Rep. Thomas Petrolati announces retirement

By Wyatt Aloisio waaloisio@turley.com

Seventh Hampden District Representative and House Chairman of Policy and Steering, Thomas M. Petrolati has announced that he will not seek re-election to the role in 2020.

Petrolati, 62, was first elected in 1987. During his more than three decades in public office the long-time Hampden County Democrat has worked tirelessly on issues impacting the lives of the people in his district.

One of Petrolati’s primary goals while in office was to support economic development in Western Massachusetts. To that end, he worked with a group of local lawmakers to facilitate the transfer of a 5.4-acre parcel of land in Belchertown from state to local control. The property, once the site of the historic Belchertown State School, had lain dormant for numerous years and now serves as the home of the Belchertown Police Station, The Belchertown Senior Center, Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility, and Easthampton Savings Bank with further economic development opportunities on the horizon.

Among his other efforts while in office, Petrolati also played a key role in procuring a $52 million bailout for the City of Springfield in addition to acquiring funding for the revitalization of the Convention Center and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

In recent years Petrolati has led the effort to secure $70 million in state funding for the redevelopment of the Ludlow Mills complex. The Mill #10 building, which opened in the fall of 2017, has been revitalized to include 74 new apartments for residents ages 50 and older. Next door, current efforts by project leaders WestMass Area Development Cooperation aim to see the possibility of a town-wide ban on plastic checkout bags, began coordinating a similar movement with the Board of Selectmen the following year.

Now, after meeting with town officials.

She said that from their conversation, she was inspired by Lesser, and talked to him about the possibility of banning plastic bags.

With Lesser’s support, O’Sullivan decided to write a bill to ban non-reusable plastic checkout bags, and began coordinating a similar movement in Ludlow. Now, after meeting with the Board of Selectmen the possibility of a town-wide ban may come to fruition.

The idea behind the movement took place in the spring of 2017, when O’Sullivan decided to enter state Sen. Eric Lesser’s primary, in which he ran for office because he wanted to make a difference. I couldn’t have done that without the backing of the voters.”

Petrolati gave his thanks to his wife, Kathy, and his daughters, Ashley and Dorothy, for their support. He acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the members working on the study-

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Palmer resident and University of Massachusetts student David Fite and UMass Professor Rob Kunser, also from Palmer, both spoke about the importance of resurrecting the train line between Amherst and Palmer during a public informational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12. They said a connection between the two would open up easy access for students to use the trains to travel to and from the Eastern part of the state.

“I think making sure there’s a connection from Springfield through Amherst would be a great boon, not only for additional ridership, but also for the communities,” Kunser said.

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**HUBBARD Library EVENTS**

**ONGOING**

First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Trivia Night

The Nov. trivia theme is Games. All ages, Jeopardy-style trivia with a new theme every month. Doubles are permitted and prizes are donated by local businesses. Please call 413-583-3408 for more details.

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Anime Club for Adults

The Adult Anime Club is inviting all otaku 18 and over to meet up and watch or stream anime every Tuesday. Occasionally we even have cosplay days.

Wednesdays 1:30-5 p.m.

Tabletop Games Club

Grab your board games, cards and dice and come join our Gaming Club! Meet up, make new friends and play RPGs like Dungeons & Dragons or other board games weekly! Don’t own games? We do! This club is ideal for 20 and 30-somethings, though any adult is welcome. We have a separate youth games club as well.

Board games are available to the public in the library reference room for casual in-library use as well.

Wednesdays 3-5 p.m.

VR and Video Games Club for Adults

That’s right, virtual reality (VR) and video games are here. Come in to meet up and play video games. We now have two Oculus VR Headsets, a PlayStation 4, a Nintendo Switch, an XBOX One and an XBOX 360 with various games for in-house use.

Call Pat at 583-3408 ext. 110 for more information.

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**Presidential Primary early voting Feb. 24 to Feb. 28**

LUDLOW – Early Voting for the March 3 Presidential Primary will take place in the Town Clerk’s office located on the second floor of the Town Hall, 488 Chapin St. The Town Clerk’s office is pleased to announce the dates and times for early voting:

Feb. 24 through Feb. 28, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Any questions should be directed to the Town Clerk’s office at 413-583-5600, ext. 1230.

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**Ludlow MEETINGS**

Board of Assessors
• 4:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of the month, Town Hall

Conservation Commission
• 6:30 p.m. First and third Wednesday. 3rd Floor, Town Hall

Board of Public Works
• 6 p.m. Every other Tuesday, DPW

Planning Board
• 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of the month, Town Hall

Board of Selectmen
• 6 p.m. Every other Tuesday. Third Floor of Town Hall

Westover Golf Commission
• 7 p.m. First and third Tuesday. At golf course when open for the season. At Town Hall when course is closed.

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**Presidential Primary Election, March 3**

LUDLOW – The Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, March 3. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

- Precinct 1 Chapin Elementary School, Chapin Street
- Precinct 2 Paul R Baird Middle School, Rooney Road
- Precinct 3 Ludlow High School, Chapin Street
- Precinct 4 East Street School, East Street
- Precinct 5 First Church of Ludlow, Center/Church Street
- Precinct 6 Veteran’s Park Elementary School, Chapin Street

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Yoga Shop partners with Lululemon

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – The Yoga Shop, located in Ludlow, officially launched a retail store with the international sportswear company “Lululemon,” which provides clothes for men and women for different types of sports.

About a year ago, Yoga Shop co-owner Liz Salvador said the shop started to offer the lululemon product line in the studio to offer students access to the athletic wear, since the nearest stores are in Connecticut or Natick.

Eventually, the store was select-ed to be a strategic sales partner, and offer a version of the retail store right in the yoga shop. “It’s a very exciting offering right there and although some people may not even be aware that we offer it, it is something that we started to sell about a year ago, and then started to think about it like, how do we bring two great brands together?” said Salvador. “Our hope is that we have just a little bit more awareness that were right were in Ludlow, with this great brand.”

To publicly announce the collaboration, the shop held a celebratory opening last Saturday, Feb. 15. Salvador said before the store officially opened, people were anxiously waiting outside to see the merchandise. And the event did not end after the visitors finished their shopping.

Salvador, fellow co-owner Allison Gomes, and founders and owners of the Connecticut shop, Annie Q. Simard and Kim Charbonneau, all held a class for the guests.

Afterwards, food and more celebration of the different yoga shop communities coming together 600k-place. Gomes said that the celebration was an “emotional experience,” especially during the class she helped lead, that had 85 people in attendance. Also, Gomes said that although Nadia Goracy, owner of the Glastonbury shop who was not in attendance, should be credited for contributing to the celebration, since members of that shop were in attendance for the event.

Salvador said that if anyone would like to learn more the shop’s hours to view the new merchandise, can visit https://theyogashop.us/ludlow/, or call 413-610-2211. The shop is located at 185 Miller St., Ludlow.
Events

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. Marini Gras Luncheon. Join us for our Mardi Gras celebration as we listen to Bluegrass Music performed by Sandra Wittman. Be sure to wear your masks and bead! Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. Birthday Luncheon. Be sure to mention if you are a February birthday baby when you sign up for lunch. Then enjoy your free meal as our gift to you.

Thursday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. “Coffee Talk” with Patrick McGowan, Director of Hubbard Memorial Library.

Movies

Monday, Feb. 24… at 1:15 p.m. Movie: Join us to watch ANGEL HAS FALLEN Rated R. Check out our Facebook page for the trailer. 121 minutes.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1:15 p.m. Movie: Join us to watch THE AVIATOR (1985) Rated PG. Check out our Facebook page for the trailer. 97 minutes.

Weekly lunch menu

(Registration required before 9:00 am for our lunch program)

Monday, Feb. 24
Stuffed shells with garlic bread

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Chicken, shrimp & sausage jambalaya with rice and vegetable *MAR-DI GRAS LUNCH*

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Vegetable chili with baked potato

*ASH WEDNESDAY*

Thursday, Feb. 27
Chop salad

Friday, Feb. 28
CENTER CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

For more information, contact the Ludlow Senior Center at 413-583-3564.

NOTE: The Ludlow Senior Center will be closed on Friday, February 28 for Staff Training.

Photo exhibit focuses on Vietnam

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Photo Center will host a meet the artist reception on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m., for its February show titled “Vietnam: Then and Now” at the gallery on the upper level of Tower Square, 1500 Main St. in Springfield.

The exhibit, reception and refreshments are free and all are welcome to attend. As a bonus, the gallery next door, Art for the Soul, will also hold a reception for its current exhibit at the same time so guests may see two different shows, enjoy refreshments, and meet the artists.

The Valley Photo show features photographs from the collections of Dave Tela, who served as a U.S. Army Cobra helicopter pilot, and Jim Cryan, who also served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War as an enlisted man in an aerial reconnaissance unit.

It also features recent photographs from Cryan’s collection of photos from his return trips to the country as well as a digital show by Phil Mardoc from his trips to Vietnam in the spring of 2018 and 2019.

The collection of photographs, albums and digital images will be on display until Friday, Feb. 28 Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Valley Photo Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate its members and the public in the Pioneer Valley about the art and science of photography to bring about a greater appreciation for photography. Membership and more information about the exhibit and the VPC is available online at www.thevalleyphotocenter.com.

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER
Indian Orchard Citizens Council to host annual meeting

INDIAN ORCHARD - The Indian Orchard Citizens Council will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. at 117 Main St. The Council looks forward to hearing from city officials including its own Ward 8 City Councilor Orlando Ramos, City Councilor President Justin Hurst and City Councilor Jesse Loderman, and possibly others, on the status of the neighborhood and city. It is also looking for board members to fill vacant seats on the council.

Those who love Indian Orchard or have a business there please come out and find out how to get involved.

The Council looks forward to hearing from its neighbors about what they would like to see in Indian Orchard and to hear what could be improved.

Anyone may reach President Zaida Goven at town.council@indianorchardma.com for information on how to get involved.

Brown Bag day is March 6

INDIAN ORCHARD – The Food Bank of Western Mass Indian Orchard Brown Bag will be Friday, March 6, at 117 Myrtle Street at the Myrtle Street Park. Pick up is no earlier then noon and no later then 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed and appreciated and are asked to please arrive by 11 a.m. Anyone with questions please feel free to call Linda at 413-301-5213.

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Start date will be early Spring. Starting hourly rate $18/hr. with paid holidays. M-F 7:30am-4pm plus some Saturdays 7:30am-3pm.

Please email your resume to info@rayhalucik.com or visit our office at 1014 Center St., Ludlow, MA between the hours of 8am-4pm to complete an application.
EDITORIAL

Eyes up, hands free

Beginning next week commuters will have been given more of a reason to set their cell phones aside when behind the wheel. The Massachusetts Hands-Free Driving Law will officially take effect as of Sunday, Feb. 23. From then until March 31, violators who are caught using their cell phones while driving will receive a verbal warning from law enforcement officials. As of April 1, however, those found guilty of the infraction will have a citation issued to them.

It is illegal in the Commonwealth to compose or read texts, emails, social media, watch videos, or to use the camera function on cellular devices when behind the wheel of a car.

Beginning this spring drivers who break the new Hands-Free Driving Law will receive a fine of $100 on their first offense. A second offense will mean an additional $250 charge, and will also require drivers to take a distracted driving education course.

A third and final offense will result in a penalty of $500, which will be surchargeable to a driver’s insurance.

Gov. Charlie Baker made Massachusetts the 20th state in the nation to prohibit drivers from using cell phones in vehicles November 2019, nearly a decade after the state banned texting while driving.

According to statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2017 a total of 3,166 fatal motor vehicle accidents occurred nationwide as a result of distracted driving.

The 2018 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Safety Annual Report lists a key demographic of offenders as drivers ages 35 or younger, largely due to cell phone and smartphone use. In the past three years, these drivers have accounted for half of all distracted drivers in a fatal crash and nearly 60 percent of all drivers in a speed-related fatal crash.

The Safe Roads Alliance, a national organization with headquarters in Massachusetts dedicated to educating educational services to all drivers, is looking to prepare drivers to meet the letter of the new law.

The new law prohibits using a cell phone unless it is an emergency, while allowing calls to be made in hands-free mode. Be sure that cell phones are affixed to the dashboard, center console or windshield of a vehicle. Only one touch or swipe is allowed to activate GPS or to make or receive an emergency call as manual dialing or GPS use is now banned.

Before drivers set out on their commute, they should program their GPS while stationary and make any calls or send text messages beforehand. Be sure to let recipients of the messages know that you will be driving and unable to answer the phone.

Many phone manufacturers, such as iPhones, come with functions such as do not disturb while driving. For Android phones, the downloadable app DriveMode will also allow for features such as incoming call alert to be silenced and even send automatic responses to let callers know you are driving.

Above all else, the simplest and most effective way to prevent distracted driving mishaps is to put away your cell phone and keep your eyes on the roadway.

To the Editor:

As a resident, I read the guest column by Kevin Brown, as well as the letter to the editor by Carlton Leonard, Feb. 12th Register. The selective use of a new field and track at the Ludlow High School. I agree with Mr. Leonard’s point of view. We have major projects already underway in Ludlow, new school, senior center, new communications system, which have significantly increased our taxes from this point forward and I don’t feel adding another “override” is the right answer for the new field and track.

As Mr. Brown indicates in his column, “the .students have said a $22 increase in taxes would be needed to pay for the athletic fields and track.” Well be it’s only $22 for this what about the next thing that comes along?

This is not just about the field and track for the students. This is about having our students begin to be fiscally responsible. How about we ask our students to start figuring out how to pay for much-needed “maintenance” items in our town with the budget they are allocated? What about our roads? They are in horrendous condition!

What about our lakes and ponds? Harris Pond is a West Nile breeding ground from June to September because the town has not fixed the dam that has been broken for over 30 years. (Yes, this is the pond our new Elementary School will border). I’m appalled that the track has been unusable for four years! How about we start looking for selections that can prioritize maintenance work into the allocated budget instead of asking the residents for more tax dollars to fund every issue that comes up?

As in any budget, as a homeowner, I have to prioritize the “must dos” from my “wish list” items to maintain my home. I don’t have the option of asking others to fund my projects. It’s time to start looking at where the money is going and how to optimize the spending.

So if the decision of funding is to ask the voters for more money rather than look internally as to how to fund through the town budget, sorry kids, nothing personal but I won’t be voting yes on this one.

Judy Breault
Ludlow

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will not support track and field project

To the Editor:

I would like to respectfully disagree with the letter to the editor written by Carlton Leonard in Feb. 12 Register. We are a town. A community. We do what is best for one another. And it is time to do what is best for our current and future high school students. For the past four years, students could not have any home track meets. This also affects soccer and football teams. They are running in the parking lots to practice. Without home soccer or football games, Booster clubs will not be able to sell tickets or concessions in order to raise funds for our teams. Our fields and track are an embarrassment. What are we telling our youth when they go to other towns and see beautiful sports complexes?

A committee is working to raise funds, but some of the cost will fall on the town taxpayers. A cost of $22 a year for five or so coffees at Starbucks. If fundraising is successful, the taxpayers could pay even less.

These are our kids. Every year we tell them, this really isn’t a good time to ask for money. We are telling them they are not important. My son was in fifth grade when this conversation began. He is now a senior in high school and still nothing. Do you want to wait until your fifth-grader is in high school for the town to do something? I don’t want to pay more taxes either. But these are our kids. Our youth. It’s time to stop punishing them for adults’ mismanagement.

It’s time to step up and support a new track/field. Time to tell our kids they matter and it won’t cost you more than $22 a year to do so.

Carol O’Shea
Bradley Circle
Ludlow

Urges support for field and track project

To the Editor:

It’s time to step up and support a new field and track project.

Above all else, the simplest and most effective way to prevent distracted driving mishaps is to put away your cell phone and keep your eyes on the roadway.
Vote to support a new LHS track and field

By Michael Gauvin
Guest columnist

On March 23, 2020, Ludlow residents will have an opportunity to support the funding of the revitalization of Ludlow High School’s athletic facilities. As many of you may know, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association standards, the Ludlow High School track and surrounding athletic field complex will offer year-round enjoyment of sports, at a state-of-the-art facility, enabling athletes to train and compete at the highest level.

I am grateful for the support of the town selectmen (and women) for bringing this important issue to our attention and appreciate how challenging this is for our leaders. Ultimately, as we consider all of the options available to us, we will choose the one that is more important than investing in our future, health and wellness of the community and town pride.

What will we get? Supporting this initiative provides our community with a state-of-the-art track and field facility and new multi-purpose soccer and football fields. The new Ludlow sports complex will offer year round enjoyment of sports, at a state-of-the-art facility, enabling Ludow to host local and regional events to promote Ludlow and our local businesses.

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Without civility our system doesn’t work

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

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Our politics today often is strident and polarized. To put it mildly, we do not always show respect or dignity to those who are different. Often, it’s just the opposite. When we can’t or won’t live in a polity that respects our in-your-face rhetoric and confrontational behavior.

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Ludlow Public Schools kindergarten orientation, Feb. 27

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Public Schools invites incoming kindergarten students and their parents/guardians to attend its kindergarten orientation on Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at East Street School, 508 East St., to receive a registration packet. Snow date is March 5 if necessary. If the child will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 he/she is eligible to enter kindergarten at East Street School in the fall.

Please call Beth Foye, LPS central registrar, at 413-583-5695 for any questions, or to inform her that about plans to enroll a child in a private kindergarten.

Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of $1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field. One eligible student from each of the seven member hospitals offers seven scholarships totaling $7,000. The scholarship is non-renewable and will be awarded to the student who demonstrates strong academic performance and a strong commitment to entering the healthcare field.

Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

Parent Advisory Council orientation on March 3

LUDLOW – The Special Education Parent Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will be hosting a parent orientation to learn about the upcoming Special Education and Civil Rights reviews in the Ludlow School District. The parent orientation will be held at East Street School in the fall.

Springfield Technical High School Class of 1970 to hold reunion

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Technical High School Class of 1970 will hold its 50th reunion Saturday, April 25 from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Springfield Country Club, 1375 Elm St., West Springfield. Tickets are $60 per person and must be purchased by April 10. More information, call Vinny Iuliano at 508-633-5000 or email viulisano@ast.com.

Fifth-grade Arbor Day Poster Contest has “Trees Please” theme

BOSTON – Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery has announced the theme of the agency’s 2020 fifth grade Arbor Day Poster Contest: “Trees Please.” Fifth graders from around the state are encouraged to participate in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest by creating posters highlighting this year’s theme. Schools are then asked to host a poster contest to determine the winner. The winning poster from each school can then be submitted to the agency for review. Home-schooled or non-participating school students may submit their posters and enter the contest individually.

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Elms College to host annual ‘Black Issues Summit’

CHICOPEE – The Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the College of Our Lady of the Elms will host its third annual Black Issues Summit in honor of Black History Month from noon to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in the Alumni Library.

The year’s summit will bring regional leaders and social justice advocates to Elms. It is an important closing ceremony on this year’s theme of ‘Housing, Health and Education: Basic Human Rights.’

The purpose of the Black Issues Summit is to provide an opportunity for meaningful dialogue about pertinent issues affecting the Black community,” said Harry E. Dumay, president of Elms College. “We are honored to have Denise Jordan, Savina Martin, Frank Robinson, and Yves Salomon-Fernández as guest speakers this year in addition to the artwork of Ryan Murray.”

The summit is open to anyone interested in the issues of social justice, equality, and diversity.

The event will feature the following speaker:

Denise R. Jordan, a native of Springfield, is a graduate of Lincoln Universi- ty in Pennsylvania, and holds a master’s degree in Human Resource Development. She is currently executive director of the Springfield Housing Authority, the third largest authority in the commonwealth. In 2008 Jordan became the city of Springfield’s first African-American chief of staff and was the person with the longest tenure to ever occupy the seat, serving over ten years.

Savina J. Martin is a minister and has spent three decades addressing on behalf of issues and symptoms related to black homelessness, particularly black homeless veterans and nonveteran women. She is currently one of three state chairs with the Massachusetts Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Martin has served as president of the Boston Chapter of Union of Homeless Households and as executive director of the Black and Latino Housing Coalition.

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BELCHERTOWN

Quabbin enters the digital age

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Quabbin Visitor Center will present a free Public Program event called “Quabbin Enters the Digital Age” by Department of Conservation and Recreation archivist Sean Fisher. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is suitable for all ages.

As part of the Quabbin Reservoir Construction Project, thousands of photographs were taken of the properties purchased and removed by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission to build the reservoir. These photos are a fascinating window into the world of the Quabbin Valley as it existed prior to 1938. They have been scanned and are now available to the public to view online through the Digital Commonwealth project. Fisher will be joined by MA Water Resources Authority project intern Katy Purinton who worked on the metadata of the photograph collection.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located at the west end of Win- sor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.
American International College to offer cannabis degree

SPRINGFIELD – American International College will offer a master’s degree in cannabis science and commerce beginning fall semester 2020, the first of its kind in this region. The 30-credit, hybrid graduate program is designed for individuals interested in a career in the cannabis industry and will provide students with an understanding of the science, business, and legal issues associated with the cannabis industry.

The program offers education in the areas of basic science including chemistry, botany, horticulture, cultivation, uses, and delivery systems; business management, marketing, and operations; and federal and state laws and policies.

According to a March 2020 jobs report issued by Leafly, the world’s largest cannabis business, over the past four years, legal cannabis supports nearly a quarter of a million jobs. That equates to a 15 percent annual growth in employment. The multi-billion-dollar cannabis industry continues to be the single greatest job creation engine nationally, growing at a faster rate than any other industry in the same timeframe.

In the Northeast, Massachusetts is among the top 10 states across the country where cannabis jobs exist. Moreover, reports indicate to the Cannabis Control Commission were $420 million in 2019. Smaller markets like Maine and Vermont, that previously legalized recreational marijuana without allowing sales, may finally see regulated stores open in the coming year. Nonetheless, in Vermont, the medical marijuana industry realized $14 million in sales with nearly 300 jobs last year. Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island all have medical marijuana dispensaries. With 14 dispensaries statewide, Connecticut served nearly 40,000 patients with estimated sales approaching $50 million, supporting nearly 1,400 jobs. New Hampshire also realized growth, albeit on a smaller scale, with a $22.5 million market and more than 400 jobs. Rhode Island has posted a nearly 50 percent year-over-year growth topping $50 million with more than 1,000 jobs.

AIC’s Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mika Nash, EdD, said, “American International College is excited to introduce a graduate level program that offers courses focused on developing business acumen in a field that is experiencing a meteoric rise. AIC is positioning itself to be an educational leader in this flourishing industry in order to ensure our students have job opportunities upon graduation.”

With medical marijuana legal in 33 states and Washington D.C., and recreational marijuana now legal in 11 states and the nation’s capital, The U.S. Cannab Disrupt 2019 Industry Outlook, projects annual sales of medical and recreational cannabis will continue to rise over the next several years, reaching nearly $30 billion by 2025. Both nationally and regionally, this rapidly emerging market offers burgeoning employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for the future.

For more information about this degree go online to www.aic.edu/cannabis.
Lions step up, take win on Senior Night

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD — During the first six minutes of the third period, Ludlow went from trailing by a goal against Fay Division rival Chicopee to taking a two-goal lead.

The Lions managed to hold onto its lead during the final nine minutes of the match and they celebrated a 4-2 senior night victory over the Pacers at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield, last Saturday.

“We just went out there at the start of the third period and played as hard as we could,” said Ludlow senior Betinho Terrinca, a varsity player since he was a freshman. “We really wanted to celebrate a win on senior night. It’s one of the highlights of our season.”

Overall, Terrinca has been playing his favorite sport at different levels for more than 14 years. He was selected to the Western Mass. first-team All-Star squad as a junior.

Goalie Tyler Charest makes a great save, keeping the puck in front of his pads.

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REGION — One representative from each of the 380 MIAA member high schools will be voting on the new statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.

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These informational meetings are scheduled to be released on Saturday, Feb. 24 and will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School at 6 p.m.

MIAA Bracketology returning soon

REGION – March Madness is coming, and for the second straight year, Turley Sports will bring you “MIAA bracketology.”

In two weeks, we present Feb. 27 and 28 and issues of all Turley Publica-
tions papers, the sports department will be presenting its picks for the MIAA Western Massachusetts Tournaments. There will be four brackets for boys basketball, and four brackets for girls basketball.

The brackets will detail our picks to make it all the way to our own sectional tournament unfold from Feb. 24 when the first round is scheduled to begin, all the way to Curry Hicks Cage on March 7 and 8.

The tournament brackets are scheduled to be released on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Turley Sports bracketology will be prepared the following day, prior to the start of the tournament, and will be available online through our turley.com and will be published in the papers available Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28. Happy tournament to all!

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Bednard was otherwise perfect in his own opening period onslaught of 15 shots from the Checkers, including five from Forsling alone. Anton Forsberg was not as busy in the Checkers goal crease, as he turned away eight shots in the open- ing period and went down eight minutes without seeing a shot at the onset of the game.

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Charlotte vaulted back to the lead at 11:51 as Dave Gust picked up a puck in the left circle off a shot blocked and slapped it over the shoulder of Bednard who made a weak save on the rebound.

The 2-2 tie carried into the extra min- utes of the third as Forsberg and Bednard continued to trade strong netminder plays and saves. After SPRFL had eight of the first nine shots in the third without a result, the top line finally broke through at 12:42. After Roland McKeown had a puck hop past him at the left point, Saare- la and Dryden Hunt set sail for the offensive zone in a 2-on-0. Saarela held onto the puck as long as possible before slip- ping a pass back to Hunt, who slumbered it through the legs of Forsberg to make it 3-2 with 7:18 to play. It was Hunt’s sec- ond goal in the third period in two games on the weekend.

Those two would not be finished, though as Saarela hit Hunt for an emp- ty-net walk-in with 1:20 to play, which turned out to be the game-winner after Charlotte had been whistled for a delay of the game. None of the Lions players were sent to the box.

A goal by Ludlow sophomore Bran- don Gomes at 1:22 of the third period tied the score for the second time at 2-2. It was assisted by freshmen Samuel Cocchi and Ben Corbin.

The Lions took the lead for the first time of the night later on a tap in goal by Gomes. The duo of Cocchi and Corbin were also credited with the assist on the game-winning goal.

A power-play goal 16 seconds later by freshman Josh Grill was assisted by fresh- man Nolan Wikar gave the Lions a 4-2 lead.

“We just dominated tonight’s game, it was a great win for our seniors because it’s senior night. They’ve been the leaders of our team this year,” Wikar said. “We really wanted to win this game for our seniors because it’s senior night. We did that, and we did that against a tough team with a lot of talent. We should be a much better team during the next couple of years.”

The Lions re-took the lead at 11-58 of the second period on a tip in by junior Ethan Kaponius.

Senior’s Austin Scott and Alex Assab were given the assists on the Pacers go- ahead goal.

“The Lions would take full control of the match during the first six minutes of the third period.

Photo by David Henry

T-Birds sweep Checkers in weekend series

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Currently the winner of each Divi- sion is the Eastern Mass. champion in the state finals. "There are some inequities on how a team currently gets into the tourna- ment," Brillo said. "There is a seeding inequity and there is a difference in number of games played, especially in Eastern Mass., to get to the state finals." Under the new statewide plan, the top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps and they’ll auto- matically qualify for the postseason tournament. All of the other teams that finish with a 500 or better record will also qualify for the tournament. The teams will be put in four brackets simi- lar to the NCAA basketball tournament. The final of the Western Mass. girls and boys basketball tournaments are run by the PVIAC.

Lou Conte is the PVIAC Executive Director and Jeff Broadway is the PVIAC Administrative Assistant. The PVIAC has done a great job and it has been commended many times by the MIAA for the way it conducts business in this part of the state," Rich said. "They do the tournament seedings and make the tournament schedules for each sport.”

The Central Mass. basketball tourna- ment is normally held at the Harrington Auditorium on the WPI campus in Worcester. A longtime Central Mass. girls varsity basketball coach al- ways says that playing a tournament game at WPI is like going to Disney World for his players. The Clark Tournament, which is held during the February school vacation week is another popular basketball tourna- ment in Central Massachusetts.

All of the high schools will have to insert their win and loss records to Max- preps in order for the new system to be successful.

Minnechaug Regional High School Athletic Director Michael Roy said the public would like to see more clarity on the way Maxpreps will choose rankings. "They have not really clarified the format Maxpreps will use to judge the games," said Roy. "That makes it hard to judge this tournament proposal." Two South Hadley girls basketball teams will finish the regular season with a below .500 overall record, but they still clinched a berth in the Western Mass. Division 3 tournament by finishing in second place in the Suburban League.

While Brillo is the Athletic Direc- tor of a large high school that currently competes at the Division 1 and 2 levels, Rich coach’s basketball at a smaller high school that competes at the Division 4 level in most sports. “It might be a struggle for a smaller high schools like us," said Rich. “Finan- cially, it could put us on a bit of a burden on our athletic budget if we’re forced to travel to Eastern Mass. to play a tourna- ment. It’s the same problem for every small high school in the state and we’ll just have to think outside the box.”

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Currently the winner of each Divi- sion faces the winning team of the Central Mass. tournament in the state semifin- als. "The PVIAC has done a great job," said Roy. "It would be nice if we’re able to keep the tournament game. It’s the same problem for our athletic budget if we’re forced to travel to Eastern Mass. to play a tourna- ment. It’s the same problem for every small high school in the state and we’ll just have to think outside the box.”

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Richard L. Adams, 72
LUDLOW — Richard L. Adams, 72, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Born Dec. 19, 1947, in North Adams, he was the son of the late Donald and Anne (Helgas) Adams.
A graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School, Richard also attended STCC. He proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War earning the National Defense Service Medal, and Vietnam Service and Campaign medals. The diligence and determination that brought him these accolades followed him through many years working as a sub-contractor, installing floors in malls across the country. He was a notorious practical joker during his years as a “floorist.” Later in life, his fascination with computers steered him toward a change in profession. He returned to school to formalize his education. Richard finished his career as a computer technician at IBM.
During his retirement, Richard’s passion for photography flourished. He was a man of few words that expressed his love, joy and passion through the language of photography. In all of this, he took pride in a job well done and accepted nothing less. Richard also enjoyed all things home improvement.
As a proud, loyal and loving father and husband, Richard will be dearly missed by his wife of 47 years, Margaret (Ryan) Adams, of Ludlow, his sons, Joshua Adams, and his wife, Theresa, of New Hartford, Connecticut, and Zachary Adams, and his wife, Kaitlin, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut. He also leaves his two granddaughters, Bethany and Madeline, who were the apples of his eye.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and James Adams, and his sister, Judith Teehan.
Visiting hours will be held from on Sunday February 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Kapi-nos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St. A service to honor Richard’s life will follow at 4:30 p.m. Burial will be Monday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m., at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.
The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the medical staff at the Sister Caritas Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital and Beacon Hospice for their comforting care.
Donations in Richard’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hope for the Warriors or Air Warrior Courage Foundation.
For more information please go to www.kapinosmazur.com.

Josephine G. Moore, 89
Born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 23, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Jennie Jablonski. Josephine was the wife of the late Donald Moore, the mother of the late Donald, Robert and James Moore, and Sharon Ansolini, the sister of the late Stanley and Josephine Jablonski and Mary Policki, and the grandmother of the late Kolby and Christopher Moore. She is survived by four children, Donna Bird, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, Kim Woodward and her husband, Daniel, of Ludlow, Jamie Jensen and Ronald Moore, of Springfield, two sisters, Helen Beumer and Theresa Rood, both of Florida, as well as her eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Calling hours for Josephine will be on Friday, Feb. 21, from 10 to 1:30 a.m. at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield, with a prayer service to follow in the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. Burial will then be at Island Pond Ceme-tery in Ludlow. Donations in Josephine’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA, 02452.
For additional information and online condolences, please visit www.nowakfuneral.com.

Baystate Blood Mobile coming to Ware Feb. 26
WARE — During the winter, inclement weather and illness cause a drop in blood donor ac-
tivity, making blood donations in February critical.
The Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile will host a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baystate Mary Lane on the Baystate Health Bloodmobile. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a Big Y or Dunkin’ Donuts gift card.
Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hope for the Warriors or Air Warrior Courage Foundation.

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Marriage Works in Christ: The Marriage Enrichment Series. Marriage Works in Christ, is scheduled once each month on a Friday evening at the Faith Community Chapel. Married couples are cordially invited to attend these Friday evening sessions scheduled for 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Faith Community Chapel is a split-door venue. Please take advantage of this opportunity to spend time together and focus on your relationship as a Christ-centered vocation. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention! Couples need not attend all sessions. Choose the dates that work with your schedule and come join us! The sessions are free of charge and childcare is also available at no charge. Details on the current age group of participants can be obtained by calling Faith Community Chapel at 413-654-3564 ext. 1310.

West Mass Relics, Folkloristic Selvage, Social Leagues

Lowell Senior Center 55 & Over Volleyball League will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is $20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Department at 413-691-2737 ext. 1310.

Quabbin Valley Twplers: If you missed your first class on juggling, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday season. Do you want some exercise, mental alertness, and fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twplers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow on Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. 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 Wednesday at 7 p.m., at 343 West End, Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

Share Your Sight: Volunteer to read, shop for baby items will go to clients who need them. BABY SHOWER for the month of March 2020. To sign up. Final payment due March 25. Bus departs 3:30 p.m.

Queens for Christ Goes on Victory Tour

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Esther Winery Winery Visit: Visit to Esther Winery on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Package includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach, free time at Rivers Country Kitchen with $20 slot play and $10 meal credit. Matinee performance of “Cats,” meals taxes and gratuities. Cost is $100 per person, with $50 due at sign up. Final payment due March 25. Bus departs 7:30 p.m.

Queen Esther The three-day tour to see “Queen Esther” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 includes deluxe coach service, two nights at the Clarion Hotel and two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show “Joshua for President” (Sun.), “Tombstone” (Mon.) and “Smokey and the Bandit” (Tues.). “Queen Esther” will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Baptist Church and Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Martha’s Kitchen Kitchen Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and dinner’s gratuities included Cost is $450 for double occupancy, $435 for triple occupancy and $575 for single. Deposit of $75 is due at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection $39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

Dolly & Kenny at the Stadium Theater, Woosocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bring back Doris & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant, natinee show with Ms. Perry. See Databook, Page 16.
DOLLY PARTON and Kenny Rogers, real taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and Da- vid Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is $89 per per- son. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAI, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indi- an Orchard.

“GHOST OF A CHANGE” at The Newport Play- house & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gra- tuties. Buffet menu includes lettuce bocce, potatoes salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, big ribs, sausages and peppers, roasted chick- en, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost $102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAI, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indi- an Orchard.

irus to find anywhere else in the area. For more infor- mation, visit healysirishprogram.com and click on the travel page or call Brian or Alice Mannix at 413-589-9654.


SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Sept. 8-15, 2020 – Eight days, 12 meals. Spend three nights near the Santa Monica Pier with an extensive tour of Los Angeles including Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Visit Catalina Island and spend two nights in San Diego with Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. Also, Palm Springs for two nights with a gondola ride up San Jacinto Mountain. $3,199 pp doubles, includes an, deluxe hotels, all gratuities and more. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SOUTH AFRICA – Oct. 14-26, 2020 – Four days at Westin Hotel on the city’s Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Mu- seum of the Pacific War and more. $2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Con- tact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

2020 POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of these trips, call: Loretta, at 413-592-7350, Stacy, at 413-589-1177, Donna, at 413-585-4114, Dan- anne, at 413-214-3822 or Jeannie, at 413-589- 0366.

QUEEN ESTHER at Sight & Sound The- atre, Lancaster, PA. June 9-11 includes de- luxe motor coach, two nights at Comfort Suites Lancaster with two breakfasts, one dinner at Miller’s Smorgasbord, im- prov comedy show and the Queen Esther Show. Village Insider at Kitchen Kettle Vil- lage, a visit to the Old Windmill Farm and a ride aboard the Strasburg Railroad through the Amish farmlands. Cost $521 pp double/triple.

MYSTRANDS OF BOSTON HARBOR after lunch at the Venetia Restaurant on the water- front, enjoy a 90-minute narrated historical cruise aboard the catamaran, Provincetown II. Deluxe motorcoach. Tuesday, Aug. 25. Cost is $117 per person.

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Steve Swell has been an active member of the New York scene since 1975. He has toured and recorded with a wide array of musicians, ranging from legendary jazz traditionalists, like Lionel Hampton and Buddy Rich, to renowned avant-gardists such as Anthony Braxton, Bill Dixon, William Parker, and Cecil Taylor. His discography consists of over 50 albums as a leader or co-leader and over 100 appearances as a sideman. After studying in the mid-1970s with trombonist Roswell Rudd, as well as Grachan Moncur III and Jimmy Knepper, Swell joined Makanda Ken McIntyre’s band which resulted in subsequent tours and recordings with myriad creative music luminaries including Joey Baron, Jerome Moondoc and Ken Vandermark, among many others. As a bandleader Swell has led a number of projects, among many others. As a bandleader Swell has led a number of projects, including Slammin’ the Infinite, Fire and the Cosmic Mountain Quartet with Hamid Drake, Kidd Jordan and Cooper-Moore. Throughout his career he has performed with Cecil Taylor, Don Cherry, Milford Graves and David S. Ware, among others.

Michael T.A. Thompson was born in Miami in 1955, and moved to the US Virgin Islands when he was 9. There he started the process of learning music and how to play the drums, studying, listening and playing all kinds of music from Caribbean to jazz, and everything in between. After high school, he attended Berklee School of Music, before moving to New York where he met the late Roy Campbell, Jr. and soon established a prolific career. Over the years, Thompson has shared bandstands and recording studios with a wide variety of artists including Charles Gayle, Nels Cline, Jason Hwang, Vinny Goins, Joe McPhee, Oliver Lake, Kidd Jordan, Fay Victor, Matthew Shipp, Uri Caine, Henry Grimes, Marc Ribot, William Parker, The Shadow, Becket, reggae artist Owen Gray, as well as artists from classical to rap and beyond.

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