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School Committee to discuss policy updates for Title IX

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LUDLOW – Last week, the School Committee opened discussions about upcoming policy changes that were discussed through the Policy Subcommittee.

Before beginning the presentation, Vice Chair Jeffrey Laing flagged that the meeting was incorrectly identified as a discussion in the agenda, though the policies are still in the informational phase. A presentation is to be made by the school's Compliance Officer Rebecca Bouchard, who was not present for the meeting.

"The original plan was to have Bouchard go through some of these changes and then at the next meeting there would be a discussion and vote," said Member Jeffrey Stratton. "I feel that we kind of need Bouchard's in-

formation to settle everybody." Stratton and Laing said that the changes are primarily minor adjustments to the language in the school's Title IX policies, as well as a regulation recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Stratton said, "The big change is that, rather than Title IX pertaining to sex discrimination, they've broadened the definition to be sex-based discrimination."

"From the standpoint of Massachusetts, that doesn't really have a big change, because Massachusetts has been protecting gender identity since 2010," Stratton said, "so it doesn't affect Massachusetts to the extent that it affects other states."

Though the subcommittee members described the changes as minor, they both said that, due to the nature of Title IX, it was necessary to have the information presented by the CO

to the committee. "They changed some words, probably getting ready so that,

"The big change is that, rather than Title IX pertaining to sex discrimination, they've broadened the definition to be sex-based discrimination."

- Jeffrey Stratton

in case they have to legally fight these, they want everything to be crisp and clean," Laing said, "but it's Title IX. This is what people get up in arms about, even though it's just the official protection of other people, this is what some people find offensive."

The committee members

mentioned that there was a request to move the vote up from the usual three meetings so that the handbook could be adjusted in order to be compliant in time for the start of the semester.

"The committee approves the student handbook for the district, and the student handbook should represent current laws and procedures," said Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano. "If we're delayed, we would have just the current policies without a change in the handbook, because you folks may not have adopted the policies."

However, Tiano agreed with the committee members that without a presentation, the committee would not be able to discuss and vote on the procedure with enough time.

"In terms of wanting to do this right and make sure that we leave no stone unturned," Tiano said, "Mr. Laing and Dr. Stratton were vehement that these be vet-

ted, and (the schools' administration) agrees wholeheartedly."

Committee Member Amanda Coddington noted that the committee would not be able to finalize a vote on the policies until two weeks into the semester, and asked how this would affect the enforcement of school policies, citing suspension as an example.

"We're hoping, obviously, no one gets suspended in the first two weeks of school," Coddington said, "but if they do, and the language has changed to a more restorative justice type of philosophy – which is great – can you move forward with that, even though we haven't approved that policy, or would you have to operate under the old policy?"

"It is a requirement for us to seek alternative means to suspension, and that's something that we're working on now,"

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Pathfinder Tech welcomes new principal

A former Pathfinder teacher reflects on his career's path back to Pathfinder's administration.

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Submitted photo

Pathfinder Technical Vocational School welcomes its new principal, Ryan Rege

Rege's blood," as he put it, he said that as a young person he didn't expect to follow in his family's footsteps. He started his professional career working in restaurants as a dishwasher, and rose to the positions of line cook and eventually sous chef until a chance meeting sent him on the path to education.

"I ran into a family friend who, at the time, director at the Valley West School in Chicopee," Rege said. "He asked if I would be interested in coming in to substitute, as they were short-handed. I did that for a few days and loved working with students. After that, I didn't look back.

Rege went from a full-time position in Behavioral Intervention to a Culinary Arts position at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. After working in Chicopee for four years, he moved to a culinary arts position at Pathfinder in 2013, where he taught for four years before becoming a Vocational Director.

"Just being in a vocational school and seeing the incredible things students are doing was eye-opening for me."

- Principal Ryan Rege

Though education is "in

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Submitted photos

Members of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, the Youth Council, the Springfield City Council, and the Police Department all attended the event.

Armed Police Foot Patrol will now patrol neighborhood to address uptick in crime

By Marcelo Gusmão
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INDIAN ORCHARD – Last Thursday, the Springfield Police Department unveiled a new walking patrol initiative to address concerns of rising crime in the neighborhood.

Last week, Mayor Domenic Sarno and Police Superintendent Lawrence Akers held a kick-off at Myrtle Street Park for a new walking patrol initiative from the Springfield Police Department. Jacqueline Farrow, Office Manager for the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, said that this initiative is a response to complaints about rising crime rates that have been discussed



Newly-sworn in officers Tequila Taylor-Evans and Luis Aguilar cooled off with Indian Orchard Youth Council members Deesha Sharma and Lariah Young.

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LUDLOW

Local graduate selected for US Coaches High School Scholar All-American Team

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LUDLOW – A local athlete has been awarded a prestigious award to recognize his accomplishments in both academics and athletics.

Cole Bamford is a lifelong resident of Ludlow, who graduated from the high school earlier this year from. Recently, Bamford was selected for the United Soccer Coaches High School Scholar All-America Team, one of only 43 selections in the country this year.

The Lions describe this selection as a testament to Bamford’s talent as an athlete as well as his dedication to academic excellence. The Scholar All-American Award recognizes students and athletes who excel in both their academics and in the sport of their choosing, and is described as one of the more challenging and prestigious awards to earn at the high school level.

Bamford’s father said that Cole has been playing soccer at Memorial Park since he was five years old with the town’s Youth Soccer Association. He also played with a couple of travel clubs, including the Western United Pioneers and the New England Football Club, and was part of a Western Massachusetts team that won the state’s Tournament of Champions.

“Usually an eastern team wins that,” Tom Bamford said.



Submitted photos
Cole Bamford at the awards ceremony for his All New England accolades.

Bamford also added that his son was part of the Baystate Games West team that won gold in both 2022 and 2023. Cole intends to follow his father and sister’s footsteps by pursuing an engineering degree in college.

“I’m going to Western New England University for engineering,” Cole said. “My sister and my dad do it, so I’m interested in that. They have all types of engineering majors, but I haven’t decided which one I want to go into yet.”

Bamford’s father, Tom Bamford, is



Coach Greg Kolodzieski (left) nominated Cole Bamford for the All-American award he received this July.

also a professional engineer, and explained further how education works for the career path.

“Basically, the first two years of any engineering discipline is all core courses, no matter what discipline you’re going into, all engineers take the same courses for the first two years.”

Bamford said that he asked Guidance Counselor Christina Dinnoe to arrange a direct admission, and heard back a few days later that he had been accepted.

Bamford said that his tuition for

Western New England University is approximately \$47,000, but has been able to secure \$28,000 in academic scholarships as well as knocking \$2,000 through early admission.

“He also has a sibling discount, because his older sister, Jade Bamford, is finishing her senior year at WNE,” Tom Bamford said.

In order to save up for college, Bamford has been working at Randall’s Farm since last summer.

In addition to his work, academics, and athletic pursuits, Bamford has also volunteered for the local Booster Club.

“Because of that volunteering, where you have to commit so many hours, he got small scholarship from the Booster Club for college as well,” Tom Bamford said.

Bamford added that his son was awarded scholarships from the Men’s Guild Club and Christ the King Catholic Church, where his wife has been a life-long member.

“For everything else, Cole is taking out loans and, like his sister, paying them down as they go to school and work at the same time,” Bamford said.

Bamford does not intend to play soccer while at WNE or as part of a long-term career, but is excited to pursue a career as an engineer.

The town is very proud of its dedicated graduates, and the many organizations that support their successful futures.



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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 mgsmao@turley.com.

Democratic Town Committee endorses candidates, supports Yes on Question #2

LUDLOW – The town's Democratic Town Committee has announced its wholehearted endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz for President and Vice President of the United States of America.

The committee said that its full support is behind this ticket, as well as those of Senator Elizabeth Warren, State Senator Jacob Oliveira, and State Representative Aaron Saunders.

The Ludlow Town Democrats also support voting YES on Question #2, which will remove MCAS as a graduation requirement.

"We urge Massachusetts to join the 42 states that currently do not require this high-stakes test to graduate high school," a committee representative said. "The MCAS should remain as a tool in the assessment of competencies as required by State and Federal laws, but not deeply tied to the successful completion of diploma requirements."

In-Person Early Voting Schedule announced

LUDLOW – The town announced its in-person early voting schedule for the state primary.

The period is from Aug. 24 to Aug. 30 at the Town Clerk's Office on the second floor. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 413-583-5600.

Sen. Oliveira and Rep. Saunders stand with West Street Village Mobile Home Community to appeal rent increase

LUDLOW – Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders will join the residents of West Street Village Mobile Home Community at a rally in front of the Western Housing Court in Springfield, where an appeal regarding a significant proposed lot rent increase will be heard.

The community's new owner, Tom Lennon, has proposed raising monthly lot fees from \$207 to \$503, a 150% increase that threat-

ens the affordability of housing for many residents, particularly seniors and individuals with disabilities on fixed or limited incomes.

Oliveira and Saunders will stand in solidarity with residents as they share their stories and advocate for fair and reasonable housing practices.

The rally will take place at the Western Housing Court at 37 Elm St. in Springfield on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 8:30 a.m.

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Town Hall announces new office hours



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

LUDLOW – Town Clerk Kim Batista has announced Town Hall's new office hours. Town Hall will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It will be open on Friday to 8 a.m. to noon. Agendas should be received by 11:30 a.m. on Friday.



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Notice of 74th annual meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW – According to the bylaws of the organization, the board of directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ludlow Country Club at 1 Tony Lema Drive.

Board members, Ambassadors, volunteers, and donors of the organization are invited to participate. To RSVP, please contact Christina Yacono at 413-583-2072, extension 126.

The agenda for the meeting will include a report on the activities of the organization in the past year, a presentation of the audited annual report for approval, and the appointment of new directors.

This notice was prepared by Cristina Jardine, Director of Donor Relations & Events

The Randall Boys & Girls Club's purpose is to promote good citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and to provide a place with facilities and equipment for educational and recreational activities for both our youth and adult citizens. To continue our mission of providing year-round youth and family services, programs, and activities that are convenient, affordable, and accessible programs, the Club will continue to work toward more positive changes.

For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, please visit their website at LudlowBGC.org or call 413-583-2072.

Immaculate Conception Church to hold Polish Plate Dinner

INDIAN ORCHARD - On Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. is a Polish Plate Dinner with four Pierogi, one Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread.

\$20 per plate---Eat In or Take Out---Frozen Polish Food Sale (Pierogi, Golabki, Kapusta)

Pierogi Available (Cabbage, Potato Cheese, Sweet Cheese or Blueberry) at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, MA

Tickets are available by calling: Maria Kowalski-413-222-6229, Irena Wurszt-413-427-5846 or Maryla Bukowski- 413-427-9464.

Basket Raffle sponsored by Youth

Group, Children of Mary and Polish School, tickets are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. \$120 worth Lottery Tree sponsored by the Rosary Sodality for \$5 each ticket.

On Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 10:00 am a Solemn Holy Mass celebrated by J. E. Ks. Bp Robert Chrzaszcz--Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow, Poland and Bishop William Byrne--Bishop of Springfield commemorating the laying of the cornerstone of Immaculate Conception Church on September 5, 1904.

The First Mass was celebrated on October 2, 1904 in the basement of the church.



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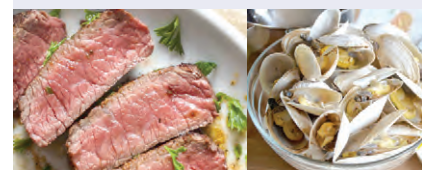
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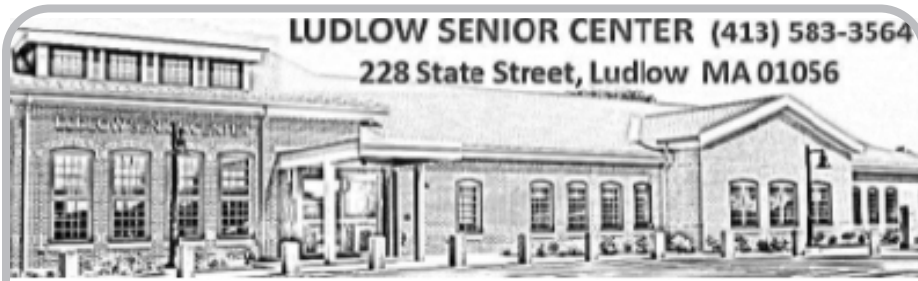
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also “like” the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

- Wednesday, Aug. 28**
8 a.m. Garden Club
8:30 a.m. Facials*
9 a.m. Zumba Gold
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn Home Safety*
1 p.m. Movie: Somewhere in Time (1980)
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
1:15 pm. TED Talk

- Thursday, Aug. 29**
8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Mahjong
1:30 p.m. Sundae Social
2 p.m. Writers Block*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

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

Menu:
Wednesday, Aug. 28: Lunch & Learn! Shepherd’s Pie/Biscuit
Thursday, Aug. 29: Taco Salad

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.

Ludlow High 60th Class Reunion to be held in October

LUDLOW – The High School’s Class of 1964 is celebrating its 60th Class Reunion.

The Ludlow High 60th Reunion Committee has announced the upcoming class reunion.

The time to celebrate this remarkable achievement and to reminisce will be on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Villa Rose

Restaurant at 1428 Center St.
There will be a meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. and a sit-down dinner at 7 p.m.
Anyone with questions, including to request a registration form, can contact Alice Letendre Forgione by email at AliceJoe154@GMail.com, or by telephone at 413-592-2443.

Ludlow Cultural Council 2024 Concerts

LUDLOW — The following is a list of concerts to be held at the Mack Donnelly Gazebo on 11 East St. at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, the British Invasion Band Union Jack will perform. These concerts were arranged through the Cultural Council.

Wilbraham Hiking Club August Hikes

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Hiking Club has six hikes planned for August:

Aug. 31- Hike, lunch, and optional Stargazing at Arunah Hill Days in Cummington

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous “I Have a Dream” speech to 200,000 gathered civil rights protesters in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963.

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

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people marched on Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous “I Have a Dream” speech in what is considered the high point of the Civil Rights Movement.

On Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. gulf coast, devastating the area, including New Orleans, LA, which experienced catastrophic flooding during the storm.

On Aug. 30, 1800, an African American bondsman named Gabriel assembled an army of about 1,000 enslaved people outside Richmond, VA, in the first major slave rebellion in American history.

On Aug. 31, 1980, Polish labor activist Lech Walsa and Mieczysław

Jagielski, Poland’s first deputy premier, signed an agreement that conceded to workers the right to organize freely and independently.

On Sept. 1, 1972, Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky and became the first native-born American to hold the title of world chess champion.

On Sept. 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London was accidentally started by the king’s baker; it would burn for four days and destroy much of the city, including Old St. Paul’s Cathedral and about 13,000 houses.

Finally, on Sept. 3, 1609, English navigator Henry Hudson, looking for passage to India on behalf of the Dutch East India Company, sailed into the harbor of present-day New York City and up the river that now bears his name.

American Legion announces 9/11 Remembrance and Dedication

PALMER – The American Legion’s Post 130, is inviting the community to its annual 9/11 Remembrance and Dedication.

The ceremony is to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Fire Service Group location at 1010

Thorndike St.
At this time, the American Legion will continue to honor the soldiers who lost their lives on that fateful day, to honor our fallen from Western Massachusetts since 9/11, and dedicate our newest pavers received since the last ceremony.

Town of Ludlow Early Voting In-Person Schedule for State Primary

Period: August 24th – August 30th
Location: Town Clerk’s Office – 2nd floor

- August 24th, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- August 26th, Monday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- August 27th, Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- August 28th, Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- August 29th, Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- August 30th, Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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GUEST COLUMN



Retiree asks about his Social Security

Dear Rusty

I retired with a (gross) \$4,600 per month Civil Service Retirement System annuity from the U.S. Postal Service in December 2022. I am 66 and will attain Full Retirement Age in November of this year.

I know at that point I will not be subject to the “earnings” test, but I will be affected by the dreaded “government offset.” I have earned enough quarters and will be eligible for a small social security benefit.

First question: will my Social Security benefit just be reduced or will it be eliminated? Second: will it make a difference if I apply in November or when I turn 70? I am currently working part-time and paying Social Security FICA taxes.

Third: if my SS is being eliminated, do I even have to apply? Fourth and last: I am married, filing jointly and my wife is currently receiving SS benefits (only). Could I also be affected by the “windfall” provision if my wife predeceased me?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Upset to Offset and Downfall to Windfall

Dear Upset

You are correct that when you reach your Full Retirement Age in November you will no longer be subject to Social Security’s “earnings test,” which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. But if you apply for your Social Security to start in November, your SS benefits will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision due to your non-covered CSRS pension because you didn’t pay into SS while earning your CSRS pension. As you may know, only those federal employees, who retired under CSRS are affected by WEP; newer Federal employees, who retire under the more recent Federal Employee Retirement Program program are not affected.

Because of your CSRS pension, your Social Security benefit will be reduced, but not eliminated. The amount of reduction will be based on the number of years of non-government employment you had where you paid into Social Security. Usually, those who have spent a lifetime earning a pension without contributing to SS, but who have a separately earned SS pension, will see their SS benefit cut approximately in half.

To answer your second question, your benefit will, indeed, continue to grow if you wait until you are age 70 to claim Social Security. Benefits taken after one’s FRA earn “Delayed Retirement Credits,” which add to your final benefit amount. Your benefit will still be reduced by WEP, but your final amount will be more because you waited longer to claim.

Regarding your third question, your SS benefit will only be reduced, not eliminated, so it’s always worthwhile to apply. Otherwise, you are forfeiting Social Security money you are entitled to.

And lastly, if your wife dies before you, your CSRS pension will also cause another provision called the Government Pension Offset provision to apply. The GPO will reduce your surviving spouse benefits by 2/3rds of the amount of your government CSRS pension, which will likely eliminate any spousal benefit you are entitled to except the so-called “death benefit,” which is a one-time lump sum

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GUEST COLUMN



Next year I will not...

It’s just about now when I feel, to some degree, embarrassed to be called the Garden Lady.

You see, my garden is not as well kept as I’d like it to be. I skimped in a few areas that I shouldn’t of.

As my oldest is about to enter her last year of high school I reflect back on the year of her birth, and how dismal my garden was that year. It was the first summer without a dog to keep critters at bay. We had a whole family of woodchucks eat pretty much everything in the garden.

I consoled myself by saying that I was growing a human that year and not a bunch of vegetables.

While responsibilities have changed in the fact I am no longer changing diapers or zipping up avocado and sweet potato in the blender, I’m still pretty busy with the kids and that has taken priority over a tidy garden. Usually it comes down to getting out what you put in and honestly, the garden has pretty much been on it’s own since mid June. Gasp.

Maybe you can relate. So, the column today will be about what I plan to do better on next year, especially since I don’t anticipate life slowing down anytime soon.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, skimp on fertilizer. My nature is to be frugal, but I will go back to the statement above of getting out what you put in.

I know that 12-foot squash vines probably need more sustenance than the few shovels of compost I put in their hills. This is evident by how pale the leaves are.

Contrast that to the self-sown decorative squash plants that grew in my

compost pile comprised mainly of chicken bedding and manure. They are unbelievably healthy, replete with numerous healthy fruit.

My soil test did indicate that nitrogen was low, and I did intend to go back when I bought that new bag of blood meal and amend it further but alas I did not. Next year I will not skimp on fertilizer.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, skimp on mulch. When I looked at what was left for mulch from the previous year I figured I had enough to get by.

Wrong. Part of the reason the yard looks like a jungle is because I should have mulched thicker. Mulch serves several purposes. It covers bare soil and prevents weed seeds in the soil from seeing the light of day, germinating and turning into a nuisance.

Mulch also breaks down over time into organic matter then humus, and feeds the soil. It also helps to conserve moisture.

Until this week we didn’t really need help with that, but the abundance of rain, added to not nearly thick enough mulch, surely made for numerous weeds! Next year I will not skimp on mulch.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, let the weeds take over. The first two “will nots” relate to this paragraph entirely.

I prepped the garden and knew I should till in the old strawberry plants. I looked at a few sparse blossoms and thought, “I may get a few berries, I’ll leave them in place and till them in later.”

Well, the berries were few and far between but the surrounding weeds took over. Then the necrotic squash plants grew all over the weeds and the strawberry plants so I’m forced to wait until the first frost to deal with the whole mess.

I’m not sure who said it first, but it’s a smart diatribe: “Do not put off until tomorrow what can be done today.”

With all this said I must cut myself some slack, and if you failed anywhere along the line with your garden, you should as well. Our gardens are a work in progress and although I wish I had done a better job, I did OK.

We enjoyed some yummy green beans

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To register for programs or find out more information, visit hubbardlibrary.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.

Hubbard Memorial Library's building will be closed to the public from September 3rd to September 13th for the final repairs linked to the June flood. Holds and limited collections will be available for curbside pick-up during this time. No staff or curbside pick-up will be available on 9/3 from 12-4 for staff training. Please check our website and Facebook page for program information as some programs will be happening on the lawn or in other town locations.

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.

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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.

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Sound Healing, Thursday, August 29, 6:00 p.m. Relax and listen with us as quartz crystal bowls are played

and tuned to 432 hz, also known as the "love frequency". This helps to promote healing throughout the body, quiet the mind, and promote deep sleep. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, or relax in one of our chairs!

FOR TEENS

Youth Crochet Club, September 29, 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 Thursdays, 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, September 27, 3:00-4:00 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 August 26, 3:30 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.

Minecraft Club, Wednesdays August 28 3:00-4:45 p.m. and Saturdays in September 21 & 28, 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

Roblox Club, Friday August 30, 12:00-1:30 p.m. and Fridays, September 20 & 27, 3:30-4:50 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8+.

Elephant & Piggie Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Search around the Youth Room for pictures of Elephant & Piggie and friends to get a prize. All ages. Drop in.

FOR CHILDREN

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

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

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays, August 28, September 18 & 25 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.

Families in Harmony for 18-24 month olds with Renee Coro Wednesdays in September starting on the 4th, 10:00-10:45 a.m. In this music series for children ages 18-24 month olds, you and your child are invited to engage in many aspects of music, including singing, playing instruments, and moving in a fun, social group setting. We will create music together while encouraging children's social, emotional, and physical development. Join us for this dynamic series led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Families in Harmony for 2-5 year olds with Renee Coro, Wednesdays in September starting on the 4th, 11:00-11:45 a.m. In this music series for children ages 2-5, you and your child are invited to engage in many aspects of music, including singing, playing instruments, and moving in a fun,

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Tiano said. "Not just in Title IX, but through the Department of Early and Secondary Education."

Committee Chair Sarah Bowler asked what would happen if the committee voted against adopting the federally mandated policy updates.

"I've not had the situation, thankfully," Tiano said, "but as best I understand it, you cannot have a policy that violates law."

Tiano praised the committee for being vigilant over the last few years about looking over policies.

"For some policies you may have on the books, the law changed 10 years ago," Tiano said. "We've trained with the law and we've done that, but the policy does not represent

practice. I don't think there's an alarm that's going to go off, but you need to know that your superintendent and administrative team are following the letter of the law."

Committee Member Ron Saloio asked if the information about the policy changes is available to the public, and the committee confirmed that as of Aug. 13, it is publicly accessible.

"In our current website we have created that folder where policies are," Tiano said. "Your packet gets put into our folder for this meeting. They've been able to do that for a few years."

In order to expedite the process, the committee agreed to treat this initial presentation as the informational meeting, and will hold a discussion on the policy changes after a presentation at its next meeting.

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at the council's meetings.

"A majority of the meetings are about an uptick in crime in Indian Orchard," Farrow said. "We forwarded all these complaints to the superintendent, and they got together and are going to kick off the SPD walking patrol."

This new initiative will see armed, fully uniformed officers patrolling the neighborhood in the hopes of deterring criminal activity. The inaugural ceremony at the park involved the swearing in of two police officers, Tequila Taylor-Evans and Luis Aguilar, who went on to work the new beat that day.

Farrow said that she had an opportunity to meet the

new officers after the ceremony, when she invited the officers into the Council Building to cool off.

"We're a cooling center in the summer," Farrow said. "The city provides us with water, and anyone can come in and get water, we have a lot of it, so I went outside and asked if they'd like to come in and meet the Youth Council."

Mayor Sarno spoke at the event, commending the department for its initiative and supporting the community.

"Superintendent Larry Akers continues to bridge the gaps between our community and our brave and dedicated men and women in blue," Sarno said. "We have heard, from throughout the city, feedback supporting

the return of walking patrols, and are proud to announce this city-wide initiative. I am grateful to our City Councilors for their support of the walking patrols and advocacy for their neighborhood quality of life."

Sarno said, "We walked through the Indian Orchard neighborhood today with Akers and some of our officers and had great interactions with families, small businesses, pedestrians, and neighbors. I deeply appreciate our SPD for being proactive and for taking the steps to continue to build community trust."

If you'd like to contact the Springfield Police Department, call 413-787-6302, or visit it at its location on Pearl Street.

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"I started as a vocational teacher, so that was the trajectory I was on," Rege said. "Just being in a vocational school and seeing the incredible things students are doing was eye-opening for me. From then on, I knew that was the career I wanted; I wanted to stay in vocational."

Rege got an Associate's Degree from Holyoke Community College, and pursued a Bachelor's Degree from Westfield State while teaching at Pathfinder. He received a Master's Degree in Teaching and Curriculum from Fitchburg State University in 2019.

Now, after some time out of the district, Rege has returned to

Pathfinder to become Principal of the school. He's been taking some time over the summer to get to know the faculty, the staff, and the superintendent.

"I'm thrilled to be back here, everyone's been incredibly welcoming," Rege said. "I love this school, and it's been a great transition for me."

The new principal said he's spent the last month and a half in a "deep dive" in getting data and meeting with administration to get ready for the first days of school, "which are coming up quickly," Rege added.

Rege said his plan is to take the time to listen and see what the school has been doing really well while he looks for opportunities to grow.

"That's the name of the game

in education, there are always areas where you can do better, and we really strive for that," Rege said. "Everything we do moving forward will be through lens of the school's mission statement and making solid, data-driven decisions for the school."

Rege talked about the struggles for this generation's students

"I hate to go back to COVID, but we certainly are seeing the effects of it in our students," Rege said. "We have had, and will continue to have, a focus on students' social and emotional health. We want students here to feel safe and comfortable, and do our very best to make sure that's the case."

Rege said that this has been achieved thanks to Pathfinder's

robust support staff, and he looks forward to continuing those practices, as well as policies like the Beyonder pouches for students to keep their phones, which Rege said, "by all accounts, has made a huge difference."

Rege said that he considers himself a collaborative-type leader, and that he likes to get a lot of input to make an educated decision. He said he focuses on making decisions supported with data.

"It's hard to argue with solid data when making decisions," Rege said.

Rege said that he looks forward to helping the students in Pathfinder's ten towns prepare for careers as professionals in any career of their choosing, including vocational and academic

pursuits.

"As long as students graduate searching for truth, prepared for careers in the future, as well as any failures or opportunities for growth, I think we've done our job here as educators," Rege said. "I'm looking forward to helping students end up in a career they love. We want students heading out of here as critical thinkers that are able to find careers they're happy and successful in."

Finally, Rege was excited to announce that he has met Pathfinder's mascot and support dog, Scout.

"He's such a cute little guy, we're really excited to have him around," Rege said. "He was in my office yesterday, and he really puts a smile on everyone's face."

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Cruz Guzman gets set to hold a field goal try.

Lions look for improved season

LUDLOW – With a new turf field looming at Ludlow High School, the football team hopes to enjoy some home game there this year. Meanwhile, in preseason practices this week, the Lions continue their preparation for preseason scrimmages. The Lions will meet Agawam on Friday, Aug. 30. Ludlow's season opener is on Sept. 13 against Quaboag Regional on the road at 7 p.m.



Anthony Grimm runs to the left side during a practice drill

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Members of the football do drills in practice Thursday.



Football players get their pushups in at practice.



Eamon Divenuto scrambles to find an opening.

Ludlow girls look to get farther in state tourney

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School girls soccer team is preparing to start the regular season. The Lions are set to face Pope Francis in a scrimmage this week, and open the season next Tuesday against West Springfield, then continue on the against Belchertown on Friday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.



Madison Pereira heads toward the goal during practice.

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Catarina Mazza dribbles up the field.



Payton Dersarkisian makes a pass ahead of pressure.

Former Red Sox prospect leads new baseball camp



Parker Duquette dives for a barehanded catch.

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By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—Many sports camps were held throughout Western Massachusetts during the past several months.

The Summer Sendoff Baseball Camp took place on the baseball fields at Spec Pond in Wilbraham from August 19-22. The camp was run by Dustin Brisson, who played Minor League Baseball for the Boston Red Sox.

"I held a couple of private

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Alex Nunlist fields a grounder.

T-Birds announce series of front office promotions

SPRINGFIELD – With Opening Night less than two months away, the Springfield Thunderbirds proudly announced that six veteran front office staff members will take on promotions to their roles for the 2024-25 season.

Last season, the team achieved multiple franchise milestones, including all-time Springfield hockey records in average attendance per game (6,321), sellout games (20), season ticket members, and group sales revenue. The team ended the 2023-24 season by posting an incredible 14 consecutive sellouts.

Jessica Hansen has been promoted to Senior Director of Finance and Human Resources. Hansen, an alumna of Western New England University and a native of Feeding Hills, Mass., has been on the Thunderbirds staff since 2017. In addition to her finance and HR responsibilities, she has been integral in growing the team's in-game charitable presence through 50/50, jersey raffle, and Chuck-a-Puck sales. She has also served a supervisory role in the club's charitable foundation matters and merchandise.

Drew Supnor has been promoted to Senior Manager of Brand Development & Merchandise. A Springfield native and Springfield College alumnus, Supnor has grown the Thunderbirds' merchandise revenues each season since the club's

inception in 2016 through many unique product lines, such as the team's various specialty night rebrands throughout the year. In 2023-24, the team generated six times greater revenue in merchandise when compared to the final season of the Springfield Falcons in 2015-16. In recognition of his customer service and dedication, Supnor was honored with a 2024 Howdy Award for hospitality excellence this past May.

Lauren Blanchard has been promoted to Senior Account Executive, Groups and Experiences. An Agawam, Mass. native, Blanchard joined the Thunderbirds in 2021 and has set multiple team records for group tickets, including the most sold for a single game. Thanks to Blanchard's efforts and the entirety of the ticket sales department, the Thunderbirds' group sales revenue has grown 77% over the last six years. The department spearheaded the franchise to the 2021-22 President's Award for AHL Team of the Year. Blanchard was also nominated for a 2024 Howdy Award for hospitality excellence.

Shae Koharski has been promoted to Manager of Social Media & Digital Marketing. A Russell, Mass. native, Koharski has been with the Thunderbirds since 2021. She has exponentially grown Thunderbirds' social media accounts, as the

club has eclipsed 80,000 followers across X, Facebook, and Instagram. Her acumen for social media trends has allowed the Thunderbirds' social media to not only provide fun content for fans, but grow the brand in the marketplace while evolving to current trends.

Lucas Armstrong has been promoted to Art Director. An East Amherst, N.Y. native, Armstrong has been instrumental in creating and implementing the Thunderbirds' graphic design as a "keeper of the brand" since joining the organization in 2019. An industry veteran with over 20 years of experience across professional sports and nationally acclaimed brands, Armstrong's work alongside his creative colleagues was recognized with the AHL's Marketing Campaign of the Year award in 2022 for the club's "We Are 413" tagline.

Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Account Executive, Membership Sales & Service. A Springfield College alumnus and a native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau joined the team full-time in 2021 after interning for the organization previously. An exemplary builder of relationships with his ticket members, Brousseau will specialize in servicing the Thunderbirds' season ticket members throughout the 2024-25 season as the organization looks to break its season ticket holder record for a ninth consecutive season.

WSU to hold swimming clinics

WESTFIELD – Westfield State swimming and diving coach Matt Nodell will host a Nike Swim Clinic at the Ely Pool on campus on Sept. 7 and 8.

Saturday, Sept. 7 is for co-ed athletes aged 8-12 years old, while Sunday, Sept. 8 is for athletes in the 13-18 year old age groups.

"Participants can expect to learn and practice drills to help them swim easier and faster," said Nodell. "All is done in a fun and engaging environment with contests and competitions."

The clinics last from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day, with check in at 8:45 a.m.

The fee for the clinic is \$125 and includes the morning training session, a camp t-shirt and prizes.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.usportscamps.com/swim/nike/westfield-state-swim-clinic>

Ely Pool is the home of the Westfield State University Owls women's swimming and diving team. The pool has recently seen upgrades with new starting blocks, an updated team locker room and records board, and features 1 and 3 meter diving boards. Nodell is starting his second season as the head coach of the Owls. He led the team to a fifth-place finish at the Little East Conference championships and a 3-3 mark in dual meets.

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baseball clinics with Doug Clark, who's the WooSox hitting coach, during the offseason," Brisson said. "I spoke with the Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department about holding a baseball camp during the summertime. All these kids just love playing the game of baseball. I really wanted them to have high quality instruction and the resources to be successful."

Brisson was aided at the four day camp by Bryan Barnowski, Ace Adams, Gary Burnham, who was an All-American baseball player at Clemson University, and Dan Gomez, who's the head baseball coach at Western New England University. Minnechaug Regional varsity baseball coach Mike Netkovick worked at the camp for one day. Ray Fagnant, who's the Boston Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also attended the camp for a



Catcher TJ Ryan catches a ball at the plate.

day. Fagnant grew up in Chicopee.

About 40 baseball players between the ages of 6-16 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the inaugural baseball camp.

"We have a few kids from South Hadley, Agawam, and East Longmeadow at this camp," Brisson added. "This is a very good group of kids to work with. All of them listen to us and they're having a lot of fun."

The players were split up into two groups.

"We play a lot more games with the younger kids, who are in grades 1-5," Brisson said. "We do more skills with the older kids."

Brisson, who was born in Florida, played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2000. He also played baseball in the prestigious Cape Cod League and is a member of PeoplesBank,

to give back."

Brisson also owns Forge Athletics. "I started Forge Athletics back in May," he said. "I want to run more baseball clinics in the future. I'm also looking forward to running this baseball camp again next year."

Barnowski, who lives in Southwick, was one of Brisson's teammates at the Single A level.

Bryan and I were teammates on a Single A team," Brisson said. "His sister and my wife have been friends for 40 years. I met my wife when I went to visit him during the offseason, and we've been married for 22 years. My wife's family is from Wilbraham, and we moved here in 2005. We love living in this community."

Because it rained on the first day, the camp was held indoors down the street at the Soccer City Sportscenter.

"Soccer City isn't really designed for baseball, but we made the best of it on the first day of the camp," Brisson said. "The people there were very accommodating. We were able to use both of their soccer fields. We were able to have a full workout. The only thing that we didn't do was to have a live batting practice. The baseball fields here at Spec Pond is one of the best in the area."

Brisson main goal was to teach the players the fundamentals of baseball. He and his staff also held a meeting each morning to map out the schedule for that day.

"My main goal is to teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game," he said. "I also want to keep the kids active. I really don't want them standing around doing nothing. We also talked to the kids about mental health."

Brayden Pacifico, who lives in Wilbraham, had a lot of fun at the baseball camp. "It's awesome being here with my friends at this baseball camp," said Pacifico, who's a centerfielder. "I've learned a lot about baseball from the coaches, who have a lot of experience. Baseball is my favorite sport."

Baseball was also Brisson's favorite sport growing up. He was also a swimmer and a wrestler.

"I always tell kids to play multiple sports," Brisson said. "My daughter, Natalie, who's six years old, plays soccer and is a swimmer. We want her to experience everything. A lot of kids who only play one sport get burned out very quickly."

Brisson and his staff are already looking forward to holding the baseball camp again next summer.

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**Town of Ludlow
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. HD24C0256CA
In the matter of:
Alexandrea Elisabeth
Goncalves**

**CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alexandrea Elisabeth Goncalves of Ludlow, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Alexandrea Goncalves
Carvalho**

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 09/10/2024.**

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 13, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/28/2024

**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. HD24C0264CA
In the matter of:
Tyler Michael
Ritchie-Forky**

**CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tyler Michael Ritchie-

Forky of Ludlow, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Tyler Michael Forky

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 09/18/2024.**

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 16, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/28/2024

**Town of Ludlow
Legal Notice**

**Ludlow
Annual Town Meeting of
May 13, 2024 – Case #11375**
Warrant Articles 27, 31, 32, 33 and 34 and the map amendments related were approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly.

**See full context of text in Town Clerk's office.
Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.

Precinct 1: Harris Brook Elementary School
Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School
Precinct 3: Ludlow High School
Precinct 4: East Street School
Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow
Precinct 6: Paul R. Baird Middle School
Kim M. Batista, CMMC,
Town Clerk
08/21, 08/28, 09/04/2024

Legal Notice
In accordance with Chapter I 38 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. in the**

Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Amy Fields for CMD Cafe, LLC, located at 6-8 Fuller Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a Transfer of a on-premises all alcohol liquor license from Michael Lafever, Brookside Cafe, Inc. located at 6-8 Fuller Street, Ludlow, MA on the following described premises: Two story building with full cellar. The First floor has a lounge, bar, kitchen and 3 bathrooms; cellar has a main area and two small separate storage areas.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
08/21, 08/28/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA** on the application Ludlow Tennis Club, 40 Carmelina's Circle, Ludlow, MA 01056 Annual Wine & Malt Liquor License for Change of Manager to Christopher McGrath for the following described premises: 3.58 acres, 52,000 sq. ft. butler bldg., operating as a tennis club.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
08/21, 08/28/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 6:15 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 Comer & Curry House 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
08/21, 08/28/2024

**LUDLOW
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV, in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 7:15 p.m.** on the Notice of Intent application of Alyse Enderle, for the property located at 164 Lyon Street (Assessors' Map 24, Parcels 39A & 39B). The subject of the hearing is: construction of a barn and gravel driveway in Buffer Zone to Bank and BVW; removal of unpermitted culvert crossing & replace with proposed bridge; remove above ground swimming pool & replace with in-ground pool; seeking approval of prior cutting of trees, shed installation, and gravel driveway expansion.

Angela Tierney
Chair
08/28/2024

**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, September 3, 2024, at 5:35 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA** on the application of Awais Kamran Mir for USAVE Food Store, LLC. DbA USAVE Food Store, located at 546A Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for

a Transfer of an off-premises wine and malt beverages license from Tahir Humayun dba E-Z Shop Convenience to be located at 546A Center Street, Ludlow, MA and a Change of Manager to Tahira K.hatoon on the following described premises: Retail store 30' x 28' which contains a cooler 20' x 10' with storage space to the rear.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
08/21, 08/28/2024

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
488 CHAPIN STREET
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, September 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** on the application of Russell Orcutt Jr. of **1087 Center Street Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 24, Parcel 69) for: **asbestos clerical office.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
08/28, 09/04/2024

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P1723EA**

Estate of:
**MICHAELINE A.
GURECKIS**
Date of Death:
JUNE 5, 2024

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **GLEN B. GURECKIS of LUDLOW, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

GLEN B. GURECKIS of LUDLOW, 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.
08/28/2024

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In observance of Labor Day, the **CLASSIFIEDS** have an **EARLY AD DEADLINE.**
To advertise, place your ad no later than **NOON Friday, August 30**
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In observance of Labor Day, **PUBLIC NOTICES** EARLY AD DEADLINE
Place your public notice no later than **12 noon Friday, August 30**
- Thank you!

DATEBOOK

Do you have a local event or activity to publicize? Please send the information as either a Word doc or plain (no bold text or other formatting) email text (no PDFs, please and do not use all uppercase (i.e. UPPER CASE) by 5 p.m. Friday. At least two weeks prior to the event is encouraged. Send your community events to pressreleases@turley.com.

ONGOING

FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

SENIOR BINGO: Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

THRIFT SHOP: Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

CHESS CLUB: Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St. For more information, contact the IOCC at 413-209-8240 or indianorchardcitizenscouncil@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 413-583-3564.

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.

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social group setting. We will create music together while encouraging children's social, emotional, and physical development. Join us for this dynamic series led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register

Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays September 19 & 26, 9:45-10:30 a.m. For ages 0-2 Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays September 19 & 26, 10:45-11:00 a.m. For ages 2-5 Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Elephant & Piggie Storytime Thursday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. Ages 2 & up. Stories, songs & games about Mo Willem's beloved, funny friends, followed by a craft. Please register.

Yoga For Little Ones, August 30, 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.

PreK Pals, Fridays starting Sep. 6 until March 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. This playgroup supports children ages 2-5 and their families. Each week, we will focus on an area of development and provide fun activities to support your child learn through play. Areas explored include early literacy, fine motor development, science, math, cognitive and social emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register for each week separately.

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and I froze some kale. I did make tomato sauce on a couple of occasions and hopefully will have another chance at it and maybe I'll get a few butternuts to eat.

I know for sure I'll get some nice decorative squash, thanks to the composted chicken manure. Live and learn I guess.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY from Page 6

\$255 benefit paid to a surviving spouse).

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Church DIRECTORY

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SMC and Facebook Live Stream ludlowfellowship.org
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Classes for Single Adults(18-30)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon
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Thursday, Aug. 29, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Friday, Aug. 30, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C),
Saturday, Aug. 31, Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, Sept. 1, - Sunday Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 5 p.m. (C)
Monday Sept. 2, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Tuesday, Sept. 3, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD23P1334EA
Estate of:
Jennie Ann Stebbins
Date of Death: 05/11/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Cynthia A Pereira of Palmer, MA
Steven C. Roach of Ludlow, MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2024.

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.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 23, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/28/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.

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08/28, 09/04/2024

NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BYLAW

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd fl.

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024, *
Time: 7:15 PM

Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

*If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to the Thursday, September 26, 2024 Planning Board meeting, as the last hearing.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection on the Planning Board web site: <https://www.ludlow.ma.us/243/Documents-for-Review> and in the Planning Department Office and Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following: SECTION IV DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS 4.4 MILL REDEVELOPEMNT DISTRICT (MRD) Bylaw 4.4.10 Site Plan Approval Process b. By changing six members to five members. SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS add 6.13 Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). SECTION III: GENERAL USE REGULATIONS 3.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS. SECTION 3.2.2 TABLE 1 LUDLOW TABLE OF PRINCIPLE USES. Add to Land Use Classification/ General Uses: Battery Energy Storage System asso-

ciated with Large Scale Solar Facility, Tier 1 Residential Battery Energy Storage System, Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System, and Tier 3 and Tier 4 Battery Energy Storage Systems (Stand -Alone) with their associated permitted use and zoning district.

Add special permit to the following uses under zoning district Business A (BA) and/or Business B (BB) in TABLE 1 LUDLOW TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES, Room Rental, Amusement Parks, Automated Teller Machine (ATM), Automated Vending Kiosk, Banks, Bowling Alleys, Dining Establishments, Halls, Hotels/Inns, Motels, Office Buildings, Open Air Parking, Parking Garages, Retail, Roller Rinks, Services,

Warehousing, Wholesale. Add Site Plan Approval from the Administrative Review Committee (ASPA) under zoning district Mill Redevelopment District (MRD) for Land Use Classification: Winery, Micro-Winery & Nano-Winery.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
08/21, 08/28/2024



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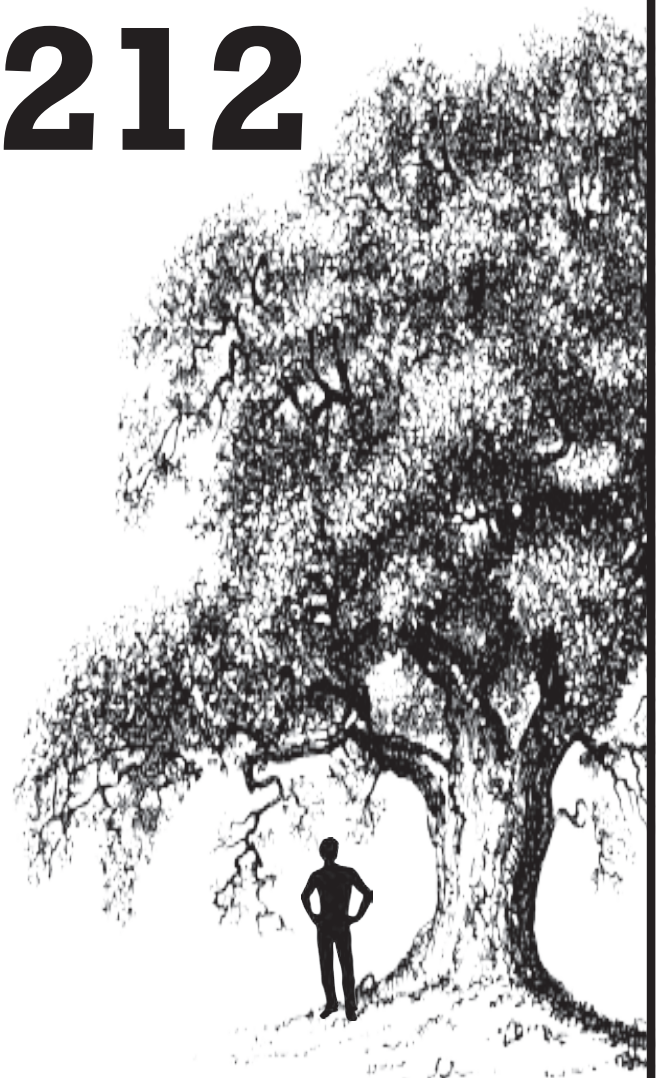
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