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76th Annual Festa held over Labor Day weekend

LUDLOW – This Labor Day weekend, Our Lady of Fatima’s annual Portuguese celebration, Festa, ran from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2.

This year, Festa celebrated its 76th anniversary of highlighting Portuguese culture in town through its partnership with Our Lady of Fatima.

In addition to rides from Fannelli Amusement, food, and all kinds of vendors and local artisans, Festa also had several bands perform live music over the weekend. This included the James Paul Band and American Honey on Thursday, Project 267 and Aquanett on Friday, The Great Escape and 4Mens on Saturday, and Missa, Ranchos, Luizinho, and Jose Malhoa on Sunday.

Festa thanked numerous sponsors for making it possible this year, including Rocky’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, Randall’s Farm, Tony & Penny’s Restaurant, the Polish National Credit Union, Uncle Bob’s General Store, Ocean Pro Painting,



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Pictured in front of the rides, (from left) Mauricio Ayala, Shira Salazar, Deysi Ayala, and Jimena, age seven enjoyed chocolate-covered bananas at Festa.

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State Legislators take to Western Housing Court over mobile home rent increase



Submitted photo

Senator Jake Oliveira (center) stood in front of the Western Housing Court to protest the rent increase.

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LUDLOW – Last week, state legislators gathered at a rally in Springfield to advocate for the rights of lower-income renters at a mobile park village in town.

Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders joined residents of the 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 is being heard.

The community’s new owner, Tom Lennon, proposed raising monthly lot fees from \$207 to \$503, representing a 150% increase that threatens the affordability of housing for many residents, particularly seniors and individuals with disabilities on

fixed or limited incomes.

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

“(Saunders) and I have been united over the last several months as we’ve learned about the issues from the tenants that are living in West Village,” Oliveira said to the gathered crowd. “As one of the few renters in the legislature, I actually am seeing a rent increase next month, but I can see the investment that my landlord is making in my property. He’s putting in features that make the quality of living in my complex more enjoyable and better for the quality of life for the residents.”

“Lennon did not do that at West Village, let’s be clear,” Oliveira said. Oliveira described the updates as “cosmetic,” and said that they

do not justify the 150% increase to a community on fixed incomes, including senior citizens and people with disabilities. Oliveira said that the people that live in the West Street mobile home park need affordable housing.

“Lennon doesn’t understand that,” Oliveira said. “Lennon is only concerned about lining his pockets on the backs of individuals, and that will not stand here in the commonwealth.”

Oliveira said that he and Representative Saunders wish to ensure that the housing court has the tools necessary to prevent these increases hold Lennon accountable.

“It doesn’t just stop here,” Oliveira continued. “We are legislators. We passed a nearly \$5.3 billion housing bond, but there’s an area in there that we did not touch yet, and it’s something that we need

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Planning Board expresses concerns about upcoming vote

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LUDLOW – At the recent Planning Board meeting, the chair turned the discussion to the upcoming town meeting vote on adopting a new charter.

On Aug. 22, after conducting its usual business involving Special Permits, discussing some traffic concerns on White Street, and voting on a consent agenda, Chair Raymond Phoenix asked the board to discuss the upcoming vote to adopt a Town Manager/Town Council form of government through the charter assembled by the Charter Committee.

“I haven’t been exactly quiet about a lot of my thoughts on the matter,” Phoenix said. “I think the town government is in need of some change, but I don’t think it’s in need of this particular change.”

Phoenix said that he wanted to open the discussion to the rest of the board, and asked them if they had any direction, they wanted to give him on the vote, rather than to have him vote based solely on his own opinion.

“I wanted to bring this up in case somebody had a radically different opinion than me,” Phoenix said. “I don’t want it to be me getting up there as an at-large member of town meeting and saying something that’s diametrically opposed from what everybody else on my board is thinking.”

Board Secretary Joseph Queiroga said that he had heard opinions from residents who felt

the town needed a change, and also residents who preferred to leave the town’s government as it is. Board Member Joshua Carpenter echoed this statement.

“I don’t think it’s one-sided either way,” Carpenter said. “My concerns were just what was going to be appointed and what was going to be elected, and I believe there was discussion about residency requirements.”

“It is rare that rushing to meet a deadline, especially an artificial one, gives us good policy.”

Planning Board Chair
 Raymond Phoenix

Phoenix said he was worried that people would vote for any change, which he described as “a damning statement about the way things have been going over the last years.”

“I think it’s true that people are, in a large number, just frustrated with the status quo and they’re willing to take just about anything else,” Phoenix said, adding, “I have serious concerns with the way that this process was conducted. I think it was a lot less comprehensive than the process the last time we had a

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LUDLOW

Compliance Officer explains new policy revisions for Title IX

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LUDLOW – At last week’s School Committee meeting, the discussion continued on policy revisions to Title IX with a presentation by the district’s Compliance Officer.

At the previous meeting, the committee made a preliminary introduction to the policy changes, providing the documents to each of its members. The members of the Policy Subcommittee, Vice Chair Jeffrey Laing and Dr. Jeffrey Stratton, wanted to hold the discussion until a presentation was made by

Compliance Officer Becky Bouchard.

“As we discussed last week, these are a number of policies related to the Title IX revisions from the federal Department of Education,” Stratton said. “A lot of them just had some small changes, but there was one that had kind of a regulation that was added.”

Stratton thanked Compliance Officer Rebecca Bouchard for attending the meeting to provide a presentation about the provision.

Bouchard started by explaining that the first policy, designated AC, refers to the district’s overarching non-discrimination policy, which protects all classifications recognized by state and federal law.

“The addition to that is it adds sex stereotypes and sex characteristics, which is a change that the new Title IX regulations gave us,” Bouchard said.

Bouchard said that in another policy, ACR, there were a few changes to remove certain lines, which were then placed in a different policy.

“The addition to that policy is the definition of retaliation,” Bouchard said. “Retaliation is something that’s prohibited by all state and federal civil rights laws, so it’s nice to have a definition set forth right there.”

The following policy, ACA, refers to discrimination on the basis of sex.

“When the Title IX regulations were provided to us by the US Department of Education’s office of civil rights, they gave us an updated notice of non-discrimination and related Title IX information,” Bouchard said. “The Massachusetts Association of School Committees put that notice of non-discrimination right in the policy so that school districts would be compliant with the federal regulation around what your notice of non-discrimination should include.”

Bouchard also described a new policy, and added that usually, MASC encourages policies to be the purview of school committees and to leave regulations to the superintendent, but for this change, it adopted what she described as a “belt-and-suspenders” approach.

“This was such a big change in the law,” Bouchard said, “that they asked us to put it in front of the School Committee for approval just to make sure that this change in the law was really clear to everybody.”

Bouchard said that this describes what Title IX requires school districts to do, and

primarily what a Title IX coordinator does in extensive detail, as well as training the district must provide to all staff members, and extra training for staff involved in handling of Title IX complaints and how those complaints are received.

“If a student with a disability is involved in a Title IX complaint, there needs to be some contact with the IEP or the 504 team,” Bouchard said.

The last policy on the list was ACAB, which Bouchard noted has been in place for many years.

“The changes in ACAB are to add real clear definitions of sexual harassment under the different laws that we have that prohibit sexual harassment,” Bouchard said, “including Title IX, Title VII for employees, Mass General Laws 151-B and 151-C.”

Bouchard added that some things were taken out of this policy and moved to the ACR policy mentioned above.

Bouchard said that staff training is already underway. The district uses an online training vehicle called Global Compliance Network where the staff does annual required back-to-school training, and Title IX is one of the pieces included there.

The committee discussed whether to hold a vote on the new policies in order to be able to update the student handbook.

“I’m not sure why we would wait, if it’s all legal requirements,” said Committee Member Amanda Coddling. “Because we’re meeting the law that Title IX states that we need to follow in the school district, I’m not sure that we need to wait.”

The committee voted three to one to update the policy to be in compliance with the state and federal requirements.



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Charter Committee answers frequently asked questions

LUDLOW – Any charter committee created to change a long-standing form of government will bring many questions from the community. During the many months of our analysis, the Charter Committee has asked themselves all of these same questions and worked-out answers through discussion and research. The committee has come to consensus on nearly every recommendation.

Background

“What are the different options for forms of government?”

In Massachusetts there are four basic available forms of government:

Town Forms of Government:

Open Town Meeting – every registered voter may participate and vote at an open town meeting. Town meeting is the legislative body that enact local laws, pass budgets and authorize spending of town money. The select board runs the day-to-day business of the town.

Representative Town Meeting – as described above but voters elect a representative number of town meeting members as their representatives to act as their legislative body. In Ludlow, there are 15 town meeting seats per precinct. The day-to-day business of the town is conducted by the select board.

City Forms of Government:

Council/Manager – The voters elect the council and the council appoints the town manager. The council is the legislative body and the manager is the chief executive. Day-to-day business is conducted by the manager.

Mayor/Council – similar to the council/manager form however, both the council and the mayor are elected by the voters. The mayor conducts the day-to-day business and the council enacts local laws, pass budgets and authorize spending of town money.

The Committee’s recommen-

dation for Ludlow is a change from Representative Town Meeting to a Council/Manager form of government.

Charter Content

“Why is the Committee recommending a town council/town manager form of government?”

Town council is an elected body accountable to the voters. The council will meet at least twice a month, enabling much faster decision making.

It is easier for voters to share opinions and recommendations with councilors each month rather than 90 Town Meeting Members twice a year. The Town Manager is chosen based on qualifications, education and performance, not based on ability to navigate the political election process.

Town manager, with approval of council, appoints a professional staff to ensure the effective execution of the policies adopted by the council. Merit and skills are the leading criteria for making all hiring and personnel decisions.

The appointed town manager has no guaranteed term of office or tenure. They can be dismissed by the council based on charter provisions. As a result, they must respond to citizens and act with honesty and integrity in the management and delivery of public services.

The Committee felt that the Manager/Council form of government would better allow Ludlow to maintain its “town” culture when compared with a Mayor/Council form. While technically, this would be a city form of Government, the Committee voted to maintain the title of the “Town of Ludlow” for the community.

“Did the Committee consider a mayor/council form of government for Ludlow?”

Yes, the Committee considered the mayor/council form extensively. The Committee’s discussion related to an

elected mayor raised a few concerns.

With a mayor and city council government both bodies are elected by the voters. Electing a mayor may not yield the best candidate with the right skillset to manage the town day-to-day. Mayors are generally local politicians who need to be concerned about how their day-to-day governing is perceived by the public.

Elections are often popularity contests. Name recognition carries weight with voters, often without an understanding of the candidate’s qualifications. The most qualified candidate does not always win. Qualified candidates can be difficult to find and are limited to those willing to run an election campaign.

Mayors seeking reelection will need to focus on elections/reelections at the end of each term, possibly distracting them from their duties.

During our research concerning the choice of a town manager as opposed to a mayor government, we met with town managers and mayors either in person or remotely, researched individually, and interviewed council members by email and phone.

These people we interacted with came from communities that are identified as cohorts of Ludlow, communities with similar characteristics as Ludlow. They are similar in population and demographics yet have a town manager or mayor form of government.

From these sources and with guidance from The Collins Center, the committee concluded that if Ludlow were to change its form of government, the town manager/council form would best serve Ludlow in efficiency.

The full FAQ document can be found on the committee’s webpage under Frequently-Asked-Questions-Related-to-the-Charter-Proposal at Ludlow.ma.us.

Ludlow High 60th Class Reunion October 5

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.

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Tiny eXplorers Learning Center celebrates 10 years of business

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LUDLOW – A local learning center and daycare is celebrating 10 years of welcoming students in the surrounding area into their family.

Stylized as “tiny eXplorers,” the learning center on Center Street has been operating since 2014. Michelle Pereira has been running the school ever since it opened.

“It’s a daycare,” Pereira said. “We serve children from six weeks old to school age – so about eight years old – and we’ve been open for 10 years.”

Pereira said she has been working in the field since she was 18. In addition to Ludlow, the learning center also services children from Chicopee, Granby, and South Hadley.

“I’ve been in Ludlow since I was five years old, so I’ve been through the whole school system,” Pereira said. “Now I’m raising my children in Ludlow and they’re going to the school system.”

When an acquaintance of Pereira’s purchased the property, she said that they told her about their vision. Pereira said that the owner’s wife had suggested opening a dance studio on the property, and so it was envisioned as a daycare and family center atmosphere.

Pereira took them up on an offer to join the project circa 2011, but the company did not open until 2014.

“There was a lot of research on policies,” Pereira said. “I was already in the field, so I had a lot of knowledge on the teaching aspects. Now I had to



Submitted photos

Kids enjoy Fall Fun with Donna Leary Arnold, who has been at eXplorers for seven years.

gain the knowledge of running a center.”

Pereira said that this involved a lot of research and a lot of meetings. Fortunately, she had already gone through the licensing process, and so that went smoothly, and so her main concerns at the time were with advertising and getting students to enroll.

“We started up with five children and we doubled that within a couple months,” Pereira said. “Then I was able to fill up the school pretty much within a year. We’ve had a very high waiting list ever since.”

Kids participating in the program will arrive when the building opens at 7:30 a.m., and will engage in what Pereira described as “fun-based learning,” with structured time and plenty of free time as well.

“Learning happens throughout the day, no matter what they’re doing,” Pereira said.

Pereira said that, from her supervisory position, she gets to form a personal connection with the kids and families that participate in the program.

“I enjoy going into the classrooms,” Pereira said. “I know every single child by

name and I see them every single day.”

Pereira said that of the eight teachers employed at eXplorers, the ones who have been with her the longest have been there for seven years. Because the industry sees a lot of turnover, she said she’s grateful to have a few familiar faces with longevity.

“Most of my core teachers have been there over five years,” Pereira said.

Pereira credited the community for being able to run the program after 10 years.

“Many people are calling to

try to get into the school, hence the very large waiting list,” Pereira said. “The response has been phenomenal.”

Pereira said that the learning center had an after-school program during COVID for school-age children that had regularly had around 10 participants.

“I feel that we played a huge role in their success during the pandemic, just by giving them structure and being able to help them go through everything,” Pereira said.

Pereira added that if a child at eXplorers ever needs services, they’re able to be bussed to and from East Street School to make use of their facilities.

“We communicate a lot with East Street, as far as letting them know where children are at cognitively and giving them brief descriptions of where we see them,” Pereira said. “That helps them place them with an appropriate teacher.”

Pereira said that she has been able to run this learning center with the support of her family, and thanked her husband.

“I would never be in the position I am without the community itself,” Pereira said. “And definitely my staff, I wouldn’t be able to run it without them.”

“I feel we offer being like a family,” Pereira said. “My staff implements that with the children, they treat them like they’re our children, with lots of love, affection, knowledge, and attention.”

For more information, visit TinyExplorersLearningCenter.org.



Michelle Pereira, pictured circa 2014 when she was opening Tiny eXplorers, taking her children for a walk.



During “Dental Week,” the children enjoyed a visit from Virginia Kielbania.



The kids enjoyed a visit outside the Learning Center from Stan from Lupa Zoo.



Kids from Tiny eXplorers celebrated Memorial Day together.



Parent Reader Nancy Raymond read to the kids in the program for Dr. Seuss week.



Liz Salvador ran the “Yoga Shop” as a special visit for the learning center.

Ludlow Lions hold annual Food Drive



Submitted Photo

The Ludlow Lions Club held their annual Food Drive at the Big Y and Polish American Citizens Club, both in Ludlow.

LUDLOW—On Saturday, Aug. 24 The Ludlow Lions Club held their annual Food Drive at the Big Y and Polish American Citizens Club, both in Ludlow. Over 600 lbs of food was donated to benefit the Community Survival Center. The Lions would like to thank everyone who donated food, and to Big Y and the PACC for allowing them to collect at their facilities.

Exit 7 Players announces its fall production

LUDLOW—The Exit 7 Players are pleased to announce its fall production of *Next to Normal*, taking place on the Paul R. Hamel Stage at 37 Chestnut St., from Sept. 27 through Oct. 13.

Next to Normal is the story of Diana Goodman and her family. Traumatized by the death of her infant son, Diana has lived with bipolar depressive disorder and delusional episodes for the past several years. The illness has affected everyone in her life and has nearly torn her family apart on several occasions. *Next to Normal*, with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize.

Next to Normal takes audiences into the minds and hearts of each character, presenting their family's story with

love, sympathy and heart, while exploring pressing contemporary issues of trauma, loss, mental health treatment, and the meaning of family.

This production is intended for audiences aged 13 and up, and contains themes and depictions of mental illness, profanity, discussions of self-harm and the loss of a family member.

For this production the Exit 7 Players are partnering with Empty Arms Bereavement, a nonprofit helping parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, termination for medical reasons, or infant loss.

Due to a town event, parking for our October 6 show may be limited. Please plan on arriving early.

For more information contact the Exit 7 Players at 413.583.4301 or admin@exit7players.org. Tickets can be purchased directly from our website.

Ludlow residents to participate in Jimmy Fund Walk

LUDLOW—Five residents from Ludlow will participate in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk on Sunday, Oct. 6.

Patrick Karalekas, Ryan Linton, Daniel Valadas, Matthew Mol, and Russell Royce, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176 million for Dana-Farber in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4 million in 2023.

"For 35 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported lifesaving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. Our goal is to build off of the momentum

we've established throughout that history, and in 2024, aim to surpass our total from last year by raising \$9.5 million," says Caitlin Fink, assistant vice president of event fundraising. "Fighting cancer is what we do. The Walk unites our community under a common goal -to defy cancer together."

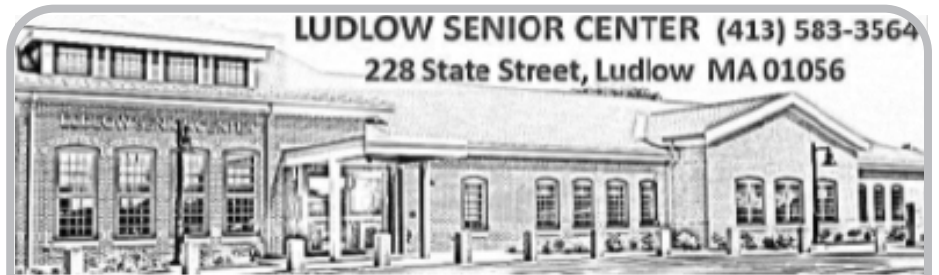
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Town Hall announces new office hours

LUDLOW – The town 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.



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW— The calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more. Reserve a lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday).

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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Sept. 5

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*
1 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Sept. 6

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

Monday, Sept. 9

9 a.m. Knitting
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Sept. 10
9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1 p.m. Western Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
4:30 p.m. "Souper" Supper
5 p.m. Movie: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

5:45 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Wednesday, Sept. 11

8 a.m. Garden Club
9 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Mobile Dental*
9 a.m. Ceramics
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
10:30 a.m. Waffles
1 p.m. Movie: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Sept. 12

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling*
10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour
10:30 a.m. Friends of Senior Center Meeting
1 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

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

Menu:

Thursday, Sept. 5: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Beet Salad
Friday, Sept. 6: Veggie Pizza/Power Salad
Monday, Sept. 9: Sweet & Sour Chicken/White Rice/Egg Roll
Tuesday, Sept. 10: Meatball Grinder/Caesar Salad
Wednesday, Sept. 11: Shrimp Scampi/Linguini/Mixed Veggies
Thursday, Sept. 12: Birthday Lunch, Stuffed Chicken Breast/Scalloped Pot/Peas & Carrots

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Questions on lilacs and onions for the Garden Lady

Nancy wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I am hoping you can tell me why the leaves on my lilac bushes are turning brown, crispy and then fall to the ground. I had very nice lilac flowers this past May but now the leaves are not doing well. Thank you for any suggestions you can give me so my bushes will be back next spring."

What you mention Nancy, seems to be happening to a lot of lilacs in the area. All you have to do is ride in the car and you will notice brown leaved lilac bushes or those that are nearly devoid of leaves altogether! My best guess is that *Pseudocercospora* leaf blight of lilac is the culprit.

Last year it was quite noticeable as well. Some lilacs even lost their leaves then sported flowers in October because the plant, after leaf loss, was tricked into thinking it was time to flower and and grow new leaves.

Because this new growth is very tender, you may notice tip dieback in spring on those areas of new growth and/or flowering. It simply didn't have enough time to harden off before winter.

Lilacs are tough plants, though, so don't despair.

What can we do to help, you ask? First of all, clean up fallen leaves and debris so that it won't spread the inoculum. Second, water the bushes well and at the base if this fall is droughty.

In the spring, prune out any dead branches, disinfecting your tools in between cuts. You can also choose to prune the plant in such a way so that there is better airflow throughout. That always helps to cut down on diseases.

I'm not a chemical girl – I really try to enhance my cultural practices to strengthen the overall health of the plant. I am sure there are options out there for this particular malady should you wish to research it.

Maria grew three varieties of onions this year. "The first variety has dropped all of its tops. What do I do next? Can I use them now or do they have to go through some kind of process before putting them in storage?"

This is a great question. I did a column some time ago on how to best cure onions.

Read on for some great tips: Many of my onions gave me the signal a week or two back that they would soon be ready for harvest. You see, their tops began to fall over.

After most of them did, I bent the rest on purpose. A few days later I pulled them up and laid them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun. I turned them once or twice over the last couple of days.

When the tops turn completely brown, I will cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can rest in that spot for up to two months, then will be placed in mesh bags in a winter location where temperatures stay close to 40 degrees.

Instead of cutting the stem, you can braid them, for a pretty and heirloom style storage option. Start out with three onions, tying some jute or string around one of the stems to add strength.

Braid the three together one round, then add an onion each time you cross over. When you have 10 or 12 onions running the length of the braid, quit and wrap the jute around the stems to end your work.

Make a loop and now you have way to hang it. Once hung, you can simply yank off

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GUEST COLUMN



Virginia rail



The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a Virginia rail in Hampshire County at Lake Wallace in Belchertown.

The Virginia rail is a small rail of nine inches. It has a long bill, which can be reddish at the base. Its back has dark feathers with reddish brown edges. The face is gray. It summers on freshwater and brackish marshes and winters in salt marshes.

It feeds on mud flats in search of worms, snails and aquatic insects. The rail is heard more than seen. Calls are given mostly at dawn and dusk, but may occur at other times of the day or night. The male's territorial call is a metallic "kit kidit kidit kidit." It also gives a "kikikikeer" and a series of descending grunts. The female lays five to 12 buff eggs with dark marks in a loose, canopied, cup like nest of coarse grasses, reeds and sedges placed on the ground.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in his area. He said in an email, "On Aug. 17 I saw five great egrets at the no named pond on New Reed Street in

Warren. Great egrets have shown up there starting in August most years, usually one or two. I had never seen more than three at that location previously."

He said, "A few days before that sighting I had seen a great egret at the osprey pond on South Street that is about half a mile from the pond on New Reed Street. I had never seen a great egret at that pond before."

Belted kingfishers

He observed interesting behavior between two belted kingfishers at the pond in Warren. He said, "A female was chased all around the pond for over half an hour by a male. I saw brief begging behavior from the male so think it might have been a juvenile looking to be fed. The male would fly towards the perch where the female was sitting. Sometime the female flew off of the perch before the male got close and other times the female sat for a bit before flying away. This continued, around and around, back and forth, all around the pond. I never saw either bird hover like it was attempting to catch a fish. Occasionally the male would land on the same branch as the female and she would fly away immediately."

Wild turkeys

The Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. On Aug. 17 he checked the camera and it showed two adult turkeys and three poults had visited the yard. He said, "We knew turkeys had

been about because my wife found a feather in the driveway. We haven't seen turkeys much the last few years and it has been some time since we have seen poults."

Earlier this week, I saw a large flock of wild turkeys consisting of a few adults and many poults in Hubbardston. After I took the where is photo for the paper, I returned home the same way. The flock was still there.

Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported in Berkshire County a Baird's sandpiper on Bridgeview Lane in Sheffield, two Caspian terns at the Cheshire Reservoir in Cheshire, a Bonaparte's gull on Lake Ona-

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State Representative Aaron Saunders (center) and Senator Jake Oliveira (right) spoke with residents about their concerns about the property.



Amanda Sturtevant is one of many residents from the West Street Mobile Home Community who cannot afford the 150% rent increase.



Senator Jake Oliveira spoke at the rally about the need for affordable housing in the commonwealth.

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to work on, and that's the rights of people that are living in mobile home parks, and ensuring that these triple-digit increases cannot stand anymore in the commonwealth."

Oliveira said that his team intends to work with the attorney general to ensure that Rent Control

Boards in communities throughout the state have the tools to prevent rent increases like this from happening.

"What Lennon did before the Rent Control Board in Ludlow by trumping up the investments that he says he put in there," Oliveira said. "How many of you residents can run your air conditioning and your dryer at the same time? You

can't do that, because the electrical grid system hasn't been updated in decades."

Oliveira said that Lennon's reported investments did nothing to contribute to the quality of life for the community.

"If you're paying those increases, you at least have the ability to access your mail in a decent facility," Oliveira said. "You should at

least have the ability to do your laundry in a facility. You should at least have a place to gather in order to meet together in a community space; West Village doesn't have any of those things right now."

Oliveira described the rally as a "clear signal" to the people in the courthouse that this type of rent increase, and Lennon's behavior of

"profiting off the backs of vulnerable people," would not stand.

"I'm proud to join with my colleague, Representative Aaron Saunders," Oliveira said. "I'm proud to join with the residents of West Village and with the housing advocates to shine a light on truly the last affordable bastion of housing in the commonwealth, which are mobile home parks."



Senator Jake Oliveira (right) spoke with Ethan Fild (left) about the needs of the community and the quality of facilities at the park.



Residents discussed the problems with the property at the rally with Senator Jake Oliveira (center).

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76th Annual Festa held over Labor Day weekend



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Festa was held on the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Winsor Street.



Friends Hazel, Abby, Emily, and Niki went to Festa together as a group.



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Festa is already being scheduled for next year from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

Xavier Trumbull, Beckett LeClair, and Luke Bergeron enjoyed the festivities at Our Lady of Fatima together.



As they got in line for food, (from left) Diane Nascimento, Olive, Kyle Andrekizyk, Henry, and Jaime Nascimento attended Festa with Bela Blake (not pictured).



Festa attendees watched from the sidelines as their kids enjoyed the Cliff Hanger ride.



Officers Ricardo Funch and Matt Cieslak were on duty at Festa this weekend.



Games and vendors were set up on the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima to celebrate Festa.



Rebecca Adorno ran a booth at Festa that sold flags, T-shirts, jewelry, and more.



Pictured in front of the fair, (from left) Vitor Pimanta, Victoria, age 6, Joana Sequeira, Abigail Solorzano, and Maria Sequeira.



Working the booth for Primavera Café and Restaurant, (from left) Rosa Venancio, Karalynn Aguilar, Ludmylla Wonsoscky, Diogo Dos Santos, and Jorge Lairas.



Diana Lee, Erick Vega, and Kayliana, age 10, enjoyed the festivities at Festa.



Kids enjoyed bungee-jumping on one of the rides provided for Festa.



Bella Dos Santos handed out drinks to the attendees of Festa.



Samantha and Grace Shameklis and Abby and Shawn Tierney worked the table for the Police Department.



Gathered to eat together, (from left) Joey, Maria, and Dennis Tondalo, Daniela Dinis, and Anthony Tondalo.



The sun set on people enjoying delicious bifanas on the grounds behind Our Lady of Fatima.

PLANNING BOARD

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charter initiative in town.”

Though Phoenix had praise for some of the provisions included in the new charter, he expressed concern over the number of elected positions that would be changed to appointed.

“I think there was a metric given at the beginning for what boards and committees would remain individually elected and which would be appointed,” Phoenix said, “and it’s odd and somewhat telling to me that every single board and committee that could be appointed, legally, is being shifted to appointed.”

Phoenix noted that though many of these appointed boards are responsible for making policy, very few boards, naming only the school committee, the town council, and the Library Board of Trustees,

would remain elected.

The board members noted that this would remove the voters’ ability to hold important boards and committees accountable, as they would now be answerable directly to the Town Council.

“I’d rather be held accountable by 20,000 people in this town when it comes to an election than five or seven members of a committee,” Carpenter said.

This prompted a discussion about the way that having the Planning Board answerable to the Town Council could compromise the integrity of the board’s decisions.

“The number of decisions I’ve made over the years that upset people, but were the right decision to follow the law for the

town, is a fair number,” Phoenix said. “If we have somebody who is a prominent land-owner in town who’s well-connected, it makes it difficult to sit on this side of the table and make a decision against them when all they have to do is reach out to a few people on city council.”

Phoenix expressed concerns over the committee’s decision to schedule the charter vote for this

year’s town meeting, and said that he wished the committee had taken the time to sit with the heads of the town’s boards and committees to determine what they do.

“In the last round, they wanted to make sure that each board or committee picked a representative to meet with the individuals that were crafting the new charter so they could have a sit-down with a representative from each group,”

Phoenix said. “I think the closest we came to that was a global, we’re having our meetings, these are our meeting nights, show up and maybe we can have a chat.”

Phoenix described this as “a nice idea,” but not effective in the same way, and said that his experience from 20 years working for the town was that “it is rare that rushing to meet a deadline, especially an artificial one, gives us good policy.”

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Lions seek elusive state championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Ludlow boys varsity soccer team will be trying to capture the Western Mass. Class A. title for the fourth year in a row this fall.

“The members of the senior class are trying to win the Western Mass. title for the fourth time,” said Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziey, who has won more than 200 career varsity games. “The players have been working very hard during preseason practice and we’re looking forward to having another fun season.”

The Lions, who finished the 2023 regular season with a 15-1-2 record, defeated Smith Division rival West Springfield, 2-1, in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which took place at the Roberts Sports Complex located on the Holyoke High School campus.

It was the first time that the Lions were able to win three Western Mass. titles in a row since they won it five consecutive times between 2007-2011. Overall, the Ludlow boys’ soccer team has won more than 30



File photos

Ludlow boys soccer once again captures the Western Mass. Class A Championship last year.

Western Mass. titles.

“Our number one goal every year is to stay healthy during the regular season and qualify for the postseason tournaments,” Kolodziey said. “We’ll also be trying to win the Division 1 state tournament.”

Despite only losing one regular season game, the Lions didn’t play a home match during the state tournament a year ago. After posting a pair of road victories against Framing-

ham, 3-0, and St. John’s Prep of Danvers, 3-2 in overtime, the Lions outstanding season came to an end following a 2-1 loss at Weymouth in the Division 1 quarterfinals. The only other Western Mass. boys’ soccer team to qualify for the Division 1 state tournament was Springfield Central.

The other members of the Smith Division are Minnechaug Regional, Amherst, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and

Belchertown.

“We’re expecting every game that we play to be a hard fought battle,” Kolodziey said. “All of the teams in the Smith Division are very good. We’ll need to play our best in every game that we play.”

The Lions, who are the defending Smith Division champions, will also be playing non-league matches against Leominster, Northampton, Agawam, and Monument Moun-

tain.

The Lions players are looking forward to playing their home games on the new turf field located behind the high school. Unlike in previous years, they don’t have any home games scheduled for historic Lusitano Stadium.

“The kids are looking forward to playing games on the new turf field,” Kolodziey said.

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Relics put cap on season

LUDLOW - The Western Mass Relics, a softball league for elder citizens in the region, wrapped up its season a couple of weeks ago with playoffs and a championship game. It was the Q-Tips who came out on top in the league, which is based in Ludlow.



Dan Jasak delivers a pitch.



Jerry Ago sends a pitch away.

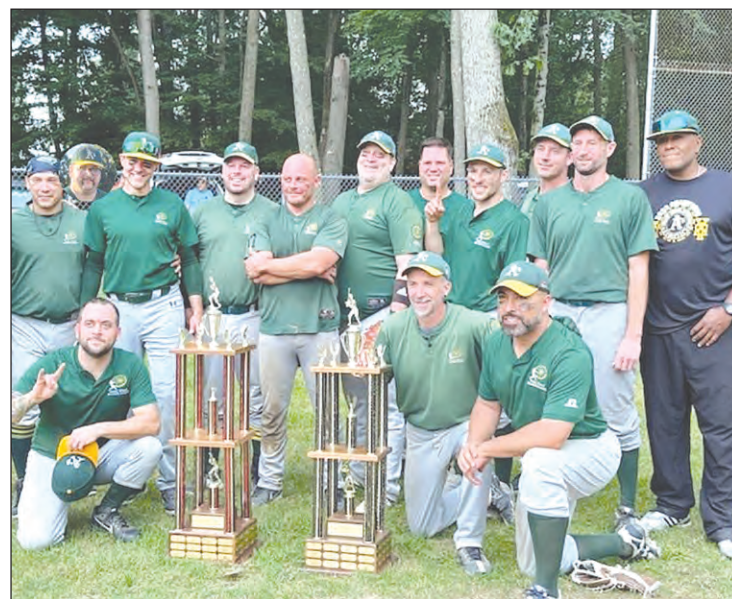


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Derrick Green looks to tag out John Richards.



George Slattery looks to slide safely into second.



Submitted photo

The Valley Wheel Athletics captured the championship on Sunday, Aug. 25. The A’s defeated the Cubs 4-2 to take the title.

Four-run eighth leads A’s to Valley Wheel title

LONGMEADOW – The A’s Dan Baker doubled in a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to break a scoreless tie and lead the Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Cubs in the 18th Valley Wheel Baseball League championship game.

League Commissioner Jim Nason who sat right behind home plate for the action stated, “I think it might be the most exciting and best-played Valley Wheel game I’ve ever seen.”

A picture-perfect day for baseball at DiPippo Park in Longmeadow turned into quite

the pitcher’s duel with defensive gems all over the field. The top seeded A’s were taking on the 3rd seeded Cubs in a rematch of the 2023 Valley Wheel Championship, in which the A’s won 13-12 after erasing an early 7-0 deficit.

The Cubs have had revenge on their minds all season and came out swinging their sticks. A’s starter Mike Bielen took a perfect game into the 5th inning when he faced the Cubs a month ago, but any thought

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Ludlow 2024 fall varsity schedule

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 13	Away	Quaboag	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Away	Smith Vocational	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Belchertown	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Putnam	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Home	South Hadley	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Away	Pittsfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25	Home	Chicopee	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1	Away	Taconic	7 p.m.
Nov. 8/9	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 15/16	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 18	Home	Palmer	10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	Minnechaug	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	E Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28	Home	Leominster	12 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Amherst	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Minnechaug	3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Home	W Springfield	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Belchertown	6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Home	Northampton	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 17	Away	Agawam	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Away	Monument	
Wednesday, Oct. 23	Away	E Longmeadow	7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Belchertown	6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	Minnechaug	5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 13	Away	Longmeadow	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	East Longmeadow	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Away	Westfield	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Home	West Springfield	6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Belchertown	6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Minnechaug	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Away	Tantasqua	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Home	Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Away	E Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Away	Chicopee	11 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Home	South Hadley	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Monson	4 p.m.

GOLF

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Away	Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Home	Southwick	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	W Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Home	Pope Francis	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Minnechaug	3 p.m.
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Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Northampton	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Home	West Springfield	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Away	Monson	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Away	Pope Francis	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 2	Away	Westfield	3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Away	South Hadley	3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Belchertown	3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Away	Longmeadow	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Home	Agawam	3 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	Belchertown	4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Minnechaug	5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17	Away	Northampton	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Longmeadow	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Chicopee	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Home	Amherst	3:45 p.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Minnechaug	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Away	Northampton	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Longmeadow	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Chicopee	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Home	Amherst	3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Home	Agawam	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Pittsfield	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Wahconah	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Home	Lee	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13	Away	Amherst	6:45 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Away	Chicopee Comp	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	Mt. Greylock	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Away	Belchertown	6:45 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Away	Wt Springfield	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Away	Agawam	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Turners Falls	6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Pittsfield	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Home	Wahconah	6:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Home	Chicopee Comp	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Away	Lee	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Away	Frontier	12 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Mt. Greylock	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	W Springfield	6:30 p.m.

LIONS from Page 10

"The field is already completed, but they still need to finish the track. It'll probably be a few weeks before we'll be able to use the field."

The Lions, who are playing their first five regular season matches on the road, are scheduled to host East Longmeadow in the home opener on Sept. 18.

There are 13 seniors on the 2024 preseason roster.

One of the Lions senior leaders is Thomas Wadas.

"Thomas has been a member of the varsity soccer team since he was a freshman. He has been selected to a couple of All-Star teams," Kolodziej said. "He's probably one of the best soccer players in the state, which is very special. I think he could play college soccer at the Division I level."

If Wadas has another outstanding season on the pitch, he'll most likely be a candidate to be selected as an All-American player, which is voted on by the United Soccer Coaches Association.

"Our last All-American player was Michael Jordan 15 years ago," Kolodziej said. "Thomas is an outstanding soccer player and he'll be running the show for us again this year."

Two of the Lions offensive threats are seniors Chris and Jonathan Gonçalves, who are twins.

Senior Owen Wurst, who's a midfielder, is a returning varsity player.

Another senior is James Dias. He's going to be the anchor of the Lions defensive unit, along with fellow seniors Lucas Alvan, and Gavin Vala.

Shea was the Lions starting goalie



Thomas Wadas settles the ball.

during the past couple of seasons.

The two leading candidates to take over the starting goalie position are junior Dan Pires, and sophomore Nick Dion.

"I think we're a balanced team this year," Kolodziej said. "From the front to back and left to right. We're going to have several different goal scorers. This is a good group of players and they're fun to work with. I'm looking forward to watching them succeed both on the soccer field and in the classroom."

The Lions varsity assistant coach is Matt Thompson. The JV coaches are Paul Ganhao, and Carlos Juliano.



Owen Wurst clears the ball ahead of pressure.

VALLEY WHEEL from Page 10

of a no-hit bid ended when the Cubs leadoff hitter Jon Campbell singled to start the game. Cory Conardo followed with another single before Bielen walked Mark Caputo to load the bases with no outs. Bielen would bear down. He got a strike out and two pop ups to leave the bases loaded and escape the jam. Bielen would only give up one more hit over his next five innings of work.

Cubs starting pitcher Jon Campbell was coming off a 10-strikeout performance in the Valley Wheel semifinals and was just as dominate in the championship game. Campbell scattered three hits over six innings without giving up a run.

A's manager/infielder Tim Provost continued to employ his playoff strategy of giving Bielen mid-game breaks so that he could start and finish the game. The A's Erick Velez came on in relief in the 3rd inning and retired the side in order with two spectacular leaping catches by shortstop Kevin Hill. Bielen would return in the fourth inning and struck out two in a one, two, three frame.

Hill then stepped on the mound in the sixth inning and Campbell led off with a bunt single. Conardo followed with another hit. After a ground out that held the runners, Hill walked Bryan Ring to load the bases. Hill then induced a 4-6-3 double play to get out of the jam.

In the top of the sixth inning the game remained scoreless when Jason Mikesell walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. The next hitter popped up down the first base fence line but A's first baseman Ryan Walsh made a sliding catch for the second out and the runner held up. After another walk, Bielen got a pop up to end the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Hill returned in relief and with two outs gave up back-to-back singles to Aaron Holcomb and Ryan Lopes before hitting

John Britt with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases. Hill then found an extra gear as he struck out the Cubs with their leadoff hitter up to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh inning with Britt on in relief, the A's threatened for the first time all game. Bielen walked and got to third base with one out. Michael Waterhouse hit a hard grounder to third and Bielen was thrown out at the plate. After Hill singled the A's would have second and third with two outs before Britt would get a pop up to end the inning.

With Bielen back on the bump, he retired the 2-3-4 hitters of the Cubs in order in the eighth inning. The game remained tied 0-0 heading into the bottom of the eighth inning when Dan Oleksak would leg out an infield single. Provost followed with a walk, before Dan Baker doubled over the head of the left fielder to plate the first run of the game. After an error, Provost scored. Baker would score on a wild pitch, before Walsh hit a sacrifice fly to center to give the A's a 4-0 lead.

Bielen went out to close the game in the ninth inning, but walked Jonathan Downs to lead off the inning before Chris Curtis singled. Bielen retired the next two hitters before walking Greg Gallivan to load the bases. With the Cubs down to their last out, Paul Audette grounded to shortstop, but the A's second baseman could not corral it giving the Cubs life and their first run. A wild pitch would plate another run and put the tying run at second base when Bielen got a ground ball he refused to let get by him. He tossed it to first for the final out of an epic game.

The A's won their seventh Valley Wheel Championship and became the second team to win the pennant as the top seed in the regular season and win the championship in back-to-back seasons. The Indians did it in the inaugural two seasons in 2006 and 2007. The A's who started off the season 0-3, finish by winning 12 of their last 14 games.

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICE

Chase Michael Goncalves
February 2, 2024 - August 25, 2024
Services have been entrusted to Wilbraham Funeral Home

Chase Michael Goncalves February 2, 2024 – August 25, 2024

“Dearest baby, please know that our greatest blessing was having you.”



Chase Michael Goncalves, our beloved infant son, passed away in the arms of family after an extremely brief and devastating illness. Chase was a gift from the moment he was born, and he and his mother together endured a hard pregnancy to safely make it into this world. Chase always had a smile on his face, especially for his big brother Jack. His face would light up with joy when his father gave him motorcycle rides on his knee or his

mother cuddled up with him to nurse him (their favorite time together). Chase was happiest at his Grandma and Bumpa’s house taking walks around their development, meeting all the neighbors, and relaxing on his play mat in the back yard. His favorite day of the week was Sunday when he got to have Sunday supper with his whole family at his Mimi and Vovo’s house and learn “Palminhas”. Chase loved to be outside in nature – feet in the sand, toes in the water or watching the trees sway in the wind. We would joke how fast he was going to be with his adorable,

kicking legs. The hole left in our hearts will never be filled. We had so many dreams for his life.

Chase was loved beyond measure by his parents Mike Goncalves and Lindsay Robillard and big brother Jack Goncalves. He was able to spend and create beautiful memories with his four amazing grandparents: Robert and Paulette Robillard of Ludlow and Joaquim and Aida Goncalves of Agawam. His godparents Joshua and Meghan Brodeur of Wilbraham and their sons Cameron and Weston Brodeur simply adored Chase, as he adored them. Chase’s uncle Ryan Robillard of Delray Beach, FL and his family – Cassandra McIntyre and Griffyn and Ada

Robillard could not wait to meet his sweet face. He also leaves behind his aunt Gorete Goncalves and her son Nizaiah Goncalves. He was loved by many extended aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends.

Chase will always remain his entire family’s precious baby and they will hold him again in heaven one day. “For this child we prayed.”

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 9 to 10:30 AM at Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Rd., Wilbraham. Chase’s Funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Burial will follow in Reservoir Cemetery, Ludlow.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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. HD24P1757EA Estate of:

Maria Helena Dias Also known as: Maria Helena Fernandes Date of Death: 12/16/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Day Brook Village Nursing of Hoolyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/17/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE

MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: August 20, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/04/2024

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. HD24C0281CA

In the matter of: Ortuero Lasalle, Jr. aka Arturo Lasalle, Jr. CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Ortuero Lasalle, Jr. aka Arturo Lasalle, Jr. of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Arturo Lasalle, Jr.

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 09/27/2024.**

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 29, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/04/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD24P1814EA Estate of: Shirley Mourey Lawler

Date of Death: 08/04/2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas W. Lawler of Ludlow, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Thomas W. Lawler 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.
09/04/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P1886EA Estate of: George P. Milne

Date of Death: 06/25/2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John M Milne of Monson, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John M Milne of Monson, 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.
09/04/2024

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.**

Upon petition of: **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. and NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY** requests permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

East Street: Place one (1) jointly owned mid-span pole numbered Pole T.103 1/2/E.108M on the north side of East Street at a point approximately two hundred eighty (280) feet easterly from the centerline of Miller Street. The new pole will also be located one hundred thirteen (113) feet easterly from existing Pole T.103/E.108 and one hundred twelve (112) feet westerly from existing Pole T.104/E.109.

East Street: Place one (1) jointly owned mid-span pole numbered Pole T.104 1/2 /E.109M on the north side of East Street at a point approximately five hundred (500) feet easterly from the centerline of Miller Street. The new pole will also be located one hundred eight (108) feet easterly from existing Pole T. 1 04/E.1 09 and one hundred eight (1 08) feet westerly from existing Pole T.105/E.110.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
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Ludlow Board of Selectmen
08/28, 09/04/2024

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DATEBOOK

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the size onion you need from the braid. A couple of notes: Apples, bananas, and tomatoes are kept clear of onions in storage because these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen and will cause onions to sprout prematurely. Also, use bulbs that have two centers first, they won't store well.

It is interesting to mention that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions – sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide.

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.

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ta in Pittsfield and a black-crowned night heron in Dalton.

In Franklin County there were a modest number of red crossbills at the Montague Sandplains Wildlife Area in Montague where at least 33 were tallied, a summering ring-necked duck also continued to be seen at the Turners Falls Power Canal.

At the East Meadows in Northampton in Hampshire County there was a northern shoveler, four sandhill cranes, four short-billed dowitchers, nine stilt sandpipers and a dickcissel. Elsewhere in the county there was a Virginia rail and a marsh wren at Lake Wallace in Belchertown, four sandhill cranes in the fields off Old Post Road in Worthington and two blue grosbeaks at the Honey Pot in Hadley.

Hampden County had two blue-winged teal and a red-necked phalarope at the Longmeadow Flats in Longmeadow and two Caspian terns at the Ranch Golf Course in Southwick.

In Worcester County four sandhill cranes were seen on Hall Road in Hardwick and eight red crossbills at gate 43 at Quabbin Reservoir in Hardwick. At Birch Hill Wildlife Area in Winchendon three Acadian flycatchers and 28 red crossbills were counted. Five evening grosbeaks were present in Royalston. A sanderling was spotted at Quaboag Pond in Brookfield, and two blue-winged teal and a Louisiana waterthrush were seen at Bolton Flats Wildlife Area in Lancaster.

Another pond visit

The Brimfield resident and his wife, who regularly visits local ponds, saw two great egrets, six mallards, a belted kingfisher and a male goldfinch at the New Reed Street pond in Warren.

At South Street in Warren, the couple saw a great egret, two male wood ducks in eclipse plumage, two osprey, a juvenile and an adult, who brought a fish for the juvenile. At Sherman Pond in Brimfield there were no birds just a lone fisherman and at Wheeler Pond three wood ducks and a green heron.

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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.

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 Thursday, Sept. 5, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
 Friday, Sept. 6, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 Saturday, Sept. 7, Ladies Auxillary of the K of C - Coat Drive - 9 a.m. (Foyer) Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Eucharistic Revival Pot Luck Dinner - 5:00 p.m. (FLBH/JR)
 Sunday, September 8, - 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. 9, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Ladies Auxillary of K of C - 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 10, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C) St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Spaghetti Supper 4:30 p.m. (FLBH), Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. (ZR), Financial Council 6:30 p.m. - (R)

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 Sunday Mass: 8:45 a.m. (English), 10 a.m. (Polish)
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 First Saturday Mass: 9 a.m. (Polish/English)
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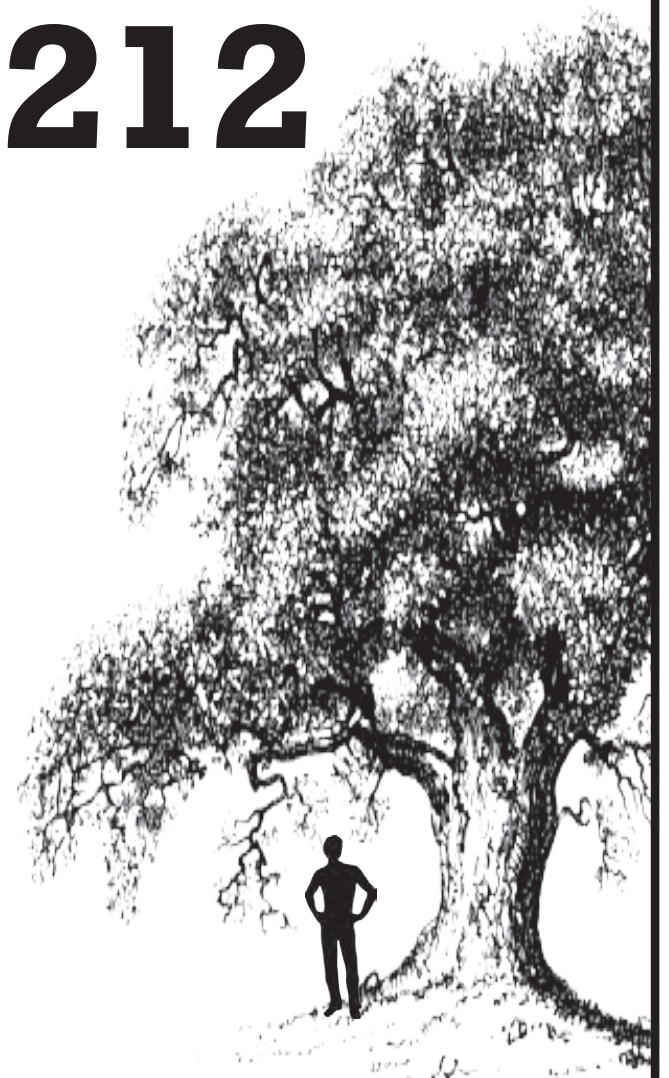
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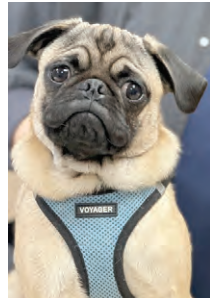
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According to PetMD, catnip is an herb closely related to mint. When cats smell Nepetalactone oil, which is found in the leaves of catnip, it can cause behavioral changes as the scent is carried to their brains from pathways in their nose and mouth.

Cats will typically react to catnip by meowing, flipping, rolling, rubbing, and zoning out. Some cats may even become aggressive if you approach them while they are playing with catnip.

Other behavioral impacts of catnip include playfulness, affection and even relaxation. Cats experience different behaviors when they ingest catnip mellowing out, similar to how cannabis affects humans. Most cats will lose interest in catnip in around 10 minutes. The effects of catnip, however, can last up to two hours. After those two

hours a cat can be affected by catnip again.

In addition to the euphoric feeling catnip can help reduce stress, depression, and anxiety in cats by acting as a sedative. Catnip can also reduce bloating and stomach pain.

Not all cats exhibit the same effects from catnip, with about 20 percent not being attracted to the plant. Kittens less than eight weeks old and senior cats may also not experience a response.

Although catnip is safe for cats to ingest, it is possible for cats to have too much of the plant, so it is important to control how much your pet is exposed to it. However, it is not likely that your cat will overdose from catnip. Too much catnip can cause dizziness, diarrhea, trouble walking or vomiting in your pet, so speak with your veterinarian about the correct dosage for your feline friend. Frequent exposure to catnip can cause your cat to develop a tolerance to the plant, so it is best to limit it to once a week.