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The Leonczyk family decorated their bikes in a patriotic fashion. Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Elks Lodge honors Vietnam Veterans at weekly Cruise Night

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LUDLOW – Vietnam Veteran Paul Chrzan of the Ludlow Elks #2448 honored Vietnam Veterans at last week’s ‘Tuesday Cruise Nights’ on June 16, with guests from the Veterans’ Home in Holyoke and numerous residents displaying their beloved classic and modern vehicles.

Speaking on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans of America 111, Chrzan began, “Every Tuesday the Ludlow Elks honors different groups at Cruise Night, and tonight it is Vietnam Veterans night. It is an honor for us to be here to help them out with their services, to promote all veterans’ activities, we’ve got memorabilia, and we’ve got raffles. We’ve got different things going, it is a pleasure to have the Ludlow Elks sponsor us, referring to the WMass Vietnam Veterans Chapter 111, and support the veterans as much as they do and we really appreciate it. We hope that a lot of veterans come down and support the Elks, they have been great to our veterans, and we just hope that all this continues and this is what we need going forward. We need the support of everybody working together. Please come down, they have a great staff, and they put out tremendous welcome to everybody.

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One of the favorites of the night was this classic Ford truck, painted blue. Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Annual Bike Parade and Safety Rodeo displayed creativity and community spirit

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LUDLOW – The Celebrate Ludlow Committee held their annual bike parade and safety rodeo held at the Riverwalk, in collaboration with several local businesses and local organizations, that showcased the Ludlow youth’s creativity and community spirit.

Beginning at the Riverwalk parking lot, guests were greeted at the starting line and lined up based on the number attached to the children’s bikes. Parents and families stood next to their child and waited until the Ludlow Police Department officers led the parade to Tandem Bagel Company, which graciously donated

bagels and drinks, and biked passed Sole Syndicate Brewing Co., and then back around to end at the safety rodeo at the brewery’s parking lot. Kids were welcomed with ice cream and popsicles from Randall’s Farm, raffles from local committees, with a table offering stickers and little toys from the LPD. Sourced from the Lud-

low Police Department’s Facebook, “Members of the LPD were proud to participate in the Children’s Bike Parade and Safety Rodeo. Officers had the opportunity to assist with the Children’s Bike Parade and then conduct a bicycle safety course for participating children.

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Residents raise concerns about noise at nearby business

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LUDLOW – On Tuesday, June 16, resident Jill Byrne spoke out against a local business and their liquor license in the town.

As Vice Chairperson Anthony Alves stated, the license is a privilege, and Vanished Valley has shown repeated patterns demonstrating that privilege hasn’t been respected. This is not opposing a local business; it’s about the Town applying the zoning bylaws consistently protecting the quiet enjoyment of property rights of Ludlow

residents. In Dec. of 2025, the board suspended outdoor entertainment until Mar. 15, 2026, yet the restriction was lifted early on Jan. 20 based on the landlord’s statement that they were working on solutions. The concerns raised by residents then were proven correct in May of 2026, when music carried through the neighborhood at such a

volume that multiple police complaints were filed. It is also not the first time a Select Board member has personally involved himself in a conflict between businesses and its residents. Before the noise bylaw passed in 2025, a former member did the same as Chairperson William Rosenblum is doing now, acting on his own accord not authorized to act or

make decisions on behalf of the Select Board. The results then and now were identifiable. Stress and anxiety from neighbors, loss of outdoor entertainment, disruption to elderly residents, and repeated police calls; personal involvement did not solve them years ago, and it’s not solving it now. I asked the board whether the outdoor entertainment

license complies with Section V3 of the zoning bylaw. Music heard inside homes, base vibrations felt indoors, multiple night events, and a seasonal operation spring through fall. If the license does not apply, then the question becomes whether the town in-

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LHS Tennis Coach shares insight over boys’ tennis team, Western Mass and States

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LUDLOW – Submitted by the Ludlow High School Boys Varsity Tennis Coach David D’Agostino, “Our team consisted of 16 Players. We only had three courts to practice on, so we made do with what we had.



LHS Student Athlete setting up for a serve. Submitted photo

season. We had a van that I would drive, and the players got to really be close, which helped with chemistry. We felt like a family this season. Our record was 7-8 including playoffs, but that doesn’t speak on how great this team was. Along the journey we had injuries and mishaps that led to some losses. We had four captains Ben Goodreau who is our #1 senior. We relied on him heavily, and he had one of the best years I have ever seen a player have. Beating three top players in Western Mass and only losing three total times all season. Another senior captain, Stevie Godek. He was our vocal captain

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PV Financial hosts 11th Slide into Summer on the last day of school



Families were excited to enjoy free ice cream and wear their tie-dye shirt from Pioneer Valley Financial. Turley photo by Amanda Munson

LUDLOW – On the sunny afternoon of June 17, the official last day of school for Ludlow Public Schools, around 400 children with their families joined Pioneer Valley Financial for their 11th annual Slide into Summer event. Offering a variety of water slides, a ladder hose from the Ludlow Fire Department and stickers from the Ludlow Police Department, event listings from the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club/Randall’s Community Center, the Hubbard Memorial Library, and the Ludlow

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Paul R. Baird Middle School (BMS) staff and students who participated in the student/teacher game.

Submitted photo

BMS Student/Teacher basketball game benefits Veterans Food Pantry

LUDLOW – Students at Paul R. Baird Middle School recently combined community service with school spirit as they collected donations for the Ludlow Veterans Center’s food pantry.

This spring, Grade 7 world geography teachers Kevin DaSilva and Jennifer Donovan organized the first annual student/teacher basketball game. Two years ago, DaSilva and Donovan organized the Fall Turkey Trot, and participation increased

this year. The success of the Turkey Trot inspired them to plan a similar spring event that would give the students the opportunity to have some fun while performing community service. Donovan stated, “Both Kevin and I knew the best way to spread both community service and fun around the school was to allow for students to support the food pantry and be able to play a game against their teachers. We were glad both of these happened through

the basketball game.”

BMS Assistant Principal Jessica Torres served as coach of the BMS student team. To compete in the game, students needed to bring a non-perishable food donation. A total of 28 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 played on the student team, and 50 food items were collected. Torres’s daughter Juliany, a seventh grader and talented basketball player, was a special guest at Baird for the day and played for

both the student and staff teams.

Two assemblies were held during the school day so that all BMS students had the opportunity to attend. During halftime of each game, there was a challenge in which several students were randomly selected from the audience to attempt a layup, a free throw, and a 3-pointer in under 30 seconds. Students who were successful in this challenge each won a \$5 gift card to Tandem Bagel.

Coached by BMS Principal Jason Taylor, the BMS Staff Dream Team included Jen Donovan, Kevin DaSilva, Brian Mackintosh, Keni Mendez, Dave Folli, Ashley Mourao, Greg Therrien, Bonnie Mercer, Jeremy Soja, Suzana Seara, Austin Studley, and Alison Tripp. The BMS Staff Dream Team defeated the students in both games.

BMS Principal Jason Taylor commended the BMS staff and students for their efforts. «It was very clear that

it was such a fun and memorable event for everyone involved. The dedication and enthusiasm made it really special,” Taylor stated.

“All staff helped to ensure that the game ran smoothly and was successful. Without everyone involved, this wouldn’t have been possible,” stated DaSilva. Donovan added, “We hope to have this be a yearly tradition at the middle school to allow for staff and students to positively connect with one another.

Crafters wanted for St. Nick 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 Ave-

nue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church.

To reserve a table or for

more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available.

The Ludlow Cultural Council announces call for Teen Bands

These bands will perform at “The Show” community music event Sept. 27

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Cultural Council is seeking local bands made up of musicians ages

13-18 to perform at The Show, an all-ages live music event taking place on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club Pavilion.

Four bands will be selected to perform live on a shared stage in front of a community audience.

The event is designed to celebrate young musicians and create opportunities for teen performers to share original music, gain live performance experience, and connect with other artists from across the region.

“The Show” is part of the Ludlow Cultural Council’s ongoing efforts to support youth arts programming and create accessible creative opportunities within the community.

Band Application Requirements:

- Applicants must submit:
- * Band name
- * Number of members
- * Video of 2 songs performed live

* Music recording (Bandcamp, streaming link, or MP4)

* Setlist including song durations and lyrics

* Setup requirements and full instrument list

* Parental consent required to participate

The submission deadline is August 1, 2026.

Chosen applicants will be notified by August 10, 2026.

Applications and more information can be submitted online at: www.ludlowculturalcouncil.com

Questions may be directed to: theshow01056@gmail.com

Golf for Good: tee off for women and girls

BELCHERTOWN—Join us for the 32nd Annual Zonta Golf Tournament and help create a brighter future for women and girls in our community. On Saturday, Sept. 12, at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown, we’ll tee off at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition, and making a difference.

Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone

is welcome. For \$120, you’ll enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Your support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. We’re working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also

supporting climate justice, education equality and women in decision-making positions.

Let’s make a lasting impact together! Sign up today at zontaq.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. We also welcome sponsorships from local businesses.

Be a champion for women and girls. Join us on the green.

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With the help of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee, the annual event ran smoothly with the help of the LPD and the volunteers.

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The event provided a great opportunity to promote safe riding habits, discuss bicycle safety, and engage with families in our community. The LPD would like to thank all the organizers, volunteers, parents, and children who helped make this event a success.

We always enjoy opportunities to connect with our community and help educate young riders on the importance of bicycle safety."

Ready to take on the Riverwalk, these bikers were ready to pedal to get some ice cream.



Several participants were able to win prizes, including toys and board games for the whole family to enjoy.



This local family was excited to show their decorated stroller at the bike parade.



Every participant was thrilled to showcase their unique bikes and most importantly, their helmets.



The parade and rodeo also had numerous raffles donated by several Town organizations.

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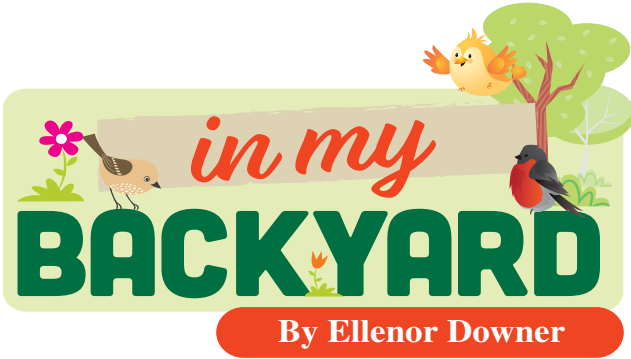
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Indigo bunting

A reader emailed she saw an indigo bunting at her feeder.

The indigo bunting is sometimes called the "blue canary."

However, the indigo bunting like all blue colored birds, lack blue pigment. Their color comes instead from microscopic structures in the feathers that refract and reflect blue light, much like the airborne particles that cause the sky to look blue.

Bunting plumage contains the pigment melanin, whose dull brown-black hue is seen when holding a blue feather up so the light comes from behind it, instead of toward it.

The bunting is sparrow size and about 4.7-5.5 inches long. The adult male Indigo Bunting is dark blue in the spring and summer. Females are brown, usually with fine streaks on the chest and a blue tinge on the tail. A one-year-old male in summer may be blue with a white belly.

Males are often seen singing from a perch in a tall tree. For years, a male indigo bunting sang from a dead limb on a tall tree. Rarely, I spotted the female usually in a brushy area.

They inhabit brushy pastures and bushy wood edges. For nesting, the indigo bunting favors roadsides, old fields growing up to bushes, edges of woodlands and other edge habitats such as along rights-of-way for power lines or railroads.

The male indigo bunting establishes territory in the spring and defends it with song. A male may have more than one mate at a time living on his territory.

The nest site is usually one to three feet above ground, rarely up to 30 feet or more, in dense shrub or low trees.

The female lays three to four white to bluish-white eggs with brown or purple spot. Females incubate the eggs and feed the young.

Males will help feed young when they are nearly old enough to fly. Young usually leave nest 9-12 days after hatching.

The male sometimes takes over feeding of fledged young while the female begins second nesting attempt as she has two broods per year.

Indigo buntings forage at all levels from the ground up into shrubs and trees. They take insects from leaves, seeds from the ground or stems and berries from shrubs.

They eat mostly seeds and insects. In breeding season, the indigo bunting feeds mainly on insects and spiders and also some seeds and berries.

Young in the nest are fed mostly insects at first. In winter, they eat many seeds and also some insects.

Indigo buntings migrate at night, using the stars for guidance.

The oldest recorded wild indigo bunting was a male and at least 13 years, 3 months old when he was recaptured and released during banding operations in Ohio in 2013.

Other birds

Besides seeing an indigo bunting, the reader also has several Baltimore orioles, rose breasted grosbeaks and goldfinches.

She stated, "Around the corner at the Brook Road pond in West Warren, there was a lone swan. There was a lone swan there for a couple years about six years ago and it made me wonder if it was the same one."

Pileated woodpecker

I received another email on June 6 from a Belchertown resident.

She stated, "My husband and I witnessed a beautiful pileated woodpecker mating ritual in our backyard this morning.... They jumped around the tree on opposite sides going around several times before then jumping to other trees moving farther back into the woods during the process."

She stated, "After looking them up, I realized that I have heard their calls and rapid pecking sounds in my backyard for the past two years, but never saw them until now. What a joy to watch and video. They are beautiful birds."

She also stated her home has semi dense woods immediately behind that is a haven for several bird species, robins, yellow finch, bluebirds and blue jays. The property also borders some wetlands that attract a variety of species from time to time, including hawks, owls and ducks.

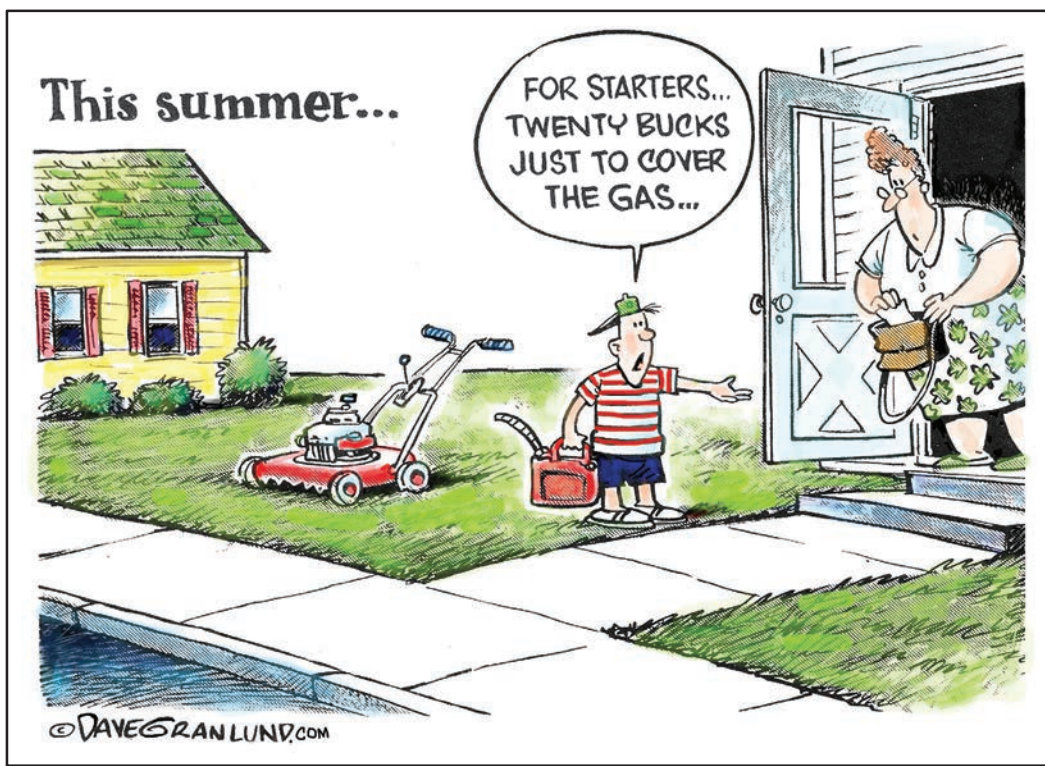
Mute swans

My brother, who lives in Sutton, has a pond bordering his property. For several years, a pair of mute swans have raised their family on the pond. They are back this year.

Bluebirds

I often see a pair of bluebirds in my yard. After seeing them, I put out dried mealworms for them. I don't feed the birds in summer because of the black bears. Hopefully, bears are not interested in a few mealworms and the birds will eat the mealworms before the bear.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it set up.



GUEST COLUMN

Strawberry culture 101



Melissa, who gardens in Belchertown asked this question of the Garden Lady.

"It's always so hard to install strawberry plants and pinch off the flowers the first year. Do you really have to? It would be so wonderful to enjoy some fruit."

I completely understand where you are coming from! Last year I was in the same boat. This year, the fruit is coming in and boy, am I enjoying it!

Removing the flowers redirects the plant's energy away from reproducing to forming strong roots and more shoots, so yes, it recommended practice.

I thought you might find this column, one of my very first, helpful. It contains lots of good tips for strawberry culture.

I have fond memories of strawberry picking. One of the first days of summer vacation was always spent at a local pick-your-own farm with my mom, filling boxes with luscious red berries.

Like any kid I did my share of sampling out there in the rows, and my taste buds never forgot the intense sweetness found only in fresh picked fruit. Now that I have my own space to garden I am able to go strawberry picking in my backyard.

With a lot of patience and a little labor, so can you!

My bareroot strawberry plants arrived by mail in early spring. I had prepared the sunny space intended for them ahead of time, by eradicating all weeds and tilling in two-inches of finished compost and some slow release organic fertilizer.

Lime wasn't necessary, as strawberries prefer a slightly acidic soil.

The plants looked a bit limp from their trip so the roots were soaked in water for an hour to rehydrate them prior to planting. I set the crown of the plant right at soil level with the roots

spread over a small mound of soil in the hole.

Keeping in mind that strawberries send out runners (daughter plants), I set my plants in a single row roughly two-feet apart with three feet between the rows. This wide spacing allowed for four daughters to be positioned four-five inches apart from mom and each other.

Some gardeners prefer to pinch away all runners, and nourish only the original mother plant. Initial yields may be higher, but without replacement plants the patch will expire sooner.

All blossoms, although it is tempting to leave them, must be removed the first season so that energy will be spent on building strong roots.

I set up a soaker hose among the plants to be sure that they would continue to grow with gusto during droughty spells. If you choose to do the same, be sure to position runners under the hose, otherwise removing it for winter storage may be a difficult and tangled task.

A mulch of chopped leaves conserves soil moisture and prevents weeds from sprouting. Evergreen boughs laid over the row after the ground has frozen lessens temperature extremes, preventing the plants from being heaved out of the ground during winter freeze/thaw cycles.

Anticipation begins to build in the spring of the second season. It is only a matter of time before the plants will be loaded with ripe berries.

As new growth emerges remove the protective boughs. Pull stray weeds and reapply mulch. If frost threatens during blossoming cover the plants with spun poly floating row covers or old bed sheets.

Keep up with watering. Lightweight netting works

well to deter birds, while slugs can be captured in shallow containers filled with beer and buried at ground level. Remove dead slugs and top off the beer nightly.

June-bearing strawberries bear fruit for two-three weeks. Harvest when the berries are bright red; if fruit is picked unripe it may turn red, but flavor will be sacrificed.

The season can be extended a bit by growing early, mid and late season varieties, or by growing day-neutral types which bear smaller amounts of fruit over a longer period, from June-October.

Nourse Farms (noursefarms.com) of South Deerfield is an excellent local source for strawberry plants.

After fruiting is complete mow down the plants with a push mower. I had to cross reference a few advice books before I had the courage to do this, but it surely did wonders to renovate the bed.

Rake away the mowed leaves, thin runners that are too close, and remove the oldest plants. Top-dress with compost and a sprinkling of fertilizer before remulching.

Although labor intensive, strawberries are worth the work. Managing a strawberry patch in this manner will likely keep it productive for five years. Imagine, your own flavorful memories!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com in the subject line.

GUEST COLUMN

Why don't they just create individual Social Security accounts?

Dear Rusty:

Regarding Social Security's financial issues, three people contributing to Social Security for every one beneficiary sounds to me like a surplus.

If they had given workers their own accounts, similar to a 401k, where they could manage their own money, it would have worked out more favorably for retirees. President George W Bush suggested these changes, but it was shot down by Congress.

The average worker now pays a 6.2% Social Security tax. If the government had



SS contributions from payroll taxes into separate individual accounts is not really a good idea.

For information, most people get back all payroll taxes they contributed to Social Security within about five years of receiving SS benefits. Even with decent public market returns, some individual separate accounts would eventually run out of money, causing some to lose Social Security benefits before they die, meaning they would likely live in poverty.

Dear Skeptical: Believe it or not, putting

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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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

Over the Hill and Far Away: New Englanders in the Corps of Discovery, Thursday, June 25, 6:30-7:30 PM. When we imagine the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, we often picture frontiersmen from the Appalachians or mountain men of Missouri. In reality 8 New Englanders joined the journey, and one was even born in Hampden county! Museum professional and living history interpreter Dennis Picard will be here to tell us more about the exciting lives of these men. Sponsored by the Ludlow Historical Commission. Please register.

Women of '76, Thursday, July 2, 6:30-7:30 PM. A theatrical tribute to lesser known women of the American Revolution by Rita Parisi. Step back in time and discover the untold stories of 5 courageous women who witnessed, chronicled, and, in some cases, changed the course of the American Revolution. This program is fully supported by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Please register.

Creative Writing Hour, Tuesday, July 7, 2:00-3:00 PM Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing.

Share what you've written if you like! Please register.

VIRTUAL - The Two Nerdy History Girls Discuss Everyday Life in 1776, Monday, July 13, 7:00-8:00 PM. Join authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott for a lively Zoom Webinar conversation about everyday life during the American Revolution. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library. Register online for your Zoom link or call (413) 583-3408 x114 for assistance.

True Crime - Dinosaur Edition, Thursday, July 23, 6:30-7:30 PM. Retired Special Agent Ian Smythe discusses the FBI's Art Crime Program and how it has worked to prevent cultural property theft and trafficking in cases involving dinosaur bones and archaeological treasures. Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors - ADDITIONAL DAY! Every Monday and Thursday, 1:30 PM. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. 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.mass-book.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.

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FOR YOUTH

"Unearth a Story" Summer Reading, June 17 through August 18, sign up on the Beanstack App. For youth of all ages. Read 20 minutes a day and earn digital raffle tickets towards one of our awesome prizes! What if you don't win a raffle? No worries! All youth participants get a small prize at the end.

"Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Kickoff Party, Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. For youth of all ages and families. Drop-in.

Eric Carle Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, June 25 - Friday, June 26. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Thursday, June 25, 5:00 - 5:45 pm. For ages 10-14. Please register.

Stuffie Check Up Story Time, Friday, June 26, 10:00 am. Ages 2-6. Please register.

Youth Librarian Welcome Party, Monday, June 29, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. For youth of all ages and families. Drop-in.

Artful Mechanisms, Tuesday, June 30, 2:00 pm. For ages 5-12. Please register.

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

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

America's 250th Windsock Craft, Thursday, July 2, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Summer Boredom Buster Jar, Monday, July 6, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. For ages 5-17. Drop-in.

Youth Dino Bingo, Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. For youth of all ages & families. Please register.

Paper Making for Middle and High, Thursday, July 9, 5:30 pm. For middle and high school aged people. Please register.

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt, Friday, July 10, all day. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Ludlow Fire Department Visit, Monday, July 13, 1:30 pm. For youth of all ages. No registration needed, drop-in.

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For high schoolers. Please register.

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

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

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

Online Gaming/Minecraft Club for YAs, Every Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

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.

Palmer High School Class of '76 planning August 28 reunion

PALMER - Do you have the Spirit of '76? With the 50th anniversary of Palmer High School's Class of 1976 this year, a reunion of classmates and faculty at the end of the summer has been planned for Aug. 28 at Salem Cross Inn, 260 W. Main St., West Brookfield. It will be a summer option for those un-

available in the fall, when a separate Class of '76 group is planning a reunion on Oct. 17.

The event at Salem Cross will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m., and dinner will start at 6 p.m., offering a menu of cheese and crackers, garden salad, and entrees of Rustic Chicken, Honey Dijon Salm-

on or Vegetarian Option. Tickets for the summer event will be \$50, which will include a tip.

For the Aug. 28 registration link, which includes payment options online and by post, contact Suzanne Strempek Shea at sess7@comcast.net. RSVP and payment are due no later than Aug. 10.

St. Elisabeth Parish is looking for vendors

LUDLOW - St. Elisabeth Parish, Ludlow, is now accepting applications for vendors for the St Nick's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 to 3 p.m. The 8' table is provided and the charge is \$40. Please call Pat at (413) 531-6997 for an application or additional questions. Thank you.

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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.

FOOD DRIVE BI-MONTHLY 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.

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.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Summer is finally here! Gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a restaurant-style lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To reserve your \$2 lunch, please call 413-583-3564 at least 24 hours in advance (call Friday for Monday reservations).

Join us for an important computer security class, A User's Guide to Safer Computing, presented by Post Computer Systems. You'll learn how to browse the internet safely, create strong passwords, recognize signs that your computer may be compromised, understand social engineering, and identify fake emails. The Boomers will be here to entertain us beginning at 11 a.m. on July 1 playing party-pop music and rock favorites from the '60s to today. Dance, sit and smile, and have lunch. Please register for lunch a day in advance.

On hot and humid days, remember that the Center is a great place to stay cool. Our building is air-conditioned and offers two water bubblers and a hydration station (please bring a refillable water bottle). You are welcome to visit Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to read our Newsletter to find out which Tuesday nights Jodi is cooking \$2 suppers. No need to heat up your house on those nights when there's friends here at the Center!

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, June 25
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
10 a.m. United Health Care Info Table
12 p.m. May & June Birthday Lunch*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club: The Handmaid's Tale
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, June 26
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Corn Hole
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Safety*
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*

Monday, June 29
9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, June 30
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 Western Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump

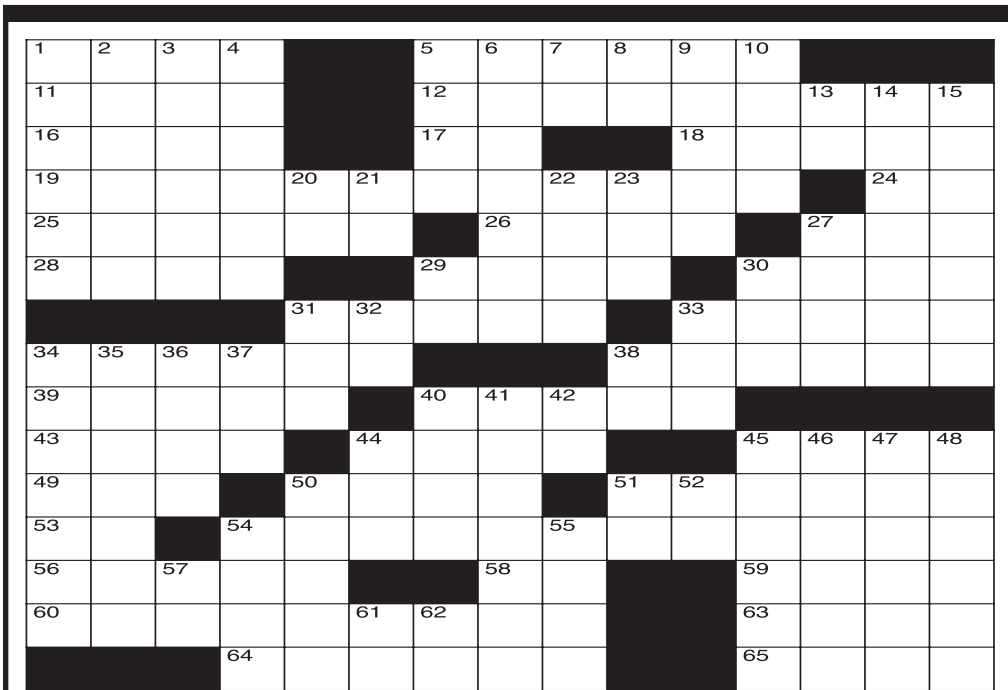
Wednesday, July 1
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
11 a.m. Entertainment by the Boomers & Lunch*
1 p.m. Movie: TBD
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Thursday, July 2
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
NO LUNCH SERVED TODAY
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance 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, June 25: May & June Birthday Lunch! Stuffed Pork Chops/Au Gratin Pot/Veggies
Friday, June 26: Blueberry French Toast Bake/Breakfast Sausage
Monday, June 29: Potato Crunch Fish/Wild Rice/Vegetable
Tuesday, June 30: Strawberry Spinach Salad w/Chicken/Roll
Wednesday, July 1: Cheeseburger/Lettuce & Tomato/Potato Salad
Thursday, July 2: No Lunch-Kitchen Cleaning

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.



CLUES ACROSS

- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Requesting
- Give temporarily
- Excitedness
- Armed Forces branch
- Actor Harris
- Middle Eastern capital
- Air hostesses
- Partner to "Pa"
- Percussion instrument
- Popular computers
- Reduce light
- Asian mountain range
- Every one of two or more
- Absence of difficulty
- A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- Whittles
- Impact
- Serviceman
- A French river
- Prehistoric people
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Singer Hansard
- A way to disentangle
- Atomic #93
- Manifesting approval
- Indigo bush
- Former AL MVP Vaughn
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Relating to passerine birds
- Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless fluid
- Of a main artery
- Photographer's tool
- Blues Traveler hit "But ___"
- Grew older
- Not the leader
- ___ Lang (country singer)
- A driver's license is one
- Nests of pheasants
- Wilbebeests
- Equal to one quintillion bytes
- Japanese three-stringed lute
- Type of cat
- It cools your home
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Pouches
- German trigraph
- Form of Persian
- Measurement unit
- Body part
- Bridge building degree
- Indicates position
- Political action committee
- Snack food
- Front part of a quadruped
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- ___, myself and I
- City in Utah
- They play in the trenches
- "Can't Touch This" rapper ___ Hammer
- Type of tree
- Performers
- Slang for mistake
- More open
- Most slick
- Needles
- University of Dayton
- Atomic #11
- Large fish of the mackerel family
- Not any
- ___ and behold
- Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
- "The Great Lakes State"

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Mutiny suffers loss to Crusaders

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Following three straight 2-1 road losses, the New England Mutiny were looking to celebrate a home victory versus the Hudson Valley Crusaders.

The Mutiny managed to take a 1-0 lead before the Crusaders responded with four unanswered goals leading to a 4-2 victory in a USL W League match held at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

“This is a very challenging league,” said Avery Klingensmith, who was an outstanding soccer player at Belchertown High School. “We’ve had several games this season where we had taken an early lead and wound up losing, which is a little bit frustrating. Protecting a lead is something that we need to work on. We really wanted to win tonight’s game.”

The Mutiny (1-5-2) are first-year members of the USL W League. Their only victory came at home against AC Connecticut, 5-0, on May 30. They lost two close road matches against Hudson Valley, 2-0, and 2-1.

The Crusaders (5-2-2), along with Hartford Athletic and Vermont Green FC, are trying to finish the regular season in first place in the



Hope Santiniello, of Agawam, sends a long kick away. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Northeast Division. Only the first place team earns a berth in the league playoffs.

Klingensmith, who wrapped up her collegiate soccer career at American University in Washington D.C. last fall, is planning to join a professional soccer team in Greece at the end of the summer.

“I’m really looking forward to starting my professional soccer career in a dif-

ferent country,” Klingensmith said. “It’s going to be a different type of experience for me.”

Hope Santiniello, who’s from Agawam, has been a member of the Mutiny since 2019. She played in her first home match of the 2026 season against the Crusaders.

“The atmosphere at this stadium is always amazing,” said Santiniello, who was a starting defender for the first

time in last Saturday’s match. “It’s always been a pleasure playing for this team.”

Just like Klingensmith, Santiniello is seeking an opportunity to play soccer at the professional level. She’s hoping to join a women’s team in Florida.

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Tennessee Murphy, who began her high school soccer career at Monson High



Maeve Staunton overtakes an opponent.

School before transferring to the Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut. She’ll be a freshman on the Bucknell University women’s soccer team in the fall.

“Being a member of this soccer team is preparing me for the college level,” Murphy said. “I’m counting down the days until I leave for college. I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

Murphy is scheduled to leave for Pennsylvania on July 27.

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Chloe Laizer corrals the ball.



Kayleigh Lukasik heads up the field for the Mutiny.

Pioneers battle to draw with Boston Bolts

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – After 21 days away from historic Lusitano Stadium, the Western Mass. Pioneers returned home last Friday night for an intrastate showdown with the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers faithful supporters had plenty to celebrate early in the match, as the home side stormed out to a 2-0 advantage in the 24th

minute.

The Bolts responded with a goal late in the first half. They struck again 15 minutes into the second half and the USL League Two match-up ended in a 2-2 draw in front of a large crowd.

“We held a 2-1 halftime lead,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We didn’t play very well in the second half. This is a very disappointing result for us.”

Both teams entered the match with a total of 14 goals.

The Pioneers (5-1-2), who have allowed 10 goals, are currently sitting in third place in the Northeast Division table behind NEC and Vermont Green FC.

The top two finishers in the division will automatically qualify for the league playoffs.

The Pioneers, who went 2-0-1 in their previous three

matches on the road, have qualified for the league playoffs each year since joining USL League Two in 2019.

The Western Mass. squad will most likely need to win their remaining five regular season matches and get a little bit of help along the way to keep the playoff streak alive.

“It’s very disappointing letting a two goal lead slip away, especially in front of our fans,” said Felipe De Andrade, who scored the Pioneers second goal. “We’re going to continue to improve and keep fighting the rest of the season.”

De Andrade, who’s from Westborough, played for the Bolts, which only won three matches a year ago.

“Western Mass has always been a very strong team,” he said. “I just wanted a new challenge this year. The atmosphere here is amazing and it’s a privilege to be a member of this squad. I wouldn’t change anything.”

De Andrade, who was a member of the New England Revolution Academy soccer team in high school, began his collegiate career at UMAss Boston. He’ll be joining the men’s soccer team at Bryant University, which competes at the Division 1 level, this fall.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first ten minutes of the contest.

Bolts goalie William Synnstedt made his first save on a header from Martin Echarren six minutes into the first half. A minute later, Echarren, who plays soccer at the University of Charleston, lined a shot towards the goal, but Synnstedt (2 saves) made the diving save knocking the ball over the end line resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers broke the

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Emma Allyn looks to smother a shot. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

PVSSL adult soccer season action



Francesca DePergoia takes a free kick.

WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday evening, the adult summer soccer schedule continued into its second week with Celtic United White, consisting of players from multiple communities, facing off with the Monson Mustangs at Minnechaug Regional High School. Monson, out to a 3-1 start in the women’s division, defeated Celtic 8-0. Celtic fell to 0-2-1 on the season.



Olivia McGrail tries to kick the ball away.



Santiago Blasco fights to keep the ball. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Alfred Baafi dribbles up the field.



Thomas Wadas clears the ball away.



Marisa Martins-Gil tips a pass.

IN THE CLASSROOM

AIC Celebrates Class of 2026 at 141st Commencement Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD—The 141st Commencement Ceremony of American International College was held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass., honoring undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral recipients in the Class of 2026.

Gabrielle Walz of Ludlow graduated with a Bachelor of Science.

David Olszak of Ludlow graduated with a Master of Science.

Ryan Moynihan of Springfield graduated with a Master of Education.

Alaysia Jenkins-Graham of Indian Orch graduated

with a Bachelor of Science. Heather Hutchins of Ludlow graduated with a Master of Education.

William Hall of Ludlow graduated with a Bachelor of Science.

Jocelyn Figueroa of Ludlow graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Brianna Evans of Ludlow graduated with a Bachelor of Science.

Nicole Audet of Ludlow graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

AIC congratulates the Class of 2026 and looks forward to seeing all that its newest alumni will accomplish in the years ahead

American International College announces Spring Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD—American International College (AIC) in Springfield, MA, is proud to announce that 445 students have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. These full-time students have attained GPAs ranging from 3.3 to 4.0.

AIC applauds the dedi-

cation and achievements of these enterprising students.

Ariana Kilduff, Gabriela Martins, Elizabeth Braz, Calleigh Foley, Carissa Mendes of Ludlow

Alaysia Jenkins-Graham of Springfield

Aryanna Cosme, Brianna Evans of Indian Orchard

Local student earns degree from Emmanuel College

BOSTON—Emmanuel College awarded a Bachelor of Arts Criminology & Criminal Justice Summa

Cum Laude to Sydnie Germain of Ludlow at the College's 104th Commencement on May 9.

Elms College announces Dean's List for spring 2026

CHICOPEE—Elms College has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester. Congratulations to all the students who are named to the list!

LUDLOW

Cameron Clarke, Cora Davis, Tyasha Dewberry, Diogo Dos Santos, Madissy Dowland, Dru Fairthorne, Samantha Grimal-

di, Ava Kochanowicz, Eva Lasky, Gabriela MacHado, Brittany Martell, Samantha Otafaro, Mikayla Ouellette, Alex Rodrigues, Gianna Santucci, Savannah Switzer, and Malynda Torres

INDIAN ORCHARD

Katie Barker, Shanique Charles, Juan Cotto and Janelle Lugo

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ice during the 21st minute. The scoring play began with Alfred Baafi delivering a crossing pass in the box to Echarren, who put a header into the right corner of the net.

Three minutes later, De Andrade fired a shot into the back of the net after receiving a pass from Echarren.

The Bolts (3-4-2) cut their deficit in half when Connor Gibson scored on a header in the 37th minute.

Nikolaj Bertelsen was the Pioneers starting goalie for the first time this season. He replaced Ben Alexander, who suffered an injury in a 1-0 win over the Conn. Rush two nights earlier.

"Ben suffered a head injury the other night and he had to get stitches," Molinari said. "He'll probably be out a couple of games."

During the 60th minute, Xavier Tanyi lined a shot from about 25 yards out into the net tying the score at 2-2.

The Pioneers had a couple of chances to retake the lead during the last 30 minutes, but the score didn't change on the scoreboard.

Western Mass. defender



Jaiden Williams makes a quick pass to his left.

Riley Priddy was given a straight red card from referee Luis Reis after pulling down a Bolts player just outside the top of the box in stoppage time. The free kick taken from Rainer Osselmann-Chai deflected off a Western Mass. defender and the home team salvaged a tie.

A tie is better than a loss, but it wasn't what the Pioneers fans were hoping for.

The Pioneers are scheduled to face the Bolts for the second time this season at Brandeis University on June 30.

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The Mutiny took a 1-0 lead less than ten minutes into the opening half.

Hudson Valley goalie Brianna McDonald attempted to clear the ball, but it went directly to Mila Dillard, who put a shot into the open net for an unassisted goal.

Dillard, who lives in Chicopee, is going to be a senior on the Pope Francis girls' varsity soccer team, which is coached by her father, Brent. She has verbally committed to playing soccer at the University of Kentucky a year from now.

The Crusaders tied the score during the 18th minute of the opening half with Joy Okonye putting a header into the left corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Chloe Laizer.

About six minutes later, a goal from Emmanuella Frimpomaa gave the visiting team the lead for first time.

The Crusaders were then given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Okonye took the shot, which deflected off the right post.

With five minutes remaining in the first half, Laizer made an outstanding save on a breakaway shot from Frimpomaa, which kept the score at 2-1 a little bit longer.

The Crusaders did take a 3-1 lead when Marta Carrasco Mesa headed the ball into the net following a corner kick.

Frimpomaa scored her second goal of the match 30 seconds into the second half, which pretty much sealed the Crusaders victory.

At the end of regulation, Trinity Clark scored a goal



Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, tries to get control of the loose ball.



Monson's Tennessee Murphy advances up the field.

for the home team.

The Mutiny were scheduled to play a road match

against AC Connecticut on Tuesday night before wrapping up the season against

Vermont Green at Lusitano Stadium at 6pm on Saturday night.



Yigit Kilic looks to play the ball off his body.

SOCIAL SECURITY

from Page 4

People are now collecting benefits on average for decades and the current SS format means that even those who contribute only a small amount will collect benefits

no matter how long they live. Remember, the primary purpose of the SS program is to reduce poverty in America.

FYI, President Bush's plan had opposition in the 2005 Congress largely because of the cost to transition to that plan and the fear

that investments in the public markets subjected individual retirement savings to unacceptable risk.

In any case, few have since advocated investing Social Security funds in the public financial markets because of the risks and the political backlash. And adding a small amount to the FICA/SECA payroll tax rate only somewhat mitigates the problem; it doesn't completely solve it. I'm afraid that Social Security's financial is-

ssues are more complex than that and can't be fully solved by a small increase in SS payroll taxes.

You are right Congress can and, we are confident, will address this and hopefully soon. For its part, the Association of Mature American Citizens and the AMAC Foundation have been evaluating this issue for years and have developed a Social Security reform plan for Congress to consider.

And we are actively pro-

moting our reform plan in Washington, D.C. Please know that we share your concerns about the future of Social Security and will continue to work hard to ensure the program is here for many generations.

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The Ludlow Elks #2448 Joyce Grabon, John Charest, Gary Grimes, with speakers who voiced the importance of honoring our Vietnam Veterans.

CAR SHOW from Page 1



Every Tuesday night, the Ludlow Elks showcases several classic cars that are eye catching.

We want to promote it so that the youth of tomorrow know what occurred in Vietnam and all; through the schools, grandparents and families, please tell your future generations what occurred, we just don't want to lose this," said Chrzan.

"The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111 salutes and remembers the service and sacrifice made by our brothers and sisters who have given ALL for our country, our Constitution and our FREEDOM! We must always remember their sacrifice, we will never forget!"

The Ludlow Elks presents 'Cruise Night' every Tuesday night from 5 to 7 p.m. with a queen of hearts and 50/50 raffle; drinks and food available to purchase.



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OBITUARY

Carol Rae (Hunt) Cobb, 90

LUDLOW – Carol Rae (Hunt) Cobb, 90, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on June 15, 2026. Born in Greenfield, she was the daughter of Ellsworth and Christine (Whitney) Hunt



Bill Cobb and his wife Christine of Northborough and Cindy Casey and her husband Gary of Feeding Hills; devoted grandmother to Brandon and spouse Mikayla, Sean and spouse Madison, Meaghan and spouse Erin, and Julia; a cherished great-grandmother to Calvin, Max, Delilah, and Austin; a dear sister to Robert Hunt, and the late Norman and Russell Hunt; and also leaves her sisters-in-law Blanche and Linda Hunt, many loving extended family members, and dear friends.

At Carol's request, funeral services will be held privately by her family. Donations are requested in Carol's memory to the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org)

Carol was the beloved wife of the late Ronald Cobb who predeceased her in 2013; a loving mother to

DEATH NOTICE

Carol Rae (Hunt) Cobb
Died June 15, 2026
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BOYS TENNIS from Page 1

and played first doubles. He helped mentor a freshman, who was his doubles partner, first doubles, and they were a huge part of our process.

Two junior captains. One being Junior Collin McClintock and Sophomore Anthony Schuko. Both struggled with growing pains, having to step into the two and three singles spots but found their groove towards play-offs.

I have never given a sophomore a captain spot until this year. I think that speaks highly of Anthony Schukos character. Rounding up our Second Doubles is Jackson Mateus and Cam Lyman.

Both are seniors and played basketball for me. Both stand out basketball players and on top of that Jackson surpassed 1,000 points this year.

There's no doubt they are great athletes. They had the best doubles season I have seen. Only losing two matches all year both going to 3rd sets or tie breakers. Our team was very supportive and wanted to win the western mass title and state.

Making the first round of western mass was awesome and winning the first round in a 4-hour match felt amazing. Ben Goodreau, Anthony



Submitted photo

LHS Student Athlete strikes the ball.

Schuko, Jackson and Cam all took their sets, having us win 3-2, moving on to the finals.

Our first appearance in Ludlow history. We ended up falling short to East Longmeadow, the defending champions, but it was one great accomplishment.

States have always been something we have on our minds every year. Qualifying three out of the last four

years. We hosted our first state game ever at the Ludlow tennis club.

We ended up losing 3-2 in another 3.5 hour match that came down to a third set.

All and all, I really appreciated the team and the bond they had. I will miss my seniors, but they planted a great seed for this team to continue to grow!" ended D'Agostino.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Ludlow Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV, in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Select Board's Conference Room, on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** on the Notice of Intent application of Town of Ludlow Pond Management Committee, for the property located at **Minechoag Pond (Assessors' Map 27A, various Parcels)**. The subject of the hearing is: treatment of pond with herbicides to reduce nuisance aquatic vegetation.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Angela Tierney, Chair 06/24/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE SKETCH

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** on the application of Ludlow Renewables, LLC for the property located at **0 East Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 27, Parcels 26-31)** for the purpose of: **modification to original site plan**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 23, 2026. Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 06/24, 07/01/2026

Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026, AT 5:45 P.M.** On the application of Keshavah Corporation, 12 Cady Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 Annual All-Alcohol Liquor License for Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder and Change of DBA for the following described premises: One floor for a total of 9,000 SF, with two (2) exits and one (1) entrance.

William Rosenblum, Chairperson
Anthony Alves, Vice Chair
James Gennette
Manuel Silva
Tony Sanches
Ludlow Select Board
06/17, 06/24/2026

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, July 9, 2026, at 7:40 p.m.** on the application of Rachel Burgess-Rivera of **23 May Road, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 27, Parcel 51)** for: **home bakery**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 23, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 06/24, 07/01/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE SKETCH

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Miguel Goncalves for the property located at **23 Oregon Avenue, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 4, Parcel 6)** for the purpose of: **proposed towing company**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 23, 2026. Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 06/24, 07/01/2026

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, July 9, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Durmus Alper Koc of **65 Waters Edge Drive, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 12C, Parcel 55A)** for: **home office for Uber Lyft business**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 23, 2026. Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 06/24, 07/01/2026

Ludlow Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Select Board's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 6:50 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Nick Goggin, for the property located at 125 Watson Lane. The subject of the meeting is: install inground pool.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Angela Tierney, Chair 06/24/2026

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Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE:

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026, AT 5:45 P.M.** On the application of Blue Water Sushi, Inc, 221 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056. Change of Stock Interest for the following described premises: Triangular shaped building located at the vertex and north side of the intersection of East & Winsor Streets. The building is a single-story flat roof structure with concrete masonry exterior walls. The gross building area is 3,877 SF that is divided into two separate tenant spaces. The space fronting East Street will be used for Blue Water Sushi with an area of 2,333 SF. Both spaces have an accessible main entry doorway located side by side at the apex of the triangle facing the Winsor & East Street corner. Each space has a secondary means of egress door with Blue Water Sushi exiting to the rear. There is a demising wall construction between the two spaces with no communicating door between the two units. There is a sit-down bar that is open to the dining area. There is a commercial kitchen with a dedicated door providing direct access from the kitchen to the exterior. Permanent exterior patio of 2,644 SF.

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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Angela Tierney, Chair 06/24/2026

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, July 9, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.** on the application of Kodir Sungur of **521 Center Street, Apt. 14, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 47)** for: **home office for transportation services**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 23, 2026. Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 06/24, 07/01/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

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In the interests of
Gianna Lea Estrella
Buoniconti
of Ludlow, MA

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

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **06/11/2026** by **Dorothy A Buoniconti** of Springfield, MA will be held **07/21/2026 08:30 AM**

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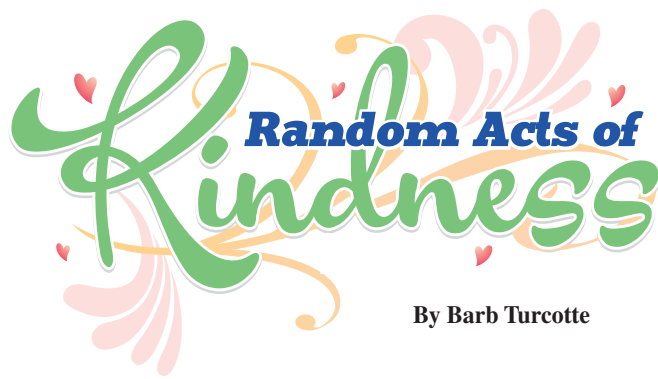
Kyle and Trish Peters who met in 2003, haven't had the easiest lives beginning in childhood, yet together have shown courage and resilience through their almost twenty-year marriage. Once they stayed in a trailer with 2-bedrooms and yet offered a homeless man struggling in the cold a safe haven, though it meant nine people living there. They've also lived in the garage of a friend, determined to start over to create a better life for themselves. They even lived in a shelter for a short time, but as they matured, they've dedicated themselves to improving their lives as well as the lives of their children.

Two young people with troubled pasts involving alcohol and drugs went down that path for a while. When they became young parents unfor-

tunately, that didn't end their self-destruction right away. After their 2nd child, it was discovered Trish has Anti E, a medical condition and both are RH negative, which explained why Trish suffered five miscarriages. Today they have three children in their teens. Their oldest, a son, graduated this month and their oldest daughter is a member of the National Honor Society. What great examples they are for their youngest sister!

Together they've learned what unconditional love from a parent is all about and about the love of a child for their parent. They continue helping their parents when needed and others as well with strength and determination.

Kyle as an adult, was diagnosed with bi-polar and anxiety that meds are life altering for him. While Trish suffers from hip dysplasia, both are hardworking individuals and valuable assets to their employers where they both work. Trish who has been a CNA for twelve



By Barb Turcotte

years and Kyle is part of the Maintenance Department. Her dream is to further her education in nursing or social work.

They were separated for about a year and a half, both dating other individuals and on the verge of divorce. Trish said she remembers well the night Kyle came to her and her partner's house on a particularly hard day and said she looked like she needed a hug. She admitted she did, he reciprocated and right then both realized they loved each other and belonged together. That part of this love story is as they say, 'the rest is history'.

Kyle at one time wrote songs and was a well-known performer. He explained he'd been in a dark place with his lyrics portraying that. As he looks at those writings now, he realizes just how somber they were and doesn't enjoy even reading them anymore.

One of Kyle's co-workers was always encouraging him while often reciting various scriptures. Kyle though being an atheist, was open to hearing another way of looking at life. His co-worker admitted that he'd also dealt with some tough things and how finding the Bible and religion helped him with those

battles. Kyle said he never preached to him but rather shared with him out of concern.

Kyle explained when they were looking for a new place to live, he posted on Facebook to his family and friends that he could use a little extra financial help to obtain a new apartment. A friend from high school that he hadn't even talked to in fifteen years, came forward and offered to help him. He told Kyle it was a gift not a loan, but Kyle made sure to pay him back as he was so appreciative of the help when he needed it the most. They were amazed by the kindness and generosity of those who helped them. They now enjoy a beautiful apartment with each teen having their own space. The kids love it!

Kyle and Trish are filled with gratitude for how their lives have transformed and all the good things they are experiencing. They feel their new beliefs have helped them with this new life and were even baptized on Easter Sunday. Kyle again credits his

co-worker for introducing him to this new way of living.

My vision is that he and his co-worker, who had also been a musician, write songs and perform them in their church. When I suggested that, Kyle's eyes lit up saying maybe in the future but he wasn't ready for that just yet.

Their story is truly inspirational about the human spirit and a love that refused to give up on each other. The day of this interview Kyle proudly stated he was 520 days completely sober. They'll definitely both be an inspiration to others! Thank you for sharing this very personal story.

If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

BUSINESS NOISE

from Page 1

tends to disregard its own zoning bylaw to provide special privileges to one business. Concerns also extend beyond noise.

In 2020, a culvert on Vanished Valley property running under Route 21, was plugged. A neighbor on Center Street reported it and taxpayers ultimately paid the cost of cleaning it," said Byrne.

Sourced from the Town's 2025 community guide on 'Understanding Culverts', a culvert is a structure that allows water to flow under a road, a driveway, a railroad, or a trail. Think of a bridge, but smaller.

In Town, there are almost 200 culverts and bridges and are owned by the Town, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, MassDOT, and by private landowners; this infrastructure well exceeds \$100 million in value. Culverts play a vital role in allowing streams and rivers to flow under roadways, preventing flooding, and allowing them to be passable for people and vehicles.

Properly functioning culverts contribute to the protection of the roads, properties, and natural surroundings. The Town suggests regular inspections, clearing debris and sediment, installing ways to deceive beavers, and repairing and replacing as needed.

Please note the following, dispose of yard waste properly and avoid polluting. Byrne continued, "In Mar. of 2025, photographs showed the culvert plugged again. This area likely involves wetlands and requires a 25-foot no disturb buffer.

Tree removal, hard packed placement, and repeated obstruction raise legitimate concerns about storm water management, envi-

ronmental impact, and wildlife habitat. As of this week, June 15, 2026, a photograph shows a culvert still concealed and well-hidden while Vanished Valley has gained additional parking spaces they needed.

Taken together, these issues show a longstanding pattern of behavior indicating privileges granted to Vanished Valley are neither warranted or deserved in the opinion of many. The Town has an obligation to uphold its bylaws, protect its infrastructure, and ensure that residents' rights are not subordinated to the interest of a single business," ended Byrne.

Byrne went on to show the Select Board printouts of past emails from previous Selectmen, a diagram and photo of the culvert running across Center Street, photos of the blocked culverts from Mar. 12, 2025, and comparing the culverts on June 15, 2026, still blocked. After Byrne's public comment, the board went on through the regular meeting with visitations, correspondence, unfinished business, and then new business where the subject of the outdoor entertainment license policy was discussed again over an hour later; Byrne was joined by neighbors and residents who shared the same feelings as her in regard to Vanished Valley and the entertainment noise heard outside.

Chairperson William Rosenblum reminded residents that any changes to the 'Outdoor Entertainment License Policy' would impact every business in Town.

"This would impact the Ludlow Fish & Game Club, the Ludlow Elks, Sole Syndicate Brewing Co., music at the gazebo with the Cultural Council, and things of that nature. It's a step in the right direction; the board has been on board with this, despite

beliefs.

I think this is something that needs to be done and we need to be cognate to what's going on in the neighborhoods, what's going on with the people in their homes and I've said that from the beginning, beyond popular belief of what people think," said Rosenblum.

Rosenblum was interrupted by Resident Tony Vale who directly asked the board why they would give Vanished Valley the permit back in the first place and Member James Gennette stated that the board had no legal position to keep that from Vanished Valley Owner Mike Rodrigues. Another resident shared Vale and Byrne's feelings and referred to the bylaw that they, meaning the Select Board, refused the Ludlow Police Department to enforce it. Rosenblum responded by sharing a resident called his personal phone number to complain about the entertainment noise

and agreed with their concerns and drove over to the establishment, spoke with the LPD, and then spoke with the brewery's management and told them their license was going to be revoked due to the entertainment stage being in the wrong place.

"I am inserting myself in a different manner than before. Before the residents were neglected, since you've come to this board, we have responded to the best of our ability," stated Rosenblum. Vale stated that the area the brewery is in is a residential area and wasn't there when he moved into the neighborhood, and accused the board of approving the entertainment license and Gennette responded by saying that the license didn't exist and was used as a blanket statement.

Gennette ended the back-and-forth debate from the residents with the following statements, "We did not have any other backbones in any of our policies and pro-

cedures or bylaws to be able to do anything to help you. Rosenblum had started it off to try to create the structure to be able to create that. That wasn't good enough for you because you just want the music to stop at Vanished Valley.

"We don't have the legal reason to do it," said Gennette. A resident spoke up and asked who can enforce the noise bylaw and questioned why it wasn't being enforced, and the board answered it's up to the LPD. The resident asked if they should hire an attorney because if the board cannot stop the music, they stated they would sue the Town, sue Vanished Valley, and sue for damages stating they've been dealing with this issue for seven years.

"The Town is going to pay for your representation, I am done, the music should stop it's right here in the bylaw. Vanished Valley can play their music as loud as they

want as long as they don't disturb the peace, that's the point gentlemen.

We're not here for fun, this is crazy, we have nothing against Vanished Valley what we have is the music has to stop. It's disturbing the peace," said the resident.

The debate continued and Gennette moved that the 'Outdoor Entertainment Policy' be reviewed by Town Administrator Marc Strange, Police Chief Mike Brennan, and Town Council, with request to return to the board with recommended updates to the entertainment application, license certificate language, and standard condition for outdoor entertainment including indoor and outdoor entertainment, amplifying and not amplified entertainment, responsible onsite management, performance location, hours of operation, and compliance with existing bylaws; motion carried 4-0, Member Manuel Silva was not in attendance.

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SLIDE INTO SUMMER
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Health Department, raffles from Ludlow CARES Coalition, and special ice cream flavors like 'PV Lava Dough' donated by Randall's Farm; the event was packed with community spirit! Children were seen running around grabbing free ice cream, drinks and popcorn, and donning specialized tie-dye t-shirts from PVF, all while kicking off the official start of their summer break.

President and CEO of the Club Josue Irizarry shared a few words on the success of the event and the partnership with PVF, "We're very excited that PVF continues to support this event, they do a wonderful job. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be able to have this event."

Managing Partner and Wealth Advisor Edward Sokolowski commented how wonderful it is to see more and more community organizations step up and want to join the safety event.

Partner and Chief Operating Officer Kelly Haber shared the message the event wants to pass along to the youth this summer and how important it is to have children feel safe approaching first responders.

Haber began, "The message and theme is summer safety, and we really want it to be a fun day for the kids on their last day of school. For our first responders, we have the LFD and LPD here, and we're really encouraging the kids to go up and interact

with them.

The officers and firefighters are asking the kids questions, learning about summer safety tips and preparation for the summer, anywhere from wearing your helmet to water and fire safety. They go over it all and we're hoping to help keep kids safe this summer. We're here at the Club on the back fields, they've been a partner of ours for a long time. We have a partnership from the Veterans of Foreign Wars; we don't do this all on our own.

It's wonderful to have partners who are helping us make this a fun day for the kids! This event has been a great success. We get probably about 400 kids every year and we've been really lucky with the weather, so it's nice to see the kids cool off with the slides," said Haber.

Partner and Director of Client Relations Karen Nogueira shared why she likes giving back to the community.

"Giving back is just part of our culture, our philosophy, but we do try to find entities that we have some sort of affinity to. We truly love helping people, whether it's our veterans, first responders, children or families.

This event is another way for us to have community within our community partners, ones that we tend to work with throughout the year. Another piece is us wanting to help, families and kids getting everyone together.

I want to mention the Gatorade and water donations



The Ludlow Fire Department were thrilled to ask safety questions and continue to promote a safe summer.



Volunteering for Ludlow CARES, LHS 2026 Graduates Abby and Yade, with LHS Social Worker Ron Hokanson were enjoying their time together after their graduation ceremony.

from Uncle Bob's General Store, the owner is really wonderful and has been supporting us for the last 11 years. I'm really happy seeing the kids' faces running around and being crazy!" ended Nogueira.

When asked about her favorite summer activity, Haber mentioned the water, "Being able to go to the beach or the pool, staying cool, and having fun with your friends is one of my favorite summer activities!" ended Haber.



Thanks to the Ludlow Fire Department, these kids were having a blast cooling off under the ladder hose.

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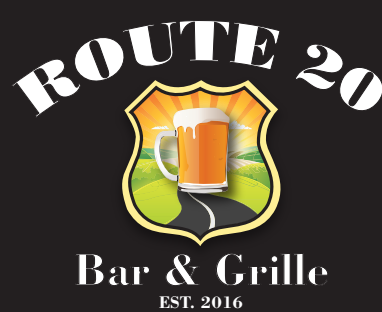
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