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Messages of Hope decorate Riverwalk



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Coming from as far as Granby and Minneapolis, Minn., (from left) snem DeSellier, Debbie Chadwick, fionn warren, and Sheila and Tom DeSellier were moved by the messages of positivity.

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LUDLOW – Last week, Ludlow residents were treated to messages of hope and care as part of the annual Hope Stroll at the Riverwalk behind the Mills on East St.

Michelle Anecchiarico is a teacher at Baird Middle School who has been organizing the Hope Stroll with local students since 2018. Signs with messages of hope and positivity decorate the walk along the Chicopee River both to show support for people struggling with mental health and as a memorial to people who have passed.

Anecchiarico came up with the idea while sitting in her kitchen, and credits it as “the brainchild of the ski team,” after one of their teammates tragically took his life.

“The kids were distraught,” Anecchiarico said. “I was distraught, I didn’t know what to do or where to go. At a time that was so tough for them, we needed to find some hope.”

Anecchiarico got the ski team together at her kitchen table to draw the posters that are now on display along the Riverwalk. Every year, a few more posters are added, with help from other students in town, and kids associated with the Ludlow CARES Coalition.



“For the first year, we had close to 50 signs that kids have made,” Anecchiarico said. “Now, we have close to 100 signs.”

Anecchiarico said that she hopes to put up the Hope Stroll exhibit every year.

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Health Department conducting Community Needs Assessment Survey

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LUDLOW – The Health Department has sent out a Community Needs Assessment Survey to all town residents, in order to find out which services to offer to better help the community.

The town’s Health Director Paulina Matusik said that the survey was sent out late last week, and residents should be receiving it early this week.

“I want to get as many people to take it as possible,” Matusik said. “The focus of the survey is to understand the priorities and needs of those living and working within the community. The Health Department

wants to know what efforts or actions we could do to support those priorities.”

The survey is fully anonymous, and takes about 15 minutes to complete. Workers can scan a QR code to access the survey online, or they can pick up a printed copy at the Health Department’s office at Town Hall.

“We’re basically looking to see if the community needs more resources,” Matusik said. “Are we doing enough, do [residents] know where to get resources, do they want to see more, and if they do, is that more staffing or more outreach?”

The survey will feature 27 questions about rodents, priorities, focus areas, access to food,

parks, emergency preparedness, employment, outreach, resources, programs, youth-related questions, health and social issues, environmental issues, and, finally, demographics. The survey was designed to be quick, in order to maximize participation.

Matusik was inspired to conduct this study going into budget season in order to determine what the department will need in terms of staffing and resources.

“Do we need more staff, are we staffing the right people, providing the right resources?” Matusik said. “We’re looking to get input and feedback from

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School Committee discusses bullying

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LUDLOW – During the public comments of last week’s School Committee meeting, Elizabeth Proulx-Skura addressed the Committee about an epidemic of self-harm happening among the town’s students.

“Over the last three weeks, two middle school-aged children in this town have attempted suicide,” Skura said. “Please let that sink in for a minute.”

“These children felt so helpless that they had no other way of coping but to make a drastic decision for themselves.”

Skura read her comments with approval from both the recovering students and their parents, who she knows personally. The Committee members offered their sympathies and support to the families of the students.

“My heart goes out to the families who are involved in this,” Vice Chair Sarah Bowler said. “I’m hoping that...the teachers and counselors are providing your children the strength that they need.”

“It’s awfully dismaying to hear that some kids are reaching a point in our town and in our schools that they feel like that’s their option out of it,” said Committee Member Jeffrey Stratton.

Chairman Jeffrey Laing said that he believes addressing this should be the Committee’s “number one focus,” and that he will be meeting with Superintendent Frank Tiano to discuss strategies.

“When kids are bullied, they can’t envision it ever ending,” Laing said. “They’re too young to realize the immaturity of their peers and they literally believe that the comments they are hearing are true flaws in themselves.”

Skura said, after the meeting, that since making her statement, she’d spoken with two of the teachers.

“They said it wasn’t just two,” Skura said. “There were more in the last three weeks than just the two that I even knew.”

Skura has a degree in elementary education, but said that she decided not to pursue a teaching career because of the climate surrounding the profession.

“A lot of poverty, a lot of bullying, seeing a lot of children that had abusive situations

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LUDLOW

Preparations underway for the 250th Parade

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LUDLOW – A year out from the town’s quincennial anniversary, the 250th Committee’s parade coordinator shared the work that has gone into organizing this parade.

Bruce Durand used to be on East Longmeadow’s Fourth of July Parade Committee, where he was the music coordinator. When he joined the 250th Committee looking to help out, he was appointed as parade chairman.

“We have 19 members on our committee, and only one had prior parade experience,” Durand said.

He said that he has been working to train the rest of the Committee up to take on the responsibilities of guiding floats, lining up the parade, and collecting sign-ups.

Durand said that the parade is already looking very large, anywhere from two to three hours long. Participants are invited

to gather at the high school and will then go down Chapin St. to East St., and will then follow East St. to the Veterans Park across from Walgreens.

“Right now, we have about 14 floats in the parade that have signed up, and 20 or so marching units, between youth organizations and music,” Durand said. “So, we’re doing pretty good right now.”

Durand has been coordinating with a number of local youth organizations to arrange this parade, including hockey, football, and soccer teams. He mentioned that the soccer teams from the Lusitano Club, as well as Shriners Hospital and the Unity Club, are expected guests as well.

“We had to lay out the parade itself, as far as the parade route goes,” Durand said. “Once we start getting our returns from folks that have been invited into the



Bruce Durand

parade, then we’ve got to put that into all the divisions that we’re going to have.”

The parade is open to more or less any business or organization in town that would like to sign up, according to Durand.

“People in town do a lot of business with the surrounding communities,” Durand said. “So, they’re all invited, as well.”

“We have three bands that are going to be in the parade,” Durand said, including the

bands from both the high school and the middle school, as well as the Holyoke Caledonian Pipe Band, and an all-veteran band from Windsor, Conn., known as the Great American Band.

Durand said that the Committee is also open to other local high school bands performing in the parade.

Additionally, the Committee expects local groups to build floats for the parade,

including the Polish American Citizens Club, a number of churches, and the local youth hockey team.

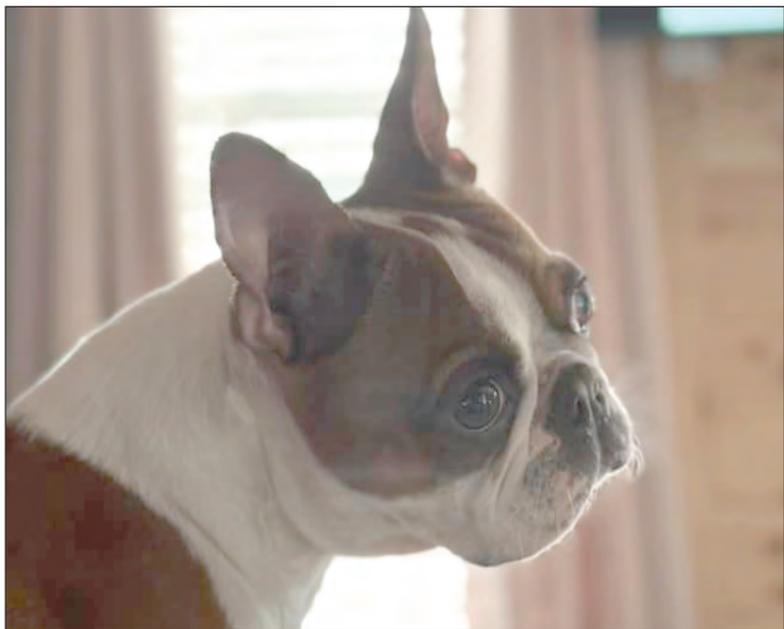
“We’re looking for involvement from younger folks who can serve as marshals and banner carriers,” Durand said. “We’ve got quite the organization going to put this parade on the street, and we’re hoping for a very successful parade, something that the folks in town would be very happy to see.”

“We’re looking forward to it,” Durand said. “I have 19 members on the committee that are all very enthusiastic. They’re hardworking, we couldn’t do it without them.”

For those interested in building a float or otherwise participating in the parade, Durand asked that they send an email to ludlow250parade@gmail.com or sign up through the town’s website.

“On the webpage, they can sign up to be in the parade, or they can use the same format and just put down that they’d like to volunteer and help out with the parade,” Durand said.

PET OF THE WEEK



BEAU

This is Beau, a great snuggler.

Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence

In accordance with Section 24, Chapter 1 of the Town of Ludlow Bylaws, the following is a list of Representative Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence with the Town Clerk at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023.

Precinct 1: Roland F. Gregoire, William A. Koss, Richard Oliveira, Fernando Aleixo Barros, Walter E. Craven, Christine Denise Peacey, Walter James Peacey, Jr., Alan Eric Gregoire, Eric A. Gregoire, Matthew John Tibbitts, Diane M. Dryjowicz, John Stanley Dryjowicz

Precinct 2: Gerald J. Leger

Precinct 3: Walter J. Kiel, Jr., Stephen A. Fiedler

Precinct 4: Helder Cerqueira, Christopher John Dupuis, Carrie Lynn Goodreau, James K. Goodreau

Precinct 5: Denise Jeanne Zrakas, Michael W. Lavelle, Alan Michael Pepin, Kenneth J. Batista, Thomas P. Haluch

Precinct 6: James D. Cavallo, Kyle T. Grondalski, Peter J. Letendre, Rosa Maria Chelo, Patrick J. Nugent

Members at Large: Antonio Rosa, Linda J. Collette, Manuel Q. Lopes, Susan E. Stanek, Sean Michael McBride, Jeffrey A. Laing

Polish Plate Dinner to be held Oct. 21

Mini Penny Sale to be held same day

INDIAN ORCHARD -- A Polish Plate Dinner (Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi (4), Kapusta, Bread) and Frozen Polish Food Sale will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, Ma (Eat in or Take Out) on Oct. 21, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets at \$20 please call:

Maria Kowalski 413-222-6229 or Maria Bukowski 413 427-9464.

Also: on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Altar Servers will have a Mini Penny Sale with Door Prize of a Salt & Pepper Set from Poland (worth \$150) donated by Father Piotr. Prizes will be drawn at 4 p.m.

CORRECTION

In our previous issue, we credited the Ludlow Lions Club for raising money for cancer. The money was actually raised by the Ludlow Rotary Club.

Polanie Club to hold important meeting, Oct. 9

LUDLOW – The Polanie Club will hold a very important meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish American Citizens Club, 355 East St. All members are asked to attend.

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Outreach event promotes networking and self-care

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HAMPDEN -- The senior center held an Outreach Networking and Self-Care event from 3:30 - 6 p.m. on Sept. 28 to support outreach care coordinators and social workers.

The event provided opportunities for refreshment, networking and connection ahead of open enrollment and fuel assistance during the fall season.

The vendors included Bluebird Estates, Louis & Clark Medical Supply, Home Care Hands Home Care & Staffing, Assisted Living Locators, Brookhaven Hospice and Capuano Care.

Additionally, self-care activities including chair massages, reiki healing sessions, tarot card readings and meditation.

Kimberly O'Connor, community liaison at Brookhaven Hospice, explained she got into hospice care when she experienced it with her family and saw the impact it had.

"It really makes a big difference not only for the patient who's receiving services but the family as well," O'Connor said.

Besides networking, O'Connor hopes to raise awareness about hospice care services while giving back to the community, including how hospice is a Medicare benefit seniors "are entitled to have."

"It just gives you an opportunity, really, to be able to share that message with a group of people, like-minded community folks who are focusing on seniors in the community," O'Connor said.

Public Health Nurse Ashley Boudreau, who's part of the Public Health District serving the towns of Hampden, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow and Monson, said the event was great and appreciated the opportunity to meet the organizations that are out there in the community.

Boudreau stressed the senior center holding this event is "wildly important."

"Especially during the pandemic, people felt so alienated from everyone that having these events is incredibly important for the camaraderie, for just like this. For seeing the different things that they have in the community that can be helpful to them that they might not know about," Boudreau said.

Angie Thornton, marketing director for HomeCare Hands 24/7 Care at Home & Staffing, also stressed raising awareness, sharing several organizations are part of the Community Care Warriors, an alli-



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

Angie Thornton, marketing director at HomeCare Hands 24/7 Care at Home & Staffing, shows off her organization during the Outreach Networking and Self-Care event at Hampden Senior Center. Home Care Handa 24/7 Care at Home & Staffing provides home care helper services, companionship, personal assistance and, also, staffing needs, to patrons.

ance to support one another and seniors.

"So just collaborating and helping each other, bringing each other resources, supporting each other," Thornton said. "And then we collaborate and do things like this: supporting each other, putting on events like this and we come out and we support each other this way. There's just that common goal of being there and being part of a community to give back to the community."

Debbie Johnson, outreach coordinator for the Ludlow Senior Center, said the event helps her connect with fellow outreach coordinators in surrounding communities.

She enjoyed the opportunity to network and get new information.

"I learned a few things about the different vendors that are here that I didn't know in the past and even some of the networking that we were unsure of, a lot of my questions got answered," Johnson said. "So I'm

very happy I came tonight."

Wendy Cowles, the senior center's outreach coordinator, said after last year's event, people came to her saying they got great information and used business cards from those they connected with.

Cowles added, "It's a nice feeling to see everyone come together."

"Like I said, it takes a village and we're all in it together and support each other, which, you know, just makes your job a whole lot easier," Cowles said.

Johnson wants the community to know the town of Hampden has a great senior center, encouraging residents to visit.

"They have a wealth of information that they can hand out to the seniors of Hampden and it would be great if they could all just participate and ask questions. It's a great informationally referral place and it's also a great socialization place for Hampden," Johnson said.



(L to R) Debbie Johnson, outreach coordinator at Ludlow Senior Center, Ann Andras, outreach coordinator at South Hadley Senior Center, Janine Leis, social services coordinator at Ware Senior Center, Wendy Cowles, outreach coordinator at Hampden Senior Center, Brenda Labbe, community outreach director at Greater Springfield Senior Services and Danell Tavela, social services director at the East Longmeadow Council on Aging, smile for a group photo during the Outreach Networking and Self-Care event at Hampden Senior Center.

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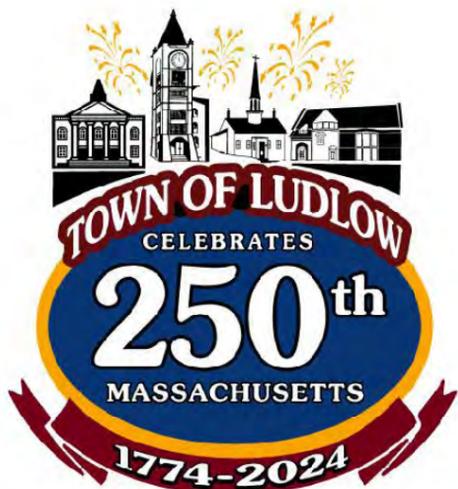
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Fall Market at Outside the Box Gift Shop on Oct. 8

LUDLOW – On Sunday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., crafters and all residents are invited to enjoy tasty treats, face painting and free popcorn during Outside the Box Gift Shop's Fall Market. Come join the fun on the back lawn at 314 Sewall St., Ludlow.



CELEBRATION CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

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OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 28

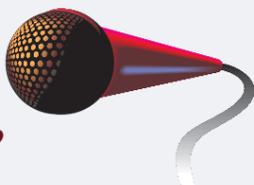
Halloween House Decorating Contest



Open to all Ludlow residents. Register your home by Oct. 19th on the Ludlow 250th website or call Cindy at 413-210-2750. Judging will take place Oct. 22-28. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Ludlow Legends, "in their own minds"



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Ludlowma250.org

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Boys and Girls Club celebrates volunteer leadership

LUDLOW— The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club held its annual meeting. The meeting is a yearly opportunity to share the Club's impact and priorities for the coming year and to recognize community members for their ongoing support.

The Club was honored to have Sen. Jake Oliveira in attendance. The Club thanked him for his leadership and advocacy in securing vital state funding each year, including an increased allocation of funding for 2024. These funds are essential to creating meaningful programs and opportunities for Club youth.

The Club elected the following new board members, who join a committed group of community leaders whose role is to set the vision and direction of the Club and be active champions of youth:

Jennifer Holley, Hampden County Sheriff's Dept., Kate Roy, MMWEC, Rick Perryman, HUB International, and Sgt. Jhon Wielblad, Ludlow Police Department.

The Club welcomed new Ambassadors, to serve as volunteers and advocates:

Lt. Mike Brennan, Ludlow Police Department and Carla DiLoreto, Freedom Credit Union

The Club's new President/CEO Josue Irizarry recognized longtime Facilities Director David Ritchie, a town employee, for his years of service to the Club, and Katie Mitus, director of operations, for her leadership during the spring while the Club searched for a new President/CEO. Josue also recognized Before and After School Group Leader Jenny Kania as the Club's peer-elected Staff of the Year.

Melia Pirog spoke a few words as

the Club's Youth of the Year. Pirog, a senior at Ludlow High School and employee of the Club received this honor earlier in the year for her leadership, academic success, civic responsibility and engagement. As Youth of the Year, Pirog will receive the Jason Thompson Memorial scholarship when she begins college next fall, thanks to the generosity of the Thompson family, who established this award to honor Jason's lifetime commitment to education, youth, and the greater community.

The Club was pleased to recognize longtime volunteer, Club member and Club parent Bridget Nichols for her volunteering with the Club, particularly by supporting the Club's Sea Lions Swim Team. Bridget received the 3rd annual Darlene Rae Helping Hand Award, named in memory of a former board member, Club alum, and passionate volunteer who passed way in 2021.

At the end of the meeting, Board Chairman, Diana Roy, completed her term and handed the reins to Mark Germain, who will now serve a two-year term as Chair. The Club thanked Diana for her leadership and service and also thanked two other board members whose terms ended this year: Mel O'Leary from Meredith-Springfield Associates and Lt. Mike Brennan of the Ludlow Police Department.

The Club remains grateful for the numerous volunteers, staff, donors, and members who work together to create meaningful programs and opportunities for youth and families at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club. We are proud to be able to work together to create such a caring community for all.

New Dental Services at the Vet Center

LUDLOW -- The Veterans Center is excited to announce a new service for veterans.

Mobile Dental Hygiene Services of Western Mass LLC will be providing dental services on the first Wednesday of every month, by appointment only.

Services offered include dental screening and assessment, cleanings,

oral cancer screenings, periodontal evaluations, denture cleaning and inspections, fluoride treatment, nutritional guidance, and referrals to dentists or specialists.

Free exams and dental cleaning are available for qualifying Veterans. Call 413-707-5050 to schedule your appointment.

Sock hop to be held Oct. 21

LUDLOW— The Ludlow Lions and Sixteen Acres Lions Club will sponsor a sock hop on Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Church of the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road., from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children. \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more. Tickets include pizza, root beer floats, Kool-Aid, dessert and Classic Rock and Roll by DJ Dennis.

There will be Hula Hoop, Limbo and Best Costume contests, along with games and prizes. The event is a family friendly event. No alcohol will be served or permitted on premises.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the Clubs' members, or by calling 413-219-4994, 413-783-4929 or 754-900-ROAR (leave message). Advance ticket sales only. No walk-ins.

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Superintendent unveils three-year Strategic Plan

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LUDLOW – At last week’s School Committee meeting, Dr. Frank Tiano, the Superintendent, held a presentation on the strategic plan for the upcoming years.

“A strong multi-year district strategy, or district plan, is an invaluable tool for guiding the improvement initiatives, educator practices, leadership actions, and resource allocations across the district,” Tiano quoted.

The Strategic Plan provides a road map for the next three years, in the interest of improving student outcomes. Tiano’s presentation outlined the ways in which the district will compile data, and the standards that the administration hopes to improve, which largely refer to the equity and health of the students.

Tiano said that in the first year, outcomes will be heavily laden on adults, as they will focus on putting systems in place that will benefit the students in the long-term.

“For next year, you would see some concrete numbers for student growth in a particular area,” Tiano explained, “but this is about making those systems so that our teachers are supported and using the same language.”

Years two and three were left intentionally vague, so that the school’s administration can put year one into action and adjust along the way.

“A lot of districts, post-COVID, are really working to pull themselves back together,” Tiano said, “and assessing not only where they are instructionally, but where their children are.”

Tiano shared a graph that depicted the priorities of the district, starting with a standards-based curriculum, student-centered instruction, accountability, data-informed decision making,

tiered supports for students, and a safe and equitable learning environment.

“It’s not just about our students, it’s about our staff wellness,” Tiano said, “and developing to make sure that we can get their feedback so we can provide them with what they need, so that they can support our students.”

The Committee was overall pleased with the presentation, with Chairman Jeffrey Laing praising Tiano for being “detail-oriented.”

Committee Member Stratton mentioned that the information was slightly overwhelming, partially in terms of presentation, but also because of how much Tiano hopes to accomplish in the first year.

“This is actually more focused,” Tiano said, comparing with his work in other districts. “When you look at some of these individually, these are things that we already do. Everything’s not brand new.”

“If you open up a puzzle, all the pieces are there,” Tiano said. “There are some things that we really need to fine-tune, and some things that need to be updated in terms of our skills and our approach and so forth, but it’s connecting them.”

“If it is too much, then we can back off,” Tiano added.

Tiano said that at the next Committee meeting, the principals from the schools will be invited to share their School Improvement Plans.

Tiano recalled that when he shared data on the students with the Committee last year, people were surprised to find how many students in the district are socially or economically disadvantaged.

Because of this, Tiano said that it’s important to maintain relations with local organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club.

“We can maximize those to improve student learning, and achievement, and growth,” Tiano said.

Wreaths Across America’s Mobile Education Exhibit will visit Ludlow to Honor Veterans and Supporters

LUDLOW — The Veterans Department are proud to announce a local stop for the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit national tour. The MEE will be free and open to the public locally at 487 Holyoke St. on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wreaths Across America is the organization most recognized for placing over 2.7 million veterans’ wreaths at over 3700 locations nationally and abroad on National Wreaths Across America Day. However, the work to recognize our nation’s veterans, military families, active duty servicemembers is a yearlong effort. WAA is proud to announce that as part of its yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom, its Mobile Education Exhibit will make a stop in LUDLOW next Thursday to share this mission with the community.

“The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who have served and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom,” said Karen Worcester, Executive Director.

“The Mobile Education Exhibit provides the unique opportunity for communities to come together and share the stories of those who served and sacrificed. Through our partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, the Exhibit also serves as an official ‘Welcome Home’ location for our nation’s Vietnam Veterans.”

The MEE achieves this goal by bringing the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation’s heroes as well as serving as an official ‘welcome home’ station for our nation’s Vietnam Veterans.

When the MEE pulls into the area, all veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit, take a tour, and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers. They can also share more about the national nonprofit, and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities year-round. Members of the media, dignitaries, veterans, and other interested groups are urged to come, ask questions, share stories, and experience this one-of-a-kind exhibit.

You can sponsor a veteran’s wreath anytime to support the local WAA program for \$17 at WWW.LUDLOWVETERANS.US. Each sponsorship goes toward a live, balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, Dec. 16, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

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Wilbraham United Church to sell pumpkins from Oct. 15-31

Fall Festival to take place Oct. 21

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham United Church will be selling pumpkins at their Pumpkin Patch daily from Oct. 15-31. Shoppers can pick their perfect pumpkins and take advantage of photo opportunities Monday through Saturday between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays between noon and 7 p.m.

Pumpkin sales benefit the Wilbraham

United Church Steeple Repair fund. Cash or Credit Cards will be accepted. Donations to the Steeple Fund are also gratefully received!

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the church will hold an outdoor Fall Festival featuring the pumpkin sales as well as pumpkin painting activities, food trucks, a bake sale, arts and crafts vendors and more fall fun!

The festival begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Wilbraham United Church is located at 500 Main St. in Wilbraham.

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GUEST COLUMN



Northern harrier

I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harriers is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Peterham reported sightings to Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee provides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubating. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

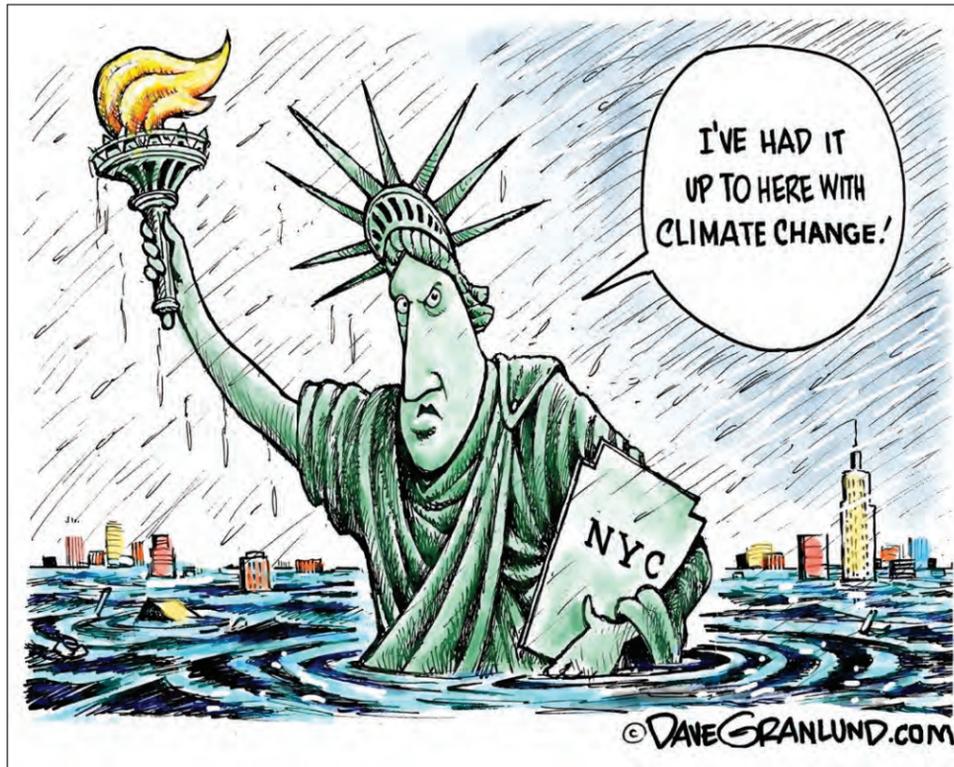
The newsletter said, "If you see a loon sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24 minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a bird-er reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed Street. The

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GUEST COLUMN



What I know about Jumping Worms

I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amyntas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case.

This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inches of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel but are devoid of nutrients and literally soil altering.

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish-purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months,

they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to overwinter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the cocoon.

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option.

The best way to combat them is prevention. Too late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations.

Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait.

A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject optimistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scouring heat? Of course, we will!

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly will.

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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 Wrath & The Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh, Friday October 6, 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.

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E.T the Extra-Terrestrial, Tuesday, October 10, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

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Minecraft Club, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 p.m.

Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

Banned Books Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, October 5, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

October 1st-7th is National Banned Books Week, which fights censorship and celebrates the freedom to read. Search the Youth Room for books that have been censored, learn about some of the crazy reasons why, and win a prize!

FOR CHILDREN

Daily Drop-In Crafts, All ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room Daily. New craft each week.

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 fa-

vorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

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.

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.

October 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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mental health and suicide should be at the top of everybody's list right now."

"I absolutely love the conversations I have with people on the trail," Anecchiarico said. "I go out and hand out honor beads, and the conversations get pretty real, I'll tell you. People are struggling, we need to offer more support to everybody."

Though it serves to memorialize those who have passed away, Anecchiarico shared that it also helps people who are currently struggling to see and read these positive messages.

"One of the girls who came to paint shared with me that she's also been having tough times," Anecchiarico said. "She said that the Hope Stroll wasn't just for strangers, but for her, too."

"One of the moms shared with me that her child had been hospitalized," Anecchiarico continued. "It's more prevalent than we think."

Anecchiarico praised the Mental Health First Aid webinar that was recently offered by Karen Carreira through Ludlow CARES. She said that although she's always happy to offer a listening ear, she is not a mental health professional, and people

who are struggling would be better served by reaching out to an expert.

"The course that I took made it very apparent that we all have roles," Anecchiarico said. "One of the things I took from it was I need to direct people to the experts. I think the first step is to talk to a pediatrician and get their child some emotional support, and then they can direct them to professionals."

Anecchiarico also spoke about the stigma surrounding mental health, and how it can be harmful to treat suicide as taboo.

"I think the more people talk, the more we realize that we do have a need for mental health and suicide awareness," Anecchiarico said. "It takes a village. Not just one person, everybody needs to come together and support these kids."

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the community to see if we're meeting those goals, or if we need to go a different route."

The survey will be conducted through the month of October. Depending on interest, Matusik hopes to do another survey next year.

"Hopefully, this survey will help make Ludlow a better place," Matusik said. "But

without [the residents'] input and feedback, we can't do that. The more people take the survey, the better."

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at home, very abusive, kids that felt like they couldn't talk to their parents about a lot of situations, that when they did try to bring them up it was met with aggression and resistance in a lot of cases," she said.

Skura spoke about her kids' experience in the Ludlow schools, describing her son being teased for using a cane and pushed down a flight of stairs and her daughter being attacked physically and emotionally on her way home from elementary school.

"My son was bullied from the time that he was in fourth grade until he reached about sophomore year and was able to gain his own voice and speak up for himself," Skura said. "It stopped because he made sure that they knew he wasn't willing to deal with it anymore."

Skura's son has since graduated, and has been a straight-A student in college with aspirations to become an interpreter for the United Nations "to be a voice for those who cannot speak, based on the experience he had in Ludlow," Skura said.

"It took him years of therapy, tutoring, our backup, speaking with the schools, getting administration and teachers involved," Skura said. "We made it happen because we wanted to see him succeed despite all the odds."

Skura described the Committee meetings as "a loud and unnecessary debate."

"Let's not argue about books when these are far more important needs to discuss," Skura said. "While many of these individuals at these meetings discuss their parental rights, indiscriminate book-banning, and personally attacking the educators within the school

system, they are forgetting the most important agenda: the children. Where do our child's rights fall?"

Laing said he was a student in the 1980s and '90s.

"Bullying and hazing seemed to be the norm back then," Laing said. "You were either a bully or you got bullied. Schools didn't start to take it seriously until Columbine and the many other tragedies that followed."

"This country seems to be going backwards in the way we treat each other," Laing said. "People's own insecurities require them to have someone beneath them to prop themselves up."

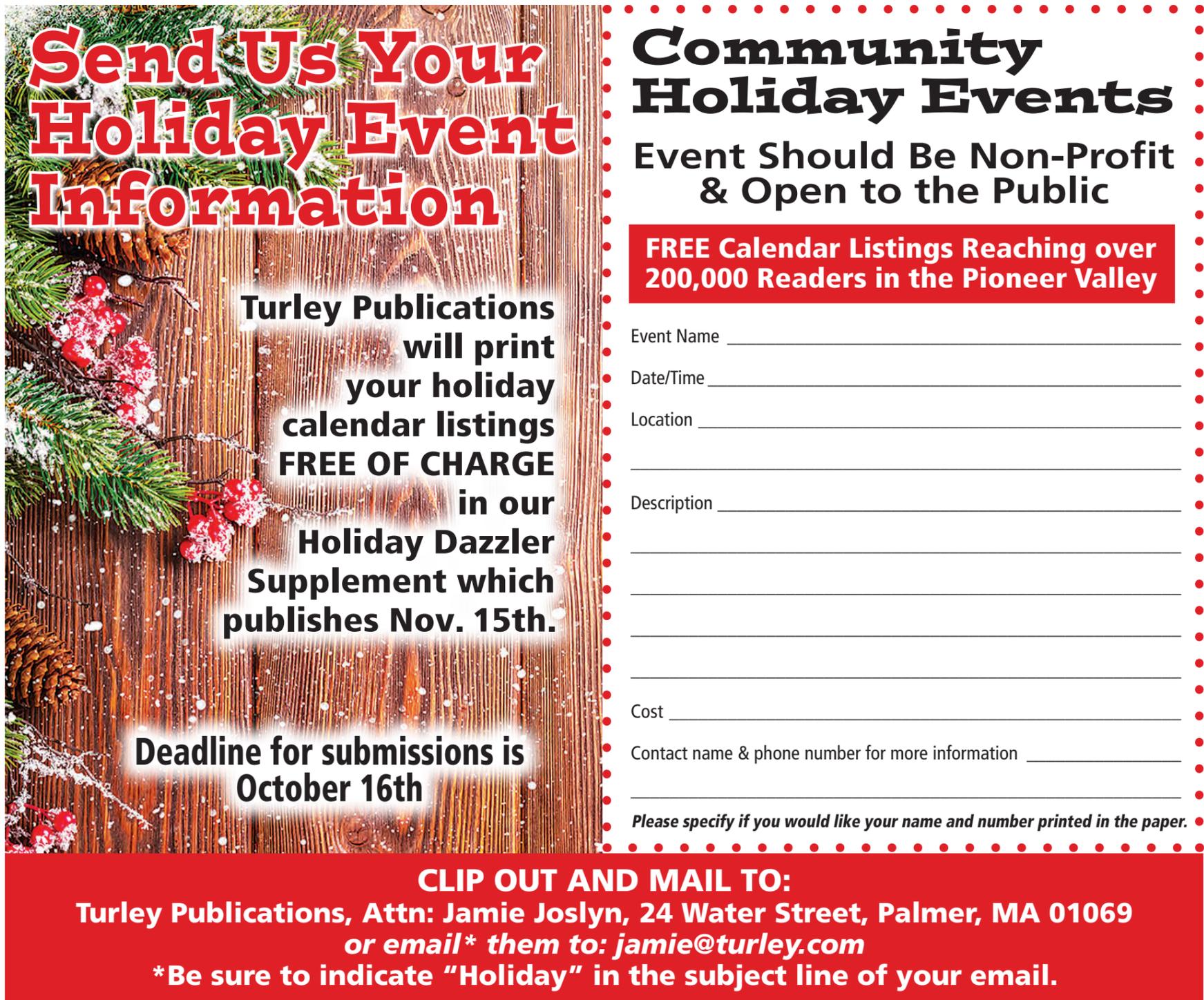
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Michael Mariani receives a pass and heads up the field.

LUDLOW – Cole Bamford made a big impact with three goals and Ludlow’s offense caught fire in a 4-0 win over Longmeadow last Thursday evening. Thomas Wadas also had a goal for the Lions and Owen Wurszt had two assists. Anthony Shea got a shutout in goal. Ludlow is still undefeated in 2023 at 6-0-1. The Lions face Minnechaug on Friday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.



Ethan Love tries to head the ball to a teammate.



Gavin Vala tries to chase down a ball.



Cole Bamford eyes a ball coming down off a punt.



Ludlow football falls to Putnam

SPRINGFIELD – Last Friday night in the rain, Ludlow football was defeated 20-6 by host Putnam in a game played on the turf of Berte Field at Central High School. Ludlow fell to 0-4 on the season and next plays on Friday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Mason Morace fires a pass attempt.



Brady Trahan goes for a tackle.

Ludlow girls get in another deadlock

LUDLOW – Ties can be a big deal when it comes to qualifying for tournament as well as rankings in the state.

In the past four games for Ludlow girls soccer has been in three ties, all 1-1 scores. The Lions tied with East Longmeadow, Westfield, and West Springfield while suffering a loss against Belchertown as well.

Ludlow is now 1-3-3 on the

season and looks to make its way back to .500 with a match-up against Central Mass. opponent Tantasqua on Friday, Oct. 6.

Last Tuesday, in Ludlow’s only action of the week due to rain postponing their other game, Elizabeth Braz scored the lone goal for Ludlow in a 1-1 tie against the Terriers. Each goal was scored in the second half.

Bonsignore heads for Thompson for big event

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. – After 150 laps at North Wilkesboro Speedway, Justin Bonsignore brought his No. 51 machine home in third-place on Saturday night. As the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour made their debut at the North Carolina oval in the Brushy Mountain Powersports 150, Bonsignore ran inside the top-five for much of the race.

A final green-white-checked finish where Bonsignore lined up in fifth was exactly what he needed in the Phoenix Communications entry. Bonsignore followed fellow championship contender Ron Silk up through the field to finish third, just behind Silk.

In the title battle, Bonsignore will hold a two-point lead heading for the final two races of the season.

“The green-white-checked restart definitely helped get us back to the podium,” Bonsignore said. “We got a good jump on the final restart. It was a good night for us. We were just a bit tight on the second set of tires. It’s going to go down to the end. It’s going to be a championship battle for the ages.”

Bonsignore will move to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park next on Sunday, Oct. 8 for the Sunoco World Series 150. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is part



Anthony Grimm heads up the field on a return.



Josh Marino runs through a crowd of players.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

•The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

•Race registration includes quar-

ter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

T-Birds make roster moves ahead of opener

SPRINGFIELD – St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today the team has assigned 12 players to its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds, including forwards Mikhail Abramov, Drew Callin, Tanner Dickinson, Andre Heim, and Mitch Hoelscher, defensemen Jeremie Biakabutuka, Joseph Duszak, Marc-Andre Gaudet, Austin Osmanski, and Hunter Skinner, and goaltenders Will Cranley and Vadim Zherenko.

In addition, the Blues released forward Nick Ritchie and defenseman Andy Welinski from their professional tryouts.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4 to 6 p.m. presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink.

Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

Owls hold on for first victory

WESTFIELD – Westfield State's Max Margeson (Littleton, Colo./Mullen HS) and Alec Rodriguez (Westfield, Mass.) combined for a memorable interception return play for a touchdown to lift the Owls to a 17-10 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Alumni Field on Saturday to bring a happy conclusion to Family and Champions Weekend.

Margeson delivered a perfectly timed hit on MMA wide receiver Andrew Brightman (Wareham, Mass./Upper Cape Tech) to jar loose the ball on a catch, with the ball pinging directly to Owls' linebacker Rodriguez for the interception at the MMA 32-yard line. Rodriguez returned the ball a couple of yards before Brightman snagged him by the ankle, and Rodriguez handed the ball off to Margeson, who rambled 30 yards through traffic for the touchdown to give Westfield a 17-10 lead with 9:07 left in the third quarter.

The Owls hung on down the stretch for the win, improving to 1-4 on the season and 1-2 in the MASCAC. MMA slips to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The two teams traded salvos in the first half, with the Buccaneers getting on the board on their first drive of the game with a 7-play, 73-yard march that was capped by a 29-yard TD pass to Brightman on deep post route completion from quarterback Marc Murphy (Norwood, Mass.).

Westfield answered on their first drive, getting a big 52-yard kick return from Christian Julian (Hingham, Mass.) to set up the drive at the MMA 32. Seven plays later, Westfield's Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.) rumbled four yards up the middle for a game tying TD.

The two clubs traded field goals in the final 10 seconds of the half. MMA got a 24-yard TD from Logan Tsaika (E. Free-town, Mass./Appoquonnet) to take a 10-7 lead with eight seconds left in the half.

Westfield got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff, and Owls QB Gabriel

Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) found Danny Farrell (Milford, Mass.) on a 25-yard completion and a personal foul on the Buccaneers gave the Owls the ball at the MMA 22 yardline with four seconds left in the half.

Westfield State first-year kicker Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, N.Y.) booted a 39-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game 10-10 at the half.

Neither team particularly threatened the end zone after the big interception return by the Owls. MMA drove the ball as far as the Owls' 38-yard line with less than two minutes to play, but Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass./Arch. Williams) dropped Murphy for a loss on third down, and Murphy's long bomb try to Brightman on fourth down fell incomplete to end the threat, and Westfield knelt on the ball three times to run out the clock.

Fernandez finished 14-25 passing for 138 yards. Farrell finished with six catches for 65 yards, and Smith rushed for 77 yards on 25 carries.

For MMA, Murphy completed 12 of 23 passes for 206 yards with a TD and an interception. Daniel Molloy (Franklin, Mass.) led the rushing attack with seven carries for 22 yards, and Brightman finished with eight catches for 96 yards. Molloy added three catches for 54 yards.

Defensively, Cooley led the Owls with 13 tackles, and Cam Danahy (Kingston, Mass./Silve Lake) added nine. Dylan Clark (Bellows Falls, Vt./BFA) came up with two big plays with two tackles for losses of 12 yards.

Liam Hines (Quincy, Mass./North Quincy) led MMA with seven tackles. Owen Shea (Scituate, Mass./Norwell) made five tackles, 2.5 TFL's and a sack.

Westfield heads into its bye week, before returning to host its homecoming game against UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 14. MMA faces UMass Dartmouth next Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 4 p.m. kick off in North Dartmouth, Mass.



Send us your Halloween House Decoration photos from this year! We are looking for decor in 4 categories:

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of a three-day event at Thompson next weekend.

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, including from the track on race day.

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birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not see many turkeys near out property for a couple of years, probably because this are was had hit by sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years. "He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds.

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the

fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Big Y's to hold vaccine clinic

SPRINGFIELD — From Oct. 1 until Oct. 7, every Big Y Market location will hold an on-site multi vaccine clinic for all customers, employees and their families (check local stores for specific dates and times).

All stores will offer seasonal flu, high dose flu and COVID-19 vaccines including the updated COVID-19 booster. Stores with an on-site pharmacy also offer a variety of additional vaccines including the newly approved Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine, Pneumococcal (pneumonia) Shingrix (shingles), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis), Hepatitis A and B, Meningococcal (Meningitis), MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella), and Gardasil (HPV).

Vaccines are administered to eligible adults and children ages 5 and older based upon product availability. Further details are available on bigy.com where each location's specific times are listed. No appointments are necessary.

This third community wide event spans every one of Big Y's locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Patients who receive a seasonal flu or COVID-19 vaccine from their pharmacist or trained pharmacy technician at any one of

the clinics or pharmacy locations will receive a Big Y Coupon for \$5 off of a \$25 grocery purchase. Each location will have other giveaways as well.

Big Y's vaccination program continues to grow. Over the past year alone, they've administered nearly 100,000 doses of various vaccines. For those who might be interested, CDC guidance states that it is acceptable to receive 2 or more of these different vaccines at the same time making it more convenient for all.

According to Big Y's president and CEO, Charles L. D'Amour, "The safety and health of everyone in our region is so vitally important to us that we are excited to offer our 3rd Big Y Big Vax Week to everyone; our customers, employees and their families. Our professional pharmacy staff has been working hard to be able to provide this essential service in each of our neighborhoods at every one of our locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. This week-long event provides a convenient way for anyone to receive one of many vaccines to keep our community healthy. Big Y's Big Vax Week is one more way we've been serving our community for over 87 years."

Searching your family history with Ancestry Library Edition

WILBRAHAM -- Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition at the Wilbraham Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

She will give a brief demonstration of how to use the online resource in the Brooks Room, followed by time in which participants use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. All participants will be given a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy.

"Ancestry Library Edition includes records of the U.S. Census from 1790 to 1950, military records such as World War I draft cards, and other records worldwide. Some international records are available, with par-

ticularly good coverage in Canada and the United Kingdom," said Bell.

Images of original records, including immigration records and town records of births, marriages, and deaths can be saved to a flash drive, printed, or sent to your email from the Ancestry Library Edition. It is accessible in-library only, but can be used through both library computers or personal devices connected to the library's Wi-Fi.

This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited due to the number of computers available, and registration is going on now.

For more information, contact the Wilbraham Library at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar online at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Hampden Garden Club celebrates 92nd year

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Garden Club is celebrating its 92nd year by hosting guest speaker/member Ginny Blake to present "The Tulip: Not Just Another Pretty Face".

Learn the fascinating history of this beloved spring bulb as well as view the many stunning

varieties in bloom at the Keukenhof in Holland at the height of the tulip season.

The presentation will occur Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Academy Hall at 625 Main St., Hampden. The guest fee is \$5. Please contact Lil Fedora at 566-1137 with any questions. Thank you!

OBITUARIES

Charles Edward Quinby, 70

Charles Quinby, Chuck to some and Chas to others, 70, passed away peacefully in Suffield, Connecticut on Wednesday morning, September 27, 2023, following a multi-year struggle with dementia. Born in Ludlow to the late Charles Quinby and Theresa (Belisle) Quinby St. Onge, Chuck graduated from Cathedral High School in the class of 1971 and went on to graduate from St. Anselm's in 1975. At St. A's, Chuck kindled a life-long love of chemistry, which he would go on to study at UMASS Lowell, focusing on gas chromatographic techniques of differential column packing and long chain aliphatic amines.

Chuck's professional life had many acts: IHOP manager, analytical chemist, environmental, health & safety supervisor, business development manager, B&B proprietor, and retiree. Throughout, Chuck was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was also a lifelong learner, who enjoyed gifting a good book, and taught various courses, frequently statistics, at Springfield Technical Community College. Chuck instilled his love of education in his children, relishing the opportunity to jointly tackle a science fair project.

Chuck had a discerning nose for big, high-altitude California cabs and loved to share treasured bottles with friends and family. He could frequently be found, cigar and cocktail in hand, taking in the view from his dock on Leadmine Pond or from his lanai above



Cocoa Beach with the love of his life, his late wife Chrys. Chuck was a fierce competitor and – whether playing backgammon with his grandchildren, Risk with his children, or engaging in friendly debate – he took no prisoners.

Chuck is predeceased by his father, mother, step-father Al St. Onge, sister Charlene, and wife, Chryseia Brennan. He is survived by his seven loving children and step-children and their spouses, Chris and Sharise of Castro Valley, CA; Peter and Becca of Windsor, CT; Tina of Baltimore, MD; Matt and Liz of Feeding Hills, MA; Nick and Jill of Boston, MA; Neil Holloway and Bich Nguyen of Gainesville, FL; Cole and Meghan Holloway of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; and step-siblings, Michael, Marion, David, and Brian. Chuck was a beloved Pop-pop to nine grandchildren, Abigail, Nathan, Caleb, Sierra, Cayden, Megan, Jacob, Michael, and Annabelle.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Visiting Angels Southbridge, Suffield by the River, Priority Care, and Trinity Hospice.

Calling hours are on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9:00-10:45 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Following the calling hours, Chuck's family invites you to join them at 11:30 directly in Island Pond Cemetery, 499 Center St. Ludlow, for a brief graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Pauline M. Ryba, 73

LUDLOW - Pauline (DesPlaines) Ryba, 73, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 29, 2023. She was born in Springfield on February 6, 1950 to the late Gabriel and Yvonne (Soiron) DesPlaines. Pauline was a graduate of Cathedral High School and STCC, becoming a medical assistant and office manager for several physicians and last enjoyed working at Randall's Greenhouse, retiring in 2015. She was a member of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow.

She was predeceased by her husband Chet Ryba.

Pauline leaves her four wonderful siblings Henri and his wife Theresa DesPlaines; Marguerite and her husband Steve Swartz; Roger DesPlaines and Daniel DesPlaines and his partner Maria Zygmont. She also leaves her nieces Danielle Hazlett and her husband Joe; Kim DesPlaines; her nephews Brian DesPlaines, Daniel DesPlaines and his wife Kate and Edward DesPlaines and his wife Jessica, as well as her grand-nieces



and nephew Lyla, Ava, Ashley, Angela, Aubrey and Austin along with her close cousin Evelyn Hoult.

Pauline loved butterflies, feeding her birds and especially her cats Ella and Tangy.

Funeral services for Pauline will be Friday, October 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in St. Elizabeth's Parish, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA. Rites of Committal will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations in Pauline's memory may be made to The Xerces Society, 628 NE Broadway, Ste 200, Portland OR 97232-1324 or www.xerces.org for the preservation of Monarch Butterflies or the Thomas J. O'Connor Adoption Center, 627 Cottage St, Springfield, MA 01104 or www.tjconnoradoptioncenter.com. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

DEATH NOTICES

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COMING SOON

St. Elizabeth is now taking orders and pies will be available Oct. 11 to Nov. 3 while supplies last. Each individual size pie is \$5.00. Place online orders at www.stelizabethludlow.org or by calling the Rectory Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 413-583-3467. Please pay in full at the time of pickup with cash or a check made out to St. Elizabeth Parish.

The Ludlow Lions and Sixteen Acres Lions Club will sponsor a sock hop on Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Church of the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road., from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children. \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more. Tickets include pizza, root beer floats, Kool-Aid, dessert and Classic Rock and Roll by DJ Dennis. Tickets may be purchased from any of the Clubs' members, or by calling 413-219-4994, 413-783-4929 or 754-900-ROAR (leave message). Advance ticket sales only. No walk-ins.

ONGOING

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open

for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

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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.

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

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

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ple. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413-519-4591.

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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.

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Wednesday, Oct. 4, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Eucharistic Adoration - 8:15 a.m. (C), Youth Group - 3:30 p.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir - 5:15 p.m. (C), Confirmation Class - 5:30 p.m. (JR), Scouts - 6 p.m. (FLBH), High School Pizza & Prayer - 6:30 p.m. (ER), Scouts - 7 p.m. (JR), Meat pie Orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Knights of Columbus - 6 p.m. (JR), Liturgy Committee - 6:30 p.m. (ZR), Knights of Columbus Honor Guard - 7 p.m. (FLBH), Meat pie Orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.

Friday, Oct. 6, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Meat pie Orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7, - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Eucharistic Adoration - 2 p.m. (C)

Sunday, - Oct. 8, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C),

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Tuesday, Oct. 10, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Spaghetti Supper - 4:30 p.m. (FLBH), Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. - (ER), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C), Meat pie Orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.

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Saint Cecilia Women's Club October meeting

WILBRAHAM— The St. Cecilia Women's Club's October meeting takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m., 42 Main St. At this meeting, Mindy Sullivan the owner of Cima's restaurant, located at 2200 Boston Rd., will tell us about the restaurant and will also do a cooking demonstration. All are people are welcome. The Club also will be collecting socks for adults in need at this meeting.

Saint Cecilia Knights of Columbus to hold Italian Night Dinner Oct. 14

WILBRAHAM -- The Knights of Columbus of the Saint Cecilia Council will be holding an Italian Night Dinner as a fundraiser for the Community Survival Center on Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, MA.

The dinner will include a traditional Italian meal with musical entertainment and raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$20 and are available before and after masses Sept. 23 through Oct. 8.

For more information, or to get tickets, email TicketsKoC10195@gmail.com.

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Pink Scarves for Rays of Hope at the Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM – Knitters and crocheters, get out your needles and patterns and make pink scarves for Rays of Hope!

“Rays of Hope is an annual walk in October for breast cancer survivors and their families, headed by Baystate Hospital. The pink scarf project provides scarves for the breast cancer survivors who are walking,” said Assistant Director Mary Bell. “We had over 85 scarves donated last year, and we’d love to have

even more this year.”

Any pattern can be used, but the scarves must be primarily pink. A box will be in the library to accept donations through Oct. 14.

The 2023 Rays of Hope walk will be Sunday, Oct. 22. More information can be found at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope.

For more information on donating scarves, please call the Wilbraham Public Library at 413-596-6141.

Lyman Orchards Pie Fundraiser

WILBRAHAM -- The holiday season is just around the corner and the question “To Bake or not to Bake” may be on your mind. Here’s an opportunity to help support the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors and ease your holiday stress at the same time.

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Form or pick up form at Wilbraham Senior Center. Frozen Pies and Cookie Dough will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 15 to the Wilbraham Senior Center for pick up after 1 p.m.

Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will also deliver to Wilbraham Residents for a \$10 fee, and \$12 for neighboring towns.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF WILBRAHAM SENIORS! Funds raised are used for the programs and services of the Wilbraham Senior Center.

50th Reunion planned for Minnechaug Class of 1973

WILBRAHAM -- The Minnechaug Regional High School Class of 1973 will commemorate their 50th reunion with a four-day, event-filled celebration from Thursday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023.

The October 2023 reunion will offer a wide array of options to celebrate and reconnect with classmates and the community, including a tour of the “new” Minnechaug, a trivia contest, gatherings at craft breweries, hikes, golf, a Falcon football game and tailgate and a dinner-dance at the Country Club of Wilbraham.

To give back to our communities and schools and to inspire the next generation of scientists, our class has established a fund to honor our classmate Dr. Janice E. Voss, a NASA astronaut who flew five shuttle missions in space before she passed away in 2012. Through this fund, the class of 1973 will donate STEM-related books for the libraries in the Wilbraham and Hampden schools, send one nine-to-eleven-year-old student to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, and create a \$2,500 annual scholarship to be awarded to a graduating Minnechaug senior from Wilbraham or Hampden with plans to study for a career in STEM.

Organizers hope that all members of the class family will know that they are invited to attend this reunion. We experienced years together in the Hampden-Wilbraham school system, so we welcome others who may have been part of our educational journey, including teachers and friends whose time at Minnechaug overlapped with ours. If you know someone from the Minnechaug Class of 1973

(they would have been born in 1954 or 1955) or would like to know more about the Janice Voss Memorial projects, please contact Ricardo Perez at perezr9@gmail.com or 919-757-7679.

Wilbraham Fire, Police to host open house on Oct. 7

WILBRAHAM -- The town of Wilbraham is excited to announce that both the Wilbraham Fire and Wilbraham Police Departments will be hosting open houses on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at their Boston Road stations. During the event, public safety personnel will be offering station tours and showcasing various equipment that helps keep the community safe.

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Markel offers update on EV Charging in Hampden

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor
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HAMPDEN -- Hampden Town Administrator Bob Markel is working hard to make Level 3 EV charging a reality in Hampden, as he explores potential locations for the chargers.

"Here are the potential sites: senior center, police department," he said.

"I did talk to (Highway Superintendent) Mark (Langone) briefly about that green space in between the police department and the senior center. We agreed that's not going to be practical."

Markel said that "something changed" recently, as he's observed there are now enough electric vehicles to completely fill charging stations. Recently, he explored a Level 3 charging port on Memorial Drive in Chicopee; all four ports were being used, and two cars were waiting in line.

"In thinking of a place to do this, we have to think that eventually we may have a couple of cars that will sit and wait in line, and certainly that green space I thought might work will not work because you don't want cars stacked up along (Allen Street)," Markel said.

Business owners have incentive to implement chargers in their lots, and Markel is traveling throughout Hampden to explore possible options. Among the businesses he's reached out to are Mountain View Restaurant on Allen Street and Rediker Software, Inc on Wilbraham Road.

Markel said that Rediker Software, Inc had not responded but noted that might be the best place, depending on the conversation he will have with the business owner.

"They have plenty of room. I doubt the parking lot ever fills up. I drove in there to take a look at it," Markel said. "I think it would work really well. You wouldn't see it from the highway, but what happens now is you can plug in chargers, and the GPS will take you right in there."

Markel has also had discussions involving the mini mall on Allen Street, a central location in town. Davenport proposed installing the ports in the lot behind the Dunkin Donuts, but Markel shared an idea that he believes would not interrupt parking in the main lot.

"I think the one place that would make sense would be between the restaurant La Cucina and Somers Road. Around the back there are spaces there;

the parking wraps around, and there are spaces that are rarely occupied behind there. I went back there to take a look... It would be less disruptive," Markel said.

Board Chair John Flynn questioned the location, noting, "I've never seen that, and that's an area that floods."

Markel responded, "The attraction there is they could be seen from the highway."

Flynn supports installing the ports on Main Street, as he proposed another location.

"The other parking lot that's never filled is the hardware store. Then they could walk to the park," he said.

Selectman Craig Rivest doesn't believe there will be enough room at Mountain View Restaurant, as parking is extremely limited during the summer. He proposed another idea.

"Here's another thought. What about Gerrish Park? I see some cars there rarely driving down Main Street. We could encourage people to park, sit down and read a book for a little while. You can go fishing, go hiking on trails," Rivest said.

As the board considered his idea, Rivest offered another possibility and reminded the board that the charging station will be a revenue generator.

"Here's another thought. What about (the former) Cumbies, if we didn't talk about CPC funding for taking possession, we're not using it for anything other than parking. We wouldn't need the septic," he said.

Flynn supported the idea, again supporting installing on Main Street.

"Craig makes a good point," he said. "The park is right there. Main Street is about the best walking area. You have access to the restaurant right there."

Markel reaffirmed that the town can still get incentives if the ports are installed on non-town-owned land.

"It used to be the rule was you had to put it on public property. Not now. I've checked on that. You can put it someplace that is not public property. Businesses are using these chargers as an incentive to come in, park your car and go ahead and shop. The tendency would be to stay longer," he said.

Markel supported Rivest's idea for the former Cumberland Farms parking lot on Main Street, but reminded the board that the clock is ticking.

Markel said, "I think it would be a great idea, but we have to act relatively soon, or the money (available from the state) will go to somebody else."

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1916EA**
Estate of:
Robert A Blais
Also known as:
Robert Armand Blais
Date of Death: 07/21/2023
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 **Joanne M Bell of Wilbraham, MA and Robert C Blais of Warren, 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: **Joanne M Bell of Wilbraham, MA and Robert C Blais of Warren, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2023.**

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 26, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/04/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P1924GD**
In the interests of
Tristan Truly Moss of Ludlow, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:

**Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**
1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/14/2023** by **Barbara A Glanville of Ludlow, MA** will be held **10/16/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: **Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**

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3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: September 14, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/04/2023

**Town of Ludlow
LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:35 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Ludlow Country Club 1 Tony Lema Drive, Ludlow, MA for Change of Manager to Antonio Tavares.

James Gennette, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
10/04, 10/11/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P1553EA**
Estate of:
THOMAS CHARLES PATULLO
Also Known As:
THOMAS C. PATULLO
Date of Death:
May 4, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **JAMES MORGAN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MA**
Petitioner **DAVID KLEKOTA OF SOUTH**

HADLEY, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**JAMES MORGAN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MA
DAVID KLEKOTA OF SOUTH HADLEY, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/04/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22P1966EA**
Estate of:
Phyllis A Tokarski
Date of Death: 07/07/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Mollie M Burns of Springfield MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2023.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 22, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/04/2023



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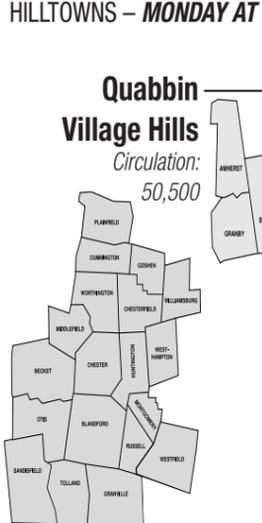
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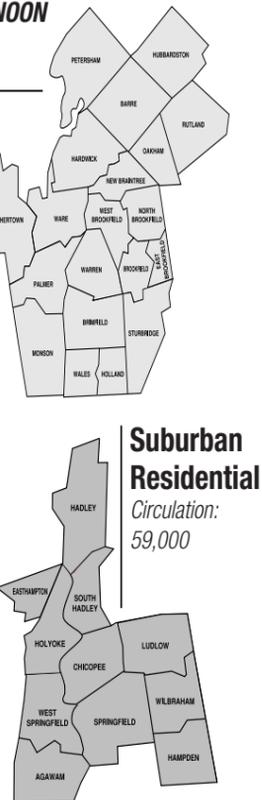
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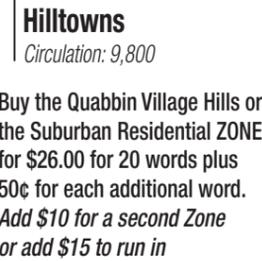
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Local pet adoption agencies are starting to see a trend towards smaller animals. The rising cost of pet care for cats and dogs is making people rethink their pet choices. If you are one of those people here is a little information about a few of the most popular small pet choices to help you choose the right one for your family.



Rabbits

Rabbits are unique creatures who form tight bonds with their families. They are easy to train and live an average of 5 – 10 years. They do require some veterinary care. They are not low maintenance if you are doing it right. You'll need a good-sized cage or hutch for their home. Rabbits are playful, active, and curious, and they need a good variety of toys to keep them occupied (and out of trouble) and lots of love and interaction.



Hamsters

Hamsters are typically low-maintenance pets but proper care is essential to keeping them happy and healthy. They typically live about two years and are usually best housed alone. Choose a cage that has good ventilation, is easy to clean, has space for a hamster to run and explore, and won't allow your hamster to escape. Inside the cage you'll need to provide soft and absorbent bedding, a water bottle, an exercise wheel, chew toys, a house, and food dish. Young hamsters will be easier to train and handle than older hamsters.



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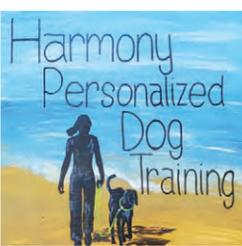
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