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Update to noise bylaw fails at town meeting

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LUDLOW – At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 11, Article 27: Unreasonable Noise Bylaw Amendment failed after multiple residents spoke out with questions regarding the noise decibel levels and what qualifies in the exterior, construction, and maintenance noise standards. Common questions revolved around the

decibel level of a lawn mower, noise on Sundays, and how it applies to businesses in Town.

Chairman of the Select Board William Rosenblum moved a motion to amend the section of Article 27, the Finance Committee had no recommendation, and Rosenblum continued with the following. “Town Meeting approved the Unreasonable Noise Bylaw in Oct. 2025. Since then, the Town has heard from residents that they

perform more specific measures to define when unreasonable noise constitutes.

Toward that end, the Select Board submits this bylaw amendment which would create decibel levels to determine when exterior noise is unreasonable,” ended Rosenblum.

One resident Speaker shared their thoughts on the amendment, “I was one of the people that was interested in having specificity in the bylaws, so I’m glad to see

that’s coming in. I would ask where those specific numbers came from and I would also ask as far as how those numbers are going to be determined; what kind of equipment would be used, what kind of training would be provided on how to use that equipment?”

How do we make sure that equipment’s been properly calibrated? I’m a little bit unclear as to how we make sure that it’s 65 decibels, is that somebody going out with

their cell phone or is that official department equipment that somebody’s using?”

How is that determined?”

Police Chief Brennan clarified the decibel equipment question, “As far as the devices themselves, the decibel readers, we did research them to see what would be the best ones. We’ve had members of the department that served in workshops where these things were employed relative to OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health

Administration, regulations. So, we looked at one of the best ones, so how are we going to implement it?”

The best way we looked at is manufacturer specifications in terms of calibration and training. Similar things, we use devices like radar, and we get them calibrated; our officers are trained to use them. We’re familiar with how to use different devices.

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McAvoy shares love for music

Provides advice for students

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LUDLOW – During the week of the Ludlow High School concert that occurred on May 13, Band Director Kevin McAvoy shared what he hoped students took away from their performance and his journey on becoming band director for the LHS community.

Sharing that the LHS Tri-M Honor Society collected non-perishable food items for the Ludlow Veterans Food Pantry before the concert, McAvoy began by sharing why he continues to pursue a career in music. “It’s really simple and may sound cliché but seeing students succeed and hearing how they improve over time is what inspires me every day to continue my career in music; however, I do draw inspiration from other places as well.

Anytime I go to a clinic, play in a band or listen to another ensemble perform I think about how I can take

that experience back to my students. Trying new ideas can be very helpful even if not everything works.

I have become a more effective teacher through learning what works and what doesn’t. Ultimately, I have the same goal as every music teacher though: to see all music students continue to practice and perform music after graduating,” said McAvoy.

McAvoy continued, “Each year in band we take a few days as a group to listen to and pick our theme for the following year for marching band. This year we played music by Lady Gaga.

I do the same with the chorus at the start of each year when we pick our music. It gives students a say in what they are learning which goes a long way toward creating a positive team atmosphere in the classroom.

For our formal concerts, I try to pick pieces based on style and genre with a focus on helping the group, both band and chorus, grow and learn new skills.

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The volunteers of the Nick’s Waves of Change spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The life of Nicholas R. Boileau honored at Nick’s Waves of Change fundraiser

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LUDLOW – “I made many changes to the world that, despite their seemingly small size, may ripple into something amazing.”

During the evening of May 7, the fifth annual spa-

ghetti dinner fundraiser was held at the Ludlow Elks Lodge in support of Nick’s Waves of Change. The dinner included spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, rolls, with dessert.

The dinner also served up an impressive raffle, donations from local communi-

Falls Coffee Roasters and Randall’s Farm, with ‘Nick Trivia’ and other activities that honored the life of Nicholas R. Boileau.

Referring to the fundraiser website, Nick’s journey was described as a special one, described as a wonderful young man who was on a journey towards helping oth-

ers, when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in 2017. Battling through chemotherapy, underwent a stem cell transplant from his Sister Erica Lasewicz and went into remission until 2020, when the cancer came back in both his blood and

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Before the run challenge began, the LHS chorus sang the National Anthem.

Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges honored at annual Walk/Run Challenge

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LUDLOW – “Come on, take the challenge, test yourself, honor one of our fallen heroes, and support a great scholarship in the name of a great man.” The annual Sgt.

Joshua D. Desforges Walk/Run Challenge was held on Saturday, May 9 and had a variety of runners, walkers, and community members show their ongoing support for the Desforges family. From the Ludlow Police Department, Ludlow Fire Department, Ludlow High

School Chorus, LHS Student Athletes, LHS Student Representative Samuel Pontes, and many more, everyone was excited to participate and to continue to honor the life of Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges.

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LFD welcomes new Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Goncalves

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LUDLOW – The Ludlow Fire Department recently welcomed new Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Gon-

calves, who is a Ludlow High School graduate of 2023 and excited to serve his hometown. Goncalves began by sharing why he loves to be in Ludlow, “I have a lot of family in town, I grew up here my whole life

and played soccer, I wrestled and played baseball as well. My family is from Portugal, they immigrated here two generations ago, and settled here in town.

It’s honestly the best place to be, the sense of community in this town is like no other, it just doesn’t feel like a place to be, it feels like a home.

Growing up in a community where everybody is tight-knit, it’s very nice to be close to family,” said Goncalves.

When asked why he chose to pursue firefighting, Goncalves shared the following, “I knew I didn’t want to be at a desk, I wanted to do something active and I also wanted to do something involved in the community. Growing up here, I know it sounds silly but I want to grow up here, I want to spend the rest of my life here.

When thinking about



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Fire Chief Pease alongside Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Goncalves pose for a photo.

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DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

PLAY CRIBBAGE IN INDIAN ORCHARD - Cribbage players of all ages and ability are welcome to enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Join us at Club #72, "Pegging Fools", Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

VOLLEYBALL at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays.

Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

BI-MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building

located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

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

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.

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 Monday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday - Aquajazz 9 to 9:30 a.m.; Aquacise - 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday - Aquacise - 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Thursday - Aquacise 10 to 10:45 a.m. and Friday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m. For questions, call

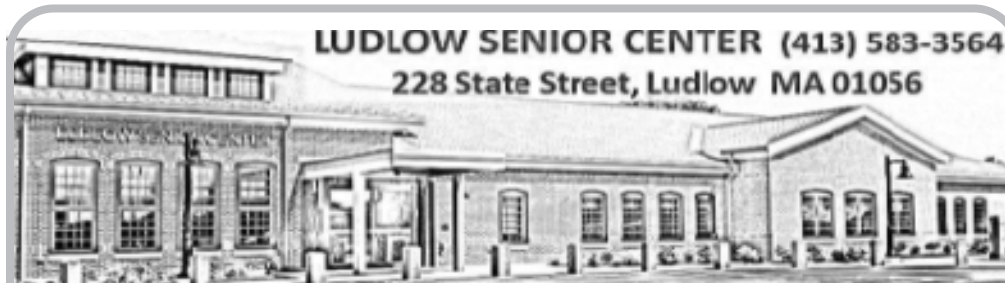
413-583-2072, ext. 124.

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.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at 485 East St., Ludlow. Call 413-348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT: Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Spring is finally here! Come gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, call 413-583-3564 at least one day in advance to reserve your \$2 lunch (call Friday for Monday reservations).

May is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme is **Champion Your Health**. We have loaded our calendar with many health and wellness programs including a presentation regarding strokes and a Veggie Day in the Café. This is a great time to come to the Center to find a fitness program or event to **Champion Your Health**. Pick up our monthly newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered directly to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what the Senior Center has to offer at ludlow.ma.us/coa/. For the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow brighter, we look forward to sharing warm meals, engaging programs, and good company. In June, we are looking forward to starting a morning walking group. If you're interested, please call the Center at 413-583-3564 and ask for Maria.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, May 21

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
1:30 p.m. Nostalgic Music w/Tom Callinan*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, May 22

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Trivia
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*

Monday, May 25

Center Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1 p.m. Limitless Legends*
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump
5 p.m. Movie: *Memorial Day* (2012)

Wednesday, May 27

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Facials by Appointment
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
10:30 a.m. Eat Your Veggies Day
1 p.m. Movie: *Memorial Day* (2012)
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. TED Talk*

Thursday, May 28

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
2 p.m. Book Club *The Two-Family House*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

Daily Events:

Café: Monday - Friday 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Open Billiards: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Menu:

Thursday, May 21: Ham & Broccoli Casserole/Biscuit
Friday, May 22: Pot Roast/Mashed Pot/Green Beans
Monday, May 25: Center Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Let & Tom/Chips & Pickle
Wednesday, May 27: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veg
Thursday, May 28: Chef Salad

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

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

Dog licenses expired on March 31

LUDLOW - Dog licenses expired March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually per MGL C.140, §.137. Starting July 1 there will be a late fee of \$10.00 per dog in addition to the licensing fee.

We must have the most current rabies certificate to license your dog.

Residents have the option to obtain a license in-person or by mail or Town Clerk drop box behind Town Hall.

When mailing in your payment or utilizing the drop box: please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Mail to:

Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

\$15 Neutered/spayed dogs; \$20 for Not Spayed/Neutered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 (request Town Clerk's Office) or email clerk@ludlow.ma.us.

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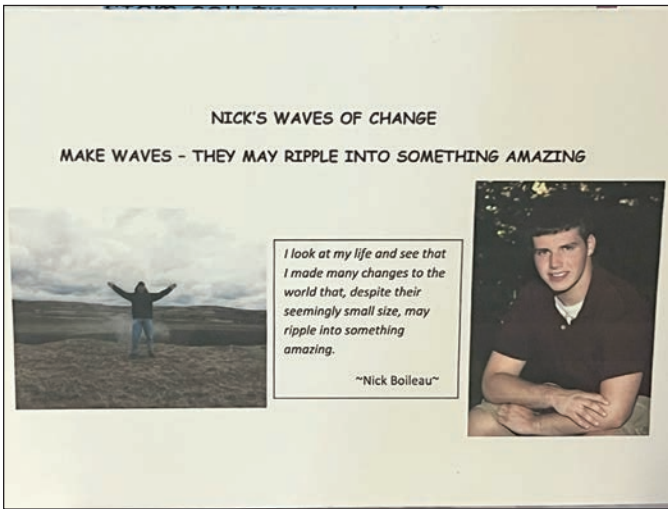
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At each table, guests were welcomed with quotes from Nicholas R. Boileau and photos from his travels.

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spinal fluid. Fighting bravely and maintaining a strong and positive attitude in his final months, Boileau started a blog in hopes others could understand his perspective on his life and diagnosis. "It is our goal to make sure that the WAVES he made, ripple into something amazing.

We could not be more proud of our son, love our son or miss our son more than we do."

The fundraiser's goal is to maintain a scholarship fund to give back to the community. Boileau graduated from Belchertown High School in 2011, Western New England University in 2015 with his BA in Psychology, University of Michigan in 2017 with his Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology, and was in his second year of his PhD program for Clinical Psychology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham when his cancer relapsed.

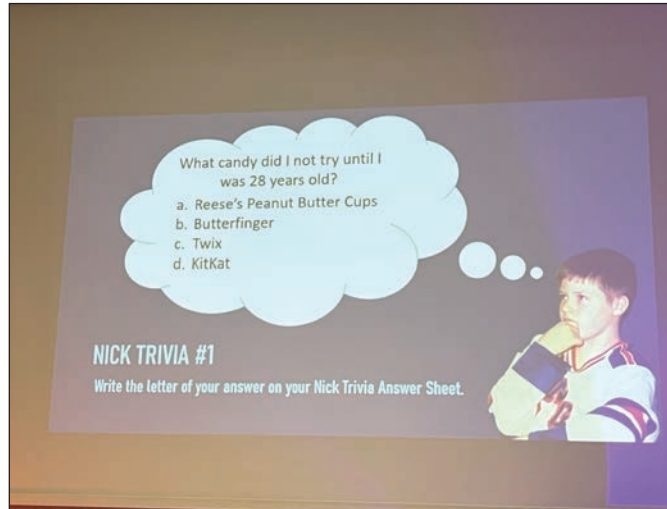
In Boileau's memory, the family offers scholarships to local students to pursue their education and hopefully make a change in the world.

President of Nick's Waves of Change and Mother Jennifer Boileau shared what this night meant to her family and what she hopes people take away from the event. "Five years ago, our son passed away in 2021. He did get a second stem cell transplant from me, but by then it had gone not just in his blood, but also in his spinal fluid.

There wasn't much they could do and he was 28 years old; he never gave up on his dream of becoming a clinical psychologist. He wrote 30 papers for clinical journals, and he loved his time in Michigan when he got his masters, then went on for his doctorate in Alabama when he relapsed and then came back home to be with us.

He spent his final days in Massachusetts. He wrote a couple of blog posts on the website, nickswavesofchange.org. He wrote a couple of things about his battle and what it meant to him.

This charity was done in his name and to honor him, we give out scholarships to one Belchertown High School Student and one



At the spaghetti dinner, the 'Nick Trivia' made by Sister Erica Lasewicz had questions based on Nick's interests and life.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Nicholas R. Boileau's family with Mom Jennifer, Dad Glenn, and Sister Erica Lasewicz.

Western Mass student," said Jennifer.

Jennifer spoke about how close Nicholas and his sister Erica were and the loss was huge, "She's the one that does all the slide shows every year, she did the 'Nick Trivia' this year, she misses him terribly. Our family did everything together.

Dinners were always together at the table," said Jennifer.

Dad Glenn shared that nobody left the dinner table until everyone was finished, "We brought him up right and he was a really shy kid. He was very intelligent and

never boasted. He was definitely a true friend," said Glenn.

When asked what they hope families take away from their story, Glenn and Jennifer hope that people take the time for their own family. "Our last year with him, I like to tell people, when a lot of 20 something year olds pass, a lot of parents don't have a chance to say goodbye to them. We did.

He knew we loved him and vice versa," Glenn said. Jennifer continued, "For parents who have lost their children, talk about them. Not sharing who they are is a

disservice to them," said Jennifer.

Glenn and Jennifer agreed that the spaghetti dinner with everyone attending was soothing to them because they're able to talk about him, stating that it's meant to get everybody together and see what they can do to continue to honor him.

All proceeds/donations help support the local community through educational scholarships/grants and other community outreach. Nick's Waves of Change, Inc. is a public charity, in loving memory of Nicholas R. Boileau 1993 to 2021.



Nick's Waves of Change, Inc. raffle table with a variety of prizes from local community businesses.

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GUEST COLUMN



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



Not every health challenge is a visible one

“But you look so good!” When someone with a disability hears those words, it’s not necessarily a compliment. In fact, it may make them feel unseen and unheard. That’s because many disabilities are not immediately apparent to others.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.3 billion people worldwide live with disabilities. In 2008, the number of Americans with disabilities was about 39 million, but that number is probably much higher now because of the effects of the COVID pandemic. About 17 million adults report symptoms of “long COVID,” with most saying that the symptoms limit their daily activities to some degree.

Many symptoms of long COVID, such as fatigue and “brain fog,” are invisible. In fact, it’s estimated that more than 70% of disabilities are invisible, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia, chronic illnesses and mental health conditions. Many invisible disabilities go undiagnosed or misunderstood, leading to barriers in education, employment, travel and marketplaces.

“True inclusion begins when we start recognizing what we cannot see,” says Mary Anne Ehlert, president of Protected Tomorrows in Lincolnshire, which helps special needs families prepare for the future. “Families in all walks of life experiencing all forms of disabilities, no matter if developmental, cognitive, physical or mental health disabilities, need specialized guidance and support.”

Autism is a prime example. It lies along a spectrum from mild to severe, meaning that many children and adults who appear “normal” may in fact be struggling with work, school and social interactions. Someone could wonder why that person is behaving as they do without realizing that there is an underlying cause.

Another example in the news recently is dyslexia, which causes children and adults to have difficulty with reading and writing because of how their brains are wired. Cruelly, children with dyslexia have been labeled “stupid” or “slow,” when in fact, the only difference is that they approach learning differently. Many successful people, from Tom Cruise to Cher to California Gov. Gavin Newsom, have dyslexia.

If you’ve ever watched someone pull into a handicapped parking space and get out of the car without apparent difficulty, remember that three-fourths of those with disabilities don’t use assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, walkers or canes, according to the Invisible Disabilities Association (invisible disabilities.org).

“Everyone deserves to live their best life,” Ehlert said. “Whether or not a person utilizes an assistive device, if they are debilitated by symptoms such as fatigue, dizziness, mental health disorders or cognitive difficulties, they are living with invisible disabilities.”

People are quick to judge, writes Kathleen Bogaert, a psychology professor at Oregon State University, Psychology Today. She cites a study that showed people are less willing to help individuals when the disability isn’t visually apparent. “Society relies on appearance when deciding who is legitimate, truthful or entitled to support,” she wrote.

Invisible disabilities may also cause doctors to overlook diagnoses or assume symptoms are exaggerated.

“If providers overlook symptoms, individuals may choose not to disclose their disability at all or lose trust in the health-care system, leading to fewer supports, connections, and increased mental health strain,” Bogaert wrote.

In 2016, Gatwick Airport and some partners created the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower as a way to for someone to voluntarily communicate their need for extra time or assistance without having to explain themselves over and over. The sunflower symbol is now recognized all over the U.K., and has been adopted at U.S. airports, too, including Boston Logan.

The Sunflower organization offers lanyards along with personalized ID cards that identify a person’s hidden disability and the types of assistance they may need. Businesses and nonprofits can join the Sunflower network as well. Visit hdsunflower.com/us for details.

The symbol conveys a universal request: Approach with patience and understanding. It is also a way to increase disability representation and show connection with the disability community.

Recognition of invisible disabilities is likely becoming a larger challenge because “inclusion” has been tainted as the current political climate turns against diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Research shows that few employees reveal invisible disabilities to their employers, and even fewer are comfortable asking for accommodation, which they are entitled to under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

We can all play a part in building awareness of invisible disabilities by not being afraid to reveal them and showing kindness and consideration to those who do.

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GUEST COLUMN



Photo by Connie Schwaiger

Brown thrasher.

A Western Massachusetts resident spotted this brown thrasher in the Berkshire foothills.

Sometimes they visit feeders like the one in the attached photo. Brown thrashers blend in with their surrounding and are tricky to spot.

They are fairly large, slender songbirds with long proportions: the legs are long and sturdy, the bill is long and slightly down curved and the tail is long.

They often cock the tail upward in the manner of wrens. A bright yellow eye, gray brown face and black and white wings bars are other identifying features.

Thrashers are reddish brown on the head, back, tail and wings. They have a white breast and belly with darker speckling.

They are 9.1 to 11.8 inches long or slightly smaller than a blue jay. The brown thrasher is the only thrasher species found east of Texas.

Thrashers have one of the largest repertoires of any North American songbird over 1,000 different songs. Since they rarely venture far from thick undergrowth, there singing give their location away especially when perched in a treetop or shrubs.

Their songs are a complex string of many musical phrases, many copied from other birds’ songs with each phrase typically sung twice. They also make a distinctive, harsh “tsuck” note.

They imitate other birds including Chuck-will’s-widows, wood thrushes and northern flickers.

Both males and females incubate the eggs and feed the young. Nestlings sometimes leave the nest fully feathered within nine days of hatching, earlier than either of their smaller relatives, the northern mocking-

ling had died and the parents got them out. She said she may remove the nest box and replace it with a new one in case the sparrows succumbed to disease.

Brimfield birds.

A Brimfield resident said he put up the hummingbird feeders in late April when he learned of a ruby-throated hummingbird in Ware. A couple days later he had an adult male ruby-throated hummingbird and a few days later he saw a female.

He said, “One each gray catbirds, male Baltimore oriole and males rose-breasted grosbeak showed up last week. This week a second male oriole and two more grosbeaks show up, another male and a female. He also has a male eastern towhee in his yard. He said, “A couple of years ago we had two male towhees in the yard and one spent the summer attacking its reflection in the many windows despite best efforts to dissuade it.”

He said elsewhere, in Warren on South Street there are three occupied great blue heron nest and two others he was not sure if they were being used. The osprey pair has been around for awhile. The nest has gotten deeper over the years and on a recent visit he could only see the tail or maybe wing feathers barely showing above the nest. I think incubation has started, but can’t be sure.

He also has a male common yellowthroat and house wren in his yard.

He said, “House wrens have nested in nesting boxes in the yard several times and I saw feathers near the entrance hole on a box they have used before. The wrens have a habit of building false nests in a couple of boxes that they never use.”

He also said, “A male yellow-bellied sapsucker spent some time on a native dogwood and today a sapsucker, probably the same one, spent several hours tapping away at the same tree.”

Geese in a pavilion

On May 12, I drove by Camp Putnam in New Braintree and saw four geese under their pavilion near the pond. I see many Canada geese in fields or ponds, but I have never seen them in a pavilion.

Other birds

On May 8 I received an email reporting a scarlet tanager, grosbeaks and hummingbirds.

Red-shouldered hawk

A Montgomery resident saw a red-shouldered hawk recently.

Nesting sparrows

A Belchertown resident said she had sparrows using a nest box in her yard. She found a few of their babies on the ground. At first, I thought something got into the nest, but today a found another one. I think the nest-

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Community recognizes ‘Mental Health Awareness Month’

By Amanda Munson
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LUDLOW – “You are not alone.” The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month and provides a chance to stand with the community and show that no one struggles alone. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness website, by turning silence into connection and lived experiences, we can challenge stigma and create spaces where people are supported, understood, and find healing.

Health Director Paulina Matusik provided resources that residents and neighbors in town have access to. “Mental Health Awareness Month helps bring attention to the importance of mental health, reducing stigma, and encouraging individuals to seek help and support when needed.

988 Lifeline is available 24/7 for anyone experiencing emotional distress, mental health concerns, or crisis situations. CHD Crisis Services covers the Ludlow area and offers behavioral health crisis support services, including

a walk-in center located at 1109 Granby Road, Chicopee. The walk-in center phone number is 1-833-243-8255.

The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line (call/text: 833-773-2445) can connect individuals with professionals for mental health assessments, crisis services, substance use treatments, referrals and more. The Ludlow Health Department can help connect residents to available local and regional resources, although we are not a crisis response agency or treatment provider, so if they are in crisis they should call the appropriate service (988 or 911).

Beginning June 1, the department’s new Community Health Advocate will be starting and can also help connect residents to a wide range of community resources and services. The Ludlow Health Department website (<https://ludlow.ma.us/health/>) includes a variety of local and regional resource information available to residents. One of the biggest messages is simply helping residents understand that support and resources are available and that they are not alone,” said Matusik.

Notice from Annual Town Meeting

LUDLOW — 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 on Monday, May 11, 2026

Precinct 1: William J. Jolivet, Jr.
Precinct 2: Robert Scott McRobbie, Jose Euceno
Precinct 3: Cynthia Miller, Lisa Szlosek, Arthur Joseph Lourenco, Nicole Rene Parker, Margaret E. Szlosek
Precinct 5: Daniel Kinne, Brian Mannix, Thomas P. Haluch
Precinct 6: Christina Brown

Members at Large: Alan Aubin, Angela Tierney

Town of Ludlow announces second annual restaurant week

LUDLOW - Town Administrator Marc Strange is pleased to announce that the Town will host its second annual Restaurant Week from June 6-14, allowing visitors to explore Ludlow’s diverse local restaurant culture at a discount.

The Town hosted its first Restaurant Week in 2025 as part of its ongoing “Get Lost in Ludlow,” tourism campaign, which aims to draw attention to and highlight the diverse range of quality dining, outdoor recreation spaces, and craft breweries, among other attractions that reflect the charm of Ludlow.

Six local businesses participated, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from business owners, community members, and more.

This year, Restaurant Week will be held from Saturday, June 6, to Sunday, June 14. All six of last year’s participating restaurants will be returning, as well as seven first-time participants, more than doubling the amount of menus visitors have to order from.

“I would like to thank Get Lost in Ludlow and the Ludlow Selectmen for putting together Restaurant Week,” one restaurant owner wrote on social media following last year’s event. “It was very well promoted, and we got a tremendous amount of foot traffic from it.”

The event also received newspaper and television media coverage, reaching an estimated audience of 14 million with coverage showcasing the culinary talents and

welcoming culture of Ludlow’s local restaurants.

Restaurants expected to participate include:

- The Lighthouse, 108 Sewall St.
- Tandem Bagel Company, 44 Riverside Drive
- Koqui Restaurant, 6 Fuller St.
- Mill’s Tavern & Grille, 14 Worcester St.
- Ludlow Coffee Co., 135 East St.
- Elsie’s Creamery at Randall’s Farm, 631 Center St.
- Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center St.
- Primavera Cafe Restaurant, 257 East St.
- Sole Syndicate Brewing, 100 State St., Building 122
- Casa Pizzeria, 325 East St.
- The Villa Rose, 1428 Center St.

- BarBurrito, 319 East St.
- Come E Cala-Te, 191 State St.

To learn more about the deals each establishment is offering, visit getlostinludlow.com/restaurant-week2026/ or follow Get Lost in Ludlow on Instagram or Facebook.

“We are so excited to be hosting our second annual Restaurant Week event,” said Strange. “Our local restaurants, many of which opened in Ludlow within the past year, have become a staple for our community members. These restaurants, their owners, and staff, are a reflection of the culture, pride, and friendliness that reinforce the spirit of our Town, and we are pleased to be able to showcase their efforts with events such as these.”

The ‘sandwich generation’ free presentation at senior center

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Senior Center will offer a free presentation on May 22, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. as part of its Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program.

Melissa Hudson of Chronically Well Counseling will lead an interactive session focused on caregiver stress. The discussion will explore the unique challenges faced by the “sandwich generation,” strategies for supporting loved ones with dementia or physical limitations, and ways to cope with anticipatory grief.

The Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program is an ongoing initiative at the Senior Center designed to support care partners of individuals

living with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Through educational workshops, support groups, and access to helpful resources and products, the program aims to reduce the stress and burden of caregiving while improving the quality of life for caregivers and those they support.

Please call the Ludlow Senior Center to register for this event or ask for Heather Jolicoeur if you have questions. 413-583-5364

The Compass & Anchor Caregiver Program is funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging in partnership with the Executive Office of Aging & Independence.

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You can download these things on your phone, referring to decibel meter measuring apps, so the public is already using them to look at what noise levels are. The LPD are getting them to do a comparison analysis.

This amendment would attach less subjectivity to the enforcement element,” explained Brennan.

Resident Speaker #2 shared their thoughts, “I live near Westover and they play with explosives, it’s well over 65, 75 decibels. Are we going to ask the government to cool

it?”

The winter noise travels better than the summer; the turnpike well over 65 decibels. What exactly are we really doing here?

Are we selectively saying where and when we’re going to enforce a law or are we really trying to solve a problem? I am really lost on this one.”

Vice Chairperson Anthony Alves clarified that within the bylaw, it does stipulate that provisions of this section. Loud noises from the following are exempt from enforcement including operations at Westover Air Force Base.

Resident Speaker #2 asked

if the turnpike excluded and West St. excluded from enforcement, Brennan clarified that one of the exemptions is with transportation infrastructure, including the turnpike and public ways.

Resident Speaker #3 looked up how much a lawn tractor typically produces noise and stated it’s between 85 to 105 dBAs, “Which is well outside the limit that we’re allowed. I noticed a lot of stuff is prohibited on Sundays and that includes construction activities, does that include stuff at home because if you only have the weekend when you’re working, does that mean you can’t work at

your house?”

It leaves a kind of a big gap to whoever decides what’s permissible and what’s not. That’s why I’m not for this article.”

Rosenblum clarified that this article at Town Meeting only is dealing with dBA levels, the other points that Resident Speaker #3 shares have already been passed and already in the bylaws. Rosenblum stated the following, “Through conversations with the residents who are here, they came back to us, and we came to an agreement on suspending music until we had some change.

With this, when they

came back to us, as the Select Board, we’re just responding to the citizens and decided to reinstate the decibel levels and bring it to the Town Meeting,” stated Rosenblum.

Other residents had similar concerns regarding lawn care, including bigger machinery and what the actual limit is, stating that the actual bylaw amendment isn’t specific enough to homeowners. Brennan clarified, “The law itself is an unreasonable noise bylaw, so mowing your lawns on a Saturday or Sunday is not an unreasonable activity. We’re talking about construction and things like that.

That’s beyond regular

lawn maintenance. It means that you can’t mow your lawn at 9 p.m. at night. That would be considered unreasonable,” ended Brennan.

Resident Speaker #4 shared their living situation and how it has been dealing with noise levels from a business in Town, where they described it’s unreasonable for them to live 2,000 feet away from the venue playing music, that they can name every single song being played in their own living room. “I hope everybody considers that when they’re considering this.”

The motion failed and Town Meeting continued.

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Referring to the question on pursuing a music career full-time, McAvoy continued. “Picking a career is a tough decision for anyone. The best resource for someone looking to pursue a career in music is experience; the more musical experiences a person has, the better!”

Each opportunity will inspire a student in a different way. Learning music in the classroom is just the first step.

Taking private lessons is often where most students find their greatest inspiration. When I was younger I remember taking private lessons and that had the biggest impact on my future in music.

My lesson instructor was my mentor through high school and college and into

my first years of teaching. If I could give a student one piece of advice it would be to explore your talents to the fullest!

Take lessons, audition for that select ensemble, join that group after school, play or sing in that band with your friend. Have fun and see where it takes you!”

For residents and neighbors

of the community that want to see the LHS students perform, McAvoy shared a variety of events for folks to look out for.

“Each year the band and chorus perform in a variety of settings and this year was no different. From the Big E parade and Halloween Band Bash to the Ludlow Tree Lighting and our formal con-

certs, the groups stay very busy!”

As the end of the year gets closer the band is looking forward to marching in the Memorial Day Parade

and both band and chorus are looking forward to performing at the Mullins Center for the LHS graduation ceremony. The Middle School Band is also prepping for Memori-

al Day and the Baird Middle School band and chorus will have their spring concert on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium,” said McAvoy.

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“The Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Walk/Run Challenge is a race inspired by the life of Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges, a United States Marine that was killed in combat in Afghanistan in May 2010. Josh chased his dream to become a Marine and every day, lived life full throttle.

This event is not an average 5K run/walk, it's better described as a 3 plus mile road and trail run, with a twist of Marine Corps inspired obstacles and challenges sure to test mettle.

100% of the proceeds of this event have gone, and will continue to go, directly into the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Scholarship fund. All proceeds go to graduating Ludlow High Seniors that are pursuing their life's passion as Josh was by becoming a United States Marine.

This scholarship is dif-

ferent as it is open to any student regardless of college. They could be going to a trade school, joining the military, or starting their own business.

The scholarship is a way of honoring Josh's life while giving back to the community that supported us tremendously when we lost him.”

Earlier in the morning, the challenge extended to kids and offered arts and crafts activities during the adult race. Ahead of the race, Police Chief Brennan shared a few words to the running/walking crowd, “Remember why we do this, not only to honor him but all the young men, women, airmen, marines, soldiers, and sailors who are out there defending us this very moment. I want to congratulate you for your effort and attendance, it's very damp out here so it's great to see how many people are here to participate.”



Kicking off the challenge was LHS Student Representative Samuel Pontes who is running alongside classmates and friends.



LHS Students look on to their classmates taking part in the pull up challenge ahead of the race challenge.



Every year, the walk/run challenge prints a different design on the t-shirt that all runners receive for participating.



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The Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Memorial at Ludlow High School.



LHS Students were up for the challenge on Saturday morning.

Remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day.



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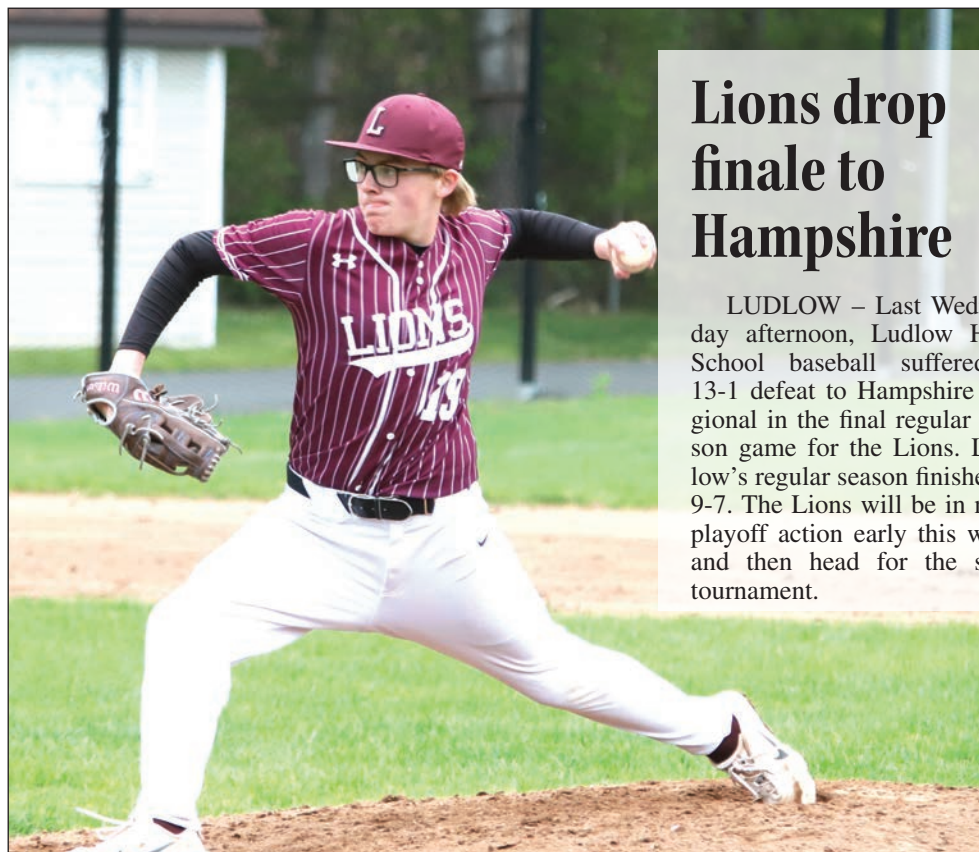
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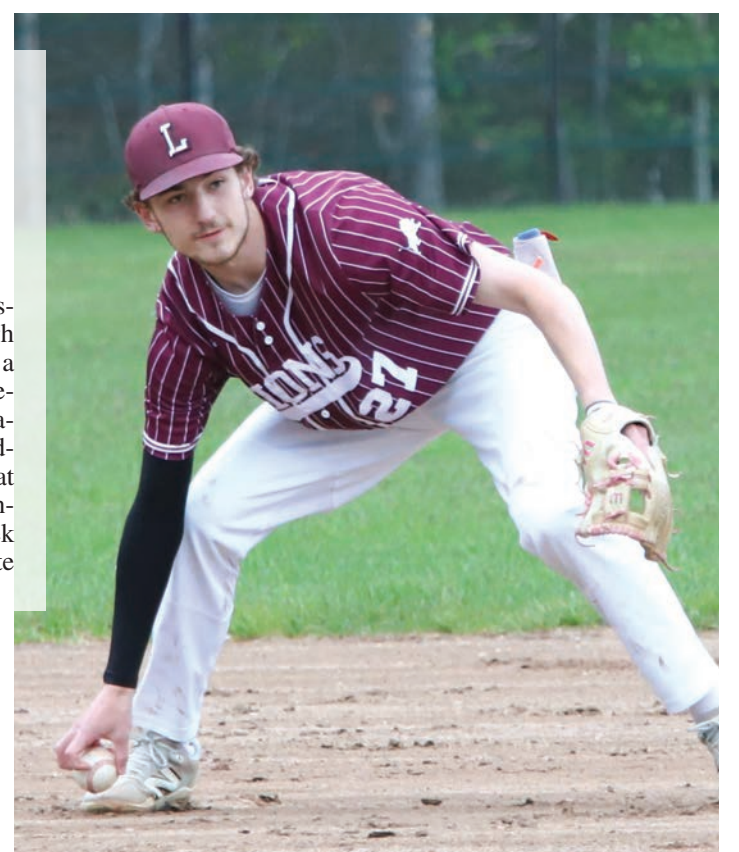


Ryan Sargeant winds and fires to the plate.

Lions drop finale to Hampshire

LUDLOW – Last Wednesday afternoon, Ludlow High School baseball suffered a 13-1 defeat to Hampshire Regional in the final regular season game for the Lions. Ludlow's regular season finishes at 9-7. The Lions will be in non-playoff action early this week and then head for the state tournament.

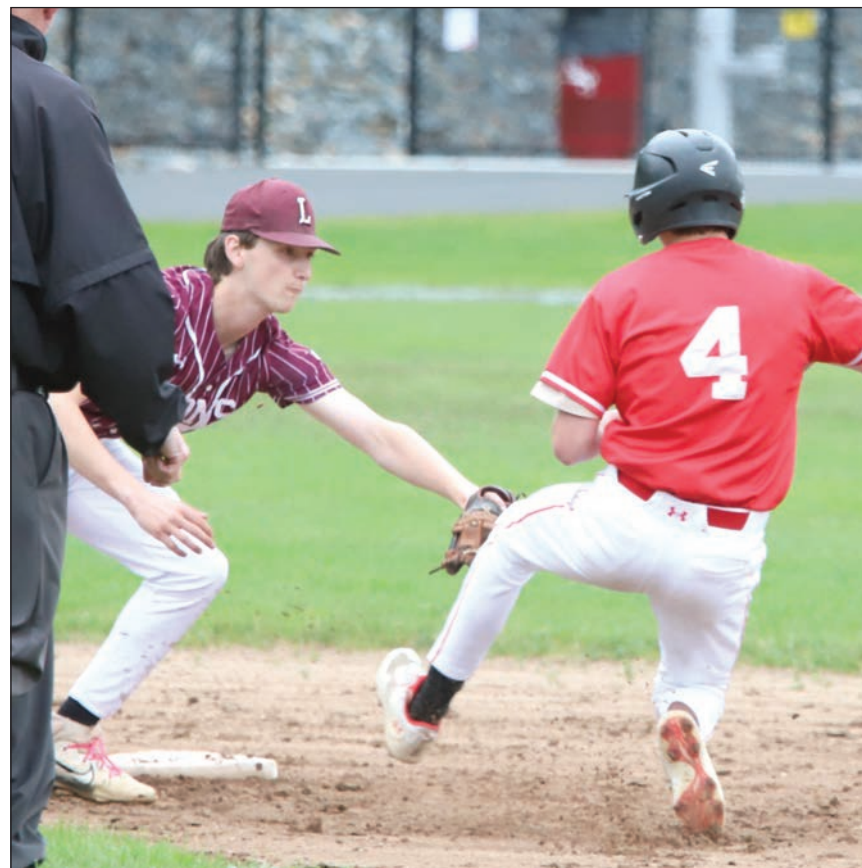
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Luke Stejna picks up a grounder bare-handed.



Ethan Steigmeyer fires down to second to cut down a base stealing attempt.



Mason Morace successfully tags out a runner.



Alex Spurlock comes up throwing toward the infield.



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Jake Canoa jumps for the set.

Ludlow boys volleyball falls to B-Town

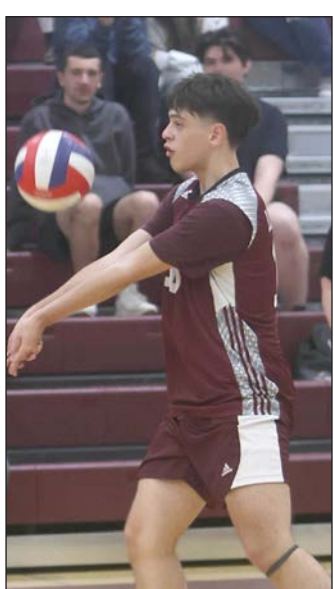
LUDLOW – In a battle between neighboring rivals, Belchertown boys volleyball defeated Ludlow 3-1. Ludlow got out to a great start by winning the first set in dominating fashion 25-15. But Belchertown came back and took the next three sets, including one that went extras with a 29-27 result. Nathan Winters led 4-13 Ludlow with nine kills. Shea MacLean had 14 kills to lead Belchertown, which needs a win to make the state tournament. They are currently 9-10.



Jordan Gray gets ready to send a soft hit over the net.



Nathan Quiterio sends the spike down.



Damien Martinez gets a bump.



Nick Deroin sends the bump to the front line.



PioneersC Pearce O'Brien advances the ball.

Pioneers get 2026 campaign underway with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Since joining USL League Two in 2019, the Western Mass. Pioneers have qualified for the league playoffs each season. A new group of Pioneers players are hoping to continue the postseason tradition this spring.

In front of a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, the Pioneers began the 2026 campaign with a 4-2 victory over the Albany Rush, last Friday night.

"Most of the players on last year's team graduated from college, so we do have a lot of first-year players this season," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "I thought we played well in

tonight's game. We had a lot of opportunities, especially in the first half."

The Pioneers posted a 10-1-3 regular season record a year ago. They lost to FC Motown STA, 2-1, in the Eastern Conference quarter-finals.

A couple of the Pioneers players from last year's squad have signed with professional soccer teams.

"It's really nice to see your players playing soccer at a high level," said Molinari, who's been leading the Pioneers since 2012. "That's our main goal every year."

One of the local players listed on the 2026 Pioneers roster is Thomas Wadas, who's played soccer for the Ludlow Lions and is currently a member of the UMA-

ss-Amherst men's soccer team.

Wadas has been listed on the Pioneers roster for the past several years. He made his first start for the Pioneers in the season opening match.

"I used to watch the Pioneers games from the stands, so I've been looking forward to this moment for a long time," said Wadas, who's a midfielder. "Being a starter in the season opener is a very special thing to me. We played hard for the whole 90 minutes of tonight's game. When we come together as a cohesive team, we can look forward to another strong season. Anything less than making the playoffs seems

What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: Mon 9-5, Tue 9-8, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm. Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

FOR ADULTS

Meet Charles T. Hubbard, Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 pm. Dennis Picard brings Charles T. Hubbard, founder of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company and individual for whom the Hubbard Memorial Library is named, to life for this entertaining, one-of-a-kind evening. Held on the 138th anniversary of the town's vote to accept the gift of the library from the Hubbard family. Sponsored by the Ludlow Historical Commission. Please register.

Sound Energy Healing Series, One Saturday per month, 10:30 am. Enjoy an hour of peace and calm absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program, as well as a blanket. Dates: 5/23, 6/13. Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series. Please register.

Massachusetts Chocolate History, Wednesday, June 3, 2:00-3:00 pm. Cocoa Beantown of Boston takes us on a tasty tour of Massachusetts chocolate history. Learn about the colonists trading their tea for chocolate, Fanny Farmer's famous cookbook, and the first chocolate factory in the nation, along with so much more! Samples included! Please register.

Adult Craft Workshop - Make a Dinosaur Rubber Duckie Soap, Tuesday, June 9, 6:00-7:00 pm. Create your own bathtime masterpiece using glycerin-based soap. Add vibrant colors, glitter, delightful natural scents, and even embed a dinosaur rubber duckie toy! Ready to use the following day. Please register.

Lenny Zarcone Sings Songs of Sinatra & Friends,

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 pm. Love the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin? Join us as crooner Lenny Zarcone sings popular classics of the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Lenny's upbeat shows include unforgettable music and comedy - all presented with Lenny's inimitable style and flair. Don't miss this one! Please register.

Creative Writing Hour, First Tuesday each month, 2:00-3:00 pm. Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts or exercises for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing. Choose a prompt or work on something already in progress; then, share what you've written if you like! Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 pm. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please register, though walk-ins are welcome.

Technology Appointments, Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

Seeking Local Artists, Seeking local artists, craftspeople and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge, Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 pm. Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm. Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Online Gaming Club for YAs, Thursdays, May 21, 28, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first

served.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, May 21, 28, 9:45 - 10:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 year olds, Thursdays, May 21, 28 10:45 - 11:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Emoji Scavenger Hunt, all day, May 22,23. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Minecraft Club, Saturdays, May 23, 30 noon to 1:50 pm. For ages 7-11. We have Minecraft accounts. Please register.

"D" Villains Karaoke, Tuesday, May 26, 6:00 pm. For ages 8-17. Please register.

Story Art, Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 am. For ages 4-6. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Pokemon Club, Wednesdays (biweekly), May 27, 3:30 to 4:45 pm. For gr. 3-8. Please register.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, (monthly) Thursday, May 28, 5:00 - 5:45pm. For ages 10-14. Please register.

Between the Lines High School Book Group, (monthly) Friday, May 29, 3:00 pm. For high schoolers. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, Mondays (biweekly), June 1, 3:30 pm. For ages 9-17. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), June 1, 5:30 pm. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), June 2, 3:30 pm. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Music and Movement, Wednesdays, June 3,10,17,23, 11:00 - noon. For ages 2-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 am. For 0-5s. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, noon to 5:00 pm. Drop-in.

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program, ongoing. For 6th grade through high school. Volunteer one hour a week in the youth room. Please see our website calendar for more information and to submit an application.

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like a failure."

Wadas was a starter in ten of the 15 games that he played in for the Minutemen as a freshman last fall. He finished the 2025 season with two goals and three assists.

"It was a big adjustment going from the high school level to the collegiate level," Wadas said. "All of the players are bigger and stronger in college. The game is also a lot more physical. I'm just glad that I was able to contribute as a freshman. Playing for the Pioneers is only going to help me prepare for my sophomore season at UMass."

A first-year player member of the Pioneers is Michael Gouvin, who's from Monson. His older sister, Laura, played for the New England Mutiny several years ago.

Gouvin, who comes from a soccer family, attended Avon Old Farms before playing two seasons for the men's soccer team at the University

of New Hampshire. He decided to transfer to Bentley University before the start of last season.

"I used to play youth soccer games on this field. It feels awesome to be back here playing again," said Gouvin, who's a starting defender. "I've never played a game in this type of environment before. Winning our first game of the season feels incredible."

The Pioneers have won every match that they've played against the Rush since 2022. They outscored them. 11-0, in both matches last season.

Prior to the start of the match, third grader Brooke Lamothe did an outstanding job of performing the National Anthem.

The Rush ended their scoreless spell against the Pioneers when Lucas Horja fired a shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander for an unassisted goal during the 11th minute of the opening half.



Jaiden Williams, of Belchertown, competes with an opponent.

The Pioneers quickly took over the momentum.

The home side had five corner kicks before scoring the equalizer in the 37th minute.

An Albany player fouled Wadas, which gave the Pioneers a free kick. Pearse

O'Brien booted the ball into the box and Matiws Rumley managed to score the tying goal.

Two minutes later, an Albany player fouled O'Brien inside the box resulting in a penalty kick.

O'Brien, who's from West



Thomas Wadas, of Ludlow, is new to the Pioneers this season.

Hartford Conn., stepped up to the spot and lined a shot into the back of the net giving the Pioneers the lead for the first time.

Horja scored the tying goal nine minutes into the second half.

Five minutes later, Gouvin sent a pass into the box from the right wing where Felipe De Andrade, who had just entered the match as a sub, headed the ball into the net.

"I saw that Felipe was open and I just sent him the ball," Gouvin said. "It was a perfect play. My main goal in

every game is to make an impact."

The duo of Alfred Baafi and Martin Echarren, who also came off the bench, hooked up on the Pioneers final goal during the 82nd minute. Echarren flicked a shot into the net for his first goal as a Pioneers player.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a road game against the Seacoast United Phantoms on Wednesday night before returning home to face NEFC at 7:30 on Saturday night.

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COLLEGE NEWS

OBITUARIES

Twin sisters Abby & Morgan Letourneau of Ludlow graduate from Mount Holyoke College

SOUTH HADLEY—Abby and Morgan Letourneau graduated with bachelor of arts degrees at the 189th Commencement ceremony at Mount Holyoke College on Sunday, May 24, 2026. While at Mount Holy-

oke, Abby majored in History studies and is heading to Graduate School at Springfield college for her Masters in Education. Morgan was a double major in Biology and Phycology. She is also heading to

Springfield College to obtain her Doctorial in Occupational Therapy degree. Abby and Morgan are the children of Christopher and Lynn Letourneau also of Ludlow, Mass.

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those types of jobs, I landed on this and one of my buddy's fathers works here so in high school, he had me come by and check things out. The camaraderie that they have here at the department, it's like a second family.

We all genuinely care for each other and the pride that they take in their work, even like showing up to work early every single day, we're very thorough with our work. Everyone takes pride in what they do and we're able to come up here for coffee and joke around with each other, we genuinely care for each other.

And that's something that I feel like a lot of jobs don't offer, but this specific field does. You have to have trust in every single person when you get out to emergencies, building that trust out there and when you get back, it feels like your best friend and family with these guys here.

It's been really awesome, I've only been here three, four weeks now and everyone has been so welcom-

ing...it feels like I've been here a year. I'm truly honored to be at a department like this."

Goncalves continued on what the department is trained to handle, "We're staffed as firefighters to be ready for any emergency that goes on, whether it's fast water rescue, ice water rescue, anything in the woods, or any vehicle extrication, along with responding to fires. On the other side, about 90% of our calls are ambulance calls so we're paramedic first and respond to medical emergencies throughout town.

We're one of the busier departments around but everyone here has a great role, we're paramedics so we can provide advanced medical support for the community which is nice because not every department is like that. Everyone here is a great provider and it's nice to be surrounded by people that are able to teach me as a newer paramedic.

Everyone here genuinely cares. They take essential pride in their work."

To his family, friends, and support from the community, "I'm very thankful to have

the family that I do, they've always been very supportive with me and I don't take my mom for granted, she helps me with my laundry and cooking meals! I really do appreciate it, coming home and knowing that she's thinking of me and willing to do that knowing that because she knew how long of a day at school or work I've had.

My grandparents have been the same way, everyone's been very supportive and seeing how happy they are for me and proud they are, it just makes me want to be the best version of myself and bring that every day to work. Whether it's showing up, being thorough with everything, bringing compassion and caring to every single patient is because I have people in my corner that are very happy for me, and it means the world to me.

"I hope in a year from now that I am an even better provider, learn from every grade provider here, and pick apart their brains. I hope I am sharper, better, and just be able to provide the best care that I can to every patient," said Goncalves.

Mary Savage, 82

LUDLOW – Mary (Greeno) Savage, 82, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2026 with her loving husband by her side. Born in Proctor VT, Mary was the beloved daughter of the late Victor and Mary Greeno. She worked for many years at Springdale Plastics from where she retired and was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Parish. In her free

time, Mary also enjoyed playing bingo.

Mary leaves her beloved husband of 64 years Francis Savage; her daughter Karen Savage of Ludlow, many extended family members and dear friends. Mary was predeceased by her siblings.

Funeral services were held privately by her family in Reservoir Cemetery in Ludlow

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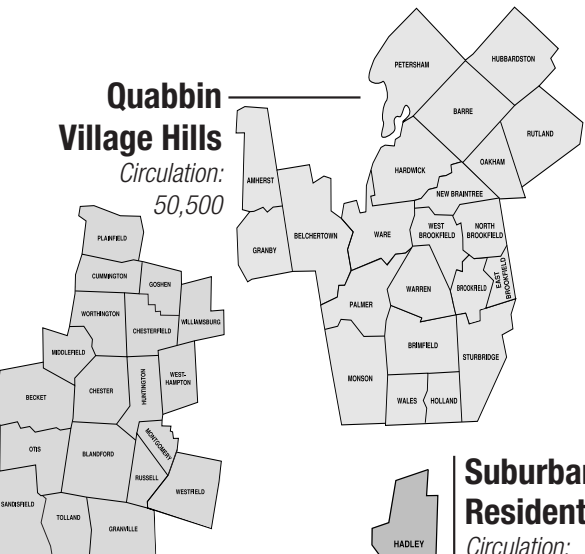
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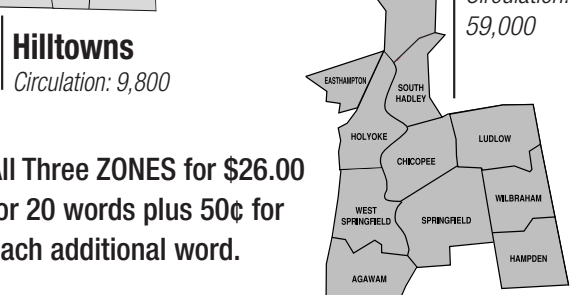
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and effectively. His attention to detail and organizational skills will support both the advisory team and clients alike.

Meyers is looking forward to supporting clients as they work toward reaching their financial goals and retiring comfortably, while also contributing to a strong team environment and supporting his local community.

PV Financial Group remains committed to investing in professionals who share the firm’s vision to client experience, teamwork, and community impact.

Crafters wanted for fall fair

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-re-

fundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church. Light refreshments will be available. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Camron Moreau of 34 Grant Avenue, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 12B, Parcel 35) for: **home office for HVAC business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 25, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
05/20, 05/27/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of David Moise of 643 Poole Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 41, Parcel

6) for: **home office for painting business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
05/13, 05/20/2026

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HD26P1041EA
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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 **Lester W Brooks of Daytona Beach, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

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The Petitioner requests that **Lester W Brooks of Daytona Beach, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/10/2026.** This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stouedemire, First Justice of this Court.

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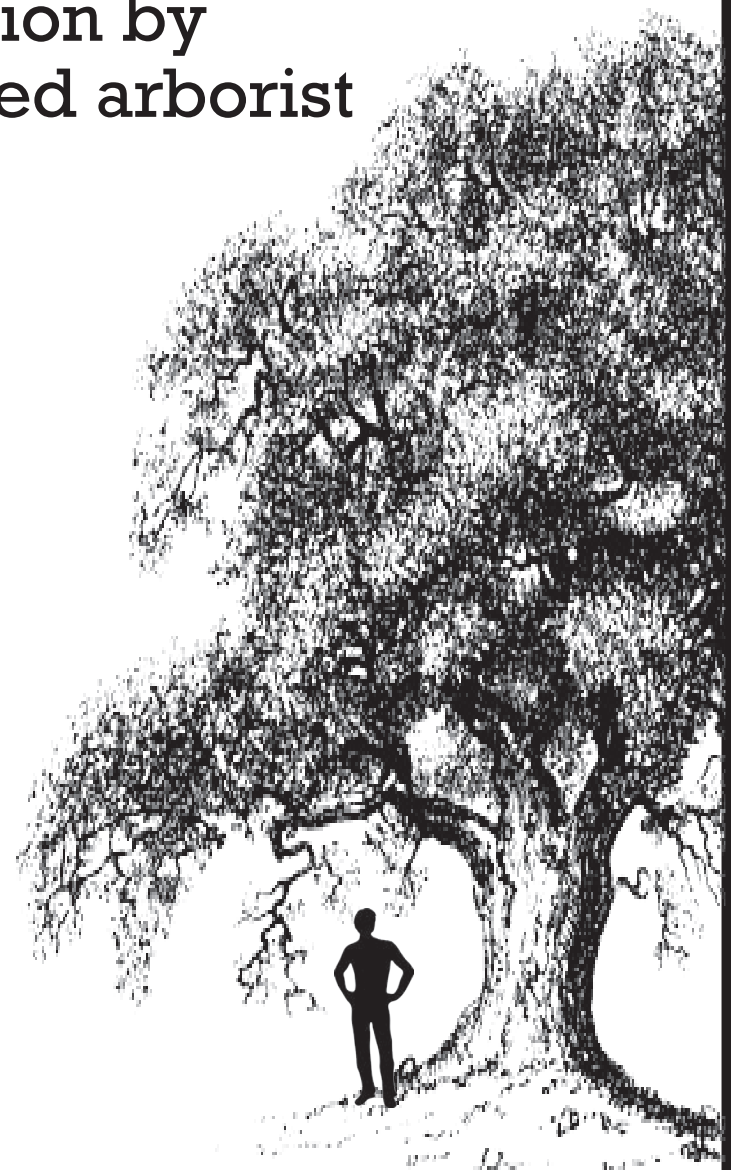


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