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Community Center holds annual Rag Shag



In front of Allegria Dance School's Super Mario Bros. themed trunk, Filip (as Mario), Kellen (as Luigi), Whitney (as Bowser), Brenna (as Peach), Spencer (as Donkey Kong), Karina (as Wario), Victoria (as Yoshi), Macy (as Rosalina), and Layla (as Toad) strike poses in character

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LUDLOW – This Saturday was one of the town's biggest Halloween events, the annual Rag Shag held at the Community Center.

Every year, the Randall's

Boys and Girls Club puts on a massive celebration for the town and surrounding communities, involving costumes, decorations, activities, parades, and a Trunk-Or-Treat. This event is made possible through the hard work of the staff at the Community Center, and the partnership of numerous local organizations.

The event started with a costume parade or residents gathered at Town Hall at 6 p.m., who then marched down Sportsman Road to the Community Center, where dozens of parked cars were set up for Trunk-or-Treat.

"It was a great walk from Town Hall with Ludlow com-

munity members," said CEO Josue Irizarry. "The staff have done a great job in organizing this."

Organizations around town that set up trunks for the event included the Allegria Dance School, the Friends of Ludlow

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Angela Kramer of the Board of Health returned to the Boys and Girls Club to hand out candy to Marlie, age 13, Natalia, age five, Lorelai, age three, and Elijah, age eight.

School Committee discusses policy updates

Attempt to set gender information access shot down

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LUDLOW – At last week's meeting, the School Committee received policy update recommendations from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It also voted down a motion to decide whether parents can access information about the gender their child uses at school, which will eventually be hammered out by attorneys, the superintendent and others.

School committees across the state have been asked to review their policy manuals by the MASC to keep up to date with changing regulations to the school system. The committee was provided with a compilation of the updates that MASC has recommended, which were enumerated during the Oct. 24 meeting.

"MASC is consistently updating all the policies for the school committees, and they are recommending to the districts which policies need to be

reviewed, updated, changed, deleted," said Committee Chair Jeffrey Laing. "Along with our superintendent, (who) is also going through the policies and looking at what policies we, as an individual town, need to update."

Laing said these policies have not been gone over in their entirety since before the COVID-19 lockdowns, and projected these policy updates will be brought up over the course of the next several meetings.

Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano said the information is posted on the School Committee's webpage under the "School Committee Policies" heading.

Gender question

Among the questions asked by School Committee members was what information parents would receive if they were seeking to learn the gender their child identifies as when they are at school.

"I'm just saying that if a student is wishing to be identified by something other than their 'true' gender, and they don't want parents to find out, yet a parent comes in to find out, what is the teacher or the administration giving that parent?" said Committee member

Joao Dias. "We haven't defined whether a parent has a right to know...how their student is identifying at school."

Becky Bouchard, the school's legal compliance officer, asked how this issue related to the policy updates, including records access for custodial and non-custodial parents. Dias then made a motion to address this concern, which was seconded by committee member Ron Saloio.

"So, to send your policy to subcommittee, because that's the place it's going to go," Laing clarified. "We're not going to discuss any policies right here and work them out with the five of us. There's going to be attorneys involved, the superintendent, people that it matters to are going to have a say."

Bouchard raised concerns that the motion was not included on the agenda, but Laing elected to entertain it. The proposal was voted down, 3-2.

Many policies eyed

"A subcommittee, which is myself and Mr. (Jeffrey) Stratton," "we met with the superintendent ...and we went through every single one of these and

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Message of "hope" at Walk to Remember

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LUDLOW – This past Sunday, residents gathered at the Boys and Girls Club to hold a candlelit vigil in support of people struggling with drug addiction.

The Walk to Remember was arranged through collaboration between volunteers from the CARES Coalition and the Michael J. Dias Foundation. Residents who attended the event created luminaries made of plain white paper bags, which were marked with the names of loved ones who had passed or were currently in recovery.

One of the key messages of the evening was spelled out in the middle of the Community Center's gymnasium; "hope," spelled out in luminaries on the gymnasium floor, is something that Ben

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Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrates 110th anniversary

LUDLOW— Last Sunday, Oct. 22, was one of great joy in Ludlow as the parishioners and friends of St.s Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church gathered to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of their parish. The day began with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, assisted at the altar by many visiting clergy including former pastors and Fr Ray Softys of Christ the King Parish, Ludlow. The Liturgy also included the Ordinations of two Subdeacons, one being Michael Trexler of Chicopee.

The hymns and responses for the Liturgy were sung in Ukrainian and English by the seminarians of Saint Basil Seminary, Stamford, CT. During the Liturgy Bishop Paul gave a beautiful homily reflecting the history of the parish over the years, the efforts the parish has made to help since the beginning of the war and tied everything together with a call for everyone there to act always with love. The church was decorated beautifully with fall flowers and sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine.

Following the Liturgy everyone gathered at Tony and Penny's Restaurant for a festive dinner and fellowship. Sophie Zielinski, a lifelong parishioner, shared a beautiful reflection on parish life and history through the years. One of our newest parishioners, Vira Syrota read a beautiful Prayer for Peace that she had personally composed, in the Ukrainian language.

Finally, newly ordained Subdeacon Michael gave a short reflection on his



Submitted photo

Subdeacon Miroslaw Klapyk, Father Bohdan Tymchyshyn, Father Kiril Angelov, Father Raymond Softys, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Father Andriy Krip, Father Kiril Manolev and Subdeacon Michael Trexler.

journey to pursuing his vocation to the diaconate. The high point of the reception was the distribution of the Parish Anniversary Commemorative book. This book was designed by parishioner Oleh Koval and contained dozens of pictures of parish events throughout the years, along with historical information.

The parish would like to thank the sponsors and devoted parishioners for contributing pictures, memories, and generous financial donations in order to be able to complete the book. Additionally, the parish wishes to thank all those who celebrated with them and gratefully acknowledge our pastor Fr. Andriy Krip,

and his wife Pani Olya for their continued dedication to the people of the parish. Fr. Andriy, Pani Olya, and family always give their full support to all endeavors of the parish and inspire the community with their strong faith. They can always be found helping with a welcoming smile and a kind word for all.

Holiday Bazaar set for Nov. 18

WILBRAHAM —Kick off the holidays by joining The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors for a fun filled day. Come to their 14th annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday Nov. 18, at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This bazaar is a full day of shopping with over 25 exhibitors, offering handmade soaps, greeting cards, Christmas ornaments, doggie goodies, and more. Their famous huge Raffle offers many chances to bring home a lovely gift basket or other gifts. Stay for lunch as the folks at Loom-

is Lakeside at Reeds Landing-Springfield cook up Meatball Grinders, or pick a sweet treat from our Bake Sale of muffins, cookies and hot coffee will be available too. But, best of all Santa Claus will be riding into town at 11 a.m. and will stay until 2 p.m. for visits with children of all ages who can get their picture taken, and all children receive a free gift. This years event proceeds to support Recognition Programs of Friends Volunteers. For more information, call AnnMarie at 413-599-4803

PET OF THE WEEK PICKLES

Pickles is a rescue, along with her sister Relish. She is eight-year-old tiger cat who loves being a lap cat. Her goal in life is to fight with Relish.

Submitted photo



Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club to hold Rummage Sale Nov. 3

WILBRAHAM -- The Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club is holding its annual RUMMAGE SALE in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, on Friday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. until noon. (Saturday

is Bag Day!) Gently used clothing for men, women, and children, toys, puzzles, household items, curtains, towels, sheets, and other linens, jewelry, scarves, purses and much more will be sold at very reasonable prices.

Wilbraham Women's Club to meet Nov. 9

WILBRAHAM -- The November meeting of the Wilbraham Women's Club will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon at the Saint Cecelia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham. The cost will be \$12 for a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon, catered by the Village Store Café.

Please make your reservation by calling Linda Raffa at 596-8245. The deadline is Nov. 2!

The speaker for the day will be Bobbie Albano, local artist, who will demonstrate how to transition holiday wreaths into the winter months. Her wreaths will be raffled at the end of the presentation

Also at this meeting we will be collecting miscellaneous items and cash donations for our Veterans. These donations will be given to the Veterans Hospital in Holyoke.

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF LUDLOW 2024 Senior Citizen Property Abatement Program will be available in the Board of Selectmen's office beginning November 1, 2023.

Residents must be at least 62 years of age, own their home for a minimum of 10 years and complete 50 hours (based on the State Minimum Wage as outlined in the Town Bylaws) of volunteer service to the Town anytime between February 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.

Applications may be picked up Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm or Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. and are also available to download on the town website at www.ludlow.ma.us. All applications must be returned by December 29, 2023; no applications will be accepted after that date. Please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at 583-5600, ext. 1202 with any questions.

Zonta club hosts Women's Fund November 13

LUDLOW— On Monday, November 13 the Zonta club of Quaboag Valley will host the Women's Fund of Western MA at the Ludlow Country Club from 5:30 to 6 p.m. socialize, at 6 p.m. there will be a buffet dinner, followed by the program. There will be time for Q&A and maybe some brainstorming on how to move forward. Buffet dinner \$28 is payable by cash, check, or credit card the night of the event, but require an RSVP to info@ZontaQV.org by Nov. 8 for the caterers, details at www.

ZontaQV.org/special-event.

The public is invited to hear key findings from their latest research report on Gender Equity in Western Massachusetts: The Status of Women, Girls, Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender-Diverse Adults and Youth, from Amihan Jennifer Matias, senior director of Community Partnerships, and Sarah Monson, senior director of Philanthropy. Joining them will be Lisa Ranghelli from the Public Health Institute of Western MA, a lead researcher of the Gender Equity Report.

uity Report.

The extensive data synthesized in this report shed light on strengths, progress and areas of continued or emerging gender inequities in the four counties and provide actionable insights for advancing gender-equitable policies and practices. Individuals involved with inclusion and equity from community-based organizations, for-profit and not-for-profit companies, schools, higher educational institutions and more will benefit from this conversation.

Valley Conjurers to host open house on November 3

LUDLOW— Mingle with magicians. Shop for tricks. Watch local stars perform at their inner sanctum. Find out what magic is all about at the Valley Conjurer's Open House on November 3 at RP Magic. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the evening ends at 9 p.m.

RP Magic, 69 East St., is New England's only brick-and-mortar magic shop and the hub of magic in the Pioneer Valley. It also serves as the club house of the Valley Conjurers, the Springfield affiliate of the Society of American Magicians.

The evening begins with a social hour when magicians will greet guests and perform close-up magic. At 8 p.m., some of the Valley's most accomplished performers, Rich Gilbert, Deanna Congo, and Jake Dufour, take the stage.

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Magic shops hold a significant place in the history and culture of the magic community. They serve as hubs for magicians to acquire props, tricks, and the latest magical innovations, as well as places to gather, share ideas, and learn from experienced magicians. They are cultural institutions that have played a crucial role in the development and preservation of the art of magic. They continue to be essential for fostering the growth of new talent and the sharing of magical knowledge within the magic community.

For more information, contact Tom Gentile at tdgmagic@gmail.com or (413) 210-0847.

Wilbraham Garden Club hosts meeting on Oct. 30

WILBRAHAM— The Nov. 6 meeting of the Wilbraham Garden Club will take place on Monday Oct. 30, at noon, at St. Cecelia's Parish Center on Main St. A luncheon of sandwiches and dessert will be served. Please note the change of meeting date is on a Monday.

The speaker for this meeting will be Robin Desrochers who will give a talk on bird watching in Wilbraham. Desrochers will discuss the different birds in our neighborhoods and we will view some beautiful photos. Desrochers will inform us how we can help them survive, as many bird populations are becoming endangered. This is a presentation that will be enjoyed by all!

Genealogy Series held at the Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM – Have you already searched Ancestry and want to know what else the Wilbraham library has to offer in your family history research? Join Assistant Library Director Mary Bell in discovering the genealogy resources available, both in-library only and at home.

Each session will cover a different product, and participants can come to one or all three. Here are the dates:

•Fold 3 (military), Newspapers.com, and HeritageQuest – Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

•FamilySearch.org – Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.

•American Ancestors – Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

The sessions are designed to give a broad overview of searching records in each database and be interactive with searches that Bell will perform based on the audience's questions as well as her own research.

"Ancestry Library Edition

has by far been our most popular genealogy research database," said Bell. "I designed this series to dig into more of what we offer, whether it be a War of 1812 pension through Fold 3 or Mayflower descendant research in American Ancestors. Each product has its own unique features and records."

All of the products covered are available in-library during regular library hours; HeritageQuest and FamilySearch are accessible remotely.

This program is free and open to the public. Sign-ups are going on now.

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

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FOR ADULTS

Diamond Painting- Keychains, Monday, November 6, 10-11 a.m.

This month's diamond painting will be keychains! Join us the first Monday of the month for a morning craft with Morgan. For questions call the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Drop-in guests are welcome, while supplies last. Please register

NextGen Careers presented by MRC, Tuesday, November 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

NextGen Careers is in the business of possibility at the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). NextGen Careers is the new initiative to help young adults (ages 18-30) to explore the world of work. NextGen-ers learn to advocate for themselves, gain confidence, and fast track their job journey. Next step is yours! Learn more at mass.gov/nextgencareers.

New Englanders at the Little Big-horn, Tuesday, November 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a historical talk with Dennis Picard. Did you know not all the men with General Custer were cow-

boys or veteran soldiers of the Civil War? Some members of the 7th cavalry were recruited in places like Boston and Providence. Some lived right here in the Connecticut River Valley. Come hear their stories! Please register.

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. 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 1 more player 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.

For 7 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

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

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

Massachusetts Children's Book Award Book Group for 4th-6th Grade, Thursday November 9th, 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

4th-6th graders across the state are the ones to decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 of the nominated books. Meet with Youth Services Librarian July each month for 45 fun minutes to discuss, decide, play games, and share snacks. Everyone who has read at least 5 of the books by April 15th will cast their vote, celebrate with an ice cream party, and be featured in an article in the Register! Please register.

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

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

FOR CHILDREN

Daily Drop-In Crafts.

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Storytime for 3-5s "All About Families", Mondays 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.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday October 31, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For all ages. Come to the Youth Room in costume on Halloween to trick-or-treat and do a fun scavenger hunt for candy.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.

For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket). Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program. Drop-in.

Storytime for 2-3s "All About Families", Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m.

The fun, easy-going 45 minute sto-

rytime includes 15 minutes for free play, 15 minutes of stories, fingerplays & songs, and 15 minutes of craft and snack time. 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.

STEAM Program: Build with Magnetic Building Blocks, Wednesday November 1, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

For ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Children will work together in small groups to plan, draw and build creations using magnetic building blocks. Stories will be incorporated to spark creativity. Space is limited to 8 children, please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

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. Registration for the November group is also open.

Pumpkin Decorating for Kids, Thursday October 26, 6:00 p.m.

For ages 2-10. Decorate a pumpkin with paints, pom-poms, glitter and more. Pumpkins are generously donated by Randall's Farm. Space is limited to 30, please register.

Read Aloud, Book Signing and Craft with Author Kathy Picard, Thursday November 2, 6:00 p.m.

For preschoolers and their grown-ups. Local author Kathy Picard will share her picture book "I Love You So Much That..." which features a gentle message about child safety. children will make a "Safety bear" bag craft to fill with safety and self-care reminders. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Refreshments served.

Learning in Motion Playtime, Saturday October 28, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For ages 2-8 and their male-identified (or non-binary) caregivers. An active playtime for little ones and their dads, grandpas, uncles, or other male-identified caregivers. This program gets kids moving, learning and having a ball. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

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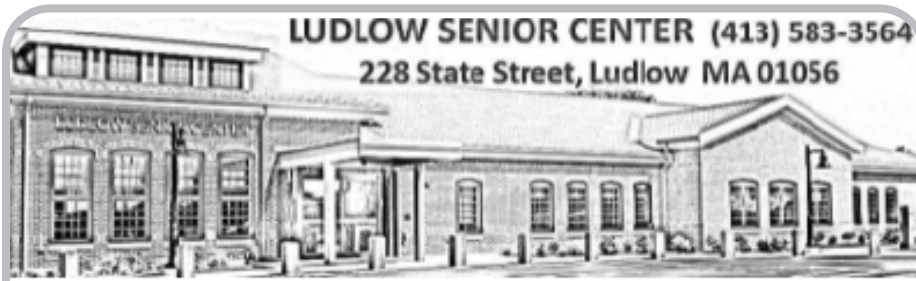
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LUDLOW— Fall is in the air and the calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more. Reserve a lunch in the Center’s beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

Miss having a reason to write? Sign up for our Writer’s Block class. Participants will receive prompts to get creative juices flowing. The next class is Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. Other scheduled classes are in the Senior Scene Newsletter.

For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also “like” the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Nov. 2

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1 p.m. Writers Block*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Nov. 3

- 8:30 a.m. Fitness Advisor Personal Trainer*
- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Monday, Nov. 6

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer help with the library*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Nov. 7

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Chili Cook-Off!
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: Sam & Kate
- 5 p.m. Creative Corner with Tammy*
- 5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10 a.m. Opera
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Sam & Kate
- 1 p.m. Health Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Nov. 9

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 11 a.m. Veteran’s Agent
- 12:30 Hearing Clinic*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

PLEASE register for Fitness Advisor, Boomer Boot Camp, Hearing Clinic, Healthy Bones and Balance, and Foot Care by calling 413-583-3564

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
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, Nov. 2: BBQ Salmon/Rice Pilaf/Veggies
- Friday, Nov. 3: Terry Turkey Burger/Sweet Potato Fries/Pineapple
- Monday, Nov. 6: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Beet Salad
- Tuesday, Nov. 7: Roasted Veggie Pizza/Power Salad
- Wednesday, Nov. 8: Loaded Baked Potato/Must Go Soup
- Thursday, Nov. 9: Veteran’s Lunch! Chicken Parm/Pasta/Roll

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

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

Rick’s Place honors Children’s Grief Awareness Month with art exhibit

WILBRAHAM -- Rick’s Place, a beacon of support for children, teens and families navigating grief, is proud to present a special gallery exhibit and opening reception in commemoration of Children’s Grief Awareness Month in November.

Titled “Reflections: A Grief Awareness Exhibit”, this event will take place at Rick’s Place on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

The exhibit will showcase poignant artwork created by both youth and adult participants from Rick’s Place. Art and creative expression offer a profound channel for individuals to convey thoughts and emotions that words may struggle to capture. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their unique grief journeys and how these experiences have left an indelible mark. Each piece presented will encapsulate an intimate, heartfelt narrative of personal journeys

through grief.

Rick’s Place aims to have this event serve a dual purpose: raising greater awareness about the profound impact of death, grief and loss on youth and families, and providing a platform for individuals to tell their stories through art. With over 5,000 children in Hampden County experiencing loss of a parent or sibling, Rick’s Place, a non-profit organization, extends its helping hand to youth between the ages of 5 and 18, along with their caregivers, who have confronted death. The peer support programs, both on-site and in local schools, help youth feel supported, understood and less alone in their grief.

We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating these courageous artists as they generously share their personal grief stories. By participating in this event, you will contribute to a broader awareness of the profound impact that grief has on the

CDC encourages getting a flu vaccine

SPRINGFIELD— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend getting a flu shot by the end of October. But the Vaccine is still recommended to get even after that date.

“Whether we have a severe or mild flu season predicted should not matter when it comes to getting your flu shot. Everyone with some exceptions needs to get one,” said Dr. Armando Paez, chief of Infectious Disease Division, Baystate Health.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older who does not have any conditions that may prevent them from getting flu vaccine, such as a prior reaction after receiving the flu vaccine, should be vaccinated now, preferably before the end of October. The flu vaccine composition for 2023-2024 has been updated to best match the flu viruses that are anticipated to be commonly circulating this season.

One-dose flu shots are appropriate for most people, with rare exceptions for children younger than 6 months of age and those with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in the flu vaccine or who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a dose of flu vaccine. Some children ages 6 months through 8 years may require 2 doses. Flu vaccinations are

particularly important for those individuals at risk of severe illness and complications from flu.

These include older adults, residents of long-term care facilities, women who are pregnant, adults and children with a weakened immune system, and those with chronic medical conditions and obesity. Persons who live with or care for individuals at risk of severe infection such as healthcare personnel and others living in the home are also essential to be vaccinated.

For people 65 years and older, there are three preferentially recommended higher-dose or adjuvant flu vaccines: Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine, Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine and Flud Quadrivalent adjuvant flu vaccine. More information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/65over.htm>.

Flu shots can be given at the same time as other vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org or for more information about Baystate Children’s Hospital, visit baystatehealth.org/bch.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Ruby crowned kinglet



I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were

in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

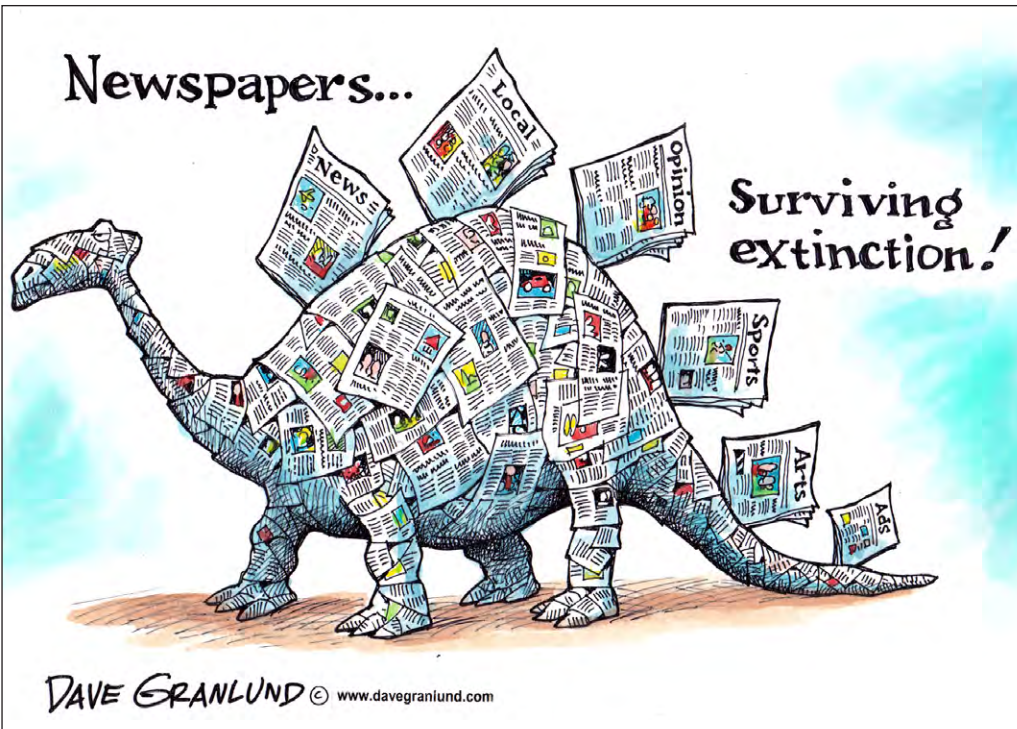
Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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.



GUEST COLUMN



What I did (wrong) last summer

I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot.

We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen.

Oftentimes it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfectness this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring. Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruitlet and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not deadhead my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too depleted to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abysmal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phosphorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overran.

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it's officially two!) from a 200 square foot area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butternuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on purpose.

A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: "a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!"

I did do a few things correctly.

Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart. They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!!

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Rag Shag Fun



Maria Lanee and Maria Davina dressed as witches to hand out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat.

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At the Hurley and David HVAC company table, (from left) Vanessa Jackson, Tristan, age 11, Madison, age 11, Sofia, age nine, and Katarina Bernash gave out candy.

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Parks, Cub Scout Pack 1774, and the Fire and Police Departments.

Sergeant Jhon Wielblad (sic) set up the trunk of a police cruiser in the parking lot while other officers participated in the parade.

"We're just looking to build our bond with the community," Wielblad said. "We have several officers assisting with the parade, and the Ludlow Police Association sponsored the cruiser, with the candy and the decorations."

"I was here last year and it was a lot of fun, and I wanted to come again," said Angela Kramer of the Health Department.

"It's a fun time for all the kids, and it's a great time for everybody to get together," Kramer said.

Dan Kinne was at the Rag Shag to collect donations for the Veterans Center food pantry on behalf of the Cub Scouts.

"Kara Dasilva, who is our Committee Chair, she was talking to the folks from the vets' pantry, they mentioned that their shelves are getting kind of low, so we reached out to the Boys and Girls Club, and they said 'we were trying to do food donations, it would be great if you guys helped us out with that,'" Kinne said.

"We figured they'll have plenty of food in a couple of weeks when it's Thanksgiving, but we're trying to help them get through those last few weeks," Kinne said.

The Rag Shag is made possible through the efforts of not only the Boys and Girls Club, but all the community organizations that donate their time and creativity to putting on this fun and spooky event.

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Jhon Wielblad decorated the trunk of a police cruiser.



Kara Jorge decorated her trunk with a skeleton theme.



Dressed in matching cupcake costumes for their trunk, (from left) Celia Fernandes, Cecilia Serra, and Patti Boyer.



Some of the Boys and Girls Club staff members responsible for putting on the Rag Shag this year, including Jodie Lambau, Director of Programs, Katie Mitus, Director of Operations, Josue Irizarry, President and CEO, Christina Yacono, Office Manager, and John Regan, STEAM Coordinator



Darcie Reid accompanied her children, Aubry, age six, dressed as Wednesday Addams, and Savion, age 1, dressed as a dragon.



An inflatable archway greeted Travis Cook, four-year-old Charlie, and Cristina Carreira, dressed as the Frankenstein family.



Firefighters Andrew Blake, Colin Galindo, Bob Dooley, and Ethan Dubois took a seat in their makeshift convertible.

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Police and fire hold Open House

Deputy Chief Jeffrey Lavoie talked the gathered crowd through the process of using the Jaws of Life.

By Marcelo Gusmão
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LUDLOW – On Sunday, Oct. 22, the Safety Complex held its annual Open House, affording police officers and firefighters the opportunity to hold demonstrations and socialize with the community.



Members of the High School's cross country team, (from left) Triston Silveira, Marcus Goncalves, Jack Demperio, and Colin St. Germaine, volunteered by handing out popcorn.



Pictured in front of the police station, (from left) Corey Rodrigues, Fred Ribeiro, Nelson Rodrigues (no relation), Armando Saraiva, Mike Whitney, and Isaac Santana.



Chief Dan Valadas, Officer Brandon Bedore, and Lieutenant Mike Brennan, pictured in front of the dispatch office.



Melissa Graf, Abigayle Goncalves-Korny, and Ashlee Korny cordon off David Kornacki and his corny jokes.



Angela Kramer ran a table for the Board of Health.



The Vanderboom family, Liz, Stella (age four), Dave, Cora (age one), and Luke (age six) took a picture with one of the town's police vehicles.



Volunteers from Ludlow CARES, (from left) Bella Pagan, Luca Martins, and Ana Monteiro handed out coloring pages to Kit, age seven.

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we read them," Laing said. "We looked at what MASC has proposed to change it to, and then we gave our opinions. All those opinions are in the minutes of that meeting, which was given to the whole School Committee a few weeks ago." Laing added that the school's legal counsel also

looked over these updates, and then opened the floor to discussion about the updates.

Dias asked for clarification about the access to student records afforded to custodial and non-custodial parents.

"It lays out the provisions; doesn't really give clear direction to a teacher as to what they should be giving the parents, if it's the actual record or the record that they want the parent to see because they're

trying to hide something from the parents," Dias said.

"The law is there to say, if I share a child with another person, and I have custody and the other person doesn't, how can that other person have access to any student records in the school," Bouchard said. "The law sets forth a process where the non-custodial parent contacts the school and says, 'I'd like to have student records,' and we are aware

that the custodial parent is the one that has the legal rights, so we contact the parent that has the legal rights and say, 'the non-custodial parent has no requested to have access to your student records. Is there any reason why we shouldn't allow that access?'"

"And if there was an instance in that relationship where the court said, 'No, this non-custodial parent has no contact with these children,'

that gives the custodial parent a chance to come to us and say, 'I have a court order here saying that this non-custodial parent is not to have any contact with the children,'" Bouchard said.

The School Committee did not vote on adopting the policy, as they will be reviewing all the policies over the next few meetings. The committee will hold their next meeting on Nov. 14.

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Ludlow makes Western Mass. finals

LUDLOW – For the third straight year, a strong Ludlow High School boys soccer team will go to the Western Mass. Class A finals. This year, the Lions were scheduled to face West Springfield in a game scheduled for Wednesday evening at Holyoke High School. Following that, Ludlow heads for the Division 1 State Tournament. At 15-1-2 Ludlow was ranked No. 20, but their 15th win had not been record for their final ranking. The Lions were scheduled to learn their opponents on Wednesday, when official state tournament seeds were scheduled to be released. Ludlow faced Agawam and won 4-0 near the end of the regular season, in a rematch, they only managed an early goal from Christien Caseras. But it held up as the Lions defeated the Brownies in the semifinals on Saturday morning at Ludlow High. Anthony Shea had five saves for the shutout.



Enzo Botta chases down the ball on defense. Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Owen McCarthy works on defense



Owen Wurszt is pressured by an Agawam defender.



Lucas Alvan tries to get away from a pair of Agawam defenders with the ball.



Jayden Premo looks to pass as an Agawam striker nears.

Next Ludlow Athletic Hall class to be inducted this weekend

LUDLOW – Ludlow High School will induct its eighth class of the Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 5 with the ceremony taking place at 2 p.m.

Athletes being honored:
Robert (Red) Markiewicz '59- Soccer, Basketball, Baseball

Bruce Hiorns '78- Cross Country and Track & Field

Walter (Wally) Les '82- Golf and Skiing

Michael Jordan '10- Soccer and Track & Field

Dan Crowley '12- Cross Country and Track & Field

Ariana Quesnel '12- Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field

Tyler Diotalevi '15- Soccer and Ice Hockey

Teams being Honored:
1963 Ludlow Boys Soccer
1971 Ludlow Boys Soccer
2009 Ludlow Boys Cross Country

There will be light hors d'oeuvres before the ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, November 5th in the Wrinn Auditorium here at Ludlow High School. Tickets for the social gathering and induction may be purchased online at Ludlow's GoFan site.

For more information about the event or making a contribution to the Hall of Fame please contact Tim Brillo at t_brillo@ludlowps.org.



Eamon DiVenuto and Josh Marino work together to make a tackle. Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Lions fall in close defensive game



Davian Rodriguez picks up the kickoff and starts to return.

CHICOPEE – Last Friday night, Ludlow football was able to get on the scoreboard after being shut out a week earlier, but could not do much else as they suffered a 7-6 loss against host Chicopee in Week 8 of the high school season. The Lions finished a tough 0-8 and are in nonplayoff action until their annual Thanksgiving matchup with Palmer. Ludlow faces McCann Tech in Week 9 at home on Friday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.



Alex Freitas and Cruz Guzman try to close the opening for the Chicopee rusher.



Daniel McKenney takes the snap.



Josh Marino takes the handoff.

Football seeds released

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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It has not been easygoing for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-teams fields.

Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No.

14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1 record. The Orioles travel to No.

3 Shawsheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in nonplayoff games for Week 9 and 10.

Candlepin League News

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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

As of Oct. 17, Compression is the #1 seed in the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks league at Diamond Junction.

The first round of the season will end on Nov. 14 and several teams are trying to catch up to Compression, who are standing with 20 wins. In second place, Acres has 18 wins with The Champs R Here and the Blue B's tied for third place with 16 wins.

In one match, Champs R Here went up against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good defeated the Champs by a score of 400-393. In game two, the Champs rallied and won by a score of 405-366.

Taylor Colkos and Steve Manolakis of the Champs carried the team by scoring 115 and 118.

In game three, Life is Good won by a score of 410-384. Jeff Knight of Life is Good scored a 107 game.

For total pinfall, The Champs won by a final score of 1182-1176. Both teams won two points.

Blue B's bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Blue B's won a close game by a score of 345-340. In game two, Last in Line won by a score of 383-350.

Jeremy Laduke of Last in Line scored 111, and Vinny Navarro of Last in Line scored 107. In game three, Last in Line and Blue B's tied at 346.

For total pinfall, Last in Line won by a final score of 1069-1041.

The #2 seed Acres went up against the #5 seed Team BK. In game one, BK won by a score of 377-357. In game two, Acres bounced back by taking the second game by a score of 382-373.

Kenny Trudel of Acres and Mark Fitzpatrick of BK were the high scorers on their teams, and both scored 110. In game three, Acres won a close game by a score of 369-360.

The total pinfall was close as BK managed to take total by just two pins in a final score of 1110-1108.

Compression bowled solo against their average and managed to sweep all four points and maintained their #1 spot.

The Commercial Elks league will be taking Oct. 31 off and will return on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Thursday Night Mixed League

The Thursday Night Mixed League bowled their final league night in October.

In one match, Team One bowled against Team Four. In game one, Team Four won by a score of 409-384. In game two, Team Four won by a score of 416-404. In game three, Team One was victorious by a score of 413-401.

Team Four won total pinfall by a final score of 1226-1201.

Another match featured Team Six bowling against Team Two. In game one, Team Six won by a score of 409-378. In game two, Team Six won by a score of 432-418.

Donna Danek of Team Two broke the century mark by scoring a 109 game.

In game three, Team Six won to sweep the night by a score of 426-414. Donna Danek scored 102 the third game and Danny Fennyery of Team Two scored a 108 game in the third. Team Six took total pinfall by a final score of 1267-1210.

Team Five bowled against Team Three. In game one, Team Five won a close game against Team Three by a score of 403-397. In game two, Team Five continued keeping the match close by winning 439-429.

Jesse Danek of Team Three lead the team by scoring a 115.

In game three, Team Three won the third and final game by a score of 401-397. The match was close the entire night, but Team Five won total pinfall by a final score of 1239-1227.

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T-Birds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrist from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward.

2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferrriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.

More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they outshot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmani inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two rivals went to overtime, Springfield's first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrist perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan's second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the MassMutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

WALK TO REMEMBER from Page 1

Bovee, the Vice President of CARES, hopes to inspire with this event.

"We've all lost somebody," Bovee said. "I talk often about recovering within the light and not needing to die alone in the dark anymore."

Bovee estimated that between 150 and 175 people attended the vigil.

The evening kicked off with a prayer, led by Reverend Gary Grimes, followed by Bovee's welcome message. There were musical performances by the choir, and Alex Rohan provided a solemn guitar as attendees took the time to find the luminaries with the names they'd written of loved ones in recovery.

Maureen Rooney of the Michael J. Dias Foundation spoke about helping her son through his recovery, followed by Adam Bartlett, who spoke of his own recovery and losses.

"It's an opportunity to see some folks, like Maureen Rooney, that are in a much better place, or Bartlett, who's killing it and doing a fantastic job with his family back together and helping other people," Bovee said. "It's inspirational to me to this day to see folks that are not only surviving after recovery, but thriving."

Tables were set out to provide information for the various organizations that helped to make the event possible. The Michael J. Dias Foundation, Ludlow CARES, the town's Health Department, Narcotics Anonymous, Tapestry Health,

and Al-Anon all had tables to provide information about programs that can help people in recovery, and the people who support them.

Bovee spoke to his own recovery from substance use, and spending time in halfway houses and other sober living situations.

"It's been my experience that you lose people," Bovee said. "People relapse, they fall out, and you find out, sometimes immediately, sometimes months down the road, that they just didn't make it."

Bovee said that mental health is a central issue to the problem of substance abuse, and with it comes a loss of hope.

"I know two individuals who I lived with who both committed suicide," Bovee said, "they were getting older and, at times, they didn't think it was possible. They suffered a lot, and lost hope."

"There was at least one couple there who had suffered a loss very recently," Bovee said, adding that he hoped "they were able to get some level of comfort, to know they're not alone and that there are others in their situation. It doesn't necessarily make it better, but sometimes there's strength in the support we give together."

"If one person gets something out of the evening and have just a little bit of an easier time, then it's absolutely all worth it."

If you would like information on how to help someone recovering from substance abuse, you can contact Ludlow CARES by email at ludlowcares@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Jorge F. Teixeira, 46

LUDLOW - Jorge F. Teixeira, aged 46, of Ludlow, unexpectedly passed away on October 26, 2023. Born July 23, 1977 in Springfield Massachusetts, Jorge's life was a testament to his love of family, friends and community.



Jorge graduated from Central High School in 1995 and went on to earn a certificate from Porter and Chester Technical School. After completing the Porter and Chester program, he joined Sears & Roebuck (now Transformco) where he had a long and successful career. His dedication and professionalism earned him the respect and admiration of his customers and colleagues.

Jorge was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church and Gremio Lusitano. He was a man of exceptional character, known for his kind heart and gentle nature. He touched the lives of many with his genuine warmth and unwavering kindness, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him.

Jorge had a smile, a wink, and laugh that could lift anyone's mood. He was famous for his bear hugs that warmed the heart. He had times of great playfulness – with his wife and children, with his friends and extended family. Above all, Jorge cherished his role as Dad to his two girls, embracing the joys of fatherhood with unwavering love and devotion.

Whether you were a long-time buddy or someone he just met, Jorge was able to start up a conversation. People will remember him for his humor and for love, loyalty, and respect. He had a passion for cars and the ability to fix pretty much any machine. And, he was quick to offer his skills to family, friends, neighbors or the person he just met at Cumbies. He touched the lives of many with his genuine warmth and unwavering kindness.

Jorge leaves his beloved wife of 13 years Kimberly (Shaffer-Whiting) Teixeira, with whom he shared a deep and abiding love. Together, they built a beautiful family, raising their daughters, Charlotte and Eleanor with boundless love and care. He also leaves his devoted and loving parents Armino and Joaquina (Lage) Teixeira (both originally from Montalegre, Portugal.) He was pre-deceased by his cherished brother David Teixeira and caring cousin Cristina Surreira. He will be lovingly remembered by his godchildren Joey and Xander and godparents Luisa and Antonio. He leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many cherished friends who are too numerous to mention.

Funeral services for Jorge will be held on Thursday November 2, 2023. Visiting hours are from 8:00-10:30 a.m. in Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by burial at Island Pond Cemetery.

It is strongly requested by his family that in lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jorge's memory to an educational fund set up for his children, Charlotte and Eleanor. Donations can be directly mailed to Luso Federal Credit Union, 599 East Street, Ludlow, MA. 01056, Attention: Anabela Blake, VP of Member Services.

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FCU raises more than \$2,700

SPRINGFIELD— Throughout the months of July and August, Freedom Credit Union raised more than \$2,700 through its annual summer food drive for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. In addition to cash donations, Freedom also collected non-perishable food items.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members and staff, we were able to make a substantial donation of both money and non-perishable food for the Food Bank," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Every donation makes a difference, and we are proud to help erase food insecurity in our community."

Since 1982, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has helped provide much-needed food to area residents in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties. It sources its products from donations, which it distributes to participating pantries, meal sites and shelters throughout the region.

"We're grateful for the ongoing support of Freedom Credit Union," said Food Bank of Western Massachusetts Executive Director Andrew Morehouse. "With a food assistance network of 172 local food pantries in all four counties of western Massachusetts, we will certainly put these dollars and food donations to good use."

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Rays of Hope takes strides to cure breast cancer

By Paula Ouimette
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SPRINGFIELD – For the past 30 years, Rays of Hope has held its annual walk and run to raise money for breast cancer patients and their families.

This past Sunday, walkers chose from either a 2- or 5-mile walk and runners a 5-mile route, going through Forest Park. The run was coordinated and timed by 4Run3.

Local businesses, services, and breast cancer-related programs offered a variety of information and giveaways under the event's large exhibitor tent, and many lined the route to support walkers and runners.

All monies raised remain local and administered by the Baystate Health Foundation to assist patients and their families affected by breast cancer. Nearly \$17 million has been raised to date.

Funds support the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research, as well as treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, and the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network and provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

Rays of Hope Chair Lindsey Bubar said since being diagnosed with cancer, and being a little over six years outside of her journey toward healing, she has a new perspective on life.

"It has brought me an incredible sense of gratitude," Bubar said at the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer, starting and finishing at Temple Beth El on Oct. 22.

"We all take so much for granted," she said, thanking her "tribe" formed by her parents Sue and John Boudreau, along with numerous family and friends.

Her parents started "Lindsey's Tribe" for the Rays of Hope walk, and Bubar said she couldn't have asked for better role models as parents as she and her husband, Brett, raise their two children.

Her children were the first thought to come to her mind when she received her cancer diagnosis, and they continue to be almost a decade later.

"My husband literally carried me certain days during this journey," Bubar said emotionally.

Joining Bubar on stage to kick off the walk was Rays of Hope walk and run founders Lucy Giuggio Carvalho and Gayle Kirkwood.

Kirkwood announced that an endowment has been created for Rays of Hope, thanks to the generosity of 10 inaugural donors.

Giuggio Carvalho said she can't believe it's been 30 years since the walk started, and that she's been a breast cancer survivor for three decades.

She thanked the hundreds of people in attendance for their continued support for Rays of Hope, and those affected by breast cancer.

"It's amazing," she said. "Thank you for 30 years standing up for the fight against breast cancer."

This year's presenting sponsor was Gary Rome Hyundai, who was joined on stage by his son and their two dogs.

Giuggio Carvalho said her grandson TJ saw her appear in one of Gary Rome's television commercials, promoting Rays of Hope, and said "good for Nonni, she finally has a big time commercial!"

Baystate Health President and CEO Mark Keroack recognized several current and former Baystate employees who participated in the walk, including John Maybury, whose wife is a cancer survivor.

Maybury brought a team of 50 people to participate in the walk.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno said this would be Keroack's last walk in his role as president and CEO, as he plans to retire at the end of the year.

Sarno credited Rome with "putting his money where his mouth is," and being a great philanthropist. Through pink license plate frame sales at his dealership, Rome has raised over \$30,000 for Rays of Hope.

Rome said he's "humbled and honored" to be part of such an important event.

"We all know someone who is affected by cancer," Rome said.

The Springfield Thunderbirds also

provided a sizable donation to Rays of Hope in the amount of \$30,000, thanks to their Pink the Rink fundraiser and the sale of pink jerseys.

Also retiring from Baystate is Dr. Grace Makari-Judson of Baystate Hematology Oncology at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care.

Makari-Judson will continue to support Rays of Hope and play an active role, which she has done since 1994 when she set up an information booth at the first ever fundraiser. She has kept a T-shirt from each year's walk.

Makari-Judson said she could have never imagined the impact Rays of Hope would have when it first began 30 years ago. "We have exceeded most of our expectations," she said.

Rays of Hope has also helped to provide cancer patients with "first class care," she said.

Makari-Judson said it's been a privilege and honor to work with survivors and that she will never leave Rays of Hope, which has become a family tradition for her, her children, and now her grandchild-

dren.

Walk participants Maria Bergeron and Paul Strong, both of Springfield, walked in honor of Strong's friend April, who is celebrating 10 years in remission.

This was Bergeron's first year participating in the walk, but Strong has been a supporter for several years along with his PeoplesBank coworkers.

Strong said he has two aunts with breast cancer, along with other family and friends.

"It's a good cause to support," Strong and Bergeron said.

In addition to presenting sponsor Gary Rome Hyundai, other major sponsors include Baystate Breast & Wellness Center, Baystate Breast Specialists, Radiology & Imaging, Inc., Gilead Oncology, Golden Years Home Care Services, Kinsley, MGM Springfield, Pfizer, PeoplesBank, USA and Zasco Productions.

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Crowns and tiaras reign supreme at button show

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – The Massachusetts State Button Society held their annual meeting and final show for the year this past Saturday at the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Celebrating over 80 years, the Massachusetts State Button Society hosts three shows a year, with two in Three Rivers and one in Shirley.

The Crescent Button Club hosted a presentation about the show's theme of crowns, given by button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski of West Springfield, a member of the Massachusetts State Button Society and the Crescent Button Club in Holyoke.

Korostynski displayed several boards adorned with buttons bearing crowns from countries all over the world.

"We see different images when we hear the world 'crown,'" she said. "We [in the U.S.] don't have a high opinion of the crown," she added with a laugh.

Korostynski gave several examples of crown imagery in the U.S. on product logos, ranging from soda to liquor.

For many, the crown is a symbol of power, but it can also be a symbol of mockery, such as crown of thorns in the Bible.

Crowns are a familiar image on buttons, especially on military buttons. The crowns found on military uniform buttons usually represent the reigning monarch at the time.

Korostynski gave examples of specific crowns on buttons, including the St. Edward and Imperial State. The St. Edward is the crown Queen Elizabeth wore for her coronation and the Imperial State crown is worn by King Charles.

Button makers need to get permission from the king or queen to use their crowns in their designs, something they need to apply for each year.



Massachusetts State Button Society Vice-President Donna Major of West Brookfield, browses Betty Korostynski's collection.



Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire sells his late wife's buttons at the Massachusetts State Button Society's show on Oct. 21 in Three Rivers.

Some designer buttons, such as those from Lauren Conrad, feature a crown and shield.

Korostynski questioned whether or not King Charles would have a crown remade now that he ruled the throne.

She left audience members with a quote from Beyonce, reminding them that "you can't wear a crown with your head down," and to "hold your heads high and look royal."

Throughout the day, button dealers had thousands of their buttons available to purchase, ranging in price, rarity, and interest.

Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire has been selling buttons for about a year and a half, following his wife's death.

Kennedy said button collecting was his wife's favorite hobby, and she also loved paper quilling. She taught quilling classes at their local library, and the group continues to meet today with its membership growing.

Kennedy's buttons are carefully cataloged by different types of animals, animation and much more, spanning the entire alphabet. Even



These colorful buttons were arranged in the shape of St. Edward's crown.



Train and railroad themed buttons were also popular among button collectors

the youngest shopper found a button (or a dozen) to match their interests.

About the Massachusetts State Button Society

Founded in 1942, the Massachusetts State Button Society consists of four local clubs that gather together several times a year as a state organization to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of button collecting.

These clubs include the Crescent Button Club, Monson Button Club, Shirley Button Club and Metropolitan

Button Club.

Next year's shows will be held April 13 and Oct. 19 in Three Rivers and July 20 in Shirley.

Dues are \$10 per year and can be mailed to Massachusetts State Button Society Treasurer Darlene Gildert, 50 Prouty Road, New Braintree, MA 01531. Junior dues are \$3 per year.

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Brayden, age 8, Stephanie Orellanes, and Scarlett, age six, make paper ghosts at the Boys and Girls Club's Halloween event.



Members of the Friends of Ludlow Parks, (from left) Alex Montagna, Kate McGraw, Keyshawn McGraw, Kelly De Gobbi, and Autumn Rodrigues, had a Lorax theme for their trunk.



The Boys and Girls Club was packed full of families and kids enjoying the Halloween-themed activities.



Trick-or-treaters wait patiently in line for the Trunk or Treat at the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday.



Fire Department staff Joao Bernardo and Jan Thornton took pictures with Bryce, age 6, and Elora, age 2, in their firefighter costumes, along with Syrena Lutz.



Miela, age six, Eli, age three, and Liz Fuda were inspired by the recent Open House for their costumes.

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