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Mary the Antelope's journey ends in safe return

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LUDLOW – As of this weekend, Mary the Antelope has safely returned to Lupa Zoo.

According to the Police Department and Joan Lupa, President of Lupa Zoo, the antelope that escaped on April 1 was found between Miller St. and Chapman St., and was captured by Wally Lupa, the Director of Facility Development and Animal Care for Lupa Zoo.

Zoo officials reported that they did not need to tranquilize Mary in order to capture her, and Lupa used only a 100-foot rope, a trailer, and a live camera. “She walked right into the trailer and to say I was relieved would be an understatement,” Wally Lupa said.

“I’m incredibly pleased this

story has a happy ending, and that is due to the entire Lupa Zoo staff working tirelessly to bring her home safely,” said Sheriff Nick Cocchi.

Mary has been on the loose since April 1, when a tree fell on the antelope enclosure and broke the paddock during a storm. Mary’s companion stayed in captivity, while Mary took the opportunity to leave the enclosure and explore the surrounding area.

For the last month, town officials from Ludlow, Wilbraham, Palmer, and Belchertown have been searching for the antelope, with residents documenting sightings of the antelope on social media.

“I’m happy we didn’t have to tranquilize her, and she looks great,” said Joan Lupa, Pres-

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Photo submitted by Alexa Wurszt

Mary the antelope, who has only one horn due to a birth defect, has been returned unharmed to Lupa Zoo.

Voters approve hiring government expert to help establish new charter

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LUDLOW – An article was approved at the annual town meeting to hire a municipal government professional that will aid the Board of Selectmen in transitioning to a new charter.

The motion, recommended by Vice Chairman Derek DeBarge, recommended that the town raise \$25,000 to bring an expert on board to help establish this new form of government in town. Those in attendance were divided not only on whether an expert needed to be hired, but also if a change in charter was necessary to begin with.

The recommendation to change the charter had been brought up years prior, but the community had “lost interest”, according to members of the public who spoke at the meeting.

Board of Selectmen member Manny Silva said that although he doesn’t oppose the

new charter itself, he feels that this process can be done without the need to spend money on a consultant.

“I think it’s a little much that we would be using funds that we desperately need,” Silva said. “Our budget is way up, I think it’s time we start cutting some spending and this is one place where we could start.”

Others spoke out about their desire to see a new government system in town play out with as much help as needed. Community members said the open town meeting form of government hasn’t been working, and that something needs to be done to change it.

Town Administrator Marc Strange clarified questions and concerns associated with the costs that would go towards hiring the municipal government expert for this process.

“The Board of Selectmen would solicit community members to be part of the charter committee,” Strange

said. “The numbers of that committee is yet to be determined, but it will be responsible for creating the charter and revising the bylaws.”

“This funding would hire an expert for the committee, probably an attorney, guiding and advising us as we are not as well versed in the laws as they would be.”

Strange said that if the charter committee was able to compile a final product to propose the new charter, it would be presented in a future town meeting. If the charter was approved, it would be sent to the state for approval and would determine whether the town would have a new form of government, according to Strange.

This article received a recommendation from the Finance Committee, and received a majority vote from the community. Updates on this process will be reported on at future Board of Selectmen and town meetings.

Municipal meetings can be viewed at ludlowtv.org.

Selectmen appoint four lieutenants to fire department

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LUDLOW– After years of planning and preparation, the Board of Selectmen met with Ludlow Fire Chief Ryan Pease to appoint four firefighters to the new role of lieutenant.

This leadership had not previously existed within the Fire Department, but Pease said that the Department had wanted to integrate these roles to supervise the crew and lead shifts. On May 2 and 3, the Board met with nine applicants within the crew for official interviews to determine who would receive the promotions.

“This was the first time we’ve had to make multiple position decisions at once, so it was definitely a difficult choice

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Business Action Committee helps open new Barber Shop and Spa

By Marcelo Gusmao
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LUDLOW – Last weekend, residents came out to attend the ribbon-cutting for a new business in town as Smooth Innovators celebrated its grand opening.

Smooth Innovators is a new barber shop and spa that's opened on East St., owned by Richard Rodriguez and Katrina Monteiro. The business had support from the Ludlow Business Action Committee, which has been working to revitalize the town by supporting new businesses in the area.

"They put a ton of money in the building," said Chairman of the BAC, Robert Starzyk. "We

had already ripped down old wires and put in new electrical and new heating. We redid the entire building, but it was a problem getting a leaser in there."

In addition to electrical and heating, Starzyk said that he oversaw replacing old wall-mounted A/C units with new ones, installed a new roof, and added vinyl siding to the outside.

"I happen to be the property owner – my father is actually," Starzyk said, describing Rodriguez and Monteiro as "very nice people, very hard-working. Take a good look at what they did inside that building, they put in incredible lighting."

Rodriguez has had over a decade of experience in barber

shops, offering "luxury cuts and styles with spa-like services to add on," said Monteiro.

"Richard has worked alongside some of the best barbers in the area, and is now ready to open up his own establishment and build his legacy," Monteiro said.

Monteiro also described herself as "a master esthetician," with over five years of experience in the skin care industry, and will be offering luxury skin-care, brow, and eyelash services, skills that she learned and has practiced in the greater Boston area.

Starzyk described a lack of hair-styling salons in town since COVID. "There's a need for it," he said, "a lot of people just quit, so the town definitely needs a hairstyling place."

Starzyk described Smooth Innovators as "going for a new style, like New York City-style. Real cool buzz cuts with the color and all that."

Monteiro said, "Together, we have collaborated a luxury barber shop and spa that meets the needs of everyone in the self care department."

"Our goal is to allow entrepreneurs to have a place to grow and expand their brands as we work together as a team,



Contributed photos

Select Board member Manny Silva cuts the ribbon with Richard Rodriguez and Katrina Monteiro.

as well as a place for clients to feel their best selves at their place of comfort," Monteiro said.

Smooth Innovators is located at 242 East St, and can be reached on Facebook or Instagram.



Residents attend the grand opening of Smooth Innovators on East St.



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PET OF THE WEEK



LUCY AND HANK

Tammy Warren lives in Monson, and sent this picture of Lucy (little brown dog) and Hank (little black dog) for our Pet of the Week.

Lucy is the Warrens' fourth therapy dog. She has been working as a therapy dog for about four years, including some volunteer work during COVID, though not as much as after. Lucy works one day a week at Encompass Rehab in Ludlow. Hank is the Warrens' newbie, now in training to be a therapy dog. He was adopted just two months before this photo was submitted, and is looking forward to following in his little big sister's paw prints.

Informational Ad for Precinct Members

In accordance with Section 24, Chapter 1 of the Town of Ludlow Bylaws, the following is a list of Representative Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence with the Town Clerk at the Annual Town Meeting and Special within on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Precinct 1: Christine Denise Peacey, Walter James Peacey, Jr., Matthew John Tibbitts

Precinct 2: Frederick J. Nowak Jr., Jose Eugenio

Precinct 3: Daniel J. Valadas, Walter J. Kiel, Jr., Lisa J. Szlosek, Margaret E. Szlosek

Precinct 4: Carrie Lynn Goodreau, James K. Goodreau

Precinct 5: Michael W. Lavelle, Kenneth J. Batista, Thomas P. Haluch

Precinct 6: Kyle T. Grondalski, Patrick J. Nugent, David E. Pace

Members at Large: Michael A. Szlosek, Antonio Rosa, Manuel Q. Lopes, Susan E. Stanek, Kelly A. Lamas, Jeffrey A. Laing

'Night Out' at Villa Rose May 24 to help MJD

LUDLOW —Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center Street is donating 20% of the proceeds for dine-in or take-out orders from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, to the Michael J Dias Foundation.

MJD offers programs to those in recovery.

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Want to join?

The IOCC is accepting letters of interest to fill vacant positions. Send emails to indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com. For more information, call 413-209-8240 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Correction

Do to a typing error, Kevin Pyzocha Jr.'s last name was misspelled in the Ludlow Register last week. The 12 year old shot a 20 lb. 3 oz. turkey on Youth Turkey Hunting Day. His Dzadiu and uncle Stan were with him. Kevin loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, kayaking and hiking.

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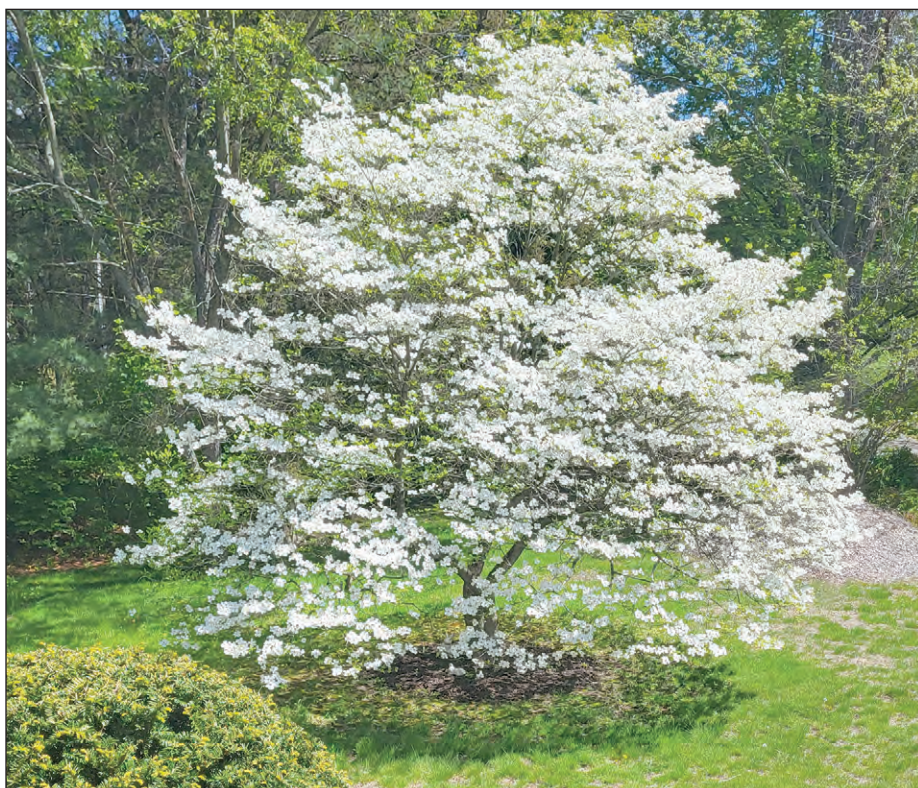
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Mike O'Rourke of Ludlow shared this photo of a dogwood tree in full bloom at his home on Miller Street. If you have a scenic photo from around Ludlow or Indian Orchard to share, please send your .jpg and some information to mgusmao@turley.com.

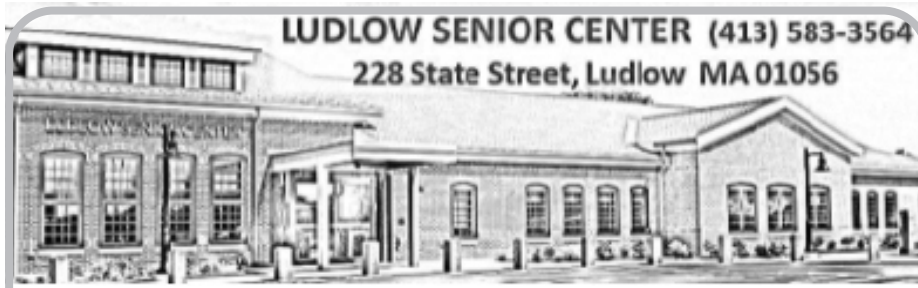
Rick's Place to display the Honor Flag May

WILBRAHAM – Join us on Wednesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at Rick's Place to view the flag that became a symbol of hope for all Americans after the World Trade Center Tower attacks on 9/11.

This Honor Flag, and the accompanying marble cross, are being shared in communities as a memorial to the victims and first responders who perished in this tragic event. This is the last time

the Honor Flag will visit New England. Rick's Place is named for Rick Thorpe, who died in the South Tower on 9/11. Our free grief support programs for families are provided in Rick's memory. Join us to share this important moment.

For more information contact: Brian Miller at usmc8942@gmail.com (413)-378-8541) or info@ricksplacema.org



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

The Senior Center has a packed calendar with many events, activities, programs, and entertainment.

You are invited to have lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room for a hearty meal with coffee, tea, and dessert. Just call a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

The Ludlow Senior Center is open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. Come see a free movie, work out in the Exercise Room, play pool, or work on a project in the Arts and Crafts room. Early evening transportation is available on Tuesdays as well. Call 24 hours in advance.

More evening programs will be added soon.

For full program descriptions and upcoming activities, view the newsletter, "The Senior Scene," at Ludlow.ma.us and "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook.

A paper copy of "The Senior Scene" is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Hummus & Lemonade Testing
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, May 12

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic

Monday, May 15

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Travel League
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, May 16

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Covid Clinic
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag

- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: "Maybe I Do"

Wednesday, May 17

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Clark Institute
- 9 a.m. All About Whole Grains*
- 10 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 1 p.m. Movie: "Maybe I Do"
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 1 p.m. TED Talk
- 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting
- 12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- *PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veterans Agent, Lunch & Learn, Whole Grains Presentation, Hearing Clinic and Foot Care 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 Tuesdays.
- Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, May 11: Macaroni & Cheese/Stewed Tomatoes
- Friday, May 12: Mother's Day Lunch! Chicken Piccata/Rice Pilaf/Veg
- Monday, May 15: Vegetable Lasagna/Garlic Bread
- Tuesday, May 16: Baked Cod/Scalloped Potato/Veg
- Wednesday, May 17: Asian Chicken Salad
- Thursday, May 18: Birthday Lunch! Salisbury Steak/Mashed Potato/Veg

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Brownie Troop helps plant a tree for Arbor Day



Submitted photos
Department of Public Works Director Jamie Tomas with Troop 65173 Brownies (from left) Daisy Rego, Ruby Mateus, Mia Wegner and Penny Batch.

LUDLOW — Brownie Troop 65173 partnered with the Department of Public Works recently for an event in honor of Arbor Day.

The Troop and DPW planted a tree near the Mack Donnelly Gazebo in Memorial Park in Ludlow. Troop 65173 has been promoting environmental awareness and sustainability in the community.

According to a news release, the tree planting completed Troop 65173's "Take Action Project," which focused on making the outdoor world a better place. Brownies learned about the numerous benefits of trees, such as their ability to reduce air pollution, provide shade and support wildlife.

James Gennette, chairperson of the Ludlow Board of Selectmen, recently read a proclamation officially reinstating the recognition of April 28 as Arbor Day in the town.



Penny Batch smiles at the camera while working to fill the hole with soil to cover the tree roots. In the background is James Goodreau from the DPW.



Mia Wegner, Daisy Rego, Penny Batch and Ruby Mateus of Brownie Troop 65173 stand with shovels in front of the tree they helped plant as part of their Take Action Project badge focused on making the outdoor world a better place – "planting today for a better tomorrow."



Brownie Troop 65173 Leader Tammy Batch reads the Arbor Day Proclamation to the troop. Shown with her (from left) are Ruby Mateus, Mia Wegner, Daisy Rego, and Penny Batch.

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Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

One of Congress's most important jobs has gotten much harder

In the pantheon of writings about Congress, California Rep. Katie Porter's new book will almost certainly draw attention for her unvarnished takes on the institution and her colleagues. In "I Swear: Politics is Messier Than My Minivan," Porter finds plenty of targets, including her fellow House members, staffers, lobbyists – and how a seat in Congress is increasingly out of reach for ordinary Americans.

"Congress is full of multimillionaires for the same reason that the NBA is full of tall people," Porter – a single working mother – writes.

"It's easier to get recruited and win with such advantages."

That's all good fodder for commentary, but the line that really drew my attention is one that probably won't get much notice. "As I see it," she writes, "the real work of Congress is civic education."

I agree.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that the job of members of Congress is to educate their constituents, colleagues or Americans as a whole, but the plain truth is that they can't be effective as representatives or as politicians on Capitol Hill unless they do. Serving as trustworthy sources of facts and analysis ought to be a key part of every legislator's responsibilities, both in their chambers and at home.

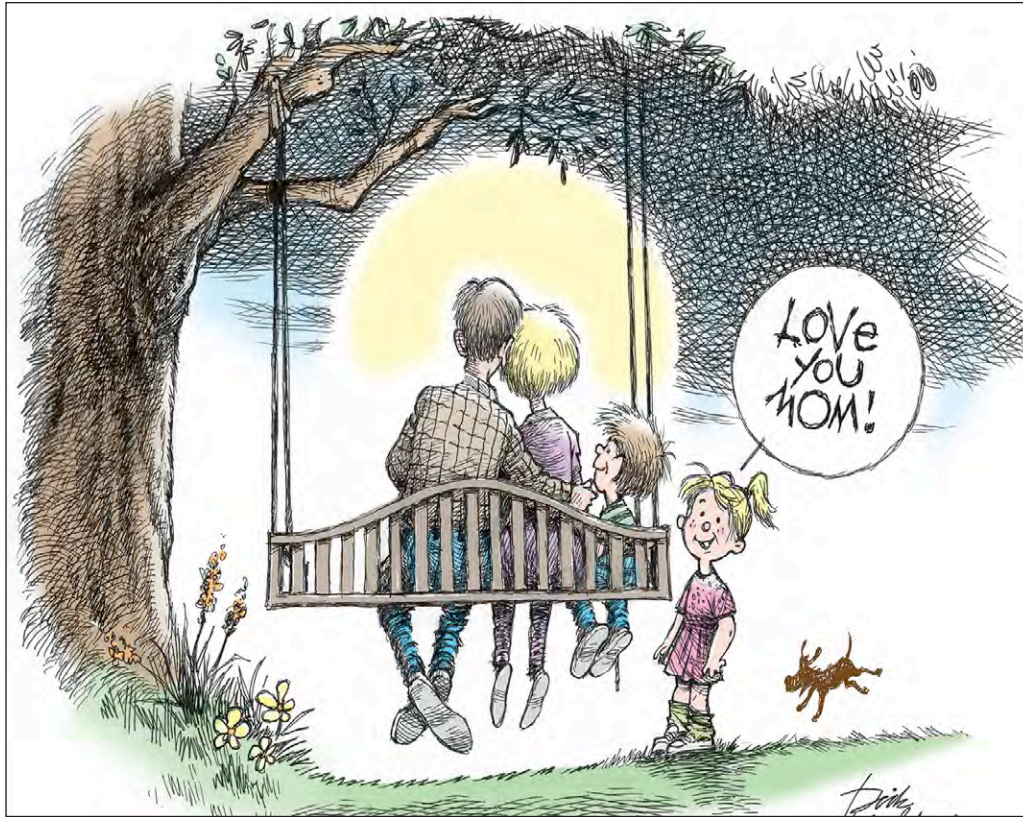
There are any number of reasons for this. The issues Congress deals with are often complicated and full of nuance, but even on some of the most basic facts, there's widespread misunderstanding. No, foreign aid is not a significant part of the U.S. budget; it's less than 1%.

No, undocumented immigrants aren't disproportionately responsible for crimes, compared to native-born Americans. No, China doesn't own more than half of U.S. debt; in fact, the largest foreign holder of the debt, at least as of late last year, was Japan, but even it pales in comparison to the almost 22% of that debt held by the federal government itself (Social Security is a big player) and the 20% by the Federal Reserve system.

My point here is not to bombard you with facts, but to say that they matter when policy is being formulated. That's especially true in Congress, where the starting point for reaching some sort of compromise on any given issue is being able to agree on a common set of facts. To build consensus, you have to clear misperceptions out of the way – in such a politically diverse body it's hard enough to hammer out an agreement when everyone agrees on the basics, but it's impossible when the players can't even find common ground on the facts.

This holds equally true when members of Congress and political candidates try to explain their positions or build support for them with the public. Voters are inundated with "information" – some of it reliable, much of it not. Our system asks them to sort through it and arrive at conclusions about what's best for their communities and the country as a whole. Legislators have access to a broad array of trustworthy information and analysis, and in an ideal world would play a key part in helping ordinary Americans work through and understand the issues in front of them.

But, of course, we don't live in an ideal world. Lots of powerful groups – some legitimate, some malign – seek to manipulate public opinion and they're very good at it. Even worse, some members of Congress and of state legislatures in recent years have shown themselves less interested in purveying facts than politically convenient misin-



GUEST COLUMN



Mid spring questions for the Garden Lady

Lisa, who has a beautiful daffodil collection in Palmer, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I planted a Rugosa rose bush that has encroached on a planting of 'Barrett Browning' Daffodils. For the first year in over a decade, I had no blossoms at all! I want to move them out of the way of the rose bush but I don't know if it is the right time or not. Can I lift and divide them now or should I wait?"

Thank you for your question! It is the perfect time to move your daffodils!

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the bulbs will likely be in the ground deeper than you think. I actually use a spade when I have to dig mine up, so that is it a straight, up and down slice.

I start four or five inches all the way around the clump and then carefully lift it out entirely, foliage intact.

Usually, it is pretty easy to tease the bulbs apart by hand, separating them by size. The biggest ones I replant at the same depth they were planted prior, with ground level at the point where the foliage turns pale.

The general rule of thumb for distance from one another is twice the width of the bulb apart. This can vary depending on the variety.

A sprinkling of balanced fertilizer mixed in with the soil in the planting hole and thorough watering will get them off to a great start, hopefully with flowers for many years to come!

A question about sowing annual flowers

came in from Melinda, who is introducing her young daughters to flower gardening. "I have never had much luck planting flower seeds directly in the ground. Either the rain washes them away or they come up too close. Is it too late to start a few easy flowers indoors?"

I love that you are sharing your love of gardening with your children! My mom did that with me and it shaped my career path, for sure.

I would so eagerly anticipate planting our garden every year! (Happy Mother's Day, mom!) Certainly it isn't too late to get a head start. I would recommend sowing easy to handle annuals, plants like zinnia, marigold, calendula and bachelor's button.

They don't take long to germinate and would be a manageable size by the end of the month, ready to be moved into the garden after the danger of frost has passed.

Generally, I fill up six-packs with moist potting soil and press two seeds per pack into the soil and cover slightly.

I like to keep them warm to start, but once the seeds sprout, I try to have them outside for most of the time, so that they don't get too leggy in the house. If both seeds sprout, I'll separate them at planting time.

One variety that does not need to be started indoors is the sunflower, if you try, usually the plants will end up spindly and tall and difficult to transplant. Simply sow these in place, thinning to at least a foot apart.

My friend would always allow the seeds to mature on the plant and let them fall where they may, creating a colorful and eye-catching vegetable patch!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.

formation. For politicians who are dedicated to communicating the facts and what they mean for policy, the sheer cacophony of misleading information and trolling by their colleagues makes things much more difficult.

This does not mean, however, that they should just throw up their hands. In the end, representative democracy is a dialogue between citizens seeking to make good judgments and elected officials determined to help them do so.

Politicians who are devoted to understanding the facts that underlie complex is-

ssues and then to explaining them to the public perform a vital service in our democracy. Those are ones who deserve our respect and support.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Schools praised for safety protocols and communication

By **Marcelo Gusmao**
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LUDLOW – The School Committee met with school administration and representatives from town services to discuss safety protocols late last month.

At a time when it seems students are under a constant threat from school shooters, Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano, along with Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Lavoie, Detective Lieutenant David Kornacki, and Tech Director Michael Assaf were able to report to the Committee that through collaboration between departments, they've ensured a base system that aims to protect students and neutralize threats before they happen.

"We know every day that parents entrust their children to us, and that's something that we take extremely seriously," said Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the school system's safety protocols to the committee.

"We know when there's an emergency, it never plays out like you drew it up," Tiano said, "so you have to have that bedrock set – and that muscle memory – of resources and responses for everybody."

According to Tiano, the School Department provides emergency response training for the school nurses so they can work alongside first responders, as well as cameras and radio projects to ensure the safety of the students. The school holds monthly safety meetings, which include the Boys and Girls Club and St. John the Baptist School, where they can share training and discuss protocols.

Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Lavoie told the Committee about the regular fire drills re-

quired by the state.

"The state requires four fire drills a year," Lavoie said, "so we conduct one within the first three days of school, and the second one within the first week."

For the final two, Lavoie said the department will "a little bit of a curveball," such as blocking off certain hallways in order to encourage students to be mindful of alternate exits.

"It's gotten to the point where it's so repetitive that they don't even really think that it's an emergency, they just think it's a drill," Lavoie said, "which is a good thing, because there's no panic, and if it was something real, they're already out of the school."

"Together is the key word with everything that we do," said Detective Lieutenant David Kornacki, who spoke about the strengths of the ALICE training program.

"I think we learned a lot from mistakes that have occurred in other communities," Kornacki said. "Long gone are the days of locking down and sheltering in place. I think the ALICE program is a very dynamic way to respond to any kind of threat, and I think that people look at the police department as the main focus of dealing with threats."

Kornacki praised the school officials for being alert and communicative about warning signs.

"I've never once had a teacher or administrator come to me in a situation where it's after the fact," Kornacki said. "It's always before the fact."

"The folks in this community have been doing great," Tiano said. "They're actually ahead of the curve in terms of working together and providing safety measures



Exterior shot of Ludlow High School.

Courtesy photo

for our students and for our staff."

"I'm just gonna touch, just briefly, the benefits of the relationship and the trust," Tiano said. "Folks, our administrative team

has been together a while, our emergency responders have been together a while, so the conversation is actually continuous, and it's not just at these meetings."

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“We are delighted to offer this unique summer camp experience for high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in pharmacy and occupational therapy,” Dr. John Pezzuto, dean of the

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, said in a recent press release.

“Our goal is to provide hands-on learning experiences that will give students a better understanding of these fields and the skills and knowledge needed to be successful. Many student participants have benefitted from the camp in the past. It is wonderful that we can now re-institute the in-person hands-on experience.”

A five-day day camp for high school

juniors and seniors will take place 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 26-30 and will offer hands-on learning experiences, lab sessions and demonstrations for participants, the release states. A two-day camp for high school freshman and sophomores will be held concurrently 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 29-30. Both camps are held on the WNE campus and are free-of-charge for all participants.

The Golden Bear COPHS Summer Camp is designed for students who demonstrate strong academic skills and have an interest in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, neuroscience and/or occupational therapy. It will cover a wide range of topics including an introduction to pharmacy and occupational therapy, compounding lab, simulation man, mock pharmacy, ambulatory care, DNA extraction, sterile products, mock patient

care experiences, mental health, Q&A with current students and undergraduate admissions

During the camp, participants will have the opportunity to work with current students and faculty members, learn about different career paths and receive tips on how to prepare for a career in these fields.

The Golden Bear COPHS Summer Camp is supported by the WNE Alumni Association.

Students can apply online at wne.edu/pharmacamp. Enrollment is limited and based on first-come first served. For more information, contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Western New England University, located at 1215 Wilbraham Road in Springfield at healthprofessions@wne.edu or 413-796-2528.

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ident of Lupa Zoo. “She was reunited with her mate this morning and they will slowly be getting back to normal.”

Wally Lupa described Mary’s reunion with her mate. “The first thing she did was go over to her mate,” Lupa said. “They rubbed noses, went around each

other and then went to have their grain together. It’s like she never left.”

“We wouldn’t have been able to get to this day without the help of Sheriff Cocchi and the other departments who jumped in to help,” Joan Lupa said. “I’m incredibly grateful for everyone I’ve met over the course of this journey.”

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to make,” Pease said. “We wish we could give every one of these guys a job because every one of them is capable.”

After the interviews were conducted, Pease presented his recommended candidates to the Board, nominating Daniel McKenney, William Ellison, Robert Dooley, and Jason Bienvenue. The suggestions were made based on the interviews conducted by the Selectmen, as well as a personal evaluation by the fire crew and a review of each candidate’s career.

The recommendations were unanimously approved by the Fire Department’s command staff, and the Selectmen each agreed that these men were at the top of their lists as well.

“If we had to appoint four chiefs in surrounding areas out of these guys, those are four I would definitely say,” said Board member Antonio Goncalves. “They’re all incredibly good, and I am one hundred percent in support of this recommendation.”

The candidates were presented in order of seniority, with McKenney listed first for his 18 years of service at the fire department. Pease said, however, that there is no hierarchy amongst the lieutenants and that each will hold an equal position of power.

During the interviews, the Selectmen asked the applicants questions regarding their experience, their ideas for changes within the department, and the strengths that they bring to work at the fire station.

“During the process, I wrote something on my sheet called ‘IQ’, or interview quality,” Board member William Rosenblum said. “I truly believe that their demeanor and the way they speak says a lot about their leadership and the way they engage with their crew.”

McKenney, Ellison, Dooley and Bienvenue were appointed by the Board as the first-ever lieutenants in the Fire Department. The new positions will go into effect at midnight on June 4.

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Lions run into tough stretch

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys volleyball team had a tough few games during the past two weeks. The Lions would lose three out of four, falling to Westfield, Agawam, and Putnam, but squeezing in a win over Sci-Tech on April 28 during the stretch. The Lions are headed for the state tournament, holding a 9-5 record with four games remaining in the regular season.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Tristan Moss goes for a serve.



Tommy Quiterio gets the low hit.



Austin Moorehouse sets from the back line.



Anthony Shea goes for a spike.

Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

“The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls,” said Joe Ferrara, who’s the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. “I’ve received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players.”

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year’s Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men’s team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

“The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system,” said Ferrara, who’s also the Pioneers General Manager. “Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams.”

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men’s soccer team for the past ten years. He’s also the club’s Director of Coaching.

“It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The

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Orioles overwhelm Lions baseball

LUDLOW – Last Wednesday afternoon, the Orioles offense put a show against Ludlow with a 23-3 win. The day closed out as Belchertown scored 10 times in the fourth and nine more times in the fifth. Ian McDonald pounded out three hits and had five RBI.

Evan Ferguson and Aiden Torna had three RBI each. Brady Perkins had two hits and scored twice. Ludlow got two RBI from Matt Favata and Dan McKenney had a double for the Lions. Belchertown improved to 10-2 while Ludlow is 3-10.



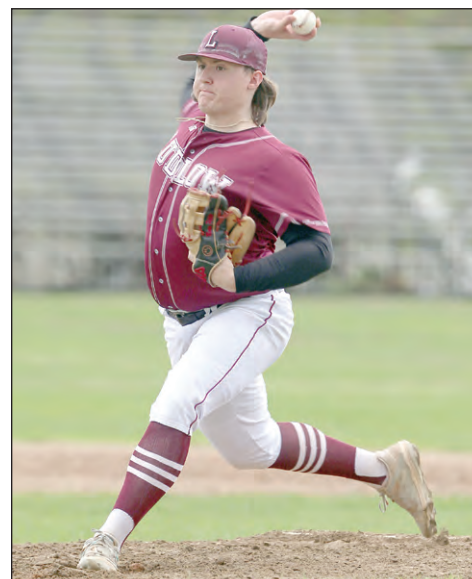
Mason Morace squares up a ground ball.



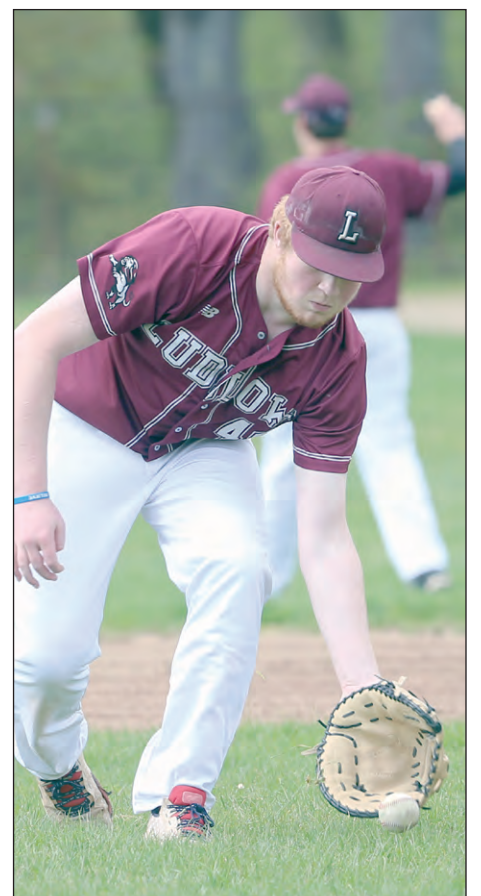
Zach Tatro fields a clean grounder to second.



Mason Peltier pitches for the Lions.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Dylan Huard makes the throw from third to first.



Stephen Goodreau fields a slow roller.

NECBL announces full schedule for 2023 season

SOUTH HADLEY – The 2023 New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) first pitch is slated for June 6, as Commissioner Sean McGrath has announced the full schedule for the 29th playing season.

All eyes will be on Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Connecticut on June 6, as the league kicks off its season with the Mystic Schooners hosting the Newport Gulls in the lone matchup of opening day. Ten other teams, including the defending champion Martha's Vineyard Sharks, will get to work on June 7th, with six games on tap, while Sanford is the last team to open their season, part of a seven-game schedule on June 8th that includes the first doubleheader of the year.

In 2022, Martha's Vineyard claimed their first league championship with a 2-0 sweep of the Vermont Mountaineers. That completed a prolific season for the Sharks, who had hosted the 2022 NECBL All Star Game and earned a Wild Card berth in the postseason. On their way to the championship, Martha's Vineyard knocked off both of the top seeds, the Bristol Blues and the Mountaineers, who had each tied an NECBL record with 32 regular season wins.

The anticipated rematches of the championship series will take place on June 27 on the Vineyard and July 12 in Montpelier.

Comprising 13 teams for the 2023 season, the league

will once again operate with a three-division alignment. The Coastal Division will feature five teams (Martha's Vineyard, Mystic, Ocean State, North Shore & Newport), while the North Division (Keene, Vermont, Sanford, Upper Valley) and West Division (Bristol, Valley, North Adams, Danbury) will each include four teams.

Once again, all teams will play a 44-game slate in which they will play each of their divisional opponents seven times. Coastal Teams will play each non-division opponent twice, once at home and once on the road, while teams in the North Division and West Division will play non-divisional opponents three times apiece.

The league is grateful to the work of Ben Grannan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business Analytics at Queens University (NC) for taking on the complex task of creating the 2023 schedule. Grannan had to balance each team's facility availability, the number of intra- and inter-division matchups, travel considerations, double-headers, off-days, and more.

"The combination of computers and subject matter expertise is the current best practice to create sports schedules," explained Grannan. "Specifically, analytical models are used to track the potential home team, away team, and date of each baseball game during the season. The best

schedule satisfies as many items as possible from the list of submitted NECBL team requests as well as the league requirements. Most importantly, the league office participates in a feedback loop to review the schedule and identify any nuances missed by the computer."

Sunday, June 23rd will see the league's best gather at historic Fraser Field in Lynn, Massachusetts for the 2023 NECBL All-Star Game, presented by Metro Credit Union. The

All-Star Game features the NECBL's top talent, with players from all NECBL organizations showcasing their skills in front of scouts from every Major League Baseball (MLB) organization.

In the final week of the season, each of the league's 13 teams will play solely against division rivals in hopes of qualifying for the 2023 NECBL Post-season, which will feature six teams (the three division winners and three wildcards who have the next three highest winning percentages league-wide after the division winners).

The division winners with the top-two regular season winning percentages will earn first-round byes, while the third division winner will battle the wildcard team with the lowest win percentage, and the wildcard teams with the best and second-best win percentages will also face off in a sin-

gle-elimination wildcard round matchup.

The top seed/division winner will then meet the advancing team that is the lowest remaining wildcard team, while the second-highest seed/division winner faces the highest remaining wildcard team in the best-of-three semifinals before the last two teams standing square off in a best-of-three NECBL Championship Series for the right to hoist the Fay Vincent, Sr. Cup.

The final games of the regular season will be held on Saturday, July 29, with the following day (July 30) open for makeup games before the postseason begins with the Wild Card games on Monday, July 31.

The semifinals series will be played from August 1-3, and the final two teams will play for the championship from August 4-6.

All NECBL games will be streamed live on the NECBL Network, powered by Blue-Frame Technology. The NECBL Network is available on both your desktop and mobile/tablet devices, as well as Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Apple TV 4th Gen.

Rosters are filling up, and you can check out who is coming to play for your favorite team by heading to their team page at www.necbl.com. Make sure to follow these players all spring long as they compete for their colleges and tune up for their summer in the NECBL.

Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM – The 11th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring the "Running Apple" logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechaug-landtrust.org.

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Patricia A. DePina, 64

LUDLOW - Patricia A. (Wrona) DePina, 64, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2023. Daughter of Evelyn (Lucek) Wrona and the late Stephen T. Wrona, she was born in Ludlow on March 23, 1959. A graduate of Ludlow High School, Patty was an extremely talented and creative seamstress. Her one of a kind hand-made quilts and cross-stitch creations were treasured by many across the country and beyond. Patty loved music, her dog Chloe and bird Sunny. She was also a talented guitarist and pianist.

In addition to her mother, Patty is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years Jose (Joe) DePina; her brother Michael Wrona (Marion); her niece and

god-daughter Rhonda Ladue (James), her niece Jennifer Lee Coelho and nephew David Provost; her great-nephews Derek and Gavin Ladue and her brother-in-law Tony Pina (Alice). Sadly, she was predeceased by her brother Stephen Wrona in 2003 and her father in 2012.

Special thanks go out to her friends Janice, Karen, Sandy and Marie for all their help keeping a smile on her face during her difficult time

All services are private, there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Patty's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Kathleen M. (Griffin) Talbot, 80

LUDLOW - Kathleen M. (Griffin) Talbot, 80, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Springfield to the late John E. and Viola (Merve) Griffin, she was a 1960 graduate of Cathedral High School.



She furthered her education at Providence Hospital to be a Surgical Technician and worked there before starting her family. After many years as a stay-at-home mother, she re-entered her career working at Ludlow Hospital until it closed, then at Wing Memorial and Mercy Family Life Center. Kathleen was a faithful and active communicant of St. Elizabeth Parish and a volunteer for their meat pie project. In her spare time, she enjoyed frequenting the Ludlow Senior Center, especially their yoga and tai chi classes. In addition, she enjoyed traveling with her husband, family trips to Cape Cod, watching the birds and gardening. Above all, her greatest joy in life was devoting herself to her family as an amazing wife, mother, and "Ama". Kathleen was the beloved wife of 57 years to Lawrence Talbot; a loving mother to Michelle Gates and fiance Mario Macias, of Chicopee; Maureen Vautrain and husband Alan, of

Ludlow; Monica LaCroix and husband Richard, of Ludlow; Mandy Talbot, of Granby; and Michael Talbot, of West Springfield; a devoted grandmother "Ama" to Matthew and Steven Gates; Zachary, Jacob, and Jessica Vautrain; Carolyn, Benjamin, and Meredith LaCroix, and Kyleigh and Brennan Dwyer; a dear sister to Carolyn Hellyar and husband William, Donna Moberg and husband Ray, Brian Griffin, and the late John T. Griffin and his widow Renee. She also leaves many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. The Talbot family would like to thank the staff at Sixteen Acres Healthcare and Beacon Hospice for their kindness, care and comfort provided over the past several months. Visitation for Kathleen will be held on Thursday, May 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services are on Friday, May 12th at 9:00 a.m. from Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center (friendsofludlowse-niorcenter.com)

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May 11, 2023

Talbot (Griffin), Kathleen M.
Died May 7, 2023
Funera
May 12, 2023

Gilles R. Lapointe Sr., 74



INDIAN ORCHARD - Gilles Rene "Gill" Lapointe Sr., 74, of Indian Orchard, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on April 1, 1949, Gill was the son of the late Emile and Annette (Carroll) Lapointe.



where he served until his retirement. Alongside his military career, Gill was a mechanical designer of tools, a truck driver and then drove for the City of Springfield DPW for 20 years.

Gill had a love of animals and specifically loved his dog Gizmo. He enjoyed "tinkering" with everything, woodworking, playing bingo, making jokes, making people laugh and most importantly bragging about his grandchildren.

Gill is survived by his daughter Carleen Mullin & her husband Charles (Chad), his son Gilles Lapointe Jr & his wife Jeannine, and his 5 grandchildren Danielle, Emily, Christopher, Jillian & Melinda; all of Ludlow. He also leaves his siblings Mariette Leitl, Romeo & Claude Lapointe. In addition to his parents, Gill was predeceased by his brother Robert.

Gill proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was honored with the Bronze Medal for his service. After the war he transferred to the U.S. Air Force

Visiting hours for Gill will be Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 8:30-9:00 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St. Ludlow, MA. followed by funeral service at 9:00 AM. Burial will be in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to www.dav.org. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Minnechaug Craft Fair to occur May 13

WILBRAHAM - Next Saturday, May 13, a Craft Fair will take place at Minnechaug Regional High School along the car show and Wilbraham Hill Climb, from 9 a.m. to 4 pm.

Come view work from local students, artists and artisans working in a variety of media.

The event will feature paintings, ceramics, jewelry, photography, printmaking, woodworking, season crafts, health and beauty products and artisan foods.

For more information, or to sign up for a booth, contact jzera@hwrdsd.org.

Haiti Meal Re-Packaging event to occur May 19 at St. Cecilia Parish

WILBRAHAM - Saint Cecilia Parish of Wilbraham's outreach committee, called the "Hope Committee", which stands for "Help Our Parish Expand" is again sponsoring the third annual Haiti Meal Re-Packaging event. The com-

munity is invited to participate on Friday, May 19. Registration is at 3 p.m. at the parish center at 42 Main St. and meal re-packaging will conclude around 7 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish members raised just over \$12,000 to bulk

purchase each of the 100-pound bags of the several types of meal ingredients, which when re-packaged, will result in producing just under 30,000 family-sized meals, which will feed a family of four for one day. The value of

each family-sized meal is about \$.35 each. All volunteers must be at least 18-years-old and there are both standing and sitting jobs available. For more information about the event, please call Katy Reed at 413-495-2547.

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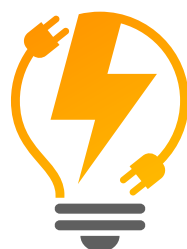
NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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THIS WEEK

IOCC MEETING: The next Indian Orchard Citizens Council monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, and is open to all Indian Orchard residents. For more information, call 209-8240 or email indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com.

THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY: The life story of one of the most influential pioneers of 1950s rock and roll comes to the Majestic Theater in West Springfield with the return of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" through May 28. Ticket prices range from \$31 to \$37 and can be obtained at the box office or by calling 413-747-7797 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. For more, go to majestictheater.com.

COMING SOON

TAG SALE: Pack 180 Cub Scouts, Troop 180G, and Boy Scout Troop 180 are holding a huge tag sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the parking lot of Saint Elizabeth Parish. Proceeds help pay for summer camp, Jamboree and other local Scouting needs. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone else

who wants to sell is invited to join the fun. Tables are \$10. Email Gloria Fortunato at grfort127@yahoo.com for more information.

NIGHT OUT: Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center Street in Ludlow is donating 20% of the proceeds for dine-in or take-out orders from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, to the Michael J Dias Foundation, which offers programs to those in recovery. For more information, call Karen at 413-304-0715 or call Villa Rose directly at 413-547-6667 for all takeout orders.

ONGOING

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. 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 Wednesdays at 7 p.m. 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.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Nashville and a Smokey Mountain. Christmas: Enjoy the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame, plus the show and extravagant holiday decorations of Dollywood, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, Gatlinburg and Biltmore, the Vanderbilt Mansion in Asheville, N.C., Nov. 29-Dec. 6. Contact Jim Martin at jamesmartin47@gmail.com or 413-583-6339.

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OTHER PROGRAMS
MONDAYS at 6:30 p.m. H.O.P.E. Meeting Recovery meetings for those with addictions, anxiety, and grief
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TUESDAYS at 7 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study WEDNESDAYS at 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Meeting
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SMC and Facebook Live Stream ludlowfellowship.org
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Wednesday, May 10, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Bible Study - 10 a.m. (JR), Middle School Youth Group - 3 p.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 p.m. (C), Confirmation Prep (C201) - 5:15 p.m. (ER)
Thursday, May 11, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Friday, May 12, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), First Eucharist Rehearsal - 4 p.m. (C)
Saturday, May 13, - First Eucharist Mass - 1p.m. (C), Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, May 14, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C)
Monday, May 15, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Tuesday, May 16, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Friends of St. Elizabeth - 10 a.m. (ZR), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C), Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. (JR)

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'Buddy Holly Story' returns to the Majestic stage

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The life story of one of the most influential pioneers of 1950s rock and roll returns to the Majestic Theater with "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" and runs through May 28.

The rock musical by Alan James was the first play presented when the Majestic re-opened to the public in 1997 and it became an immediate crowd-pleaser.

The play follows the musical path of the young man from Lubbock, Texas, who created some of rock's first big hits, including "That'll Be the Day," "Rave On," "Oh Boy," and "Peggy Sue," among others featured in the show. Holly led the way in writing and producing his own songs as well as playing all the instruments with his band, The Crickets.

'Buddy' also features many other hit tunes of the era including "Chantilly Lace" and "La Bamba."

Cast members include Dan Whelton, Caleb Koval, Shaun O'Keefe, Tina Sparkle, Josh Karam, Jacob Nichols, Chelsea Nectow, Josh Mason, Steve Henderson and Brad Shepard. Producing Director Danny Eaton will direct the play, and Sue Dziura is associate producing director.

Music Director is Mitch Chakour and Stephen Petit is production stage manager. Set Director/Technical Director is Josiah Durham and Dawn McKay is costume designer.

Dan Rist is lighting designer and sound design is being handled by Doug Wallace.

Ticket prices range from \$31 to \$37 and are available at the box office or by calling 413-747-7797 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, go to majestictheater.com.

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players worked very hard at the Academy Cup," Molinari said. "It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn't know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them."

The U-19 girls' team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

"Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team," Ferrara said. "Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn't have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament."

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

"We hit the post three times in our first two games," Molinari said. "The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the

ball went into the net."

After playing a 1-1 tie against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

"Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing," Ferrara added. "We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions."

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia Scyocurka (Ludlow), Caleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009,

finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysha Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zorah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown).

"I've coached the 09 players in the past," Molinari said. "The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer."

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn't have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were

down in Florida.

"Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else," Ferrara said. "We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players."

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women's Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls' soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

"That's our plan," he said. "I'm always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny."

Rich Friese, who's from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year's Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

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LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Charlene L. Cavanaugh of **55 Stevens Street Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 15D, Parcel 74) for: **conversion of single garage to hair/nail salon.**

*Please be advised that by Order of the Governor: *S 2475. An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency* - Please feel free to view this meeting via cable television as this meeting is broadcast live or via live stream. Instructions are on the town's website. You may also access the meeting by audio by calling 1-617-758-8793, attending via UberConference, or by attending in person*

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman

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LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Lenna Andre of **137 Vienna Avenue Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 11A, Parcel 168) for: **office for cleaning service business.**

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LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with the Remand Order issued by the Hampden County Superior Court in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:20 p.m.** on the application of JLL Real Estate, LLC for the property located at **590-596 (0) Center Street, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 16B, Parcels 116 & 116A) for the purpose of: **redevelopment of site into a self-storage facility in an Agricultural Moderate Density Overlay District.**

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LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV in Ludlow Town Hall, 1st floor, Hearing Room #1 on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** on the Request for Determination of Applicability of Brian Deraleau for the property located at **720 Poole St., Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 41, Parcel 56) The subject of the hearing is: **Level off center of lot and include clearing brush and debris.**

Angela Tierney, Chair

05/10/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. HD23P0906EA Estate of: Dianna C. Douches Date of Death: 02/06/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Kelly Sturmthall of Jupiter FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kelly Sturmthall of Jupiter FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsuper-vised 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 05/31/2023.**

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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The Land Trust recently completed a land management project at the South Road parking lot to clear invasive poplars that have grown extensively around the beautiful old stone wall at the entrance. The land management project will keep the parking lot safe and clear, and help maintain the adjacent grassy meadow for wildlife viewing, birding and native turtles. We hope to continue updates to the entrance by painting the bench and kiosk at the trailhead and creating simple bog bridges over wet areas of the trail from the parking lot to the woods.

The Land Trust is looking for volunteers to paint the bench and kiosk at the park entrance. We are also in need of volunteers who are able to help assemble simple bog bridges over wet areas of the trail that begins at the parking lot.

The group will meet at the South Road entrance of Minnechaug Mountain; located roughly 0.5 miles from Main Street, Hampden. The parking lot is located on the right-hand side of South Road. Volunteers are welcome to meet up with us anytime between 10-1. A digital copy of the trail map can be found on our website, www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

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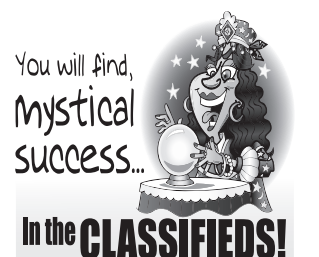
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