



Honoring America 250



Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Giavanna Siok, a sixth-grader from Ludlow, sings the National Anthem last Friday night at the Western Mass. Pioneers game held at Lusitano Stadium. Look for more Pioneers action in the sports section.

License policy review proposed

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LUDLOW – Following a resident complaint which has piggybacked several complaints about alleged excessive noise from Vanished Valley Brewing Co., the Board of Selectmen have been given a draft for an outdoor entertainment license policy review.

According to the proposal, which was scheduled to be given to the board on Tuesday, July 7, the purpose of the draft is to support a Selectmen review of documentation when licenses are requested or approved. The goal is to provide clearer application language, clearer certificate language, and standard written conditions for outdoor entertainment license holders.

The entertainment license allowing outdoor music for Vanished Valley was approved more than six months ago in December 2025 despite residents nearby who did not approve, citing noise that is disruptive to the enjoyment of their own residence.

Among the discussion

points to be considered by the board, there would be specific outdoor approval, including amplified entertainment, and that outdoor approvals should be made separate and apart from indoor approvals.

It also proposes that applicants for outdoor entertainment must disclose the proposed location of performers, general speaker orientation, proposed days and hours, type of entertainment, and whether amplification will be used. It must also include the name of the on-site manager responsible for the entertainment.

The board has been under pressure from residents to take action on Vanished Valley, including a request from one resident at the June 16 meeting to remove their ability to have outdoor live music. The resident who spoke said the business has “demonstrated a pattern of not respecting the conditions of its entertainment license,” noting that outdoor entertainment was suspended, but then reinstated according to the draft minutes of the June 16 meeting.

Parisi brings one-woman show to Hubbard Memorial Library

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

LUDLOW — In shadow of the 250th celebration of the United States, the Hubbard Memorial Library invited celebrated actor and playwright Rita Parisi to perform her signature one-woman production titled “Women of ‘76” on July 2.

The show was a theatrical tribute to the lives and untold stories of five courageous, lesser-known women from the Revolutionary era, bolstered by a dynamic range of perspectives—both patriot and loyalist, American and foreign-born- who witnessed, chronicled, and in some cases changed the course of the American Revolution.

The figures Parisi portrayed included Prudence Wright: A Massachusetts housewife who led an all-female militia to capture British spies; Baroness Frederika von Riedesel: A German noblewoman who followed her Hessian general husband into British camps; Nancy Hart: A fearless Georgia frontierswoman who faced down a Redcoat search party by herself; Mary Katharine Goddard: The courageous printer who boldly issued the official Declaration of Independence, and Mary Gould Almy: A Loyalist from Newport, Rhode Island, whose journals offer a vivid perspective of life



In character photo of actress Rita Parisi.

during the British occupation.

Parisi’s solo performance shone the brightest despite the small gathering when she allowed her creativity to come full circle from the implementation of accurate period wardrobe,

which helped create the illusion of sinking into the consciousness of these five vastly different women, due to the sudden shift in dialect, mannerisms, and precise monologues that kept the audience engaged for the entire 1-hour run-time, all while acting as a deep dive into a turning point of our nation, as we celebrate and push forward into a new era of our ever-changing society.

In addition, shedding some light on the importance of the production was Parisi, who confessed that as the nation moves forward, a change in recognition needs to be felt.

“It’s very important to give these women their time to shine because I remember being alive during the 200th, the bicentennial, and we really didn’t talk about women; we didn’t talk about people of color,” she said. “And I feel it’s time for women of the revolution to be recognized just as well, because the truth is they kept the hearth and the fire running; they kept the house going. They ran the farms and even assisted in these little acts of resistance, which went a long way. So I feel

Turley Photos by Brendan Rooney
Parisi performs at Hubbard Memorial Library.

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Board of Assessors asked to make policy change for excise adjustments

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LUDLOW – The Board of Assessors is asking the Board of Selectmen to change a policy related to granting adjustments for excise tax bills.

Excise tax bills are access to those who own, lease, or finance cars. It charges a resident a yearly fee for garaging/registering a vehicle in town. Money collected from excise taxes are typically used towards street maintenance.

According to a letter from Michael O’Rourke, chair of the Board of Assessors, a recently policy

change is requiring residents who are eligible for adjustments from their excise tax bills, the bill was simply abated and a resident would pay that amount.

According to Rourke, at the Assessors’ meeting on June 17, “the Board of Assessors discussed the recent proposed changes to the excise tax adjustment process. For more than 30 years, when a taxpayer qualified for an adjustment to an excise tax bill, the bill was reduced from the original amount, and the taxpayer paid only the adjusted balance,” O’Rourke stated.

According the assessor member, this process made

things much easy for those working in the assessors’ office, as well and the taxpayer involved who did not have to pay out any extra money. Unfortunately, he said, that situation would change in a negative way.

“The Board was informed that, under the current procedure, adjustments may still be approved. However, taxpayers are now required to pay the excise bill in full and then wait to receive an abatement by mail, a process that may take approximately four to six weeks.”

The change in process requires a taxpayer who is seeking to pay less money

on their excise bill to have to “front” that money and wait to receive it back from the town. O’Rourke asked the Selectmen to reconsider the policy.

“The Board expressed its disapproval of this change,” O’Rourke said. “Citing the financial burden and inconvenience it may impose on taxpayers. This change would also create a financial burden on the Town, as it would increase the administrative workload associated with processing additional checks. The Board of Assessors requested that a letter

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Ludlow to consolidate veterans services with Palmer

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LUDLOW – The Town of Ludlow is set to enter into an agreement as of July 1 with the Town of Palmer to consolidate veterans services.

According to the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting held earlier this week after press time, the Town of Ludlow, through the Board of Selectmen, was asked to approve a contract between Palmer and Ludlow

to share a veterans services agent.

Palmer and Ludlow are not the first two communities to have a shared veterans services agent, as Agawam shares its veterans services with multiple communities, including Southwick.

The Town of Ludlow will be the primary provider of the Veterans Services for both towns. According to the agreement proposal, services could include: Processing all Chapter 115 benefits for eli-

gible veterans, VA claims and advocacy support, referrals to federal, state, and local resources for veterans, food pantry and other emergency assistance coordination, outreach and case management services, and coordination with the veterans council or veterans organization for ceremonies and parades.

According to the proposed agreement, the Town of Palmer is getting involved with Ludlow in an effort to collaborate services and im-

prove access, efficiency, and quality of services while maintaining compliance with MGL Chapter 115.

The agreement states that the Veterans Center in Ludlow will be the primary office location and the should be available during standard business hours. It will also serve as the primary base for records management, the agreement states. The veterans services officer will provide in-person office hours in Palmer one full day and two

half-days per week, provided that the parties may agree to modify the total of in-person office hours required each week to account for office closures in the event of holidays or other closures. The days and times the officer could be in Palmer may also fluctuate based on need or other factors. Palmer will be required to provide an office small and phone for business use when the officer is in town.

As is required with such

agreements, there is a financial component, and Palmer will have to pay \$55,000 per year. This will cover contributions for the veterans services officer, administrative staff, and operating expenses. Payments are to be made quarterly. Those expenses are subject to a 2.5% annual increase, beginning each fiscal year.

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Here, we have a team photo of the participants in the 2nd Annual Jenn Aldworth Pickleball Tournament.

Submitted photo

2nd Annual Jenn Aldworth Pickleball Tournament raises \$10,000

LUDLOW—On Saturday, June 27, 2026 the Club hosted its second annual Jenn Aldworth Pickleball Tournament, honoring the legacy and influence of former Ludlow Club President/CEO and Club Kid Jenn Aldworth.

Twelve teams gathered for a morning of spirited play, enjoying two courts set-up inside the Club's air-conditioned gymnasium. Each game lasted 15-minutes and, in their downtime, players enjoyed coffee and bagels from Tandem Bagel Co., and a swag bag with goodies and a t-shirt. Several participating teams were regular Club pickleball players, but some were new to the Club and even new to the game itself! The result was a friendly and competitive atmosphere, focused on having fun.

This year's winning team was the "Wicked Picklers" duo: Kim Sanches and Joe Marques who each received a large golden trophy. Joe was part of the winning team in last year's tournament and was pleased to be able to de-

fend his title. In second place was team "Strikeforce," with Stephen Petrolati and Steven Oliveira playing hard until the bitter end.

The 2026 Jenn Aldworth Pickleball Tournament raised over \$10,000 through donations to support Club programs. With the Club's Summer Fun program starting on June 29, these donations come at a perfect time, to support experiences and opportunities for the approximately 150 elementary-school-aged students who will be spending their days at the Club during the next eight weeks.

Jenn Aldworth shared her thoughts about the day: "As a former Club Kid and former CEO of this Club, this tournament holds a special place in my heart. Boys & Girls Clubs played a significant role in shaping the person and leader I am today, and seeing so many friends, colleagues, volunteers, Club Kids, board members, and community supporters come together—some traveling

from as far away as West Virginia—to invest in the next generation is truly inspiring."

"This event is about much more than pickleball. Every dollar raised helps provide young people with life-changing opportunities, meaningful experiences, caring mentors, and a place where they can learn, grow, and thrive. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, and donated to make this year's tournament such a tremendous success. Together, we are ensuring that today's Club Kids have the same opportunities to succeed that helped shape my own journey."

Pickleball continues to be a wildly popular and highly engaging activity, suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. Club members are welcome to play pickleball indoors on Mondays from 5:30-7:30pm and Saturdays from 8:30-11:00am. Non-members may purchase a \$5 pass to play for one day. Pickleball is also avail-

able on the Club's outdoor SportCourt, at the back of the building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm.

About the Ludlow Community Center/ Randall Boys & Girls Club

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club has been serving youth from Ludlow and the surrounding towns in Ludlow, MA for over 75 years. While serving a dual role as a community center and a Boys & Girls Club, the Club's purpose is to promote good citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and to provide a place with facilities and equipment for educational and recreational activities and program for both youth and adults, year-



Team Strikeforce, consisting of Stephen Petrolati and Steven Oliveira, were the runner-up in the tournament.

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Rachel’s Table celebrates a new truck and a new office

PRINGFIELD—Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts, (RTWM), a food rescue and hunger alleviation organization, is proud to present our new gleaning vehicle to support more long-term and wider distribution of harvested produce from our local farms to those in need. At the same time, RTWM is celebrating its move to a new office space at the Springfield Jewish Community Center.

A gathering for ribbon-cutting will take place on July 7, from 4 to 5 p.m., at the RTWM office at the Springfield JCC.

RTWM is grateful for the opportunity to purchase the new pickup truck that can access more local farm fields to support greater harvest and storage of local produce for distribution. Two major supporters of the new “glean machine” are the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and Max Cares Foundation. Extra in-

kind support came from Go Graphics who wrapped the vehicle.

Gleaning is the practice of harvesting leftover crops from local farms for distribution to partner agencies or informal communal networks that support people who are food insecure. RTWM works closely with over 50 local farms, gathering hundreds of people in over 100 gleans throughout the season, distributing and storing over 116,000 pounds of farm-fresh food. Gleaning is one of four programs of Rachel’s Table of Western MA that alleviate hunger from the most immediate need to longer-term food security solutions. For information about gleaning and to join a glean, please visit <https://feedwma.org/gleaning/>.

Simultaneously, RTWM has grown not only in volunteer size (over 500) but in staff—full and part-time. With just 1.5 employees at

the beginning of the pandemic, RTWM now employs 9 people. This growth has enabled RTWM to deliver nearly a million pounds of food annually, reach 3 counties and beyond, and help people grow their own food through our Growing Gardens program. The new office space accommodates people and poundage growth. Come on July 7 to celebrate!

HUNGER HAS INCREASED in Western Massachusetts. In Hampden County, 54% of households report food insecurity, while in Franklin and Hampshire County, it is 50%.

About Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts

Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts (RTWM) is a grassroots, volunteer-driven hunger alleviation organization. RTWM was founded as the food rescue and recovery program of the Jewish Federation of Western

Mass in 1992 and became an independent non-profit in July 2023. Through our four programs (rescue, purchase, glean, and grow), we provide holistic solutions to over 70 partner agencies and networks across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties.

Our programs provide food to people in need as well as directly support food insecure communities to plan, plant, and harvest their own food. Our operations are powered by over 500 volunteers, including teen leaders who encourage their peers to educate themselves, serve others, and advocate for change. RTWM targets both immediate hunger crises and addresses longer term solutions, working to feed and nourish Western MA one delivery, one glean, one garden at a time. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, visit www.feedwma.org

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the main takeaway I want people to leave here with is that I want them to do some research and think about the sacrifices these women actually went through, because it’s important to understand and realize that each had a role to play, and that their actions, even though minor to many, left a significant and lasting impact.”

Parisi then pivoted to the confession that she feels each of the five shared a common type of courage despite their different backgrounds and lifestyles during the Revolutionary War, which was known for its uncertainty amid burgeoning conflict.

“I would say Prudence [Wright] had civic courage, like she felt she had to stand up and assist any way possible. Goddard was stuck in a dilemma of realizing that I have to let the people know of the Declaration of Independence, but she also felt it was just as important to have her name on this, which was a rarity because she never signed anything herself; instead, she opted for her initials, but nonetheless, she made the choice and moved forward, and I feel that each decision speaks volumes to the strength and courage these women possess,” Parisi said. She continued by citing the tales of Almy and Hart as well.

“History tells us that Almy didn’t believe in this; due to her being a Quaker and following a pacifist lifestyle, she didn’t want to see family or friends die from the conflict, but she stayed determined, no matter the odds,” she said. “And of course, Nancy [Hart] lived by this internal sense of pro-

tection, and that meant going to any measure to protect her family.”

Parisi concluded her reflection by emphasizing the strength and loyalty that Baroness von Riedesel exemplified, by noting that she followed her husband, a general to America, with her three daughters, despite the odds, she carried forth driven by a code of love and family.

Lastly, she offered a brief deep dive into her background as an actor.

“I would say my career has been a long journey, because I’ve been acting for over 30 years, and I founded my production company, Waterfall Productions, back in 2005, so it’s been in service for 21 years, and my focus is on lesser-known women,” Parisi said. “So that means I have done a play about Zelda[Fitzgerald], I’ve done ones about women in gothic literature, and countless other projects, but usually my main theme is women’s history; that’s my goal.”

Parisi then concluded her thoughts by reflecting on the evening and the performance.

“I hope they enjoyed it because the audience was fantastic, and I have performed here before, and the reception is always great, and I would happily return,” she said.

The program was fully supported by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Looking ahead

The Hubbard Memorial Library is also set to host its True Crime-Dino Edition activity that will see a retired FBI agent offer a discussion on how the FBI Art Crime Program has worked



Turley Photos by Brendan Rooney

The performance was a one-woman show.



It was one of many America 250 celebratory events held in the area.

to prevent property theft and trafficking in the case of dinosaur bones and other archaeological treasures, and

that’s scheduled for later this month on Thursday, July 23, and will run from 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

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

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6 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

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

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

Creative Writing Hour, Tuesday, August 4, 2 to 3 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing. Share what you've written if you like! Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors - **ADDITIONAL DAY!** Every Monday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Chess Club, Mondays (biweekly) July 13, 27, 3:30 p.m. Ages 9-17. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), July 14, 28, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), July 14, 28, 3:30 p.m. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Paper Making for Elementary, Wednesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. For ages 5-10. Please register.

Music and Movement, Thursdays, July 16, 23, 30, 11 a.m. For ages 2-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Baby Dino Slime Lab, Friday, July 17, 11 a.m. For ages 5-17. Please register.

Bubble Storytime, Monday, July 20, 11 a.m. For ages 2-6 and families. Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, July 21, 6 to 8 p.m. For high schoolers. Please register.

Cactus Head Puppets Presents: Magnificent Monster Circus, Wednesday, July 22, 2 p.m. For Youth of all ages and families. On the library lawn. Drop-in.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Thursday, July 23, 5 to 5:45 p.m. For ages 10-14. This month's book is available in the youth room. Please register.

Dino Build Challenge, Monday, July 27, 12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Use recycled materials to make a dinosaur. Drop-in.

Notebook Making for Elementary, Wednesday, July 29, 1 p.m. For youth grades 3-6. Please register.
Junk Journal Book Making (part 1) for Tweens and

Teens, Thursday, July 30, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt, Friday, July 31, all day. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Harry Potter Movie, Friday, July 31, 11 a.m. For youth of all ages and families. Rated PG. Drop-in.

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

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

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, noon to 5 p.m. Drop-in.

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

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

Crafters wanted for St. Nick's Fair

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshments will be available.

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The texts, emails, phone calls, visits, cards, Mass cards, prayers, flowers, food, donations and thoughtful gifts brought us great comfort during this difficult time. Every expression of sympathy meant so much to us.

Alan was a loving, kind and generous man who touched many lives. While we knew the goodness of his heart, the overwhelming support we received showed us just how deeply he was loved and respected by family, friends, neighbors and the community. Knowing the impact he had on so many has been a source of comfort and strength.



July 8, 1972 - April 22, 2026

A special thank you to Monsignor Gosselin and the St. Elizabeth family, the Moutinho family and the staff of Ludlow Funeral Home.

Your compassion, support and kindness made a world of difference and will never be forgotten.

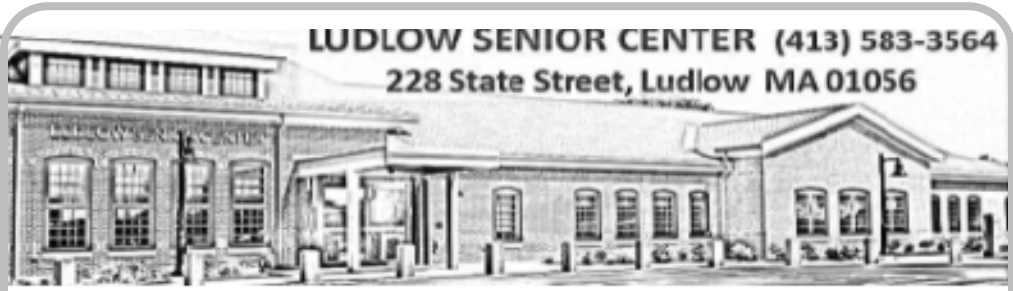
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

We are celebrating America this month! Every weather permitting Friday we are playing American Corn Hole on the front lawn, the screen in the Corner Café will display fun facts about America, there will be a dance party and Benjamin Franklin will be here to wrap up the month! Check out our busy schedule on the Town of Ludlow website ludlow.ma.us/coal/

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

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, July 9
 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:30 a.m. Dominos
 10 a.m. Friends of the Senior Center Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
 2 p.m. Writers Block
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, July 10
 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
 10 a.m. Corn Hole
 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
 10:30 a.m. Trivia
 10:30 a.m. Delaney's Market Info Table
 1 p.m. Senator Oliveira Office Hour
 1 p.m. Decorating Committee Meeting
 1 p.m. Ceramics
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, July 13
 9 a.m. Knitting Club
 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
 10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment*
 1 p.m. Scrabble
 1:15 p.m. Pitch

1:30 p.m. Flexibility, Balance & Core Class

Tuesday, July 14
 9 a.m. Quilting
 9 a.m. Line Dancing
 10 a.m. Cribbage
 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
 1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class

1:30 p.m. Bingo
 4:30 p.m. Power Pump
 4:30 p.m. Movie: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)

Wednesday, July 15
 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
 9 a.m. Ceramics
 10 a.m. Tea with the Town Administrator

10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
 1 p.m. Movie: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, July 16
 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
 9:30 a.m. Dominos
 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
 1 p.m. The Art of Card Making*
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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

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

Menu:
 Thursday, July 9: Shepherd's Pie
 Friday, July 10: Stuffed Shells/Caesar Salad
 Monday, July 13: Kielbasa/Pierogi/Sauerkraut
 Tuesday, July 14: Seafood Newberg/Rice/Green Beans
 Wednesday, July 15: Hot Dog/Roll/Baked Beans/Side Salad
 Thursday, July 16: Chicken Marsala/Egg Noodles/Veggies

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
 For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

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

VOLLEYBALL at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays. Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

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

FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

CHESSE CLUB: Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St. For more information, contact the IOCC at 413- 209-8240 or indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held Monday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday - Aquajazz 9 to 9:30 a.m.; Aquacise – 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday - Aquacise – 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Thursday - Aquacise 10 to 10:45 a.m. and Friday - Aquacise 9 to 9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

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

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

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

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

Golf for Good: tee off for women and girls

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

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. For \$120, you'll enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Your support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. We're working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality and women in decision-making positions.

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URI announces Dean's and President's lists

URI Spring 2026 Dean's List

KINGSTON, RI—The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 Dean's List. Among them are:

Jayson Morelli of Ludlow, Gabby Pereira of Ludlow and Sophia Seibold of Ludlow

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30

through 3.79 grade point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 through 3.79 grade point average.

URI spring 2026 President's List

KINGSTON, RI—The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 President's List. Among them are: Abigail Goncalves-Korny of Ludlow and Gabe Laplante of Ludlow

To be included on the President's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.80 through 4.0 grade point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.80 through 4.0 grade point average.

Palmer High School Class of '76 plans reunion

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

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

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

for the summer event will be \$50, which will include a tip.

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

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Class of 77 plans 50th reunion

LUDLOW—The Class of 1977 50th Reunion Planning Committee will meet at the Hubbard Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. at the Hubbard Memorial Library on the second floor in the small conference room.

Please join us to help plan this exciting 50th Reunion. We would like to know your ideas on how to celebrate this

monumental event. Please pass this information on to your classmates as we would include all in planning this special event.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hurley Ouimette at (413) 244-0371 - kathleenouimette1977@gmail.com and or Roland Giguere at (413) 475-0520.

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Ludlow girls B edged by Palmer

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday, there was some B division action just prior to the Fourth of July holiday break. Ludlow B hosted Palmer in girls action at Baird Middle School. Palmer managed the only goal of the game and secured the win. Palmer improved to 1-4-1 on the season while Ludlow fell to 1-4 on the season. The two teams resumed action earlier this week.



Brooke Ruzala makes a pass.



Riley Priddy dribbles up the field.



Haley Adams passes through traffic.



Haley Adams attempts to keep the ball.

Bankers in control following Fourth of July holiday

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank is in control of the Tri-County Baseball League once again, as the long-time playoff champions and multi-time regular season champions stand at an impressive 11-1-1 so far this season. The Bankers have 23 points for the league lead with their main rivals, St. Joseph's, tugging behind with 22 points. Teddy Bear Pools holds third place at 17 points, while Turners Falls, the Spartans, and BankESB round out the standings, all with less than 10 points. Last Monday, PeoplesBank played to their only tie of the season as they battled to a 2-2 draw with the Spartans. The game was called due to darkness at South Hadley High School. Action resumed earlier this week with games scheduled on Wednesday, July 8.

Jackson LaValley winds and fires for PeoplesBank.



Pete Hogan fires down to second to try and catch a base stealer.



Brian Hungerford tries to keep a throw from getting to the outfield.



Pioneers, Black Rock battle to 1-1 draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just when it appeared that the Western Mass. Pioneers were set to close out a 1-0 shutout victory against Black Rock FC, a late lapse gave the visitors from Nashua, New Hampshire an opportunity to score the tying goal.

Black Rock FC converted a corner kick goal during the seventh minute of stoppage time and last Friday night's USL League 2 match-up held at Lusitano Stadium ended in a 1-1 draw.

The result all but ended the Pioneers' postseason hopes, eliminating them from the USL League Two playoffs for the first time since joining the league in 2019.

"I really don't know what happened at the end of tonight's game," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Almost everything has gone wrong for us this season."

It was the third consecutive tie between the two teams, who played a scoreless tie in the first meeting of the season on June 3. The two squads also played a 1-1 draw at Lusitano Stadium a year ago.

The Pioneers entered the final week of the 2026 regular season sitting in third place in the Northeast Division table with a 7-2-3 (24



Wynn Hammond looks to shoot.

points) overall record.

The Western Mass. squad were scheduled to play at AC Connecticut on Tuesday night before hosting the first place and undefeated Vermont Green FC, who have already clinched a playoff berth, in the regular season finale on Friday night.

NEFC (10-2-0), who joined the league a year ago, is sitting in second place with 30 points. They only need a tie against either last place Boston City FC or the Albany Rush to officially lock up a playoff spot for the first time.

Black Rock FC (5-3-3, 18 points) has the chance to tie for third place if they can win their final three matches and the Pioneers lose a match.

Each soccer team earns three points for a victory and one point for a draw.

Just like in their first meeting of the regular season meeting a month earlier, neither Black Rock FC nor the Pioneers scored a goal during the first 45 minutes of last Friday's contest.

Geronnimo Gomes had two of the shot attempts for the home side during the opening half.

At the beginning of the contest, Jackson Gould lined a shot from outside the top of the box that sailed wide of the net.

The Pioneers, who had four corner kicks in the first half, best scoring chance came during the 36th minute. That's when a shot taken by Vasco Teixeira clanged off the post keeping the match scoreless a little bit longer.

Down at the other end of the field, Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander didn't have to make any saves during the first half.

The Pioneers finally ended the scoreless drought with a free kick goal in the 65th minute.

The duo of Ronan O'Brien and Shun Murasawa, who stepped onto the pitch together during the 60th minute, produced the Pioneers goal.

O'Brien sent the ball into the box from the right side where Murasawa headed into the right corner for his first goal of the season.

"I just focused on the ball, and I managed to score my first goal as a member of this team," Murasawa said.

Please see **PIONEERS**

Riley Priddy dribbles up the field.

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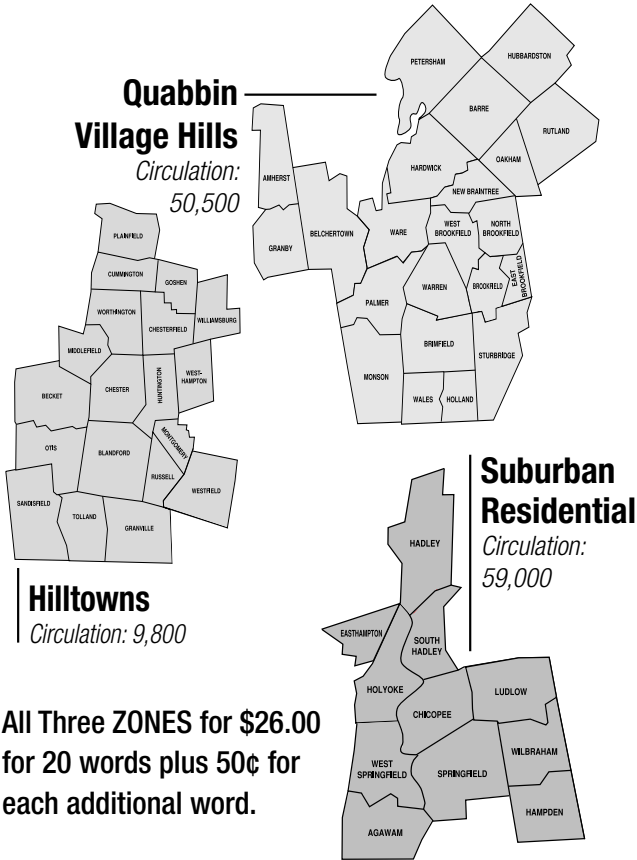
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**LUDLOW
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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:05 p.m.** on the application of PAH Properties, LLC of **0 & 329 Holyoke Street, and 0 Athol Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 11A, Parcels 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 43A, 48 & Map 11B, Parcel 2) for: **estate lot**.
If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 13, 2026.
Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
07/08, 07/15/2026

**LUDLOW
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LEGAL NOTICE
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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Cynthia Lage of **128 Williams Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15C, Parcel 56) for: **soap making business**.
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OBITUARIES

Norman J. Menard, 98



Norman J. Menard, his loving children; Russell 98, of Ludlow was called safely home on Sunday, June 28, 2026. Born in Chicopee he served his country honorably in the United States Air Force during World War II and worked for many years at Marcotte Ford as a Senior Automotive Technician. Norman enjoyed travelling, playing cards and birdwatching as well as being a hockey enthusiast. He was the beloved husband of the late Theresa (Durand) Menard who sadly predeceased him in 2024. Norman leaves



lina; along with several adored grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Norman was also predeceased by his 5 siblings. Funeral services with Air Force Military Honors were held privately by his family and Ludlow Funeral Home was entrusted with his arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Norman J. Menard
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The Ludlow Register
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VETERANS from Page 1

There is a trial period for six months, then, the agreement would be in full effect Jan. 1, 2027 with automatic renewals July 1 unless the agreement is terminated, which must be done with 120 days notice (about four months).

The agreement has already been signed by Brad Brothers, the town manager of Palmer. The Selectmen are the signees for the Town of Ludlow, if it is approved.

The Register and Journal Register will report on changes, if any, veterans should be made aware with this new agreement.

EXCISE TAX from Page 1

be sent to the Board of Selectmen asking the policy be reconsidered and that the previous adjustment process be restored."

Adjustments, also known as abatements, are often

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Friday, July 10 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
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Saturday, July 11 – Men's Ministry – 8 AM (JR)
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Jackson Gould hustles up the field.

PIONEERS, from Page 9

It was a great feeling, but we lost our focus on the last play.

Murasawa was born in Kawasaki, Japan before moving to Franklin, Tennessee with his family as a sophomore in high school. He'll be a sophomore member of the UMass Amherst men's soccer team in the fall. He was recruited by UMass volunteer assistant coach Takehiko Nakamura.

Murasawa's roommate at UMass as a freshman was Thomas Wadas, who's also a member of the UMass soccer team. Wadas also plays for the Pioneers and was an outstanding soccer player at Ludlow High School.

"Thomas was my college

roommate and teammate last year," Murasawa said. "He told me about the Pioneers, and I wound up playing here. It's been a lot of fun and it's a great atmosphere here."

The score remained 1-0 until stoppage time.

With ten Black Rock players standing inside the box on a corner kick, Juan O'Neill booted the ball from the right corner and goalie Christian Herluf Braae-Anderson put a shot into the net, which spoiled the Pioneers night.

The Pioneers supporters are hoping to celebrate a victory in the regular season finale on Friday night against the undefeated Vermont Green FC.



Geronimo Gomez socks a free kick away.

PET PAGE

PET OF THE MONTH

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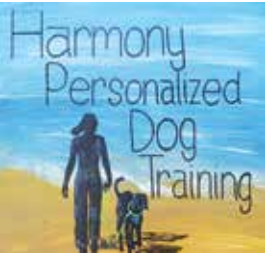
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Protect Your Pets From the Heat

The warmer days have arrived, and with it, scorching temperatures. It's not just us humans who need to take precautions to stay safe and cool during the summer; our pets also need a little TLC to keep the dangers of high temperatures at bay.

Believe it or not, our furry friends can also experience heat-related illnesses, including heat strokes and dehydration, as well as paw pad burns. As pet parents, there are steps we can take to protect them from potential heat hazards to ensure they have a happy and healthy summer.

Pet heat-related illnesses

Rising temperatures can pose significant risks to our pets. Understanding common heat-related illnesses' signs and symptoms is crucial to prevent complications.

Heat stroke in pets

It's important to note that animals can't cool down by sweating like we (humans) do. Although they

do have their own ways of cooling themselves, like panting, it can be harder for them to regulate their body temperature in high heat. A heat stroke occurs when our pet's body temperature rises to a dangerous level, and they can't cool down. This can cause organ damage or even be life-threatening.

- Heat stroke in pet symptoms:
- Drooling
- Excessive panting
- Red gums
- Increased heart rate
- Vomiting
- Weakness
- Seizures (in severe cases)

What to do if your pet has a heat stroke:

- Take your pet to a cool, shaded area
- Give them cold water to drink
- Help them cool down with a fan or put a cool, wet towel over them

- Call your vet to advise on the next steps

Paw pad burns

Hot sidewalks, pavement and sand, can cause burns on your pet's paw pads. If you want to check if the ground is too hot for your pet, you can follow the seven-second rule by pressing your hand against the pavement or asphalt for seven seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet.

According to Dr. Sara Ochoa, a veterinarian in Whitehouse, Texas, "Asphalt can become significantly hotter than the surrounding air temperature. On a sunny day, asphalt can reach temperatures up to 104 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit." She recommends avoiding walking on asphalt when the ambient temperature is above 86 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you must take your pet outside when it's hot, walking in grassy

areas or using protective booties is best.

Paw pad burn symptoms:

- Blisters on their paws
- Missing skin on their paw pads
- Redness
- Limping
- Refusing to walk
- Discolored pads
- Excessive licking of paws

How to treat your pet's paw pad burn:

- Disinfect your pet's paw pads with water and antibacterial soap
- Soak paws in clean, cool water
- Bandage your pet's paws to prevent licking and infections
- Call your vet to assess the seriousness of the burns

Dehydration in pets

Like us, pets can become dehydrated in hot weather if they don't drink enough water while engaging

in activities. Dehydration occurs when your pet loses more water and electrolytes than it takes in. Drinking plenty of water ensures your pet can cool down when their body temperature rises. If you plan to take your pet out for the day, bring an extra water bottle and a drinking bowl. If you plan to leave your pet at home while you're out, be sure they have enough water until you return.

Dehydration symptoms in pets:

- Difficulty breathing
- Muscle tremors
- Excessive panting
- Lethargy
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Dry nose
- Sunken eyes (in severe dehydration)
- Collapse or shock (in severe dehydration)

What to do if your pet is dehydrated

If your pet presents symptoms of severe dehydration, call your vet immediately.

Offer small amounts of water with ice. Drinking too much water can cause them to vomit, worsening dehydration.

Tips to keep your pet safe in the heat

Keeping our furry friends safe during the warmer months is crucial for their health. Here are a few expert tips for pet owners to keep their pets cool and comfortable all summer.

Never leave your pet alone inside a parked car

Not only is leaving your pet alone in your car illegal in some states but doing so can result in permanent organ damage or even death. I know what you're thinking, "I'll just leave the air conditioning on." Not so fast. It's not just the heat from outside that can affect your pet. Your pet's body temperature can also rise due to stress, and excessive panting can worsen rising body temperatures.