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## Resident finds 19th century a Russian trinket while metal detecting

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LUDLOW – A local resident has chosen to share a valuable piece of history he discovered while metal detecting in the local parks.

Michael Saccamando is a town resident whose passion is redeeming lost treasures with his metal detector. He searches around hay fields and woods in town, as well as surrounding towns like Palmer, to find pieces of lost history that have been buried underground.

Saccamando said that he prefers not to share where he goes out detecting, but shared that he was in Ludlow in 2015 when he found a flax bale seal inscribed in Russian, dated 1869.

“I found a website in the UK named the PeaceHavens Project, which was the largest database in the world for identifying such seals,” Saccamando said. “I have a full report from them, and my seal is #2352 in the world.” Saccamando said he was inspired by the town’s 250th anniversary



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

**Michael Saccamando shared the 19th century Russian lead flax bale seal that he found while metal-detecting in Ludlow.**

celebration to share his discovery.

“I thought now would be a great time to share this amazing piece of history regarding

the Ludlow Manufacturing Company in particular,” Saccamando said.

The PeaceHavens Project confirmed the Archangel

Krown flax bale seal that was found in town by Saccamando. In a report from 2021, administrator Earl James noted that the inspector who “bracked” the

seal, Mikailo Pychev had a relative named Ivan Pychev who was known to have operated as a flax inspector at Archangel from 1848-61.

Saccamando first got into metal detecting when he was about seven-years-old living in Springfield, and he saw someone using a metal detector.

“I said, ‘what are you doing?’” Saccamando said, “and the guy said, ‘I’m looking for money.’ He had a signal, so he pulled a screwdriver out of his pocket and dug up a nickel. That was the first thing. I thought, what a cool hobby.”

Saccamando has been metal detecting for approximately 20 years now, but was able to upgrade his equipment two years ago.

“The new technology is unbelievable,” Saccamando said. “I wear headphones, and you have different tones that come out, low tones and high-pitched tones, so I can kind of know if it’s something good just by the tone.”

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## Planning Board approves business plans and playscape

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LUDLOW – The Planning Board met recently to approve a home business and the installation of a playscape at Autism Cares on Moody Street.

On June 27, the board spoke with representatives from Lyon Offices LLC, representing Autism Cares, to discuss an installation to their property on Moody Street, and to request to waive the public hearing.

The board was provided with a rolled-up copy of the plans, but the representatives had a flat plan that was deemed easier. Board Chair Raymond Phoenix described the installation as “a fairly small change, unless there were some things being contemplated other than just the playscape.”

Bill Kaveney from Pearson Companies, which is the developer on behalf of the owner of the property, assured the board that there were no other changes.

“Autism Cares is a tenant of ours that we just recently put in the building,” Kaveney said. “We have them in another facility in another community and they find that these playscapes are a great

way for kids to get outside.”

Kaveney said that the playscape would be a controlled area.

“Every child that’s in there is one-on-one with a staff member,” Kaveney said. “So if there’s a person in the play area; there would be a staff person with them.”

Phoenix noted there was no walkway going across it, and asked if one would be added to the installation.

“We have them in another facility in another community and they find that these playscapes are a great way for kids to get outside.”

- Bill Kaveney

“We certainly can make that part of the decision,” Kaveney said, adding, “These kids will be escorted to the play area.”

The playscape itself will be purchased by the owner and placed in the designated area

of the installation, according to designer Gary Courchesne of G&H Landscaping.

The board voted unanimously to waive the public hearing and the full site plan, and asked that the walkway be indicated on the plan.

The meeting opened on with the board meeting with Jillian Beaulieu about opening a home office for her interior design business at her address on Woodland Place.

“I’m just looking to work out of my home,” said Beaulieu. “Nothing crazy, just working on a laptop out of my house.”

Beaulieu said that she recently graduated, and has decided to start her own interior design business from her parents’ home. Board member Chris Coelho confirmed that Beaulieu’s business would not involve customers going to her address at Woodland Place, as she will conduct business at her clients’ residences.

“I wouldn’t have any clients coming over,” Beaulieu said.

After confirming that there would be no changed signage, no employees, and the use of

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## Finance Committee approves interdepartmental transfers

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LUDLOW – The Finance Committee met last week to discuss interdepartmental transfers with the Town Administrator, and to have hearings with the

The June 26 meeting began with the committee welcoming its newest member, Mike Kelliher.

“I’ve been a resident of the town for almost 27 years now, I served 12 years on the School Committee, I’m still serving on the Building Committee,” Kelliher said. “I served on the other side of the table many, many budget seasons, so I’m interested to find out how it works on this side and give my input and help out the town.”

Kelliher added that he ran his own business for several years, so financial issues are in his wheelhouse. Kelliher said that he wanted to offer to help the town and was looking forward to the new challenge.

Town Administrator Marc Strange announced that the bid for the back wall of the high school came back at \$165,000 after the town approved a \$500,000 appropriation. Strange added that it was a company in

town, Campora Construction, that picked up the bid.

### Interdepartmental transfers

The board opened the floor for Strange to talk about interdepartmental transfers. Strange explained how the Interim Town Accountant does the transfers a little different from how the town has gone in the past.

“At the top, these are Board of Selectmen transfers,” Strange said, “you’ll see there’s a \$15,000 transfer between a salary line item, and then we went over by \$15,000 on one of the items.”

Strange explained that the town was asking FinCom for approval to use \$56,500 out of the reserve fund to cover the accounting and auditing service overage. Strange noted that this is the only request out of the FinCom Reserve.

Committee Member Darlene Cincone asked about two transfers being made to Accounting Services, totaling \$56,500 and \$48,000. Strange explained that these were for external auditors and the Accounting Department respectively.

“We need fiscal ‘23[‘s audit]

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# LUDLOW

## Hubbard Memorial Library receives grant funding to expand community Wi-Fi

LUDLOW – The Hubbard Memorial Library was recently awarded \$11,000 of grant funding by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and Berkshire Taconic Community

Foundation with funding from the Alliance for Digital Equity and Baystate Health to provide

access to the internet for low-income individuals or those lacking internet access.

The installation of community Wi-Fi aligns with the Hubbard Memorial Library’s strategic plan, which prioritizes digital literacy and equitable access to information resources. By expanding the

Library’s technological capabilities, we aim to create a more inclusive environment where everyone can benefit from the vast resources available online.

“During our strategic planning community forums we were listening to community members talk

about the importance of access to the internet for all. It became clear that we needed to address bridging the digital divide in our community early in our strategic plan implementation,” said Melissa Rickson, Director of the Hubbard Memorial Library. “Pesha Black, the Director of the Ludlow Area Adult Learning Center, made it very clear that we have community members in dire need of internet access. When I saw the grant announcement, it seemed like it would align wonderfully with the

goals of all organizations involved in the grant. The Community Foundation of Western Mass. is a great supporter to local communities and we are proud to partner with them.”

This project provides funding to eligible organizations or municipalities to significantly enhance their internet capabilities for community enrichment. The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation have prioritized communities with low-income populations or those lacking basic internet access.

With this funding, Hubbard Memorial Library will be able to extend our public Wi-Fi coverage to include our parking area, grassy spaces, and Veteran’s Memorial Park, ensuring free internet access for all visitors to these areas.

The Hubbard Memorial Library has been serving Ludlow for well over a century. The original 1890 building is one of the Town’s landmark treasures.

The Library has a wonderful collection of books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, and more. Hubbard Memorial Library has more than just books these days.

The Library has programming and events that appeal to people of all ages. Hubbard Memorial Library’s free online resources continue to grow. Learn more about the Library’s offerings at [hubbardlibrary.org](http://hubbardlibrary.org).



### REYNA

This is Reyna. She is a chow/husky mix, and she loves to catch frisbees.

We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you’re fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to [mgusmao@turley.com](mailto:mgusmao@turley.com).



## Police charge two teens in playground gun incident

LUDLOW - Chief Daniel Valadas reports today that two teenagers face firearms charges after an incident at a school playground.

On May 15, at about 8:15 p.m., police received several 911 calls about teens with a gun at Harris Brook Elementary School’s playground. Callers said the teens were leaving on bicycles.

Though school was out, officers quickly searched for the suspects. Shortly after 8:30 p.m., they found three teenage males on bikes matching the description in War Memorial Park.

Police found an unloaded .380-caliber pistol on a 15-year-old male. They arrested him and bail was set at \$25,000.

After further investigation, Ludlow Police Detectives also charged a 17-year-old male in connection with the incident.

“Our officers did excellent work responding to this emergency and finding the suspects,” Valadas said. “Luckily, no one fired the gun or got hurt. These boys put themselves and others in serious danger.”



Submitted photo

The 15-year-old faces charges of Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm, Improper Storage of a Large Capacity Firearm and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon on School Grounds.

The 17-year-old is charged with Carrying a Dangerous Weapon on School Grounds and Carrying a Firearm Without a License.

Both teens will appear in Juvenile Court at the Palmer District Court.

Chief Valadas stresses the seriousness of the incident and wishes to reassure residents that police resolved it quickly and safely.

## Rocket into adventure on July 20

LUDLOW— Children in K to 4th grade are invited to explore model rocketry on Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fields of the former Veteran’s Park School located at 486 Chapin St.

Not only is it an opportunity to view the rockets and launch sites but a number of free kits are available to build launchable rockets. Plenty of help will be available for each parent/child team to complete making the simple Estes rocket kit.

The sky is the limit and there will be enough action to satisfy your adventure level.

Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 180 it’s also a no obligation opportunity for parents to see the Scouts in action and learn at the information tent what fun Scouting is for all ages.

For further info you may email [info@scouts180.org](mailto:info@scouts180.org) with any questions.

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Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas showing the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award surrounded by officers who recently graduated from the program. From left to right: Sergeant Brian Shameklis, Lieutenant David Irwin, Detective Lieutenant David Kornacki, Chief Daniel Valadas, Lieutenant Michael Brennan, Detective Sergeant Stephen Ricardi, Sergeant Sean Knox.

## LPD receives FBI-LEEDA Trilogy award

LUDLOW — Chief Daniel Valadas is proud to announce that the Ludlow Police Department has been awarded the prestigious FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. This award recognizes the dedication and accomplishment of several officers who completed the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Course.

FBI-LEEDA is the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Ludlow Police Sgt. Brian Shameklis, Lt. David Irwin, Det. Lt. David Kornacki, Lt. Michael Brennan, Det. Sgt. Stephen Ricardi and Sgt. Sean Knox completed the training in June. This comprehensive leadership training consists of 120 hours (three weeks) in one-week separate phases: Supervisor, Command and Executive.

“The FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Course is a significant accomplishment, providing our officers with

advanced leadership skills and best management practices designed specifically for law enforcement,” said Valadas. “This training is a precursor to the esteemed FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA. I am extremely proud of our command staff and supervisory officers who completed this rigorous program.”

The training, hosted at various locations across New England over several years, included sessions at Westfield State University, the Wethersfield (Connecticut) Police Department, the South Portland (Maine) Police Department, the Barnstable (Massachusetts) Police Department, the Grafton (Massachusetts) Police Department, and the Chicopee (Massachusetts) Police Department.

“This award not only recognizes our officers’ hard work and dedication but also enhances our department’s ability to serve the community more effectively,” Valadas said.

“With the advanced leadership skills gained through this training, our officers are better equipped to handle complex situations, improve department operations and build stronger relationships with the community.”

Completing this training ensures that the Ludlow Police Department upholds the highest standards of law enforcement leadership. Residents can expect a department that is well-prepared, highly trained and committed to maintaining public safety.

The FBI-LEEDA organization created a uniform national standard for law enforcement leadership training, which is highly respected in the field. The skills and knowledge gained by the Ludlow police officers will benefit the community by enhancing the department’s leadership capabilities, promoting effective policing strategies, and fostering a safer environment for all residents.

### Correction:

In our July 4 story for the Summer Party Kickoff to benefit Rick’s Place, it was brought to our attention that we had the incorrect last name for the executive director of Rick’s Place.

The correct last name is Ross to create Therese Ross, not Walsh.

We apologize for the mistake.



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## KEVS Foundation donates defibrillator



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Last Friday, Susan Canning from KEVS Foundation, Inc. donated an Automatic External Defibrillator to the town for the John F. Thompson Memorial Swimming Pool. Pictured, (from left) Director of Public Works Jaime Tomas, Lieutenant Dave Irwin, James Goodreau, Sean Riopel, Canning, and Police Chief Dan Valadas.

## Michael J. Dias Foundation receives grant

HOLYOKE— The Michael J. Dias Foundation is pleased to announce receiving a generous \$10,000 grant from the MGM Resorts Foundation. This significant contribution underscores MGM Resorts' commitment to supporting community initiatives and enhancing the lives of individuals in recovery.

Since its inception in 2012, the Michael J. Dias Foundation has been dedicated to providing safe, structured, and supportive sober living environments for individuals overcoming substance use disorders. This grant from the MGM Resorts Foundation will be instrumental in furthering our mission, particularly as we expand our services and open a new home dedicated to women in recovery.

"We are profoundly grateful for support from the MGM Foundation," said Karen M. Blanchard, executive director of the Michael J. Dias Foundation. "This funding will allow us to continue to provide high-quality care and support to those in need, fostering an environment where individuals can rebuild their lives free from the grips of addiction. This generous grant is not just an investment in our organization but in the broader community as we work together to combat the challenges of substance use disorders."

MGM has a long-standing tradition of contributing to community-based organizations that promote health, wellness, and social equity. This grant to MJD aligns

with MGM Resorts' commitment to corporate social responsibility and its dedication to creating positive impacts in the communities it serves.

The Michael J. Dias Foundation continues to play a crucial role in addressing the opioid crisis and supporting individuals and families affected by addiction. With this new funding, the Foundation is poised to extend its reach and impact even further, providing much-needed resources and support to those on the path to recovery.

For more information about the Michael J. Dias Foundation and its programs, please visit [www.mdiasfoundation.org](http://www.mdiasfoundation.org) or call Executive Director Blanchard at 413-304-0715.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Noah Cabral graduates from Elmira College

Noah Cabral, of Ludlow, MA, was among the graduates celebrated at the 166th Elmira College Commencement on Sunday, May 19. The exercises included 117 undergraduate, 12 associate, and 30 graduate students. Cabral earned a Bachelor of Science

### Elms College Spring 2024 Commencement

College of Our Lady of the Elms congratulates more than 400 students who received their degrees during its 93rd Commencement held on May 18, 2024 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Stephanie Afonso** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Arts degree in English

**Agata Cieslak** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

**Audrianna Cope** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

**Rachel Forcier** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

**Meghan Huber** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science

**Vanessa Knott** of Indian Orchard, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Family Nurse Practitioner

**Alyssa Moore** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

**Jared Savoie** of Springfield, Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology

**Emma Sawtelle** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work

**Mary Silva** of Ludlow, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

**Victor Williamson** of Indian Orchard, Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology

### 23 Students Inducted into Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society

The Western New England University chapter of Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society welcomed 23 students at the University's annual induction ceremony on April 18th in the Rivers Memorial Hall.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes the study and proactive of accounting, finance, and information systems; providing opportunities for self-development, service and association among members and practicing professionals; and encouraging a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

**Jessica Morgado** of Ludlow, MA is working toward a degree in Finance.

**Catarina Pires** of Ludlow, MA is working toward a degree in Accounting.

### Skelly Graduates from Emmanuel College in Boston

**Loren Skelly** of Ludlow graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 18, 2024, during the College's 102nd Commencement Exercises on its campus in Boston. Skelly received a Bachelor of Arts in English during the ceremony. Skelly graduated cum laude and with distinction in the field of study.

### Siena College President's List for Spring 2024 Semester

**Kayla McKay** was named to the Siena College President's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. McKay is from Ludlow, MA.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

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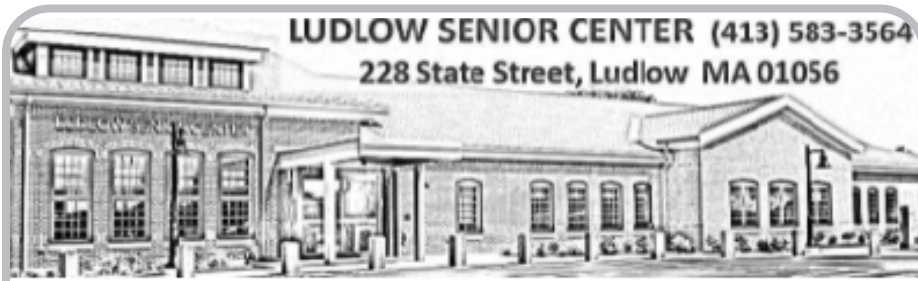
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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW— 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).

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, July 11

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Medicare Counseling by appt.\*
- 10 a.m. Veterans Agent
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Senior Center Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1 p.m. Fishing Club
- 1:30 p.m. Painting Class\*
- 2 p.m. Writers Block\*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, July 12

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments\*
- 9 a.m. Reiki \*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1 p.m. Magic Class

#### Monday, July 15

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help\*
- 10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1 p.m. Better Together\*
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, July 16

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

- 10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up\*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
- 5 p.m. Movie: The American (2024)

#### Wednesday, July 17

- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 10:30 a.m. Hot Dogs
- 1 p.m. Movie: The American (2024)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 4:30 p.m. Council on Aging Board Meeting

#### Thursday, July 18

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Medicare Counseling by appt.\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Painting Class\*
- 2 p.m. Writers Block\*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

#### Daily Events:

- Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
- Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

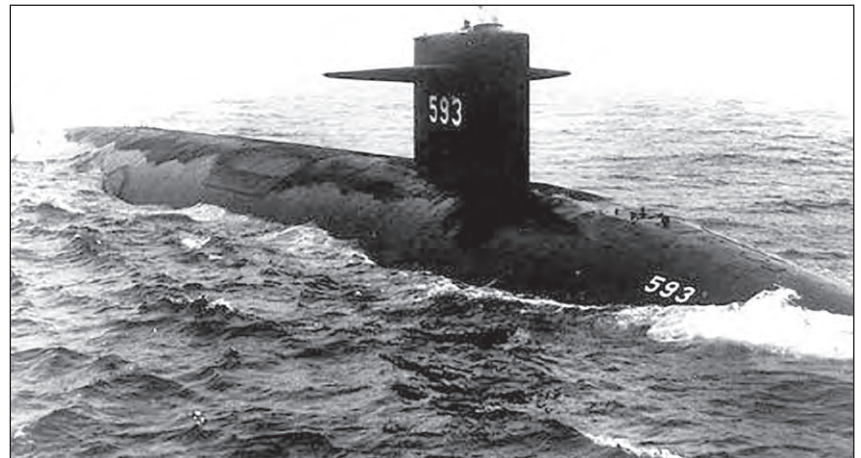
#### Menu:

- Thursday, July 11: Ranch Chicken/Wild Rice/Peas
- Friday, July 12: Loaded Baked Potato/Must Go Soup
- Monday, July 15: Pepperoni Pizza/Power Salad
- Tuesday, July 16: Seafood Salad on Croissant/Potato Chips
- Wednesday, July 17: Stuffed Cabbage/Buttered Egg Noodles
- Thursday, July 18: Birthday Lunch! Breaded Pork Chop/Scalloped Pot/Veggies

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

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

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - JULY 9



The U.S.S. Thresher was launched on July 9, 1960.

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On July 7, in 1898, U.S. Congress annexed the Hawaiian islands through a joint resolution signed by President William McKinley, which would lead to the territory eventually becoming a U.S. state in 1959.

On July 8, in 1497, Vasco da Gama sailed from Lisbon in Portugal with a fleet of four vessels to open a sea route from western Europe to Asia by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

On July 9, in 1960, the Thresher, the first of a class of U.S. nuclear-powered attack submarines, was launched, only to be destroyed in an accident three years later.

On July 10, in 1965, British rock band the Rolling Stones topped U.S.

charts with the single (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction.

On July 11, in 1804, Aaron Burr challenged his longtime rival, Alexander Hamilton, to a duel over disparaging remarks he had allegedly made at a dinner party, and fatally shot him in Weehawken, NJ.

On July 12, in 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale selected Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, making her the first woman ever nominated for Vice President by a major U.S. political party.

Finally, on July 13, in 1985, the benefit concert Live Aid was held simultaneously at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, drawing an estimated 1.5 billion television viewers and raising millions of dollars for famine relief in Ethiopia.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### The Garden Lady tackles the Rose of Sharon

Paul, who gardens in Palmer, wrote in with this timely question for the Garden Lady: "My question deals with the Rose of Sharon and the many seedlings that it dis-burses. I have a large bush/tree in my front yard, and it dis-burses many seedlings. I have weeded the seedlings going on three times this spring and summer. When is the best time to cut the dead blossoms off the tree so that I don't repeat this task? Please share any other hints/ideas about the Rose of Sharon shrub."

This is a perfect question, since bloom time for the Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*) is right around the corner.

Like you, I am familiar with the shrub's tendency to self-sow, a lot. The best way to halt all of the seedlings coming is to "dead-head" the flowers as they begin to fade, before they are given the opportunity to make and drop seed.

Some would argue that this is, in fact, as much or more work as weeding the seedlings away. I guess it all depends whether you prefer to work standing up or on your hands and knees.

One suggestion I have would be to weed by use of a scuffle hoe. It's a tool you use standing up whereby you drag the scuffle across the soil.

It cuts the weed away from its roots, stopping it dead in its tracks. If you do this every week, the weeds will be so small that they will just wither in the sun- you don't even have to pick them up.

That may be the easiest way out of your overabundance of seedlings.

You also asked for some information about the shrub. Here are some excerpts from a column I wrote a few years ago that you might find interesting, especially in regard to the appropriate time of year to prune.

The Rose of Sharon is also known as Shrub Althea. It is a member of the mallow family, a diverse bunch of plants that include hollyhocks, marsh mallows, cotton, okra and even tropical hibiscus as kin.

Although native to Asia, it had already found a home in North America by 1600. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was among the most popular shrubs in the nursery trade. It grows well in zones 5-8.

The Rose of Sharon has an upright growth habit that lends itself well to all types of combination plantings: in foundation plantings, as stand alone hedges, and as the backdrop for perennial borders. Likewise, a single shrub can be trained to be an outstanding specimen.

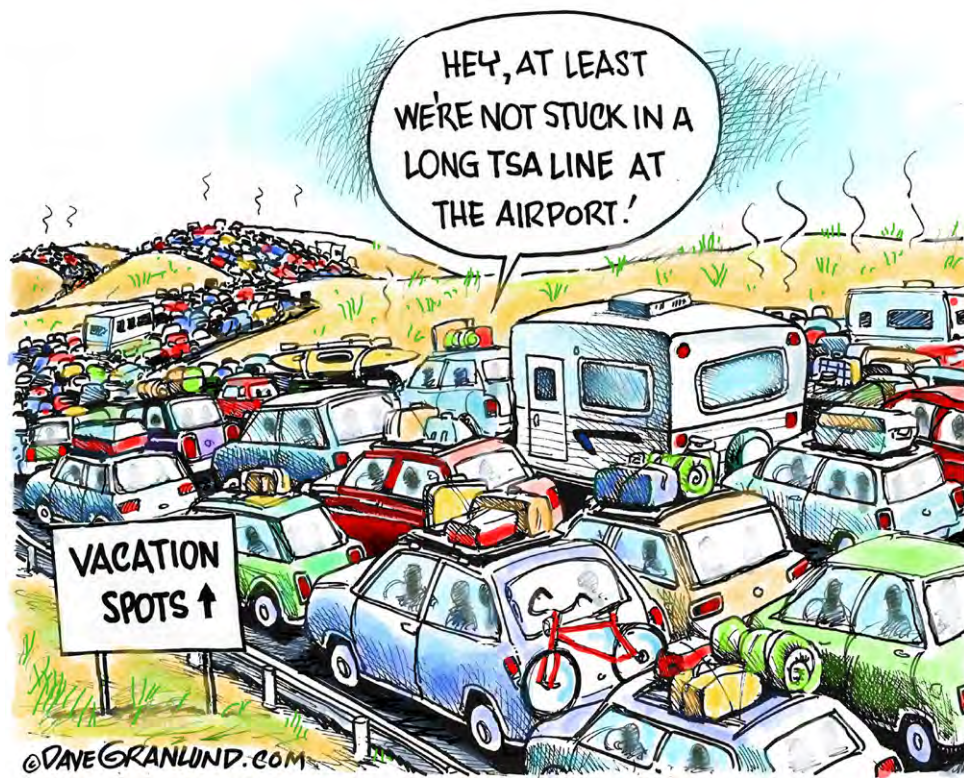
Because its flowers are borne on new growth rather than old, pruning can be accomplished in late winter or early spring without the risk of sacrificing blooms. As with most shrubs, concentrate first on removing any dead branches, then remove those that are crossing or rubbing on one another.

If growth needs to be checked, cut well into the shrub to decrease its height and girth.

Cutting back to a bud that points outward and in the direction of least competition will result in a bushy, less lanky shrub- one suitable for use as a specimen. Frequent pruning results in fewer but larger flowers, whereas no or little pruning gives way to many small flowers.

Plant the Rose of Sharon in full sun or

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Appalachian Trail, North Carolina



Submitted photos

Today's entree included a significant amount of suck, served with an extra-large portion of rain at a chilly 50-something degrees, with a side of misery, followed by a nonstop climb up a wet rocky ledge where a skunk was lying in wait in the middle of the trail. But let me start at the beginning.

It was our ninth and final day of a 9-day backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina. At 2:30am, I was awakened from a sound sleep to someone shining a flashlight into our tent. Or so I thought. I squinted my bleary eyes against the bright intrusion into my deep sleep when a clap of thunder jolted me wide awake. "Ah, no need to worry," I thought, "It's just a thunderstorm passing over our tent, not a deranged killer. We're perfectly safe."

Once the storm abated, I drifted back to sleep.

A few hours later, we packed up our sopping wet and thoroughly muddy tent, ground cloth and fly and stuffed them into

our backpacks. Once we were on the trail, the rain began in earnest... UNLIKE some of the previous days, when the rain began softly before reaching its crescendo. "It'll probably pass just as quickly as it started," I thought.

But the rain had other plans, none of which included halting its rapid and furious descent from the heavens. At this point, stopping to remove my backpack and don my rain gear would have been an effort in futility. I was already drenched to proverbial bone and becoming more and more chilled. In an effort to generate heat and ward off the cold that was invading my body, I revved it into high gear.

With the rain coming down in sheets, I pulled my brimmed hat low on my brow and kept my eyes focused on the trail directly beneath my feet in an attempt to avoid tripping on a wet root or rock. The brim of my hat and the heavy rain that was

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**Library Hours:** M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays. The Hubbard Memorial Library is now closed Saturdays for the summer.

## FOR ALL AGES

**All Ages Retro Game Night, Thursday, July 11, 4:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to enjoy our Retro Game Night! OneUpGames will be here with their collection of Nintendo, Xbox, and some Sega systems. Learn about the different consoles from every era. You'll get to try different games on all of the consoles! This event is a drop-in, come and go as you please. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Public Art Installation, July and August** The Hubbard Memorial Library is hosting the sculpture Solar Reflective Movement by local sculptor Brendan Livio Stecchini. It will be on display on our lawn for July and August. Come check out this cool piece of local art!

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**Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month (June 27), 6:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

**Using Novelist, Wednesday, July 10, 11:00 a.m.** Always looking for your next great read? Novelist can help you find it! Novelist is an online database that will provide you with reading suggestions. Olivia will show you how to use this vital resource. Register at [hubbardlibrary.org](http://hubbardlibrary.org) or by calling 413-583-3408.

**Digitizing Our Past, Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.** The Hubbard Memorial Library, in conjunction with the Historical Commission, has been digitizing our archival treasures. Learn about what it takes to digitize our glass plate collection. This collection is from the 1890s-1920s and was taken by the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates. Celebrate our 250th anniversary with this historic collection! Register at [hubbardlibrary.org](http://hubbardlibrary.org) or by calling 413-583-3408.

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generally work one hour a week. See website for application or email [hubbardyouthroom@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardyouthroom@gmail.com).

**Chess Club, Every other Monday starting June 24, 3:00-4:00 p.m.** For ages 9 & up. All experience levels welcome, some instruction provided. No matter what level you start at in June, you'll be a better player by the end of August! Please register.

**Anime Club, Tuesdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.** Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, play anime-themed games & try out your cosplay. The group decides what to watch each week. Please register.

**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday June 18, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** For ages 10 & up. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

**Tabletop RPG Club, Every Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.** An introduction to tabletop role playing games, including Dungeons & Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, Vampire the Masquerade and Mutants and Masterminds. After trying out a different game for the first 4 weeks, participants will vote for which game to continue with for the rest of the summer & into the fall. For ages 14 & up. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

**The Summer Reading Program Has Begun!** All ages. Sign up on the Beanstack app or website. Anyone can participate. Read and do activities for raffle tickets for a chance to win a grand prize basket. Everyone who completes the program gets a beanie baby.

**Pokemon Club, every other Monday starting June 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** For 8 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

**A Visit from the Ludlow Fire Department, Monday July 8, 11:30 a.m.** All ages. Meet real firefighters, learn about fire safety, take a tour of the fire truck, and even spray the hose. Drop in.

**Minecraft Club, Wednesdays starting 3:00-4:45 p.m.** Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

**Roblox Club, Fridays, 12:00-1:30 p.m.** Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8+.

**Dog Days of Summer Scavenger Hunt, Friday, July 4 & 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** All ages. Search the Library Lawn for dogs from your favorite books and win a prize if you find all of them. Drop in.

## FOR CHILDREN

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

**Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.** For ages 0-5. Does not meet June 25. Join Youth Services Librarian July on the lawn (in good weather) for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Drop-in.

**The Poop Museum Returns!, Wednesday July 3, 1:30 p.m.** Ages 5-10. Learn more fantastic, fabulous and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop in this program that blends solid science and hilarity! Please register.

**Movie & Craft: "Sing 2", Wednesday, July 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Enjoy the movie on the big screen, then stay after to make a craft inspired by the movie. Rated PG. Drop in.

**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.

**Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m.** for babies and toddlers; and Thursdays 10:45- 11:30 a.m. for 2-5 year olds. 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.

**Toe Jam Puppet Band, Friday, July 12, 10:00 a.m.** All ages. Join us for a toe-tapping, finger snapping good time, with lots of singing, dance, audience participation and laughter! Sponsored by Ludlow Cultural Council. Drop in.

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The new detectors also have a Visual Display Indicator that he can consult, and this lets him know if something is worth digging for without touching the grass. Saccamando said that with this new technology, as much of 80% of what he digs up is worth salvaging.

"I'll look for old homes, and I'll knock on the door and have a conversation with the owner and tell them what I want to do," Saccamando said. "Some of them say 'nah, I don't want you digging in my yard,' which is fine."

Saccamando said that despite this, a lot of people are nice and accommodating when he tells them what he wants to do. He said that through this hobby, he gets to talk to people and learn about presenting himself to strangers.

Saccamando said that he keeps his detecting locations private because he doesn't want to invite inexperienced scavengers to the area who might not take care not to damage the area where

they dig.

"There's a special technique to dig a hole so you don't kill the grass," Saccamando explained. "You don't make a complete circle and rip out the side, you make a horseshoe shape and leave some of it with the roots together, and prop it up, then when you put it back, the roots are still intact."

Saccamando said that he's found a number of other great treasures, including tokens from the Civil War such as an Abraham Lincoln campaign button, and a colonial era belt buckle that dated back to the 1700s.

"You don't find Civil War stuff up here," Saccamando said. "Somebody, some family that lived here at one time must have been big into the military."

Saccamando said that though he enjoys digging in the parks in Ludlow, Palmer is his favorite place to detect.

To learn more about Russian Lead Flax Bale Seals that have been found and documented, you can visit the PeaceHavens Project at [peacehavens.co.uk](http://peacehavens.co.uk).

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Beaulieu's vehicle for the business, the board moved that the business is suitable under the home occupation bylaw. The board waived the site plan and voted unanimously to approve the Special Permit.

Phoenix explained the process for Beaulieu.

"The next step is a 20-day appeal period that we need to wait for from when the paperwork is finalized," Phoenix said. "Usually, a day or so from now that will be taken care of and that clock will start running, and we'll let you know when that's all

taken care of."

"We used to make you have to bring it down to the registry and get it recorded," Phoenix said. "I believe now we're taking care of that for you, so we'll let you know when everything's all set for you to pick up."

Phoenix gestured to the mostly empty room and said, "but we do need to wait that period so all these people with torches and pitchforks, if they really feel strongly about it, can appeal to the court."

The board then voted to cancel its July 11 meeting, and will meet next on Thursday, July 25.

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## Lions draw with East Longmeadow



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Payton Dersarkisian sends a pass away.



Ava Friese looks to settle the ball.

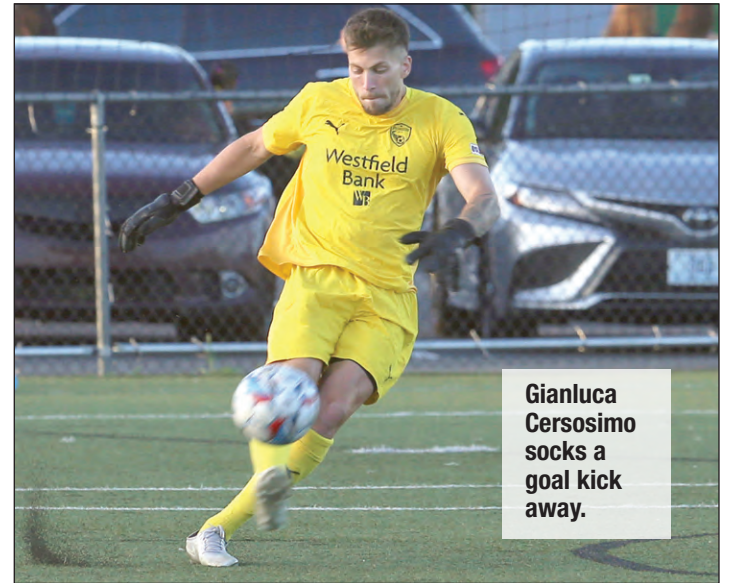
LUDLOW – The Ludlow Ideal A girls summer soccer team headed back to action earlier this week, facing off with Monson in its return to action this week. The Lions are gearing up for the regular season this fall and had last week off for the Fourth of July. In their final June meeting, Ludlow tied the Spartans 2-2.



Aneysha Donais sends a solid pass up the field.



Madelyn Riley sends the goal kick to midfield.



Gianluca Cersosimo socks a goal kick away.

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## Pioneers holding steady, notch more wins

LUDLOW – During the past two weeks, the Western Mass. Pioneers picked up more wins, defeating Albany Rush 4-1, Black Rock FC 1-0, and last Saturday, defeated Boston City 5-0 to go to 10-1-1 on the season. Their only loss this season came against the Seacoast Phantoms. Their tie is against Vermont Green, who they will meet in their final regular season game this Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m.



Santiago Blasco Gomez looks to keep the ball away from an opponent.



Aidan Kelly makes his way up the field.



Scott Testori looks for a header.

## PeoplesBank takes down Tigers in Tri-County action

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—Since losing back-to-back games to Hilltown Tents at the beginning of the Tri-County League regular season, PeoplesBank has been on a roll.

PeoplesBank, who have won a total of 18 TCL championship titles since 1995, won their sixth consecutive game following a 6-2 victory over the Chicopee Falls Tigers at Cougar Field, which is located on the Holyoke Community College campus, last Tuesday night.

“We were able to score a couple of runs with some timely two out base hits in tonight’s game. Our pitchers also pitched well, said PeoplesBank player/coach Joe Ferry. “We now have a week off and we’ll finish the regular season with a bunch



Dustin Brisson, of Wilbraham, catches the ball at first.

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# Rookie gets win in 'Thursday Night Thunder'

THOMPSON, CT — Excitement returned to the high banks of Thompson Speedway for the second of three rounds of Thursday Night Thunder on June 27 in the quiet corner of Connecticut. In their first 50-lap, \$3,000-to-win showdown of the season, Danny Cates quickly took off to lead the start of the Thompson Sunoco Modified feature. Both the competition, and the patience, was fierce with the field running nose-to-tail, bidding their time for the right space to make a move.

Two-time winner Jon Puleo was the first, launching around Cates in turn three and powering through turn four to steal the early lead. Keith Rocco began stalking Puleo, making his move to lead lap 8 but Puleo held strong, jumping under the multi-time Thompson

champ to take back the lead with the cross-over. The battle continued until mechanical issues forced Puleo out of the race, giving Rocco the lead all the way to the checkered flags. Rocco's machine would be disqualified in post-race technical inspection giving rookie Isaiah Newcomb his first Thompson Sunoco Modified win followed by Cates and Josh Carey in the top-three.

The Late Model division went green to checkered with Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki leading all 25 laps ahead of the pack. Ryan Morgan continued his consistent and competitive season to finish second with fellow former Thompson champion Brian Tagg taking third. Windham, Maine's Cole Robie and Riverside, Rhode Island's Connor Souza joined in to round out

the top-five.

Sixteen strong, the Street Stocks began the evening's racing action, running clean and green until the halfway point of their 20-lap main event when Scott Sundeen and Austin Flanagan made contact in turn two with both cars being towed off for the night. One final late caution for a spinning 'Lead-foot' Larry Barnett couldn't slow the dogfight between Ryan Waterman and Corey Fanning in the final circuits. Post-race technical inspection removed Waterman, Fanning and Aaron Plemons from their top-five finishes giving Jason Chicolas the win with Brent Gleason and Tyler Cinamella rounding out the top-three.

After the AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds were plagued by cautions early in their feature event, young point

leader Tyler Chapman worked through the field to lead the final 21 circuits with Nick Hovey and Meghan Fuller rounding out the podium. Similarly, the Mini Stocks also had a rough start with defending champion Jared Roy quickly sifting things out to take the lead and the win with Ryan Pomposelli and Richard LaFlesh joining him in victory lane.

Thursday Night Thunder is back at Thompson Speedway for the third and final time in 2024 on Thursday, July 25 headlined by the \$3,000-to-win, Twisted Tea Midsummer 50 for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds! Along with the Thompson Sunoco Modified 50-lapper, the Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks are back in action on Thursday, July 25 with a 6:00pm Post Time!

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of home games."

PeoplesBank, who posted an 11-1 win over the Tigers down the street at Mackenzie Stadium on June 18, entered their week off with a 7-2 overall record.

Lefthander James Flahive was scheduled to be the PeoplesBank starting pitcher in the second meeting of the regular season against the Tigers (6-4). He arrived to the field late and righty Mikey Rivera was the opener for the visiting team.

"Jimmy had a prior engagement, and he didn't have his normal pregame routine," said Ferry, who's the PeoplesBank starting left fielder. "In my opinion, not only is he the best pitcher on our team during the past three years, but he's probably the best pitcher in this league this year.

Rivera allowed a leadoff single to centerfielder Travis Kagan in the bottom of the first inning before retiring the next three Tigers batters.

"Mikey is a new player on our team, and he had the honor of pitching the first inning," Ferry said. "He's fitting in very well with us."

Flahive, who was the winning pitcher, took over on the mound at the start of the second inning. He pitched the next five innings allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits with 10 strikeouts and no walks. Veteran righty Danny Gaines allowed only a double in the seventh inning.

The Tigers also used three pitchers in the game.

Righty Brendan Fournier made his first start of the season for the Tigers.

"This was the first time that Brendan pitched in a game for us this season," said Tigers player/coach Ryan Magni, who's also the baseball coach



Johnny Gegetskas rounds third after hitting a home run out to right field.

at Holyoke Community College. "I thought he pitched well in the first three innings."

After not allowing any runs in the first two innings, Fournier, who also pitched at Chicopee High School, got himself into a jam with two-outs in the top of the third inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen began the two-out rally by blasting a double to deep centerfield. Then catcher Pete Hogan was hit-by-a pitch and right fielder Johny Gegetskas drew a walk which loaded the bases. First baseman Dustin Brisson drove home two runs with a hard groundball single into right field.

Brisson, who played college baseball at Central Florida, was selected in



Sam Allen slides into third base safely for PeoplesBank.

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Ryan Magni looks to field a grounder to short.

the 15<sup>th</sup> round of the 2000 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox. He played in 345 career minor league games without being called up by a major league team.

With two-outs in the following frame, PeoplesBank pinch-hitter Kyle

Platner delivered a two-run single to right field off righty relief pitcher Evan Dougherty increasing the lead to 4-0.

The Tigers broke the ice when first baseman Austin Leclerc, who played high school baseball at Pathfinder Tech, blasted a home run over the left field fence.

After Allen hit a double that bounced off the left field fence leading off the fifth inning, Gegetskas smashed a two-run homer over the right field fence, which increased the PeoplesBank lead to 6-1.

It was the first home run of the season for Gegetskas, who played college baseball at Westfield State University.

The Tigers scored an unearned run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Righthander Race Drobiak pitched the final two final innings for the home team without allowing a run.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two squads is slated to take place at Mackenzie Stadium on July 16.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE** from Page 1

done by July 15 in order to be able to go out to bond," Strange said. "The good news is we should be caught up after this year."

Strange said that in an average year, there would not be more than one audit to close per year. When asked by committee member Michael Kelley why the audits weren't being done right, Strange said COVID-19 was a factor.

Chair Tony Sanches asked Strange what was being done to make sure that the audits are done yearly. Strange said that the problems were extensive, but mostly required that information be updated.

"There is a litany of information, we had to provide them with every street that we have, every piece of infrastructure, all the town buildings, all the streets, and some of the stuff hadn't been updated, one of them hadn't been updated since 2008," Strange said. "IT has a list now, it's like 23 items or so dealing with security and controls and all kinds of stuff that are way beyond me."

The committee unanimously approved each of the transfers line by line, with some discussion over specific items.

Afterwards, the committee talked about the time-frame for the budget calendar and the joint Tri-Board Meeting, which Strange said he will likely be working on in July or August.

"It seemed like having the Board of Selectmen, and the School Committee, and FinCom, all the members together, was overkill," Strange said, and suggested that only one or two members from each board be part of the Tri-Board Meeting.

Kelliher mentioned that the town once had previously had a Town Budget Subcommittee made up of FinCom, the Select Board, the schools, and the administrator.

"That was probably when our budget process was at its best," Kelliher said.

There was some discussion between the committee members over whether to have the full committee attend the Tri-Board Meeting, or to designate specific members to represent each board in a subcommittee.

**CAMPUS NOTES** from Page 4

**Elms College Announces Dean's List for Spring 2024**

The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. Congratulations to all the students who are named to the list.

- Stephanie Afonso of Ludlow
- Jeylah Branch of Indian Orchard
- Abbey Cameron of Ludlow
- Andrew Caron of Ludlow
- Madissyn Dowland of Ludlow
- Maya Grywalski of Ludlow
- Hannah Haley of Ludlow
- Meghan Huber of Ludlow
- Ava Kochanowicz of Ludlow
- Nicole McCarthy of Ludlow
- Alyssa Moore of Ludlow
- Makenzie Nally of Ludlow
- Emma Sawtelle of Ludlow
- Savannah Switzer of Ludlow
- Brian Vo of Springfield
- Victor Williamson of Indian Orchard

**University of Hartford students Named to Dean's and President's Lists**

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 1,927 students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions based on school or college, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

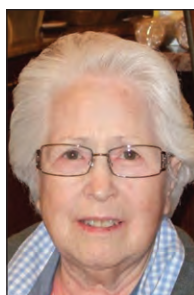
The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

Among the students honored for their academic achievements are:

**OBITUARIES**

**Antonia "Toni" (Luiz) Carvalho, 85**

LUDLOW - Antonia "Toni" (Luiz) Carvalho, 85, of Ludlow passed away unexpectedly in her home on June 27, 2024.



Born in Bombarral, Portugal she was the daughter of the late Joaquim and Maria Luciana Luiz. Antonia immigrated to the United States in 1945 where she attended Ludlow schools and became a graduate of Ludlow High School in 1958. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 48 years, Jose, in 2010. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She leaves behind her children and their families: daughter Elizabeth, her husband Antonio and their children, Zachary and Abigail; son Joel and his partner, Joseph Pandolfio. She also leaves behind her brother Jack Luiz and his wife Phyllis, along with several nieces and nephews: Mark Gomes, Gina Fernandes, Jenna Ziskin, and Christopher Luiz, along with many other family members and close friends. In January of this year, Antonia was deeply saddened by the loss of her twin sister Elvira "Vera" Gomes. Antonia and Jose owned and built, through strong dedication, long hours, and very hard work, a successful road construction business based in Ludlow.

A long-time resident of Ludlow, she enjoyed the town's conveniences and was amazed at how much development had occurred in town over the years. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her strong love for her family, and her enjoyment in talking about her life and past experiences. She often laughingly reminded us of the year her elementary school report

card stated "Antonia is too talkative." She took special joy in watching Zachary and Abigail grow up and become wonderful young adults and recent college graduates. She delighted in some of life's simplest pleasures, such as dancing at her daughter's 60th birthday party, dining at great restaurants, and enjoying some silliness at family gatherings. She enjoyed her extra-hot Starbucks lattes with her daughter and granddaughter, leisurely car rides and routine errands with her son, and conversations about her ancestry with her son's partner. She was an avid collector of cookbooks, cooking magazines, and recipes and liked to spend time watching cooking programs. There was always a word search book on the kitchen table, as she found some time in each day to complete them. She found it comforting to be able to spend her later years in the home that she so loved for over 40 years where she built lasting friendships with her neighbors and enjoyed their company. As her family sadly shared news of her passing, they constantly heard "She was the nicest lady." It brings us great comfort knowing that is how she will always be remembered.

The family is honoring Antonia's wishes and all services are private. Antonia was a generous person, and if you wish, please consider a donation to one of Antonia's favorite charities: Shriners Hospitals for Children, Springfield Rescue Mission, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Ludlow Funeral Home has been entrusted with her arrangements.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Antonia "Toni" (Luiz) Carvalho**  
Died on  
June 27, 2024  
Services are private  
Ludlow Funeral Home

**Aldore "Pete" Laramie Jr.**  
Died on July 3, 2024  
Services  
July 11, 2024  
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**Aldore "Pete" Laramie Jr.**

LUDLOW - Aldore "Pete" Laramie Jr., passed away quietly on July 3, 2024 with his wife by his side. Born in Ludlow to the late Aldore and Leocadia (Wysmulek) Laramie, Pete was a graduate of Cathedral High School and served his country honorably as a member of the United States Marine Corps.



He worked for Package Machinery for 25 years and Jagenburg for 11 years, but His favorite job was working for grounds and maintenance at Westover Golf Course. Pete loved the outdoors whether he was gardening, hunting, fishing or golfing. Over the years he was a member of several sportsman's clubs and he also became an Elk. Pete's greatest joy was his family, he was a

loving husband to his wife of 58 years, Lois ( Barré ) Laramie; father to Michelle Mendelson and Andrea Laramie and a proud grandfather to Gabe Mendelson. He also leaves many friends, dear neighbors and extended family.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, July 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ludlow Funeral Home. Entombment will be at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Contact his family members for more details regarding the burial. In Lieu of flowers please make donations in Pete's memory to the Alzheimer's Association @ <https://act.alz.org/donate>. For additional information please visit [ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://ludlowfuneralhome.com)

Jocelyn Dias of Ludlow -- President's List  
Callie Gaffron of Ludlow -- President's List  
We recognize all our students for their hard work and congratulate them on their achievements!

**Madison Carolyn Rainaud graduates from University of Hartford**

**Madison Carolyn Rainaud** of Ludlow has received the degree of Associate from the University of Hartford's Hillyer College.

Madison Carolyn is one of 991 students who received graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the class of 2024.

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## Loomis Communities to launch “OpenView,” New Approach for Cognitive Health

SPRINGFIELD – The Loomis Communities will introduce OpenView, a new program to support cognitive health among those with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia, with an event and panel discussion on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. in the great room in the Mezzanine at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, 807 Wilbraham Road in Springfield.

OpenView is the first program of its kind in the region and is based on the learnings gained by a program called SAIDO in Japan that has been effective in sustaining cognitive health. The July 10 launch will feature a panel with Loomis Communities President & CEO Margaret Mantoni and resident Ann McIntosh, providing an opportunity for attendees to learn about the new program and how it can benefit residents and others who are facing cognitive health challenges.

Panel discussion topics will include an overview of SAIDO Learning, which is a specially designed, non-pharmacological learning intervention and the foundation of the OpenView program; how the OpenView program is uniquely individualized for each participant; and how The Loomis Communities integrates OpenView within activities of daily living.

SAIDO Learning was developed in Osaka, Japan in conjunction with the Smart Aging International Research Center. It has been in use for over 18 years in more than 1,600 nursing and long-term care facilities across Japan.

The program focuses on a system of engagement with those experiencing cognitive health challenges designed to increase their quality of life. The SAIDO approach replaces locked units where those with cognitive impairments are restricted in their movements.

Caregivers and all staff take specific training as part of the SAIDO approach. OpenView will be adopted in all three Loomis Communities: Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, Loomis Village in South Hadley and Applewood in Amherst.

According to Margaret Mantoni, President and CEO of The Loomis Communities, “Residents in our communities exhibiting cognitive decline will receive specialized supports while also enjoying the opportunity to safely take advantage of the full range of activities and amenities offered throughout our communities.

“While relatively new, this approach has a proven track record and moves us away from the institutionalization that is represented by locked units for those with cognitive impairments. This offers a revolutionary approach and at the same time is consistent with the Loomis values of independence and use of best practices that are a foundation of our community life,” Mantoni said.

Participants in the OpenView program will receive specialized cognitive health assistance that is individualized for each participant; the opportunity to participate in SAIDO learning, a non-pharmacological program based on a learning intervention; and access to facilities, programs, events and experiences available to independent living residents throughout The Loomis Communities.

The Loomis Communities is the longest serving, most experienced provider of senior living in the Pioneer Valley. As a not-for-profit organization, Loomis’ mission is to enrich the lives of older adults on three campuses, Applewood in Amherst, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield and Loomis Village in South Hadley.

### HIKING from Page 4

falling reduced my visibility to the six feet of trail directly in front of my feet.

While moving at the speed of light, I suddenly detected movement on the path directly ahead of me. I screeched to a stop and lifted my head in time to see the rear legs of some type of animal amble into the dense undergrowth on my right. I watched as the underbrush moved, but I couldn’t make out what type of animal was walking beneath it.

Within seconds, the four-legged creature reached a clearing about five feet from me, turned its beady little eyes in my direction and raised its black and white striped tail in what I knew was a warning.

“SKUNK!” I yelled to Tom, who was about 15 feet behind me. Without waiting for his reply, I took off like... well, like someone about to be sprayed by a skunk!

Tom held back, and we gave the animal a wide berth as it came back out of the woods and crossed the trail between us. By good fortune, neither of

us was sprayed... not that it would have mattered, since after spending several days in the woods, we probably already smelled as bad as the skunk.

This rainy day skunk encounter is all part of the adventure out here in the wildness. We never know what we’ll face when we load up our backpacks in preparation for a long backpacking trip. We experience the good, the bad, and the ugly. But in spite of the challenges— or maybe BECAUSE of them— our time in the wild places makes us feel more alive than we do anywhere else!

With this hike through North Carolina, we have now completed 627 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Four months and counting until we head back down south to continue where we left off. Our next section will be our biggest yet: two hundred miles, starting in the Great Smoky Mountains and heading north.

In the meantime, I know that the trail will be calling me until we can return.

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See you in the wild places, my friends!



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# Paint Sip Fun for all ages at the Wilbraham Public Library

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Registration for each class is required and space is limited. Registration for children and teens begins June 15, and registration for adults begins June 24. To sign up, please contact the library at 413-596-6141, or visit the Event Calendar at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org). All three programs are sponsored in full by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

HPL Summer Reading Program for Adults

## GARDEN from Page 4

part shade situations. Although it is tolerant of many types of soil, from seashore sandy to wet, this shrub prefers deep, well-drained soil to perform its best.

Fertilization is rarely necessary.

Although Japanese beetles are said to favor the flowers, I haven't had much of a problem with them at home or at work.

To intentionally propagate this plant, simply take a softwood cutting four or five inches long in early summer. Remove lower foliage and insert into the ground in a shady location.

Water as needed.

By the season end roots will have likely formed, but wait until spring to move your cutting to a nursery bed.

As mentioned, seeds of the Rose of Sharon have also been known to sprout under the mother plant, sometimes to the degree of being a nuisance. Grow these seedlings on and see what color flower you get; there is no guarantee it will be the same as mother.

Single or double hibiscus shaped flowers come in shades of red, pink, purple and white, depending on the cultivar. Like those of their tropical cousin, individual Rose of Sharon flowers bloom for a single day, close at night, then eventually drop from the plant.

Even at that rate, flowering occurs for many weeks throughout late July, August and sometimes into September.

In my opinion, single flowered cultivars are more desirable; they put on a better show and are more tolerant of rainy weather. Double types turn to mush after a rainstorm – much like petunia flowers do. Not very attractive and oh so squishy!

“Diana” is my all time favorite cultivar. Four- six inch pure white single flowers bloom in abundance, even through the night, making it a perfect candidate for use in a moonlit garden.

“Woodbridge” is another popular variety. It is deep pink and darker at the base. “Blue Bird” is unique, sky blue with a red center.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

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

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Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C),  
Sunday, July 14, - Sunday Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C),  
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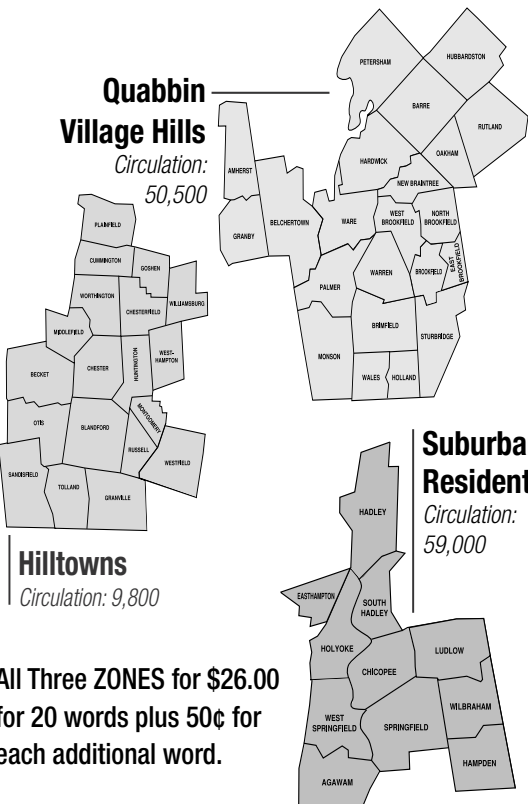
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## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Kevin Silva of 41 Crest Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 27A, Parcel 61) for: **office for landscaping business & real estate investment company.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

07/10, 07/17/2024

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Kalee Kenney of 126 Winsor Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 14B, Parcel 14) for: **office for vehicle graphic installation.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday,

August 8, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix  
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**Commonwealth of  
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The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD21P2266EA

Estate of:

**Robert David Bourdeau**

Also known as:

**Robert D Bourdeau**

**Date of Death: 09/19/2021**

**CITATION ON**

**PETITION FOR**

**ORDER OF COMPLETE**

**SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Robert D Bourdeau, II** of Belchertown, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

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

Date: June 28, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**

Register of Probate

07/10/2024

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Docket No. HD21P0434EA

**TRUST CITATION**

In the matter of:

**Lorriane U Kotelnicki**

also known as

**Lorraine Kotelnicki,**

**Lorraine Ursula Kotelnicki**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Anthony Campagnari of Daytona Beach, FL** requesting Petition for the Removal of a Trustee and Appointment of Successor

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

Date: June 17, 2024

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Docket No. HD24C0194CA

In the matter of:

**Alicia Anne Whalen**

**CITATION ON PETITION**

**TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been

filed by **Alicia Anne Whalen**

of Ludlow, MA requesting

that the court enter a Decree

changing their name to:

**Alicia Ann Jackson**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for

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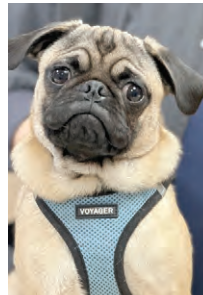
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## Common Dog-Walking Mistakes Pet Owners Make

• **Using an extendable leash** - Extendable leashes don’t give you full control over your dog, if a dog runs into an unsafe situation, like traffic, many owners instinctively grab the cord and receive serious burns or deep cuts; or the cord becomes twisted around an owner’s legs. Using a regular, non-retractable leash with a 6-foot maximum length is recommended, especially when walking in the city.

• **Using a choke and prong-style restraints** - These collars use discomfort to teach dogs certain behaviors by tightening or pinching the skin when they pull on the leash. According to vets these collars rarely work and can actually cause significant harm to your dog, instead they recommend using a head halter or headcollar, which steers a dog’s head when they pull and discourages this behavior while protecting the pet’s neck.

• **Using a neck collar on a small breed dog** - Small breeds such as chihuahuas, terriers, and miniature dachshunds should not wear traditional neck collars. They should always be walked in a harness rather than a collar to avoid damaging their sensitive tracheas, ask your vet about which kind of restraint is best for your particular dog.

• **Tugging on the leash when your dog pulls** - Though it may seem natural to tug on a dog’s leash when they pull away, pulling on the leash actually causes your dog to pull harder in order to stay balanced and not fall backwards. Instead, stand still and wait for your dog to look back at you. Then, reward your dog with praise or treats and start walking in your intended direction.

• **Consider weather conditions** - An owner might be used to walking their dog for 30 minutes every day, but extremely hot or cold weather

could make them sick or injured. Walk times should be reduced and routes should be changed in very hot or cold weather to avoid hot pavement or slippery ice.

• **Approaching unfamiliar dogs on a walk** - No matter how friendly your dog is, you don’t know how the other dog will react, always check with their owner first.

• **Don’t forget to bring dog-waste bags** - Dog waste can be unsafe to others, it can attract unwanted bugs and wildlife. It can also carry bacteria that may harm passing children or pets.

• **Letting your dog off-leash** - Recall training — when an owner teaches a pet to return when called — can take a long time to master and may not work during an emergency or if they are distracted. Only let them off the leash in safe areas like fenced parks or dog runs.