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Proposed school library policy fails to pass

By Marcelo Gusmao Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

LUDLOW - At last week's School Committee meeting, the proposed library policy was put to a final vote, which decided that it will not be adopted by the schools.

Joao Dias, who initially proposed the policy, asked that the School Committee "not abdicate your responsibility as a School Committee member."

"The Committee will not relinquish any of this authority, since it believes the decision-making control over the children's learning should be in the hands of local citizens as much as possible," Dias said.

Dias described the policy as "setting up guard-rails" in order to determine inappropriate ma-

terial, which would include any explicit or implicit reference to nudity or sexual activity.

School Committee Chair Jeffrey Laing said, "I know everyone says [the policy is] not about LGBTQ, but it is."

"People believe that our schools are 'grooming' kids to become gay, lesbian, trans, which is totally not true," Laing said. "This is a way to get at those people without calling it discriminating against them."

School Committee member Ron Saloio spoke in favor of adopting the policy, and made a motion to table the vote while the Committee sought out legal advice, but the Committee voted three to two to go ahead with the vote.

"This policy, in my mind, is going above and beyond the role of the School Committee," said

School Committee member Jeffrey Stratton. "We do have a filter, and that filter is the librarian, and the principals, and the superintendent."

Stratton also said, "We have a policy [for challenging books] already, and I think that it works if you use it."

School Committee Vice Chair Sarah Bowler acknowledged problems with the existing policy, and said, "I am in favor of maybe creating a subcommittee to look at [the current policy], but not to the extent of what is currently being proposed."

Dias read a response that was sent to an unnamed parent over a challenge to an unspecified book, which said, "although the subject matter is dark and at times violent, this book is recommended for grades eight and up, and this could be an import-

ant book for our students, some of whom already are unfortunately witnesses to certain darkness of this type in their lives."

The response then added that the school librarian would be expected to be cognizant of the book's distribution. This presents a problem because, as Dias pointed out, "As of the end of the year, we will no longer have a librarian in the Middle School."

Hearing concerns that the American Civil Liberties Union would file lawsuits against the school district if this policy were adopted, Dias described the ACLU as "essentially...the legal arm of the pornography industry."

"The word pornography does not relate to this," said Laing. "It is what is used to out-

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Steppin' Out II holds 34th annual dance recital



Staff photo by Marcelo Gusmao

Sierra, age 8, received flowers in front of the balloon display that was donated for the recital by DreamOn Event Planning & Rentals. See more photos on page 8.

By Marcelo Gusmao Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

LUDLOW - This past Sunday, local fathers spent their Father's Day at the High School to see a dance recital performed by Steppin' Out II's class of 2023.

The Steppin' Out II dance school has been training dancers from Ludlow and the surrounding communities for over 30 years, boasting an environment that centers on students. This year's show incorporated many types of dance, from ballet, to lyrical, to tap, to jazz, to hip-hop.

In previous years, the school's recitals have been held outdoors to accommodate for COVID-19 safety restrictions, so this 34th Annual Dance Review was the first one in a few

years to be held in the High School auditorium.

The performances were set to music that ranged from contemporary, to oldies from decades past, to a variety of tunes from musicals. At the close of the recital, Sarah Lewison presented awards to students graduating from the dance class, from high school, and from college.

The dance studio also thanked the residents that participated in the recent fundraiser.

"We raised money to help the dancers have a better sound system at the studio, but more importantly we raised over \$1,000 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital," read the notes in the program.

Steppin' Out II is currently accepting registrations for summer programs and fall classes.

'Kindness Book' links East Street School kindergarteners



Submitted photo

East Street kindergarten students hold up their Kindness Books. The class was honored with a special state citation.

By Anne Marie Corrieri Special Correspondent

LUDLOW - Kindness was in the air when State Rep. Aaron Saunders visited East Street School to attend the reading of a very special book written by Kellie Smith's kindergarten students titled "Kindness Links Us Together."

Smith developed a creative student-based project supporting both the ELA and SEL curricula that brought their work to the next level.

"One night, I was surfing the internet for new ideas and stumbled across an article about students authoring their own book," Smith said.

"I've done a similar lesson in the past, but this time, we wrote a book as a class and included our SEL theme of kindness. Together, we chose the theme of kindness and titled the book to reflect the kindness links they earned throughout the year. They also illustrated their individual pages, and the end result was this sweet book that they can treasure for many years to come."

Students were eager to share their book with Saunders as they proudly stood by their teacher to

receive a special Massachusetts House of Representatives citation from Saunders after their individual pages were read aloud by Smith.

As the students gathered on the floor for the presentations, Saunders explained that these citations are unique and they are not just given out for anything.

"Each citation given by the House has to meet a standard of recognition, and the fact that you all chose to highlight the theme of kindness was really impressive, and everyone agreed that this lesson, and all of your hard work, met the criteria to be recognized," Saunders said.

Each citation included the student's name and the following wording:

"In recognition of co-authoring the East Street Kindergarten Kindness Book, the entire membership extends its very best wishes and expresses the hope for future good fortune and continued success in all endeavors."

Saunders also presented Smith and Laura McCarthy, paraprofessional, with citations that read, "In recognition of Empow-

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LUDLOW

Lupa Zoo to host Special Event for 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration

LUDLOW -- Families, friends and neighbors are invited to attend Lupa Zoo and the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Fundraiser Event on Saturday, June 24, from 5 – 8 p.m.!

By attending, you can help support the many activities and events the Ludlow MA 250th Celebration Committee has planned.

A family of four pays \$25, with additional individuals paying \$5 per person. Take advantage of this special pricing, and explore Ludlow's hidden gem.

All proceeds will go directly to support the upcoming Ludlow 250th Celebration Events. The 250th Committee thanks Lupa Zoo for this special event, saying "It is much appreciated!"

Vanished Valley Brewing will also be there with beer and food, so attendees are encouraged to "come thirsty and hungry." There will be other treats on hand for kids.

Pre-sale tickets are available through Venmo, with a QR code

available on the Ludlow Mass 250th Facebook page. Tickets will be available at the zoo on the night of the event.

Lupa Zoo is a 20 acre conservation and education institution demonstrating the value, beauty and interdependence of all living things.

"You will love your visit to the zoo, as it has many animals," representatives of the zoo said.

Lupa Zoo is very interactive, with many activities for kids, such as feeding and petting baby animals, as well as many playgrounds and a new splash-pads.

"Have the kids bring their bathing suits," the zoo encourages. "Also, don't forget to visit Mary as she is safely back home with her mate George."

Any questions can be directed to Kathy Ouimette at 413-589-7994. For more information, please visit their Facebook page, or go to the Ludlow MA 250th website at ludlowma250.org for more information.

PET OF THE WEEK BISCUIT

This is Biscuit. He is a four-month-old Malshi. What the Kneszeski family loves most about him is how much he loves the kids, and how feisty and energetic he is. He is small but mighty!



Submitted photo

Local community group offers events and services

INDIAN ORCHARD — The Citizens Council, a community organization that offers activities for all ages and runs a variety of programs to enhance the quality of life for residents.

Here are some upcoming events and services:

Free Notary Services to all residents and businesses in Indian Orchard 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment needed. Must have a valid ID.

Senior Bingo 3-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to all seniors 55 and older. Prizes in every game. Chess at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. Free and open to everyone.

Chess Club meets every Tuesday. Free and open to all ages.

IOCC Community Meeting 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month.

Farm Fresh offers free fruit and vegetables 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday. Registration required.

Community Policing is 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month.

The Summer Eats program will be 11 a.m.-noon beginning June 26. It will provide free lunches to kids in Indian Orchard. No sign up required. Located at Myrtle Street Park.

The Mobile Market will be at the IOCC noon-1 p.m. on June 26, with fresh fruits and vegetables for purchase.

The IOCC is located at 117 Main Street. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. To register for events and for more information, call 413-209-8240, email indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com and follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

Local reverse 911 alert system offers options

LUDLOW - Safety officials encourage residents to sign up for the town's reverse 911 system called Blackboard Connect that can notify residents about emergency situations by voice, text or email messages.

With this service, city leaders can send messages with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local community matters. The Blackboard Connect service is used to supplement the current communication plans and augment public safety and first responder services, according to a press release.

The service is designed to accommodate all residents, including those with disabilities.

"It has come to our attention at the

Ludlow Commission on Disability that many individuals who might benefit from an option other than a voice message have not registered to receive this free service provided by the town of Ludlow," the release states.

"It is quite easy to register via the town of Ludlow web page at ludlow.ma.us and search for Blackboard Connect. You can pick and choose from which department you would like to receive messages. If you would like assistance, you can email the Ludlow Commission on Disability at dis.com.ludlow@gmail.com and a commission member will reach out to you."

Assistance to register can also be provided through the town manager's office or by calling the Ludlow Fire Department directly at 413-583-8332.

Notice from the Town Clerk

LUDLOW - Voter Inactivation cards have been mailed out to those who did not return their 2023 Annual Town Census form.

For those wishing to reactivate their voter status, please sign and re-

turn their prepaid inactivation card by mail to the Town Clerk's office, 488 Chapin St, 2nd Floor, Town Clerk's drop box located behind Town Hall or in-person at the Town Clerk's office.

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SCENE FROM 1988

Ludlow resident Mike O'Rourke shared this photo he came across showing him and his son Sean O'Rourke marching in the town's 1988 Memorial Day parade as part of the Ludlow School Committee.

Ludlow Dog License Reminder

LUDLOW –All residents are required to license their dogs annually. There will be a late fee of \$10.00 starting July 3rd for all dog license renewals.

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's office Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by mail. If by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with a valid rabies certificate.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 ext. 1230 or email clerk@ludlow.ma.us.

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Father's Day Picnic held at St. Gregory Armenian Church



Photos by Seth Chaffee

By Seth Chaffee
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD – On Sunday, June 18, a Father's Day Picnic took place at St. Gregory Church in Indian Orchard from noon to 5 p.m.

Claudia Muradian-Brubach is a worker and an organizer for this event. She explained how this has been happening every year for over 50 years.

"It started off as the dads from the church who wanted to get together and grill up some food and get their families all together," Muradian-Brubach said. "It's become an annual tradition for us each and every year."

This event is known for its Armenian meals. This included lamb shish kabobs, pilaf and losh kabobs, which is a patty of ground beef and lamb.

"I think most people will come for the shish kabob because people don't tend to eat lamb normally" and "Our pilaf which is very well known in our area" she said.

Murdian-Brubach added that people will come for the food.

"Even if they don't stay, they'll buy six meals and go home with them which is fine," she said.



The organizers provide two main food events throughout the year including this picnic and a Fall Bizarre, which will happen in September.

Many people who attended the event were former members of the community who came back to celebrate Father's Day by visiting their friends. They would also play cornhole and enjoy music by a local band. The band consisted of a father and his two sons who play traditional Armenian music.

Muradian-Brubach explained how this event was made possible. "The event is funded through a lot of donations," she said. "We

also seek out business sponsors as well as community members, so we reach out to them for business donations as well."

The event is run but the St. Gregory Armenian Church and the board of trustees, which Muadian-Brubach is a member of.

"There hasn't been a year this hasn't happened" but "during COVID we did have to skip so that was sad for us" she said. "It's an every year event. If folks are interested in great food, come to this event, or to our fall bizarre."

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Pioneer Valley Performing Arts celebrates 2023 graduates

NORTHAMPTON — Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School's Class of 2023 celebrated their graduation on Thursday, June 9, at The Academy of Music before a sold out house of family, friends, and faculty and staff from the school.

According to a news release, the crowd welcomed the Class of 2023 with thunderous applause as they danced down the aisle to PVPA's House Band playing a medley of Jimi Hendrix, Curtis Mayfield and...not your usual "Pomp and Circumstance."

A poignant short film, produced by graduating senior Ariana Felici, played next, featuring photos of many of the seniors throughout their time at South Hadley-based PVPA set to Phoebe Bridgers and Maria Taylor's version of "Summer's End." Dance and musical performances by graduating seniors were interspersed between inspiring speeches by students and faculty.

Before giving his speech as Senior Class President, Firas Hashmi was presented with a Four-Year Type 1 Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship funded by the U.S. Space Force, covering the full cost of his tuition to attend the University of Chicago. Firas shared that PVPA's unique community offered him "a sense of belonging and educational freedom" where he could be accepted and appreciated in his interests to be both a



The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School's Class of 2023 graduated on June 9.

Space Force Officer and, on the side, a pipe organist.

In a celebration of PVPA's appreciation of their diverse community, Black Student Union President Thandiwe Delgado-Kinyatti and Latinx Student Union President Ryan Gordon spoke next, taking turns sharing their speech in Swahili and Spanish, alternating with translations to English. They spoke of how lucky they felt to have classmates and teachers from "different walks of life, different cultures, languages, and interests."

Thandiwe and Ryan celebrated PVPA's learning traditions where the "arts

and the academics are fused together to make a wonderful world of interdisciplinary study. Our classes have masterfully incorporated the arts into our academics, and vice versa. In history we were able to learn about social movements through the music of the decades and in English we had opportunities to paint and express our interpretations of the themes through visual arts. In artistic classes we not only learn about styles of art but the culture they come from and the history it took to make them what they are today."

And perhaps most importantly, they shared what they have learned by be-

ing open to the perspectives of others.

"Perspective doesn't just change with language, but interest, passion, identity, and the arts. Thandi and I ended up sharing this stage because we learned from our differences," Ryan said.

"Ryan and I, We were able to work together and share our backgrounds and cultures with each other, expanding our perspective. This resulted in a valuable friendship and potential life long connection," Thandiwe said.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, scholarships were awarded to graduates in each of the performing arts disciplines. The community enthusiastically celebrated the following scholarship recipients: Edward Godlieski Music Scholarship: Eli Schalet, Dance Scholarship: Tamerah Rollin, Visual Arts and Technical Theater: Rhea Davies, Theater Scholarship: Nicolas DiMambro.

PVPA is a regional public charter school serving 400 students grades seven to 12, from over 50 towns throughout Western Massachusetts. PVPA seeks to connect the creative process with critical thinking to inspire a love of learning. Its mission is to offer students an intensive exposure to the performing arts within the context of an excellent college preparatory curriculum.

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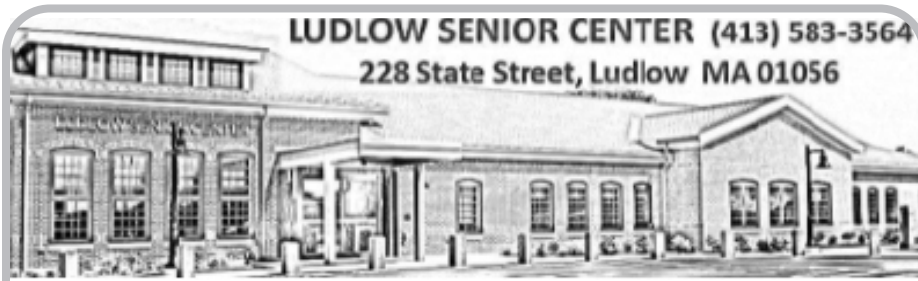
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This summer we will have corn-hole outside on the patio and will be adding three more fitness classes; two during the day and one during Tuesday evening hours.

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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Vets Services
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Greg Maitcack Pastel Art Class*
- 2 p.m. Book Club: "Lincoln Highway"
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, June 23

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Outdoor Cornhole
- 10 a.m. Ice Cream Social
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1:30 p.m. Forget Me Not Circle

Monday, June 26

- 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 Class
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, June 27

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin

- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: "Marlowe"

Wednesday, June 28

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 8 a.m. Facial Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Southwick Zoo Trip*
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Movie: "Marlowe"
- 1 p.m. Belly Dancing Class

Thursday, June 29

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Veterans Agent, Lunch & Learn, Hearing Clinic, Power Pump, Healthy Bones and Balance, 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 Tuesday (not on June 20).

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, June 22: Birthday Lunch: Chicken Marsala/Rice/Broccoli

Friday, June 23: Fish & Chips/Three-Bean Salad

Monday, June 26: Turkey & Stuffing/Mashed Pot/Veg

Tuesday, June 27: BLT Grinder/Chips/Must Go Soup

Wednesday, June 28: Tuna & Pea Salad Plate/Cornbread

Thursday, June 29: Stuffed Cabbage/Buttered Egg Noodles

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.

SciAntics Group joins Crayola Imagine Arts Academy

'Bold, new content' for local kids

INDIAN ORCHARD — SciAntics Group, which is the organization behind Mad Science of Western New England and ART-ventures for Kids, announced ART-ventures has become a franchise member of Montreal-based Crayola Imagine Arts Academy, a press release states.

"We are thrilled to join the Crayola Imagine Arts Academy family as its Western New England franchise," said Michael Budnick, president of SciAntics and executive director of Mad Science of Western New England and ART-ventures for Kids.

"This partnership will enable us to continue providing the highest quality art enrichment to children while expanding our reach with bold new content. What this means for our community of kids, parents, educational institutions, and youth organizations, is exciting new opportunities developed in partnership with Crayola, the world leader in children's art materials and experiences," he said.

Over the next two years, clients and kids will see their popular ART-ventures programming rebranded as Crayola Imagine Arts Academy and will get to experience the introduction of dynamic new CIAA programs carrying the banner "Art With Purpose," the release states. Under this theme, CIAA introduces children to the world through art, with projects that focus on cultural diversity, design careers, and animal conservation, delivered in a child-friendly manner.

The classes also teach children unique and exciting foundational art techniques they can use throughout their lives.

ART-ventures for Kids, formerly Let's Gogh Art, has been offering after school and summer programs, parties and single session art programs throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut since 2008. ART-ventures became part of the SciAntics-Mad Science organization in 2018, "with a shared view that STEAM enrichment is a crucial element of a great education," according to the release.

Mad Science introduces children to a world of dis-



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Members of the Crayola Imagine Arts Academy team. Over the next two years, clients and kids will see their popular ART-ventures programming rebranded as Crayola Imagine Arts Academy and will get to experience the introduction of dynamic new CIAA programs carrying the banner "Art With Purpose."

covery while sparking their imagination. The programs encourage scientific literacy in children in an age when an understanding of science is as vital as reading, writing and arithmetic.

SciAntics is headquartered in Indian Orchard, maintaining more than 4,000 square feet of administrative, training and equipment space to support programs throughout Western New England, and employing on average 30 educators, entertainers and administrators both full and part time. The organization runs programs funded by parents, school and youth organizations and has also been a recipient of grants from the City of Springfield and the State Department of Conservation and Resources to provide programming in under-resourced communities. SciAntics also sponsors a Mad Science activity tent at the Big-E each year, which will be expanded to include Crayola Imagine Arts Academy activities beginning in 2023.

For more information, go to Mad-sciencewne.com, Artventuresforkids.com or westnewengland.imagineartsacademy.org.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



This is how divided government should work

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next new drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanship are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side. But Washington has a way of imposing the discipline of hard numbers – in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin; and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling debate was a success – even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad outline of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Catie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending – even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A missed opportunity

My husband, daughter and I attended the School Committee meeting on Tuesday evening, June 13. We were there to object to the proposed policy of allowing the School Committee to make the final decision of what books would be allowed on the library shelves at all Ludlow schools, thus giving permission to ban those deemed to be "harmful and dangerous" to the students and to acknowledge our daughter, daughter-in-law and all other members of the LBTQ+ community.

There was no control of the meeting. It lacked decorum and there was a detached silence from the entire board. Also missing was a heavy-handed gavel wielded to remind those who spoke to stay on the subject of discussion. Instead, the meeting went completely off the rails when a group of religious zealots was allowed to hijack the attendees, quoting obscure passages from the Old Testament of the Bible with a dramatic flair, warning that a punishing and vengeful God will surely smite all of us "evildoers" who are bringing perma-

nent damage, danger and harm to children by the mere mention of human anatomy or any reference to sex, gender or identity.

Referencing the Bible allowed them to hide behind their obvious homophobic agenda. It was a disgusting show of hypocrisy.

The God I know is a God of love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy that is bestowed on all His children. A loving father does not show favoritism toward his children, accepting some and rejecting others.

The lack of student attendance which if encouraged by their educators might have brought together a group of peers, was a missed opportunity, as is a lack of civic education.

Unless or until the next generation learns to show up, stand up and speak up to defend their and others' legal, constitutional and civil rights, they will be looking into the deep abyss of a doomed future.

Jacqueline Engel
Ludlow

grow – while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic programs from the severe cuts."

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden – and their parties – to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations – and especially their aftermath – reflects a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

The recent floor rebellion by some dis-

gruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country.

That's what our system offers – the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work.

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through Aug. 27.

The program instructor is Torie Jock, who started singing and acting at 9 years old. She has been writing her own music since she was old enough to write and has been in many

theatrical performances in various starring and supporting roles. Jock has written many plays and film scripts and has been working with youth as a dance assistant/teacher since she was 12.

The cost is \$120 for drama only, \$100 for dance only or \$150 for both.

Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance.

A registration form is available at tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57.

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rage people.”

Laing went on to say, “In every state it is illegal to distribute pornography to minors. Why would we be making a new policy on it if it’s against the law?”

Prior to the vote, the School Committee listened to an hour of impassioned public comments, ranging from industry experts advocating against the implicit censorship of the policy, to concerned parents reading Bible verses, including one reading by Reverend Steven Craft.

“The Reverend does not live in Ludlow,” Bowler pointed out, adding that, “I’m really questioning the other people who came here with those lovely Bible passages, how many of them actually resided in Ludlow, because [the Reverend] and his wife are from Lexington.”

Bowler, a self-described Catholic, pointed out that it would be easy to provide examples of passages from the Bible with material that would be inappropriate according to Dias’s library policy, adding “some communities are now banning the Bible from libraries, because of the indignities in the Bible.”

At the close of public comments, one resident refused to allow Laing to move on to other business, speaking over him for several minutes before leaving the meeting of his own accord.

Despite the impassioned response from the community, when it came time to vote on the policy, no one seconded Dias’s motion to adopt it.

“I believe we have riled our community as much as we possibly could,” Laing said. “In my time as Chairman, we will most likely not be dealing with the library policy.”

Stepping Out II Recital



(l to r) Sofia, Faith, Aleah, and Laura tapped along to “Come On Eileen”.



(l to r) Danika and Marcelina performed a tap routine to “When We’re Human”.

Staff photos by Marcelo Gusmao

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ering Your Students Through Kindness.”

Dylan Newell said it made her happy to write the book sharing, “I’m kind and helpful when I push my friends on the swings and pick up crayons that are on the floor.”

Leo-Kai Correa Perez said when writing the book, he learned that being kind “makes you be a very good person.”

“I also pick up the toys in the classroom, and at home, I help my mom take out the trash before she goes to work,” said Leo-Kai with a big smile.

Kenzie Deschamps shared several ways she is kind such as “pushing my friends on the swing and helping them open their lunch bags.”

When asked how she helps at home, Kenzie responded with her big sister smile beaming, “I help feed my little sister Kyla. She likes to eat pasta, and



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State Rep. Aaron Saunders paid a visit to East Street School recently and learned about “Kindness Links Us Together.”

I do too!”

Before leaving, Saunders shared that his daughter, Roslyn, would be entering kindergarten next year and asked students if they would share some advice about kindergarten that he could pass on to his daughter. They obliged.

ter. They obliged.

Alexis: “Do the right thing and don’t do anything bad.”

Jonathan: “Tell her she needs to listen to her teachers.”

Gwendolyn: “She needs to learn her letters.”

Azad: “Be ready to read

books every day.”

Saunders thanked everyone for their “wonderful” suggestions and said he would share them with his daughter later that evening.

For East Street Principal Thomas Welch, this event “filled him with joy” to see the pride on the face of students as their teacher read their page.

“Writing this special collaborative book has created a kindergarten memory they will never forget,” Welch said.

“And receiving the personalized certificates from Representative Saunders added to the specialness of this book and also emphasized the importance of their academic accomplishments.”

According to Saunders, “This was just awesome – simply the best. It’s great to see the accomplishments of our youngest students because of our teachers’ dedication, creativity and educational expertise.”



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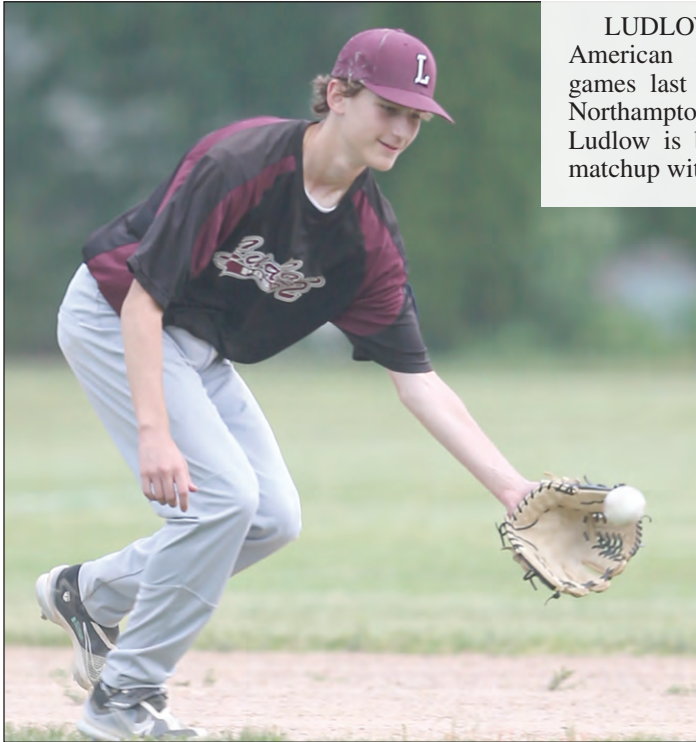
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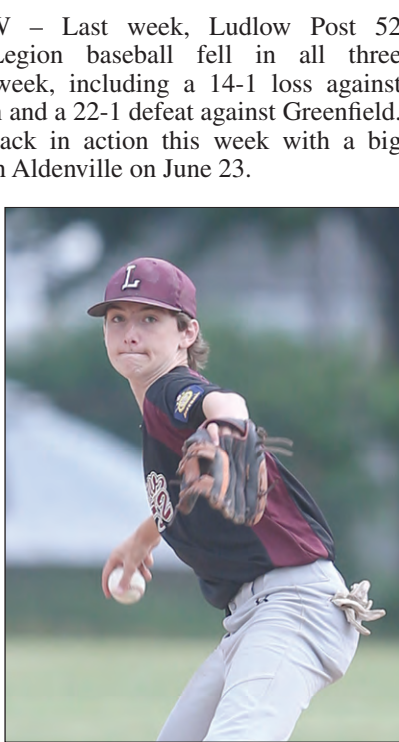
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Busy, tough week for Post 52



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Infielder Luke Stejna fields a bouncing ball.



Mason Morace pitches in relief for the Lions.



Dan McKenney pitches for Ludlow Legion.



Dylan Huard catches the out at first.

LUDLOW – Last week, Ludlow Post 52 American Legion baseball fell in all three games last week, including a 14-1 loss against Northampton and a 22-1 defeat against Greenfield. Ludlow is back in action this week with a big matchup with Aldenville on June 23.

Mutiny ‘rush’ past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The June 11 United Women’s Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

“It’s a bittersweet night for me,” said Berry, who’s from Hingham. “I do have a commitment at my school, and I’m required to be there next week. I’m very grateful for every game



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Goalie Ela Kopec makes a save.

that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I’m hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer.”

Joe Ferrara, who’s the Mutiny’s owner/general manager, is hoping Berry will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the mid-

dle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.W.S. playoffs.

Berry, who’s entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

Berry scored four goals in

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Boys fall to Chicopee

LUDLOW – Last Thursday evening, Ludlow Ideal B fell against visiting Chicopee 2-1. Ludlow B is out to an 0-2 start for the summer.



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Spencer Huntley dribbles up the field.



Luke Stenja eyes a teammate to his right.



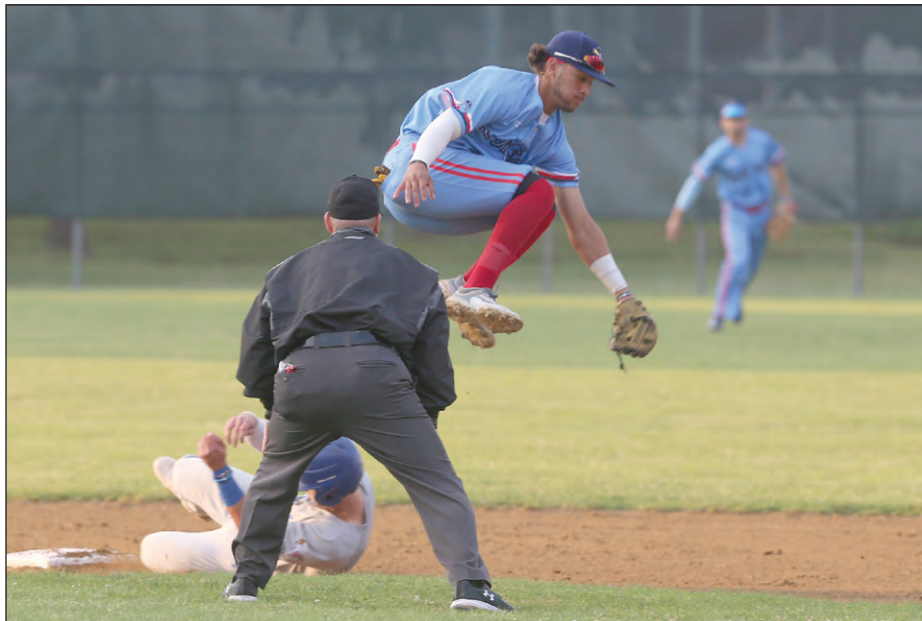
Ethan Steigmeyer is all alone as he heads up the middle.



Cristiano Williams tries to separate from his opponent.



Alexander Coelho passes the ball away.



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Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.

Valley Blue Sox out to 6-3 start

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, and pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs.

Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ballgame.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit



Nick Callano delivers a pitch.

by a pitch twice in this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Correa Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.

Blue Sox holding promotional games

The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.

The next night on Thursday, June 22 vs. the Newport Gulls at 6:35 p.m., the team will give away water bottles sponsored by Holyoke Gas and Electric.

Sunday June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.

Finally on Friday June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's Bus Lines, will sponsor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.

The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to MacKenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.

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Rachel Marchini settles the ball.

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the Mutiny season and home opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.

The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).

"The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."

Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.

The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown) Chandler Pedolzsky (Westfield), Emma Pedolzsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).

Klingensmith, who started in five games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.

"Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."

Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.

The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini, Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.

"We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-year head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra said. "Their chemistry has been getting better and better in every match. It's always nice to post a shutout."

Berry had several shots on goal during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but Albany goalie Emma Anderson (10 saves) was able to make the saves on them.



Laura Gouvin, of Monson, makes a pass.

The contest was still scoreless at halftime.

Following a breakaway shot attempt by Santaniello that deflected off the right post, Berry gave her team a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute. She fired a line-drive shot from the top of the box into the left corner of the net.

"We did put a lot of pressure on them in the first half," Berry said. "I had a scoring opportunity early in the second half and I didn't want to miss it. It's always special whenever you score a goal, especially in this stadium."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, Chandler Pedolzsky knocked home a rebound shot giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Berry was scheduled to play in her final regular season match for the Mutiny against the Scorpions SC on Monday night in a make-up game at Medway High School.



Alexis Legowski dribbles past midfielder.

Karen Anne Arpin (Busiere), 76

LUDLOW - Karen Anne Arpin (nee Busiere), 76, of Ludlow passed away peacefully at home on Thursday June 15, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 6, 1947 in Springfield, MA to the late Kenneth Broga and Asenath Marie Busiere (nee LaVoice). She was a proud longtime resident of Ludlow, MA and a 1965 graduate of Springfield Trade High School. She married Charles Alexander Arpin on July 23, 1965 in Springfield, MA.



to her home and heart and as the Matriarch of her family whose greatest gifts were her love and dedication to all.

Karen was the beloved mother of Sean Charles Arpin, of Ludlow and partner Mary Kathleen Kerigan, of

Palmer, and daughter Shelly Marie Davidson and husband Jeremy Alan Davidson, of Merrimack, NH; loving sister to Diane Marie Busiere, twin sister Cherie Lynne Cremonti (nee Busiere) and late husband James, and Kenneth Wayne Busiere and wife Linda; a cherished and devoted grandmother to her son's children Jared Joseph Arpin and wife Shelby Rose, Cassandra Cherie Arpin and her beloved daughter's children Paul Harley, Christopher Alan, Cherie Amber, and Haley Annmarie Davidson; and also leaves her former spouse and father to her children, Charles A. Arpin and his partner Maureen; her fur-babies: canines Louie, Shannon "The Fluff", and Bella, along with felines: Max, Mittens, Sriracha, and Bella; as well as several cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Visiting hours for Karen will be held on Thursday, June 22nd from 4:00-7:00pm at Ludlow Funeral Home.

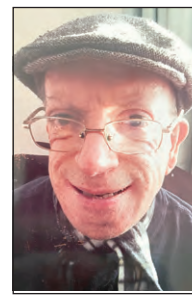
Funeral services are on Friday, June 23rd at 9:00am from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00am at St. Elizabeth Parish followed by burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Springfield Boys and Girls Club or Shriners Hospital for Children.

Karen worked for many years within the restaurant industry most notably at the former Lido Restaurant in Springfield, MA. Throughout most of her adult life, she also maintained a craft booth in numerous locations, most recently at the Eastfield Mall, fittingly named KAREN'S KORNER.

After retiring she worked many years at the Big E in West Springfield at the Cream Puff Pavilion. She also spent much of her time volunteering within the community, as a former Cub Scout Den Mother, and for the Festival of Trees in Springfield where she was recently recognized with a prestigious award. Karen was a very talented artist who enjoyed crafting, antiques, and refurbishing her many finds, many of which remain throughout the family today. She was always energetic and always on the go and loved visiting the beach, playing bingo, frequenting the casinos, camping, traveling, bowling, dancing, flower gardening, and attending the theater; but above all, she will be remembered for her open-door policy

Paulo Alexandre Morais, 58

LUDLOW — Paulo Alexandre Morais, 58, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Lisbon, Portugal, Paulo immigrated to Ludlow with his family in 1976 where he was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. He worked for many years at Aditus Co. and in his free time, he enjoyed dancing, singing, watching classic movies and most of all he loved spending time with his family.



and her late husband Anibal F. Morias; a loving brother to Joel Morais and wife Colleen, and Jaime A. Morais and spouse Carlos; and also leaves his cherished nieces Melanie and Kathleen, and nephew David, many cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Funeral services for Paulo were held on Friday, June 16 at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Paulo was the beloved son of Lourdes "Lois" (Santos) Morias

DEATH NOTICES

Morais, Paulo Alexandre
Died June 11, 2023
Services
June 16, 2023

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THIS WEEK

STRAWBERRY SUPPER: Come to First Church in Ludlow for take-out dinners that include ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and a strawberry dessert, for \$16 4:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24. Reservations required by calling Annat 413-547-8720.

NEXT WEEK

LAT COMMUNITY DINNER: Hosted by the Indian Orchard Community Council. 5:30 p.m. on June 28. Reservation is required by calling 413-209-8240.

COMING SOON

GOLF TOURNEY FOR PETS: Second Chance Animal Services' 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday, July 24. The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in the region. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

ONGOING

FARM FRESH: Come to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday all summer and early fall for free fruit and vegetables. Registration is required. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

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 indianorchard-citizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-3564.

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudias Way continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees.

Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413-519-4591.

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

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

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

UPCOMING TRIPS

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

Church DIRECTORY

CAMPUS NOTES

Holyoke Community College

The following students from Ludlow were named to the Dean's List at Holyoke Community College for the spring 2023 semester: Jhulie Gail Keziah Reyes Abanador, Carly Xiang Xin Chambers, Alexis Jewell Dawson, Kristen Marie Fairthorne, Kyle Gerson Fontoura, Tyler Joseph Goncalves, Shelden Quinn Johnson-Lewis, Bogdan Konev, Christopher Rene Lapointe, Yvette Marie Lauzon, Alyssa Lelievre, Daniel Lagoa Machado, Taryn Casey Miller, Elsa Shea Ouimette, Olivia Nicole Parker, Jacob William Parker, Alphonse S. Provost, Katelynn Carol Richard, Victoria Avalon Sagan, Kayden Morgan Singleton, Cecelia Elizabeth Spice and Gabrielle Marie Zebrowski.

To qualify, a student must attain a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher.

Fitchburg State University

Andrew J. Morris of Ludlow was named to the Dean's List at Fitchburg State University for the spring 2023 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained and the student is attending the university full time.

Siena College

Kayla McKay of Ludlow has been named to the Dean's List at Siena College for the spring 2023 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade-point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

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TUESDAYS at 7 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study WEDNESDAYS at 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Meeting Hank Bastos, Leader, 413-348-6487
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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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Thursday, June 22 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Ministers of Holy Communion Training - 7 p.m. (C)
Friday, June 23 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Saturday, June 24 - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, - June 25 - 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, June 26 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Tuesday, June 27 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD23E00021PP

To *Debbie Nolan of Ludlow, in the County of Hampden and to all other persons interested.*

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michael LeBoeuf of Ware, and Donna LeBoeuf of Belchertown, of Hampshire County, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Ludlow, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advan-

tageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **eleventh day of July 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 10th day of May 2023.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
06/14, 06/21, 06/28/2023

**Town of Ludlow
LEGAL NOTICE:**

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Cady Street Market, Inc., located at 16 Cady Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for a Transfer of a Wine and Malt beverage license to Alexandre A. de Carvalho.
06/21/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD23P1262EA
Estate of:
Glenn H Hoffman**

**Date of Death: 05/22/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donna M Maurice-Hoffman of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Donna M Maurice-Hoffman of Ludlow, MA** 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 07/17/2023.**

This is a **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. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

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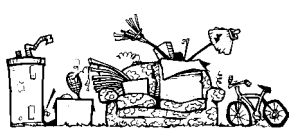
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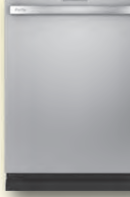

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