



Members of the Stronger Together team, including Ludlow residents Melissa Stokowski (second from right) and Katie Chelo (right). Submitted photo

Ludlow residents walk to fight cancer

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LUDLOW – Earlier this month, Ludlow residents Katie Chelo and Melissa Stokowski joined thousands of other participants at the annual Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber.

The 38th annual event,

presented by Hyundai, supported the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s mission of advancing cancer care and research.

The walk took place on Sunday, Oct. 4, along the world-famous Boston Marathon course. Chelo and Stokowski joined fellow participants from across the region and the country, helping to

raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

“We had such a special day. Being a part of the 38th annual Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber was an incredible experience,” Stokowski told The Register. “Throughout the course were pictures and stories of Da-

na-Farber patients to inspire walkers along the way.”

Chelo and Stokowski were on a team comprised of six members – each walking in honor of family, friends, or neighbors who have battled cancer. Behind every walker’s journey is a unique story,

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Communities eager to honor veterans

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LUDLOW – Officials in Ludlow and surrounding towns are looking forward to holding events that celebrate those who served.

Ludlow’s annual Veterans Day ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. The location is the Ludlow High School auditorium (500 Chapin Street).

The program will feature several special activities and honors, including the announcement of Veteran of the Year; student essay winners; VFW awards; and American Legion awards.

Residents are invited to attend the program as officials and the school community honor those who served. For many local families, several generations have served their nation across various military branches.

“Veterans Day is an opportunity for our community to come together and honor the men and women who have served our nation,” said Eric Segundo, the Director of Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services. “Attending a ceremony or lining the streets during a parade is a simple but powerful way to show our veterans that their service and sacrifices have not

been forgotten.”

In Palmer, a Veterans Day parade will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The parade will line up at 11 a.m. at Amvets Post 74 (2150 Main Street, Three Rivers).

The parade will kick off at 11:45 a.m. before proceeding to Springfield Street, then continuing to Hryniewicz Park.

A ceremony will take place immediately following the parade. Local officials and community members will come together to give thanks to veterans.

If you would like to participate in the parade as a marching unit, please call the Veterans Services Department at 413-707-5050. You may also send an email to: veterans@town-ofpalmer.com.

Area residents are thanked for their strong support of veterans, not only at annual celebratory events but also through volunteering at various programs.

The newly created Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services Department looks forward to celebrating veterans in both towns during programs next month. After state approval was received over the summer, Ludlow and Palmer officially united to expand ser-

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Exit 7 Players to bring ‘Carrie’ to stage

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LUDLOW – In a celebration of community theater at the scariest time of the year, Exit 7 Players will present “Carrie: The Musical,” a contemporary revival of the stage production based on Stephen King’s classic horror novel.

Directed by Bailey Fitzpatrick, with music direction by Ben Mabrey and choreography by Hannah McGee, the production will run from Oct. 30 through Nov. 15 at Exit 7 Theater in Ludlow.

In this revamped version of the famous 1988 production, “Carrie: The Musical” tells the story of Carrie White, a shy student struggling to find her place in the world. Gifted with extraordinary telekinetic powers, Carrie endures relentless bullying at school while facing an oppressive home life dominated by her fanatically religious mother.

When compassionate teacher Miss Gardner, kind-hearted classmate Sue

Snell, and Tommy Ross offer friendship and acceptance, Carrie begins to believe she may finally belong. But after cruel and manipulative bully Chris Hargensen puts a devastating plan into motion, Carrie is pushed beyond her limits, ultimately unleashing a terrifying force that threatens to consume everyone around her.

Combining Michael Gore’s score, Dean Pitchford’s lyrics, and Lawrence D. Cohen’s compelling book, “Carrie: The Musical” explores themes of isolation, acceptance, bullying, family challenges, and the consequences of cruelty.

“This revival breathes new life into a show that has developed a passionate following over the years,” said Director Bailey Fitzpatrick. “The score is powerful, the characters are complex, and the themes feel incredibly relevant today. Audiences will see a fresh, emotional take on a story they may think they already know.”

Performance dates will include the following shows: Friday, Oct. 30 (7:30 p.m.);

Saturday, Oct. 31 (7:30 p.m.); Sunday, Nov. 1 (2 p.m.); Friday, Nov. 6 (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 7 (7:30 p.m.); Sunday, Nov. 8 (2 p.m.); Friday, Nov. 13 (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 14 (7:30 p.m.); and Sunday, Nov. 15 (2 p.m.).

The rating for the production is PG-13.

“Carrie: The Musical” is presented through a special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

Tickets and additional information about the production are available by visiting www.exit7players.org.

“Exit 7 Players is a non-profit community theater organization dedicated to providing high-quality theatrical entertainment and educational opportunities for audiences and performers throughout Western Massachusetts,” read a statement released by the organization. “Located in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Exit 7 Players presents a diverse season of productions showcasing local talent and fostering a love of the performing arts.”



Representatives from the communities surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir attended a public hearing on Sept. 30.w

Legislators, local leaders speak against MWRA request

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BELCHERTOWN – A public hearing was held by the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission to discuss a request from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to transfer an additional 20 million gallons of water per day from the Quabbin Reservoir to the eastern Massachusetts communities the reservoir serves.

The reason cited is to ac-

commodate the expansion of its service area.

Legislators and local officials, along with residents spoke strongly in opposition of this request at the Sept. 30 hearing, citing fairness, equity and history, among other themes. State leaders in attendance included Rep. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Jake Oliveira, Sen. Jo Comerford and Sen. Peter Durant.

Saunders spoke of the history of the Quabbin, saying “The Quabbin is not merely a distant water source.”

He spoke about how it displaced residents and reshaped the region of the state for the benefit of millions of people in metro Boston, and how to this day, the residents and communities protect and steward the water. He said the lands of the Quabbin are taken from the tax bases of communities and residents live with water restrictions to preserve the water, but they cannot access it when their

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Election letters must be received by Oct. 16

The Register welcomes readers to participate in this year’s state election by writing letters to the editor for publication.

Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent

to The Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to theregister@turley.com by noon on Friday, Oct. 16 to be published in the Wednesday, Oct. 21 edition. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last

edition before the election.

Letter writers need to provide their name and the town they reside in.

Please include a daytime telephone number (for verification purposes only) when submitting your letter. Your phone number will not be printed.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW – Get ready for October, packed with fun, creativity, and a dash of spooky spirit. Unlock the mystery of AI, a fascinating technology that learns, adapts, and tackles tasks that mimic human thinking on Oct. 19, and discover how to use it effectively. On Tuesday evening, Lorrie’s Happy Craft Hour turns up the autumn atmosphere with spooky music and the chance to make your own fall-scented sachet. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month; on October 23 is Wear it Pink Day.

Many of our programs require registration ahead of time; be sure to call us or visit the front desk to reserve your spot in the activity of your choosing and write it down. An empty chair at the last minute because someone forgot to show up doesn’t allow us to call the next person on the waiting list.

Pull up a chair and savor a restaurant-style lunch with friends in the Center’s dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert, all for just \$2. Reserve your spot by calling 413-583-3564 at least 24 hours in advance and be sure to call Friday for Monday reservations.

For complete program and activity details, visit our Facebook page, go to ludlow.ma.us/coa, or pick up The Senior Scene monthly newsletter at the Center.

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

Thursday, Oct. 15
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
12 p.m. Birthday Lunch*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Oct. 16
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Spfld. Water & Sewer Info Session*
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Monday, Oct. 19
9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. What is AI?*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Flex & Core

1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class*
Tuesday, Oct. 20
9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump
5 p.m. Movie: 9 to 5 (1980)
5 p.m. Lorrie’s Happy Hour Craft Program*

Wednesday, Oct. 21
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10 a.m. Fun with Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: 9 to 5 (1980)

Thursday, Oct. 22
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club: Hamnet by Maffie O’Farrell
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

Daily Events:
Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Open Billiards: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Menu:
Thursday, Oct. 15: Birthday Lunch. Salisbury Steak/Mashed Pot/Veggies
Friday, Oct. 16: Zita w/Garlic & Broccoli/Breadstick
Monday, Oct.19: Seafood Salad Plate w/Power Salad/Roll
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Vegetarian Chili/Corn Bread
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Spinach & Artichoke Chicken/Rice Pilaf/Veg
Thursday, Oct. 22: Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap/Tater Tots
Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

DATEBOOK

Do you have a local event or activity to publicize? Please send the information as either a Word doc or plain (no bold text or other formatting) email text (no PDFs, please, and do not use all uppercase (i.e. UPPER CASE) by 5 p.m. on Friday. At least two weeks prior to the event is encouraged. Send your community events to theregister@turley.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

CRAFT FAIR: Christ the King Rosary Sodality’s St. Nicholas Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Christ the King Church (41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow). The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be hosting talented craft vendors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles. A light luncheon, drinks, and desserts will be available for sale. All are welcome to join the festivities.

ONGOING

FRENCH CANADIAN MEAT PIES are available. St. Elizabeth Parish began taking orders for French Canadian meat pies on Oct. 5, with pies being made from Oct. 19 to Nov. 5 while supplies last. Individual pies are \$5 each and must be ordered by calling the Rectory at 583-3467, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please specify your pickup date when calling. Pickups are scheduled between 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as well as 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Full payment is due at the time of pickup by cash or check, made out to St. Elizabeth Parish. Online and voicemail orders are not accepted.

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

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

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

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held Monday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Tuesday – Aquajazz, 9-9:30 a.m.; Aquacise,10-10:45 a.m.; Wednesday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Thursday – Aquacise, 10-10:45 a.m. and Friday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 124.

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

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

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

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

Early voting for Nov. 3 state election

LUDLOW – Early voting is available for the Nov. 3 State Election. Hours will be available on several dates this month. Early voting will take place on the first floor in Hearing Room 1 at Town Hall (488 Chapin Street). Saturday hours are available on Oct. 17 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.), as well as on Oct. 24 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

During the weeks of Oct. 19 and Oct. 26, early voting will be available during normal business hours.

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday will feature hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday will have hours of 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday will have hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The last day to register to vote and/or change party enrollment is Oct. 24 (in-person 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

The last day to request an early or absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 27 by 5 p.m.



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Zero 7 performs at a recent event.

Submitted photo

Local band rocks audiences across state

REGION – What started as four friends practicing in a garage has quickly grown into a young rock band performing for audiences across Massachusetts.

The band, Zero 7, is made up of four recent Tantasqua Regional High School graduates and is building a following with high-energy classic rock performances. The band is proving that rock and roll is still alive and well with the younger generation.

Formed in the spring of 2024, Zero 7 spent a year practicing together before officially becoming a band. They first rehearsed in the original drummer's garage, then moved to the lead guitarist's basement. The band's name has a story of its own: the members of Zero 7 were born in 2007.

"We're really proud of how far we've come since

those early practices," said lead guitarist Marcus Santos. "We're still young, we're still learning, but we're always trying to get better. We love playing for people, and we'd really like opportunities to play closer to home."

All four musicians are graduates of Tantasqua Regional High School and are currently balancing work and life locally while continuing to pursue their passion for music. They still practice twice a week, fine-tuning their sound to give audiences strong performances.

The band includes lead guitarist Marcus Santos, bass guitarist Jonas Kupranowicz, drummer Aydan Marcinek, and lead singer Gabe Howard. Together, they deliver energetic performances of classic rock anthems from the 1970s, 80s, and 90s, along with original songs. Their repertoire includes mu-

sic from bands such as AC/DC, Alice in Chains, Metallica, Mötley Crüe, Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, and other classic and hard-rock favorites.

Zero 7 played their first gigs at The Barn in Stafford, CT, and McCray's Farm in South Hadley. The band now plays regularly at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center in Three Rivers, where audiences have responded enthusiastically to their high-energy shows.

"I think they have huge potential," said Torie Jock, lead singer of Torie Jock & Damage Control and organizer of the Friday Night Rocks band lineups at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center. "The sky's the limit for these guys."

Audience member Jeffrey Francisco, who has played in bands himself, offered similar praise after seeing Zero

7 perform. "I've played in bands throughout my life, and the lead guitarist is better than a lot of the guys I've played with."

For the band, performing is more than simply getting on stage. Zero 7 puts the money it earns from gigs toward better equipment, letting the four musicians keep investing in their sound and their future as a band.

The band's next performance is Saturday, Oct. 17, at The O's Music Bar in Sunderland, Massachusetts.

Zero 7 is looking for additional gigs, particularly in Sturbridge and the surrounding communities. The band is available for music nights at bars and restaurants, local events, and private parties.

For booking inquiries and availability, contact Marcus Santos at 774-318-8516, or by email at: Zero7rocks@gmail.com.

Notice from Special Town Meeting

LUDLOW – 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, Oct. 5, 2026

Precinct 1: Richard Oliveira, Fernando Barros, JonLuc Lavoie, Eric Gregoire, Elinor Kelliher

Precinct 2: Frederick Nowak, Jr., Kathleen Nowak, Steven DaSilva, Jose Eugenio

Precinct 3: Robert Roccanti, Daniel Valadas, Justin Martins, Jason Pease,

Stephen Fiedler, Arthur Lourenco, John Moll

Precinct 4: Fernando Barroso, Helder Cerqueira, Julie Batista, Jason Coddington, Mary Evangelista, Duanne Pasquini, Joseph Santos

Precinct 5: Daniel Kinne, Juliet Ribeiro, Mia Alves, Michael Lavelle, Mark Witowski, Francis Krzanik, Thomas Haluch

Precinct 6: Jerome Mayou, Robert Mishol, Zachary Ellison, Kevin Brown

Members at Large: Michael O'Rourke, Alan Aubin, Susan Stanek, Charles Mullin, Sean McBride

Knights to sponsor benefit dinner

REGION – The Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will sponsor a fundraising benefit dinner to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard.

The benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center (42 Main Street in Wilbraham).

The meal will feature homemade chicken parm and a pasta Italian dinner, complete with a salad, bread, coffee, and cannoli.

The event will include several raffles and musi-

cal entertainment, with sing-alongs and a strolling violinist.

Tickets are limited and cost \$20 per person. They may be purchased by contacting George Reich at: ticketskoc10195@gmail.com.

Tickets may be picked up after Mass in the Saint Cecilia rotunda, starting on Sept. 26.

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Dark-eyed junco

Every fall I look for the return of the dark-eyed juncos, also known as “snow birds” in the middle latitudes.

Over most of the eastern United States, they appear as winter sets in and then retreat northward each spring to breed. Other juncos are year-round residents, retreating into woodlands during the breeding season or, like those of the Appalachian Mountains, moving to higher elevations during the warmer months.

I have not seen any yet, but I keep an eye out for them. Often my first sighting of the year is along the side of the road when I spot their white tail feathers as they fly.

Dark-eyed juncos are little sparrows with gray plumage and white outer tail feathers and white underneath. Females and juveniles are slightly browner and duller.

They breed in forests including coniferous and deciduous types and can be found at elevations from sea level to over 11,000 feet. Typically, the female lays between three to six eggs per clutch. She usually lays one egg per day until the clutch is complete.

Their diet primarily consists of seeds and insects, adapting to available food sources throughout the year.

Juncos are social birds, often seen in flocks during winter and they exhibit a distinctive hopping behavior on the ground. They flit about forest floors of the western mountains and Canada, then flood the rest of North America for winter.

They are among the most abundant forest birds of North America. They come to feeders and like many sparrows feed on the ground to glean seeds dropped there by other birds.

They prefer open, partially wooded areas with

understory for cover. They also have a twittering call or trilling song. If flushed from the ground, they appear gray or dark brown overall with visible white outer tail feathers.

The dark-eyed Junco is one of the most common birds in North America and can be found across the continent from Alaska to Mexico, from California to New York. A recent estimate set the junco’s total population at approximately 630 million individuals.

The oldest recorded dark-eyed Junco, originally banded in 1991, was at least 11 years, 4 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in the same state of West Virginia in 2001.

Large flock of sparrows

Recently, while driving to the bus stop to pick up my grandson, I flushed a large flock of sparrows along the side of the road. A large number of them flew across the road in front of the car. It happened quickly so I was not able to identify them. They were not juncos as they did not have white tail feathers

New bird feeder

A man, who attends meals at the Oakham Senior Center, built a feeder from tubing someone gave him.

He filled it with seed and put it outside. It took a few days for the birds to arrive, but he has a lot of birds coming to it now.

eBird sightings

Recent eBird sightings included a Cape May warbler on Oct. 6 in Belcher-town and an American redstart and a black-bellied plover, both spotted in the northeast Quabbin area on Oct. 6.

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

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When to wash and when not to wash, that is the question

This is one of my more funnier titles, isn’t it? It occurred to me that not everyone knows which fruits or vegetables should be washed prior to storage.

Just yesterday I was pondering this topic myself, wondering if my fresh picked apples should be washed before I stored them away in the fridge.

Read on to learn the answer to that question as well as the same for other crops. While we’re at it I will provide additional tips to help achieve lengthy storage.

Apples should not be washed prior to storage. There is a protective waxy covering over the fruit that helps to increase its shelf life.

Experiments prove that washing it off caused the apples to spoil much more quickly. Placing unwashed apples in a plastic bag that is either left open or has perforations in it then putting the bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator will give them the best chance at longevity. This method provides both air flow and humidity.

Want to store carrots or beets? Use the same method.

You will have to cut back the greens first, however. If you leave them on they will

pull moisture from the roots rendering them limp. Cut back to a half inch or so.

If your carrots or beets are super muddy it’s best to let them air dry briefly to get some of the extra dirt off, but just like apples, that protective waxy layer should not be washed off. If you are hoping for a long storage life, it makes sense to go through your bags of produce to remove any that begin to rot so that they won’t infect their neighbors.

There is something to be gleaned from the old adage “one bad apple spoils the whole barrel.”

Likewise, never wash potatoes before putting them in storage! Gently brush off dirt and store them in a single layer in the darkness around 55 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Potatoes should not be stored in the refrigerator. It changes their texture and makes them prone to rot.

I think it’s safe to say that we would never consider washing onions or garlic prior to storage. We should, however, gently brush off the dirt near the roots and bottom portion of the bulb. After on-

ions are properly cured, store them at temperatures close to 40 degrees.

Place apples, bananas, and tomatoes away from onions, these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Ethylene will also encourage potatoes to sprout.

Use onion bulbs that have two centers first; they won’t store well. Garlic stems should be cut back to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc.

Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

Keep your garlic fists intact; once broken apart, individual cloves do not keep as long.

Gently wash winter squash in a 10% bleach solution prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees; in this case it will help prevent rot.

The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age. The same advice for washing prevails for pumpkins and gourds.

As the harvest season continues, may these tips help to ensure that you get the longest possible storage life. A much deserved reward after all of your hard work!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.

GUEST COLUMN

This month’s story is quite the Random Act of Kindness! I don’t know whether it should include, “She’d give you the shirt (coat) off her back” or Dolly Parton’s song, “Coat of many colors”.

I first met Tangie Jackson as we were checking out of the supermarket and I complimented her on her beautiful flannel blue plaid coat. She accepted the compliment saying she had one in every color! We each cashed out going our separate ways, or so I thought. I went to back out and a car was blocking me, then out jumps Tangie with an orange and beige plaid coat draped over her arm. She excitedly came up to me and said she wanted me to try it on because she wanted me to have it! I did resist her offer but she was so animated, I decided to oblige. Perfect fit! I argued that I couldn’t take her coat asking, why she would do something like that. Her explanation, “I’m from Mississippi (born there and moved to MA when

she was 3½) and we do this kind of thing. I believe when you give, it comes back ten-fold”. To say this wasn’t an awkward encounter I would be lying, but she just has such a fun and warm demeanor, it was infectious. In the end I accepted the coat which I love and in turn told her about my articles and asked if I could feature her in one. She agreed, we met for lunch, enjoyed the conversation covering many topics and shared many laughs. And now I’m going to tell you more about this incredibly generous person that I was so privileged to have cross my path.

Tangie certainly is not a stranger to tragedy in her life and is currently the sole care giver for her mom whose health is declining. She had 4 siblings

that unfortunately have all passed, she lost her husband seven years ago and also her youngest daughter a year later at the very young age of 29. She passed from a rare heart disease that is unfortunately a genetic defect passed down from Tangie’s maternal grandmother. Tangie’s oldest daughter doesn’t have this gene, but unfortunately both Tangie and her granddaughter do.

What an amazing attitude she has! She teared talking about her daughter’s passing saying, “I’m so blessed to have had her for 29 years and she blessed me with my grandbaby.” Her granddaughter lives in NJ with her dad but Tangie is very involved in her life enjoying regular visits during school vacations.

Her daughters were very close and began a 501C3 charity called ‘Willis Way’.

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

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library’s Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: Mon 9–5, Tue 9–8, Wed 9–5, Thu 9–8, Fri 9–5, Sat 10–2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

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

FOR ADULTS

Bats of Massachusetts, October 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ha-lie Larkin of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation will present a fascinating introduction to the bats in our state. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they echolocate, and the mythology surrounding them, as well as challenges they currently face. A great way to mark Bat Appreciation Month! Please register.

Basic Seed Saving, October 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to collect and use seeds from your own garden at this informative session given by Paulina Borrego of the Mass Aggie Seed Library. A question and answer time will follow. Please register.

Tech 101—Consumer Reports Database, October 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Learn how to make smarter purchasing decisions with the library’s Consumer Reports database. This beginner-friendly lecture will introduce the database, show you what types of product ratings and reviews are available, and share tips for getting the most out of this valuable resource. No device is needed for this presentation. Please register.

Please DO Eat the Daisies—The Comestible Virtues of Non-Native Weeds and Invasives In and Around Ludlow, October 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join local wild edibles enthusiast and author Russ Cohen for a presentation covering over two dozen of the tastiest non-native plant species lurking in plain sight in and around Ludlow. Will include several goodies made with locally foraged weeds and invasive ingredients for folks to sample! Please register.

Creative Writing Group, November 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Share what you’ve written if you like! Please register.

History Talk—The Trial of Susan B. Anthony: Voting Rights for Women, November 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. In 1873, Susan B. Anthony was indicted by a grand jury for voting.

The trial that followed became one of the most famous of the 19th century. The Honorable Dennis J. Curran, Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court (Ret.) joins us to provide a fascinating look at this case, highlighting how Anthony shrewdly used the trial to rally people to the cause of women’s suffrage. Please register.

Chair Yoga for Adults, November 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair yoga uses standard chairs to support gentle stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats are welcome, and water is encouraged! Sessions taught by Mystic Willow. Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Monday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Walk-ins are welcome!

Technology Appointments, Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

Seeking Local Artists, Seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library’s display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

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

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

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for this month’s Happy Hour Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program, ongoing. For 6th grade through high school. Volunteer one hour a week in the youth room. Please see our website calendar for more information and to submit an application.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Grow, Play, and Learn, Thursdays (weekly), October 15, 22, 29, 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Farmyard Tales Storytime for 3-5s, Fridays (weekly), October 16, 23, 30. 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-5. Stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! Farm animal theme. Please register.

Youth Chess, Mondays (biweekly), October 19, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), October 20, 3:30 p.m. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), October 20, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Homeschool Hive, Wednesdays (weekly), October 21, 28, 1:00 p.m. For ages 5-10. Please register.

Creative Kids, Wednesdays, October 21, 28, 10:00 am. For ages 2-5. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Tween Graphic Novel Group, Thursdays (monthly), October 22, 5:00 p.m. For ages 10-14. Please register.

Quill the Therapy Dog Meet and Greet, Friday, October 23rd, 3:45 p.m. For ages 3-8 and their families. Please register.

Mini Makers, Tuesday, October 27, 1:00 p.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

MCBA Bookgroup, Thursdays (monthly) November 5, 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 4-6. Read, play, snack, and vote! Read MCBA (Massachusetts Children’s Book Award) book nominations and vote for your favorite with all the other youth in the state! Please register.

Sing with Me, Tuesdays (weekly), 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays (weekly), 12:00-5:00 p.m. Drop-in.

Online Gaming/Minecraft Club for YAs, Thursdays (weekly), 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

ONE-TIME PROGRAMS

Spooky Jack o Lantern Jars, Saturday, October 17, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Drop-in.

Spooky Stories for Teens, Thursday, October 22, 6:00 pm. For ages 12-17. Please register.

Haunted House Making, Saturday, October 24, 11 - 12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Drop-in.

Big Games Day, Monday, October 26, 3:45 p.m. For ages 5 - 17 and families. Please register.

Pumpkin Decorating for Kids, Thursday, October 29, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. For ages 2-10. Please register.

Halloween Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt, Friday October 30, and Saturday October 31, all day. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Jr. Women’s Club to hold Designer Bag Bingo

LUDLOW – The Wilbraham Junior Women’s Club will host a Designer Bag Bingo event.

The program will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Gremio Lusitano Club (385 Winsor Street, Ludlow).

“It’s an evening of fun Bingo and a chance to win all the designer bags you want in your closet,” read a statement released by organizers.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.

Admission tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Purchase a table of

10 for \$300 (a discounted rate of \$30 per ticket when purchased in advance).

Tickets include 10 Bingo games, a dauber, and a special lucky charm.

A cash bar will be available, and attendees can bring their own snacks or order off of the club’s menu.

Extra Bingo cards will be available for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for a bag-themed raffle of over 30 handbags.

All proceeds will benefit charitable projects in the community.

To secure your tickets, visit WilbrahamJuniorWomen.org.

You may also contact Brenda Willard at 413-279-1394.

First Church to hold Harvest dinner Nov. 7

LUDLOW – The First Church in Ludlow will hold its Drive-thru Harvest Dinner next month. A roast pork meal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7. The menu includes roast pork, mashed

potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, fresh applesauce, rolls, and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$17 per person.

To make your reservations, please call Ann at

413-547-8720.

On Nov. 7, drive into the back parking lot of First Church in Ludlow at 859 Center Street between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Your hot meal will be delivered to your vehicle.

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This charity adopted six families every Christmas and supplied all the needs of these families. Such an inspiration with lessons they learned from watching their mom. The truest example of giving back.

Tangie is involved with the Elks and not only helps fill backpacks but supplies items for them each year. Tangie reminisced as she spoke of her grandmother who always told her, “If you’re able to give back to family and community, there is always someone worse off than yourself.”

She took that to heart and became a Foster Mother to many kids for the duration of three months to 3 years. The longest was for a teen girl for three and half years. The young girl never went back to ‘juvie’ which unfortunately doesn’t happen often. She helped her get into STCC and encouraged her to become her best self. She generally took in girls having two girls herself, but she did take in a five-year-old non-verbal boy who was eventually returned to his mom.

Tangie has been a CNA and in fact had her own agency for years helping community residents who needed help with home care.

Her Godbrother owns IKANDY and she often vol-

unteers to advertise and promote events for him. She loves line dancing and if you’re in her presence, be ready to dance and have fun! These events could have you taking a trail ride, taking part of a soul night, creating a double Dutch jumping competition or her emceeing a musical event. Her favorite style of music is ‘Southern Soul’ which she explained is similar to country music. She is a vivacious and energetic soul herself with a contagious personality.

Tangie truly is a beautiful person inside and out. She has also done modeling while volunteering with the Dunbar Community. She boasted she cooks a mean chicken pot pie, pineapple upside down-cake and sweet potato pie. I’m ready for dinner!

She truly is a woman with a huge heart and many facets to her personality, just such a pleasure to be around. In spite of life’s hardships, she’s such an inspiration with her positive beliefs.

If you’d like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, ‘Just ‘Cause’ you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you.

See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness!



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Freedom Credit Union offers free Fall Shred Days on Oct. 17

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

The Ludlow branch, 645 Center St., will hold a shred day on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9-11 a.m. Residents can bring unwanted paperwork containing personal or financial information, including bills,

bank statements, tax returns and other sensitive documents. The shred days are open to the public and free of charge. Each vehicle may bring up to five file boxes or paper shopping bags of documents.

Notice of public comment period extension for MWRA application

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL Chapter 21 Sections 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that the public comment period for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Regional Water Supplier Donor Basin Application is being extended to Oct. 28.

Section 4.10 of the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations enables a Regional Water Supply System to file an application that allows the Water Resources Commission to evaluate and approve criteria applicable to the Donor Basin separately from criteria applicable to the Receiving Area.

MWRA, as a Regional Water Supply System, has filed a Donor Basin appli-

cation pursuant to section 4.10 for the supply of an additional 20 million gallons per day on average to accommodate the expansion of its service area to multiple public water systems. The MWRA's sources are located in the Chicopee River and Nashua River Basins.

Copies of the application are available for review at the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, the Bigelow Free Public Library in Clinton, and on the Interbasin Transfer Act applications webpage. Copies of the application may also be obtained by contacting Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

The Commission will be accepting comments on the substance of the application (whether the application is consistent with the environ-

mental criteria set out in the Interbasin Transfer Act, such as impacts on the fisheries, recreation, and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin). The Commission will also be accepting comments on the process by which a regional water supplier may apply to the Water Resources Commission for an Increase in the Present Rate of Interbasin Transfer under section 4.10.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 28.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic submittal, via email to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov. Written testimony may also be mailed to: Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.



Two Ludlow residents were on the Stronger Together team that participated in the Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber.

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but they all shared the same bond and determination to raise funds. Aptly named Stronger Together, the team also included members Andrea Conte, Peter Lantaigne, Jamie Raimer, and Meghan Ramirez.

In addition to the physical training that went into preparations for the event, team members worked equally hard in the fundraising component.

"Together, we raised \$6,257 to help support Dana-Farber in their mission to constantly progress cancer research and focus on compassionate patient care," Stokowski added. "We were blessed with perfect weather, and the event itself is orchestrated flawlessly."

Each year, Jimmy Fund Walk participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options, ranging from a 5K to a full mara-

thon. Walkers can also participate virtually at a time and location that works for them.

"The walk brings our community together in a powerful way, with people of all ages supporting Dana-Farber's groundbreaking research and patient care," said Jessica Abbott, the assistant vice president of The Jimmy Fund.

Last year marked a historic milestone for the event, with the walk raising more than \$11.2 million for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"For more than three decades, this event has been a celebration of hope, where every step helps fuel breakthroughs, support patients, and inspire progress," Abbott said.

Whichever route participants choose, they are supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course.

All routes conclude at The Jimmy Fund Walk for

Dana-Farber Finish Line at Boston Common, sponsored by Schneider Electric.

The event also featured several post-walk programs, including a celebration with food, entertainment, special activities, and more.

"The Jimmy Fund Walk is a day full of hope, and that hope is felt all around you," Stokowski said. "Our team is looking forward to returning next year and raising our fundraising goals."

Event organizers thank all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for their continued support of the program.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is home to groundbreaking cancer discoveries. Since its founding in 1948, The Jimmy Fund has raised millions of dollars through community efforts to advance Dana-Farber's lifesaving mission.

To learn more about the event and how you can join the fight against cancer, visit JimmyFund.org/Walk.

Zonta Service Grants applications available

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at www.zontaq.v.org/service-grant/ or requested by contacting info@zontaq.v.org. Grants are awarded biannually, in November (Nov. 1 deadline) and May (April 1, 2027 deadline).

Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds. In reviewing completed applications the committee will give preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians (and supporters, if appropriate).

As a community-driven organization, Zonta's grant capacity is tied directly

to the success of its fundraising efforts. While it reviews and awards service grants twice a year, the total amount distributed each cycle fluctuates based on the funds raised during the annual golf tournament, calendar raffle, etc.

Two-thirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women.

Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has contributed over \$150,000 in cash and in-kind donations to local nonprofits.

Recent local grant recipients included: Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA to help fund the Council's

Community-Based Programming outreach; YWCA of Western Mass. to stock their emergency food pantry; Girls on the Run Western Mass. to help support youth programming and train coaches; Girls Inc. of the Valley to support a youth-led community educational event focused on human rights; Safe Passage of Northampton to offset printing of a program booklet for Say Something — eight-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense; and Alianza DV Services, Inc. in support of the Clothesline Project — a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

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vices for veterans. Looking ahead to Nov. 11, the best way to thank veterans is to get involved in

a community event and show your support, officials said.

"I encourage everyone in Ludlow and Palmer to take a little time out of their day to participate," Segundo added. "Your presence means more to our veterans than words can express. Honoring those who served is a responsibility we all share."

Meanwhile, Palmer High School will hold its annual ceremony honoring veterans on Monday, Nov. 9. Breakfast will be available in the school library (7:30-8 a.m.), followed by a veterans cere-

mony in the auditorium at 8 a.m.

All veterans are welcome to attend the program.

"Palmer High School has had a long-standing tradition of honoring our veterans each year with an all-school assembly," said Palmer Public Schools Superintendent Matthew Francis. "This respectful and beautifully done ceremony is completely student organized, which speaks volumes about the quality of character and culture of our learning community."

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Temporary school records to be destroyed Dec. 31

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LUDLOW – Ludlow High School Class of 2019, temporary school records will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual former students. The temporary record consists of all information in the student record, which is not contained in the transcript. Such information may

include standardized test results, class rank, school sponsored extra-curricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records and evaluations by teachers, counselors and other school staff. Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing to: Ludlow High School, Counseling Department, 500 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA 01056. For more information, please call 413-589-9001 extension 2407.

Teen Cookbook Club at Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM - The Teen Department at the Wilbraham Library is excited to announce the first meeting of their new Teen Cookbook Club for grades 6-12! On Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 5 p.m., we will meet at Wilbraham Public Library to sample recipes from the cookbook entitled “The Unofficial TikTok Cookbook: 75 Internet-breaking recipes for snacks, drinks, treats, and more!” by Valentina Mussi.

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to this event! Just stop by the library to check out a copy of the cookbook. Then select a recipe, prepare it and bring it to the program. Registration is required as space is limited, so please call the library by Oct. 19 to register, or go online to register through the library’s website. This program is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Hope to see you there.

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own wells run dry. “This is the context in which I urge the commission to reject the MWRA’s application as presented,” Saunders said. He also noted that the request of 20 million gallons is the largest request ever made in 40 years of the interbasin transfer being law. Saunders also spoke about the interbasin transfer act, which is the legal process for the request being made. He said under the statute, the donor and receiving communities need to have access to the same information to weigh their decisions, but in this case, the donor communities are not being told what the need for the water is, which communities will be getting it, and how much water is going to each individual community. He said the eastern Massachusetts communities will have all that information. “The MWRA’s attempt to leverage the very law designed to protect our communities to instead deprive us of basic information about a proposed transfer adds immeasurable insult to generations of injury,” he said of the

request. “Quabbin region residents are being asked to comment on the extraction of 20 million gallons of water per day without knowing where the water will go, who will receive it, how much each community needs, or what public benefit supposedly justifies the burden,” he said. Oliveira spoke about the levels of the Quabbin being the lowest they have been in his lifetime. “If you go to the Quabbin Reservoir right now, you can see how low the water is,” he said. He said the request of 20 million gallons is equivalent to one John Hancock building in Boston, and there is no clear guidance on who will receive the water. He urged the commission to hold a future hearing on the decision in western Massachusetts so people from the region can attend. Oliveira also spoke about the interbasin transfer law, saying “the spirit of the law is intentionally being broken right now, and if this makes its way to a court of law, I guarantee that they would probably side with the legislators.” Comerford spoke about

the commission’s responsibility to safeguard the water future for the entire commonwealth, and spoke about how the Quabbin towns face restrictions on economic development while getting little payment in return. “Your decisions today have generational impacts...I urge you to reject the MWRA’s application,” Comerford said. She also recommended against future water transfers until fundamental questions are answered, saying, “I ask the commission today to recommend against any future water transfers from the Quabbin until the commonwealth has resolved fundamental questions of equity, stewardship and a common water future for all in Massachusetts.” She said the region has chronic population decline, limited infrastructure and a dearth of economic activity, and asked what would happen when the region runs out of resources to protect the water. Comerford said the towns took formal votes during town meetings and select board letters asking for more representation on the MWRA board of directors, since the

region has no seat, and for more payment in lieu of taxes funding. “The MWRA and its advisory board responded negatively with disinterest, disinformation and even open disdain,” Comerford said. Durant said the water system is under stress and extracting with no compensation is not good, and he also spoke of the proposed battery energy storage system in Oakham. Stephen Garabedian of the Belchertown Conservation Commission said he believes the application is a done deal, saying the governor wants this water to develop a former naval base and turn it into 6,000 housing units. He said since there are no resources for water near

Boston, they are turning to the Quabbin. “Water flows toward money,” he said. Some leaders, including Patty Gamborini of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Sue Cloutier of New Salem asked about desalination plants, and whether one could be built on the coast of Boston. Cloutier said when she was in eighth grade, she did a study on desalination happening in Florida, saying the technology is there. Matthew Broderick of the Oakham Planning Board said a third of their town was taken for the watershed, and the town takes its stewardship seriously, and they are also in support of protecting their self interests and the reser-

voir from the BESS facility. “Our confidence in the stewardship of the MWRA has been severely eroded,” he said, and noted there could be severe impacts if the BESS system experiences an accident. Ed Comeau of Belchertown said the Quabbin is 12 feet below capacity, and the Quabbin/Wachusett system is still a good reserve, but with climate change and changes in precipitation, it could take years to build back to the levels the reservoir was once at. The commission will make a decision about this request at a future public hearing, which is yet to be scheduled as of this publication.

INDIAN ORCHARD

Popular food festival returns on Oct. 24

INDIAN ORCHARD – St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church will hold its 49th annual Armenian Food Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event will take place from 12-7 p.m. at 135 Goodwin Street in Indian Orchard. Admission and parking are free, food is available for dine-in and takeout, and a live Armenian band will play through the afternoon. The festival runs rain or shine. Many of the recipes on the menu reached western Massachusetts with families who survived the Armenian genocide and the loss of their ancestral villages. They settled in Indian Or-

chard and the surrounding mill towns, rebuilt their lives and held on to their faith, their language, and their food. Those recipes were rarely written down – instead, they were learned by watching. “Our food is more than flavor – it’s history, memory, and resilience,” said Fr. Bedros Shetilian, Pastor of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church. “Each dish connects us to our ancestors while inviting new generations to experience Armenian culture.” Sue Lantzakis has been making paklava for the St. Gregory community for more than 50 years. She learned from her grand-

mother, and this fall she will again take her place at the table, layering trays alongside the other volunteers. “People ask why I’m still doing this at my age. Because my grandmother did it, and because somebody has to teach the young ones,” she said. Next year will mark the festival’s 50th, and organizers are already planning how to honor the volunteers who have carried it that far. On the menu Grilled on site: Lamb shish kebab, Losh kebab, Chicken kebab. Kebab dinners are served with rice pilaf, salad, and pita. Losh sandwiches and

spinach boereg are also available. The pastry table will feature paklava, choreg, kourabia, kadayif, and bourma. Jars of homemade tourshi (traditional Armenian pickled vegetables) will be sold to take home. About the church Founded in 1934, St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church has served Armenian families in western Massachusetts for more than 90 years. It remains both a spiritual home and a center of Armenian cultural life in the region, preserving Armenian heritage through worship, food, music, and tradition while sharing it with the wider community.

Indian Orchard Citizens Council holding meeting

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

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

Immaculate Conception hosts Polish plate dinner

INDIAN ORCHARD – A Polish plate dinner (four Pierogi, one Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta, and rye bread) will be held at Immaculate Conception Church. The event will take place on Saturday, October 17, from 1-5 p.m. Eat-in and takeout options are available. Tickets are \$25 per plate. To get your tickets, please call one of the fol-

lowing contacts: Maria Kowalski (413-222-6229), Irena Wurszt (413-427-5846), or the Parish office (413-543-3627). You may also send an email to: iccmaoffice@gmail.com. A Frozen Polish Food Sale is available, with funds benefiting repairs to the front stairs of the church. The church is located at 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard.

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Have you seen a coyote?

New MassCoyotes project wants to hear from you

AMHERST – For the past seven years, Amherst College’s MassBears project has invited community members across Massachusetts to collaborate with researchers to better understand American black bears by sharing observations from their neighborhoods.

Now, the research team, led by Dr. Thea Kristensen, is expanding its community science efforts with the launch of MassCoyotes, a new project that invites residents to contribute sightings of coyotes across Massachusetts.

Since its launch in 2019, MassBears has brought together researchers, students and community members to learn more about how black bears are using a landscape increasingly shared with people. Thousands of community observations have helped the research team investigate where bears are observed, what they are doing and how people and wildlife interact.

Those contributions are now helping advance scientific understanding of black bears in Massachusetts. In September, members of the MassBears research team, along with Tammy Wilson at USGS, published a study in Scientific Reports using community-contributed observations to model areas where people and black bears are likely to overlap.

The research found that housing density and proximity to roads were important predictors of human-bear overlap and demonstrated both the value of community observations and the ways these observations can be complemented by systematically-collected research data.

The researchers emphasize that this work would not have been possible without the people across Massachusetts who took the time to report their observations.

“It is only because of the community’s excitement to participate in our project that we were able to gather this data and contribute to the current knowledge on black bears. We are so grateful for the community’s support and are looking forward to continuing this partnership,” Marie Wheeler, Class of 2027, said in a press release.

Building on the success of MassBears, the team is now turning some of its attention to another familiar-and often misunderstood-Massachusetts mammal: the eastern coyote.

Coyotes are found throughout Massachusetts, from rural forests to suburban and urban communities. Yet there is still much to learn about how they use these different landscapes, how they interact with one another and how they coexist with people.

Through MassCoyotes, members of the community can contribute to this research simply by reporting their coyote sightings. Whether someone spots

a coyote crossing a road, moving through a backyard, traveling across a field, or engaging in other behavior, each observation can help researchers develop a richer picture of coyote activity across the state.

“Starting MassCoyotes is awesome for the group. Expanding our main area of focus beyond bears will give us a super well-rounded view of Massachusetts wildlife biology and ecology, and being able to do this alongside the community is great,” said Faye Riebe, Class of 2029.

“We’re really excited to get the word out about MassCoyotes and learn what people have observed about these awesome creatures,” said Leilani Fahn, Class of 2029.

In addition to launching the new website, the team has begun a research project exploring coyote behavior around the Quabbin Reservoir. This summer, three Amherst College students and one Cornell University student worked alongside Kristensen and Dr. Lisa Brooks to deploy more than 50 trail cameras throughout the Quabbin area.

The project will provide a window into the lives of coyotes in a largely rural landscape, helping the team better understand their behavior, activity patterns and interactions with one another and their environment.

“Over the summer, the opportunity to go out and do field work in the Quabbin for the coyote research gave me



Submitted Photos
 Dr. Thea Kristensen, Leilani Fahn and Faye Riebe are shown setting up a trail camera to observe coyote behavior.

a real appreciation for our local nature and wildlife,” said Riebe.

“Working on our coyote research this summer was so fun and rewarding! It was an amazing opportunity to explore the Quabbin, gain hands-on field experience and learn more about the local wildlife,” said Fahn.

Amherst College students play a central role in both MassBears and MassCoyotes projects, working with community-submitted observations while gaining experience in wildlife ecology, community engagement and scientific research.

Anyone who encounters

a coyote in Massachusetts is encouraged to participate in MassCoyotes. No previous wildlife experience is necessary. Whether a coyote is seen once or regularly, observations can contribute to a broader understanding of coyotes and the landscapes we share with them.

To learn more about MassBears, contribute a sighting, or read about the project’s research, visit <https://massbears.wordpress.amherst.edu/>

To learn more about MassCoyotes or report a coyote sighting, visit <https://masscoyotes.wordpress.amherst.edu/>

About MassMammals
 MassBears and MassCoyotes are community science initiatives based at Amherst College and part of the broader MassMammals project. The projects bring together students, researchers, and members of the community to better understand wildlife across Massachusetts.

By combining community observations with ecological research, MassMammals seeks both to advance our understanding of wildlife ecology and to create opportunities for people across the state to participate directly in the scientific process.

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Lions fighting to stay in contention

LUDLOW – Last week, the Ludlow High School boys soccer team suffered a pair of setbacks along with a tie and their playoff hopes are still on the horizon. Ludlow is 5-4-3 after tying Northampton 1-1, but losing to East Longmeadow and Longmeadow later in the week. Ludlow has a rematch with Pope Francis this week, then sees rival Belcher-town at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Evan Dias kicks off the for the Lions.



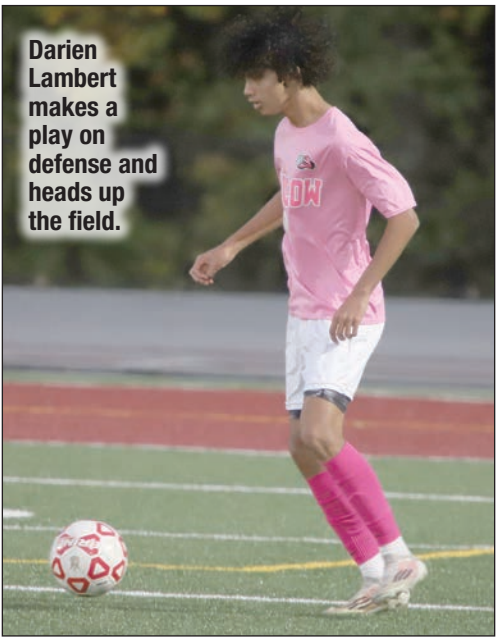
TJ Oakley tries to keep possession as he is pressured.



Goalie Nicholas Falcetti makes a pass.



Luke Stejna goes for the header.



Darien Lambert makes a play on defense and heads up the field.



Anthony Schuko clashes with an opponent for the ball.



Payton Dersarkisian heads up the field for Ludlow in their matchup at Agawam last Thursday night.

Sydney Pereira makes a quick touch to a teammate.



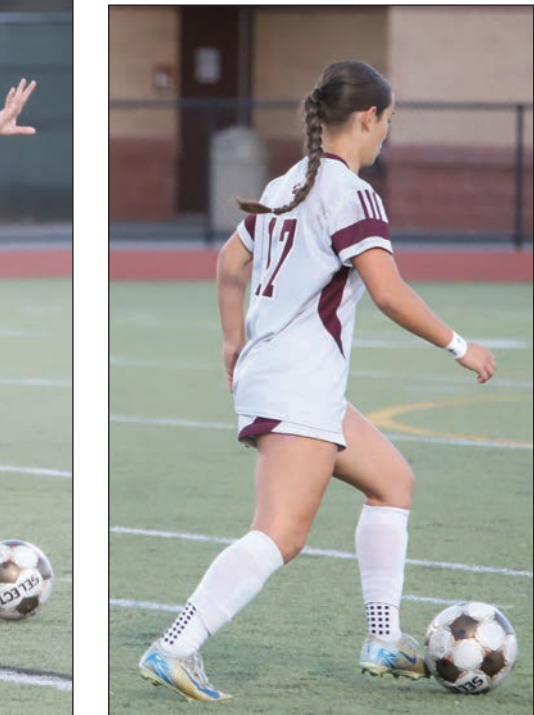
Lennox Schuko motions to her teammates as she dribbles.

Split week for Lions

LUDLOW – Last week, the Ludlow High School girls soccer team suffered a loss, then earned a tie, and then ended the week with a shutout win. They are 6-4-3 on the season as they are looking for at least one more win to secure spot in this year's state tournament. Their win last week was last Friday afternoon at Tantasqua Regional High School 1-0. It was a Geia Guzman goal that was the winner for the Lions. Ludlow next faces Chicopee Comprehensive at home at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Morgan Vala chases after a loose ball.



Stacy Barros heads into Agawam's end of the field.



Valentina Molinari runs into traffic.

Lions boys cross country sweeps quad meet

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday afternoon, Ludlow High School boys cross country defeated East Longmeadow, Duggan, and Putnam Vocational. Tyler Tatrow was the top finisher overall at 17:38. Jakub Bulatewicz placed second at 18:32 and Liam DeGobbi rounded out the top three with a finish

of 18:41. Adam Riley also finished at 18:41 for fourth place, pacing Ludlow to an advantage over all three opponents.

The girls team also swept their three meets. Alexandra Tomaszki finished second overall at 24:08 with Alannah Saloio taking fourth place at 25:33.

Thunderbirds earn point against Charlotte

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-1-0-1) received another terrific netminding performance, but it proved not to be enough in a 2-1 shootout loss at the hands of the Charlotte Checkers (2-2-0-0) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

Springfield starting goalie Will Cranley was the far busier netminder in the opening 20 minutes, as the Checkers outshot the T-Birds by a 13-3 margin through the first period, while Kirill Gerasimiyuk had little action in the Charlotte goaltender's crease.

For a second straight night, the T-Birds' short-handed unit chipped in on offense, as Alek Kaskimaki and Otto Stenberg worked a beautiful give-and-go, with Kaskimaki cashing in from the left-wing side at 10:46, giving Springfield the 1-0 advantage. Kaskimaki has now registered points in each of the season's first four games.

Cranley's excellence continued, as he and the Springfield penalty-killing unit went a perfect 3-for-3 on the day, improving to 18-for-19 on the season.

After going the first 103 minutes of his season without allowing a goal, Cranley

finally succumbed to a strike from Cole Schwindt at 3:44 of the final period, which brought Charlotte back even, 1-1.

The goaltenders' duel carried through the end of regulation, and in the 3-on-3 overtime, Gerasimiyuk received some luck from the iron as Kaskimaki hit the post on a breakaway backhand that would have sealed the game for Springfield.

The shootout followed, and Angus Crookshank opened the festivities with a forehander past Cranley's glove, which proved to be all Gerasimiyuk would need, as Justin Carbonneau, Kaskimaki, and Nikita Susuev all failed to get one behind the Checker backstop.

Despite the loss, Springfield has earned five points over its first four games of the season, allowing just eight goals to their opposition in regulation time.

The T-Birds continue the homestand next Friday and Saturday with back-to-back meetings with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drops set for 7:05 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 6:05 p.m. on Saturday.



Celebrate Women in BUSINESS week

Women-owned businesses are thriving

Women entrepreneurs are not to be underestimated. Data affirms that women-owned businesses are growing and thriving.

According to North One banking, women-owned firms account for more than 12 million businesses in the United States. In addition, the 2024 Wells Fargo Impact of Women-Owned Business Report, in partnership with Ventureer, Core Women and Women Impacting Public Policy, found the number of women-owned business increased at a rate of 4.5 times between 2019 to 2023. Women-owned businesses are driving economic growth, and a deeper look at some of the numbers supports that notion.

• The Women’s Business Enterprise Council says there are 12.3 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., which comprises about 40 percent of the total number of businesses.

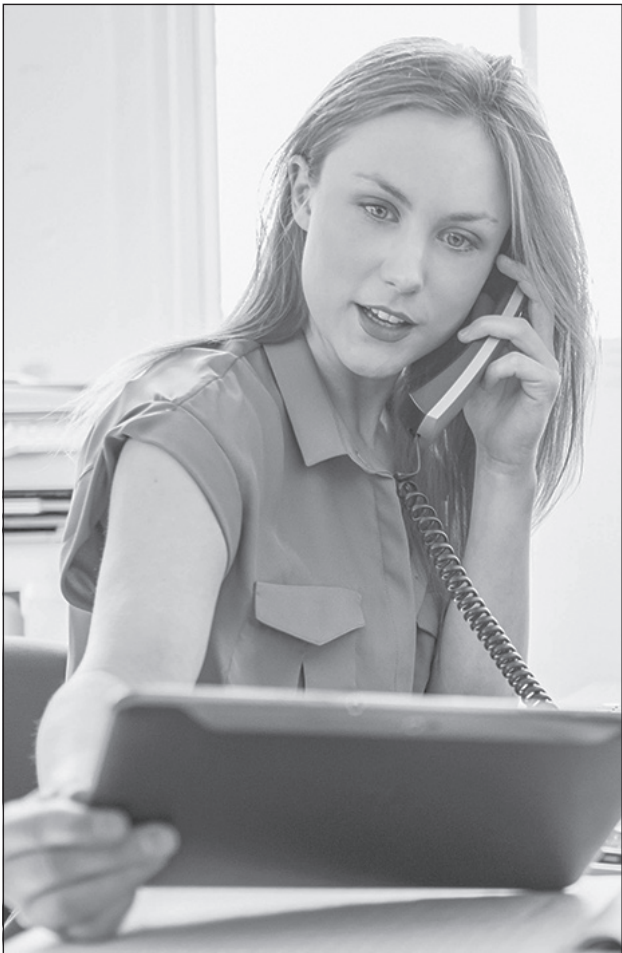
• Women-owned businesses bring in nearly \$2 trillion every year, says the National Women’s Business Council.

• During the pandemic, women-owned businesses added 1.4 million jobs and \$579.6 billion in revenue to the economy, says Wells Fargo.

• World Bank indicates that roughly one-third of principal owners of all businesses are female.

• WBENC advises that 64 percent of new women-owned businesses are started by women of color.

• Women’s Business Enterprises Canada says



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more than 85 percent of buying decisions are influenced by women. The Canadian Minister of Small Business notes that women business ownership is growing. In 2023, approximately 18.4 percent of all businesses in Canada were majority owned by women, compared to 15.6 percent in 2017.

• According to Forbes, women-led tech companies achieve a 35 percent

higher ROI. A Forbes study with First Round Capital, a venture capital firm, found female-founded businesses in their portfolio outperformed male-founded companies by more than 60 percent.

Women-owned businesses are making a large impact on North America and around the world. Such firms continue to employ millions of people and foster strong economies.



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Outside of work, Linda is active in youth sports programs, local nonprofits, and enjoys spending time with her family. She sees her business as a natural extension of her roots in Western Massachusetts. Learn more at innovadoramarketing.com or connect with Linda at linda@innovadoramarketing.com.

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Together, Calheno, Dufour, and Coddling bring decades of experience and institutional knowledge to LUSO’s executive team. Their collective leadership continues to shape the credit union’s direction, foster a culture of service and collaboration, and keep LUSO moving forward while remaining grounded in the local relationships that define the credit union.

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How to create a greater work/life balance

A more even balance between professional and personal life is a goal for many individuals. The demands of work too often extend beyond traditional working hours, leaving many professionals to confront work-related challenges long after they've left the office or left the desks in their home offices. With work never more than a smartphone notification away, it can be hard to create and maintain work-life balance.

Work-life balance is rarely discussed in terms of individuals' overall health,

but that could be a mistake. In fact, the organization Mental Health America® notes that when workers' lives are balanced and workers are happy, they are more productive, take fewer sick days and are more likely to remain in their jobs. Each of those things benefits workers and employers equally.

With so much to gain from creating a greater balance between work and life, professionals can consider these tips to do just that.

- Make a concerted effort to be an effective communicator. MHA notes the benefits of being honest

with colleagues and superiors when challenges feel overwhelming. Open and effective communication can be a great way to solve work-related problems, but MHA urges professionals to remain calm and suggest practical alternatives when confronting such issues. Simply accepting more work or responsibilities when you already feel overwhelmed can tip the scales even further away from an even work-life balance.

- Establish manageable daily goals. MHA reports that research has found that individuals feel less

stressed about work when they feel as though they have more control over it. Setting daily goals is a great way to achieve that sense of control, and this can be as simple as creating a daily to-do list.

- Seek alternatives to your working arrangement. Previously unthinkable working arrangements are now possible after companies were forced to confront pandemic-related changes to their operations. If you've found it impossible to create an equitable balance between work and life, speak with your supervisor about

alternatives to your arrangement. Flex time and hybrid working are some measures that could ensure you have as much time for your personal life as your professional life.

- Unplug at the end of the workday. One of the simpler, though not necessarily easier, ways to create and maintain a greater work-life balance is to unplug at the end of the workday. Turn off work-related smartphone notifications at the end of the work day so you aren't tempted to work during those times of day that you've earmarked for

your personal life. Smartphones can be addictive, so unplugging could test your resilience. If possible, block work-related notifications automatically after a certain time each day so you don't have to turn them off manually. Once the blocking is automated, you might not think twice about all those missed emails.

There's no secret formula for establishing a healthy work-life balance. But various strategies can help professionals achieve greater balance between their professional and personal lives.

Extraordinary qualities women bring to business

Women continue to thrive in the workforce. Wells Fargo reports that, from 2019 to 2023, the growth rate of women-owned businesses outpaced the rate of men-owned businesses in relation to number of firms, rate of employment and revenue earned. LinkedIn also indicates there are 114 percent more women entrepreneurs now than there were 20 years ago.

Every business owner or employee brings something unique to the employment landscape and certain characteristics are universal, regardless of gender. Still, there are certain qualities that women bring to the workforce that can help businesses excel. Forbes indicates women employees offer traits that can help drive engagement, productivity, satisfaction, and various other attributes. The

following are some of the traits women may bring to business.

Emotional intelligence: Women First Jobs

says that women often bring high emotional intelligence to the table. Emotional intelligence involves understanding and managing

emotions and the emotions of others. Women may be more inclined to understand different perspectives and to help resolve conflicts and

build relationships.

Collaboration: Women employees often have traits that can foster collaboration in the workplace, such as reading non-verbal cues and willingness to take turns in conversations, indicates Forbes. This can help everyone collaborate more effectively.

Room for improvement: Women in the workplace continually seek opportunities for improvement, advises Sparklight Business. This can involve taking advice from other workers and peers. Women leaders embrace opportunities to do things better and work to improve their skills for the greater good.

Communication: The IWEC Foundation, which empowers women entrepreneurs, says women tend to be effective communicators and often make great leaders because of this trait and

their ability to inspire others. Communication often is key to any relationship, whether personal or in a business setting.

Organization and planning: Women may excel at organizing and planning. Women can look at things with a detail-oriented eye and recognize flaws in plans even before getting started. This means women can be in charge of distributing workloads or organizing the schedules of others.

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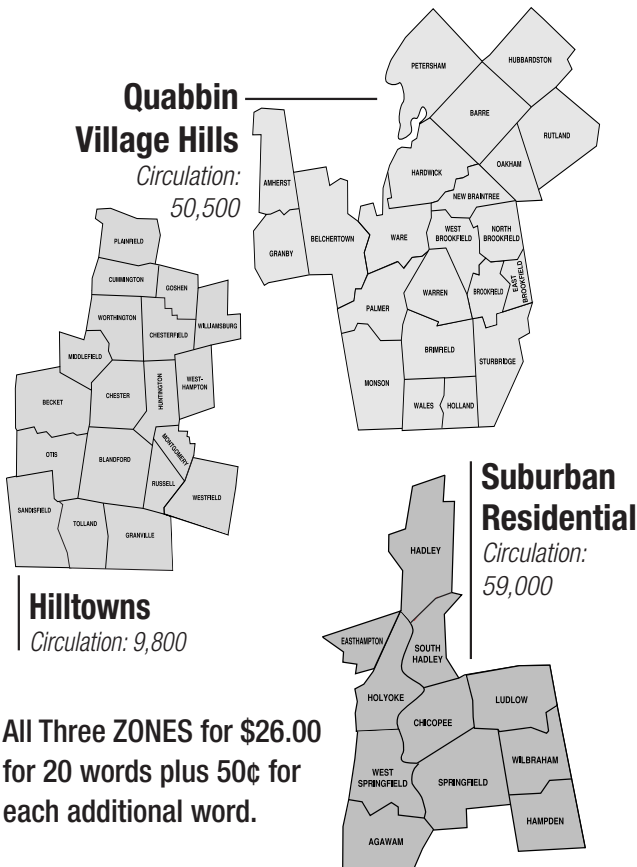
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BUSINESS

Local business announces new hires

LUDLOW – Pioneer Valley Financial Group (PV Financial) has announced the addition of three new professionals to its team.

The practice welcomes Brendan Burke as a financial advisor, along with Hannah Haley and Matthew Jordan, both joining as client relationship managers.

Burke, a seasoned advisor with a background in comprehensive financial planning, will support clients in developing longterm strategies tailored to their goals.

“His experience in portfolio construction, retirement planning, and client education aligns with PV Financial’s mission of delivering thoughtful, values-driven guidance to families and businesses across Western Massachusetts,” read a statement released by the business.

Haley and Jordan join the practice’s client service division, where they will play key roles in supporting daily operations, strength-



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Pioneer Valley Financial Group recently added three new members to its staff.

ening client relationships, and ensuring a seamless experience for individuals and families working with the advisory team.

“Both bring strong communication skills, organizational expertise, and a commitment to the practice’s clientfirst philosophy,” the statement read.

PV Financial leadership shared enthusiasm about the expansion, noting that the addition of Burke, Ha-

ley, and Jordan reflects the practice’s continued growth and dedication to providing highquality financial planning services.

“Each of these individuals brings a unique blend of professionalism, energy, and care to our team,” the practice stated. “We are proud to welcome them and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our clients and our community.”

Auditor’s bureau identifies \$10.6M in public benefit fraud

BOSTON – State Auditor Diana DiZoglio released a Bureau of Special Investigations report examining the periods of Jan. 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 and April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

The report summarizes BSI’s work and initiatives to help make government work better by investigating fraud, abuse, and illegal acts involving public assistance benefits throughout the Commonwealth.

During these periods, BSI investigated a total of 2,223 cases and there were overpayment calculations in 402 cases with identi-

fied fraud. Further details regarding these 402 cases may be found below.

Investigations with fraud identified: MassHealth/Medicaid, \$6,051,185; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$3,854,119; Personal Care Attendant, \$538,332; Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children, \$130,483; and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children, \$38,463.

The total amount of fraud identified totaled \$10,612,582

“These important programs are meant for the people who need them - not

for those looking to game the system,” said DiZoglio. “When someone commits fraud, they’re taking resources away from the people these programs were created to serve. Our office will continue to work with our partners to identify fraud because taxpayers deserve to have their hard-earned money protected.”

The public can report potential fraud to BSI by dialing the hotline at 617-727-6771 or by visiting the website at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-public-benefit-fraud-to-the-office-of-the-state-auditor>.

OBITUARIES

Richard D. Tyburski 1934 -2026

LUDLOW – Richard D. Tyburski, 92 of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2026. Born in Springfield MA March 31, 1934, he was the son of the late Frederick and Eva (Swieczek) Tyburski. Richard was a graduate of local schools as well as Worcester State Teaching College now known as Worcester University. Richard taught in the Springfield public elementary school on Howard st. as well as in the Holyoke Public schools as a Special Education teacher. He also served as a Special Education Director in Holyoke. He served on the Ludlow School Committee from 1974 – 1988. Richard was involved with Sunshine Village along with his wife Jennie. He also taught at the Jericho program during summer breaks teaching culinary arts, in Holyoke with Father Wagner. For many years, on Memorial and Labor days, Richard and Jennie enjoyed entertaining family and friends at their home in Ludlow.



his children Karen Chapman (Danny) and Daniel Tyburski, both of Ludlow and Kristine Donovan (Michael) of Valrico, Florida. He also leaves his grandchildren Christine Houlberg, Kevin

Keough (Becky), Kasie Keough, Michelle Donovan, Shana Penman, Lisa Donovan and Daniel Donovan. He also leaves his sister-in-law Irene Kosior, as well as many relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Jennie (Oszustowicz) Tyburski, his brothers Freddie, his twin Ronald and his younger brother Carl Tyburski.

Richard was a devout communicant of Christ the King Church in Ludlow where he also enjoyed making golumpki and pierogies for the picnics and food sales. Richard was also a devout fan of watching daily mass and game shows. He was proud of his Polish Heritage and was involved with the Polish American Citizens club in Ludlow with his wife Jennie, for many years.

Richard always prayed

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Visiting hours for Richard will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 from 9:00-10:30 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Christ the King Church, Warsaw Ave, Ludlow, MA. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus B.M. Cemetery, Montgomery St, Chicopee, MA. Donations in Richard’s memory may be made to Christ the King Church, Adoration Chapel, 41 Warsaw Ave, Ludlow, MA 01056; Dakin Humane Society at www.dakinhuman.org or the T.J. O’Connor Animal Adoption Center at www.tjoconnoradoptioncenter.org. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

St. Nicholas Craft Fair set for Nov. 14

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