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Summer Craft Fair and Food Twicks By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com LUDLOW - Last weekend, A total brewery

Vanished Valley Brewing held its Summer Craft Fair in the Beer Garden.

More than 30 vendors came to the brewery's address on Center Street to sell homemade items, such as tupperware, pens, and cutting boards to local residents, as well as food trucks and booths from local vendors like Jeannie's Weenies, TJ's Pop, Patty Cakes Cupcakes, and Cookies by Ray.

The event featured live music by Billy Eagan during the afternoon, followed by 3XSocial from later in the evening. Though the event officially ended at 5 p.m., the beer garden was open to sell food well into the evening.

The event served as an opportunity for attendees to try the brewery's What in the Helles Lager, which was available in cans at the event.

"Our Helles Lager is built on a foundation of superior Pilsen malt and the perfect amount of German Hallertau Mittelfruh hops, balancing a pleasant malt

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Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Brian Burch bought cotton candy from Nate Shattuck's table by the brewery.

Charter Committee holds public information session at Polish Club

Residents expressed support for including a residency requirement for the Town Manager.

> By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

LUDLOW - Last Monday, the Charter Committee had a public forum at the Polish-American Citizens Club to provide information about the proposed town charter.

On July 22 at 6:30 p.m., the committee opened its public session to a room full of concerned citizens. The committee members introduced themselves, and Committee Chair Marissa Ribeiro Dahan gave an overview on the current status of the charter as proposed by the committee, and why the town chose to pursue a charter change this year.

"We spent some time when we first formed the committee to look at where we are today," Ribeiro Dahan said. "Ludlow has over 20,000 people with

a very substantial budget, and we looked at the Town Meeting form of government that we have right now and felt that it was slow, and wasn't working for the town that we have today."

Ribeiro Dahan said that while the Town Meeting form of government worked for the town in the past, it isn't fitting the needs of the community today, and so the committee has been looking to form a government that will be more efficient. The committee has been pursuing a Town Council and Town Manager form of government, which would see the elected Council members appoint a professional Town Manager, who would then appoint various other positions in the town's government.

The position of the Town Manager was a hot-button issue during the meeting, as many residents and attendees spoke up in favor of a residency requirement for the position. There were a few public comments that suggested that a Town Manager who lives out of town or even out of the state might not

be as invested as a resident in that position.

The committee had previously decided not to include such a requirement, citing advice from the Collins Center that said that this requirement may make it difficult to find qualified individuals who live in town or are willing to relocate.

"The intent was to enlarge the pool of candidates that would be interested in working in the town," said Committee member George Costa.

Costa noted that there was a discussion of keeping a residency requirement that could be waived on a case-by-case basis, but that the committee decided against this provision.

It was noted that Springfield, which has long held a residency requirement for all its employees, has been pursuing abolishing that requirement because of the way that it limits applications for necessary positions. Some members of the audience disagreed with the comparison, due to the size of the town not

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The Oakland Stroke Band entertained the community with their melodies.

Concert series brings community together at Memorial Park

By Emilia Alves Correspondent

LUDLOW - Starting on June 30 at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo in Memorial Park, bands from all over Western Massachusetts have graced citizens' ears with their tunes. These concerts take place every week at 6 p.m. on Sundays.

These concerts are a part

of the Cultural Council's 2024 concert series. They are at no cost to the citizens, thanks to the state Cultural Council.

The Cultural Council awards grants to local artists, musicians, and art organizations to preserve the arts in small communities, such as Ludlow, and bring the

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LHS Class of 2017 records to be destroyed

LUDLOW - Temporary school records for members of the Ludlow High School Class of 2017 will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual former students, the district announced.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record which is not contained in the transcript. Such information may include standardized test results, class rank, school sponsored

extracurricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records and evaluations by teachers, counselors, and other school staff.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing and sent to: LHS Counseling Department, 500 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, call 413-589-9001, ext. 2407.

Third annual co-ed softball tournament to be held Aug. 10

LUDLOW— On Saturday, Aug. 10, our third annual co-ed softball tournament will be held at the Ludlow Fish and Game club, 200 Sportsman Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tournament is to benefit Forever Young Veterans, a 501c (3) organization out of Tennessee. Forever Young Vets provide trips and wishes for veterans to military sights and locales including Washington and Hawaii. They sent several veterans to Normandy's 80th celebration this year where they met President Biden and several other digni-

taries from all over the globe. Four teams representing branches of the service: Air Force, Army, Navy and the Marines will play a total of five games and the cost to enter is \$20 per person.

Free refreshments, a 50/50 raffle will be available and military members of the community will be on hand for any questions participants may have about the organization.

Any questions about team participation or Forever Young Veterans please call 413-209-2594.





All the attendees and organizers of Palmer's first Veterans Lunch at AmVets Post 74 gathered in front of the stage.

Building Bridges provides meals for veterans at AmVets

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Last Friday was the inaugural lunch for the Building Bridges Veterans Initiative's complimentary meal program at AmVets in Three Rivers.

Building Bridges is an initiative for veterans with 16 sites across four states, including Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. After nine years of operation, Associate Director Chad Wright said that the organization has served over 90,000 meals to vet-

"Each meal location further serves as a venue for other veteran nonprofits to connect with veterans, make available their services, and remind our veterans that we are in this together," the website reads.

Wright is involved in the logistics of launching new sites, which includes organizing volunteers, food purchasing and preparation.

"I think out of the 16 sites, I oversee and produce the food at 11 of them," Wright said.

One of the sites operated by the organization is the Veterans Center in Ludlow, which sees between 100 and 120 veterans each month. It was through this site that Veterans Agent Tina Brohman heard about the organization, and after checking out a site in Chicopee, she was inspired to bring it to Palmer.

"Tina heard about the good work that Veterans Service Officer Eric Segundo was doing and how well it was going," Wright said, "and she said she thought that the veterans of Palmer, Three Rivers, and the surrounding communities would love to have something like this."

Wright described Brohman as the "driving force" behind getting the site set up at AmVets in Three Riv-

"They're a great organization to work with, they're so easy and flexible to work with," Brohman said. "You can do breakfast, lunch, dinner, whatever your community wants, and so we figured we'd start off with lunch."

Brohman said that she hopes to add a breakfast or dinner option to entice younger veterans to attend as well. She also said that she hopes



Veterans Agent Tina Brohman was the "driving force" of bringing **Building Bridges into Palmer.**

to be able to get sponsors from the community.

This month's meals were sponsored by the Salvation Army. Field Representative Marc Massey attended the lunch, and spoke to the attendees about the Veterans Fund, which provides resources to veterans who have been honorably discharged.

"Case in point, I've been able to deliver oil to people who needed it," Massey said. "I've been able to repair a couple of veterans' cars, I've got one in the process right

Massey said that this is one of many forms of general welfare assistance that the Salvation Army provides to the community, as well as emergency disaster programs.

Wright shared some of the history of the Building Bridges organization since its inception in 2015.

'Our bishop, Doug Fisher, before he was elected bishop, was an Episcopal priest, and he had a parish outside the gates of West Point Military Academy," said Wright. "When he became bishop here in Western Massachusetts, he wanted to make vet-



Tina Brohman spoke to the assembled veterans during their lunch.

erans' issues a forefront issue of the Episcopal Ministry, and so he tasked the Reverend Chris Carlise, the Episcopal priest, to come up with a ministry for veterans."

This led to the initiative to provide complimentary meals to veterans all over the state. Wright said that the organization started this practice in Northampton's World War II Club nine years ago, and has since expanded to its 16 sites.

"Our main goal is to prevent veterans' isolation and suicide and promote veterans' mental health and wellness," Wright said.

Complimentary lunches for veterans will be provided at the Am-Vetspost in Three Rivers by Building Bridges on the second Friday of every month from noon to 1 p.m.

To learn more about this organization, go to BuildingBridgesVeterans.org. If you're interested in sponsoring meals for veterans in town, you can reach out to Brohman by calling 413-283-2610 or sending an email to TBrohman@TownOfPalmer.com.



Frank Krzanik, Monson's Veterans Agent Michelle Murdock, Ann Rvan, and Philip Yanni shared a table at the AmVets post.



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Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop

WILBRAHAM- The Teen Department at the Wilbraham Library is happy to announce a Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop on Tuesday, July 30 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Metalsmith Heather Beck will teach teens in grades 6-12 to design and create their own copper bookmark. Teens will learn about the structure of copper, how to create drawings in metal with textures, and how to use letter stamps to add words on a copper bookmark. No experience is necessary, all supplies will be provided, and each participant will take their completed bookmark home.

Registration is required and space is very limited. Registration begins on July 10 at 9 am. To sign up, please contact the library at 413-596-6141, or visit the Event Calendar at www. wilbrahamlibrary.org. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

Henna Tattoos for Kids and Teens at the Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM- Two henna tattoo programs will be held at the Wilbraham Public Library on Wednesday, Aug. 7. Children in grades 2-5 and Teens in grades 6-12 can get their own unique henna tattoo from artist Mandy of Wicked Good Henna. Henna is safe for all skin types and is temporary. There will be many designs to choose from at each program.

Registration is required and starts on July 15 at 9 a.m. Space is limited! Sign up for one 20-minute timeslot, with the Kid's event starting at 1 p.m. and Teen's event starting at 2 p.m.

To sign up, visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org or contact the library at 413-596-6141.

Both programs are sponsored by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Wilbraham Friends of

Wilbraham Hiking Club announces July hikes

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Hiking Club has five hikes currently planned for July, all starting at 9 a.m.:

--> Sunday, July 28, Miller Forest Tract in Monson

More information about these hikes can be found on the club's TeamReach pages, or write to wilbrahamhiking@ gmail.com



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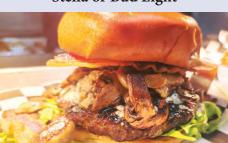
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REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On July 21, in 1925, high-school teacher John T. Scopes was convicted in Tennessee for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution in violation of state law.

On July 22, in 1992, Colombian drug trafficker Pablo Escobar escaped during a prison transfer, and would remain a fugitive until December 1993.

On July 23, in 1999, U.S. astronaut Eileen Collins became the first woman to command a space shuttle mission, with the launch of NASA's orbiter Columbia.

On July 24, in 1974, the U.S. Su-

preme Court ruled that President Richard Nixon had to provide transcripts of Watergate tapes to special prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

On July 25, in 1965, Bob Dylan controversially eschewed his acoustic guitar to go electric at the Newport (Rhode Island) Folk Festival.

On July 26, in 2016, Hillary Clinton was nominated by the Democratic Party for president, becoming the first woman to top the presidential ticket of a major party in the United

Finally, on July 27, in 1830, the July Revolution started in France, which led to Charles X abdicating and Louis-Philippe taking the throne.

Support Neurological Research at the **Trot for Tom Run/Walk**

WILBRAHAM - Registration is now open for the first and only Trot for Tom run/walk. Happening on Sept. 14 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

The event features a 5K run or 1-mile walk honoring Dr. Thomas "Tom" Julian. Known for his curiosity and love of learning, Tom's career as a scientific researcher and academic was

cut short, but his impact on those around him was undeniable.

The Trot for Tom event aims to continue his mission, raising funds for neurological disease research.

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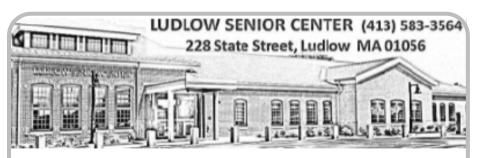
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*

9 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Dominos

10 a.m. Sunshine Paint

10 a.m. SHINE Medicare Counseling by appt.*

10:30 a.m. Big Y Tour*

1 p.m. Mahjong

1:30 p.m. Painting Class*

1:30 p.m. Happiness for Seniors: What Is It & How to Attain It? *

2 p.m. Writers Block*

2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, July 26

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp* 9 a.m. Reiki*

9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments*

10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1 p.m. Ceramics

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

1 p.m. Magic Class

1:30 p.m. Forget Me Not Circle

Monday, July 29

9 a.m. Knitting

9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

9:30 a.m. Computer Help*

1 p.m. Scrabble

1 p.m. Better Together*

1:15 p.m. Pitch

2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, July 30

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

1:30 p.m. Bingo

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class 5 p.m. Mary Poppins Returns

Wednesday, July 31

8 a.m. Facials*

8 a.m. Garden Club

9 a.m. Zumba Gold

9 a.m. Ceramics

10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

1 p.m. Movie: Mary Poppins Returns

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Aug. 1

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:

1. Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m. 2. Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m.

on Tuesday. 3. Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the

parking lot.

Thursday, July 25: Fish Taco/Black Beans/Rice

Friday, July 26: Meatloaf/Mashed pot/Carrots

Monday, July 29: BBQ Riblet/ Sweet pot/ 3 bean salad

Tuesday, July 30: Cobb Salad Wednesday, July 31: Salisbury steak/Au gratin pot/Green beans Thursday, August 1: TBD

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.

What's new at Belchertown fair exibit

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Fair Exhibit Hall team has added new opportunities for entries in the annual exhibit hall. To expand on this year's theme of "Barn in the USA", everyone is invited to join the barn quilt contest. Bring a photo of a wooden barn or shed quilt to the Exhibit Hall during check-in hours or submit it via email to belchertownfair@gmail.com. Visitors to the hall during the weekend will cast their votes for their favorite. The chosen design will be announced on Sunday at 2 p.m. and its owner will receive a \$25

Atkins gift card.

Also new this year in both Youth and Adult categories are "Swifty" friendship bracelets and Paint-by-number art. Donna Butler, a long-time volunteer and the vision behind the Exhibt Hall decorations every year will be honored with a new rosette, the Department 113 "Donna Butler Award" for best gift basket The full Exhibit Hall booklet can be found online at www.btownfair.com/exhibit-hall. Entry forms can be submitted by mail until Sept. 9, and by email until Sept.14.



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Hamilton on Foreign Policy

NATO's 75-year history is worth celebrating

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is marking its 75th anniversary this month.

The observance, part of a NATO summit hosted by the U.S. in Washington, D.C., will be a big deal, and it should be. NATO is one of the most successful and important allianc-

For any partnership of diverse nations to endure for 75 years is no small accomplishment. NATO has not only endured; it has thrived, and it has grown, from its original 12 members to 32 nations. It has been effective in its central missions of deterring aggression by the Soviet Union – and later by Russia – and promoting security and unity among de-

Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, there has been no question about NATO's relevance. While Ukraine is not yet a NATO member, the alliance has rallied to its support.

It's well understood that, if Russia can win in Ukraine, the security of Europe is at risk.

And America's security is intimately bound with Europe's. China may pose a greater threat; it is certainly our most significant rival, but a strong and united NATO lets the U.S. focus attention and resources on countering China's aggression in the Asia Pacific region.

When the U.S., Canada and 10 Western European nations created NATO, World War II had left much of Europe in ruins. Over 36 million Europeans had died, more than half of them civilians. Millions were homeless, many in refugee camps.

Children wandered the streets of burnedout cities. Food shortages and power outages were frequent.

The U.S. had launched the Marshall Plan to provide material aid and rebuild Europe's economy, and NATO was needed for the continent's security. The Soviet Union was the primary threat, but the alliance also aimed to deter the rise of militant nationalism and promote democracy.

Its key feature was Article 5, which declared that an attack on any NATO member would be considered an attack on all of them. The agreement now enhances security for nearly 1 billion people.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, it made sense to wonder if NATO has served its

The alliance had its ups and downs. Donald Trump, as president, criticized it and our allies for not spending enough on defense.

But new threats challenged our security, including terrorism, cyberattacks, nuclear proliferation, pandemics and natural disasters. NATO still mattered.

Then Russia sent troops and tanks into Ukraine. NATO became the platform for coordinating the European and North American response.

At this month's summit of NATO heads of state, affirming unwavering support for Ukraine will top the agenda. Ukraine will participate through the NATO-Ukraine Council, launched last year.

In an important transition, Jens Stoltenberg will step down after 10 years as secretary-general and will be replaced by Mark Rutte, prime minister of the Netherlands.

President Joe Biden has aptly called NATO "the greatest military alliance in the history of the world," and we're right to celebrate its history. At the same time, we need

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When Kids move out



When Kids move back to attend college... in after graduation...



GUEST COLUMN



Zucchini days of sum-

In the last three days I have picked 10 zucchini. The seeds were sown around Memorial Day and I ended up with six plants

I am thrilled that the harvest is starting to come it. I just wish I had air conditioning in my kitchen so I'd feel like baking!

Zucchini is the brunt of many jokes due to its prolific nature. Some years, though, the harvest isn't so great. Either borers take out the plants or powdery mildew slows them down until the inevitable comes.

Anyhow, I'll count my blessings this year and try my best to preserve and prolong the harvest as much as possible. If you are blessed with your own supply of zucchini or you have been gifted a few, read on, straight from the archives, as to how to make the best use of your bounty.

Store it

Zucchini will keep in the refrigerator for at least one week. Smaller squashes are more flavorful, and less seedy than their overgrown counterparts.

Harvest when the fruits are six inches long or less, and still narrow. It is likely that baseball bat-sized squashes will develop now and then, especially if you are away from the garden for a few days.

Don't worry; they can be used in most recipes that call for zucchini, although you may wish to remove the largest seeds first; they have a tendency to get tough and chewy.

Freeze it

Simply shred whole zucchinis, skin and all. Drain in a colander to remove excess liquid and pack in containers or freezer

Nothing beats zucchini bread in the middle of winter. It is helpful to freeze in amounts compatible with your recipe; in other words if you need two cups to make bread, freeze in two cup portions.

If fried veggies are a favorite treat, you can freeze raw, peeled zucchini sections after coating them with bread crumbs.

First, prefreeze on a plate or cookie sheet, then, pack in freezer bags with as much air removed as possible. Fry up at a

I have never been very successful freezing blanched zucchini slices. Experiment yourself and maybe you will have better

Steam it

Who likes soggy zucchini? No one. Cut in slices one quarter of an inch thick and steam for a mere two or three minutes.

Sprinkle with dill or lemon juice and thyme for a wonderful summer side dish.

Stuff it

Here is the perfect use for the aforementioned baseball bat sized quash. Making zucchini boats are my sister-in-law Janice's favorite way to utilize the vegetable. I can always count on her to take a few biggies off my hands.

With a spoon hollow out the seed cavity. Stuff it with a mixture of cooked rice, sauce and ground beef or turkey. Top with shredded cheese and bake until it bubbles. Yummy!

Put a Mexican spin on this recipe by using black beans, salsa and taco cheese along with brown rice in place of the other ingredients. Freeze individual portions of this dish for a quick dinner.

Bake with it

Zucchini bread and muffins are one thing, but double chocolate zucchini cake? Yes, and there are more enticing dessert recipes where that came from.

Consult your local library or the internet for other mouth-watering selections.

One pointer: drain shredded zucchini well before using in any recipe. Place it in

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We want to claim SS at 62. When should we apply?

Dear Rusty:

My wife and I are going to be taking Social Security at 62. She will be 62 on April 15, 2025. I will be 62 Aug. 7, 2025. When should we apply for Social Security?

Signed: Ready to file

Dear Ready:

Social Security recommends you apply for benefits about two – three months prior to when they want their benefits to start to get them time to process the application. You will specify on your application when you wish your benefit to start, so applying early isn't a problem. Just a few things to keep in mind:

Your first month of eligibility will be the first month you are 62 for the entire month. In your wife's case, her first month of eligibility will be May 2025 and in your case your first month of eligibility will be September 2025. Your wife's benefits will be paid on the third Wednesday of every month and your benefits will be received on the second Wednesday of every month, payment dates depend on when your birthday falls.

Social Security has an earnings test for those collecting early benefits (before your full retirement age). If you are working and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away some of your benefits. The earning limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, SS will

take away \$1 in benefit for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit changes annually, so the 2025 limit will be more.

Thus, if you plan to work after collecting, you must stay aware of the earning test. If you earn substantially more than the earnings limit, you even may be temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until you either earn less or reach your Full Retirement Age when the earning test no longer applies.

By claiming at 62, you will incur a cut in benefits of about 30% from the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. And, except for annual cost of living adjustments, that is a permanent reduction. FYI, your benefit will continue to grow if you wait longer to claim.

Deciding when to claim Social Security should take into account your financial needs, your life expectancy and your goals as a couple. Claiming at 62 is the right choice for many, but waiting longer, if feasible, will result in a higher monthly amount, which could be beneficial if your life expectancy is long. Of course, we are here for you if you have any additional questions, so please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed.

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to ensure the alliance continues to safeguard our security in the future and there are reasons for concern.

Russia's war in Ukraine, should it succeed, could embolden Vladimir Putin to threaten more of Europe. The increasing cooperation by Russia, China and North Korea, all of them nuclear-armed, is worrisome.

Recent years have seen the growth of militant nationalism in Europe, one of the trends NATO was founded to counter. Trump's "America First" movement has reawakened the American isolationism that was prevalent before World War II.

It's often said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. NATO and other alliances keep us vigilant about our freedom and security, and we should do our best to maintain and strengthen them.

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ist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys

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a colander and apply pressure with clean hands or a large mixing spoon. Squeeze all the liquid right out of it.

This way your desserts will be moist but not soggy.

Be creative and experiment to find your own favorite ways of cooking with this vegetable. Zucchini pickles, perhaps? How about zucchini pancakes? Zucchini wedges in place of cucumbers with dip?

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Hampden DA warns residents of Facebook marketing scam

SPRINGFIELD— Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni is issuing a warning to residents about a recent Facebook scam where hackers gain control of someone's account and falsely claim that a loved one has entered a long-term health care facility, prompting them to sell the loved one's possessions. Gulluni urges all residents to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to protect themselves from falling victim to this scam.

Gulluni said "My office has recently become aware of this Facebook scam that looks to exploit your emotions and preys upon your relationships and friendships. Don't be fooled, always verify where you are sending money before hand, and be preventative, make sure you are securing your accounts adequately to deter a security breach. switch your passwords regularly on your high priority accounts in the event your credentials were exposed in a data breach."

Hackers target Facebook and email accounts to obtain personal information and take control of them by stealing login credentials. Once in control, they post messages pretending to be the account owner, claiming a loved one has had to enter a long-term health care facility and that their possessions need to be sold urgently. The scammer then asks for money to be sent electronically, often for items that do not exist, preying on the emotions and trust of friends and family.

How to to stay safe:

Strengthen Your Passwords:

Use a unique, strong password for your Facebook account that includes a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters.

Avoid using easily guessed passwords such as birthdays, names, or common words.

Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):

FA):Activate 2FA on your Facebook ac-

count to add an extra layer of security. This feature requires a second form of verification, such as a code sent to your phone, in addition to your password.

Be Cautious with Friend Requests:

Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know personally. Scammers often create fake profiles to gain access to your personal information.

Monitor Account Activity:

Regularly review your account activity and privacy settings. Look out for any unfamiliar logins or changes that you did not make.

Educate Yourself and Others:

Stay informed about common online scams and share this information with friends and family to prevent them from becoming victims.

How to Avoid Sending Money to Scammers:

Verify Claims Independently:

If you receive a message from someone claiming to sell possessions due to a loved one's health situation, contact the person directly through a trusted means (e.g., a phone call) to verify the claim.Be Skeptical of Urgent Requests:

Scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure victims into sending money quickly. Take your time to verify the authenticity of the request.

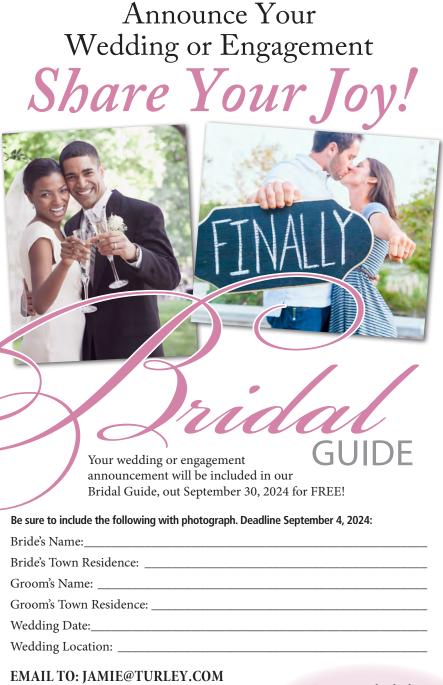
Do Not Share Personal Information:

Avoid sharing personal or financial information through social media or messaging apps. Scammers can use this information to further exploit you.

Report Suspicious Activity:

If you suspect you have been contacted by a scammer, report the message to Facebook and local authorities. Additionally, inform the person whose account has been compromised.

If you find yourself being a victim of hacking contact your local police department and make a report it to protect yourself.



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

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

Social Services Drop-In, first Thursday of the month, 11 a.m. Come Meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Public Art Installation, July and August The Hubbard Memorial Library is hosting the sculpture *Solar R*eflective 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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FOR ADULTS

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit mass-book.org/readingchallenge.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday until August 29, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

desk.

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

Current Scams and How to Keep You and Your Money Safe, Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. Hear an explanation of current financial fraud scams! Learn ways to keep yourself safe from imposter/grandparent scams, mail theft, online romance, phone & computer scams and more!

Dog Behavior and Bite Prevention, Thursday, August 1, 6:00 p.m. Meet Octavia (Ludlow's Animal Control Officer) while she gives valuable insights into dog behavior with expert tips & tricks. You will gain essential knowledge on dog bite prevention, empowering you to create a safer environment for yourself and your furry friends!

FOR TEENS

Apply to be a Summer Volunteer The Library needs volunteers aged 11 & up (or going into 6th grade in the fall) during the summer help. They will put away books, help prepare arts & crafts projects, help set up and break down outdoor programs, & assist with the younger kids' programs. Volunteers generally work one hour a week. See website for application or email hubbardyouthroom@gmail.

Chess Club, Every other Monday starting June 24, 3:00-4:00p.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.

Nintendo Switch Night, Tuesday August 13, 6:00-7:45 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Snack Wars for YA, Tuesday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. Taste test some familiar and not so familiar snacks for a snack war! 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 July 30, Aug 13 & 27, 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 starting June 20, 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.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, Aug 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monthly book chat for ages 14 & up. This month's book is "The Naturals" by Jennifer Lynne Barnes; copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

Summer Olympics Scavenger Hunt, Friday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All ages. Celebrate the end of the 2024 Summer Olympics with a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize! Drop-in.

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.

Sewing Workshop, Monday, Jul. 22, 3:30p.m. For Middle Schoolers.

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CHARTER COMMISSION

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being comparable with Springfield.

Another of the initiatives in this charter has been to change certain positions from elected to appointed. Some examples include the Library Board of Trustees, which will remain elected as per the will of Charles Hubbard, and the Town Clerk, which will become an appointed position, as was recommended by the town's current clerk, Kim Batista, when she attended a previous meeting with the committee.

"Town Hall has been gutted," noted Beverly Tokarz, saying that the town used to rely on departments to provide checks and balances for each other.

Among boards listed as being changed from elected to appointed, the committee identified the Board of Health, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, and various others. The only elected positions currently projected in the town charter are the Library Board of Trustees, the School Committee, and the Town Council.

There were a few questions about salaries for the Town Councilors and Town Manager, but the committee stated that it was not responsible for those decisions, and that salaries would be set through contract negotiations and comparison with the market.

Some members of the public expressed a desire to keep the Town Meet-

ing form of government, citing it as the "purest form of democracy."

"I don't object to many of the administrative changes you're making, but I think they can be made while retaining the Town Meeting," said Precinct Member Peter Karalekas.

Another Precinct Member, Dick Pasquini, agreed with Karalekas, saying, "People like this group (in the audience) can come together and express their views on whatever is being presented, and I found that fantastic, rather than having a small group of people making those kinds of decisions."

However, the committee noted that participation in Town Meeting has been low, and that the meetings often do not have a quorum and have many unfilled positions. As one comment noted, the demographic was notably older than the town's median age, hypothesizing that there were no more than three people in the room under the age of 50.

"This room is aging," said Debbie Bonzek. "There are not young people stepping up. I look at Town Meeting, and this is their future, this is their children's future, and they're not doing anything to get involved."

At the end of the meeting, the committee members expressed their gratitude to the residents who attended, and said that they will continue to review the public's comments at the next meeting of the Charter Committee on the first Thursday of August.

CONCERT SERIES

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community together through art. The Ludlow Cultural Council is one small piece of the greater organization, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which funds events like the Concert Series.

The bands are chosen through an annual grant competition that is held by the Ludlow Cultural Council and funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Michelle Goncalves, the chair of the Ludlow Cultural Council, said "We encourage local bands to apply for cultural council grants to be considered. Grants will open for 2025 in September."

These concerts started with a performance from the Lisa Martin Band on June 30 and will end with a performance from the band Union Jack on Sept. 8. This past Sunday, July 21, the Oakland Stroke band performed covers of Tower of Power songs.

Along with these concerts, there are food trucks that differ each week. Some of the trucks include Batch Ice Cream,

Wandering Waffles, Dev's Mac 'n Eats, and many more delicious bites.

Each week a local non-profit organization is highlighted. So far organizations such as the Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center, the Lions Club, and the Ludlow Disability Commission, were highlighted. This spotlight on local non-profits helps to bring awareness to their message and goal.

This concert series has amassed a large attendance of over 100 people each week from Ludlow and beyond. Attendees bring their own chairs and blankets to sit and enjoy the music and food.

These concerts are sponsored by local businesses; Raspberries Records, Vanished Valley Brewery, Ideal Real Estate, PLAYNOW!, 413 Pools, Uncle Bob's, and Zaza Green Dispensary.

The Ludlow Cultural Council's goal with these concerts is to "provide a free, fun opportunity for our neighbors to come together and enjoy the arts in town," according to Goncalves.

The Ludlow Summer Concert Series is a great way to get out of the house this summer and enjoy some great music with friends and family.

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Attendees and beer-enjoyers sat at picnic tables to eat and listen to live music.

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sweetness and body with Noble notes and restrained bitterness," the brewery said in a Facebook post.

Attendees were encouraged to bring their family, and their classic cars and hot rods, though the brewery requested that drivers not rev engines, spin their wheels into a burnout, or play loud music, as music was being provided by the garden.

"We want to have a family friendly and fun environment for car enthusiasts to come hang out, meet new friends, and talk about cars," a representative said. "All makes and models are welcome."

Live music was provided by local performers Billy Eagan and 3XSocial, which described itself as an "acoustic trio with a kick."

"We put our own twist on country, rock, oldies, and more," reads the band's Facebook.

Vanished Valley has a lot more events coming up this summer. On Sunday, July 28, the brewery will partner with the Veterans Services Department for the VV Rigs and Kids event, which will raise non-perishable food items for the pantry.

On Aug. 8, a Permanent Jewelry Workshop will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and then on August 10 there will be a Food Truck Festival from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 11 will have a '90s Themed Murder Mystery Dinner, where attendees are encouraged to dress in nostalgic '90s fashion, and then on Aug.t 13, E.Silver Charcuterie will host a workshop from 6-8 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets for any upcoming events, visit Vanished Valley. com.



Bob, Sissy, and Fred of 3X Social took a picture together before their performance.



Amanda and Troy Atherton of TJ's Pop sold popcorn to people who attended the festival.



Makayla Manuel, Lori Ebberston, Tricia Kus, and Erin Thibault worked a table for the evening.



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Billy Eagan played guitar and performed live music for the gathered attendees. More photos on page 10.



Summer Craft Fair and Food Trucks



Emily and John stopped for a picture as they navigated the parking lot to get to the brewery.



Jeannie Reynolds of Jeannie's Weenies worked the food truck for the event.



Tina and Caitlyn Sigovitch brought 16-month-old Evie to the festival in a



Photos by Marcelo Gusm Nathan Dias and Emily Przystas brought Oakley to the brewery to enjoy the sunshine.



Ted Gurski and Laura LaVallee had a table and a tent for the Crazy Cat Wood Shop.



John Hoar (center) enjoyed a beer with his wife, Tiffany, and mother, Pat.

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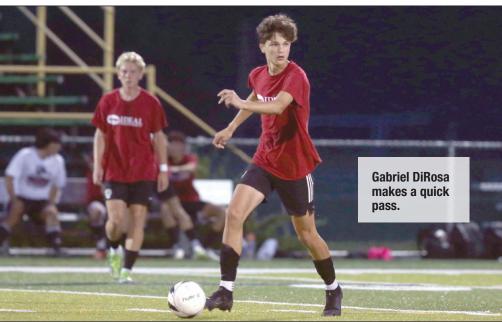
WILBRAHAM – Last week, Ludlow picked up a much-needed win 3-0 over Wilbraham in A Division action. The Lions hold the second best record in the A Division at 6-3 and will get a playoff spot. Summer soccer playoffs begin next week. Wilbraham is now 5-3 on the season and has two games remaining to secure its playoff spot. They are currently in fifth place.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Thomas Wadas tries to outrun his opponent.





Owen Wurszt heads toward the goal.





Ethan Love starts up the field after a defensive recovery.



Cristiano Williams starts his way up the field.

Mutiny wins in double OT to capture conference title



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The New England Mutiny has won its conference championship.

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny lost a heartbreaker to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 2-1, in the 2019 United Women's Soccer East

championship Conference match. The 2019 season was also the Mutiny's first year playing home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Five years later, the top-seeded Mutiny faced second-seeded Sporting CT in

the East Conference finals at Lusitano July 14.

It took 120 minutes to get the job done, but the Mutiny players celebrated a 1-0 overtime victory on a very hot afternoon, last Sunday.

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Pioneers start championship hunt with win

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW-Joao Bernardo has been the public address announcer at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for many years.

Bernardo made his usual announcements during last Tuesday night's USL-League 2 qualifying playoff match between FC Motown STA and the Western Mass. Pioneers. He didn't make his famous goal call for the home squad until the 83rd minute.

The Pioneers tied the score at 1-1 with a penalty kick goal before taking the lead for the first time in the 104th minute. They also added an empty net goal in the final seconds of extra time giving them a 3-1 victory.

"We had a lot of opportunities during the first half, but we just couldn't score a goal," said West Mass Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We were able to score three goals in the second half, which was nice to see."

The Pioneers, who finished

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Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Scott Testori looks to make a pass.

Blue Sox pull off big win over Bristol

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox walked into Saturday night's game on a two game losing streak, 3.5 games behind the Bristol Blues for the division lead, and fell out of the playoff picture. It was a mustwin situation against the division leader themselves, the Bristol Blues, in a possible season-changing win. Win and hope to make the playoffs increases monumentally, lose and the chances plummet.

Before the game even began, the weather decided to make its own imprint on today's game. A late storm before gametime pushed the first pitch back in a 30-minute delay. Regardless, it was just a prelude for the storm that was about to take place on the field.

Tonight's game was a thriller, plain and simple. From the opening pitch, to the final strike, it was eye-gluing baseball and a battle of both pitching and hitting. Both teams went out the depth of their bullpen to the test, with the Blue Sox using four pitchers, and the Blues seven

From the opening pitch however, it was clear tonight's game would not be a pitcher's paradise. Off an



early Jay Bant single in the bottom of the first inning, the Blue Sox brought Logan Hugo home early to take a 1-0 lead. Minutes later, in the top of the second, the Blues tied it up thanks to a Thomas Rollaver RBI single.

In the bottom of the third and fourth inning, the Blue Sox began growing their lead, scoring six unanswered runs of their own to take their lead to 7-2 going into the fifth. Ethan Lyke started on the mound for the Blue Sox, pitching four innings total while giving up two earned runs off five hits, tacking-in two strikeouts of his own.

Moving to the sixth inning, the Blues closed the distance, scoring two runs in the top of the inning to cut the lead to three. However, Jonathan Hogart and Derek Williams had other plans. In a two punch combo, Hogart hit a double first to bring Logan Hugo home first. Minutes after, on a 0-1 count with two outs and Hogart now stranded at third base, Williams hit a massive shot deep out of the park to center field to give the Blue Sox a 10-4 advantage. Williams now leads the Blue Sox with the most home-runs hit so far this year with four.

The Blues ended up making things interesting by cutting the lead to 10-8, but the pitching of Chris Torres over the last two innings sealed the door for a comeback.

This Blue Sox win now puts them just 2.5 games behind the Blues for the division lead with two meetings to go, both split at Muzzy and Mackenzie fields. This game also puts the Blue Sox back in the playoff picture as they hold the series lead tiebreaker over the Upper Valley Nighthawks, with no meetings left between the two. With eight games to go on the season, the Blue Sox are once again in full control of their destiny, and their eyes on the Blue's division lead.

T-Birds announce promotions of staff members

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced multiple promotions and hires in the team's hockey operations department.



First, the club has announced that Steve Passin-

eau, formerly the Thunderbirds Head Equipment Manager, has accepted a promotion to join the St. Louis Blues as an Assistant Equipment Manager.

In addition, Abe Edson, formerly the Thunderbirds' Strength and Conditioning Coach, will join the NHL's Minnesota Wild as an Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Casey Barile has been promoted to Head Equipment Manager with the Thunderbirds after serving as an assistant for the last three seasons. A graduate of Kent State University and a native of St. Louis, MO, Barile previously has experience in the ECHL with the Orlando Solar Bears as an Assistant Equipment Manager during the 2020-21 season.

The Thunderbirds will also welcome two new members to the hockey operations staff for the 2024-25 season. Phil Currier will join the organization as a Strength and Conditioning Coach. A Haverhill, N.H. native, Currier most recently served as the Director of Hockey Performance at the University of Vermont last season. His prior experience also includes stints at the University of Maine and his alma mater, Plymouth State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sport Physiology and a Master's degree in Applied Exercise Physiology and Human Performance.

Lastly, Steven Smith will join the Thunderbirds as Assistant Equipment Manager. The McAllen, Texas native most recently served as the Head Equipment Manager for the United States Hockey League's Youngstown Phantoms from 2022-24, where he was a member of Youngstown's Clark Cup championship in 2023. He has served in the same capacity for six organizations, including the ECHL's Wichita Thunder and the North American Hockey League's Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees, Amarillo Bulls, Jamestown Rebels, and New Jersey Titans.

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OBITUARIES

Tracy Whitney, 4/23/1959-7/15/2024

Written in 2008 by Tracy Whitney, before she fell ill, to her daughter Samantha prior to her leaving for a trip.

Hello Baby Girl, Well, once again I am saying good-bye to you. How is that possi-

ble? How is it that you grew up so fast? When did I become the one left at home as you embark on another journey? Some days I pray to God asking him to give us one more day together, when you and I were young. Sometimes I didn't appreciate the time we had together, because I thought you were always going to be that little girl that would never leave her mommy. I had no vision for the future, because I chose not to. I didn't want to think ahead to a life that would put me second. You were always my number one girl and I knew I would always be yours. So, what happened? Why did you have to grow up so fast? Why can't I have my one more day? I don't get it.

Then I have a "yeah, you get it" moment. And I know you are on the path that I prepared for you. You are doing all of the things that I wanted to do, but didn't. You listened when I talked to you all those years ago. You heard me say "live your life while you can." Be young and enjoy the benefits that youth has to offer. For a brief few years, you'll need to pack in a lifetime of memories. For one day, you too will be a wife and mother, and your free spirit will have to be still for a while. You will have obligations to your family and you will have to teach your children all the lessons they'll need to learn to get them through the rest of their lives.

You will teach them well and you will be proud of them, as I am proud of you. You will want them to soar, and yet you will be sad when they are gone. You will want to hold them close, all the while you are pushing them away, letting them test their own wings. You will fear the future as time has a way of putting distance between you and your children. And in the next thought, you can't

wait to see where life takes them. You will be excited and sad all at the same time. In the end, you know that they will leave and you must stay behind. And if you did your job well, you will never really be apart.

No matter what town, city, state, country or even

in death, you and I will always be connected by our heart strings. There will never be an end to that. Not age or time, not the future or the past, not life or death will ever be stronger than the bond that a mother shares with her child. There is not a force strong enough to cut the strings that connect a mother's heart to her child's.

Have fun, my little free bird. I love you all the way to the moon and back a million times.

Love, Mom

On behalf of the amazing people who work on the 2nd floor at Bear Mountain Sixteen Acres, thank you. Thank you for loving mom as if she were your own. Thank you for treating her with the dignity and respect she deserved. Thank you for helping me, help her. Your kindness and patience will never be forgotten.

In remembrance of mom's life and love, we ask that donations be made to Dakin Humane Society. Mom found her cat Grizzly at Dakin just a couple weeks after being diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's and he helped her a great deal. Grizzly is with me now and we hope the other animals can receive the same love and care that Grizzly did. For online donations, please visit Dakinhumane.org. For donations made by mail: Dakin Humane Society P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101. Please include 'In Memory of Tracy Whitney' for all donations. Thank you so much for loving mom and supporting her cause.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sun., August 4, 2024 at 4 p.m. The celebration will take place at the Villa Rose Restaurant in Ludlow. Please come to celebrate mom's beautiful life and share your memories with all of us that love her!

Samantha Whitney

David K. Carrington, 76

David K. Carrington, 76, formerly of Ludlow, passed away peacefully in Maryland on July 13, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Ludlow, David was the son of the late William and Flora (Larose) Carrington and proudly served for four years in

the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. David was employed for over 40 years as a letter carrier for the US Post Office from where he retired as well as a former volunteer firefighter for the Ludlow Fire Department. David was an avid Los Angeles Dodgers fan, and within the community, he was a member of St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow and St Francis-St Mary's in Middletown, Maryland, played several years in the Ludlow Adult Softball League, and was an avid golfer who especially enjoyed golfing with his brother Donald and friend Charlie Blancato. David leaves his beloved wife of 52 years Carol (Bissonnette) Carrington; his loving children David Carrington, Jr. and wife Theresa,



of Ludlow, Jeffrey Romito and wife Lisa, of Springfield, Daniel Carrington and wife Joelle, of Arizona, Jason Carrington and wife Isabel, of Ludlow, and Rebecca Jones and husband John Paul, of Virginia; his siblings Barbara Lamb, of Monson, and Don-

ald Carrington and wife Dorothy, of South Carolina; 10 cherished grandchildren Alexis, Sydney, Anthony, Gillian, Olivia, Jack, Kyle, Julianna, Kaitlyn, and Emily; as well as several loving extended family members and dear friends. Funeral services were Mon., July 22 from the Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Elizabeth Parish. Committal services with Military Honors were held on Tues., July 23 in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to the Lewy Dementia Association, Body www.lbda.org

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Robert "Bobby" J. **Duarte**

Died July 20, 2024 Services July 24, 2024 Ludlow Funeral Home

Victor G. Pinto, 66

Victor G. Pinto. 66 died Friday July 19 surrounded by his family. He was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He leaves his wife Colleen Hennessey, two daughters Ciana Edwards (Andrew)

of Arizona and Kimberly Pinto (David Melanson) of East Longmeadow, his mother Maria Dores (DaSilva) Pinto of Ludlow, two brothers Viriato Pinto (Bianca) of Brazil and Edward Pinto (Paula) of Ludlow, a sister Rosemary Ribeiro (Jorge) of Ludlow and four grandchildren Peyton, Emilia, Raegan and Cambry. Victor was predeceased by his father Abilio Pinto. Victor will be sadly missed



by the Hennessey family, many friends, and his loyal companion Baxter.

The funeral will be Friday, July 26 at the O'Brien Family Funeral Home, South Hadley starting with calling hours from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a funeral service at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to TJ O' Connor 627 Cottage Street Springfield, MA 01044. For more information or to make online condolences please go to obrienfamilyfh.com. To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Victor G. Pinto, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

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Vacation Bible Camp

United Church is offering a Vaca- the week! Any child is welcome tion Bible Camp for children ages four through entering sixth grade in the fall. Camp is held July 29 through Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The theme this summer is "All Creatures Great and Small". Children will have activities in music, arts and crafts, service projects, games and bible stories featuring live animals! A water

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Maria "Helena" (Fonseca) Balbino, 83

LUDLOW - Maria "Helena" (Fonseca) Balbino, 83, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Sat., July 20, 2024, at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. Helena was born in Baldio Alcobaca, Portugal,

on Aug. 26, 1940, to the late Jose Fonseca and Herminia Fonseca. She immigrated to the United States settling in Ludlow, Mass. She was passionate about cooking, dancing, shopping, and especially spending time with her family and friends. She was a devoted lifelong member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Helena worked for many years at Spaulding Worldwide, from where she retired. Helena was the beloved wife of 64 years to Fernando Bal-



bino; a loving mother to Fred Balbino and his wife Renée, and her devoted son David Balbino who predeceased her in 2015; an adoring grandmother "Vo" to Miranda, Marissa, and Mateo Balbino; a dear sister to Jose Fonseca and his late wife Emilia, Tila Balbino and

her husband Antonio, and the late Tony Fonseca and his wife Zita Fonseca; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. Funeral services for Helena will be held on Fri., July 26.

Visiting hours are from 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial at Island Pond Ceme-

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MUTINY from Page 12

"We went undefeated during the regular season, and it just feels awesome to finally win a championship title," said Agawam's Hope Santaniello, who's the only remaining Mutiny player from the 2019 squad. This has been our number one goal since the start of the regular season."

In the second game of the 2024 regular season, the Mutiny (10-0-0) defeated Sporting CT, 4-1, at Lusitano Stadium. Cat Barry, who only played in a couple of matches for the Mutiny, recorded a hat-trick.

It wound up being the only regular loss for Sporting CT (8-2-0), who captured the East Conference championship trophy a year ago.

The Mutiny will be playing in the Na-

tional Semifinals for the first time since joining the U.W.S. in 2016.

"It's a very nice feeling winning a championship game, especially since this is my first season coaching a women's soccer team," said first-year Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "We now have one more weekend to go. I'm very happy for these players."

The U.W.S. National semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at All-High Stadium in Buffalo, New York on Friday and Saturday night.

The other three teams who'll be trying to take home the National championship trophy, which is very similar to the Stanley Cup, are the Michigan Jaguars, the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, and FC Buffalo, who earned an automatic bid to the championship weekend because they're the host team.

The Jaguars are the U.W.S defending National champions,

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown

High School. She was one of the starters in the final home match of the season.

"This is the farthest we've gone in the three years that I've been a member of this soccer team," said Klingensmith, who's also a member of the women's soccer team at American University. "Winning a championship with this team is very special. We have a couple of local players on this year's team, along with several other players who live a little bit farther away. It's really cool that we can all come together and win a championship.'

The other local Mutiny players who were starters in the East Conference finals are Maddy Theriault (Palmer) and Alex Legowski (South Hadley).

Several of the Mutiny players are current or former players members of the UConn women's soccer team.

Two of the current UConn players are Chioma Okafor and Maddie Fried, who played a key role in last Sunday's match

The contest was scoreless until the duo hooked up five minutes into the second 15-minute overtime session.

Okafor, who's a first-year player for the Mutiny, sent a crossing pass from the left side of the penalty box to the far post where Fried put a shot into the back of the net past Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

"It just feels amazing to score what turned out to be the game winning goal," said Fried, who transferred to UConn from Villanova. "Chioma sent me an incredible pass and I just didn't want to miss that shot. We really wanted to win today's game."

Fried, who has scored three goals this season, has been playing for the Mutiny for the past four seasons. She's from Monroe Connecticut and was an All-American high school soccer player



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, takes a shot on goal.



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, goes through the opposing defense.



Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, takes a free kick.

at St. Joseph High School, in Trumbull,

The other UConn players listed on the Mutiny roster are Anna Carson, Laci Lewis, Jess Mazo, Abbey Jones, and Rachel Marchini, who's the Mutiny cap-

Joe Ferrera, who's the Mutiny's owner and general manager, has built a very good relationship with UConn women's soccer coach Margaret Rodriguez.

"We wanted to win this championship title for Joe, and I hope he's happy," Fried said. "He's like a dad to us. He treats us like his own kids.'

Okafor would like to see a few more UConn soccer players play for the Mutiny during the next couple of years.

"It's very special having some of my UConn teammates on the field with me. We know each other very well," Okafor said. "I hope more UConn players come play for this team in the future. It's a great atmosphere here."

When Okafor was a freshman at UConn, the Huskies lost to St. John's in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament. She really didn't want to see the East Conference championship game end in another

"I was really hoping that we could score an overtime goal because any team could win the penalty shootout regardless of who the better team is. I don't like that aspect of soccer," Okafor added. "When I passed the ball to Maddie, I knew that she was going to put the ball into the back of the net."

Mutiny goalie Natalie Mutscheler made a couple saves during the next ten minutes before the celebration began.

The Mutiny players are looking forward to making a six hour bus ride to Buffalo this weekend.

Win or lose, the 2024 season has been a memorable one for them.



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Alec Hughes takes a shot on goal.

PIONEERS from Page 12

the regular season in second place in the Northeast Division with an 11-2-1 record, faced FC Motown for the first time. It was also the Pioneers first playoff victory since they defeated Manhattan SC in the 2022 quarterfinals at Lusitano Stadium.

FC Motown, who are from Morristown, New Jersey, also finished in second place in the Metropolitan Division with an 8-1-3 mark. They joined USL-League 2 in 2021 and qualified for the playoffs for the first time.

The Pioneers had three corner kicks during the first ten minutes of the opening half.

Two of them were headers by Kerman Sukia, who's a member of the Bryant University men's soccer team. Both of Sukia's headers sailed high over the

FC Motown took a 1-0 lead during the 12th minute following an unassisted goal by Jason Bouregy.

The Pioneers had five more corner kicks during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but the visitors from New Jersey held a 1-0 halftime advantage.

The Pioneers also outshot FC Motown, 12-4, during the first half.

In the 61st minute, Laurie Goddard, who'll be a member of the Hofstra men's soccer team in the fall, fired a low shot from the top of the box, but FC Motown goalie Ryan Friedberg made a diving save keeping the score at 1-0 for a little while longer.

Friedberg made another save on a shot attempt by Jared Smith in the 75th

The Pioneers were given a penalty kick seven minutes later by referee Dan Aloi following a foul in the box. Alec Hughes, who's the USL-2 Golden Boot winner with 16 regular season goals, fired a low shot into the left corner of the net tying the score at 1-1.

'We had a lot of chances to score the entire game," said Hughes, who'll be playing one more season of college soccer at UMass Amherst. "Before I took the PK, I tried not to think about it very much. I was relieved when I saw the ball go into the net. I knew we would be able to take control of the game after that."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, FC Motown's Bryce LeBel received his second yellow card resulting in a red card.



Mamadi Jiana sprints upfield with the

The Pioneers held a man advantage until the 101st minute of extra time when Aidan Kelly received a straight red from the referee.

The home team took the lead for the first time on a goal from Ali Taleb three minutes later.

Goddard was credited with the assist on the go-ahead goal.

Laurie made an amazing pass to me, and I just finished off the play with a goal," said Taleb, who's a first-year Pioneers player. "It just felt amazing, especially doing it in a home playoff match. This place has a lot of history.'

Taleb, who's from Glastonbury, Connecticut, entered the match for the first time during the 93^{rd} minute. Taleb and Hughes attended the same high school, but they weren't teammates on the same soccer team.

"Alec is from my hometown, and I grew up watching him play soccer," said Taleb, who scored four goals for the Pioneers this summer. "He broke a lot of records for the high school soccer team, but I played for the Oakwood Soccer Club. It's nice to finally be teammates with him."

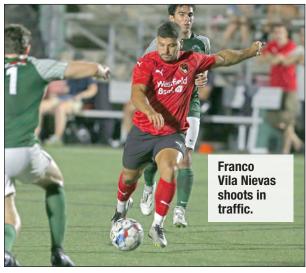
Taleb began his collegiate soccer career at AIC before transferring to Northern Kentucky University.

The head coach of the NKU men's soccer team is Tom Poitras, who was previously the head coach of the men's soccer team at the University of Hart-

The Pioneers sealed the home play-

off victory with an empty net goal by Mamadi Jiana in the final seconds of extra time.

Jiana, who played high school soccer at Chicopee High School, scored another goal in last Friday night's round of 32 contest against Lionsbridge FC giving the Pioneers a 1-0 halftime lead. Lionsbridge FC, who hosted the round of 32 playoffs, netted a pair of second half goals which ended the Pioneers outstanding sea-



OBITUARIES

Robert "Bobby" J. Duarte, 76

LUDLOW "Bobby" Robert J. Duarte, 76, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2024 surrounded his loving family. Born on May 29, 1948 in Ludlow Massachusetts.



He was the son of Joseph Duarte Jr. and Ezaura "Hazel" (Miranda) Duarte

Bobby was predeceased by his wife Sherri Duarte in 2020 and his sister Rosemary Lima in 2002. He is survived by his three sons Robert J. Duarte Jr. and wife Beth, Colton J. Duarte, Devin Duarte; daughter Shauna Ziemba and husband Mike; and his two grandsons Brayden and Michael. Bobby leaves behind his brothers Dennis and David, and sisters Lisa and Judy, along with their spouses and children; as well as cousins and so many friends.

Bobby was a 1966 Ludlow High School graduate where he excelled in soccer, baseball, and basketball and was later inducted into the Ludlow Hall of Fame for all three. Bobby graduated from Mitchell College in 1968 where he was inducted into the hall of fame there for soccer, basketball and baseball. Following that Bobby went on to the University of

Bridgeport where he graduated in 1970 with a degree in Spanish. While there he played soccer and basketball and was inducted into the University of Bridgeport Hall of Fame for basketball where he still holds the record for the most points scored in one game at 48 points.

Bobby's elite athletic skills allowed him the opportunity to play soccer professionally overseas in Europe with a hand selected team of college athletes. His passion for sports didn't stop there. He was known locally for coaching Holyoke Community and many of his sons teams along with reffing. Bobby spent countless hours on the soccer fields and loved every minute of it. He spent many years working at the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club where he was dedicated to sharing his knowledge of sports with so many and also as a substitute teacher at Ludlow High School. Bobby retired from Springfield Label and Tape in 2020.

Services will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours will be held from 4-6:30 p.m. concluding with a service in the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family and in lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bob's memory to the Ludlow Community Center Randall Boys and Girls

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cil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-

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

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

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief,

anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413- 519-4591.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with 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 at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at 485 East St., Ludlow. Call 413-348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT: Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

Mobile Blood Donation Team is coming to Palmer

PALMER— The community is invited to join the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Baystate Wing Hospital, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, Blood Drives will be held every other month on Wednesdays at Baystate Wing on Oct. 9, and Dec. 11.

When people donate blood this summer at Baystate Health, they'll not only help save lives but will also receive a free ticket to the Big E, while supplies last.

"The need for blood donations never takes a break. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local communities," said Nicole VanZandt, MLT III, supervisor, BRL Blood Donor Services. "Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program.

"There is no substitute for human blood," said VanZandt. "Every donation is critical, and you can make a lifesaving difference. Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks."

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright Street, in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors can choose from a \$10 Gift card or a ticket to the Big E. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Please be sure to note the Baystate Health hospital location where people would like to make thier donation when you make your appointment.

Church DIRECTORY

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Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs

Sunday Services:
Discipline Groups 9:45 a.m. WorshipService11 a.m.
and Facebook Live Stream
OTHER PROGRAMS

MONDAYS at 6:30 p.m. H.O.P.E. Meeting Recovery meetings for those with addictions, anxiety, and grief SMC. Call 413-519-4591

TUESDAYS at 7 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study WEDNESDAYS at 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Meeting Hank Bastos, Leader, 413-348-6487 SMC and Facebook Live Stream Iudlowfellowship.org FRIDAYS Children's After School Club (pre K through teens) 5-6:30 p.m.

Church Fellowship Hall
SATURDAYS at 10 a.m. Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

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S Sunday services
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and teens (11-18) - 1st & 3rd Sunday of
the month from 11-12 noon
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Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Women-2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon Classes for Single Adults(18-30)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon

of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday

of the month - 11-12 noon
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Nursery providedfor ages 18 month- 3 yr

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH 41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow 413-583-2630 Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys

Saturday Vigil Masses – 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish); 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m. ST. ELIZABETH PARISH 191 Hubbard St., Ludlow 413-583-3467

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Wednesday, July 24, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Holy
Mother Choir - 5:15 p.m. (C),

Thursday, July 25, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Beacon of Faith- 5:30 p.m. (JR), Adoration - 6:30 p.m. (C) Friday, July 26, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Saturday, July 27, - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C),

Sunday, July 28, - Sunday Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Take & Eat - 8:00 a.m. (FLBH/K), Sunday Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 5 p.m. (C) Monday July 29, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Tuesday, July 30, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C).

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Thursday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m.
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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:15 p.m.
Sunday Mass; 8:45 a.m. (English), 10 a.m. (Polish)
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:45 a.m. (English)
First Friday Mass: 5:30 p.m. (Polish/English)
First Saturday Mass: 9 a.m. (Polish/English)
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

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11 a.m. (English)

Monday and Wednesday Moming
Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)

Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)

First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 a.m.

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Tee Off for women and girls

BELCHERTOWN— Join in for the 30th Annual Zonta Golf Tournament and help create a brighter future for women and girls in the community.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, at Cold Spring Country Club, tee off will be at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition, and making a difference.

Whether a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. For \$120, individuals will enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

Sign up today at zontaqv.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. We also welcome sponsorships from local businesses. Be a champion for women and girls. Join in on the green.

Wilbraham United Church Offers Vacation Bible Camp

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham United Church is offering a Vacation Bible Camp for children ages four through entering sixth grade in the fall. Camp is held July 29 through Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The theme this summer is "All Creatures Great and Small". Children will have activities in music, arts and crafts, service projects, games and bible stories featuring live animals! A water slide will also be a highlight of the week! Any child is welcome to attend. There is a \$50 fee per child. The church is also seeking adult and teen volunteers for the week. Children of adult volunteers for three or more days can attend camp for free (one child per adult volunteer.) Registration for camp is online at www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 6:40 p.m. on the application of Anlo Realty Corporation-Joan Foster for the property located at 0 Loopley Street-Lot D, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 11D, Parcel 79, Zoning: Residential A). The applicant is seeking a 4,170 SF Variance from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals to allow for the construction of a single-familv home to be located on a lot with 10,835 SF of lot area. The minimum lot area requirement in the Residential A (RA) zoning district is 15,000 SF.

Manny Lopes, Chairman 07/17, 07/24/2024

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Manny Lopes, Chairman 07/17, 07/24/2024

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Manny Lopes, Chairman 07/17, 07/24/2024

LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 6:20 p.m. on the application of Anlo Realty Corporation-Joan Foster for the property located at 0 Swan Avenue-Lot B, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 7, Zoning: Residential A). The applicant is seeking a 2,500 SF Variance from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals to allow for the construction of a single-family home to be located on a lot with 12,500 SF of lot area. The minimum lot area requirement in the Residential A (RA) zoning district is 15,000 SF.

Manny Lopes, Chairman 07/17, 07/24/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 5:35 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Kul Sarki for KB and Sons Venture, LLC dba Pizza Corner located at 70 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a new wine and malt beverage License. Premises described as follows: A quick service or dine-in restaurant of 1923 square feet, featuring one floor and five rooms, which includes a kitchen, dining room, service area, storage room and office. Seating capacity for 70 people.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman Ludlow Board of Selectmen 07/24, 07/31/2024

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT ACCESSORY APARTMENT

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Brandon McCarthy for the property located at Lot 82 Turning Leaf Road Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 30, Parcel 253) for: 792 square foot accessory apartment.

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

August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

07/24, 07/31/2024

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, August 8, 2024, at 7:20 p.m. on the application of Thomas Morin of 143 Parker Lane Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 30, Parcel 52T) for: office for roofing business.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

07/24, 07/31/2024

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, August 8, 2024, at 7:10 p.m. on the application of Matthew Nay of 186 Lyon Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 24, Parcel 38) for: office for bounce house rental business

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman 07/24, 07/31/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on Tuesday. August 6, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of William Collins for Barburrito. Inc .. located at 313-319 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a New Wine & Malt License. Premises described as follows: Restaurant with an open kitchen with two small dining areas. Current occupancy of 24 seats.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman Ludlow Board of Selectmen 07/24, 07/31/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

The Ludlow Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 5:55 p.m. in the Selectmen's

Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA on the application of Francis Federico for a new Class II Motor Vehicle License for Sewall Street Auto Center to be located at 330 Sewall Street, Ludlow, MA 01056

Derek DeBarge, Chairman Ludlow Board of Selectmen 07/24, 07/31/2024

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD24P1427EA Estate of: Kathleen Janice Broderick

Also known as: Kathleen J Broderick Date of Death: 04/09/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Probate of Will with
Appointment of Personal
Representativ has been
filed by Sean M Broderick
of Brewster, NY requesting
that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for
such other relief as requested
in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Sean M Broderick of Brewster, NY be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner** or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/05/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons

interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 08, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 07/24/2024

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P1523EA
Estate of:
Mishells Potricia Evens

Michelle Patricia Evans Also Known As: Michelle P. Evans, Michelle Evans Date of Death: May 1, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Madison Evans of Everett, MA.

Madison Evans of Everett, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 07/24/2024

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

The Board of Selectmen opened the Warrant on July 9, 2024 for the October 7, 2024 Special Town Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at Ludlow High School. All Articles should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA no later than Friday, September 6, 2024 at 4:00

p.m. The Board of Selectmen will close the Warrant on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at their regular meeting.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman Board of Selectmen 07/24/2024

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD24P1479GD
In the interests of
Lance Jerome Coleman

of Indian Orchard, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for
Appointment of Guardian of
a Minor filed on 07/12/2024
by Maria I Santana of
Chicopee, MA will be
held 08/14/2024 01:45 PM
Guardianship of Minor
Hearing. Located: Judge
Hyland-In Person: 50 State
St. Springfield, MA 01103
Courtroom 1 - 4th Floor.

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

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

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: July 12, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 07/24/2024

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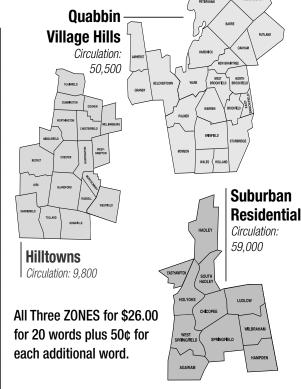


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