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## Library's outdoor movie screening draws Star Wars Fans

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LUDLOW – Star Wars fans turned up for an outdoor screening of “A New Hope” at the Hubbard Memorial Library this past week.

The screening was held on the library lawn and supported by the Girl Scouts, who sold concessions for the event.

Cosplayers were available to take pictures with fans in full costume. Alex Mader, a Ludlow resident, showed up wearing a Mandalorian armor that he designed and crafted himself.

“This helmet is actually the one I’ve had since my dad took me to see the remastered versions of the original trilogy when I was a kid,” Mader said.

The rest of the pieces were made using a 3D printer, and hand-painted for the costume.

“I saw the first movie twelve times in the movie theater the



Staff photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Please see **STAR WARS**, Page 7 **Posed in front of the library's inflatable screen (from left), July Siebecker, Alex Mader, and Kristin Santos.**

## Ludlow CARES hosts second annual family dance party



Turley Publications photo by Rebecca Wehner

**A group photo of the children, parents and volunteers at the dance party.**

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LUDLOW– As the school year winds down, members of the community have made sure that students and their families are celebrated and given a chance to have a fun night out in town.

The Ludlow CARES Coalition hosted their Ultimate Family Dance Party for the second year in a row on May 12 at the Lusitano Club, inviting residents to join in the excitement free of charge. Ludlow CARES

used the money raised during their fall fundraisers to host this party in the spring to commemorate the efforts of the organization and everyone that supports them.

“We recognize that the winter months can be a bit of a slog for children to get through,” Advisory Board Member Joel Freitas said. “But as the weather starts getting warmer, we want the Ultimate Family Dance Party to be a celebration to get kids through the last month of school before summer break.”

The night was filled with

activities that aimed to engage kids of all ages, such as hula hoop competitions, conga lines and the limbo challenge. Music was provided by DJ Tom McCusker of Knight Productions, who also served as the MC in between group dances and games.

Ludlow CARES was joined by many volunteers who offered their services at the dance party, including the Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow Community Center/Randall

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## School Committee urges town to read New Library Policy

By Marcelo Gusmao  
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LUDLOW – A new library policy has been proposed to the School Committee, to be discussed at length on May 23 and then voted on at a subsequent meeting.

The new policy was proposed by Committee Member Joao Dias and announced at the Committee’s May 9 meeting, though no discussion was held during the meeting.

“The legal responsibility and authority for the selection and purchase of library materials is vested in the School Committee, who may delegate such authority to the Superintendent, Principal, or other designee,” the proposal read.

“Removal of materials may be based upon the lack of educational suitability of the library material, lack of appropriateness for minors such as sexualized content, or for pervasive profanity or vulgarity. It need not rise

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# LUDLOW

## Town votes against lifting cannabis prohibition law

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LUDLOW— An article to allow recreational cannabis dispensaries to operate in town failed to pass at the annual town meeting, where community members expressed concerns regarding health and quality of life.

The amendment of this prohibition was recommended by members of the board of selectmen who felt that marijuana production in town would benefit the town economy and raise prices on housing. Board member William Rosenblum made the initial motion recommending approval of this article, stating that he sees many benefits toward the endeavor.

“Marijuana production is a growing industry,” Rosenblum said. “This could be an opportunity for great economic development in town, and at the planning board meeting on February 23, they voted five to one recommending the amendment.”

The majority of community members in attendance voiced their disapproval of the article. Among the reasons behind their opinions were distaste for the smell near their neighborhoods and concern that the easy access to cannabis will serve as a gateway drug to other narcotics.

Those that approved of the article provided citations containing benefits of the medicinal and recreational uses of

marijuana, such as health benefits and increased employment opportunities. Planning Board Chairman Ray Phoenix argued that it would be better for people to purchase cannabis from a secure facility, rather than risking buying product off the street that could be laced.

“In many of the communities that we’ve talked to, they have security cameras all over the buildings, some that even link directly to the police department,” Phoenix said. “By bringing a dispensary to town, we would also be able to add 3% tax revenue, which would be great to get some of that financial burden off of the town’s shoulders.”

Lieutenant Michael Brennan spoke on behalf of the police department regarding the article.

“It’s a contentious issue, and still widely being studied,” Brennan said. “I don’t know all the statistics on one side or the other, but I can tell you one stat that I know is that OUI drug cases in Ludlow have doubled over the past ten years.”

The finance committee declined to support the article, and upon voting the motion failed to pass with several members of the board of selectmen voting against it as well.

Unless this prohibition is lifted, the production of recreational or medical marijuana in town will not be permitted.

Municipal meetings can be viewed on ludlowtv.org.

## PET OF THE WEEK



**HARLEY**

Harley is two years old, and lives with Laura Tuck. She is a full German Shepard who loves going fishing and swimming the river. She’s well trained and friendly, she loves everyone she meets!

## Lions Club to hold free pancake breakfast May 21

LUDLOW – The annual free Ludlow Lions Club pancake breakfast will be held this Sunday, May 21, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Polish American Citizens Club on East Street. Pancakes, sausage, juice and beverages will be served from 8 to 11 a.m., or until pancakes are gone. Yes, it is a free event although donations will be graciously accepted.

There will be a basket raffle with

many wonderful prizes. Reservations are requested and may be made by e-mailing ludlowlions@yahoo.com or calling 754-900-ROAR.

One hundred percent of the money collected by the Ludlow Lions Club goes back to the community to help those in need via eye and hearing assistance, youth scholarships, community betterment, and many other worthy causes.

## Scout Tag Sale cancelled

LUDLOW - The May 20th Scout Tag Sale for all three units of 180 has been cancelled due to the families being busy with family, school,

scouts and sports schedules. Thank you for your interest as we hope to have this fundraiser scheduled in the fall.



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## Donations needed for veterans

LUDLOW — The Rotary Club is holding a food and clothing drive to benefit local veterans and others in need 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

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Donations will be distributed through the Ludlow Veterans Food Pantry and the Springfield Rescue Mission.

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**The Ludlow Fish and Game Children's Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 21, 2023**

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and fishing starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.

This event is open to the public and participants up to age 16 are welcome.

Prizes for four age groups for 1st and 2nd place will be awarded based upon time and length.

Lunch will be provided.

Rain or shine!

Fishing gear and bait must be provided by the participant.



# Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser

LUDLOW – The 250th Committee held a fundraiser this past week at the Polish American Citizens Club last Tuesday.

The event featured a cash bar, live music, and appetizers, and was sponsored by the Polish National Credit Union. All proceeds went to the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee.

Submitted photos

(From left) Wayne Hayes, Tony Forzano, Linda Collette, Janna Forzano, Fire Chief Ryan Pease, and Sheriff Nick Cocchi.



John Diotalevi poses in front of (from left) Zaneta Grasaki, Teresa Skora, Joe Lubanski, Paulina Wysocka, David Fernandes, and Steph Fernandez.



(From left) Amie Miarecki, Zaneta Grasaki, and Selectman Bill Rosenblum.



Dave and Lisa Corbin, and Tony and Janna Forzano.



(From left) Shane Hall, Joseph Lupa, and Joan Lupa.

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# Cub Scout pack holds plant sale at Ludlow Riverwalk

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LUDLOW— An abundance of flowers and plants fit for spring were sold by local Cub Scout Pack 1774 last weekend, adding a pop of color to the community and offering support to the Veterans Center along the way.

Members of the pack were stationed at the Riverwalk parking lot last weekend, waving signs at passing cars promoting their sale. The pack's event offered annual and perennial flowers, as well as vegetable and herb plants. Their spot on the main road along with the enthusiasm of the Cub Scouts was able to attract many customers from town, according to pack leader Kara Jorge DaSilva.

"The pack has existed for twelve years, and we've been doing the plant sale for about ten of those years now," DaSilva said. "We like to sell flowers right before Mother's Day, so people that want to get gifts for their mom can stop by, and that's worked well for us."

In addition to selling the plants, the Cub Scouts also gave members of the public the opportunity to bring non-perishable food items to them during the event. These goods will be donated to the Veterans Center food pantry, which opened in its new location in town last month.

The funds collected from the plant sale will help the Cub Scout pack attend future trips and participate in fun activities that will help them earn their badges. Pack 1774 participated in the annual Blue and Gold Banquet in March, which commemorated Cub Scouts moving up a rank in the organization and growing their skills.

"It's a great time of the year to get out into the community and show people what the scouts are and what they do," DaSilva said. "We really get to see our pack shine through events like these."

The pack's Facebook page highlights many of the activities the scouts participate in every year and promotes their upcoming fundraisers. Visit their page under the name Cub Scout Pack 1774 to learn more.



Staff photo by Rebecca Wehner

## Events this week at IOCC

INDIAN ORCHARD — The Citizens Council has several events coming up this week.

The IOCC Police Community Meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 17. The following day, a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held. No appointment needed.

Also, Senior Bingo is 3-5:30 p.m. every Monday and is free to all residents. Win prizes in every game. Bring your snacks and have a great time.

The Chess Club meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m..

In partnership with the Food Bank of Western Mass., the IOCC offers the free Brown Bag program from noon to 1 p.m. the first Friday of every month. Stop by for a free bag of groceries.

### Want to join?

The IOCC is accepting letters of interest to fill vacant positions. Send emails to indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com or drop off a letter of interest at the office at 117 Main Street in Indian Orchard 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

## Oldest Indian Orchard resident received Purple Cane on Mother's Day

INDIAN ORCHARD -- Massachusetts State Representative Orlando Ramos joined the Indian Orchard Citizens Council and Indian Orchard residents to present the traditional "Purple Cane" to the oldest resident of Indian Orchard.

The tradition is similar to the Golden Cane tradition that takes place in other towns, which recognize the oldest person living in their respective communities.

This past Sunday on Mother's Day, Stella Soja was honored with the Purple Cane. Soja was born and raised in Indian Orchard and built her home there with her husband of over 73 years. She went to the local church and attended Myrtle Street School in those days and graduated from Tech High School.

She is loved by her faith community, neighbors, and friends. She has six children, 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

"The idea of the Purple Cane came from life-long Indian Orchard resident Pat Voisine, who served on the Indian Orchard Citizens Council for 36 years," said Representative Ramos. "She con-

tacted me in 2014. I thought it was a great idea and I decided to donate the cane. It's fitting that this tradition takes place here, in a community filled with great history and tradition."

"I am so proud to be a part of the purple cane ceremony in Indian Orchard" said City Councilor and Indian Orchard Citizens Council President Zaida Govan. "This ceremony acknowledges the most senior person in the Orchard, and I am so happy that we can award this honor to a mother on Mother's Day."

The first Purple Cane was given to the late Margaret Popko in October of 2014. She was 103 years old at the time. The second Purple Cane was given to 100-year-old WWII veteran Walter Alexander in 2017. The third, and most recent recipient in 2021 was 100-year-old Joaquim Pereira, who spent over 50 years living in Indian Orchard. Pereira passed away in November at 101.

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council has a plaque in their community room which lists the names of all past recipients and we are proud to announce Soja will be among them as well!

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LUDLOW — The Lions are celebrating 80 years of service to those less fortunate locally and globally with a new online raffle.

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take a chance in the 50/50 raffle or just want to make a donation, the drawing is June 8.

The Ludlow Lions Club wants everyone to know members appreciate the public's support and that the Lions core mission is community service.

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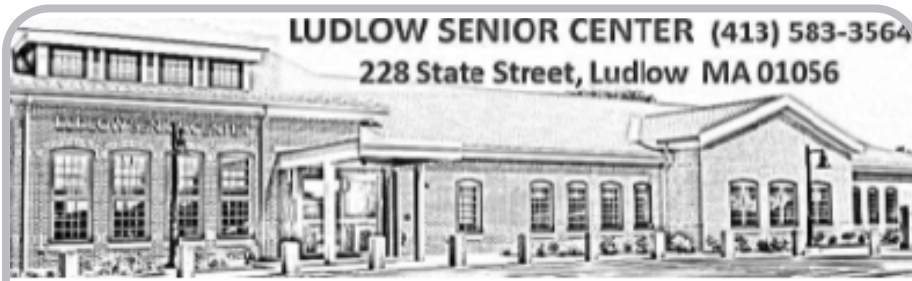


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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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 Senior Scene" newsletter, at [Ludlow.ma.us](http://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 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

#### Friday, May 19

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure
- 10 a.m. Atty. John Roberts\*
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Guidance by Li
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1:30 p.m. Forget Me Not Circle

#### Monday, May 22

- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, May 23

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: 80 for Brady

#### Wednesday, May 24

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 8 a.m. Facial Appts
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10 a.m. Opera
- 10 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn Mediterranean Diet Workshop\*
- 1 p.m. Movie: 80 for Brady
- 1 p.m. Cornhole

#### Thursday, May 25

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Tune Up Clinic by Louis & Clark
- 11 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Book Club
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veterans Agent, Lunch & Learn, 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 18: Birthday Lunch of Salisbury Steak/Mashed Potato/Veg
- Friday, May 19: Sausage & Bacon Frittata/Hash Browns
- Monday, May 22: Turkey Waldorf Salad Plate
- Tuesday, May 23: Veggie Burger/Cheese & Tomato/French Fries
- Wednesday, May 24: Shrimp Scampi Over Linguine/Veg
- Thursday, May 25: Memorial Day Lunch! BBQ Chicken Thigh/Corn/Potato Salad

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

# MMWEC annual conference: 'The Future Grid'

LUDLOW — The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company's 2023 annual conference, titled "The Future Grid," was held May 3-4 at Devens Common Center.

The conference offered not-for-profit, consumer-owned municipal light plants managers, staff, commissioners, and industry experts the opportunity to learn more about MMWEC programs, initiatives and projects designed to guide the MLPs toward electrification and decarbonization.

MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the commonwealth created by the General Assembly in 1975 and authorized to issue debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities, according to a news release.

The first day of the conference featured an in-depth look at how the transition to a decarbonized grid by 2050 is going to take place, the release states. Guest speakers included David Polson of Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department, who presented on the light department's unique energy park/micro-grid, to be built as part of a two-school construction project; small modular nuclear reactor experts, who detailed a small modular reactor project to be built in Idaho, and a representative from Dominion, owners of Millstone nuclear station, discussing potential future uses for the Millstone site in Connecticut.

The evening's keynote speaker was Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony, who discussed the administration's clean energy priorities and ways it plans to continue partnering with MMWEC and its municipal utility members.

The second day of the conference



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Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony was the keynote speaker at the recent MMWEC annual conference.

featured presentations on economic drivers and their effects on public power, market issues and MMWEC's FERC activity, physical and cyber security, and electrification, responsive distribution and equity.

MMWEC recognized a municipal light plant and two individuals with awards at the conference.

The South Hadley Electric Light Department received the 2023 Francis H. King Leadership Award, named in honor of one of the founders of MMWEC. This award recognizes exceptional leadership and dedication to public power joint action, demonstrated by a long-term commitment to the ideals of public power and the philosophy of MMWEC.

Longtime Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations commissioner Robert Holland received the 2022 Philip W. Sweeney Public Service Award, named in honor of the former director of MMWEC and chairman of the Marblehead Municipal Light Board. This award recognizes exceptional service to the public or in the public arena that advances the goals of public power.

Retired Sterling Electric Light Department General Manager Sean Hamilton received the James E. Baker Service Award, which recognizes distinguished service to the MMWEC organization.

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# OPINION

## GUEST OPINION

### Planning for safe celebrations for your teen

By Abaigeal Duda

It's prom and graduation celebration season, which for teens can be both exciting and worrisome. For parents, this may also be true, but for different reasons.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and that one out of three crashes involve alcohol or other substances. In rural areas like ours, when these tragedies occur, they are felt by the entire community. How can we support our young people so that they create positive memories of these milestones?

There are some practical steps that you can take as a parent, or caregiver:

The most important and effective is also typically the most overlooked: Have an honest conversation. How do you feel about underage drinking and other substance use? If you aren't aware of the negative effects on the development of young brains, it's worth understanding that there can be long-term consequences.

One Choice (saying no to all substances) has a good overview at [tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd](http://tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd). Studies show that encouraging young people to make choices that support their health, wellbeing and long-term success rather than trying to scare them with horror stories to avoid — is the most effective approach.

People tend to overestimate how many other people use substances like alcohol and other drugs. In the Quaboag Hills region, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance conducts surveys in our school districts, and it is true of all schools and grade levels that most students are making choices not to use substances.

If you aren't sure how to start a conversation with a child or teen, get examples from "Talk. They Hear You" at [samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov). Another way to have a conversation about driving expectations is to Take "The Pledge," an agreement between caregivers and teens available at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance website at [qhsua.org](http://qhsua.org).

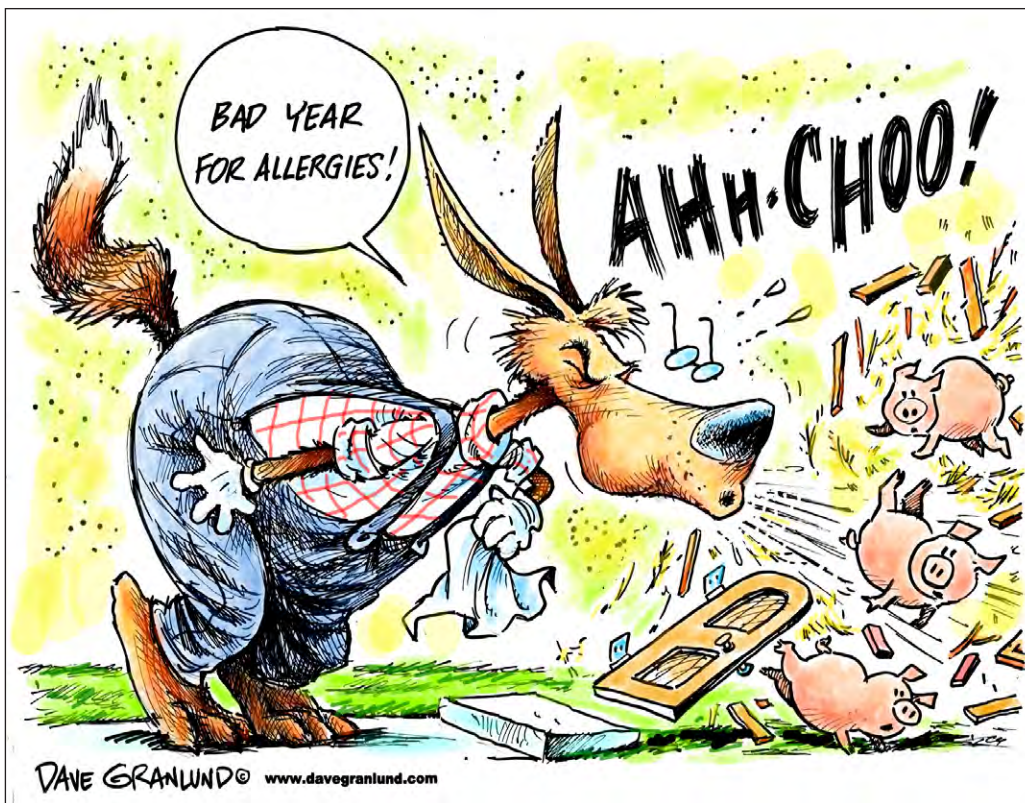
Know who is driving your teen. The night of prom or graduation, will another teen be driving? A parent? An older sibling? A hired vehicle and driver? In our area, we do not have the same transportation options that are available in more urban areas. If a teen suddenly realizes that his/her/their ride has been drinking, calling for a cab or ride-share is very unlikely to be a viable option.

No matter who is supposed to drive, make sure that your child knows that you are available to take a call if there is any question about transportation safety or any other questionable situation that may arise. You might agree upon a text or emoji to send to you to let you know that you are needed so that he/she/they don't have to have an awkward conversation that might be overheard about unsafe behavior.

If you are hosting a graduation party at your home for your teen, make it a "dry" party. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Massachusetts' underage drinking laws known as the Social Host Law. If underage drinking does happen on your property, you could face criminal or civil liability charges. Make a list of fun activities with your teen and his/her/their friends that they would enjoy doing together to create positive memories that will last a long, healthy lifetime.

Healthy celebrations are celebrations worth remembering.

*Abaigeal Duda is STOP Act Grant project director at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. For more information, or if you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the statewide helpline at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phone line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also go to [hub.helplinema.org/findhelp](http://hub.helplinema.org/findhelp).*



## GUEST COLUMN



Submitted photos

Emelie Kalesnik and Andrew Ahearn on the summit of Wildcat Mountain, New Hampshire.

### She said yes!

By Julie Midura

Planning a proposal on the summit of a 4,000-foot mountain in March wouldn't be an easy undertaking, but it would certainly be an adventurous way to begin their forever. There were numerous details to consider and logistics to work out, but Andrew was determined to give his future bride an unforgettable moment. Besides, getting down on one knee on the summit of a mountain they just climbed together would be a metaphor for the mountains they had already conquered during their five-year relationship... and the ones they would certainly overcome in the years ahead.

Andrew was right to be nervous about a summit proposal in late winter. The weather in the White Mountains is notorious for being tumultuous and unpredictable. And this would be no easy climb. Polecat Trail up Wildcat Mountain is a two-mile hike with 2,000 feet of vertical gain. So, it was no surprise that when the couple pulled into the parking lot and stepped out of the car to bitter cold temps and biting wind, Andrew hesitated. The weather conditions might make this even more challenging than he expected.

But true love has the power to raise you up. It gives you the strength to climb mountains, no matter how high. So, the couple braced themselves against the overpowering wind and stepped forward. Little did the woman beside him know that she wasn't just walking toward a mountain... she was also walking toward a lifetime.

I had no doubt that she would make it to the top. After all, I introduced her to the White Mountains when she was just a little girl. She grew up hiking in the wild places. Maybe you've met her on a summit before. Or passed her as she made her way up a winding trail. She was the young woman

who sprinted up Garfield Trail at the crack of dawn, her pack laden with my favorite snacks and a birthday card in an attempt to surprise me in the middle of my birthday backpacking trip through the Pemi Wilderness. Only to arrive at the summit to realize that in her haste- and in the early morning darkness- she had parked at the wrong trailhead and climbed the wrong mountain.

She could have been the exhausted young woman you saw soaking her aching feet in the ice-cold waters of the Pemi River after completing a 23-mile single day Twins/Bonds traverse with Tom and I. Or maybe you overheard her talking on her phone on a snowy day on Mt. Waumbek; her first solo 4K. It was me she was speaking to; a daughter letting her worried mother know that she was okay.

This tenacious young woman has been amassing a treasure trove of memories in the mountains over the years. She has stories of frigid winter climbs, exhausting backpacking trips, 9/11 memorial hikes and so many more memorable adventures and misadventures born in the mountains. But something tells me that her pre-sunrise trek by headlamp to the summit of Wildcat Mountain with the man she loves will outshine all of the others.

Maybe it was due to the twinkling stars that filled the black velvet sky as they began to climb in the pre-dawn hours. Maybe it was because of the rising sun that was casting a fiery brilliance on the Presidentials as they made their way closer to the summit.

Or perhaps it was because of the magical moment when the man of her dreams dropped down on one knee amid the blowing snow and biting wind and asked her to spend the rest of her life adventuring in the wild places together.

Congratulations to my daughter, Emelie Kalesnik and her fiancé Andrew Ahearn on their recent engagement!

See you in the wild places, my friends!

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The Girl Scouts' concession stand, manned by (from left) Jay Perez and Kaylee Learned (front row), Madeline Dodd, Alyssa King, and Baas Rendrel (back row).

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summer it came out," said July Siebecker, Head of the Children's Department at the library, who could be heard reciting entire scenes from memory during the screening.

"Like many adolescents, 12 years old wasn't an easy time of life

for me," Siebecker shared, "but Star Wars gave me something I had only gotten from reading books before then; it helped me believe that fighting for good, even if you were an unpopular weirdo like I was, could make a difference."

Siebecker also shared a haiku that she wrote about the first film,

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"Power Converters,  
If Luke had just gotten them,  
Would Vader still live?"

The library intends to screen more outdoor movies through the summer. For information about upcoming events, visit [hubbardlibrary.org](http://hubbardlibrary.org).



George, age 10 (left), and Emilia, age 7, took pictures with Baas Rendrel.



Andre Lopes (left) dressed as Robin, with Alex Mader dressed as Baas Rendrel.



Lazarus Torres (left) and Alyssa King take a photo with Baas Rendrel.

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# IN THE CLASSROOM

## School announces lay-offs despite increase in budget

By Marcelo Gusmao  
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LUDLOW – At last week’s School Committee meeting, it was announced that despite an increase to the school budget from the town, the district will have to lay off several teachers to meet their budget for fiscal year 2024.

The school’s budget, as voted at town meeting, came to a total of \$35,949,944, which represents a 4.67% increase. “That’s the highest increase that we’ve had in about five years,” Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano said.

However, as Tiano outlined, this is still beneath the school’s requirements for a level service budget, which will mean a reduction in staff.

“We want to keep everybody,” Tiano said. “We would like to have more people.”

“As our budget is 75% staff, unfortunately, we are going to be having layoffs,

and that’s...it’s a difficult experience for our staff, for our administration, for everybody that’s a part of Ludlow Public School community,” said Tiano.

One community member and former member of the School Committee had comments at the beginning of the meeting concerning the rumors about layoffs.

“It is extremely disheartening to constantly hear, ‘We love teachers, we support you, you’re the backbone of our schools,’ and then we get shuffled around like a deck of cards while other things aren’t even considered,” she said.

She spoke to “a lack of respect for expertise, because we should just be grateful that we still have a job and weren’t cut. Year after year after year, all we continue to hear is, ‘Well if the town gave us more money, we wouldn’t have to do this.’ It’s not happening. We got more this year than we’ve gotten before, and it’s still not enough.”

Though the School Committee ex-

pressed an urgency not to lose any “frontline teachers,” Tiano said that the school district has been working all year to streamline the budget process, increasing transparency with the town and eliminating redundancies.

“We changed the way we do budget, so that you can see virtually every dollar that we’re going to spend, that itself is online,” Tiano said. “We really streamlined our process, really trimmed it down, knowing that we were coming into the situation before we came forward with our level service budget.”

“Since that time,” Tiano said, “we also moved to make reductions in terms of, for example, \$80,000 from our transportation. We keep chipping away, trying to save pockets of money from our original reductions.”

“We’ve been working on this for several months,” Tiano said, “taking a short-term and a long-term approach to this, because unfortunately, as comments we

heard last night, we’ll probably be making reductions again next year.”

The School Committee were sympathetic to the situation, expressing again their disappointment that the budget was not enough to cover teachers’ salaries.

“The timing is probably kind of unfortunate, but it is Teacher Appreciation Week,” Committee Member Jeffrey Stratton said.

“I think they need our appreciation. It’s been a struggle this year, and last year, and I don’t know if teachers are feeling necessarily appreciated right now,” said Stratton, “so, do reach out to teachers and say thanks.”

Tiano also announced that the town approved the school’s capital requests of \$420,069, to upgrade security systems at the preschools to match those at Harris Brook, as well as to address HVACs on the roof of the high school and upgrade technology in some of the classrooms. These funds are separate from the budget.

## Business students can apply for scholarships

REGION — The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is accepting applications for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Women in STEM Scholarship.

The deadline to apply for both is June 17. The winner of each will receive \$1,000 and is eligible for an additional \$5,000 award at the Zonta International level.

The Jane M. Klausman Business Scholarship is awarded to college students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in business management. The

Women in STEM Scholarship is awarded to college students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – subjects.

Eligible applicants for both scholarships should be in at least their second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a master’s program at the time the application is submitted. Details and applications are available at [zontaqv.org/scholarships](http://zontaqv.org/scholarships). For more information, email Dana Burton at [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org).

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Boys and Girls Club, Ludlow Public Schools and officers from the police department. Dinner was provided by Oscar’s Pizza, and cake served by caterers at the Lusitano Club.

“The Tuesday before the event, we actually reached our capacity on Eventbrite with 325 people having signed up,” Freitas said. “Anyone who attended could tell that the kids had a lot of fun, and at the end of the day that’s exactly what we wanted.”

Raffles were held halfway through

the event for the children in attendance, who would get an opportunity to pick out a toy or game if they had a winning ticket. The raffle tickets, food, and drinks were all free for guests to enjoy.

“It is due to the many dedicated volunteers and members of CARES that make events like these possible,” Ludlow CARES President Laura Rooney said. “Based on its success, we hope to have it again next year.”

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to the levels of obscene material or material which would violate criminal laws in order to warrant replacing the material with better options,” the proposal said.

School Committee Chair Jeffrey Laing outlined the process for passing the proposed policy change.

“I will say that anytime we’ve had new policies, it’s always been because of something,” Laing said, “So as Mr. Dias is explaining this, I would hope that he in fact gives us the changes that have happened to create such a new policy.”

Laing also described the current policy for challenging books, which was changed after a controversy on content at the school libraries in 2019.

“We had a lot of parents coming in, saying ‘parents’ rights, parents need to have the opportunity to – you know, their kids should not be reading these books,’” Laing said, “So under that, there were policies created that allowed parents to challenge a book. There was also a policy that allows a parent to get notified every single book that comes out of the library, so if your son or daughter went to the library and took out a book, you would get an email home stating the name of the book,

that way you could go and reference and see if it was something that you did not approve of as a parent.”

Laing expressed concern that the policy would transfer authority over the school library’s collection to the School Committee, according to the wording of the policy.

“I don’t want to take away parents’ rights and give those rights to the school committee,” Laing said.

The policy also includes vague allusions to “demeaning generalizations,” saying “The District also ensures that individual teachers in the district review all education materials for simplistic and demeaning generalizations, lacking intellectual merit, on the basis of race, color sex (sic), gender identity, religion, national origin, and sexual orientation.”

No discussion was held concerning the policy. A vote was proposed to send it to the policy subcommittee as an essential part of the policy process, but it did not pass.

Laing said he would share the policy to his Facebook page, and urged town residents to read it and prepare comments for the May 23 meeting.

“Please, find the policy online and read it for yourselves, and please understand what it means and the ramifications,” Laing said.



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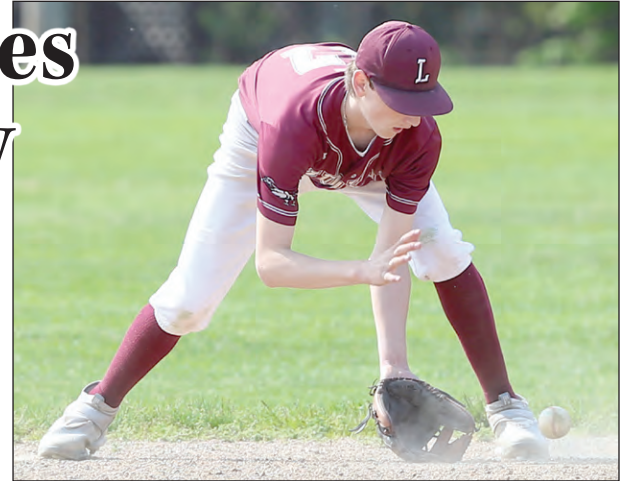


Daniel McKenney, Jr. pitches for the Lions.

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## Monument takes down Ludlow

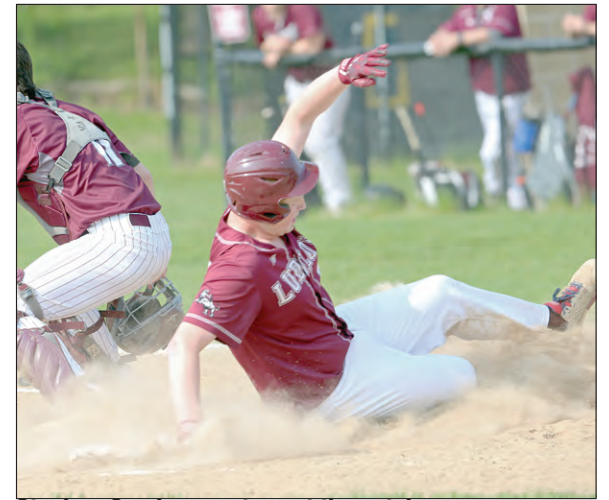
LUDLOW – Last week, the Ludlow High School baseball team suffered a pair of losses, falling 19-5 against Monument Mountain of Great Barrington, and then on the road at Mt. Greylock 14-2. The Lions are now 2-15 this season.



Mason Morace fields a grounder.



Zach Tatro sweeps a throw to second.



Stephen Goodreau gets past the catcher.

## Lions suffer pair of defeats

LUDLOW – While it was a tough week for Ludlow boys volleyball with losses to Agawam and Westfield, the Lions are poised for a run in the state tournament, entering the final week with a 9-7 record.

Ludlow matches up with Chicopee Comprehensive, Minnechaug, and Holyoke to complete the regular season.

The Lions could also participate in the Western Mass. tournament beginning next week as well.



Anthony Shea goes for a block.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



James Dias goes for a bump.



Anthony Shea attempts a spike.



Tristan Moss serves for the Lions at Agawam last Wednesday.

## Mutiny offense shines in opener



Agawam's Hope Santaniello controls the ball.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The United Women's Soccer National semifinal and final matches were held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow last July. This year's U.W.S. championship weekend is scheduled to take place 3,000 miles west in Los Angeles, California.

The New England Mutiny players didn't get to compete for the championship trophy on their home turf last summer. They're hoping to make the six-hour plane ride to the west coast in July.

The Mutiny didn't have



Jenna Kalwa sends a pass forward.

very much trouble dispatching Worcester Fuel FC, 7-1, in the season opening match before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"All of the players worked very hard, and we got the result that we wanted," said Hope Santaniello, who graduated from Agawam High School in 2021. "Our hope for the future is to win the championship title this year. We really want to bring home the trophy for Joe (Ferrara)."

Ferrara, who's the Mutiny General Manager, has put together a roster full of talented

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# Pioneers prevail in preseason match

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—With only a handful of returning players, it'll probably take a couple of matches for the Western Mass. Pioneers players to jell.

The Pioneers kicked off the 2023 campaign with a 5-1 victory in a friendly match against KO Elites FC before a large gathering at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

"We had a lot of turnover from last year's team, so we're in the rebuilding process this year," said Federico Molinari, who's beginning his 12th season as the Pioneers head coach. "We do have some youngers players and a couple of returning players. It's probably going to take us some time to jell."

A year ago, the Pioneers finished in second place in the Northeast Division table with an 11-3 regular season record. They lost to the Seacoast United Phantoms, 1-0, in extra time at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It marked the second year in a row that the Pioneers (11-3) faced Seacoast United, who finished at the top of the Northeast Division table, in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play their first regular season match at the Boston Bolts on Tuesday night before hosting the Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

The first meeting of the regular season with league rival Seacoast United will take place away from the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on May 25. The second meeting between the two squads is slated to take place in Ludlow on June 23.

The Pioneers other home matches this season will be against Black Rock FC (June 3), Boston Bolts (June 7), Albany Rush (June 30), Vermont Green FC (July 7), and AC Connecticut (July 15). All of their home matches are scheduled to start at 7pm.

One of the returning players is Khalid Rose, who has been a member of the Pioneers squad since 2018.

"I have the most service time on this year's team," said Rose before signing some autographs following the match. "I always come back here every year for the fans. I just love playing this beautiful game."

Rose, who played college soccer at Central Connecticut State University, assisted on the Pioneers first two goals in

last Friday's friendly match. Newcomer Alec Hughes scored both goals during the first ten minutes of the first half. Hughes came out of the match with a minor injury during the 25th minute.

"Alec is a new player this year," Molinari said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to play in our first game on Tuesday night."

Hughes, who's a forward from Glastonbury Conn, is also a member of the UMass men's soccer team. He finished his junior season last fall with a total of 10 goals, including a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at George Washington. He also had two assists and led the A-10 conference with a total of 22 points.

Following the 2022 college season, Hughes was selected to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Second-Team squad.

Hughes is one of the players looking to replace Braudilio Rodrigues, who led the Pioneers with ten goals last summer. Rodrigues recently signed with the Tacoma Defiance, which compete in the MLS Next Pro league. The Defiance is the reserve team for the Seattle Sounders FC.

The other returning players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster are Chaney Nash-Gibney, Jared Smith, Ignacio Albo, Lucio Berron, Tomas Duben, Nicholas Oberrauch, and Connor Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School six years ago.

Hicks, who graduated from AIC, didn't play in the friendly match because of an injury.

Oberrauch is the Pioneers captain and he assisted on the third goal, which was scored by Duben during the 21st minute.

"It's an honor for me to be the team captain again this year," Oberrauch said.

"I really enjoy being the team leader."

Thomas Quiterio, who's wrapping up his junior year, and Thomas Wadas, who's finishing his sophomore year at Ludlow High School, saw some playing time during the second half. They'll be practicing with the Pioneers and be playing games for the USL Academy team.

"The academy team prepares the players to play for the USL team," Molinari said. "A couple of them had an opportunity to play in tonight's game, but they just need to continue working hard."

Wadas had the chance to play in a couple of regular season matches for the Pioneers a year ago.

"I normally play for the USL Academy team and it's a big jump playing for the men's team. The game is much quicker at this level," Wadas said. "It's also a lot of fun playing with one of my high school teammates."

Quiterio, who's also a member of the Ludlow boys' volleyball team, played for the Pioneers for the first time in last Friday's match.

"I was a little bit nervous at first, but I did feel comfortable after a few minutes," Quiterio said. "I grew up watching the Pioneers play and it's a dream come true to have an opportunity to play for them. It just feels amazing."

The Pioneers scored two more goals during the second half, including a penalty kick by Simba Pelltier.

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and John Voight.

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## 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 with their bib number 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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# OBITUARIES

## John P. Aniolowski, 65

LUDLOW - John P. Aniolowski, 65, of Belchertown, passed away unexpectedly on May 8, 2023. John was the son of the late Edward and Elizabeth (Glog) Aniolowski and worked for many years at Charles C. Lewis Co. in Springfield and most recently at C&S Wholesale Grocers in Westfield from where he retired. He was an avid fisherman enjoying both the ocean and freshwater. John was always happy when cruising in his 1967 Mustang and was a great cook especially when preparing an entire turkey dinner. John was the beloved husband of Tami (Sadowski) Aniolowski and a loving father to Garrett and John Aniolowski, and Brandon Cislak. He



also leaves his grandson Kai; his brother Ed and wife Diane; sister Rose LeDuc; and also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. John was predeceased by his brother-in-law Yvon and his nephew Eddie.

Funeral services for John will be held on Tuesday, May 16th. Visiting hours will be from 10:00am-11:45am in Ludlow Funeral Home concluding with a funeral home service at 12:00pm followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the American Heart Association ([heart.org](http://heart.org)) or the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org))

## Diana Joan Crisostomo, 74

LUDLOW - Diana Joan Crisostomo, 74, Ludlow, passed away on May 5, 2023 while traveling with her beloved husband of 50 years, Alberto (Betu) Crisostomo. She is survived by her son Jonathan Crisostomo and wife Tanya of Belchertown, and her daughter Katie and husband Dr. Michael Cocchi of Dover, Massachusetts. Diana was the loving "Meme" to her four grandchildren, Aadon and Sierra Crisostomo, and Ella and Louisa (Lulu) Cocchi, and she treasured the time she spent with them.



oke before that. Over the years, she enjoyed volunteering with the Ludlow Senior Center.

In addition to her immediate family, Diana leaves her sister, Constance Tincher, and husband Walter of Wells, Maine; her brother John (Jess) Hyjek and wife Delores of Holiday, Florida; and her brother Victor Hyjek of Reno, Nevada. She is also survived by her nephew Jason Hyjek of Brooklyn NY, and nieces Jennifer Udeshi of Lincoln, Rhode Island, and Lindsay Nichols of Wells, Maine, and their spouses and children. She will be fondly remembered by many extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Diana have tentatively been scheduled as follows: Visitation to be held on Sunday, May 21st in Ludlow Funeral Home with funeral services on Monday, May 22nd. Updated service information will be available on [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com) in the upcoming days.

## Pedro Abilio da Silva Blanco, 68

INDIAN ORCHARD - Pedro Abilio da Silva Blanco, 68, of Indian Orchard, passed away peacefully on May 14, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Joao and Maria Emilia (daSilva) Blanco and served as a Second Sergeant in the Brazilian Military. Before coming to the United States, Pedro was a longtime resident of Jarú, Brazil, where he was a Physical education teacher in several schools and founded Colégio Abílio Blanco for childhood education. He was also a master of the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira "Capoeira Mestre" and was very involved within its community. Pedro leaves his wife Rosangela Blanco; his lov-



ing sons Diogo, Fernando, and Vitor Blanco and their spouses; his grandchildren Ariana, Reyna, Juliana, John, and Vitoria; his sisters in Brazil Sonia, Selma, Solange, and Filomena; as well as several loving extended family members and dear friends both here and in Brazil.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, May 20th in Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours will begin at 10:00am concluding with a Celebration of Life Service at 12:00pm. Immediately following, the family will host a Celebratory Gathering at a location to be announced. At their request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pedro's memory directly to the family.

## 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.



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.

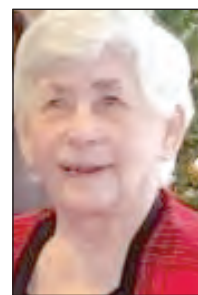
Special thanks go out to her friends Janice, Karen, Sandy and Marie for all their help keeping a smile on her face during her difficult time

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](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).

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

## Theresa A. Sears, 93

LUDLOW - Theresa A. (Tavernier) Sears, 93, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Daughter of the late Arthur and Viola (Daigle) Tavernier, she was born in Ludlow on January 14, 1930. A graduate of Cathedral High School, she worked as a supervisor at Liberty Mutual Insurance. A devout communicant of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow, she was a longtime member of the Ladies of St. Anne. Theresa loved bingo, crossword puzzles, the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins.



er Francis Tavernier and her sisters Jeanne Tavernier, Loretta Beauvais and Clara Desotelle, along with her great-granddaughter Claire.

Funeral services for Theresa will be Friday, May 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St. Ludlow, MA, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:30 PM in St. Elizabeth's Parish. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery. Visiting hours at the funeral home are Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 p.m..

Theresa is survived by her children Thomas "Chip" Sears and spouse (Debbie), Michael Sears and Patricia Walter. She also leaves her grandchildren Shannon, Sean, Robert, Brandon, Theresa and Joshua, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband Thomas "Skip" Sears, her broth-

In lieu of flowers, donations in Theresa's memory may be made to Shriners' Children's Hospital, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104 or [www.shrinerschildrens.org](http://www.shrinerschildrens.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). For more information please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).

## Come see 'Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles' at Academy Hall

HAMPDEN - On May 18 at 7 p.m., the Hampden Garden Club will present guest speaker John Root, who will be doing a PowerPoint presentation on the "Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles".

The presentation will feature designs that have been appearing

with increasing sophistication during the past three decades in farmers' fields and other locations all over the world.

The guest fee costs \$5. Any questions can be directed to Lil Fedora at 413-566-1137.

The Garden Club is celebrating 91 years of existence.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Aniolowski, John P.**  
Died May 8, 2023  
Funeral  
May 16, 2023

**Crisostomo, Diana Joan**  
Died May 5, 2023  
Funeral  
May 21, 2023

**da Silva Bianco, Pedro Abilio**  
Died May 14, 2023  
Services  
May 20, 2023

**DePina (Wrona), Patricia A.**  
Died May 1, 2023  
Services are private

**Sears (Tavernier), Theresa A.**  
Died  
May 7, 2023  
Funeral  
May 12, 2023

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# DATEBOOK

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## THIS WEEK

**TAG SALE CANCELED:** The tag sale planned by Pack 180 Cub Scouts, Troop 180G, and Boy Scout Troop 180 for Saturday, May 20 at Saint Elizabeth Parish has been canceled.

The units hope to reschedule the event for sometime in the fall. For more information about Scouting in Ludlow, send an email to grfort127@yahoo.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

**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 jameslmartin47@gmail.com or 413-583-6339.

## Reserve a table for annual bazaar

LUDLOW — St. Elizabeth Parish is now accepting applications for its annual St Nick's Christmas Bazaar that will be held on Saturday, November 18, in the Pastoral Center.

Eight-foot tables, provided by the church, are \$40 each.

To request an application or additional information, call Pat at 531-6997.

## '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.

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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FRIDAYS Children's After School Club (pre K through teens) 5-6:30 p.m. Church Fellowship Hall  
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Wednesday, May 17, - 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)  
Thursday, May 18, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
Friday, May 19, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
Saturday, May 20, - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C)  
Sunday, May 21, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Take & Eat - 8 a.m. (FLBH & K)  
Monday, May 22, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
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Sunday Mass: 8:45 a.m. (English), 10 a.m. (Polish)  
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:45 a.m. (English)  
First Friday Mass: 5:30 p.m. (Polish/English)  
First Saturday Mass: 9 a.m. (Polish/English)  
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

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Monday and Wednesday Morning Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)  
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)  
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)  
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Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.  
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**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.**

**\*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

05/10, 05/17/2023

**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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Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

05/10, 05/17/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD23P0891GD

**In the interests of Chrisheliz Noemi Castillo of Indian Orchard, MA Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/01/2023** by **Naiomi Santiago of Indian Orchard, MA** will be held **05/30/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.** Located: **50 State St., 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**

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

File the original with the Court; and

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

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

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

form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

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

Date: May 1, 2023  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
05/17/2023

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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.**

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

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soccer players. Santaniello is one of 13 players from Western Massachusetts.

Other players from the region include Julia Robak (Chicopee), Brianna Romaniak (Belchertown), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), and Sophia Syocurka (Ludlow).

Foley and Syocurka will be juniors on the Ludlow girls varsity soccer team in the fall. The duo normally play for the academy team, but they were called up to the U.W.S. team for the season opener.

Laura Gouvin of Monson is also listed on the Mutiny roster. She did not play against Worcester.

Before the start of the regular season, Ferrara named Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra as the Mutiny head coach.

"Everyone is a little bit nervous before the first game of regular season, but we got off to a great start tonight," said Coimbra, who's a former member of the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I've coached at the youth level, but it's very special to win my first game at this level. I think it's going to be a very exciting season."

Coimbra took over the coaching duties from Brian Linnehan, who was hired as an assistant women's soccer coach at Bryant University.

Coimbra is aided by assistant coaches Jill Kochanek, Ciro Viviano, and Federico Molinari, who's also the head coach of the Western Mass. Pioneers.

Santaniello, who's a forward, scored a



**Laci Lewis breaks away from a defender.**

pair of goals during the first half, which gave her team a 2-0 halftime lead.

During the 24th minute, Santaniello lined a shot over the head of Worcester Fuel goalie Lilliana Manton into the back of the net.

About 15 minutes later, Cat Berry sent a forward pass into the box and Santaniello finished off the play by shooting the ball into the left corner.

"I'm very happy for Hope," Coimbra said. "I think she's a great soccer player, and she has a very bright future. She shoots the ball mainly with her right foot, but she scored one of her goals in to-

night's match with her left foot."

After playing soccer for two seasons at the University of Rhode Island, Santaniello has decided to enter the NCAA transfer portal. The portal allows Division I athletes the opportunity to transfer to another school without having to sit out a year.

"I decided to leave U.R.I. for personal reasons," Santaniello said. "I just want to keep growing as a soccer player. In order for me to do that, I felt like the best thing was transfer to another school. I just want to find the right school, which will help me get to the next level."

Berry, who's from Hingham, will be a senior on the University of South Carolina women's soccer team in September. She'll be heading back to Columbia, South Carolina in the middle of June to train with her college soccer team.

"Cat is a great soccer player and she's going to have a successful career in the future," Coimbra said. "We're very lucky to have her on our team. We enjoyed watching her play in tonight's match."

Ferrara is hoping that Berry will be able to return to Ludlow if the Mutiny do make the playoffs.

"The atmosphere at the stadium is always great," Berry said. "I just love playing soccer with this group of girls. It was a great way to start our season."

Berry, who's the fifth all-time leading goal scorer at the University of South Carolina with 24 career goals, took over the spotlight at the second half. She finished last Saturday's match with a total of four goals. A couple of her goals came on amazing shots that not very many goalies would be able to stop.

"We definitely could've scored a few more goals in the first half," Berry added. "We just wanted to come out at the start of the second half and put the game away. I took advantage of my opportunities. Hearing the roar of the crowd here at Lusitano is very special."

Berry, who has two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina, will most likely be drafted by a N.W.S.L. team after she graduates.

"Playing at that level is something that I've dreamed about my whole life," Berry said. "It would be awesome to play for a professional soccer team in the future."

Chandler Pedolzyk also scored a second half goal for the Mutiny. Jenna Kalwa, who's the women's soccer coach at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut, was credited with the assist.

Down at the other end of the field, Kopec, who was the Mutiny starting goalie, only had to make three saves. She was replaced in goal by Robak with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

The members of the Mutiny defensive unit are Sofia Weber, Laci Lewis, Megan Cunningham, and Kinsman.

"This is just an awesome environment to play a soccer match," said Cunningham, who's the Mutiny captain. "We also have a lot of returning players this year, which is a great thing."

The Mutiny will be playing a couple of road matches before returning home to face the Albany Rush on June 10. Their other two home matches during the regular season will be against Sporting CT (June 24) and CT Rush (July 8).

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## Puppolo pushes bill protecting card games at senior centers

BOSTON — State Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo Jr., (D- Springfield) has submitted a letter of support to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary where his proposed legislation, H1724, "An Act Relative to Recreational Games in Senior Centers" is on the Committee's agenda for a public hearing this week, according to a news release.

In 2022, senior centers in the commonwealth stopped hosting recreational games with any winnings out of caution to avoid the possibility of being perceived as illegal gambling. Currently, without specific language to sanction recreational card games in municipal and town senior centers, some centers fear legal repercussions for allowing even small stakes card games and, as a

result, they have banned such social recreational games for seniors, the release states.

"I have heard from many seniors in my district and the Commonwealth that this is unfair and they want to be able to continue with such wagers," Puppolo said in the release.

"It just makes sense to let these folks play card games. They aren't high rollers who are looking to make money. They just want to play cards and recreational bingo with their friends and peers. This bill would allow them to do just that."

This bill recognizes low-stakes card games among seniors at municipal and town senior centers as a purely recreational activity that should not receive legal repercussions.

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