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Senior Center celebrates *Father's Day* with luncheon

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LUDLOW – On June 13, the senior center held a Father's Day luncheon for dads, stepdads, fur-dads, brothers, uncles and all men to celebrate them and how special they all are. With music by Joe Kes-tebaum who played folk music of the past, sponsored by the Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center, an estimated total of 194 people joined in on the fun last Friday.

The lunch included meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and a special chocolate cake with a cherry filling from Cook Christine Toelken, who cooked over 200 meals in one day, with the help of volunteers. Activities Director Maria Ardolino spoke about the event, why it was important to celebrate the men in the community, and what she thinks members like the most regarding the menu. "Shoutout to Luso Fed-



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Al Lalli and Celso Figueiredo had a surprise senior center guest!

eral Credit Union who gave us the pens and paper, and we have a very involved decorating committee that picked out the decorations and set the tables. Thank you to them! Regarding Father's Day, people make

such a big day out of Mother's Day that fathers deserve their time too. We want the men in our community to always feel welcome."

Ardolino mentioned that she wants the men

to feel welcomed and involved, that they're seen and heard, with programs offered with their interests in mind. "There's a fishing

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Superintendent Tiano evaluated by School Committee

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LUDLOW – On June 17, the school committee evaluated Superintendent Tiano by each committee member filling out forms and submitting them, then being presented through a slideshow by Director of Operations and School Business Manager Michael Buhl. Beginning with the four standards, leadership, management and operations, family and community engagement, and lastly professional culture.

For instructional leadership, the committee responses included that Tiano's rating was proficient and suggested that the staff are desiring growth opportunities, wanting more input into professional development. An area of growth that was suggested would be to find more opportunities to provide teachers with consistent feedback on their instruction.

For management and operations, the committee responses reviewed and submitted that Tiano was pro-

ficient overall, adding that there should be more evidence needed to be present to show how Superintendent Dr. Tiano influences collaboration and minimizes disruptions for school level staff. Another suggestion was to reiterate with the administration team the importance of maintaining a professional working relationship with town departments.

In family and community engagement, Tiano's rating from the committee was proficient with a suggestion for the district to include more input from parents and teachers. This would benefit the district and be helpful to track response time to address parental concerns.

For the fourth and final standard, Tiano was rated proficient in professional culture with a committee suggesting opportunities for continuous learning for staff and input from teachers on professional development.

The overall score for Tiano was proficient, stating on the slideshow, Dr. Tiano has worked extensively on con-

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Preschool graduates Ryan Newell, Fay Billeter, and Parker Leoniczyk donned their own caps and gowns for the perfect photo.

2025 preschoolers graduate from the LBGC

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LUDLOW – "The most delightful group of children and parents"

Last Friday, June 13, the preschoolers of the Ludlow Community Center/Randall's Boys and Girls Club school gathered to celebrate their child as they end their first chapter of school. Fam-

ilies, friends, and LBGC preschool teachers were under the pavilion in the back parking lot, next to the splash pad, with their cameras ready excited to cheer on their students.

Preschool Director Barbara Glanville, President/CEO Josue Irizarry, and the preschool teachers and Club staff were there decorating, handing out certificates and books, while pinning

on a special button signifying their end of preschool. The best part of the day for these graduates was the special ice cream from Elsie's Creamery from Randall's Farm, curated by the Club youth.

Sara Sears with her son Sawyer who was graduating on Friday, spoke about

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Senior Center hosts introduction to soup making and spices

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LUDLOW - On June 11, Executive Director Jodi Zepke hosted an intro to soup making and spices course to teach members of the senior center the basics to jazz up their meals. Held inside the center's kitchen, Zepke was behind the counter with an array of ingredients sprawled out for attendees of the course to look at, taste, and

smell while making soup.

This simple course offered much more than a taste-test, members were able to communicate with each other and share their struggles cooking for themselves, like not enjoying the cooking process and not liking cooking for themselves. Zepke structured the class with simple steps of soup making: Starting with a base of their choice of broth with water, adding spices like oregano and basil, adding vegetables

that are either raw or sauteed, adding meat and then later on pasta, and bouillon, water, and broth when needed to the pot.

The 9 attendees were all there to learn more about the ingredients that were going into the soup, why it was added, and how to know when to add certain ingredients while taste-testing. The other aspect was being reminded about shelf life, learning that some

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Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Jill, Shirley, Jodi, Sylvia, and Darlene pose for a group photo with their soup bowls.

Tiano presents District Improvement Plan for next school year

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LUDLOW – On June 17, Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano presented the strategic plan and district improvement plan for the upcoming school year of 2026. Through a PowerPoint presentation, Tiano presented the three-year strategic plan, the one-year district improvement plan, announced the school improvement plans that will be covered in

the July 22 meeting, and educator goals.

The plan for success is the district's three-year roadmap for improved student outcomes that included the district's guiding vision, mission, and core values. Action steps centered upon four strategic objectives and budget priorities, professional development, educator evaluation, and other policy decisions. Strategic objectives and initiatives will be executed through annual district and school improvement

plans having measurable performance benchmarks.

Tiano presented the LPS mission for students and the core values, "My hope is when you look at our actions and look at our results, you see these reflected through everything we do."

Showing the strategic objectives with students and staff wellness being at the top, Tiano explained the other objectives like instructional practices, standards-aligned curriculum, and culture and engagement.

Tiano continued with the district improvement plan of 2025 to 2026, "We still have a ton of work to do. With this framework for our district action steps, we have the point person with their related objective and then the expected outcomes. Hopefully when you look at these outcomes, hopefully you can see the objectives where these have derived. We believe this will help the needle for student growth and well-being."

The meeting continued

discussing each action step and each objective, Tiano continued. "We have excellent teachers and what we are trying to do is expand their toolbox, so they can access support when they need it. I want to be going in the right direction and if you look at our goals from last year, we just wanted to see improvement since we didn't have the baseline data. So, this is the evolution of moving the district forward."

When asked about the past superintendents, "At one

point, this district had three superintendents in three years. Trying to find and implement research best practices, developing the systems for research; with the 500 people that work here, it takes a while to move us in this direction. We will be working with our school administration on our goals that will come down to the educator goals."

The next school committee meeting will be on July 22 to cover the school improvement plans.

LUDLOW

10th Anniversary of Slide into Summer Safety draws over 400 townspeople

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LUDLOW – On June 16, Pioneer Valley Financial Group held their 10th anniversary of the Slide into Summer Safety event, a free community event held at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club back field on the last day of school. For grades kindergarten through fifth grade, the safety event is meant to have the youth meet the town's first responders and be reminded on how to stay safe during the warmer months, outside of school.

This event is to celebrate the end of the school year with slippery fun, high fives, safety tips, ice cream from Elsie's Creamery made by the Club youth, popcorn, a DJ, raffles, and much more. Community partners that were involved were the Ludlow Police Department, Ludlow Fire Department, Randall's Farm, Ludlow Cares Coalition, LBGC, and hosted by PV Financial Group.

Beginning at the entrance to the back lawns of the Club, families and kids were lining up to sign in and receive their special 10th anniversary t-shirt, whilst waiting anxiously looking at the inflatable slides and the summer excitement. Every child was



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PV Financial Chief Operating Officer Kelly Haber with President Edward Sokolowski; Ludlow Police Department Sgt. Wielblad, Officer Santana, and Officer Dent.

given a wristband with blank circles and the kids were encouraged to look for a first responder and answer all their safety questions, and if they answered correctly the first responder would color in their wristband.

This was the unique way of getting the youth comfortable talking with their chiefs in town, going up to officers in town and asking questions, and ultimately being reminded of what to do in an emergency scenario and staying safe.

President of PV Financial Edward Sokolowski spoke about the 25-year-old company, the 10th anniversary safety event in town, and why he believes it's important to give

back to the youth and the community.

"When we started the event, we went to some of the local firefighters and police officers and asked what a good time of the year would be to work with kids, regarding safety. They said it was harder during the school year to start working with kids because of the curriculums and it's just more difficult to get in there, and they said the time they would like to see them is right before summer starts. Summer is the time in which there's the most accidents and at the end of the school year, we said we needed to come up with something fun. The last day of school is always a half

day, and I thought the slide into summer safety would be a good idea."

At PV Financial, Sokolowski mentioned that the company has 20 employees, and this safety event is very important to the entire staff. "We deal with money all day and so when we come here, it grounds us, and this event keeps getting bigger and bigger. More departments have reached out to do more and it's exploded, we're proud of that. Regarding the Club, I was a board member for almost 20 years and the chairman in the past, there would never be a better place to have it. It's a natural fit for us and we support them throughout the year. We plan about three months in advance and every department is always asking how we can make it better for next year."

Ludlow Fire Department

entities, along with Pioneer Valley Financial, and it's been a wonderful event that brings the community together at the end of the school year. It helps instill a safe message for the summer for the kids that are going to be loose and not in school. We all look forward to it every year. It's wonderful for everybody to get together for the same purpose and that is to bring a safety message to our kids." In attendance with booths were the PVPC Navigator, LBGC, Springfield Thunderbirds, Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow Public Health, and the police and fire departments.

Chief Pease ended with an important message

"Our kids are our greatest resource and it's up to us all to educate them and help them remain as safe as possible during the summer," he said.

Chief Pease spoke about the safety message that he believes is always important to instill in kids before the summer begins. "This is the 10th year that we've been partnering with local public safety



On top of the Ludlow fire truck, the hose was spraying out water to the kids below, cooling them off after their last day of school.



Ludlow Fire Department and the Health Department teamed up to offer sunscreen and helpful advice on how to stay safe this summer!

Officer Santana smiles as the little girl answered all his safety questions correctly.



The free community event had a variety of inflatable slides that kids were lining up for throughout the day.



The LBGC booth had temporary tattoos, bubbles, and souvenir cups to keep refreshed during the summer day.

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Chief Valadas provides update about scamming attempts

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LUDLOW – On June 20, the Register was made aware of recent scams the Ludlow Police Department posted on their Facebook page with scams including Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi and fake Federal Court arrest warrants. Please read the postings below and Chief Valadas recommendations to residents. From the Ludlow Police Department website, “SCAM ALERT: Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi is warning the public after several Western Mass. residents reported they were contacted by a “Chief Deputy Warren Randall” or “Deputy Walker,”

who tries to set up a meeting or collect money to resolve a legal issue. On at least two occasions, the scammer said he was to be paid a \$3,500 fee but the department would not solicit money via phone for any purpose. Sometimes, the phone number on the caller ID appears to be from the Sheriff’s Process and Warrants Office in Springfield, Massachusetts, but it is not legitimate and likely generated via a spoofing service on the Internet. Sheriff Cocchi is asking members of the public who receive such a message to please call the Sheriff’s Department’s investigation unit—Michael Joslyn at 413-858-0109 to report it.” From the Ludlow Police Department Facebook, “SCAM ALERT:

Fake Federal Court Arrest Warrants, we’ve been alerted by a local resident about a new scam involving fraudulent United States District Court arrest warrants. Scammers are using official-looking documents to convince individuals they are facing legal trouble - then demanding payment via Bitcoin, gift cards, or bank account information to “resolve” the issue. THIS IS A SCAM, Federal courts do not issue arrest warrants that require payment over the phone or online. If you receive one of these fake warrants, do not provide any personal or financial information.” Submitted by Chief Valadas of the Ludlow Police Department to The Register: “Unfortunately, scammers are becoming

savvier and more complex in their fake digital solicitations for payments through various methods that include gift cards, wire transfers, and Bitcoin transfers. The police department advises the public to immediately delete any solicitation that asks for money transfers, even those that look as though they’re from a government agency. Treat all these solicitations as fraudulent. If someone sustains a financial loss, notify your banking institutions and file a report with the police department. You can also report online scams to the federal government through the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) which is operated by the FBI.” Visit ic3.gov to file a complaint.

4 Towns Food Drive coming Saturday, June 28

SOUTH HADLEY/GRANBY/BELCHERTOWN/LUDLOW – The local Democratic Committees are hosting a Food Drive on June 28 to fill up local food pantries to fight food insecurity.

Granby- 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Granby UCC’s parish parking lot to fill the Granby to Go Food Pantry. For more information, contact Susan Knightly at susan.knightly@gmail.com.

Belchertown- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., held at and benefiting the Helping Hands Cupboard on 18 Park Street, as well as on the Belchertown Common. Contact Cara Lapenas at belchertowndemchair@gmail.com for more information.

Ludlow- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ludlow Department of Veterans Services at 487 Holyoke Street. Please get in touch with Mia Alves at miaalves@charter.net for more information.

South Hadley – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the South Hadley High School to fill the pantry for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. For more information, contact Ann Stockton at astockton15@gmail.com.

Please remember to check expiration dates, and to not donate anything past the date on the item. Monetary donations are also accepted to help the food pantries stock their shelves.

Ludlow K of C Sunday Rosary to be held June 29

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council 3535 and Chicopee Knights of Columbus Council 18251 will cosponsor a 5th Sunday Rosary on Sunday June 29 @ 12:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee.

This is a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage site allow-

ing participants to perform a plenary indulgence.

The prayer service will include the Marian Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year of Hope prayer, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Light refreshments will be served afterward. All are welcome.

Reminder: Dog licenses are required by July 1

LUDLOW – Dog licenses expired March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually per MGL C.140, §.137. On July 1 there will be a late fee of \$10 per

dog in addition to the licensing fee.

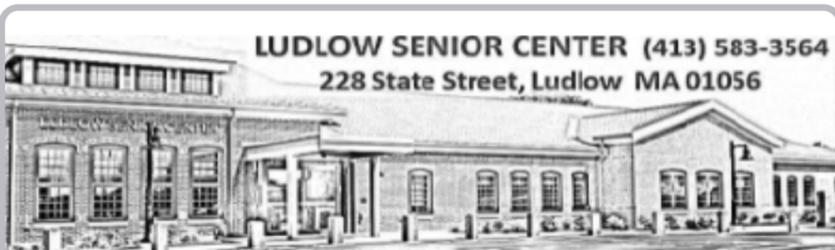
We must have the most current rabies certificate to license your dog.

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

When mailing in your payment or utilizing the drop box: please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Mail to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

The fee is \$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. 1 or email clerk@ludlow.ma.us.



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

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center’s beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also “like” the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, June 26

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writer’s Block
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Remarkably Bright Creatures
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, June 27

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Reiki Appointments*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Monday, June 30

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help*
- 10 a.m. Diabetes Awareness*
- 10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, July 1

- 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 Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
- 4:45 p.m. Movie: Jaws!

Wednesday, July 2

- 8 a.m. Garden Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1p.m. Movie: Jaws!
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Thursday, July 3

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

Daily Events:

- Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
- Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, June 26: French Toast Casserole/Breakfast Sausage
- Friday, June 27: Egg Salad Finger Sandwich/Must-Go Soup/Chips
- Monday, June 30: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Lettuce & Tomato/Pasta Salad
- Tuesday, July 1: Shepherd’s Pie/Biscuit
- Wednesday, July 2: Potato Crunch Fish/Rice/Veggies
- Thursday, July 3: Chicken Kebob/Orzo Salad

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

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

High School of Commerce holding 50th Class Reunion

SPRINGFIELD – The High School of Commerce Class of 75 is holding their 50th class reunion.

It will take place at the Storwton Tavern, West Springfield, MA, on Saturday August 30, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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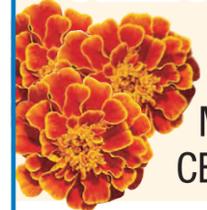
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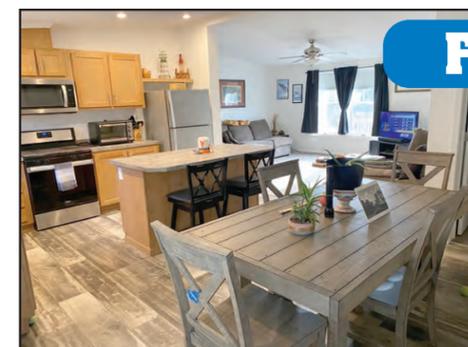
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Renovate your strawberry patch and divide those irises, too

I started over with new strawberry plants this year, but for those of you who are completing your harvest, it's high time to renovate your patch so that it will remain productive.

Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out fourteen inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries.

Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras; or, use them to start another patch.

Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile.

Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another- another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer.

Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits.

Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our climate, this

should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August.

This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about two inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down.

The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

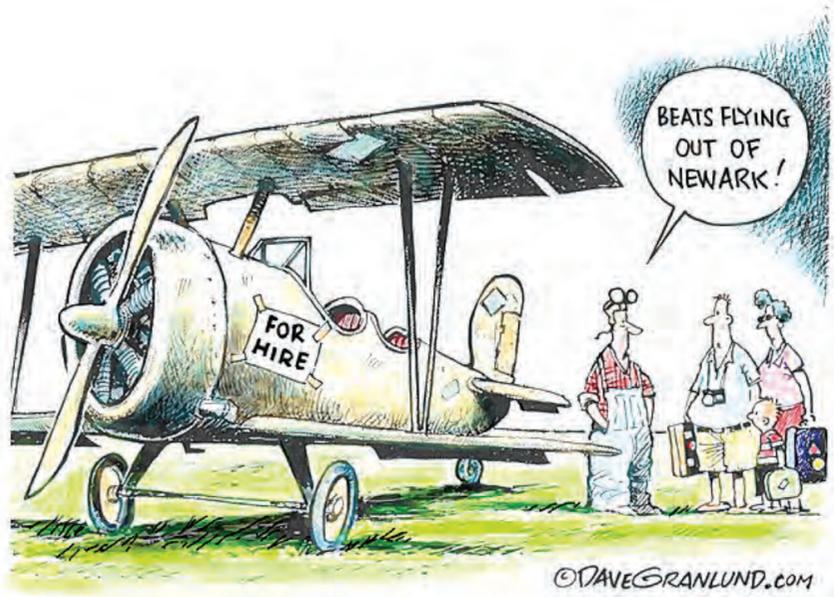
Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer.

Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation.

In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts.

In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewn edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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GUEST COLUMN

The Pemi Loop at sixty

By Julie Midura
Guest Columnist

Last December, I got this harebrained idea to do something CRAZY for my birthday this June. It would be my way of proving to myself that '60' isn't as old as it sounds in my head.

The Pemi Loop-called "the 2nd hardest day hike in the United States" by Backpacker Magazine-is a 32-mile hike that encircles the largest wilderness area in the White Mountains of NH. With 10 summits and 10,500 feet of elevation gain-along with technical climbs and descents-completing this rugged hike in one day would be the hardest endur-

people I love, rather than spending my weekends training for an epic endurance hike. So I shelved the idea of a solo, single-day Pemi Loop in favor of completing a 'leisurely' three-day Pemi Loop backpacking trip with my husband instead. After all, we wouldn't really need to TRAIN for it... would we?

The short answer, as we discovered last weekend, is "Yes, you DID need to train for it, you fools!"

Although our bodies most definitely took a beating, weary legs and several falls were a small price to pay for admission.

Because I have no desire to carefully preserve this



such as this.

You see, although our bodies most assuredly have a shelf life, there are parts of us that will forever remain ageless. And I plan to carry the best parts of my younger self into my older years. I plan to worry less about 'acting my age' and spend more time celebrating it. I plan to scramble up steep rock ledges. Watch the sun rise and set from mountaintops. Sleep in the wilderness. Slow dance on summits. Kiss... even when someone is watching.

I plan to slide into the next decade, battered, bruised and bandaged, all while yelling, "Dang, what an amazing ride!"

So on our final day of the trip, I was disappointed to hear Tom say, "I hate to tell you this, but this will be my last Pemi Loop."

However, he said the same exact thing two years ago when we completed our FOURTH Pemi Loop. I'm secretly hoping that hiker amnesia kicks in again in two years when he turns 70. Because don't you agree that there's no better place to become a septuagenarian than on a walk around the largest wilderness area in New Hampshire?

See you in the wild places, my friends!



Submitted photos

ance challenge I had ever attempted. As such, it would require significant training.

But in January, just one month after the idea took hold, life took a turn when our 1-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Three months later, in April, our middle daughter's high risk pregnancy with twins became more serious when both babies were diagnosed with heart issues. The nail in the coffin came in May, when our 160-mile backpacking trip on the A.T. through NJ and NY-my one and final opportunity to train for the Pemi Loop-ended just 6 days in. Our youngest daughter had been rushed to the ER with a life-threatening pregnancy complication and was forced to deliver the baby five weeks early. (Mom and baby are now doing well.)

Over the last 6 months, our family has needed us, and my time has been better spent being there for the

now sixty-year-old body. I prefer to use it up until there is nothing left. To wring out every last bit of my youth on adventures and experiences



The REGISTER

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Luso Federal Credit Union and the center's decorating committee combined efforts to create the tablescape for the Father's Day luncheon at the center.



Richard and Maryann Busha with Tina Gloster smile together while celebrating Father's Day.

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club, a walking club that has a lot of men in it, and a lot of men come in for a coffee. They play dominoes and cribbage. There is a lot that men are involved in here and just to know they are appreciated," added Ardolino.

The highlight of the Father's Day lunch menu was the chocolate cherry dump cake. Every table had a variety of friend groups, family gatherings, and couples who were there to enjoy the day together as a senior center.



Maria Gahnd, Alice Goncalves, Alice Mendes, and Maria Avila were all excited to enjoy the meatloaf lunch.



Herald Brown and Ellis Gray commented that they both enjoyed the music by Musician Joe Kestebaum.

Musician Joe Kestebaum played folk music for the Father's Day luncheon.

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tract negotiations with every unit within the district. He continues to create and implement transparent budgets which are aligned to our district's goals. Our school dis-

trict has and will continue to evaluate and update our policies under the superintendent's leadership. In an industry where the work is never done, all are never satisfied and targets are always increasing while resources

are decreasing, we are doing well. Thank you for your hard work.

Tiano ended saying, "I love what I do, and this is my 15th year as a superintendent/assistant superintendent position. This is not a

solo job, sometimes the superintendent gets too much credit or too much blame, but we cannot function without these folks, principals, custodians, etcetera. I am thankful for all your support."

SOUP KITCHEN

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parts of vegetables like celery don't have to be thrown out, and being mindful that cooking can be fun and not be intimidating. Suggestions also included how to store herbs in olive oil in ice cube trays and much more.

Whilst Zepke was adding ingredients and taste testing the soup along the way, at-

tendees were given numerous tips and tricks on how to store ingredients like garlic, suggestions on where to shop for olive oil, spices and more, while being reminded that flavor is the key in a dish. The key to a soup base is starting with onion powder, garlic powder, salt, and pepper.

Throughout the cooking process, Zepke held the pot and showed what the soup looked like at each stage,

while being able to answer questions along the way about her cooking at the senior center and using examples of what she cooks for lunch to help them visualize. In the past, Zepke hosted dinner and breakfast sessions that members responded very well with. Attendees are hoping that more cooking sessions are held in the future.

After the class ended, everyone went home with Zep-

ke's soup in to-go containers, happy to have learned more about soup and excited to make soup for themselves, friends, and family.



Beverly, Elaine, Joan, Jackie, and Helen smile whilst taste testing Zepke's soup.

What's Happening

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

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays.

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday, June 25, 11:00 a.m. Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Free Tech Help Call us at 413-583-3408x114 to book an hour long appointment. We can help you with your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. By appointment only, please no drop-ins.

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

FOR ADULTS

Tuesday Movie Club: Wicked, Tuesday, June 17, 12:30 p.m. Follow Elphaba, the misunderstood green-skinned girl who will one day become the Wicked Witch, and Glinda, the popular ambitious blonde who becomes the Good Witch. Directed by Jon M. Chu (*Crazy Rich Asians*) and starring Cynthia Erivo (*Harriet*) and Ariana Grande. Please register.

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Six Power Canals of the Chicopee River, Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m. Did you know Ludlow had its very own power canal located near the Mills? Join us with Robert Coe, Massachusetts Cultural Council grant recipient, who will represent the history of the Ludlow power canal! Please register.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit mass-book.org/readingchallenge.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

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

FOR TEENS
CD Mandalas for YAs, Friday, June 20, 1:30 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Turn an old music CD into a mesmerizing work of art. Please register.
Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, June 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For middle and high

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Belchertown Public Schools School Choice PROGRAM 2025-2026 School Year

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade K	2	Grade 7	10
		Grade 8	10
		Grade 9	5
		Grade 10	5

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a **complete** application is 4:00 p.m. **on Friday, July 18, 2025.**

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on July 18, 2025, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 22, 2025.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownps.org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

The Belchertown School District does not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation or ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, disability or proficiency in the English language in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

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After getting their face painted by Jane Lin, R.J. Donnell and Billy Manewich were happy to show their faces to the camera.



Sara, Maverick, and preschool graduate Sawyer smile for a family photo.



Every graduating preschooler received a certificate, a book, sunglasses, and a pin saying, "I'm going to kindergarten!"



Preschool graduate Solana Barrus poses with her preschool certificate after successfully completing her time at the Club.

PRESCHOOLERS

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her experience at the Club and how she has been liking living in town with her two children.

"My son Sawyer goes to class and school here in classroom B, this is his second year here, and he's graduating today! We were in Belchertown, and we moved to Ludlow and heard about the boys and girls club through a friend, she had nothing but good things to say about it. We decided to come and check it out, we loved it, and he comes only Tuesday and Thursdays. We didn't need full-time preschool but wanted to get him into something with friends, something social and learn-

ing before kindergarten. We started here; he's loved it."

Sears added that her son Sawyer loved attending the preschool and the program offered, saying that everyone she has met has been wonderful. "Sawyer has brought home pictures every day if they get free time to draw. They had an art show that we came to that showcased some of his artwork and he brought home a very sweet Mother's Day gift, it was a little plant that he had planted himself. They do great things, and he loves every day here. We'll stay updated with the events they have here and being a resident of Ludlow, we have great neighbors, and I really think it's a great town."

If interested in learning more about the LBGC, visit the Club's website.



Alysha Pepin, preschool graduate Isabella Wielblad, and Sgt. Jhon Wielblad of the LPD was proud to be attending the preschool graduation.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Palmer District Court
235 Sykes Street
Palmer, MA 01069
(413)263-8916
SUMMONS
Civil No. 2543CV172
Town of Ludlow
by and through its
Director of Public Health
PLAINTIFF(S)
v.
Trippy's LLC
DEFENDANTS(S)
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO TRIPPY'S LLC
1. **This Notice is to inform you that you are being sued.** The person or business suing you is known as the Plaintiff. A copy of the Plaintiff's Complaint**

against you is attached and the original has been filed in the Palmer Division of the District Court Department. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing. If you do not respond the Plaintiff may obtain a court order requiring you to pay money or provide other relief.
2. **You must respond within 20 days to protect your rights.** In order to protect your right to defend yourself in this lawsuit, you must deliver or mail a written response called an "Answer" to both the "Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Palmer District Court, 235 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA 01069" and to the individual below:
Stephen J. Chaplin, Esq., at Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC,

730 Main Street, Suite 1F, Millis, Massachusetts 02054.
Your Answer must be delivered or mailed within 20 days from the date the Summons was delivered to you. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension of time in writing from the Court.
3. **Your Answer must respond to each claim made by the Plaintiff.** Your Answer is your written response to the statements made by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. You may agree with some of the things the Plaintiff says and disagree with other things. You may also say that you do not know whether one (or

more) of the statements made in the Plaintiff's Complaint is true. If you want to have your case heard by a jury, you must specifically request a jury trial in your Answer. Even if you agree that you owe what is claimed, sending an Answer will provide you with an opportunity to participate and explain your circumstances.
4. **You must list any reasons why you should not have to pay the Plaintiff what the Plaintiff asks for.** If you have any reason(s) why the Plaintiff should not get what the Plaintiff asks for in the Complaint, you must write those reasons (or "defenses") in your Answer.
06/18, 06/25, 07/02/2025

**Town of Ludlow
Legal Notice**
In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Selectboard has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Selectboard's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Dinesh B. Patel, Jai Umiya Ma, Inc., dba Ludlow Shell Convenience Plus located at 227 Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for an alteration of premises and change of hours for an all-alcohol liquor store. Premises described as follows: A gas station/convenience store on one floor with retail space, office and two storage rooms. A total of 5,108 square feet with two entrances and two exits.
Manuel Silva, Chairman
Ludlow Selectboard
06/25, 07/02/2025

fixtures including necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways.
West Avenue: to place (1) jointly owned pole numbered Pole T.28S/E.28S on the north side of West Avenue at a point approximately two hundred seventy-five (275) feet easterly from the centerline of Florida Street. The new pole will also be located approximately thirty-four (34) feet northerly from the existing pole, T.28/E.28. The request was initiated by Eversource to support the existing pole line and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.
Manuel Silva, Chairperson
William Rosenblum
James Gennette
Anthony Alves
06/18, 06/25/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25C0199CA
In the matter of:
Lillian Rose Sedlak
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Lillian Rose Sedlak of Ludlow, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Lillian Rose Sedlak-Maynard
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/08/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 10, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/25/2025**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD25P1273EA
Estate of:
BERNARD J. REGNIER
Date of Death: 4/26/25
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **BRIAN REGNIER of AGAWAM, MA.**
BRIAN REGNIER of AGAWAM, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
06/25/2025

**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 8, 2025, at 5:35 p.m.**
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Ludlow boys fall to Northampton



Thomas Oakley passes ahead of pressure.



Cristiano Joao gets ready to receive a pass.



Mario Campora plays the ball off his knee.



Daniel Alparca shuffles up the field.



Cameron Friese socks the ball away.



Giuseppe Porfilio watches his pass go forwards.



Braden Martins plays the ball off his chest.

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Gaines shines for PeoplesBank in win over rival St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—People's Bank, who captured the last eleven Tri-County League championship titles, and the St. Joseph's Baseball Club are scheduled to face each other four times during the regular season.

The first two meetings on the baseball diamond were won by People's Bank without very much trouble.

A week after defeating St. Joe's, 13-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, People's Bank celebrated a 6-1 road victory at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"This is a very big win early season win for us against St. Joe's, who's currently in first place," said People's Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "I thought our pitching and defense was the difference in tonight's game. We also had some timely base hits."

People's Bank, who had two games postponed last week, had a perfect 4-0 record following the road win, while St. Joe's had a 5-2 record.

Each of the five Tri-County League teams gets two points for a victory and one for a tie.

"We always want to beat People's, but they're a very veteran team and we have a bunch of younger players," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes, who shares the coaching duties with Paul Marcinek. "They don't swing at many bad pitches. They also don't make very many

mistakes defensively."

People's Bank jumped out to a 2-0 lead against St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Petrin in the top of the first inning.

Petrin, who was a senior on the Pope Francis baseball team this past spring, tossed a two-hitter against Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which was held at Mackenzie Stadium on May 27. He didn't have the same kind of success in his start against People's Bank.

With one-out in the opening frame, second baseman Dave Clark (3-for-3) lined a single down the right field line. First baseman Kyle Platner followed with a ground ball single up the middle into center field putting runners at the corners. Platner moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. Catcher Frankie Ferrentino, who's a first-year player, drove home both runners with a bloop single to center.

Ferrentino is a member of the Merrimack College baseball team.

Petrin retired the next two batters on a foul pop-up caught by third baseman Jacob Petrin and a strikeout.

St. Joe's threatened against People's Bank lefty Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke, with one-out in the bottom half of the first inning. Jacob Petrin (2-for-4) began the rally with an infield hit and right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk. Gaines escaped further trouble by getting the next

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Gustavo Barbosa traps the ball and heads up the field.



Robert Lyons crosses the field.



Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.

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Pioneers suffer rare league loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BURLINGTON, VT.

—Not very much went the right way for the Western Mass. Pioneers against Vermont Green FC in the first match-up of the regular season between the USL League-Two rivals.

Vermont Green scored a goal at the end of both halves leading to a 2-0 shutout over the Pioneers before 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field, which is located on the University of Vermont campus, last Tuesday night.

"I thought we played well, but we just couldn't put our chances away," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "They did put their chances away."

The Pioneers had a 5-1-2 record following the road loss.

Vermont Green (6-0-1) took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division.

Since joining USL

League-Two in 2022, Vermont has finished in third place behind the Pioneers in the league standings.

The overall series record between the two clubs is now tied 3-3-1. Three of the seven matchups ended 1-0.

In the second meeting of last season, Vermont made the trip south on Rte. 91 needing to defeat the Pioneers to qualify for the league playoffs. They got the job done with a 3-1 victory.

Their first meeting of 2024, which was played at Virtue Field, finished in a scoreless draw.

The last time the Pioneers celebrated a victory over Vermont Green was a 1-0 home shutout in the second meeting of the 2023 campaign. The lone goal of that match was scored by Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men's soccer team at Bryant University.

The Pioneers had a



Mamadi Jiana runs down the loose ball.

couple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday's match.

In the eighth minute, Robbie Lyons fired a shot from the top of the box, but Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg managed to make the save.

A little more than ten minutes later, a Lyons free kick sailed wide

Herceg made another save following a shot attempt from Augustine Boadi during the 32nd minute.

Vermont Green took a 1-0 lead 11 minutes later.

The scoring play began with Stephane Njike sending a crossing pass into the box from the left side. Then Joseph Picotto flicked a shot into the back of the net past Western Mass goalie Cam Hall.

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score the tying goal in 52nd minute when Boadi sent a pass to Lyons, but his shot went over the crossbar.

In the 73rd minute, Jared Smith's free kick just missed going into the net.

With the Pioneers still trailing by a goal late in the second half, Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg received a yellow card from referee Elvis Jandric.

Molinari thought his team should've been given a free kick following

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T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year's Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative's mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team's connection to local families and fans. This summer's Caravan dates are as follows:

Saturday, July 19 - Sonny's Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena,

Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *

*The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To register your team, click here.

"After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we're thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We're equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome."

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by Thunderbirds

mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

"We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it." The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House.

Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry. Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels.

For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

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schoolers. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games. Free pizza sponsored by Friends of the Library! 16 person limit. Please register.

Anime Club, every other Tuesday, June 26, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about anime. Registration recommended.

3D Fashion Paper Art, Friday, June 27, 1:00 p.m. For tweens and teens. Join teen library volunteer Bella who will teach you how to create a high-fashion design and then make an artistic 3D drawing of it using designer papers and other craft supplies. Please register.

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, last Friday of month, June 27, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For ages 14 - 18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. The group picks the books. Pick up a copy of this month's book in the Youth Room. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, June 25, July 2, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For ages 8-14. Trading, dueling, and gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday, June 26, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month the group is reading *Séance Tea Party*, by Reimena Yee, which is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, July 1 and 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room

for the week. Drop-in.

Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

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FOR CHILDREN

First Words for 0-12 mo olds, Fridays, through June 20, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. For 0-12 mo olds and their caregivers. This series, presented by a certified speech-language pathologist from Connect 2 Communicate, will focus on early communication and how to support infant speech and language development. Please register.

You & Me in Music for 18-24 months with Renee Coro, Wednesdays through June 25, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. For 18 to 24 mos. Songs, stories, chanting, musical instruments and more to foster pre-literacy skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

You & Me in Music for 2-5 yr olds with Renee Coro, Wednesdays through June 25, 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. For 2-5 year olds.. Songs, stories, chanting, musical instruments and more to foster pre-literacy skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers, Thursdays, through June 26 (not 6/19), 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. For 0-2s. Playgroup led by early childhood development specialists. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 yr olds, Thursdays, through June 26 (not 6/19), 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. For 2-5s. Playgroup led by early childhood development specialists. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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OBITUARIES

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batter to hit into an inning ending double play.

After neither team scored in the second inning, People's Bank centerfielder Seth Allen hit a groundball to the third baseman leading off the third inning. He wound up at second base following a throwing error. A Clark pop-up single to center and a walk by Platner loaded the bases.

The visitors, who had seven base hits in the game, took a 3-0 lead when Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who's the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe's broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe's rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Triglio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People's Bank ended the inning with a double play.

"Our defense was awesome tonight," Ferry said. "We turned three double plays early in the game."

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in four innings, was relieved by fellow lefty James Flahive, who's normally a starter, at the start of the fifth inning.

"Danny has been one of our top starting pitchers for a very long time," Ferry said. "It's still early in the season and we knew he could give us at least four strong innings."

Flahive, who threw 70 pitches over the final three frames, was credited with the win. He didn't allow any runs on two hits.

People's Bank final two runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings on sacrifice flies from designated hitter Johny Getskas and Platner.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two teams was scheduled to be played at Mackenzie Stadium on Tuesday night.

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the card, but the referee gave the home team a goal kick instead.

"It should've been a free kick for us because the referee gave their goalie a yellow card," Molinari said. "The referee made a mistake and it's a very tough loss for loss."

Following the match, Molinari and several of the Pioneers got into a heated argument with Jandric in the middle of the field.

The home team sealed their victory when Hall attempted to make a diving save on a shot taken by Tyler Trimnal. The ball bounced away from the Pioneers keeper and Njike put the ball into the back of the net sending the Vermont Green supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers did get back into the win column following a 2-0 win against the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers goals were scored by Jorge Veintimilla and Jiana.

The second meeting between Vermont Green and Western Mass. is scheduled to take place at Lusitano Stadium on July 11. It's also the regular season finale for the Pioneers.

Ron Schneider



Ron valiantly fought many health battles over the recent years including cancer and was released from his worldly body peacefully at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. with his loving and adoring wife, Cara by his side. Born in Watertown, NY and living in West Springfield, Agawam, and finally Ludlow. Ron was predeceased by his parents, Doris Mae (Hevland) and Leland Perl Schneider of New York and his daughter, Lisa M. Schneider of West Springfield, and his brother Kevin Schneider of Provincetown, MA. He is survived by his beloved wife Cara F. (Cheney) Schneider of Ludlow, his children, Robin (James) LeBlanc of Mashpee, Mass., Christina (Wayne) Falardeau of Westfield, Bonnie (Philip) McKenzie of Feeding Hills, Ronald D. Schneider of Ludlow and Bridget Schneider of Ludlow, his grandchildren, Andrew Falardeau, Jennifer Falardeau, and Iain McKenzie, his brothers, Randy of Arlington, Tenn., Keith of Mount Vernon, Washington, Jon of Ludlow, Lee James of Longmont, Colorado, and Stephen "Max" of Sandwich, Mass. and his sisters, Liane (Larry) Biron of Wellfleet, Mass. and Linda (John) Harrington of Flower Mound, Texas. He is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews. Ron was a 1967 graduate of Ludlow High School and also attended Springfield Technical Community College (STCC). He served in the United States Army in the 46th Engineer Battalion and was a distinguished Vietnam Veteran earning the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 3236 in Ludlow. He was the proud owner of New Horizons Home Improvement for over 40 years and took pride in every job he did, no matter how big or small. Jeans and a pocket tshirt and flannel and his hat. Let's all do that! That's how we all knew and loved him. Down to earth and a hard worker. Never afraid to get his hands dirty and fix it, whatever it may be. Always willing to help or lend a hand or offer tips and tricks to complete a project. Whether it was telling stories from his childhood or sharing of his time in Vietnam, sharing anecdotes, beaming about his family, or giving life advice, time was a vacuum and there was never enough time to just sit and listen. His family was always his beacon and he was never more proud than when

he was telling of their accomplishments or sitting on the sidelines cheering for them, going to the movies, watching shows at home, going for a long car ride

to find a new ice cream spot, or even just revisiting a favorite one, adventures traveling by car to wherever the road may take them, or simply just being with them. He was always their biggest supporter. He held us all together and he held us all up. He is the fabric and the glue. He loved to have fun. He was an avid collector of eclectic things including coins, stamps, duck decoys and figurines, tools, projects, and hats. He loved to play golf with friends and family. He loved a good card game, whether at the casino, or in the living room, or in the barn. He loved the company and chatter and banter as much as he loved the games. He was methodical and fun and there was always a deck of cards and some chips nearby for a hand to be played. He was a patient mentor and teacher and was always willing to share that knowledge and those life learned tricks. Ron never met a stranger. It never mattered what your job, your background, you looked like, or your history. He was quick to say hello and chat. He had something in common with everyone he met. He cherished his friendships and always spoke so highly of those lucky enough to be called a friend. There are so many, and he loved all of them. We will all remember him by his warm smile and his grin that always radiated from his eyes and his soul. As we all move on in this life without him, try to be more like him. Be kind. Be patient. Work hard. Be fun and funny and always find the joy in the little moments. Love quietly but always do it so deeply that everyone simply knows. Go a little slower and take it all in.

... And always remember to smile. Funeral services for Ronald will be held on Thursday, June 26 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a service beginning at the Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. following the service, Ron will be laid to rest with Military Honors at Island Pond Cemetery in Ludlow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Ron's memory to: Sgt. Desforges VFW Post 3236, 487 Holyoke Street, Ludlow, MA. 01056. For additional information and online condolences please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

Helana Migacy Cichon March 19, 1943 – May 21, 2025



Helana Migacy Cichon, 82, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, while in hospice care in Springhill, Florida. Born in New York City on March 19, 1943, she was the daughter of John and Anne (Konderwicz) Migacy.

Helana was raised in Ludlow, Massachusetts, and graduated from Ludlow High School in 1961. She began her career with American Airlines, based at Bradley International Airport in Enfield, Connecticut. During this time, she pursued her love of aviation by attending flight school, earning her private pilot's license, and enjoying flying for many years.

While working with American Airlines, Helana met her future husband, George Cichon, a six-year U.S. Navy veteran. They married in 1968 and soon after moved to Nigeria, West Africa, where George worked as a private pilot for Mobil Oil, transporting equipment and personnel throughout the continent.

After returning to the United States, Helana joined the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where her work ignited a lifelong passion for environmental conservation and wildlife. While living in the Florida Keys and later into retirement, Helana and George became devoted advocates for the region's wild-

life—especially the wild parrots and the endangered Key deer, a subspecies of the white-tailed deer found only in the Keys. Helana volunteered tirelessly with the National Key Deer Refuge and the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge, rescuing and rehabilitating injured animals and returning them to their natural habitat.

Helana and George eventually designed and built their retirement dream home in Weeki Wachee, Florida, where they enjoyed many happy years together with their three beloved cats and their backyard swimming pool.

Helana was predeceased by her parents, John and Anne Migacy, and her brother, Robert (Bobby) Migacy.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, George M. Cichon of Weeki Wachee, Florida; her sister, Joan Migacy Skeeane (Michael P. Skeeane, Sr.) of Marietta, Georgia; her niece, Carolyn Skeeane Griffin (David) of Marietta, Georgia; her nephew, Michael P. Skeeane, Jr. (Jessica) of Charlotte, North Carolina; her grand-niece, Margo Griffin; grand-nephew, Clayton Griffin, both of Marietta, Georgia; and her grand-niece, Madeline Skeeane of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Margaret "Maggie" Cox



Margaret (Maggie) Lee Cox, 70, of Ludlow, passed away on Saturday, June 7, surrounded by her family. She was born on October 8, 1954, in Waterbury, Conn., to Jack Evan Taylor and Mary Ellen Swope. Maggie was a kind and dedicated mother, always willing to give of herself to support others. She worked in medical records and loved tennis, raising her family, and sunflowers. She was funny, sharp-witted, and spoke the truth in tender and caring ways. She is survived by her husband Edward Andrew Cox;

daughter Andrea Jane Slota, and spouse Robert Slota; son Evan Lewis Cox and spouse, Katherine Cox; and grandchildren, Andrew and Owen Slota. Private services will be held on June 28 in Worcester, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Myasthenia.org, a foundation supporting people with myasthenia gravis. Her services were entrusted to Ludlow Funeral Home, for additional information and online condolences please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

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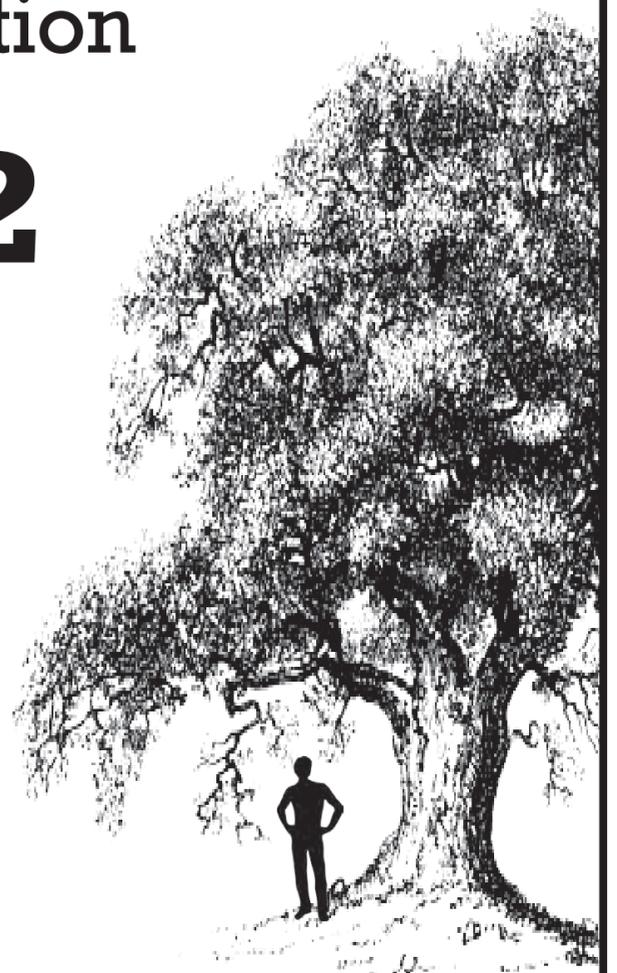
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of Western Massachusetts. From June 1 through August 31, the community is invited to contribute to a stronger community by donating nonperishable food, personal care items or monetary gifts at any Freedom branch.

“Thanks to the generosity of our members, staff and entire community, this campaign has grown annually, and so has its impact,” said Freedom Credit Union

President Glenn Welch. “Last summer, we collected more than \$3,350 in donations, along with nearly 1,435 pounds of food and personal care items. This year, we’re aiming even higher. By simply adding an extra item or two to your grocery cart each week, you can make a lasting difference without stretching your budget.”

Suggested donations of non-perishable food and

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- Beans in cans or dried in bags
- Bread mixes
- Canned chicken, fish and meat
- Cereals
- Coffee and tea
- Cooking oils and spices
- Diapers, wipes and toilet paper
- Dried or canned fruit

- Evaporated/powdered milk
- Granola bars and crackers
- Feminine sanitary products
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- Peanut butter and nuts
- Rice and grains
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- Soups, stews and chili in cans

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - Vegetables in cans
- The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has been feeding neighbors in need and leading the community to end hunger since 1982. It provides food to residents in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties through its members, which include independent food pantries, meal sites and shelters.



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