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Blood drive to honor lost infant continues

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LUDLOW – In 2024, the unthinkable happened for the Robillard and Goncalves families, who experienced an unthinkable tragedy when infant Chase Goncalves lost his life from bacterial meningitis. Lindsay Robillard, Chase’s mother, has worked to honor her son’s memory, starting a blood drive last year to help others. She is pleased to announced their next blood drive, which began on Tuesday, July 28,

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Chase Goncalves lost his life from bacterial meningitis.



His family now holds a blood drive to help others and honor the child’s memory.

Submitted photos

Health Dept. hosts Community Health Fair

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer

LUDLOW – Area residents are invited to enjoy an array of activities and programs at the Ludlow Health Department’s second annual Community Health Fair. Set for Friday, Aug. 21, the free event will take place from 2-6 p.m. at Memorial Park, 11 East St. Highlights will include educational activities for guests of all ages; health resources and information; special giveaways; health screenings; appearances from area vendors and organizations; and opportunities for guests to connect with town officials. “The Community Health Fair is a great opportunity to learn about improving your health, local wellness agencies, and preparing for health emergencies,” read a statement released by the Ludlow Health Department. “The event also allows residents to meet with local town officials.”

Over 15 local vendors are Please see **HEALTH FAIR**, Page 3

School Committee asked to vote on updated electronic device policy

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LUDLOW – Last week, the Ludlow School Committee was presented with the second reading of an updated cell phone and electronic device policy. In recent years, due to the emergence of AI technology, cyberbullying through various cell phone apps, and the general distraction of the screen, cell phone and electronic device policies have been different throughout the state and country as some schools seek to have cell phone put in pouches and

are unavailable to students during the school day. Other schools simply have a policy that asks students to simply keep them out of site and away, especially during any type of classroom or formal study or gathering time. According to the policy, JICL filed with the school committee, “the purpose of the policy is to ensure that students’ use of cell phones and other electronic devices does not interfere with the education program or school activities with the Ludlow Public Schools. The use and possession of cell phones and electronic devices at school

or on school property is a privilege, not a right.” The updated policy that first made it on a school committee agenda in June requires that cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during class time and at other times as directed by school staff. Students may only use cell phones or other electronic devices in the classroom setting with teacher approval and only for educational purposes that are closely aligned

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A great tradition will not be held as Ludlow vs. Palmer football is off for this fall.

File photo

Making sure nothing is left behind

Hot car safety

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

One of the largest heat-related safety threats of the summer is hot cars. In 2025 there were 31 children who died nationwide due to being left in a car during the summer heat. So far in 2026, there have already been 12. It is crucial to maintain awareness of how quickly a car’s internal temperature can rise in the heat. “It could reach up to 120 degrees and north of that within five to ten minutes of sitting in the sun,” Agawam’s Deputy Fire Chief Frank Matuszczak said. Due to these dangerous temperatures, if a person sees a child or an animal within a car in the heat and they are

unsure if the car is running or not, they need to call 911 immediately. “It is a true emergency at that point,” Matuszczak said. Children’s internal body temperatures rise faster than adults, making it even more dangerous for them to be left in a hot car. Heatstroke begins when a person’s internal body temperature reaches 104 degrees. Death occurs at a body temperature of 107 or higher. With car temperatures reaching over 120 degrees, these dangerous internal temperatures can happen quickly. Matuszczak advises people to never leave children or pets in the car in the heat, even if they think it will be a quick trip. Sometimes even a five minute trip can result in heat related injury or even death. When getting out of the

car, always do a sweep to ensure no one is left in the back seat. Over 50% of pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths are the result of a parent or caregiver forgetting the child in the car. The National Highway Safety Administration recommends leaving an important item in the backseat with a child to serve as a reminder to look in the back. It is also important to teach children that cars and vehicles are not play areas and to leave car keys out of their reach. This will help prevent children from accidentally locking themselves in a vehicle when their caregiver is not paying attention. Many modern cars are made to be more air tight to Please see **HOT CAR SAFETY**, Page 9

Ludlow Lions tradition on one end of unfortunate situation

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LUDLOW – Earlier this year, it was announced that Palmer High School would not be able to field a competitive varsity football team due to smaller numbers of participants in recent years. The Panthers, despite being a small school team, have had a rich tradition of football with the other smaller schools in the region, has had a number of rivalries with local teams for many years. Among those rivalries, Palmer has taken on Ware in league action for many years. This year was supposed to be the 100th matchup between the two schools, with Palmer’s decision to field just a junior

varsity team this year canceling the milestone matchup for this year. The two teams would have matched up in late October during the final week of the regular season before the playoffs and non-playoff action for Weeks 9 and 10 began. What has gotten less attention is Palmer’s other big matchup each year. Also for many years, Palmer and Ludlow have alternated hosting Thanksgiving football, and the two teams have been holiday rivals along with some of the other longtime matchups in the area, such as Agawam-West Springfield and East Longmeadow-Longmeadow. Ludlow has consistently fielded a football team despite soccer being a very prominent sport in the fall

for LHS. Ludlow will field a football team again this fall, but Athletic Director Tim Brillo said the schedule will now be missing this key traditional matchup. Most football teams play at least 10 games each year. There are eight regular season games and a combination of two more playoff or nonplayoff games depending on how well a team does. Teams that still play on Thanksgiving have an 11th game, which has been the case for Ludlow. Brillo confirmed there will not be a game on Thanksgiving, and said Ludlow did not fill the open Please see **LUDLOW FOOTBALL**, Page 8



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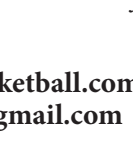
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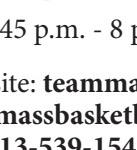
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Local residents to participate in 2026 Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research

NEEDHAM – This August 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC’s mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.

Local Participants Include
Brian Deraudeau of Ludlow (<https://profile.pmc.org/BD0274>)
Alfred Lalli of Ludlow (<https://profile.pmc.org/AL0383>)

The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million. This year’s PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one

of the nation’s top three hospitals for cancer research and care. “The theme for this year’s PMC, which is ‘now, more than ever,’ underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure,” said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. “We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer.” Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization’s largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber’s community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefitting patients across the world. During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and volunteers come together from across the

world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment. There is still time to participate in this year’s Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge
The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. Founded in 1980 by Billy Starr - who remains the event’s founder & chairman, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser - the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. As Dana-Farber’s single largest

contributor, the organization generates 67 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to fueling cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber. In addition to its two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, the PMC is powered by further “spokes in the wheel,” with initiatives including the PMC Winter Cycle, an indoor spin event; PMC Unpaved, a gravel bike ride; and PMC Kids Rides, mini bike-a-thons for children ages 2 to 15. The PMC attracts riders and volunteers from 47 states and 12 countries and over 300,000 individual donors. Across events, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, all of whom are essential to the PMC’s goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC’s aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber’s doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information, visit www.pmc.org.

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slated to attend the program, in addition to first responders and other community partners. Event organizers look forward to helping residents connect with health and wellness resources, as well as offering educational activities. “This year’s fair will bring together local organizations, first responders, community groups, and wellness partners to connect residents with valuable health information, resources, and services,” said Health Director Paulina Matusik. Attendees will be able to access information on several health services and resources, enjoy live demonstrations, and take home free gifts and educational pamphlets. This year’s program is expected to include a mix of returning organizations and local partners that are new to the event. The fair is a fun and informative way for officials and health partners to connect with even more residents of all ages. “Our goal is to make health and wellness resources more accessible while encouraging community engagement. We are also excit-

ed to have several new organizations participating this year alongside many of our returning partners,” Matusik added. The Health Department will provide CPR and first aid demonstrations; hands-on activities for the entire family; raffles and free resources; and emergency preparedness materials. Additional information about the event is available on the town website, www.ludlow.ma.us.

Cookbook Club meeting at WPL

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Public Library Cookbook Club is meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m. This month’s selection is “Tenderheart: a cookbook about vegetables and unbreakable family bonds,” by Hetty Lui McKinnon. Please let the library know what you’re bringing when registering so we do not duplicate recipes. Cooking is encouraged but not required for attendance. Copies of the book are available now at the Service Desk. The Cookbook Club meets on the first Wednesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the library at 413-596-6141.

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GUEST COLUMN



The joys of harvest season

It's been a fun week in the garden! I love it when the harvest starts to roll in.

This week I picked broccoli, kale, green beans and zucchini. I also replanted a few crops in hopes of a second harvest prior to the first frost.

Read on to hear about my adventures.

You may remember my column from a few weeks back, where I was having a hard time getting "into it" this year. I guess like building any relationship, the more time you spend, the more time you may want to spend as things start to progress and go well.

Anyway, I am happy with my garden again and it feels good to spend time out there. Back to the harvest.

I enjoy harvesting broccoli. It's always fun to see just how big you can get the heads to grow before they want to flower.

The first one I cut was maybe six inches in diameter. Not bad, but the second one was closer to nine inches.

More heads will be ready in the coming weeks. After that I will be harvesting side shoots.

This year, cabbage moths were kept at bay by using a tightly woven bug netting draped over the plants and supported by wire hoops and secured at the base by old wooden planks or stones. So far so good; no worms of any kind in the water left over after steaming.

Kale is broccoli's cousin and is subject to the same pests. Because of that I also grow it under the netting.

I've been harvesting the kale for well over a month and we already have several bags of it in the freezer. I am starting to rethink my use of plastic baggies, but for now the leaves are washed, patted dry then ripped into pieces and stuffed into baggies pushing out as much air as possible. When my husband makes his vegetable juices and stews, all he does is empty the contents into his creation.

I noticed that the older leaves of the kale were starting to have a yellow cast, so I got out the organic granular fertilizer

and gave the plants a sprinkle and a good watering. Hopefully that will reinvigorate the plants for picking well into the fall.

My bush bean seeds got planted late; well after Memorial Day. The harvest is just starting. I will be sure to pick often to keep the plants producing.

I have been saving my own bean seeds for a few years now. It's easy, just harvest the dry pods of "the ones that got away." Make sure they are crispy dry.

Break open the seed pods and store the seeds with a packet of desiccant (usually in a bottle of vitamins or with leather shoes) in a jar. If you are growing open pollinated or heirloom, non-hybrid varieties you will reliably get the same variety back again. They don't cross pollinate with neighbor beans.

This week I was happy to harvest four zucchinis with more coming. It's funny that already I see freebies at the end of drive-ways on my commute. I truly hope I have an abundance.

To avoid "boat-sized" squash, pick them small, say six to eight inches long. The seed cavity won't be too big that way and you will encourage the plant to keep producing.

No doubt the vine borer will do in my early sowing soon enough, but never fear, I have sown additional seeds under cover to hopefully have a later harvest once this one expires. I try and keep them covered until the plants bloom, at which time the cover needs to be removed so that the flowers can be pollinated and fruit can form.

I hope you are enjoying the start of the harvest season as much as I am.

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



GUEST COLUMN



Juvenile glossy ibis.

Photo by Doug Moore

A Belchertown resident shared this photo of a glossy ibis he took at Lake Wallace.

The glossy ibis is a medium-sized wading bird, 18.9 to 26 inches long, with compact body, long neck, long legs and long, curved bill.

The plumage appears dark, almost blackish, at a distance or in poor light. Up close, the body is maroon with wing coverts showing a metallic green, bronze and violet tones.

Juveniles are a duller brown color with some white streaking on their neck

Glossy Ibis occur in flocks, both at nesting colonies and when foraging. They

typically feed by lowering the bill into water, mud or soil, to feel for prey.

In addition to consuming animal matter, plants may constitute a major portion of their diet during some seasons.

They frequent almost any wetland environment with shallow water or exposed mud and also readily feed in farm fields or open areas where soils are moist.

They inhabit shallow freshwater wetlands as well as brackish and saltwater wetlands, mangroves, and rice fields. Over much of its range,

When flying, the glossy ibis has its neck stretched forward and legs straight behind it. The glossy ibis does not call often, but may make murmuring sounds while foraging.

During the breeding season, glossy ibises will court one another by preening and touching bills. Males and females will work together to build a large nest.

Nesting in tight colonies,

glossy ibis nests are often no more than 2 feet away from each other. The female will lay three to four eggs and incubate them for 20-22 days.

Glossy ibises can be found across the globe. Their range has greatly expanded in the 20th century in North America.

This species has gone from a rare and local Florida species to regularly breeding as far north as Maine and occasionally along the east coast of Canada. The first Massachusetts nests were found at coastal sites in 1974.

The oldest recorded glossy ibis was at least 21 years old and lived in Virginia between 1971 and 1992.

Sutton birds

Recently, my brother and sister-in-law hosted a pool party. My brother, Ted, puts out grape jelly for the Baltimore orioles and a nectar feeder for the ruby-throated hummingbirds on his deck.

Birds included male and female ruby-throated hummingbirds for the nectar feeder. Baltimore orioles, red-bellied woodpecker, downy woodpecker and a scarlet tanager came to the deck.

They also have a pond that abuts their backyard. They have a pair of mute swans on the pond. They raised a family for several years in a row.

Great blue heron

I often see a great blue heron wading in Long Pond in Rutland. Every time I drive along Route 122 by the pond, I look for the heron.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

GUEST COLUMN

I was cheated; I delayed claiming Social Security but didn't get my full benefits

Dear Rusty:

I'm 70 now and took my Social Security benefits at age 68.

Social Security would not allow me to take all my increased percentage earned by waiting until age 68 to claim. My local Social Security office said I would get an increased amount but not my full age 68 amount because it was "not an option;" they said I could take it only the way "they said." That's our illegal government.

Signed: Feeling Cheated

Dear Feeling Cheated:

Regarding your comment that SS "would not allow" you to take all of your "increased percentage," I assume you are referring to a Social Security rule which applies whenever benefits are claimed after full retirement age (FRA) but before age 70. That rule says that the

Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), which are earned when someone delays claiming until after their Social



Security full retirement age, are applied only in January of each year. What that means is that whenever benefits are claimed mid-year after FRA but before age 70, only the DRCs earned through the end of the previous year are immediately applied, and any additional DRCs earned during the current year are not applied until January of the following year. The only exception to that rule is if someone applies for benefits to begin in the month they turn 70 (or after) when all earned DRCs are applied immediately.

Dou, if you applied for your

benefits to begin when you turned age 68 mid-year in 2024 (but before the end of that year), you would initially only get DRCs earned through the end of the previous year (through December 2023), and the DRCs earned in 2024 wouldn't have been credited to you until January 2025. Which means you now actually do get your full percentage of delayed retirement credits earned by waiting until age 68 to claim, but you did not get them all until January 2025. Essentially, those extra benefits earned from the beginning of 2024 to the month your SS benefits started were delayed until the beginning of the following year.

We run into this complexity fairly often here at our AMAC Social Security Ad-

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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

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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 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

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

Creative Writing Hour, Tuesday, August 4, 2:00 to 3:00 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.

VIRTUAL—"Act Worthy of Yourselfes" with author Salina B. Baker, Monday, August 10, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Learn about the life of Dr. Joseph Warren, a Boston medical man and scholar who became a warrior and revolutionary during the American Revolution. Register online for your Zoom link or call (413) 583-3408 x114 for assistance.

Footprints and Fossils, Thursday, August 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Interested in dinosaurs? Would you like to see a fossil up close? Curious to learn more about evidence of

prehistoric life in the local area? Retired HCC Professor Steve Winters discusses these topics and more! Geared for adults. Please register.

VIRTUAL—Celebrating America's 250th with Presidential Doodler Heather Rogers, Monday, August 17, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. "Presidential Doodler" Heather Rogers shares trivia and her own original artwork in this fascinating talk about lesser-known figures from American history. 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!

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Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge, Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

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! Pick up a copy of this month's 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! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

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Music and Movement, Thursday, July 30, 11 a.m. For ages 2-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. 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.

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BLOOD DRIVE

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and will run through Aug. 12. However, she notes that a person can help outside of those dates.

“Giving blood anytime during the year is Chase’s memory is deeply appreciated,” Robillard said.

She shared the following information about this year’s hard drive, and hopes people will be able to participate.

“This year we will honor Chase by holding a blood drive at the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center at 35 Binney St, Jimmy Fund Building, Floor 1 in Boston, MA,” Robillard said. “Those who wish to donate should

call 617-632-3206 or email sbobbie@bwh.harvard.edu to schedule an appointment.”

Robillard said both her and Chase received lifesaving blood transfusions during their medical journeys.

Chase passed away in August 2024 from bacterial meningitis.

“Chase was pure love and pure joy from the minute he was born,” Robillard said. “He brought us immense peace. His illness was completely unexpected. Chase was fully immunized, healthy and breastfed his entire life. He was a beautiful baby who loved to be outside in nature and loved to be in the arms of those who loved him. We lost our future with him and

his brother Jack lost his best friend. Losing Chase has tested our ability to live in this world without him. We were so connected to him and we continue to maintain our connection to him. We visit and spend time with him often at the cemetery and express our love for him by keeping flowers and mementos at his gravesite. It is a way to continue to “parent” Chase. Talking about Chase and doing acts of kindness in his honor help us to remain close to him. He will always be a part of our family. Our grief and period of ‘grieving’ will never end. We will continue to love and miss him every second of every day. A loss this profound upends your

entire world. Parents are not supposed to bury their children and this out-of-order death is destabilizing. Our grief is an expression of our love. By holding this blood drive we hope to honor and keep his memory alive while also providing lifesaving blood donations. We ask those who are unable to donate in Boston to consider donating at a local Red Cross, as hospital blood supplies are generally at a critical low in the summer months.”

Robillard hopes to continue to honor his memory through the drive and is grateful to all those who help honor his memory through donations.

DEVICE POLICY

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with the course connect. Students using phones in school are required to connect to the LPS student wifi, which bars video game and social media applications.

In Ludlow High School, however, students had been permitted to use their phones during passing times and lunch periods. The updated policy eliminates that privilege at the high school.

Another part of the policy addresses the use of ear buds or other listening devices. Those are banned

unless explicit permission is granted by a teacher. The policy has progressive discipline leading up to the complete loss of any electronic device privileges in the school building at any time.

Cell phone use in LPS cannot violate any other policies such as bullying, academic integrity, safety, or voice or video recording that violates the privacy rights of individual students.

The school committee’s second reading was scheduled to take place at their last meeting and could be in place to start the upcoming school year.



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SPORTS

Lions finished up regular season



LUDLOW – It’s been very rare that the Ludlow Ideal A boys summer soccer team does not make a PVSSL final. But unfortunately, this summer the Lions will not make the playoffs as they completed the regular season last Monday against Chicopee. The Lions were not among the top eight to qualify for the A Division playoffs. Ludlow now looks toward the regular season, with preseason for fall getting underway in a couple of weeks.

Dyan Southall passes ahead of pressure.



Giuseppe Porfilio looks for an opening to continue his progress.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Emihan Lsik goes after the ball.



Goalie Jake Cinoa sends a throw back into play.



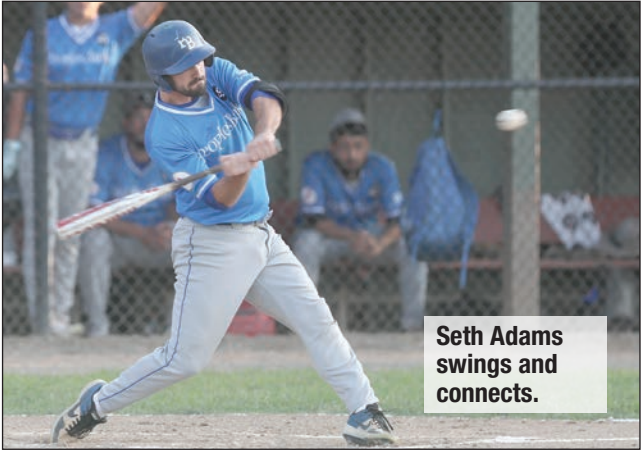
Anthony Schuko tries to shake the Chicopee defense.



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Dave Clark sends a throw to first for PeoplesBank.

Saints beat rival PeoplesBank

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday night, the pennant race stepped up with rivals PeoplesBank and St. Joe’s matching up at Mackenzie Stadium. While PeoplesBank trailed early in the game, they nearly came all the way back, but St. Joe’s prevailed 9-7. The playoffs are on the horizon in the league with St. Joe’s and PeoplesBank likely drawing top seeds for the six-team playoffs.



Seth Adams swings and connects.



Jake Jachym fires home for the Bankers.

Blue Sox nearing end of regular season

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox went 1-for-2 in a doubleheader against the Mystic Schooners on Saturday. Entering Saturday’s doubleheader against the Schooners (22-17) Valley sat at 16-18-1, sixth in the South Division and outside the playoff picture, trailing both Danbury and Bristol for one of the division’s postseason spots. The Blue Sox (17-19-1) responded with a convincing 10-3 victory in Game 2 to split the twin bill and remain in the postseason hunt.

Mystic struck first in the first game and opened the inning when Bryce Detwiler lifted a sacrifice fly to right field after consecutive singles from Jack Harley and Anthony Belisario put runners on the corners.

The Schooners added another run in the fourth as Chris Walsh lined a two-out single before Adam Troch followed with an RBI double down the left-field line, giving Mystic a 2-0 advantage. Valley answered immediately in the bottom half; however, Chris Cancel launched a solo home run to left field to cut the deficit in half.

Andrew Oppenheimer kept the Blue Sox within striking distance throughout his six-inning start, allowing three runs, only two earned, while striking out four. But Mystic manufactured what proved to be the decisive run in the sixth after a hit batter, a walk and a Valley error loaded the bases. Walsh singled to center to score Detwiler and extend the lead to 3-1.

Valley mounted one final



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Nick Tomasetto looks to turn a double play during recent action last week at Mackenzie.

rally in the seventh. Chris Carson doubled to center before pinch-hitter Alex Hill delivered an RBI single to trim the deficit to one. With the tying run aboard, Mystic closer MJ Bollinger recorded the final two outs to preserve the 3-2 victory. Despite matching the Schooners with seven hits, the Blue Sox came up just short.

The Blue Sox wasted little time putting the loss behind them in the nightcap.

Nick Tomasetto ignited the offense with a solo home run in the first inning before Michael Iannazzo added a sacrifice fly later in the frame to give Valley a 2-0 lead. Tomasetto drove in another run with an RBI single in the second, and after Mystic answered with one of its own, Valley broke the game open in the third.

Nick Spaventa blasted a solo home run to center before Chris Carson added an RBI single. A wild pitch lat-

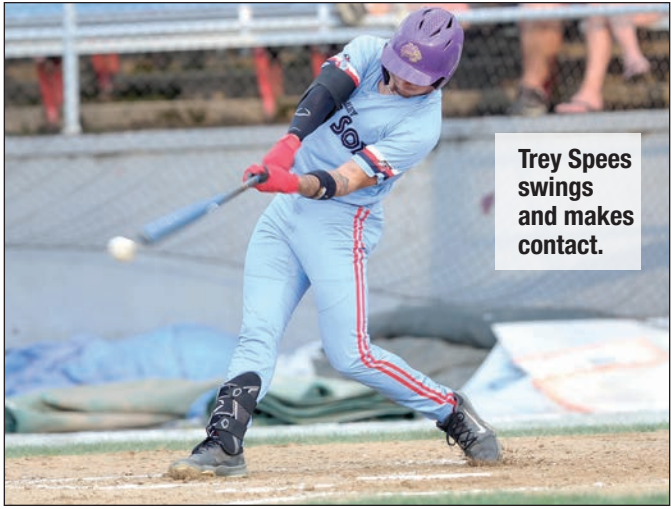
er scored Michael Iannazzo to cap a three-run inning and extend the Blue Sox’s lead to 6-1. Valley continued to add insurance the rest of the way, highlighted by Tomasetto’s two-run single in the fifth, an RBI single from Iannazzo in the sixth and Nico Soul’s sacrifice fly in the seventh. The Blue Sox finished with 10 runs on 14 hits.



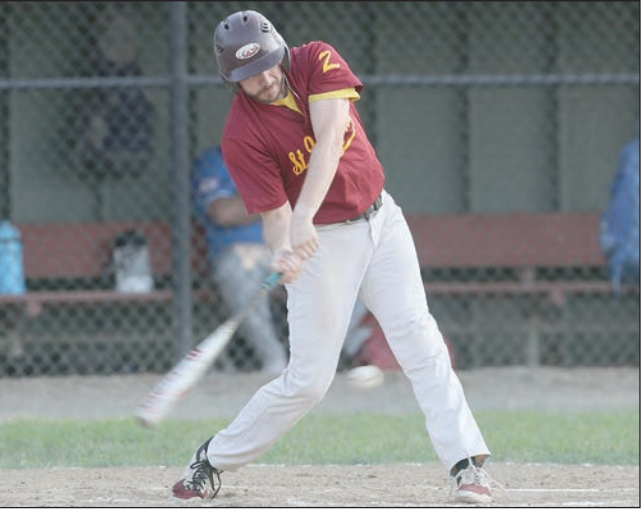
Nico Soul fields the ball in the outfield.

Earlier, Carson was named a NECBL All-Star, and the outfielder backed up the honor with another productive performance. Carson finished the

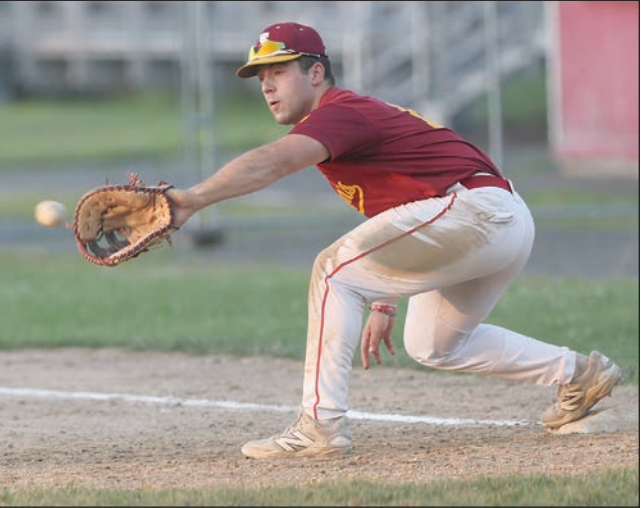
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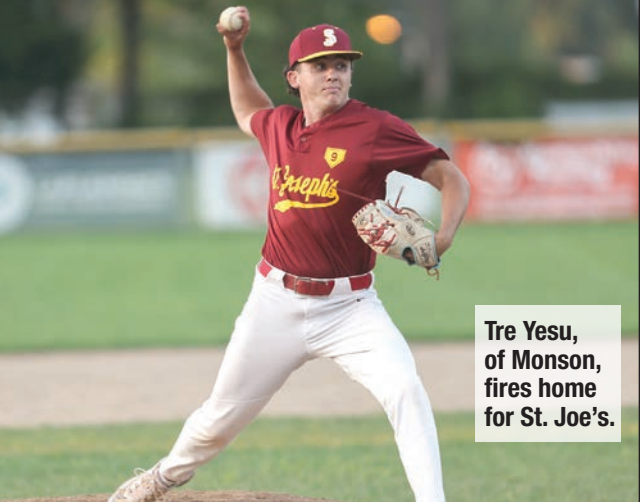
Trey Spees swings and makes contact.



Brandon Magni swings and connects for the Saints.



Joe DeMichele makes a catch at first.



Tre Yesu, of Monson, fires home for St. Joe’s.

IN THE CLASSROOM

MMWEC Awards Scholarships to Ludlow High School students

LUDLOW – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) has awarded scholarships to two students from the Ludlow High School class of 2026.

The scholarships are awarded to deserving graduates pursuing a college education in engineering, environmental sciences, business, finance, accounting, or a related field. Since 1998, MMWEC has awarded \$74,000 in scholarships to help students defray the cost of higher education.

This year’s scholarship recipients are Katherine Anselmo and Alex Spurlock.

Anselmo plans to attend Bentley University and major in finance. In high school, she participated in Leading Lions and the French Club, taught Junior Achievement at Ludlow Middle School, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also deeply involved in the Ludlow community, serving on the 250th Celebration committee, the Rotary Club, as a Massachusetts Civic Learning



Katherine Anselmo

Coalition civic fellow, and volunteering for Our Lady of Fatima Festa, Girls on the Run, and Elementary School Field Day.

Spurlock will attend the University of Hartford and major in mechanical engineering. At Ludlow High School, he achieved High Honors, was a member of the Math and Baseball teams, and earned the Employee of the Month title at his job at Big Y. He also volunteered weekly at Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen.

“The 2026 scholarship recipients stood out to us as leaders in the classroom and in the greater Ludlow community,”



Alex Spurlock

says MMWEC Chief Executive Officer Tom Barry. “We look forward to their continued success as they move on to their next chapter.”

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 is the operator and principal owner of the Stony Brook power plant on Moody Street and has been a corporate resident of Ludlow for nearly 50 years.

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.

Dean’s List honors announced at Tufts University

MEDFORD – Tufts University recently announced the dean’s list for the spring 2026 semester. Dean’s list honors at Tufts University

require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. The following students were named to the dean’s list:

Tommy Caproni, Class of 2027, of Ludlow
Torcato Zina, Class of 2027, of Ludlow

HOT CARS

help retain air conditioning or heating in all weathers. While this has a benefit, it also means they hold heat in the summer for longer than many older models.

“If you are going somewhere, you should leave [your kid] at home, if you can, or take the child with you,” Matuszczak said.

With the hot temperatures cars can reach, it is also important to be conscientious as a person gets into a hot car.

Many modern cars have ways of lowering the windows using a key fob, which Matuszczak recommends using to help lower internal temperatures before getting inside the car.

This is especially im-

portant as metal surfaces, such as seatbelts, can reach temperatures over 180 degrees, which can result in burns.

If a person’s car does not have the ability to lower the windows using the key fob, it will be best for them to open the car doors for a few minutes before getting inside.

HUBBARD

Dino Slime Lab, Monday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Make slime and add baby dinos! Please register.

Junk Journal Making for Tweens and Teens (part 2), Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Friendship Bracelet Making, Tuesday, August 4, 6 p.m. For ages 8-17. Please register.

Ready 4 K, Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 10:30 a.m. For those entering kindergarten. Learn essential Kindergarten readiness skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Make Shrinky Dinks for your Backpack, Friday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. For ages 5-17. Please register.

Dino Bingo, Monday, August 10, 2 p.m. For youth of all ages and families. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, Mon-

days (biweekly) August 10, 24, 3:30 p.m. Ages 9-17. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), August 11, 25, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), August 11, 25, 3:30 p.m. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Dino-Mite Puzzle Art, Thursday, August 13, 4 p.m. For ages 8-17. Use old puzzle pieces to make art! Please register.

Teddy Bear Picnic, Friday, August 14, 11:30 a.m.

For ages 0-5 and families. On the library lawn. Bring your favorite stuffie and your picnic lunch. Please register.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:05 p.m.** on the application of Ursula Knolton of **115 Prospect Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 15A, Parcel 355) for: **interior design office.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
07/29, 08/05/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Sewall & Hubbard LLC for the property located at **120 Hubbard Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 14B, Parcel 20) for the purpose of: **update existing site plan.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
07/29, 08/05/2026

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Michael Modzelewski of **147 Kendall Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 11B, Parcel 108) for: **landscaping business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
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Ludlow Public Schools Destruction of Special Education Records

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Please be advised that the SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS from the Ludlow High School Class of 2019, along with the records of students released from special education services during the 2018-2019 school year, will be destroyed the week of August 3, 2026. If you wish to obtain your records, please contact the Special Education office at (413) 583-8372, ext 1216 prior to Friday, July 31, 2026, in order to make arrangements for pick up. Please note that identification will be required at the time of record retrieval.

07/08, 07/15, 07/22, 07/29/2026

Town of Ludlow Request for Proposals Fire Department Dormitory Mini-Split HVAC Installation

The Town of Ludlow is soliciting sealed bids from qualified HVAC contractors for the installation of a supplemental ductless mini-split heat pump system at the Ludlow Fire Department Safety Complex.

Project Description:

The project includes a complete turnkey installation of a ductless minisplit heat pump system for the men’s and women’s dormitory areas. The contractor will provide all labor, materials, equipment, and components needed for a fully operational system, including indoor units, outdoor condensers, piping, electrical work, controls, startup, and commissioning. All equipment must be new, commercialgrade, and installed according to manufacturer guidelines and applicable codes

Bid Documents Available:

Friday, July 24, 2026
10:00 AM

Mandatory Site Visit:

Friday, July 31, 2026
11:00 AM

Ludlow Safety Complex
574 Center Street
Ludlow, MA 01056

Questions Due:

Friday, August 7, 2026
10:00 AM

Questions shall be submitted by email to:bbeaumier@ludlow.ma.us

Responses/Addendum Issued By:

Friday, August 14, 2026
2:00 PM

Bid Opening:

Friday, August 21, 2026
10:00 AM

Bid Submission:

Sealed bids shall be delivered no later than **10:00 AM on Friday, August 21, 2026** to:

Town of Ludlow
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Late submissions will not be accepted.
07/29/2026

Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

The Select Board opened the Warrant on July 7, 2026, for the October 5, 2026, Special Town Meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. at Ludlow High School. All Articles should be submitted to the Select Board’s Office, select board@ludlow.ma.us, **no later than Friday**, August 21, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. The Select Board will close the Warrant on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at their regular meeting.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW LEGAL NOTICE

Ludlow Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2026 – Case #12252

Warrant Article 29 (General) was approved by the Attorney General’s office. “Such Bylaws have been posted according to the Bylaws and copies are available at the Town Clerk’s Office”.
**see full context of text in Town Clerk’s office.

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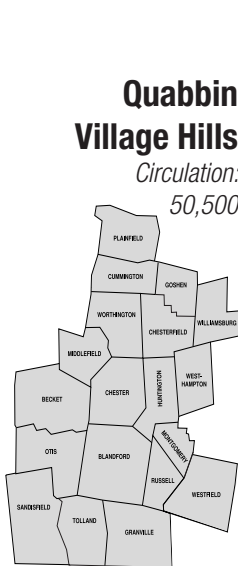
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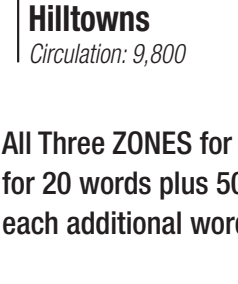
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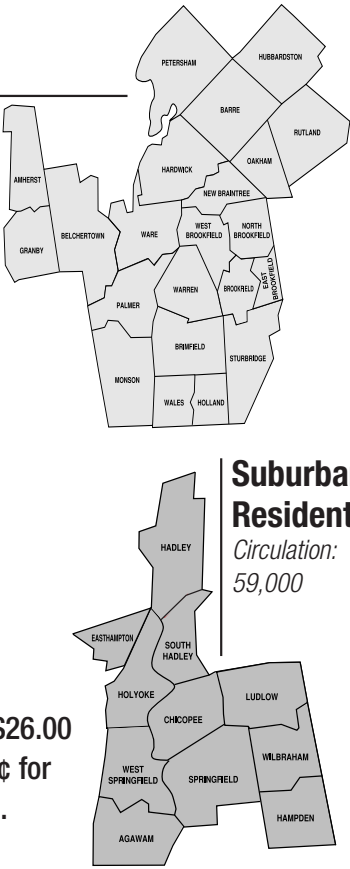
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OBITUARIES

Raul Jose Serra

Raul Jose Serra 90, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on July 22, 2026. Raul retired from Goodwill where he worked as a manager of scheduling for many years. He enjoyed dining out and spending time with family and traveling to Portugal. He was a Benfica fan and enjoyed watching all their games on TV.

He was born on December 6, 1935, in Lisbon Portugal to the late Antonio Serra and Clotilde Pereira. He immigrated to the United States in 1977 where he resided in Ludlow MA. Raul was married to his loving wife of 69 years, Elisa Serra who passed away in 2023.

He leaves behind his niece Isabel Fava (goddaughter) and husband Alexandre of North Port FL. His nephew Augie Dias and wife Maria of Ludlow. Carlos Porfirio of Indian Orchard, Jose Clemente and wife of Portugal. His niece Branca from New



Hampshire. He leaves behind his great-nieces and nephews. Angelina Fragoso (Donny), Cristina Pedro (Mark), Nancy Tenney (goddaughter) (Chris), Mark Moran (godson) (Angel), Daniel Dias (Rebecca), Christopher Dias, Lisa Dias, Timothy Porfirio, Vicente Porfirio, Michael Dougherty, Jonathan Dougherty, Pedro Gomes, Rui Gomes, Kimberly Clemente. He also leaves behind many great-nephews and nieces who he adored, especially Gavin and Logan Pedro and Olivia Fragoso.

Sadly he was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Raul Dias, Augusto Porfirio, Raul Ramos, sisters in law, Aurora Dias, Margarida Ramos, Lurdes Porfirio, his niece Maria Moran, nephew Jorge Gomes, and great nephews Michael R. Dias and Jose Clemente Jr.

Funeral Services for Raul will be held privately by his family.

Cacilda Garcia Juliano

It is with profound sadness and immeasurable love, that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Cacilda Garcia Juliano, who peacefully left this world on July 24, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Sendim, Padornelos, Portugal, she was the daughter of the late Antonio Garcia and Rosa Crespo Garcia. In 1967, she immigrated to the United States, where she built a life grounded in faith, family, and hard work. She lived a life defined by love, strength, compassion, and unwavering devotion to her family. She possessed a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcomed, valued, and deeply loved. Her gentle heart, warm smile, and generous spirit touched countless lives and will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Above all else, she treasured her family. She was a devoted wife, an extraordinary mother, a proud grandmother, and a loyal friend. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, playing cards, cruising, baking her trademark deserts, and time at the beach. Her greatest joy came from gathering those she loved around her table, celebrating life, and creating memories that will be cherished forever.



She taught us the importance of kindness, resilience, faith, and unconditional love-not just through her words, but through the example she set every single day.

She found happiness in the simple blessings of life. Whether offering comforting advice, sharing laughter, or simply being present, she had a gift for making others feel safe and cared for.

Cacilda worked for 32 years as a machine operator at Callaway Golf before retiring. A faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Ludlow, her faith remained central throughout her life.

She was the devoted wife of 57 years to her beloved husband, Antonio Silva Juliano, who predeceased her in 2024. Together, they built a strong and loving family rooted in faith and tradition.

She leaves behind her children, Antonio Luis Juliano and his wife, Tina; Victor Juliano; and Rosemary Mazza and her husband, David; as well as her cherished granddaughter, Catarina, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

She is also survived by her brothers- and sisters-in-

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Although our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing that her love will never leave us. It lives on in every lesson she taught, every tradition she created, every act of kindness she inspired, and every heart she touched.

Her legacy is one of unconditional love, quiet strength, endless generosity, and unwavering grace. She will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and endlessly loved.

“Those we love don’t go away. They walk beside us every day-unseen, unheard, but always there.”

Funeral services for Cacilda will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Burial services to follow at Island Pond Cemetery.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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