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Indian Orchard Citizens Council give away backpacks to students

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INDIAN ORCHARD – This weekend, Myrtle Street Park was the host to a backpack give-away.

The Citizens Council helped to organize a give-away of new backpacks to students getting ready for school at Myrtle Street Park, which was held on this Saturday on August 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event featured tables from a number of local businesses and organizations and fresh food, prepared and served onsite.

Lia Warrick, who was involved in organizing the event, said she was excited to see the event continue growing. Citizens Council Office Manager Jacqueline Farrow said that the organization was looking forward to donating 100 backpacks to children in the community.

“They were purchased by

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Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Zy-Rion, age 9, and Zyrre, age 12, had a table for their lemonade business, overseen by their mom, Daysha Brown (not pictured).

Live music and more at Vanished Valley’s Food Truck Festival

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LUDLOW – This weekend, Vanished Valley Brewing Company provided the community with events, artisans, food, and live music.

On Friday, Aug. 9, the Taproom was open all day and the Beer Cave was host to local musical act Alex Rohan.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 10, despite concerns about the weather, the brewery hosted a Food Truck Festival. Live music was provided by Aida O’Brien in the early afternoon and Kingdom of Jones followed during the evening.

This event was put on to collect non-perishable food items and personal care items for the Veterans Center. It was marketed to community residents and families of all ages from all over the region.

Among the wares available were cookies and more from Cherished Cookie Creations, German food from Cote’s Cook, mac and cheese from Dev’s Mac N’ Eats, Puerto Rican cuisine from DHI, Sri Lankan “street food” from Island Spice, sauces from Lizard Mill Hot Sauce, specialty coffee from The Monsoon Roastery, Japanese food from Nom Nom Hut, barbecue from



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

The Monsoon Roastery table was manned by Tim Monson (“Like the town,”) and Steven Garcia. See more photos on page 9.

North Elm Butcher Block, gourmet cupcakes from Patty Cakes, maple cotton candy from Shattuck’s Sugarhouse, kettle corn from TJ’s Pop, and waffles from Wandering Waffles.

To learn more about events hosted at Vanished Valley Brewery, visit their Facebook page, call their number at 413-610-1572, or visit Vanished-Valley.com.

Anna and Devon Grierson let Boomer from the Thunderbirds hold 9-month-old Elliot.



Select Board discusses liquor licenses with local restaurants

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LUDLOW – At its August 6 meeting, the Board of Selectmen discussed liquor licenses with two businesses, BarBurrito and Pizza Corner.

BarBurrito

William Collins approached the board to continue a new beer and wine license for his restaurant, BarBurrito. The discussion had to be tabled after the Select Board Members discovered that the appropriate abutters had not been properly notified.

“We couldn’t be happier with the first five days of business in Ludlow,” Collins said. “It’s been an overwhelming response, it’s been a great, great community to open up in. We’ve had a lot of fun.”

Collins said that Sharon LaDuke had offered to take care of the correspondence, and that this “caught him by surprise” and that it was “very nice.” He thanked the town and the Selectmen, and Town Administra-

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LUDLOW

Charter Committee responds to calls to keep Town Meeting

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LUDLOW – In response to correspondence it had received from the public, the Charter Committee held a discussion at its recent meeting to address requests from the public to maintain the Town Meeting form of government.

At its August 1 meeting, the committee opened a discussion about the comments it had received through public forums and correspondence it had received. Part of the discussion surrounded comments from the public who said they would rather keep the Town Meeting form of government over changing to the Town Manager/Town Council form proposed in the charter.

“I don’t disagree that Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy,” said Select Board Member Bill Rosenblum, “but in this town it’s not working.”

Committee Member Marty Fanning responded to some comments received via email from local resident Peter Karalekas, who Fanning noted as being “forthright in coming to our meetings and telling us his thought process.”

At the recent informational center held at the Polish-American Citizens Club, Karalekas was among the residents who addressed the committee to advocate for keeping the current form of government.

“There are a lot of communities in Massachusetts with the Town Meeting style, but most of those are with populations lower than Ludlow,” Fanning said. “There are some with quite high budgets, but they don’t fall into the cohorts

of Ludlow.”

Fanning noted that there are some such towns with larger populations than the town, but the majority have lower populations. Rosenblum noted that of the 292 communities with a Town Meeting form of government, 32 are Representative Town Meeting, with the majority holding Open Town Meetings.

Pat Lavoie of the Collins Center noted that towns with a population of under 12,000 residents are ineligible for a council form of government, and this accounts for many of the Town Meeting communities in the state.

“Many of the communities that are larger than 12,000 are in the process of looking into changes to a council form of government,” Lavoie said. “The numbers that you are looking at aren’t static.”

Committee Member George mentioned a comment that compared the town to Brookline, stating that it has a population of 62,000 residents and an average annual budget of \$313 million, and has a Town Meeting form of government, though it did not specify if it was open or representative.

“I’m not sure how well it’s working for Brookline,” Costa said. “We just know that’s what they have.”

Rosenblum said that the median home value in Brookline is over \$1 million, and Fanning said that it is “hardly in the demographic group” of the town.

Committee Member Jennifer Aldworth noted that the committee has had conversations regarding the efficiency of Town Meeting, particularly regarding issues of participation, preparation,



and timing of decision-making.

Rosenblum noted that in an election, a resident could hypothetically coordinate with seven friends to write them in and be elected a precinct member without campaigning or anything.

“I’ve seen people who’ve had two or three names written in and they become a precinct member,” Rosenblum said.

Committee Chair Marissa Ribeiro Dahan added that precinct members in a Representative Town Meeting are supposed to represent the voters in their precinct, but that there isn’t an efficient system for voters to reach out to their precinct members.

“Pretty much your only option is to send them a letter or knock on their door,” Ribeiro Dahan said. “That’s not really realistic in today’s day and age of how folks are trying to get their voices heard. I’m not sure how well it’s really working when the folks who are supposed to be representing you aren’t

really able to hear from residents in most cases.”

Committee Member Linda Collette noted that Precinct Members don’t have an associated email address or phone numbers publicly listed.

Committee Member Brian Bylicki said that, in 50 years as a Precinct Member, he could recall only one time when he was contacted by a voter from the precinct. Another committee member indicated they had never had that experience.

“I was a precinct member a while back,” said Costa. “The only time I was approached by the public was at Town Meeting, walking into the auditorium. They were outside and asked for my support on their matter.”

Ribeiro Dahan compared these problems with Town Meeting to the Town Council form of government that the new charter is proposing.

“If we were to move forward with the change that we’re proposing, there are going to be easily accessible Town Council members that everyone will be able to contact via email or by coming to a Council meeting,” Ribeiro Dahan said.

Lavoie said that though there are more and more communities changing from the Town Meeting form, there is “no movement” going in the other direction.

“I’m not advocating for one or the other,” Lavoie added. “I’m just telling you that’s the direction.”

If you’d like to get in touch with the Charter Committee, you can send an email to CharterCommittee@ludlow.ma.us.

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Congratulations to Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Government Relations Awardee

LUDLOW – The Boys & Girls Clubs of America congratulated its Government Relations Awardee at the recent National Conference.

The BGCA hosted its 118th National Conference in Atlanta, GA. The entire Office of Government Relations enjoyed the opportunity to connect with nearly 3,500 attendees from around the country and led sessions focused on effective lobbying at the state level, securing public funding, election engagement, and much more.

BGCA was especially excited to recognize the Clubs and Club leaders who took home prestigious Government Relations awards for their incredible and impactful work in 2023.

“A dynamic Alliance Director, dedicated Clubs, professional lobbyists, and an engaged board all lead to the incredible success of this Alliance,” said Missy Dugan, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, BGCA. “While



From left: Lobbyist Anthony Abdelahad of Ventry Associates, Julie Gage, President of the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Lisa Anastasi, Chief Development & External Relations Officer of the BGCA, Jenn Aldworth, Executive Director of the MA Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, a Ludlow resident, named Alliance Professional of the Year by BGCA last year and the Former CEO of the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club.

their success is about a lot more than money, I have to share that the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys &

Girls Clubs passed through 92.8% of \$12,908,390 to local Clubs in 2023.”

Jenn Aldworth has been the Executive Director for six years, and is the first woman and person of color to serve in this position.

Former Employees of the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club represent the only staff employed by the MA Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. For 22 years, the Alliance only employed one position, but last year a second position for Operations Coordinator was added, and Cindy Brosseau was hired.

Ludlow residents volunteering at the Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club, (from left) Cindy Brosseau, Operations Coordinator of the MA Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, and Jenn Aldworth, Executive Director, MA Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.



Center in need of volunteers

INDIAN ORCHARD— The Community Survival Center is looking for volunteers. Volunteers will start with 2-hour shifts once a week and all volunteers start in the donation room, hanging and sorting clothes. Volunteers must be able to stand for 2 hours. Hours are also available in the Pantry and the Thrift Shop as needed. The Center is open till 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Shifts are flexible, meaning

that volunteers could come in from 9 to 11 a.m. or 10 a.m. till noon or 11 a.m. Till 1 p.m., etc.

An application is available on our website or by email, survival-centerio@gmail.com or even a paper one by request.

The mission of the Community Survival Center is to relieve hunger in our community by providing emergency food to individuals and families in times of need.

Ludlow Cultural Council 2024 Concerts

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Sunday, Aug. 25

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Sunday, Sept. 8

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

Lemonade stand benefits animals

SPRINGFIELD— Jesse Bartosz and his mom Lindsey LaBelle hosted Jesse's Lemonade Stand event to support the Foundation for TJO Animals and the animals in need at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center.

Founded in 2007, the Foundation for TJO Animals is dedicated to raising much needed funds to help local, homeless animals at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, serving the cities of Springfield, Holyoke, and Chicopee, Massachusetts. With a focus on providing financial assistance and grants for veterinary care, the Foundation has had a direct impact on saving lives of animals in the shelter.

7 year old Jesse Bartosz and his mom Lindsey LaBelle held the 2nd Jesse's Lemonade Stand fundraising event at

GGInks on July 19. Bartosz's love of animals is incredible, and with the help of some great supporters, they raised \$5,105 for the Foundation for TJO Animals. There was also a collection items from the shelter wish. GG Inks hosted the event, an Rock 102 and lazer 99.3 and 98.5 graciously promoted the event. Bartosz's family and friends, and many members of the community came out to support this amazing event.

The Foundation for TJO Animals is grateful to Jesse and Linsey for their ongoing support over the years. Proceeds from the Lemonade Stand event enable the Foundation to provide financial assistance to support the much-needed medical care and treatment for the animals in need at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center.

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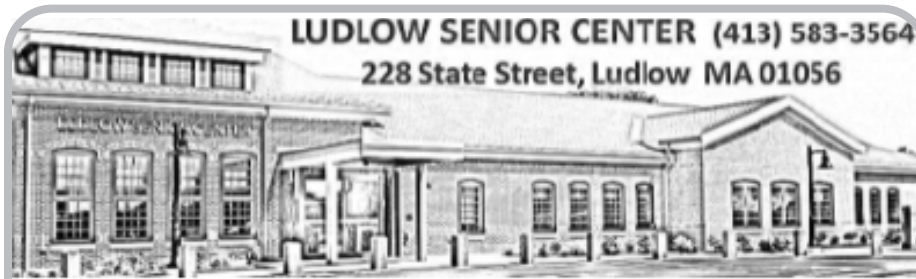
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Aug. 15

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers Block*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Aug. 16

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

Monday, Aug. 19

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

Tuesday, Aug. 20

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo

- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
- 4:30 p.m. Creative Corner w/Tammy*
- 4:30 p.m. Jewelry Making Class*
- 5 p.m. Trivia
- 5 p.m. Movie: Past Lives

Wednesday, Aug. 21

- 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: Past Lives
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Tie Dye Tote Bag Class*
- 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 22

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9 a.m. Worcester Museum Trip*
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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Menu:

- Thursday, Aug. 15: Birthday Lunch! Stuffed Shells/Side Salad
- Friday, Aug. 16: Fruit Salad/Cottage Cheese Plate
- Monday, Aug. 19: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Carrots
- Tuesday, Aug. 20: Vegetable Frittata/Roasted Potatoes
- Wednesday, Aug. 21: Southwest Chicken Salad
- Thursday, Aug. 22: Cowboy Burger/Tater Tots

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Ludlow native returns to meet fans

By Tessa Quinn
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD - Soap opera fans were busy on August 11 at Zombie Hideout in Springfield. The comic book store on Cooley Street held a meet and greet with Ludlow native actress Maura West.

She graduated from Ludlow High School before attending Boston University and landing a job as a series regular on the CBS Soap Opera, *As the World Turns*.

A multiple Daytime Emmy winner, West currently plays Ava Jerome on ABC's *General Hospital*. She also worked on *The Young and the Restless*.

Saturday's fun kicked off with a question-and-answer session. Fans asked West about her time in the television industry and gave their opinions about where they think the storyline of the show is going.

More than 20 fans, who paid for VIP status to be at the event, were eager to get their chance to speak with West, a few even reminiscing about their time at Ludlow High.

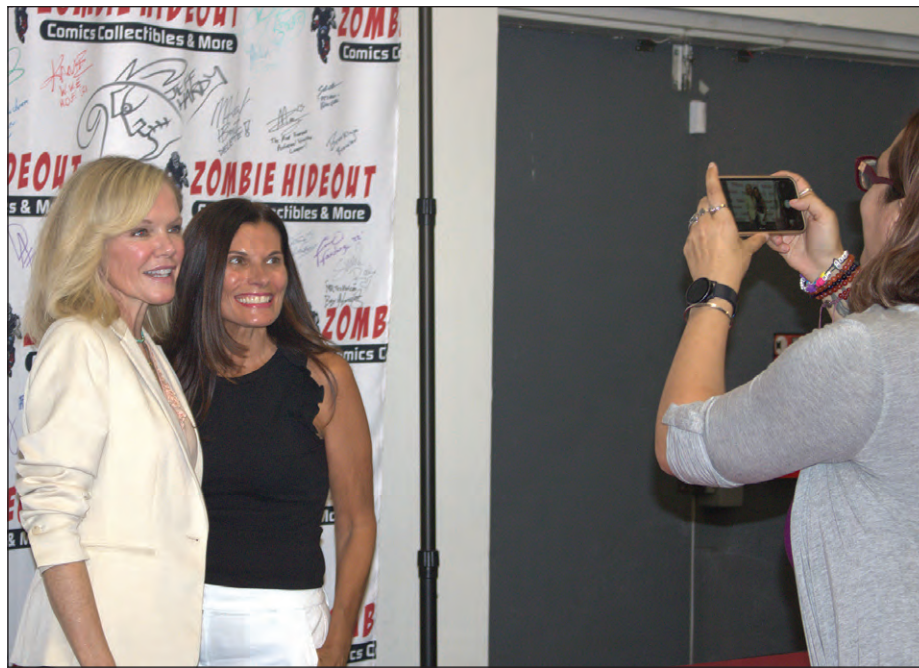
When asked about being a western Mass. native and if she ever comes back to the area, West told fans "you grow up and you want to come home... My heart has always been here."

After the Q and A session, fans had the chance to meet West, get an autograph and take their picture with her.

Fans who did not do the VIP level Q and A session were still able to pay to meet West for an autograph and picture.

Those coming to meet West for that aspect of the event quickly began lining up inside the store for their chance to interact with the star.

Zombie Hideout has been hosting meet and greets with celebrities for years. Usually the store brings in horror actors, athletes or wrestlers.



Ludlow native Cristina Placzek took a picture with local star Maura West (left).

The store's owner Bill Bullock says he started bringing in soap opera actors in memory of his brother, "my brother was a big *General Hospital* fan, and during the peak of COVID he and my father both ended up in the hospital on ventilators and my brother unfortunately didn't make it out."

After the first meet and greet with Vanessa Marcil from *General Hospital* was a success, Bullock says he started reaching out to bring more stars to Springfield.

Bullock works with different talent agents to bring in celebrities that will draw fans to Western Massachusetts.

He says back in March, Ian Buchanan and Finola Hughes who played *General Hospital* power couple Duke and Anna back in the 1980s were at Zombie Hideout. Fans flew in from seven different

states for the chance to meet them.

"A woman flew her daughter in, her daughter was maybe 12 years old. She spent the summer watching *General Hospital* at her grandmother's house and fell in love with Finola Hughes," explained Bullock.

To meet West over the weekend, two women drove two hours from Rhode Island.

"I've been watching *General Hospital* since I was four and a half years old, so since day one with my grandmother," Charlene Centracchio explained.

While not every fan had the same far drive to visit with West, Ludlow resident Cristina Placzek says "she's from town so it's so much more fun to see her on a big television show."



A table was set up at Zombie Hideout for Maura West to sit at and address her fans.



Maura West sat with fans at Zombie Hideout to reminisce about her career and growing up in the area.

Local Festival Raises Money For Veterans with Rock Music

By Emilia Alves
Correspondent

PALMER - On August 16 and 17, tribute bands from as far as Florida will rock the night away at the Rockfest Music Festival.

This festival is organized by Miguel Goncalves, a life-long Ludlow resident and a member and manager of the AC/DC tribute band, Back in Black. Back in Black is based in Ludlow and has been for the past 34 years.

The festival will take place at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers, Palmer, from 5-10 p.m. on Friday, and 2-10 p.m. on Saturday. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit and enjoy the music or to dance like no one is watching.

Goncalves partnered with Tunnel 2 Towers, a foundation that builds and

donates homes to wounded veterans, to put on this festival. Along with Tunnel 2 Towers, Goncalves has many local sponsors that will be advertised on stage.

On the first night of the festival, August 16, gates open at 5 p.m., Back in Black, the first act, starts at 6 p.m., and Completely Unchained, a Van Halen Tribute from Florida, will close off the first night at 8 p.m.

On the second night, August 17, gates open earlier at 2 p.m., Back in Black returns to the stage at 3 p.m., later at 4:30 p.m. Black Cadillac will play, then Project 267 at 6 p.m., and Backstage Pass, an 80's tribute band, at 8 p.m. will close off the festival.

Both Back in Black and Completely Unchained are national acts that travel all over the country to perform at many different events. They both offer authentic

and excellent performances that perfectly mirror the bands they are covering.

Tickets can be bought online on Eventbrite or at the gate. The ticket price for one night is \$25, and \$45 for both nights. This is an all ages show, and kids ages 16 and under are free. Parking is a first come first serve basis, and is free as well. 100% of the profits goes towards the Tunnel 2 Towers foundation.

Delicious bites and beverages, such as perogies and other typical festival food will be available, at the Pulaski Park kitchen and bar. The food and drinks will be available both nights, all night.

This is Rockfest's first year partnering with the Tunnel 2 Towers foundation and they are excited to raise money for the cause. Guests are encouraged to donate to the foundation directly as well. The foundation aims to eradicate veteran

homelessness, by building mortgage-free homes for Gold Star and fallen first responder families, and specialty homes for wounded veterans.

The first Rockfest Goncalves organized was in 2009. He then went on to organize Rockfest in 2010 and 2011. Rockfest took a 10-year hiatus and came back in 2021 stronger than ever. Since then the festival has been growing and is set to amass a large audience this year. Goncalves hopes to bring in people from all over Western Massachusetts.

With the hard work of Goncalves, Rockfest is shaping up to be a fun and entertaining event with excellent musical acts, good food, and an amazing cause behind it. Ludlow should get ready to rock at this year's Rockfest.

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GUEST COLUMN



Will my wife get a spousal benefit from me?

Dear Rusty:
I will be turning 70 (yikes) this coming November. I will begin taking my Social Security benefit at that time. My age 70 SS benefit will be approximately \$4,500 per month. My spouse (who is currently 74) began receiving her SS benefits about 10 years ago before her Full Retirement Age. She receives approximately \$1,900 per month.

My question is, based on my expected SS monthly benefit of approximately \$4,500, would my spouse be eligible for an increase in her monthly SS benefit? I've read some articles about this topic, but none of them seem to be on point so I thought I'd reach out to you.

Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking:

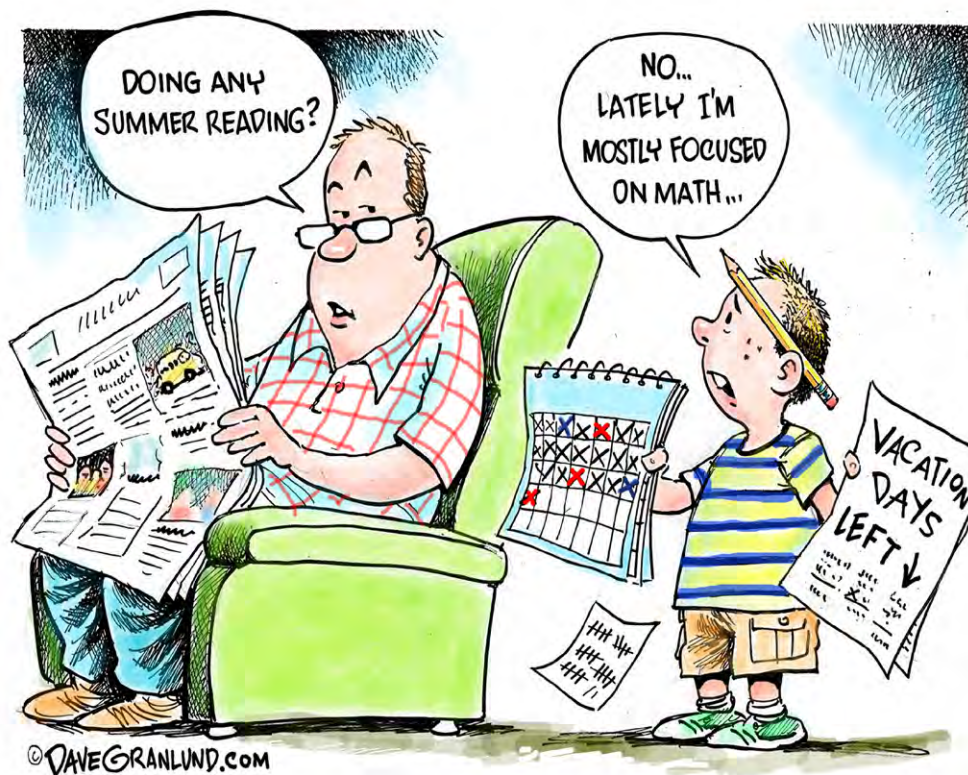
Congratulations on choosing a claiming strategy, which will maximize your Social Security. Waiting until age 70 to claim guarantees you will get the most you can personally receive for the rest of your life, along with annual Cost of Living Adjustments. But the spouse benefits available to your wife when you claim are not based on your age 70 amount. Rather, spouse benefits are calculated using Full Retirement Age amounts. Here's what that means:

If your age 70 benefit will be about \$4,500 then your FRA amount was likely around \$3,450. If your wife claimed at, say, 64, then her FRA entitlement would probably have been around \$2,200. Your wife will only get a spousal boost if 50% of your FRA amount (not your age 70 amount) is more than her own FRA entitlement. From what you've shared, 50% of your FRA amount would be about \$1,750, which is less than your wife's FRA entitlement and her current age 64 amount, which means that she would not be eligible for a spousal boost to her own amount from you.

Spouse benefits can be tricky, because they're based on FRA entitlements, regardless of the age at which benefits are actually claimed. That is not so, however, for surviving spouse benefits. If you were to predecease your wife, her benefit would be your entire \$4,500 amount, instead of her own smaller current amount. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount each of you are currently receiving, not on your amounts at your full retirement age.

I hope this answers your question, but we're always here if you need any further assistance.

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GUEST COLUMN



A question that will encourage blooms for a non-blooming peony

A reader wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding Peony culture: "I hope you can offer some suggestions for me. I have a couple peonies that my mother-in-law gave me. I just kind of put them in the back of our property. They are sad in that they do have foliage but no flowers. I want to transplant. My question is, where do I plant them and at what time of the year?"

You are in luck! Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area.

This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day.

Without knowing the exact size of your plants or if you will be able to lift and move the whole clump, it's hard to advise on the exact size of the hole. Just make sure there is ample room around the plant so that the roots will be able to extend out easily.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure.

Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers, and I know you are looking

forward to flowers!

For that reason, choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall.

An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will also help to promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished.

Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground.

Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry.

Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

I hope that this additional information will help you to achieve the long-awaited flowers that you are hoping for! It may take a year or two for transplanted peonies to get adjusted and do their thing, but once set they will bloom happily for decades!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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FOR ALL AGES

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Chess Club Aug 19, 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.

Anime Club, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 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 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 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.

Beaded Spiral Bracelet Making Thursday, August 22, 4:00-5:00p.m. Make a beaded spiral bracelet! 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.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Pokemon Club, Monday, Aug 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m. For 8 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Nature Sunprints, Monday, August 19, 11:00 a.m. Ages 5 & up. Use photosensitive paper to turn leaves and flowers into art. Please register.

Paper Games Day, Monday, August 26, 9:00am-5:00p.m. All ages.

Mazes, connect-the-dots, word searches, & more! Drop-in.

Fidget Bingo, Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. All ages. Play bingo for a chance to win fidget toys or books as prizes! Please register.

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

Shark Scavenger Hunt Wednesday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All ages. Find pictures & fun facts about sharks to win a prize! Drop-in.

Inter skate Party, Thursday, August 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ages. Free skating to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Pick up tickets from the Youth Room.

Roblox Club, Fridays, 12:00-1:30 p.m. starting June 21. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8+.

Movie & Craft: Disney's "Wish", Friday, Aug. 23, 12-2:30 p.m. Rated PG. Enjoy the movie then make a Wish-inspired craft. Drop-in.

Carrie Ferguson & the Grumpy-time Band, Friday, August 16, 12:00 p.m. All ages. This family-friendly concert to celebrate the end of the summer reading program! Sponsored by Ludlow Cultural Council.

FOR CHILDREN

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

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

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

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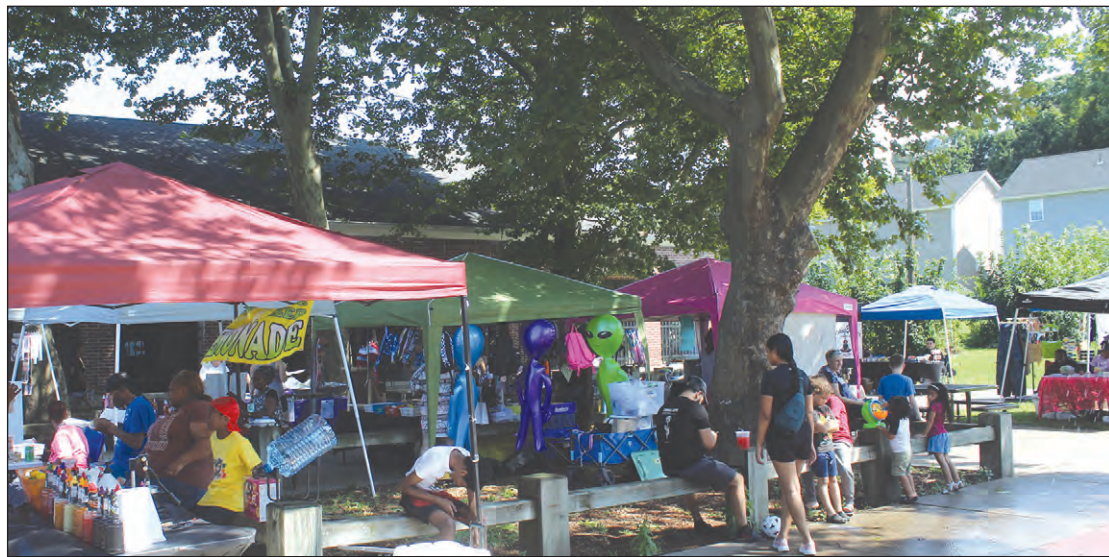
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Tables with tents were set up in Myrtle Street Park for vendors to advertise their wares to passing attendees.

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 one of the vendors, Burning Balance,” Farrow said. “Leah Warwick is also an IO Citizens Council board member, and she purchased the bags.”
 Farrow added that a majority of the school supplies donated to the event came from other local vendors and businesses in the community.
 Farrow said that she looked forward to the positive effect this would have on families. She said that in the

current economic climate, the giveaway would make it easier on parts of the community that used to rely on proximity to the Eastfield Mall to purchase school supplies.
 “Indian Orchard really doesn’t have a lot of storefronts,” Farrow said. “With Eastfield mall now closed, it’s hard for the community to get out and purchase bookbags and whatnot.”
 Farrow added that the demolition of the Eastfield

Mall “really did have a negative impact on people who rely on public transportation to go and buy things like that.”
 “We’re hoping to help take the edge off and make sure that kids come to school with new bags and school supplies,” Farrow said.
 The Citizens Council does a lot of community organizing, including the annual food truck festival on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., as well as planning a number



Lia Warrick (right), pictured with Jaeda Haskoor, said the backpack giveaway has “gotten bigger and bigger.”

of events for the upcoming holiday season, such as vendor events to make up for the lack of storefront.
 “We’re also going to do a candle-making workshop for children,” Farrow said. “We want to try and make sure that the kids have someplace to go to make presents for their parents.”
 The Citizens Council also holds a Farm Share every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. through mid-October.
 “On the first and third

Monday of the month, we have Senior Luncheon from 1-2 p.m.,” Farrow said.
 The luncheon is sign-up only. The Citizens Council also holds Senior bingo from 3-5 p.m. and jewelry-making events on the second Monday of month from 3-5 p.m.
 If you’d like to learn more about the Citizens Council, you can send an email to IndianOrchardCitizensCouncil@GMail.com, or call 413-209-8240.



Tiffany Ojeda and Tiana Fraga had a table where they could sell necklaces, bracelets, bags, and other things.



Burning Balance Candle Company donated 100 backpacks for the giveaway, (from left) Jayliana, age 6, Alitza Feliciano, Yesenia Santos, Aria, age 9, and Javien Colon.



Antoine Eberhart cooked burgers and hot dogs, which he gave away in a \$5 bundle with chips and juice.



Yaiselie Coriano and Novalie, age 3, sat on the bench at the park to enjoy the festivities.



Kids ran through the splash pad at Myrtle Street Park when they picked up their backpacks.

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Vanished Valley's Food Truck Festival



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Enjoying drinks at Vanished Valley, (from left) Ciersten Palumbo, Mary Silva, Natalie Patruno, and two-month-old Charlie.



Folks lined up to buy waffles from the Wandering Waffles food truck.



Taking some time to catch up with friends, (from left) Chelsea Brogi, Hanna Toledo, and Doug French, and their dogs Woody and Harley.



Anna, age 11, and Leucotheu, age 17, handed out cotton candy at the brewery.



James Quinn and Mary Tessier sat together to enjoy a beer and the event's festivities.



Tina Regis and Ivy, age 8, bought cookies from Heather Gagne's shop, Cherished Cookie Creations.



Sharing a drink at a table in the Beer Garden, (from left) Peter Fontaine, Ray LaRose, and Robin Read.

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tor Marc Strange confirmed the proof of mailings.

One abutter noted that she had only received the notice, which was dated July 19, that day, though the board members indicated that this was a fault of the postal service.

"I have no problem with the business in Ludlow," Dias added. "I just think it would have been great to have more time to know."

Select Board Member Tony Goncalves noted that Collins's business had "a lot of experience coming forward" in terms of serving and management of the beer and wine license.

"I was there last week," Goncalves said. "I'm glad to see all the local breweries getting

involved and selling products there."

The board unanimously approved the beer and wine license to BarBurrito, Inc.

Pizza Corner

Kul Sarki of KB & Sons Venture, LLC approached the board to request a transfer of the liquor license for Pizza Corner. He was accompanied by the restaurant's former owner, Charlie Perrakis.

"I sold my pizza shop/restaurant a year and a half ago," Perrakis said. "After that, the license reverted back to you guys. The guys that bought it, there were four partners, they sold it to (Sarki) and his partner."

Perrakis said that the previous owners applied for a liquor license, but were denied because they were not American citizens.

"The restaurant is the same," Perrakis said. "They haven't changed anything."

Sarki said he does not have a liquor license, but has served beer and wine at other restaurants in the past. The Selectmen added that Sarki and a majority of his employees will need to be TIPS certified, which can be done online.

There was some discussion of the change to the restaurant's name, which has gone from Pizza Corner to Pizza Corner and Curry House. The board members were unsure if this change in name would be substantial enough to require a new EIN number.

Goncalves indicated that he was willing to approve the license, but noted a section in the documentation that caught his eye.

"The entity will be issued the license and have operational control of the premise," Goncalves said. "The entity is the

corporation, not the DBA. Regardless of what the DBA says, I think we're issuing the license with the entity, which is KB & Sons Venture, LLC."

Select Board Vice Chair Manuel Silva said that Sarki will have to iron these issues out in order to when filing documentation.

The board elected to postpone the issue in order to research these questions. Sarki and Perrakis expressed concern over whether this could lead to the restaurant missing out on the liquor license if there were a limited number available.

"I don't think it's one or the other," said Strange. "I think there are two available."

The board voted to table the discussion until its September meeting, so it could gather the information necessary to decide if the application needs to be

amended to reflect the restaurant's new name, or if the owning company's name is sufficient.

"This way, if it's approved, it's done the right way," Goncalves said. "It doesn't get kicked back, and then six to eight weeks down the road we have to go through it again."

"We're better off spending a little bit more time now than finding out two months from now we have to go through this again," Goncalves said.

Goncalves encouraged Sarki and Perrakis to research this issue themselves while the Select Board members conducted its research. Collins of BarBurrito told Sarki that he would be able to help him contact a liquor license attorney.

The discussion was tabled until the board's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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Lusitano Ladies take PSSYL title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Six of the ten women teams in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League qualified for the playoffs.

The Lusitano Women and Here for Beer finished the regular season with 6-4-2 records and a coin flip was held to determine their playoff seeds. The two squads wound up facing each other in the championship match.

The fifth-seeded Lusitano Women took home the championship trophy for the first time since 2019 with a 3-0 shutout victory over the sixth-seeded Here for Beer at historic Lusitano Stadium, on Friday, Aug. 2.

“We’ve always made the playoffs, but it feels really good to win the championship game for the first time in five years,” said Lusitano Women player/coach Taylor Jordan. “We’re an experienced team this year, and everyone showed up ready to play in tonight’s match.”

Jordan shared the coaching duties with Stephanie Gonçalves.

The Lusitano Ladies, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium, advanced into the finals after defeating the



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The Lusitano Ladies captured the women’s PVSSL title on Aug. 2



Lexi Stone fights to keep possession.



Vasilky Rizos goes after the loose ball.

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Lions suffer finals loss in penalty kicks



Payton Dersarkisian sends a pass forward.



Catarina Mazza follows through on a shot.

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ond-seeded Ludlow Ideal.

The championship match was still scoreless at the end of regulation and the two ten-minute overtime periods. Pope Francis made all four of their shots during the penalty shootout while Ludlow made two of them leading to a 0-0

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Seth Allen looks to get things going for PeoplesBank.



Joe Ferry fields a base hit to left.

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Bankers take 11th consecutive playoff title

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank of the Tri-County Baseball League continues to field one of the best rosters in Western Massachusetts. Last Tuesday evening, the Bankers would capture their 11th consecutive championship with a two-game sweep of Hilltown Tents, ending with an 8-3 win last Tuesday night. The Bankers had an unusual playoff path, having to wait nearly two weeks after the end of the regular season to compete in the playoffs. The quarterfinal series went through several

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Jimmy Flahive delivers a pitch home.

Conte leads way in Owls golf tourney

WESTFIELD – Sunny skies met the 33 registered foursomes for the 18th annual Owl Club Tournament at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Mass. on Monday.

The tournament is a key fundraiser for Westfield State athletics with alumni, sponsors, families and university coaches and staff all participating to net more than \$21,000 to support Owls' athletics. Westfield Bank again served as the lead sponsor of the event.

Westfield State president Linda Thompson welcomed the players at dinner and thanked them for the support of the University and Owls athletics. She mentioned her increased focus on the success of the Owls athletic teams and their role in university life, and reminded players that the University will be celebrating its 185th anniversary this fall with a gala event as part

of the homecoming weekend on Oct. 18.

Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. formally introduced Westfield State's new head football coach Lou Conte, Jr., as the guest of honor at the tournament's post-round dinner, sponsored by Westfield Gas and Electric and Whip City Fiber.

"Coach K and Coach Marino I held in high regard as a young man," said Conte in his remarks about the Owls previous two head coaches, both in attendance at the tournament. "I knew what I wanted to do, I wanted to coach football ... They were kings to me, and to be able to follow in the footsteps of the path that they laid out, both individually and together, and I am so appreciative, and so lucky to be here. I'm so excited for the season and there are many great things here that

makes it feel like the right move for us."

Conte, an Agawam native, noted that he and his wife and children were excited to be able to set down roots in Western Mass again after stints coaching at Lenoir-Rhyne and the Citadel in South Carolina.

Players played in the scramble format at Crestview, former home of the LPGA's Friendly's classic and a qualifying site for the PGA's Travelers Championship. Players received lunch, sponsored by College Hype Sportswear and Screenprinting, and competed in variety of contests on the course, including long drive, pot of gold, a putting contest, shot for a \$5,000 hole in one prize, and contested closest-to-the-pin on multiple holes. Carts were sponsored by the Follett Campus Bookstore.

The Owls 2023 MASCAC Champion women's soccer team

helped out as volunteers on the course, running several of the contests and staffing the players' Oasis on the course, which was sponsored by Pepsi and Commercial Distributing. Part of the proceeds from the event will help support women's soccer's season-opening trip to the Nashville, Tenn. area for a multi-day tournament.

Conte's big day continued as his foursome won the tournament's open division with a remarkable score of 17-under par.

"I hope his playbook is as good as his scorecard," joked tournament director Dave Caspole, the Owls associate director of athletics, in announcing the winners.

A foursome headed by Conte's father, Lou Sr., topped the senior division with a 16-under score.

Westfield State athletic trainers Cheryl Lee Seccina and Ka-

tie Sylvain were part of the winning coed foursome with a score of nine-under.

Other honors went to baseball alumnus Jack Mosko '78 who won the putting contest, hockey alumnus Chad Lesage '78 who topped the long drive, and Deb Murphy p'17 who topped the women's long drive. Closest to the pin honors went to Tom Mathis, Jake Hough, and former Owls men's basketball guard Austin Joseph '18. Retired Owls cross country coach and Owls Hall of Famer Bill Devine '73 won the pot of gold drawing after hitting the green in regulation on the 11th hole.

The tournament is annually contested the first Monday in August, as the Owls ramp up for their teams to arrive for fall pre-season. Conte's football team will be the first ones back on campus beginning Aug. 13.

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fourth-seeded Western Mass. Extremes, 1-0, in the quarter-finals, and the second-seeded Heat, 3-1, in the semifinals.

"We won our first two play-off matches on the road. We just wanted to end the season by playing another game on our home field," Jordan said. "It's always very special to play a match here."

Back in 2019, the Lusitano Women celebrated a 3-0 victory over the Xtremes in the championship match. The previous year, they lost by the same score to Here for Beer in the finals.

Following the last Friday's championship match, Julia Farnham, who's a third year member of the Lusitano Women, received the M.V.P. award.

"I didn't score any of the goals or had an assist, but I did help my teammates set up the goals," said Farnham, who's a midfielder. "It feels great to win a championship game for the first time in the three years that I've been playing for this soccer team."

Farnham lives in Amherst, and played soccer at Vassar College, which is in Poughkeepsie, New York. She led her college soccer team in minutes last fall as a senior.



Julia Farnham works alone in the middle of the field.



Becky Dee makes her way up the field.

Here for Beer, who plays their home matches at South Hadley High School, advanced into the finals after posting a pair of road victories. They beat the third-seeded Monson Mustangs, 4-3, in the quarterfinals, and upset the top-seeded Westside Sports Shop, 2-0, in the semis. Westside Sports Shop had won the last three women's championship titles.

"We began the season well before suffering a couple of injuries," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell. "I never thought that we would make it to the finals this year, but we knocked out the top-seeded team in the semifinals. It was a fun season."

Ashwell, who was selected as the M.V.P. of the 2018 championship match, shares the coaching duties with Gina Lord.

Ashwell is normally a midfielder, but she was the starting goalkeeper in this year's finals.

"Our starting goalie, Sue Jenney, suffered an ACL injury during the regular season. Our back-up goalie, Kelly Callahan, suffered a season ending injury in our semifinal match on Wednesday," Ashwell said. "I've never been a goalie before the other night. I was our starting goalie in tonight's game and it's the first time I've played a full game at that position. You just need to have a

different mindset being a goalie than a field player. I just needed to step up for my team."

The Lusitano Ladies took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the eighth minute.

Ada Siepman, who plays soccer at Mount Holyoke College, fired a high shot that Ashwell couldn't save. The ball landed in the right corner of the net.

"I tried my best to make the save on their first goal," Ashwell said. "I just hesitated a little bit and the ball got past me."

Two minutes later, Lauren Cantin delivered a pass from the left side to Trystin Burger, who finished off the play by scoring the Lusitano Women's

second goal.

Burger also played soccer at Granby High School and AIC.

The final 30 minutes of the opening half was evenly played.

Here for Beer best scoring chance came on a shot attempt during the 18th minute of the first half from Lauren Majanski, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

The Lusitano Women built a 3-0 lead following a goal by Jordan Chatman with about twenty minutes remaining in regulation.

The Lusitano Ladies will be looking to defend their PVSSL women's championship title a year from now.

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(4-2 PKS) win at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, on Saturday, Aug. 3.

“We’ve played in the summer league finals every year since I was a freshman,” said Norah Walsh, who’ll be one of the seniors on the Pope Francis girls’ varsity soccer team in the fall. “We won the title in my freshman and sophomore years. We lost in the finals last year. It’s a lot of fun winning another title in my final year playing for this soccer team.”

Walsh, who scored her team’s final goal during the shootout, was selected as the Girls A-Division M.V.P.

Back in 2021, Pope Francis squeaked out a 1-0 shutout victory over Ludlow in the B-Division finals, which was held at Abdo Field located on the A.I.C. campus.

Pope Francis, who finished the 2024 regular season with a 9-1-1 record, also won the B-Division Title in 2022 before losing to Monson, 3-0, in the A-Divi-



Calleigh Foley tries to avoid contact.

sion championship match a year ago.

Ludlow head coach Carolyn Scyocurka, who coached her final summer league game, gave her thoughts about the 2024 championship match.

“Both teams were evenly matched, and it was a back-and-forth game,” Scyocurka said. “Someone has to win, and someone has to lose. It was a very good game.”

Ludlow, who finished the regular season with a 7-2-2 record, defeated seventh-seeded Hampshire Regional, 1-0, in the quarterfinals on July 30 before losing to Northampton, 3-2, in the quarterfinals two days later. Ludlow earned a spot in the championship match after Northampton was disqualified from the playoffs for violating a league rule by PVSSL commissioner Diane Kolodziej.

“When we were informed that we would be playing in the finals, the girls were very excited about it,” Scyocurka said. “We almost had a full roster today and we were ready to play.”

The members of the Ludlow Ideal Girls A-Division squad are Nora Adams, Maddie Andrews, Katherine Anselmo, Juliana Bartolucci, Mia Carvalho, Taylor Colberg, Kate Del Negro, Hayden Delrosario Rodrigues, Payton Dersarkian, Aneysha Donais, Calleigh Foley, Ava Friese, Ava Gabriello, Eliana Garcia, Kacie Klimek, Liliana Kolasienski, Catarina Mazza, Valentina Molinari, Madison Pereira, Ryleigh Remillard, Madelyn Riley, Isabella San Jurjo, Sophia Scyocurka, and Abigail Toomey.

Riley and Klimek split the goalie duties throughout the summer season.

They’re outstanding goalies,” Scyocurka said. “Each of them have played one half all season long.”

Riley, who was the starting keeper against Pope Francis,

only had to make a couple of saves during the first 35 minutes of the contest.

Ludlow had a couple of corner kicks in the second half, but the contest remained scoreless a little bit longer.

Seven minutes into the first OT, Klimek made a save on a shot taken by Maeve Turmel, who was the M.V.P. of the 2021 championship match.

A couple of minutes later, Remillard fired a shot, which was saved by Pope Francis goalie Eden Kornacki.

Klimek made two more saves in the second overtime.

Ludlow missed their first shot in the penalty shootout, but Molinari and Sophia Scyocurka made their shots tying the score at 2-2.

Pope Francis retook the lead following a goal by Jordyn Balint.

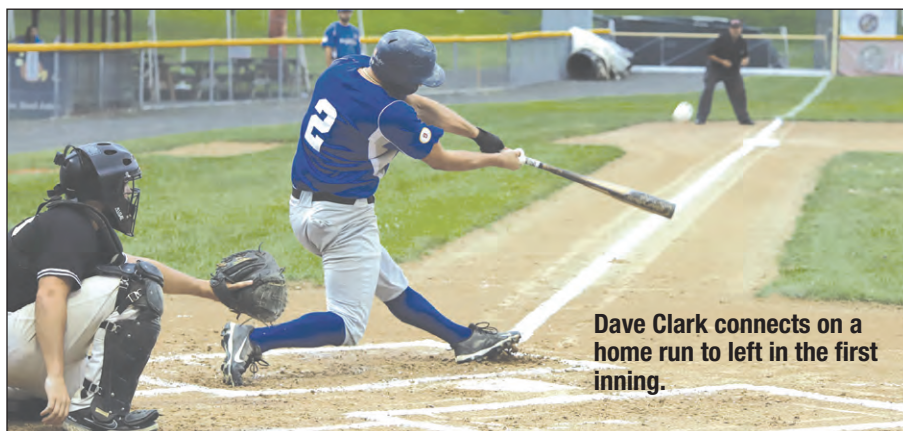
Ludlow also missed their fourth attempt before Walsh ended the championship match by putting a low shot into the left corner of the net.



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postponements following the end of the regular season. When the Bankers finally came to play, they rounded off four wins in five days to take the semifinals and finals. The Bankers defeated St. Joe’s, their longtime rivals, in the semifinals.

Pete Hogan hustles down the first



Dave Clark connects on a home run to left in the first inning.

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WEEK HISTORY AUGUST 15



Mahatma Gandhi, pictured on his last birthday before his assassination, was instrumental in helping India achieve independence on August 15, 1947.

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

On August 14, 1880, construction of the Kölner Dom cathedral in Cologne, Germany was finally completed, having begun 640 years earlier.

On August 15, 1947, India achieved independence from British rule after nearly 200 years.

On August 16, British archaeological scholar and military strategist T.E. Lawrence, known as “Lawrence of Arabia” for his legendary activities in the Middle East during World War I, was born in Wales.

On August 17, 1999, a 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit zmit, Turkey, killing more than 17,000 people and leaving some 500,000 homeless.

On August 18, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified, winning women the right to vote in the United States after a 72-year long fight.

On August 19, 1991, President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev was briefly ousted in a coup by communist hard-liners.

Finally, on August 20, 1975, the robotic U.S. spacecraft Viking 1, built to explore the surface of Mars, was launched, landing nearly one year later in a flat lowland region on the northern hemisphere of Mars.

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Yoga For Little Ones, August 14, 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6 & their caretakers. Simple yoga poses are woven together with stories, songs, games, and crafts to create a fun, interactive program. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays August 15, 10:00 a.m. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Read to Karl the Dog, Thursday, August 22, 2:00 p.m. Karl is a great listener! Ludlow Animal Control Officer Octavia Anderson will bring her registered therapy dog Karl to the library to provide a friendly, non-judgemental ear for beginning readers. Readers will have 10-15 minutes to read to Karl all by themselves. Please register.

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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.

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The Town of Ludlow wishes to receive responses for engineering services for water main replacement, sewer system replacement, road reconstruction and drainage improvements in the Robert St. Neighborhood, approximately 700 linear feet to include Carol Street and Marie Street. The fee for services sought will be negotiated and shall not exceed \$72,500. A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 781-6045, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To request an electronic copy of the RFQ, please contact Sue Ortiz at sortiz@pvpc.org. The RFQ will be available from the time of this notice until the due date specified below. The Town of Ludlow reserves the right to reject any and all responses if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so. The Ludlow Board of Selectmen will be the awarding and contracting authority.

Completed proposals are to be submitted no later than 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104.
08/14/2024

**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 22, 2024 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Ken Conley of **164 Lyon Street** Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 24, Parcel 39B) for: **home office for welding business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
08/07, 08/14/2024

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Lukasz Wolanczyk of **218 Lyon Street** Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 24, Parcel

36) for: **office for landscaping business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 12, 2024.

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**Docket No. HD24C0123CA
In the matter of:
Malak Saad Al Jashaam
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Malak Saad Al Jashaam of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Malak Saad Brak

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/03/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 05, 2024

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**Docket No. HD24C0122CA
In the matter of:
Mohammed Saad
Al Jashaam
CITATION ON PETITION
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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Mohammed Saad Al Jashaam of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Mohammed Saad Brak

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**Docket No. HD24C0126CA
In the matter of:
Omar Saad Al Jashaam
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Omar Saad Al Jashaam of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Omar Saad Brak

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**Destruction of Special
Education Records**

Please be advised that the SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS from the Ludlow High School Class of 2017, along with the records of students released from special education services during the 2016-2017 school year, will be destroyed the week of September 2, 2024. If you wish to obtain your records, please contact the Special Education office at 583-8372, ext 1216 prior to Friday, August 30, in order to make arrangements for pick up. Please note that identification will be required at the time of record retrieval.
08/07, 08/14, 08/21/2024

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**Docket No. HD24C0125CA
In the matter of:
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**Docket No. HD24C0124CA
In the matter of:
Saad Zaben Al Jashaam
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Saad Zaben Brak

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Date: August 05, 2024

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**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa Rodrigues to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., said mortgage being dated July 6, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16802, Page 94, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 29, 2024**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 22 Essex Street, Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singu-

lar the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Ludlow in the County of Hampden, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar in the Easterly side line of Essex Street, said iron bar being distant Northerly One Hundred Ninety-two (192.0) feet from a stone bound at the intersection of the Northerly side line of State Street and the Easterly side line of Essex Street; thence running Easterly Ninety (90.0) feet to an iron bar at land now or formerly of one Mezeas; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Northerly along land of the aforesaid Mezeas Fifty (50.0) feet to an iron bar; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Westerly Ninety (90.0) feet to an iron bar in the Easterly side line of Essex Street; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running Southerly along the aforesaid street line Fifty (50.0) feet to the point of beginning, the last described line forming an angle to 90 degrees with the line first described. Containing Four Thousand Five Hundred (4,500) square feet, be any or all of said measurements more or less, or however otherwise said premises may be measured, bounded and described.

The Mortgagor expressly reserves the right of homestead and does not wish to terminate said homestead by granting within conveyance their waiver of such homestead in the within mortgage.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor and Antonio Rodrigues by deed of Fernao Rodrigues and Antonio Rodrigues dated August 28, 1972 and recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3731, Page 362. Antonio Rodrigues died on December 6, 2006.

Property Address:
22 Essex Street
Ludlow, MA 01056

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording

fees.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$10,000.00 deposit (but no less than \$10,000) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagee's attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Queen Equities, L.L.C.,
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By: **David A. Lavenburg**,
Its Attorney
BACON WILSON, P.C.
33 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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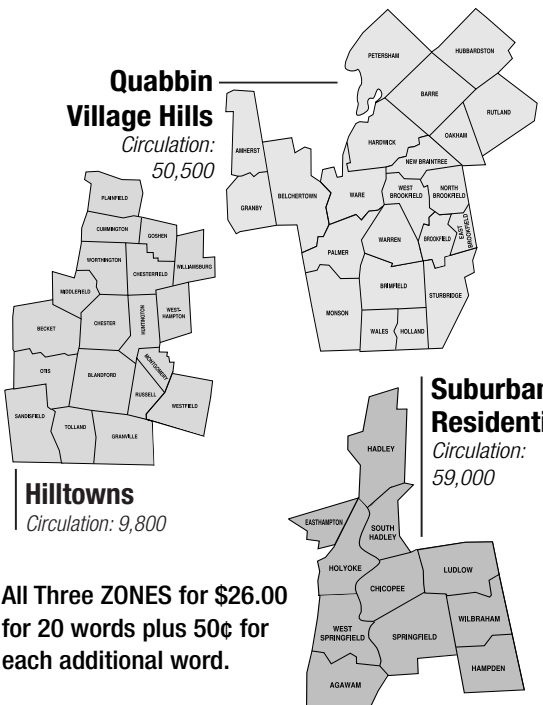
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