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Chief Daniel Valadas with the Select Board holding the certificate of recognition; Vice-Chairperson William Rosenblum, Chairperson Manuel Silva, Chief Valadas, Member James Gennette, and Member Anthony Alves.

## Valadas visits Select Board after retirement announcement

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LUDLOW – Ludlow Police Department Chief Daniel Valadas visited the Select Board on June 24, following his recent retirement announcement, providing updates on next steps for the

department. Chairperson Manuel Silva gave Valadas the floor, “After a long career, it’s a tough decision, you go through things back and forth and my letter kind of explains it. I am very proud to be a Ludlow police officer for many years, God watched over me. Most of my adult life, I have a

great wife and kids and must start doing things for them. Changed my life a little bit, there’s things I wanted to do for a year and a half over, and I explained to you in the letter. In a county pension system, you must reach 32 years, I thought of some things to say.”

Valadas continued, “My

graduating class from the police academy was 43 that I counted and now there’s six of us working. It shows how few people make 32 years just because of life and things happen, so I am a year and a half past that. But

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## New trash and recycling service starts July 1

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LUDLOW – On June 26, the Select Board discussed the upcoming trash and recycling service that begins July 1. Member James Gennette mentioned that he was driving around town and talking with different residents and asked what they thought of their new barrels, “So far it’s being met with cheers. We’re getting a great response for it, they love them. We do have some people that maybe don’t like the color of the trash barrel because it’s tan, but overall it seems to be well received. People are excited to get moving and the biggest thing they like the most is they don’t have to separate their recycling anymore. That was the biggest thing that everyone said, ‘Thank God I don’t have to go through all that.’”

Chairperson Manuel Silva asked Town Administrator Marc Strange if residents had questions or concerns about this new system, Strange stated that they could contact the DPW or reach out directly to USA Trash and Recycling. Residents can also watch the video posted on LCTV titled ‘New Trash and Recycling Service’.

The paperwork is located on the barrels that Gennette

said tells residents everything. The question of purple bags came up and Vice-Chairperson William Rosenblum said, “You can still put a purple bag next to your barrel, they’ll get out and pick it up. I’m not justifying the hike and the price, what I am saying is by basically doubling the size of your barrel, the hope is that when you use one bag a week you’re paying \$120 a year. If you’re not using the purple bags anymore then you’ve eliminated that cost which I’m sorry we rolled it into the actual fee.”

Clarifying this was Gennette saying, “Just so everyone knows, talking about the purple bags, you do not have to put your trash in the trash barrel in a purple bag. I had somebody who was throwing all their trash in purple bags then throwing them in the trash can, figuring they had to buy them and they’ve been buying purple bags the entire time. You do not have to buy purple bags all the time and put it in your trash cans.”

Rosenblum added that it’s the normal process when residents do the trash, put in trash into the regular trash bags that can be bought at any store and only if there is overflow, the purple bags can be used and left on the side of the

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## Summer reading kick-off for kids was full of color



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The theme ‘Color Your World’ inspired colorful face painting and crafts for the kids, adults and guardians.

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LUDLOW – On June 17, the Hubbard Memorial Library held its kid sum-

mer reading kick-off party that had face painting, balloon animals, glitter tattoos, crafts, cookie decorating, spin art and much more. Although the weather moved the party inside,

that didn’t stop the library staff from creating a fun time for the community

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## Celebrity Makeup Artist Joby Rogers visits senior center

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LUDLOW – On June 24, Celebrity Makeup Artist, Educator, and Michael Jackson Impersonator Joby Rogers pres-

ents makeup for mature women for the senior center. Following forty years’ experience in the makeup and modeling industry, working with popular magazine names and people, and most known as the distinguished tribute artist of Michael Jackson,

this makeup class understandably had a waitlist with several members curious about his expansive background.

Joby Rogers holds the show UMX, the ultimate Michael Jackson experience tribute show, where he transforms physically with the help of makeup to looking very closely to the singer. As stated on his website, “I Michael Jackson... after viewing one-hundred-sixteen different possible substitutes, it is the decision, I {Michael Jackson}, have made to have Mr. Joby Rogers be my official substitute.”

From sold out shows nationwide, playing locations like Toronto, Houston, Dallas, Connecticut, and more, Rogers is proud of sharing his love for makeup to the seniors of Ludlow due to his mom. Beginning in May of



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Joby Rogers showing off the power of eyeshadow and picking the right color.

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## Jungle Jim returns for the third time at Hubbard Memorial

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LUDLOW – On June 23, the library welcomed back Jungle Jim from Boston for the third time, a performer who specializes in a mixture of magic, balloon-making, and engaging storytelling that grabs the attention of everybody. Although the town was hit with a heat wave this past week, that didn’t stop the crowd from joining Jungle Jim on the Hubbard Memorial lawn and watching a unique balloon show in the shade.

This high-energy show has rules like having fun and highly encourages laughter, with Jungle Jim in the front of the crowd with a microphone talking fast, with no time to anticipate what’s coming next. The show was energetic, very interactive, and kid-friendly; with the adults joining in on the fun as well.

The show began with Jungle Jim reviewing the rules of the show, saying that parents and kids should always be an arm’s distance away, making sure that everyone stays safe and can also have fun. Located on the lawn every-

one had chairs and blankets, Jungle Jim webbed challenges like standing up, covering an adults’ eyes, or acting like a zombie creating lots of laughs and smiles.

Several kid volunteers were called up and asked to help during the show. For example, one kid was asked to hold a magic wand and whilst Jungle Jim was talking, the wand fell into pieces in the kid’s hand. Another time, Jungle Jim asked three volunteers to hold a string, and the balloon oc-

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Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Jungle Jim had a variety of color balloons that he would let the children pick out and choose during the show.

# LUDLOW

## New trash and recycling bins confuse residents

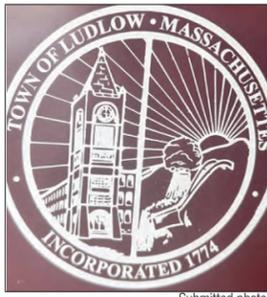
By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – “Massachusetts or Massachusetts?” The week of June 26 and preparing for the new rollout trash and recycling system in town beginning July 1, residents started receiving the new trash bins that will be replacing the old bins. But some were questioning the seal printed on the side of these new bins.

Referring to the picture, the new trash seal had the

town logo with the wording at the top, “Town of Ludlow - Massachusetts” with Massachusetts being misspelled. The Register was contacted by a Ludlow resident who expressed his confusion with his new trash bin and submitted a photo for reference.

The Register contacted USA Trash and Recycling customer service in Enfield, CT about this for next steps for residents with the misspelled error and is waiting for a response. The Register will be following this in the next edition with next steps for residents.



Submitted photo  
**The new trash and recycling bins were misprinted and spelled the state wrong, spelling it “Massachusettes”.**

## ConvenientMD awards \$4,000 in scholarships to Ludlow High School Seniors

LUDLOW— Three Ludlow High School seniors have been awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships from ConvenientMD Urgent Care. Ryanna-kelly Musambai, Mary Morris, and Ela Dias received \$2,500, \$1,000, and \$500, respectively. The ConvenientMD Student Scholarship Program awards scholarships totaling \$25,000 to 25 high school seniors across Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts who plan to pursue post-secondary education in healthcare. There were nearly 500 applications for this year’s scholarship awards.

“At ConvenientMD, we’re proud to support students like Ryanna-kelly, Mary, and Ela who are driven to make a real impact in healthcare,” said Bridgette Adams, Director of Operations, Central Massachusetts. “By investing in their education, we’re helping to build a stronger, more compassionate healthcare work-



Submitted Photos

**ConvenientMD presented the \$2,500 and \$1,000 student scholarship awards at its Ludlow urgent care clinic, left to right is Alexa Jacques; Michelle Dedon; award recipient Ryanna Musambai with family; Averi Purchas, RN; Practice Manager Scott Herrin.**

force in the communities we call home.”

“Our Scholarship Committee was incredibly impressed with these three students—their commitment to academic excellence and passion for healthcare truly

stood out,” said ConvenientMD Community Partnerships Manager Stephanie Buell. “We wish them all the best as they take the next steps in their education and careers.”

ConvenientMD is New England’s leading urgent care provider. Its clinics—including the location at 471 Center Street in Ludlow and the soon-to-open location at 27 Suffield Street in Agawam—are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to serve the community’s immediate medical needs—no appointment necessary. Learn more at ConvenientMD.com.

**Left to right is Alexa Jacques; Michelle Dedon; award recipient Mary Morris; Averi Purchas; Practice Manager Scott Herrin.**



## Gennette named Town of Ludlow Energy Coordinator

Select Board Member James Gennette has been named the Town’s Energy Coordinator

to the state’s efforts to reach its 2050 zero-carbon initiatives. Gennette volunteered for the position to help get the program established while saving the town labor costs.

Currently, the Ludlow Select Board serves as the Town’s Energy Commission and voted to appoint Gennette to the position.

In this new role, Gennette will be responsible for reviewing municipal energy-saving practices, pursuing grants and initiatives that meet the state’s energy goals for 2050. His goal for this new position is to identify

energy usage improvements and practices that can be implemented quickly without incurring costs to residents.

Gennette has served on the Board of Directors as the Ludlow representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electrical Company (MMWEC) for over two years.

He also initiated and collaborated on the Town’s Aggregation Plan, and the new Aggregate Electric program, Ludlow Power Choice.

This is a two-year term position that will end in June 2027.

## Crafters are wanted for Nov. 8

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, November 8, at Christ the King

Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To re-

serve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshments will be available.

## Freedom Credit Union collecting cash and food donations

‘Month of Giving’ campaign extends from June 1 through August 31

SPRINGFIELD—Food insecurity continues to affect families across western Massachusetts, with inflation driving up the cost of everyday essentials. That’s why Freedom Credit Union is again rallying support for its summer campaign benefiting the Food Bank 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 personal care items include:

- Baby formula
- 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
- Instant potatoes
- Pasta and noodles
- Peanut butter and nuts
- Rice and grains
- Sauces
- Shampoo and body wash/soap
- 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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### 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 Storowton Tavern, West

Springfield, MA, on Saturday August 30, 2025 at 6 p.m. Contact Janet at jan0826@comcast.net to learn more.

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# MMWEC educates Randall Boys & Girls Club campers on electrical safety



South Hadley Electric Light Department employees Assistant General Manager Collin Gallagher (right) and Operations Manager Brian Jerome (left) pose with Randall Boys and Girls Club campers aged preschool to second grade.

LUDLOW — Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club campers are now educated on the prevention of electrical accidents courtesy of a presentation taught by safety expert Ray Gouley from the R.F. Gouley Company. The program is sponsored by the Ludlow-based Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC).

This year, 174 children aged three to 13 from the Massachusetts communities of Ludlow, Belchertown, Bondsville, Chicopee, Monson, Holyoke, Springfield, Granby, South Hadley, Brimfield, Monson, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Agawam, and Ware, participated in the program. MMWEC has sponsored the workshop for more than 17 years and holds a similar electrical and gas pipeline safety presentation for the Ludlow Senior Center annually.

Gouley utilizes several different types of media during his presentations including posters, videos, and props. The presentations begin with an interactive safety video that takes children through each step of an electrical accident and guides them on how to respond. To further demonstrate the importance of electrical safety, Gouley shows the campers props from actual electrical accidents, such as a melted bike tire that ran over an electrical wire. He explains to them what happened and how the accident could have been avoided.

Due to the large age



Ray Gouley from the R.F. Gouley Company teaches preschoolers and kindergarteners to stay away from downed wires.

range of campers, Gouley adjusts his presentation based on the campers' ages. Preschoolers, the youngest group, are introduced to a squirrel cartoon character named "Mr. Ouch" and taught the simple phrase "Stop, Think, and Stay Away" to respond to various electrical incidents. Older children are given more specific instructions on how to react in electric safety situations, such as staying three poles away from a damaged utility pole and keeping electronics away from bathtubs and sinks. They are also instructed on what items to keep away from power lines, such as balloons, drones, and super soakers.

The safety presentations culminated with a visit from South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELD) employees Assistant General Manager Collin Gallagher and Operations Manager Brian Jerome. They brought SHELD's bucket truck to the Boys and Girls Club campus to explain how the truck is used to reach power lines during accidents or power outages.

"I would like to thank MMWEC for sponsoring the electrical safety presentations each year at the club," says Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club President and Chief Executive Officer Josue Irizarry. "It is very important to teach children on

what to do when they see down power lines, the warning signs of gas leaks, and to wear helmets when riding scooters and e-bikes."

MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and authorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. It is the largest provider of asset-owned generation for municipal light departments in New England.

# Miss Massachusetts' Teen 2025

FALL RIVER - It was a day that she will never forget for Ava Dooley of Shrewsbury, a rising freshman at Louisiana State University, who was named Miss Massachusetts' Teen 2025. The 25th Silver Anniversary competition was held on Sunday June 22nd at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester. Maggie Leighton of Leominster, Miss Massachusetts' Teen 2025 crowned her successor before an audience of more than 300 attendees.

Dooley, who competed as Miss Freedom Trail's Teen, will compete at the Miss America's Teen competition in Orlando, Florida in September. As Miss Massachusetts' Teen, she will receive \$3,000 in scholarships and various awards and gifts from competition sponsors. At the national competition, she will have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars more. Dooley will dedicate her year of service to her personal Community Service Initiative, "Choreograph Your Future: Helping the Next Generation Find Their Path." Ava states "The benefits of having incredible mentors throughout one's life are immeasurable - they provide guidance during uncertainty, boost momentum in self-improvement and achievement in all areas of life, open doors to new opportunities, and inspire confidence by believing in your potential even before you do. That's what inspired me to start my CSI. I'm passionate about giving



Left to Right: Noelle O'Hanlon, 3rd Runner up; Maddie Mathias, 1st Runner up, Ava Dooley, Winner, Lillian Annette Rankin, 2nd Runner up; and Olivia Rae Bellas, 4th Runner up.

back and mentoring younger generations to help them believe in themselves and follow their dreams, just as my mentors did for me. Their support shaped my journey, and now I'm committed to paying it forward with purpose and heart." She will also promote the Miss America Opportunity's national platform; The American Heart Association's Go Red campaign. At the state competition, the 17 candidates collectively raised \$10,000 for The American Heart Association and the Miss America and Miss Massachusetts scholarship organizations. Dooley's plan is to obtain a degree in Marketing with a minor in Fashion Merchandising from LSU. She is the daughter of Rocio and David Dooley of

Shrewsbury. For the talent portion of the competition, she performed a contemporary dance to "Con Te Partiro" by Andrea Bocelli, which was her parent's wedding song.

The Miss Massachusetts' Teen competition ages 13 to 18

Other winners received scholarship awards. They included: The first runner-up was Maddie Mathias, a rising senior at Ludlow High School. She resides in Ludlow and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She competed as Miss Bay State's Teen.

The second runner-up and the recipient of a \$750 scholarship was Lillian Annette Rankin of Plympton, who will be a freshman at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth in the

fall. She competed as Miss Taunton's Teen. She also received the Marketing Award Scholarship in the amount of \$100 for being the combined highest fundraiser for ad sales and the SpotFund American Heart Association.

The third runner-up was Noelle Kennedy O'Hanlon who received a \$500 scholarship. A resident of North Attleboro, she is a rising junior Bishop Feehan High School. She competed as Miss Boston's Teen. O'Hanlon also was the recipient of the 5th Annual Millie Perry Community Service Award and the recipient of a \$100 scholarship. This award was judged by an outside panel and was named in honor of

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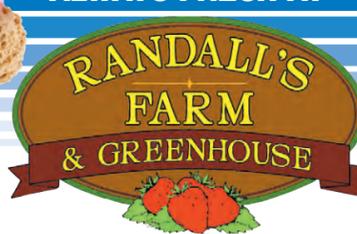


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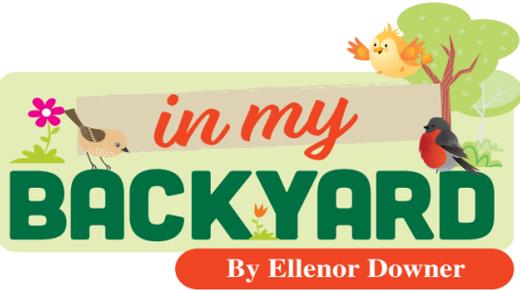
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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Osprey

Last week on a trip to Rhode Island with my brother and cousin, we saw two osprey when we stopped by Point Judith Lighthouse.

We watched them as they flew over the ocean and hovered as they looked for fish. One got ready to dive as it tucked in its wings, but then stopped and flew to another spot to hover.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk, eats a diet of live fish, has the ability to hover and dives into the water to catch them. They are often seen soaring over shorelines.

Ospreys are brown birds with a white head and a brown stripe through its eye. Underparts are grayish. They are over 24 inches long and have a wingspan of 71 inches. They are the only raptor whose outer toe is reversible, allowing it to grasp its prey with two toes in front and two behind.

Ospreys are very successful in catching fish. According to a study at least one out of every four dives results in catching fish. The average time ospreys spend hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

Ospreys often build large stick nests on man-made structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, and nest platforms designed for their use. Their eggs do not hatch all at once with the first chick emerging about five days before the last one. The oldest chick dominates the younger ones. When food is scarce, the younger chicks may starve to death.

A Brimfield resident, who likes to visit inland ponds, often watches osprey nesting. Ospreys migrate and this resident reports their return in the spring. An osprey, equipped with a tracking device, flew 2,700 miles from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana South America during 13 days in 2008.

Other seashore birds  
In addition, to the osprey we saw cormorants, seagulls, bank swallows, grackles and even a red-winged blackbird whose epaulets were bright red. There were new benches installed along the cliff bank. When we stopped

there last year, the benches were in poor condition.

### Birds in Sutton

My brother lives in Sutton. He sets out grape jelly and a hummingbird feeder. The Baltimore orioles, catbirds, red bellied woodpeckers and even house finches come for the jelly. The ruby throated hummingbirds come for the sugar water.

Mass Audubon Society sightings

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reports several unusual bird sightings. They included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich, a Franklin's gull and two royal terns in Provincetown, a continuing prothonotary warbler in Concord, a Wilson's phalarope at Belle Marsh Reservation in Boston and a Brewster's warbler in Amherst.

Berkshire County sightings were a worm-eating warbler on Mt. Washington Road in Egremont, a least bittern in the Post Farm Marsh in Lenox, an Acadian flycatcher at the Jug End Reservation in Egremont and six red crossbills at the summit of Mt. Greylock in Adams.

In Franklin County, there were four sandhill cranes on Plainfield Road in Ashfield and two hooded warblers on Falls Road in Sunderland.

Hampshire County highlights were a Brewster's warbler on the Narwottuck Rail Trail in Amherst and a least bittern near Station Road on the Narwottuck Rail Trail also in Amherst, three purple martins and four blue grosbeaks in the Honey Pot on Moody Bridge Road in Hadley and a common goldeneye on the Quabbin Reservoir off the Windsor Dam in Belchertown.

Hampden County notables were two upland sandpipers on the Perimeter Road in Ludlow and two blue grosbeaks at the Southwick Wildlife Management Area in Southwick. Worcester County had an Acadian flycatcher near the Uxbridge Rice City Pond in Uxbridge and five evening grosbeaks at a private residence in Royalston.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing my-backyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



## GUEST COLUMN

### When will funds stolen from Social Security be replaced?

Dear Rusty:  
When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced?

They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:  
I must tell you that no funds have ever been "stolen" from the Social Security Administration despite the persistent myth. All money received by SS from payroll taxes, interest on investments and income tax on SS benefits is - and always has been - immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments), which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds and which pay interest at the current federal bond rate.

Those bond investments held in reserve have been and are used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via



Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC's Social Security

Guarantee proposal. AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone's benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here for many generations.

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### Summer safety for kids 101



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column



Childhood has certainly changed since today's grandparents were kids. We rode in the car without seat belts. We roamed our neighborhoods until after dark. And bike helmets? Forget it.

The rules of summer safety have obviously changed, along with our world. What's your plan for when the school bell rings for the last time in a week or two? Here are seven tips for a safer summer for kids of all ages.

1. Have a well-stocked first-aid kit, or maybe two

The American Red Cross recommends being prepared to treat wounds, minor illnesses, skin irritations and bug bites. Essential items include adhesive bandages, gauze pads, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes, antibiotic

ointment, scissors, tweezers, a thermometer, and pain relievers like ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Consider adding latex gloves and face masks.

Why two? One for the house and one for the car. In the house, keep the first aid kit easily accessible in a kitchen cabinet, not in a steamy bathroom, which can degrade the effectiveness of some medications.

2. Be on tick alert.  
Tick season is here! In New England, you should watch out for black-legged ticks and lone star ticks. An infected tick bite can lead to a variety of illnesses, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and even red meat allergies.

If your kid is playing in a forest, field or park, make sure they're well protected

with insect repellent. Going on a hike? Have them wear a long-sleeved shirt tucked into long pants (despite their protestations), shoes and socks. Most importantly, check for ticks when they come inside and learn how to safely remove them before trouble sets in.

3. Check their vaccination record.

Measles, once considered eradicated in the U.S., is back, and it's one of the most virulent diseases out there. Protect your child with a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, and ask their pediatrician whether a booster might be in order. This is particularly important if you're going to be traveling outside the country, and it will likely be required by summer camps.

Another vaccine to check is tetanus, which comes along with a diphtheria shot (TD vaccine). If your child is injured, an EMT or ER doc is likely to ask, "When was their last tetanus shot?" Have the answer handy.

4. Protect them from heat-related illnesses, as you would yourself.

Smaller bodies need to

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# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408. 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, July 2, 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.

**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

**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 Comeau, Massachusetts Cultural Council grant recipient, who will represent the history of the Ludlow power canal! Please register.

**Becoming Darlene: The Story of Belchertown Patient #4952, Thursday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.** Come and hear the story of Darlene, the focus of Ed Orzechowski's new book. At the age of 7, Darelene was sent to the Belchertown State School among more than 1200 patients where she stayed until she was 17. Upon release, she had very little social skills, yet she persevered and created a life of her town. Hear this story of tragedy, humanity, and hope! Please register.

**A Love Story Book Club Meeting (new!), first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for the 1st meeting of our new book club! Every book chosen will represent themes of love & romance. Come pick up your copy of *Beach Read* by Emily Henry at the circulation desk.

**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 [masscenter.org/readingchallenge](http://masscenter.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

**Anime Club, every other Thursday, 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.

**Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, July 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** For middle and high schoolers. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games. Free pizza sponsored by the Friends of the Library! 16 person limit. Please register.

**Paper Making for ages 13-17, Thursday, July 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Learn how to make paper using a blender, mesh screen, and recycled materials. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

**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.

**Quilting Class, Mondays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. June 30 through August 11. (Not July 7)** For ages 10-17. Seamstress Janet Foy will teach everything you need to know to make your own full-size quilt in one summer, including measuring & cutting fabric, using a pattern, hand sewing and using a sewing machine. All materials provided. Generously sponsored by The Warm Company and Ludlow Cooling and Heating. 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.

**Colorpalooza, Thursday, July 3, all day.** All ages. Gigantic coloring pages will be spread out on tables, plus color your own bookmark and other

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# PV Financial announces partnership with Baystate Health

LUDLOW - Pioneer Valley Financial Group (PV Financial) is proud to announce a meaningful partnership with Baystate Health in recognition of the exceptional care provided by the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staff. PV was inspired to collaborate with the Baystate Health Foundation after Andrea Lebeau, a valued member of our PV Financial team, experienced an emergency early delivery of her daughter, Blake, who required a 102-day stay in the Baystate Health's NICU.

Since her arrival in late November, Blake has received round the clock care.

Andrea and her husband, Shawn are deeply grateful not only for the support extended to their family but also for the care given to countless others relying on the Davis NICU. Inspired by this experience, PV Financial felt compelled to give back in a way that would directly benefit the Davis NICU and its families.

Through ongoing discussions with the Baystate Health Foundation, PV Financial has made a generous \$5,000 donation to support the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In addition to this donation, PV Financial staff also volunteered at

the Baystate Health Foundation Annual Radiothon, held in partnership with WMAS 94.7. PV volunteers manned the phones during the Radiothon, helping to collect donations that will directly support the vital work being done at Baystate Health Children's Center. During the event, Andrea shared her personal journey in a moving interview with the Kellogg Krew, giving the community a heartfelt glimpse into the life-changing care families receive daily in the NICU.

Looking ahead, PV Financial is excited to continue its support of Baystate Health through participation

in the Baystate Children's Hospital 33rd Annual Golf Tournament this June. As part of their contribution, PV Financial will donate a pair of Red Sox vs. Yankees tickets for the Live Auction during the event. All funds raised from the tournament will go toward advancing pediatric health research, purchasing child-sized equipment, and enhancing the experiences of children receiving care at Baystate Children's Hospital.

PV Financial is honored to have the opportunity to give back to the NICU and raise awareness and funds for a cause that has deeply touched their lives.

## VALADAS from Page 1

I wanted 32 years full-time as a police officer, I worked at York Street for 15 months as a correctional officer, an excellent but difficult job, but wanted to work 32 years as a police officer. When I got close to July, I knew I wanted to give you a notice and wanted to give you at least two months, it's not easy to fill the job. I talked with my life for a long time, my only request is again just to stay as a police officer for a while, I'm still

certified. I can be there for the police department, I'm from Ludlow and I don't know where else I could be."

Valadas stated that he hopes to help the police department to be there for them, the command staff, and the supervisors. "If they need anything, if they need me to come in and translate, I can be there. That's what I want to keep doing for as long as I can. Very grateful, respect, and gratitude; I worked for Chief George in the beginning in 1990, Chief McGowan for

20 years, then Chief Madera. I hope to make the place as best as I could in five years just to make it a little better."

Silva provided a citation on behalf of the Select Board stating, "We, the select board, are proud to present this certificate of recognition to Chief Daniel Valadas upon your retirement from the police department. Dan began his career with the town of Ludlow on July 19, 1993, and will retire Aug. 8, 2025, to spend a well-deserved time with family and friends. Dan

was an integral part of the police department for 32 years. During his tenure, he was promoted to sergeant on Aug. 17, 2003, and lieutenant on July 1, 2018. He was finally appointed Chief on May 28, 2020, and officially being sworn in on June 3, 2020. His dedication did not go unnoticed. With deep appreciation, for your outstanding contributions and dedication to the community, we the select board present this certificate of recognition."

## SUMMER READING from Page 1

who all love to read.

The summer reading program theme is 'Color Your World', a theme to encourage everyone to explore art, creativity, and the world around them through reading. Along with the variety of library events held during the summer months and beyond.

Throughout the summer, all libraries encourage everyone to read and listen whilst going through your summer activities. This is the time, if you haven't visited the library in a while, to visit and see what's new, there is something for everyone. If you are struggling to find fun and engaging activities for yourself or your family, stop by the library and see what's going on that

day. Beanstack is a web and mobile app designed to encourage reading through how many books kids read to how many hours do adults read every day. Whether you listen to an audiobook on your way to work, read your local newspaper during breaks in the day, or just finished a book series... every form of reading counts. Beanstack is a free app

that allows everyone in the community to be involved and track their own summer reading, but if you are still not convinced, tracking your reading can go towards prizes that may be worth opening that book. For more details about upcoming 'Color Your World' inspired events to how to sign up for the summer reading program, visit the Hubbard Memorial Library website.

## TRASH SERVICE from Page 1

bin. Rosenblum also added to break the boxes down for recycling to save space and crush the bottles to help get everything in there.

Strange suggested if residents have questions about senior discounts or are not interested in using the USA Trash and Recycling service, residents will have to show proof they are using another provider to take away their trash. If residents are not producing enough trash to fill the barrels, Strange suggests folks to comment and log a complaint at the DPW.





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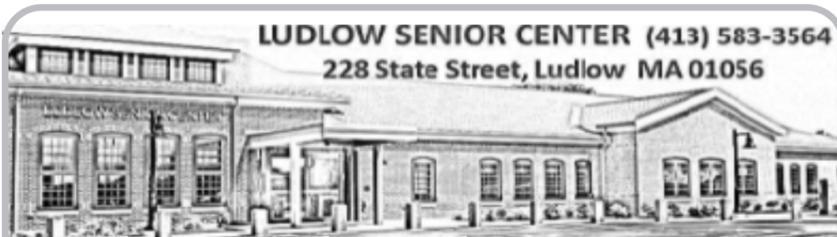
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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center! Our calendar is packed with a variety of fitness programs, entertainment, educational 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 the 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, July 3**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
1 p.m. Fishing Club  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, July 4  
Center for closed for July 4th

**Monday, July 7**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*  
9 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Computer Help\*  
10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

**Tuesday, July 8**  
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  
5 p.m. Movie: The Seven Year Itch (1955)  
5:45 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support\*

**Wednesday, July 9**  
8 a.m. Garden Club

9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Mobile Dental Clinic\*  
10 a.m. Tea with the Town Administrator  
10 a.m. Ludlow Power Choice Info Session  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn! Homestead Act/Consumer Notification. System\*  
1 p.m. Movie: The Seven Year Itch (1955)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

**Thursday, July 10**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
10:30 a.m. Friends of the Center Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Senator Oliveira Office Hour  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Writer's Block  
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, July 3: 4th of July Lunch! Vegetable & Chicken Kabob/Orzo Salad  
Friday, July 4: Center Closed for July 4th  
Monday, July 7: BBQ Riblet/Sweet Pot Fries/Corn  
Tuesday, July 8: Cobb Salad  
Wednesday, July 9: Lunch & Learn! American Chop Suey/Garlic Bread  
Thursday, July 10: Seafood Newberg/White Rice/Mixed Vegetable

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.

## CELEBRITY MAKEUP ARTIST

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2022, Rogers would volunteer at his mom's senior center on Thursdays making coffee for bingo day and the director revealed the makeup artist for the class later in the day cancelled.

Rogers said that he was interested in doing the class and unbeknownst to him, the director sent an email blast to all the centers in the state and has now done over 175 centers. The class began with Rogers stating that most mature women are set with their ways, but the beauty industry's only offerings are the magic serums that will fix every flaw, without even considering that they may want to learn the proper way to create a makeup look.

Sharing tips and tricks to proper techniques and offering his makeup brand recommendations, the 20 women who attended were sharing their own struggles with makeup, with the most common comment of not wanting to spend too much time on makeup altogether. Rogers makeup technique and suggestions offered the ladies a solution to their makeup routine that will only take about ten to fifteen minutes, once they're used to the routine.

The attendees appreciated the respect and listening that Rogers took while showing them what worked for him, recognizing that everyone has different skin tones, color,



Joby brought Linda up to the chair to show how contouring certain areas of the face could make a big difference.

and textures, he made sure to listen to everyone who attended the class and answered to those who had questions. The tips included was creating your makeup look in direct warm and natural lighting, using the Ulta mobile app to test makeup looks with your phone camera, research virtual reviews on a makeup brand you're thinking of buying, investing in good foundation and concealers, utilize beauty blenders that are less porous of your makeup, and most importantly cleaning your makeup tools, brushes, and pallets daily.

Rogers mentioned that many women are not aware that their makeup expires and suggest to sharpie your

makeup products once opening with the date, making sure they are safe and clean with their makeup look. Rogers showed examples of foundation and concealer, contour and blending, eyeshadow and mascara, with tips on highlighting and blush techniques. Then reviewed the entire makeup process, utilizing volunteers to test out his makeup, and only doing one side of their faces to show the difference.

This event empowered the women in being creative with their makeup looks and not being afraid of trying something new. To learn more about Celebrity Makeup Artist and Educator Joby Rogers, visit jobyasmichael.com



The heat didn't stop the Ludlow community from showing up for the interactive performance.

## JUNGLE JIM

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topus traveled right to their hands like magic.

Patrons were able to see giant balloon structures come to life, solve magical challenges, and encourage young readers with a different and memorable activity. Youth Services Librarian July Siebecker mentioned that the response from Jungle Jim's

visits were so positive the library had to have him back.

Providing water and shade from the trees, all the guests were happy to have seen such an interactive show that made their kids smile. This event was from a grant from the Ludlow Cultural Council. For more events like these, visit the library website.



Jungle Jim with a kid volunteer for part of his magic show.



Telling the crowd to tell him when to stop, Jungle Jim blew up the balloon bigger and bigger until he ran out of breath.

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## Lions in summer action

LUDLOW – Last week, Ludlow High School girls summer soccer hosted Palmer in B Division action. Due to a website issue, the final score was not reported. Ludlow was off this week for vacation and Fourth of July. They return to action next week.

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Gela Guzman takes over possession.



Adrienne Gianville fakes to keep the ball.



Siena Bahgat reaches out to take the ball.



Eliana Williams winds up for a free kick.



Camille Pszeniczny works away from her opponent.



Stacy Barros looks to move the ball before pressure.

## Mutiny drills Fuel to clinch playoff spot

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back on June 8, the New England Mutiny scored a season-high six goals during a road victory against the New Jersey Alliance. The Alliance were scheduled to make their first ever visit to Lusitano Stadium last Sunday afternoon, but they didn't have enough players to fill out their roster.

Instead of taking the weekend off like the Western Mass. Pioneers were forced to do 24 hours earlier, the Mutiny were able to find another opponent on short notice. The Worcester Fuel made the 45-minute trek west on the Mass. Pike to Ludlow.

It wasn't a very competitive match, as the Mutiny posted a 12-0 shutout victory in what was most likely their final home game of the season.

The Mutiny and Fuel were originally scheduled to face each other at Millbury High School on July 6.

"New Jersey indicated to us that they were having roster issues for this weekend, so we decided to switch our game with Worcester," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Owner/Managing Director of the Mutiny. "We'll try to re-schedule the game with New Jersey or find another opponent to fill out our regular season schedule."

Because Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari was unavailable to coach last Sunday's home match, Ferrara took over the coaching duties.

The Worcester team used to be in the same Division as the Mutiny, but they were moved down to the second Division this year. They've played a couple of other games against First Division clubs this season.

The victory improved the Mutiny's record to a perfect 7-0

Racing Power, who are

from Baltimore, lost to the Mutiny, 3-0, at Lusitano Stadium on June 14, but they'll most likely be hosting the playoff game on July 13 because of the goal differential. The margin is capped at five goals for each match.

The U.S. National semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

The Mutiny, who lost in last year's championship match, clinched a berth in the United Women's Soccer League playoffs for the fifth time since they moved to Lusitano in 2019.

"We've had a lot of success since we began playing our home matches here at Lusitano Stadium," Ferrara said. "We've had a dynamic group of players during the past couple of years. We are losing a couple of key players for the rest of the season."

Chioma Okafor was called up to play for the Nigerian Women's National Team in the African Nations Women's Cup. Cat Perez, who's a goalie, is playing for the Colombian National Team.

Kendall Bodak, who's from Monson, returned to Clemson University to start preparing for the college soccer season. Avery Galante also went back to the University of South Carolina.

While the Mutiny were missing a couple of players, Hope Santaniello played in her first match of the season against Worcester. She returned home to Agawam after playing for a professional soccer team in Iceland. She has been a member of the Mutiny since 2019.

"Playing soccer with this team is something that's very special to me," Santaniello said. "It was great to be back and see all the girls again. I've also really enjoyed playing for the professional soccer team in Iceland."

Please see **MUTINY**, Page 8



Dave Clark slings a throw to first.



Cam MacDonald gets an out.



Jovanni Merced sends a pitch home for PeoplesBank.

## Bankers take second straight over Saints

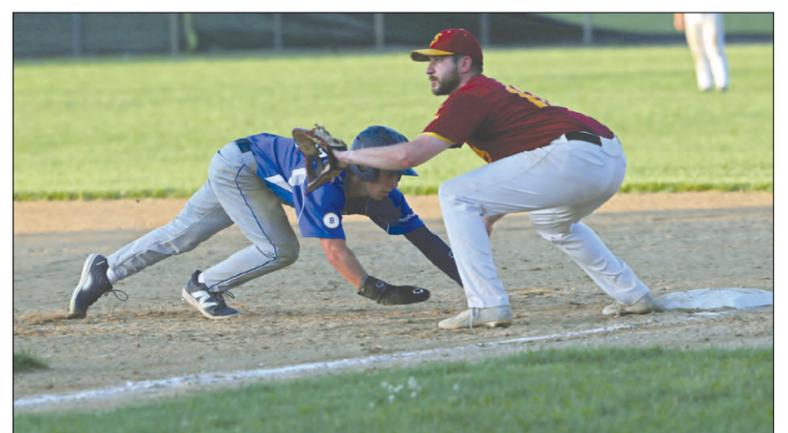
HOLYOKE – Last week in Tri-County League action, PeoplesBank defeated St. Joe's 5-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. Jovanni Merced got the win with Jack Feltovic taking the loss. Seth Allen had two hits and two RBI for the Bankers while Dave Clark turned in two hits. PeoplesBank is a perfect 6-0 so far this season while St. Joe's is 7-4.



Devin Slattery, of Ware, sends a throw to first.



Kyle Platner goes for a tag.



Brandon Magni attempts to catch a pickoff throw.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No.  
HD25P1293PM  
In the matter of:  
Colton James Brown  
Of: Ludlow, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/  
Minor)**

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER  
PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,  
§5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Susan Catherine Brown** of Ludlow, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Colton James Brown** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Susan C Brown** of Ludlow, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is

disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/15/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 17, 2025

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/02/2025

**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 Plaintiffs 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 Plaintiffs 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 reason 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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD25P1317EA  
Estate of:  
George Dowd Murray  
Date of Death: 09/18/2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lynn M Robbins of Seekonk, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Lynn M Robbins of Seekonk, 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.  
07/02/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.**

## HD25P1081EA

**Estate of:  
Sandra Lee Thompson  
Also Known As:  
Sandra L. Thompson  
Date of Death: April 18, 2025  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert J. Thompson of Ludlow, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Robert J. Thompson of Ludlow, 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.  
07/02/2025

**INVITATION TO BID  
TOWN OF WALES  
INVITES BIDS FOR  
ROOF REPLACEMENT AT  
WALES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
41 MAIN STREET  
WALES, MASSACHUSETTS**

The Town of Wales (Awarding Authority) will receive bids for the Roof Replacement Project at the Wales Elementary School. Bids to be submitted at the Wales Town Offices, Office of the Board of Selectmen, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA 01081. The estimated construction cost of this Project is \$550,000. **Bidders shall be**

## DCAMM Certified in Roofing.

Sealed General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on July 16, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened.

All General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Town of Wales or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the Town of Wales. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid price.

Hard copies of the Bidding Documents for the work will be available for pick-up at the Wales Town Offices, Office of the Board of Selectmen, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA. Hard copies will be available starting on July 2, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

Examination of the Bidding Documents may be done at the Wales Town Offices, Office of the Board of Selectmen, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA 01081 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

A **pre-bid conference** will be held at **10:00 AM**, local legal time, on **July 8, 2025, at 41 Main Street, Wales MA, 01081**. Meet in the courtyard area of the building.

The deadline for questions is July 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Questions shall be submitted in writing only to Andrew Barr, SOCOTEC (andrew.barr@socotec.us) and Corey LaPlante, SOCOTEC (corey.laplante@socotec.us).

Attention is directed to the Prevailing Wage Rates to be paid a copy of which is included in the Contract Documents, and will be made a part of the Contract.

The Town of Wales reserves the right to award or not award the project.  
07/02/2025

## Representative Puppolo announces August 9-10 Sales Tax-Free Weekend

SPRINGFIELD - State Representative Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (D- Springfield), is pleased to announce the official dates for Massachusetts' annual sales tax holiday thanks to the actions taken by the Massachusetts State Legislature yesterday. This year's dates, August 9 and 10, were adopted yesterday by both the House and Senate. During the holiday, the state's 6.25 per cent sales tax will be suspended for most retail items priced under \$2,500.

"In times of economic uncertainty, lowering costs for Massachusetts residents is crucial. This year's temporary suspension of the sales tax will hopefully bring some much-needed economic relief to citizens of the Commonwealth," stated Puppolo.

It is reported by the Department of Revenue that

the sales tax holiday regularly boosts indirect tax revenues, with the 2024 sales tax holiday generating \$3.54 million in indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity.

At a time where shoppers are facing more economic uncertainty than ever due to price spikes, this year's sales tax holiday will give consumers a long overdue break. Additionally, with back-to-school season around the corner, the sales tax holiday will hopefully encourage families to support local retailers.

"I want to thank my colleagues for helping to pass this legislation, I hope our constituents can take full advantage of the sales tax holiday this year and make the purchases they have been putting off due to economic strain," said Representative Puppolo.

## MUTINY from Page 7

I'm learning a lot of different things."

Santaniello scored the Mutiny's fifth goal of the first half and added three more during the final 20 minutes of the match.

"Hope just looks fantastic," Ferrara said. "She's been on our roster the whole season and is one of our all-time best players."

Hope's younger sister, Bella, was also scheduled to play for the Mutiny in last Sunday's match. However, because Worcester didn't have enough players show up for the match, she played for the visitors.

"My sister definitely has a lot of potential," Hope said. "I'm very glad that she's following in my footsteps. It was a lot of fun playing

against her today."

Maddy Theriault, who graduated from Palmer High School, recorded a hat-trick during the first 15 minutes of the opening half.

Bella Meadows scored the other first half goal for the Mutiny. She also scored the first goal of the second half.

Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School, chipped in offensively with a pair of second half goals.

Mila Dillard, who's from Chicopee, also scored a goal during the second half.

It was the Mutiny's fourth shutout of the regular season. The defense was anchored by Aida Name, who's from Chicopee, Kylie Ray, who graduated from Minnechaug Regional, Rachel Marchini, and Anna Carson.

# Church DIRECTORY

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS  
584 West St., Ludlow  
413-583-8454  
S Sunday services  
Sacrament Meeting 10- 11 A.M.  
Sunday school for adults,  
Young single adults( 18-30) and teens ( 11-18 )  
1st & 3rd Sunday of  
the month from 11-12 noon  
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting  
for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month  
from 11-12 noon  
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting  
for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month  
from 11-12 noon  
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
of the month -11- 12 noon  
Classes for Young Men( 11-18 )  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
of the month 11-12 noon  
Classes for Young Women ( 11-18 )  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon  
Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time  
every Sunday( 3-10 ) 11- 12 noon  
Nursery provided for ages 18 month- 3 yr**

**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH  
41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow  
413-583-2630  
Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys  
Saturday Vigil Masses - 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Masses - 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish);  
10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Mass - 5:30 p.m.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
25 Parker St, Indian Orchard,  
413-543-3627  
Very Rev. Piotr Calik  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday 8:00am  
Wednesday No Mass  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 6:00pm  
Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am (English) 10:15am ( Polish )  
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15-4 p.m.**

**ST. ELIZABETH PARISH  
191 Hubbard St., Ludlow  
413-583-3467  
Pastor - Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin  
In Residence - Rev. Norman Bolton  
Deacons: Normand Grondin, Thomas Rickson,  
Keith Davies  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Visit our website at [www.stelizabethludlow.org](http://www.stelizabethludlow.org)  
Like us on Facebook Check out our Parish App  
Wed., July 2 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Holy  
Mother Choir - 5:15 p.m. (C)  
Thurs., July 3 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
Fri., July 4 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m.(C)  
Sat., July 5 - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C),  
Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. (C)  
Sun., July 6 - Daily Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15  
a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.(C)  
Mon., July 7 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C),  
Tues., July 8 - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Spaghetti  
Supper Meeting 7:00 p.m. (ER),**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH  
438 Winsor St., Ludlow  
413-583-2312  
Father Pedro DeOlivera  
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
to 5:00 p.m., closed 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses - 9 a.m. (Portuguese);  
11 a.m. (English)  
Monday and Wednesday Morning  
Masses - 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)  
Tuesday and Friday Masses - 5:30 p.m.  
(Portuguese)  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 p.m. (English)  
First Saturday of the Month - 8:30 a.m.  
For more information, visit  
[ourladyoffatimaparish.org](http://ourladyoffatimaparish.org).**

**FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW  
859 Center St. Ludlow  
413-583-3339  
Reverend Darcy Borden, Pastor  
Office hours Monday & Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm  
Available by appointment at other times  
Sunday worship at 10 am alternating weekly with  
Grace Union Church, Wilbraham  
Call or check Facebook or the website for the  
schedule of worship and events  
Service live-streamed at 10 am on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow>  
Website: [www.ludlowfirst.com](http://www.ludlowfirst.com)**

**ORCHARD COVENANT CHURCH  
95 Berkshire Street  
Indian Orchard, MA 01151  
413-543-4204  
Revs. Karen and Nick Munn, pastors  
Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship in person, 11 a.m.  
Or watch our livestream.  
See our website for more information:  
[orchardcovenant.org](http://orchardcovenant.org).**

**FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL  
A Church of the Nazarene  
485 East Street, Ludlow  
(413) 583-7875  
Email: [FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com](mailto:FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com)  
Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison  
Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs  
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups  
meet at 9:45am  
Worship service meets at 11am  
OTHER MEETINGS  
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm  
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm  
AA Group 7pm**

**STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
45 Newbury St.  
Ludlow, MA 01056  
Phone: 413-583-2140  
Pastor: Father Andriy Krip  
Liturgy schedule:  
Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.  
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine  
on Wednesday at 6 p.m.**



## BBB Tip: Flight canceled? Tips for handling travel delays

By Paula Fleming  
pfleming@boston.bbb.org

Better Business Bureau® provides guidance to travelers who may be seeking compensation and refunds for airline cancellations.

When a consumer is flying domestically in the United States, rules regarding flight delays and cancellations are overseen by the US Department of Transportation. In Canada, complaints about flight delays are handled by the Canadian Transportation Agency. In general, no U.S. federal laws require airlines to compensate passengers for a delayed flight. In Canada, see the flight and delay cancellations guide.

Airlines may have policies and provide better benefits if a flight is canceled or significantly delayed within the airline's scope of control. Consumers may have additional benefits if they purchase the flight with a credit card that offers additional travel protections. Check the cardholder agreement with the airline. Consumers should keep receipts for extra purchases, like a hotel room, to submit them to their airline or credit card company for reimbursement later. Typically, nearly all domestic airlines will try to accommodate passengers on the

next available flight and sometimes on a different carrier.

When flights are canceled by the airline, consumers are always entitled to a full refund. This includes refunding bag fees or extras for a seat, such as additional legroom. Ask about expiration and blackout dates if the airline offers a voucher instead of a refund. Airlines may also have additional restrictions on the use of vouchers. Consumers are not obligated to accept vouchers and may insist on a full refund. However, if the consumer cancels the trip, they may not be entitled to a full refund.

BBB is asking consumers to keep the following tips in mind when handling travel disruptions:

Check delays - Travelers can check their latest flight information on their carrier's website or via the airline's telephone reservation system. Delays often don't occur until the day of the flight, and the airline must update its flight information within 30 minutes of receiving a status change notice.

Check carrier and credit card terms - While federal regulations don't require airlines to reimburse expenses such as rooms or food in the event a flight is canceled or severely de-

layed, the carrier and credit card companies may have different policies. Purchase tickets with a credit card that offers trip protection or traveler insurance and check individual airline policies.

Keep documentation - Keep receipts and records for expenses incurred due to a significantly delayed or canceled flight. These may be needed later to recover expenses.

Check the carrier's website - Most airlines allow consumers to initiate refunds directly on the carrier's website. Using a website may help a consumer obtain a refund or rebook a trip much faster than waiting for a consumer service agent in person or on the phone.

Consider travel insurance. Most travel insurance policies cover trip cancellations or interruptions; emergency medical situations; lost, stolen or damaged baggage; and cancellations for any reason. It's important to check with the provider to verify what is covered and what is not.

Rules are different for foreign flights. Flights canceled in another country will be affected by the laws of that nation. Check with the local country's department of transportation while traveling internationally.

### MISS TEEN from Page 3

the late mother of the State Teen Director Donna Klamkin. Noelle's Community Service Initiative is called "Conquering Congenital Heart Disease".

The fourth runner-up was Olivia Rae Bellas of Taunton. A rising senior at Taunton High School she competed as Miss Worcester County's Teen. She received a scholarship of \$250. She was also the winner of the Online SpotFund People's Choice Award. She received half of the money she raised for a total of \$863. For the month leading up to the competition, voters could choose their favorite candidate and vote for her online to be eligible for this scholarship award. Olivia is a resident of Taunton.

The Non-Finalist Interview Award winner and the recipient of a \$100 scholarship was Miss Old Colony's Teen Madison Cabucio. She is a rising senior at Fairhaven High School and resides in Acushnet.

The Non-Finalist Eve-

ning Gown winner and the recipient of a \$100 scholarship was Addison Kohler of Fairhaven. She is the current Miss Cranberry Country's Teen. She is a rising sophomore at Fairhaven High School.

The Non-Finalist Health & Fitness winner was Serena DaRosa of North Attleboro. She is a rising junior at Bishop Feehan High School and will receive a \$100 scholarship award. She competed as Miss Commonwealth's Teen.

The Spirit of Miss Massachusetts' Teen which was voted by her peers was Miss Blue Hills' Teen, Kercheena Pamphile of Dartmouth. She is a rising senior at Dartmouth High School.

The other candidates included:

Laila Hosnander, of Hampden, is rising senior at Minnechaug Regional High School. She competed as Miss Blackstone Valley's Teen.

Sydney St. Onge, of Acushnet, is a rising sophomore at Fairhaven High

School. She competed as Miss Fall River's Teen.

Kathryn Thomas, of Fall River, is a rising junior at B.M.C Durfee High School. She competed as Miss Mayflower's Teen.

Ava Pasquarello, of Middleboro, is a rising freshman at Middleboro High School. She competed as Miss Middleboro's Teen.

Bree LeFavor, of Marion, is a rising sophomore at Old Rochester High School. She competed as Miss New Bedford's Teen.

Marianna McCallum of Walpole, a rising senior at Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick. She competed as Miss Southeastern Massachusetts' Teen.

Faith Ramos, a rising senior at Granby Jr/Sr High School. She competed as Miss Western Massachusetts' Teen and resides in Springfield.

Olivia Villandry of Dighton is a rising senior at Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School. She competed as Miss Whittman's Teen.

hydration and discomfort.

Encourage frequent and thorough hand washing and avoid close contact with infected individuals to prevent the spread of HFMD.

7. Keep some structure.

Don't let your child overdose on TV screens or video games. Watching movies together, playing video games and enjoying board games and puzzles are fun activities the family can do together.

But ideally, get out there and enjoy summer together!

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, is a registered nurse and board certified patient advocate and founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com

## Ronald Lee Schneider Nov. 3, 1949- June 12, 2025



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, MA with his loving and adoring wife, Cara by his side. Born in Wassertown, NY and living in West Springfield, Agawam, and finally Ludlow, MA, 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, MA, and his brother Kevin Schneider of Provincetown, MA. He is survived by his beloved wife Cara F. (Cheney) Schneider of Ludlow, MA, his children, Robin (James) LeBlanc of Mashpee, MA, Christina (Wayne) Falardeau of Westfield, MA, Bonnie (Philip) McKenzie of Feeding Hills, MA, Ronald D. Schneider of Ludlow, MA, and Bridget Schneider of Ludlow, MA, his grandchildren, Andrew Falardeau, Jennifer Falardeau, and Iain McKenzie, his brothers, Randy of Arlington, TN, Keith of Mount Vernon, WA, Jon of Ludlow, MA, Lee James of Longmont, CO, and Stephen "Max" of Sandwich, MA and his sisters, Liane (Larry) Biron of Wellfleet MA, and Linda (John) Harrington of Flower Mound, TX. 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 were held on Thursday, June 26th from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Ron was 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.

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**Bug Jars, Thursday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.** For

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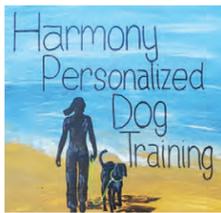
## PET OF THE MONTH Meet Ziggy!



He was the Williams' best Christmas present ever. He loves to visit his mom's work friends at Ludlow Family Dentistry, digs holes at the beach and have the zoomies. He's a great vehicle traveler, enjoys stealing socks and swimming. All around love bug too!  
Crystal & Dave Williams

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and summer. In fact, you've probably seen them out and about before and not realized what they are! Grass awns can look like pokey bristles, spikes, barbs or delicate, fuzzy wisps. And even though they might look harmless they are a MAJOR health hazard for your dog. If your dog brushes against them, grass awns can get stuck in their fur or ear which can lead to serious skin irritation or an infection. And if your dog inhales grass awns or accidentally munches on them they can actually embed themselves in your dog's mouth and throat. In some cases, these tiny grass

awns can even travel down to your dog's tummy and other organs which can lead to a major medical emergency. Try to avoid these entirely, but accidents can happen. So, if your dog does come in contact with any of these dangerous grasses or shows signs of a grass-awn injury like gnawing on one specific area, shaking their ears, limping, or having tummy troubles... visit your veterinarian ASAP so they can give your pup the care they need. To be extra safe give your dog a full body check after being outside to make sure grass awns aren't hiding in their coats, ears, or paws.



Cheatgrass has a tall, bushy appearance with reddish-brown, bristle-like seeds.



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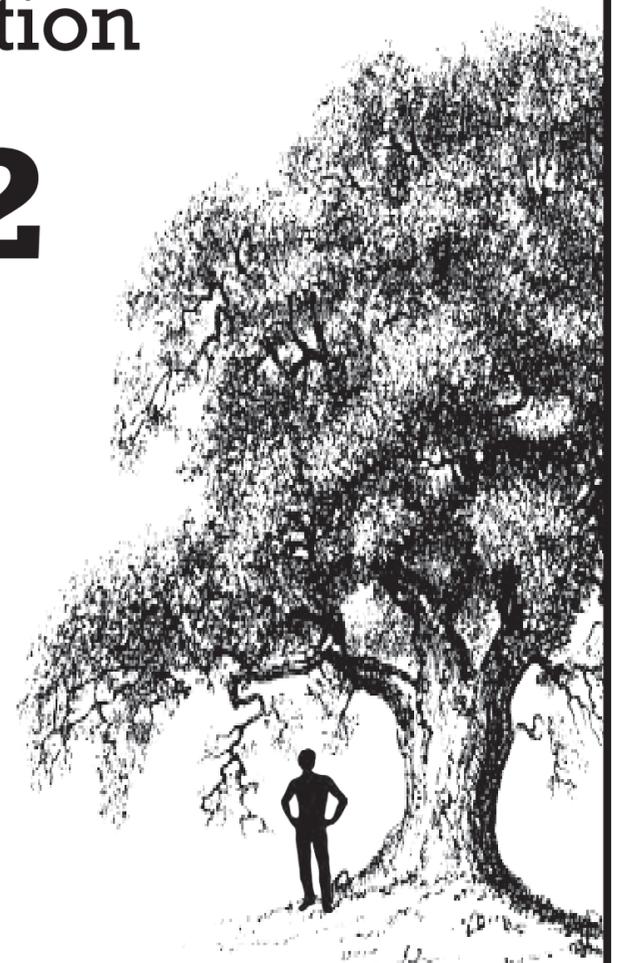
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