida and for six or seven years they spent their summer vacations in Labrador. When in Labrador one year while on a boat traveling to get supplies, they knew they were going to miss the connecting boat to get them back to their vacation home and were discussing where to stay that night. A couple overhead their conversation and offered them to stay with them in Goose Bay and even loaned them their truck during the stay. All these years later, Crista still exchanges emails with these friends regularly!

Crista has been very involved with some of the Random Acts of Kindness projects being done at Keystone Commons. Just some of these so far have been making wreaths for a charity, making lunch for the residents at Ronald McDonald House, reading aloud to students at the elementary school, to handing out flowers to shoppers at a couple of local malls with over 700 donated flowers from various local florists.

And here's the original story I'd written about Crista, a true Random Act of Kindness that I think has touched me more than any of the incredible stories I've been privileged to write about. She was at the cemetery visiting the grave of her husband of almost 57 years, talking and crying at the same time when an empathetic woman approached her seeing she was struggling. As they exchanged information, the woman explained her parents were buried there and Crista shared it was her birthday and that every year her husband had surprised her with different kinds of floral bouquets. After he passed, Crista revealed she now celebrated her birthday by bringing him flowers. After their conversation the women hugged and went their ways. That afternoon



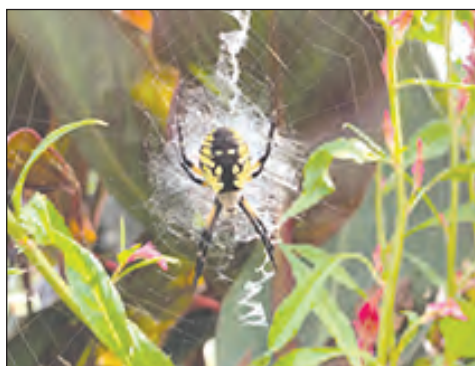
GUEST COLUMN



Friends in the garden

For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds.

It is so beautiful.



This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners.

Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it! This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the Celosia genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta" running through its center.

The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central

America as far south as Costa Rica. It prefers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females' web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the web.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring. In warmer climates the female argiope may live for several years.

As with all spiders, the black and yellow garden spider is carnivorous. Its orb-shaped web will capture all sorts of flying insects, including aphids, flies, grasshoppers, and even wasps and bees.

Amazingly, she can bring down prey nearly twice her size thanks to a venomous bite that immobilizes its victims. We need not worry about this spider.

Although it is large, it bites only when harassed, and reportedly, its venom poses no threat to humans. In fact, the argiope is a valued predator of grasshoppers in American rangelands.

The spider will be fun to watch as the season progresses.

I have to admit I am a little sad that she won't survive the winter. I will have to be on the look out for her egg sacks.

Nature is just amazing. Be sure to stop and admire the spiders every now and then and smell the roses, too!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Crista received a flower delivery, on the card was simply her husband's name but she knew exactly who'd sent them. This woman has now recognized Crista's birthday for the past 6 years with a different floral arrangement each year! Just such an incredible heartfelt story of a true Random Act of Kindness!!

If you would like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514. You

don't need one, but if you'd like to have a pre-designed flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done.

See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

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Wilbraham Friends of the Library to hold Pollinator Plant Sale Oct. 7

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Friends of the Library is holding a pollinator plant sale on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wilbraham Public Library, 25 Crane Park Drive, Wilbraham. Cash or checks only.

There will be a variety of pollinator friendly biennials, perennials, shrubs and vines available for sale at the library. Early October is an excellent time to plant, the ground is warm enough to support root growth and there is plenty of time for plants to get established before winter sets in.

According to the USDA, "Three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about 35 percent of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce. That's one out of every three bites of food you eat. More than 3,500 species of native bees help increase crop yields. Some scientists estimate that one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators like bees, butterflies and moths, birds and bats, and beetles and other insects." Help keep these important pollinators fed by plant-

ing their favorite food sources in your garden. Proceeds from the sale will benefit both the Wilbraham Public Library and Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke.

The sale is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, which was established in 1973. The Friends of the Library fund programs for children, teens and adults, as well as the library's popular Museum Pass program, furnishings and other library equipment.

For more information, contact the Friends at friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Ludlow resident receives degree at Wilkes University

WILKES-BARRE, PA — Tallon Tomasi of Ludlow, MA, received the Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing at Wilkes University's summer commencement ceremony.

The University awarded more than 300 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees during the ceremony on Sept. 10. The event was held at the McHale Athletic Center in the Simms Center on Main, 169 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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Capua said. "I couldn't even sell lots, because no one's going to buy a lot if they don't have power. I couldn't do anything; my hands were tied."

Phoenix wanted to ensure that the streets would be open to emergency and utility vehicles. Board members also expressed concerns about erosion and sedimentation, which could be difficult to contain on sites that remain undeveloped for too long.

After addressing these concerns, the Board voted unanimously to extend development for two years, and requested a new application form from Capua, with updates to the erosion and environmental controls.

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cellent help from the city and both the state and federal regulators to help us with that process and it's gone very well."

When Chairman Theresa Goodrich asked about the oil found on the surface, Robichaud explained they "have no idea what went into the tailraces" and it will be inspected upon closer examination.

"What we do understand or what we are kind of estimating is that one of our breakers--our service breakers--which holds about 10 gallons of mineral oil had gone into the tailrace area," Robichaud said. "Mass Department of Environmental Protection deployed the boons within hours of the incident, so we contained almost if not all of the oil in our tailrace area and that boon still remains in place."

Robichaud clarified no oil drum ever went into the tailrace and no hazardous substances were found, which were confirmed by Mass DEP.

"It was confirmed mineral oil and there's no PCBs," Robichaud said.

Skip Medford, manager of Stakeholder Relations at Patriot Hydro, explained they're working with the DEP due to "some construction that might have contained asbestos material" as the plant was built in 1901.

Medford added a representative was onsite that day "to remedy that" concern.

"We have to stabilize the situation first, but as part of the disposal of materials from the powerhouse, we're going to be treating that under an asbestos management plan of attack," Medford said.

Luke Wright, owner and

operator of Ware River Power, which has operated at the plant since 2017, added the units were shut off before the collapse occurred and no water flowed through the system.

"We were able to isolate any water coming through that powerhouse any further so pretty much what's happening now is that the river's backing up into the tailrace, not the tailrace backing out to the river," Wright said.

After Robichaud confirmed they intend to rebuild and operate the plant, Goodrich shared concerns she received from residents, along with her own.

"No one had any idea that it was still functional, operational. It looked in pretty rough shape," Goodrich said. "I guess my concern is that it needs to be maintained and have attention on a regular basis so things like this

can be certainly avoided in the future."

Robichaud responded it was "a valid concern" and that the facility "had and is being managed" for their federal and state oversights.

Goodrich thanked the representatives for their updates and information, stressing the importance of staying up-to-date as residents are concerned.

"People are watching and looking for information and updates so thank you guys for that," Goodrich said.

Before the discussion concluded, Robichaud also clarified the coffer dam after Sue Bunnell asked when it would remain in place.

"It will stay in place for presumably a year until we get the building secured," Robichaud said. "It will be a very permanent structure until we remove it."



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'Color Ludlow with Love'



Kelly De Gobbi (left) organized the event to promote diversity, pictured with Jen Vermette.



In front of the gazebo, (from left) Francine Guerra with Dunkin, Mia Alves, and Jake and Carol Oliveira, were happy to promote love and inclusion in town.



Working the table for the high school's Gay/Straight Alliance club, (from left) Audrey Troie, Heather Pighetti, and Quentin Kopec.

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Co-chairs of the First Church of Christ, (from left) Mary Friedman and Sandy Turner, are dedicated to making their church open and affirming.



Katie White (left) and her mother, Mary Martin, promote banned books that cover topics about minorities and the LGBTQ.



Representing New North Citizens' Council, Inc., (from left) Deborah Collins and Anthony Perry shared information about their organization.

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spirit of community that we see before us today. Together we have created something really special, and I hope that you leave here today with a sense of pride."

Two Ludlow natives, Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders, spoke at the event, expressing support for the town's LGBTQ community and urging residents to push back against bigoted rhetoric in their local elections.

"I think it's wonderful, the community coming out to show that Ludlow is synonymous with love and acceptance is what this community is all about," Oliveira said. "The turn-

out of children, of seniors, and everybody in between, is just heartwarming."

Oliveira hoped that "when people think of Ludlow, they'll think of love because of events like this."

"I know many of us, even just a year ago, were looking at a very different situation in town, where it seemed the order of the day was anger, it was hate, it was distrust, it was taking the most vulnerable among us and singling them out for a particular type of political punishment," Saunders said.

"Showing up here on a beautiful Saturday morning in the fall is a wonderful and necessary first step, but it's just the first step," Saunders said. "Turn

this energy into action. Talk to your neighbors and friends, and do so knowing that the goodness that's represented here is the goodness that we all believe represents the town of Ludlow."

"Some of the small but vocal minority paints a picture of this town that doesn't truly represent it," Oliveira said. "It's something that this event and all of you gathered here today can push back against."

In the five weeks of planning since the Board of Selectmen approved this event, De Gobbi described a "firestorm" of coordinating with local organizations and businesses for the event.

"We had about 15 volunteers to help with the planning," De

Gobbi said, thanking the First Church of Christ and the Disability Commission, both of which had tables at the event.

"We have a snack table that benefits the Ludlow High School Gay/Straight Alliance Club, so that's actually where all the money is going to go," De Gobbi said. "Donations we're receiving today are all going to them."

The event was initially inspired after an attempt to hold a reading of books by the Christian Nationalist publication "Brave Books" was approved at the same venue. Although this Saturday's event was not religious, many organizations did attend to offer their support for the LGBTQ community of the town.

Mary Friedman, co-chair of the First Church of Christ, which celebrated its 12th anniversary of becoming open and affirming, said that "we welcome you to the communion table; it's not our table, it's the table of Jesus Christ."

"To become an open and affirming church in the United Church of Christ, a church needs to go through a process of discernment, about offering an intentional welcome to LGBTQ folks and receiving them into the full life and ministry of their church," Friedman said. "Not just saying all are welcome; that is not enough. People who have been intentionally excluded need to be intentionally welcomed."

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Ludlow falls to Smith Voke

LUDLOW – Last Friday night, Ludlow football hosted Smith Vocational. Both teams were able to score on their first possessions, and Smith was able to go on to

win 36-30. For Ludlow, it was their second loss of the season. The Lions have a Thursday night game at Belchertown on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.



Josh Marino fights for yardage on a carry.



The Ludlow defense tries to break through.



Ludlow's Mason Morace and Brady Trahan combine for a tackle.



Anthony Emco winds up for a long pass attempt.



James Ferrara tries to make a jumping catch.

Chaug gets shutout over Ludlow

WILBRAHAM – Minnechaug and Ludlow girls soccer are back to playing close soccer, and last Tuesday afternoon, the Falcons got a goal from Bianca Facchetti and it was the only scoring of the game on a 1-0 Falcons win over the Lions. Minnechaug improved to 3-0 while Ludlow dropped to 1-2 for the season. Ludlow's Kacie Klimek did a great job in net with five saves while Makenzi Pastreck was just a bit better with five saves of her own and the shutout.

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Sophia Suyochrka makes a quick pass.



Calleigh Foley possesses the ball.



Kate Del Negro chases down the ball and keeps it from going out.



Elizabeth Braz looks to head the ball.

Lions roar to win over West Side

LUDLOW – The Lions boys soccer team has picked up where they left off with four straight wins to start the season. On the road last Thursday night, Ludlow defeated West Springfield 4-2. Four different Lions scored the goals as Ludlow spread its offense around. Cole Bamford, Thomas Quiterio, Thomas Wadas, and Jadyen Premo had the goals. Ludlow is a perfect 4-0 to start the season.



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Owen Wurszt takes over possession.



Cole Bamford fights to keep the ball.



Goalie Daniel Pires makes a sliding save.



Thomas Wadas tries to settle the ball and separate from an opponent.

Bonsignore adds 11th Riverhead Raceway win at crucial time

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitko for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour

competition and fifth of the 2023 season. Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitko has been

a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish he was here tonight, but I'm sure I will get something funny in texts later tonight. It was a heavy-weight fight for sure tonight. This is an awesome event that everyone here puts together to keep racing going on Long Island and honor Ed Partridge. The momentum has been on our side lately - onto North Wilkesboro in two

weeks."

The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, as the series heads to North Wilkesboro Speedway, one of the most historic tracks in NASCAR history. For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates from the track.

Westfield State girls get big win

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

"It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking earlier were

just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

"Even the PK wasn't great," she said, throwing up her hands. "But it went in, and now it's over with."

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header off of a corner kick from Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.). Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to

keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players including two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaella Monchecchi (Winsdor, Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls travels took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey M. Davis, 1977-2023

LUDLOW - Our brilliant, accomplished and thoughtful son, Jeffrey Davis, passed away on August 30, 2023. He had been valiantly fighting cancer for a year. Jeff was valedictorian at Cathedral High School and went on to graduate with a perfect GPA from MIT, where he majored in Chemical Engineering and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his MA and PHD from Princeton University where he continued his record of academic excellence in his area of expertise: Fluid Mechanics and Mathematics.



in previous textbooks which he corrected by rederiving the equations from scratch.

In his personal life Jeff was an avid tennis fan, an excellent clarinetist and an accomplished skier.

He leaves behind his parents Christine and Benjamin Davis; his brothers Tim (Erin) and Jon (Sarah); his aunt Cindy (Ian); uncles Bud (Ginny), Paul (Pam) and Bill (Dottie); and several cousins. His greatest joy came from his nieces Callie and Sammie and nephews Big Jack and Little Jack.

The family wishes to especially thank Ciociu Jane and Charlotte, Francine, PNCU and Joe and Maria for all their help during this difficult summer. We also want to acknowledge Jeff's oncologist Dr. Bruce Giantonio for providing him with hope, as well as all the nurses and staff at Mass General for their kindness and excellent care.

Funeral services for Jeff were held September 8, 2023 at Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeff's memory may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

As a professor at UMass-Amherst he earned numerous prestigious awards, including the Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award; an important National Science Foundation CAREER Award; and a UMass-Amherst Chancellor's Leadership Fellow Award. The award he was most proud of was the UMass Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest honor on campus for classroom excellence. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to teach. Before his death Jeff was nearing completion of a comprehensive textbook on fluid mechanics and heat and mass transfer. During the course of his research, Jeff discovered several errors in problem solutions

Mary Salamon Mikaelian, 78

Mary "Terri" Salamon Mikaelian 78, of South Deerfield, formally of Ludlow, passed away on September 8, 2023. Born in 1944, she was the daughter of the pre-deceased Joseph and Violetta Salamon of South Hadley.



dening, plants, bird watching in her yard, knitting, crocheting, ship cruises and shenanigans with many of her friends.

Terri was predeceased by her husband John of 49 years, they had two sons. John, his wife Dwan of Arlington, TN and Matt, his wife Jenn of South Deerfield, MA. Terri had two grandchildren Warrick of TN and Bishop Lee along with their mother Allison. Bishop Lee predeceased Terri after her own courageous battle with cancer. Terri has three step grandchildren Kaydence, Miley and Braylen of Arlington, TN. Terri leaves her sister-in-law Dorothy Mikaelian and is predeceased by her brother-in-law Jim. Terri has 2 nieces, 1 nephew and many cousins she leaves as well.

Funeral services will begin with a church service on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Parish Church in South Deerfield, followed by burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in South Deerfield. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Wrisley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow MA per her request.

A graduate of Holyoke Catholic High and Providence Hospital School of Nursing. A communicant of Christ the King church of Ludlow and weekly Adore at the Adoration Chapel. She was a member throughout the years of the Ladies Guild, St. Ann's Rosary, and Daughters of Christ the King. A 25-year volunteer in the Pioner Valley Boy Scouts of America (Cub Scouts) where she headed the training program for leaders for nearly 20 years. Terri served on staff for many Cub programs including camp director. Terri was the recipient of the Boy Scouts of America District award of Merit along with the Silver Beaver and Wood Badge award. Through the years she has been an active volunteer in the PTO and school libraries. Terri was involved in many church sodalities, including the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Christ the King church. Terri initiated the Rosey Hat-titudes for the area as a chapter of the Red Hat Society and served as Queen for 14 years. In Terri's off time, she enjoyed her gar-

Thomas F. Moffett, 76

On July 7, 2023, Thomas F. Moffett, 76, of Pace Florida, passed away with his beloved wife Linda at his side. Early that morning, the clouds lifted and ushered him to heaven.

Tom and Linda married in 1979 and for 21 years resided in Ludlow, Massachusetts. They moved to New Hampshire in 2000 and then to Pace, Florida in 2013 which they have called home ever since.

Throughout his life Tom had many hobbies which included riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing and boating. Tom was an avid boater. While maintaining their home in Pace, he would spend summers on the water in Amesbury aboard his boat the Miss Lin. Every summer, Tom and Linda logged thousands of miles up and down the east coast traveling between Florida and Massachusetts. During these trips, they would visit with family and many friends.

Tom was born on December 5th, 1946, to Joseph and Josephine Moffett of Springfield, Massachusetts. His early jobs, which he held down while in school, included working in construction. Everyone who knew Tom was well aware he was a devout patriot. After High School, Tom had a calling to serve his country. He briefly served in the United States Air Force however, during training, a medical condition was discovered prohibiting his ability to continue to serve.

Tom returned to what he knew best, the carpentry field. Throughout his career, he owned his own business for many years and even spent time teaching carpentry at Springfield Trade High School in Springfield, Massachusetts. Throughout all his accomplishments, Tom went on to work for a local carpenter's union in Massachusetts for 18 years as a finish carpenter before retiring in March of 2010. Tom could build or fix anything.

In a word, Tom was never one to "stand-still", always needing to be productive. Whether creating something from nothing out of wood or metal or rebuilding anything that failed to live up to his standards. However, his passion was always boating. Throughout his adult life, Tom would work his way up the boating ladder



from his modest 24 ft. Sea Ray to the 34 ft. Luhrs, 39 ft. Sea Ray and lastly their 42 ft. Egg Harbor. He would spend countless hours fishing with his family and friends, cruising the New England coastline and most importantly, the Merrimack River

taking the kids and grandchildren from one swim spot to another. At the end of the day, you would often find him making his way to Strippers restaurant for the day's debrief. Tom was essentially the "Mayor" of the river while at Strippers. He had his "reserved seat" at the bar where no one else could sit. Tom was always "all in" for whatever project or hobby he was pursuing.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Joseph; mother, Josephine; his brothers, George, Joseph, James; and sisters, Lorraine and Marie.

Tom is survived by his wife of 44 years, Linda Moffett of Pace, Florida; his son, Thomas J Moffett and wife Kim of Russel, Massachusetts ; his son, Jody M Moffett and wife Doreen of Beaumont Texas; his extended family Angela Thompson and husband Ken of Pace, Florida; Jay Szczebak and wife Tammy of Belchertown, Massachusetts; and Edward Szczebak of Ludlow, Massachusetts; sister, Marilyn Rondeau and husband Tom of West Springfield, Massachusetts ; sister in law, Barbra Moffett of Florence, Massachusetts; eight grandchildren, James, Taylor, Lindsey, Nicholas, Haylee, Paige, Madison, Emma; and great-granddaughter, Olivia (little O).

Tom will be remembered for all the heart he shared with his family and friends. He truly loved each of them- and if you knew him, you knew it. When his time came, he carried himself with dignity, strength, and was full of love for those he knew. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation for Tom will be held on Monday, September 25th from 4:30-6:00pm in Ludlow Funeral Home concluding with a funeral home chapel service at 6:00pm

Anyone caring to make a donation in Tom's memory, he held a deep passion for the causes of Shriners and Saint Jude Children's Hospitals.

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HCC 24-hour theater festival returns Sept. 30 for 6th year

HOLYOKE - The annual Phillips Festival, an evening of short plays written, directed and staged in 24 hours by Holyoke Community College alumni, students, staff, and friends, returns to HCC on Saturday, Sept. 30, for its sixth year.

The festival, which debuted in 2016, raises money for the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education, honoring the legacy of Leslie Phillips, founder of the HCC theater program.

To produce the Leslie Phillips Festival, HCC alumni, students and staff register in advance to participate as writers, directors, actors, or members of the stage crew. The writers meet with the actors on Friday, Sept. 29, the night before the show to receive play elements such as props, prompts, and characterizations. They have until 6 a.m. the next morning to write their plays. Two hours later, actors and directors meet for a full day of rehearsals leading up to a 7:30 p.m. performance that evening, Saturday, Sept. 30.

Funds raised from the festival enable the HCC Theater Department to hold master classes, make capital improvements, and hire guest artists - "Anything to enrich, enable, and expand the educational experience of HCC students," Poehler said.

The festival was first organized in 2016 by HCC alumni working with HCC theater professor Pat Sandoval '84 as a tribute to Phillips, who died in 1988 after inspiring legions of HCC students.

To participate in the festival, please register at hcc.edu/phillips-2023.

General admission tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) and \$10 for students and seniors (\$15 at the door). All proceeds benefit the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education.

Festival tickets can be purchased at hcc.edu/phillips-tickets23.

Baystate Health receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards

American Heart Association Award recognizes Baystate's commitment to quality stroke care at its four hospitals

SPRINGFIELD--Baystate Health's four hospitals have received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for their commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, and Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield earned the awards by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients who have access to the best practices and lifesaving care throughout Baystate Health.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, so brain cells die. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery times.

Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research and evidence-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines - Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death.

All four hospitals also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at high risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize Baystate Health's four hospitals for their commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Steven Messe, M.D., chairperson of the Stroke System of Care Advisory Group. "Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates - a win for health care systems, families and communities."

Baystate Medical Center additionally received the association's TARGET: Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll Award. To

qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and clot-buster treatment in keeping with the latest scientific evidence to treat ischemic stroke.

"When it comes to stroke, minutes matter. Fast evaluation and treatment saves lives and makes rehabilitation more effective. Our dual stroke awards place Baystate Health among an elite group of stroke care providers nationwide recognized for their clinical excellence in treating any stroke from ischemic to hemorrhagic," said Dr. Rajiv Padmanabhan, medical director, stroke program, Baystate Health.

"These dual awards are a further recognition of our stroke care team who stand ready 24/7 to immediately provide patients with the best possible care so that they have the best possible outcome after their stroke," added Dr. Edward

Feldmann, vice president and medical director, neurosciences and rehabilitation, Baystate Health.

Until recently, clot busting treatment was the only proven therapy to treat ischemic stroke. Now doctors nationwide are using an advanced procedure called thrombectomy, which has transformed care for those with an acute ischemic stroke. In western Massachusetts, this procedure is performed exclusively at Baystate Medical Center's state-of-the-art neurointerventional laboratory.

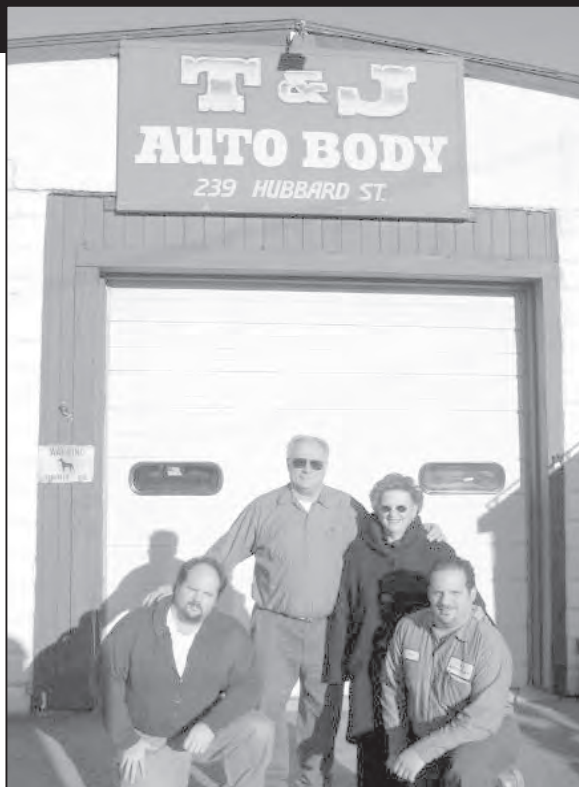
Thrombectomy involves anesthetizing the patient, then inserting a thin metallic stent-like device into an artery in the leg. The neuroendovascular specialist then threads the device up to the blockage in the brain, where it opens to immediately restore blood circulation, eventually grabbing onto the clot and pulling it out.

For more information on stroke, visit baystatehealth.org/stroke.

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COLUMBIA FALLS, Maine - Each year, millions of Americans come together to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place in local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states - most recently at 3,702 participating locations - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own com-

munities. Today, the national nonprofit announces the theme for 2023 is “Serve and Succeed.”

The inspiration for this year’s theme came while discussing the significance of 2022’s theme, which was “Find a Way to Serve,” and the need to continue to stress the importance of service and the positive ways it can impact lives. Wreaths Across America plans to focus on the storylines of veterans and military families who have found success through their own service, while also highlighting local volunteers across the country and the success that comes from serving their communities. The organization will continue its commitment to supporting and

bringing attention to the needs of our veteran community while also showcasing the continued contributions of those who serve.

“There are many ways to serve your community and country, and just as many definitions of success,” Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America, said. “We hope through focusing on those stories of success we will help change the dialogue around what it means to serve your country.”

In 2022, more than 2.7 million veterans’ wreaths were placed by volunteers on headstones at 3,702 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our

freedoms, with each name said out loud. Wreaths Across America volunteers work year-round to ensure military laid to rest are remembered, their families and living veterans are honored, and the next generation is taught about the value of freedom.

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16, 2023. It is a free event and open to all people. For more information on how to volunteer locally or sponsor a wreath for an American hero, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org. To follow stories throughout the year from across the country focused on this theme, please use the hashtag #ServeAndSucceed.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** on the application of **Timothy & Sandra Donnelly** for the property located at **601 Center Street, Ludlow MA**

(Assessors’ Map 16B, Parcel 96, Zoning: Agricultural)

The subject of the hearing is a special permit for a proposed separation of two houses on a single parcel. The separation of the parcels would result in one parcel not meeting the required area and side yard setback, and both parcels not meeting the required frontage. The applicant is seeking relief from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw under Section

4.0.4. Manny Lopes, Chairman
09/20, 09/27/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD23P1898EA

**Estate of:
Josephine T. Zucco
Also known as:
Josephine Zucco
Date of Death: 09/17/2020
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **James B. Zucco** 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: **James B. Zucco** 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 proceed-

ing. 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 10/10/2023.**

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

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

Date: September 11, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/20/2023

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of **PREM, LLC** for the property located at **21 Harding Avenue, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 12C, Parcel 70)** for the purpose of: **Approval for an all-alcohol package store.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to **Thursday, October 12, 2023.**

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09/13, 09/20/2023

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jessica L Wilson of Dudley, 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: **Jessica L Wilson of Dudley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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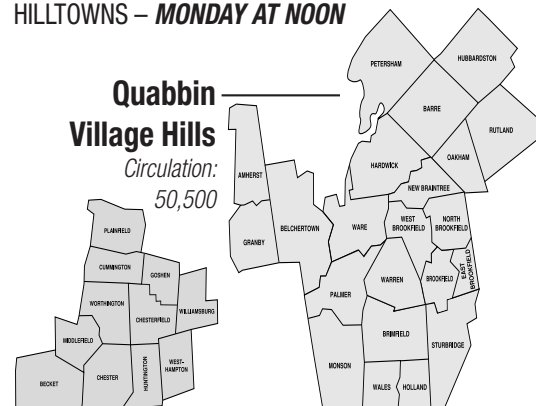
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