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Ludlow Police Dept. promotes two

Det. Lt. Knox and Sgt. Dent recognized in ceremony

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LUDLOW – On July 25, the police department held a promotional ceremony for Detective Lieutenant Sean Knox and Sergeant Matthew Dent, where both men were joined with their families, friends, and fellow colleagues to formally recognize them for their recent promotions. Chief Valadas of the LPD spoke about the significance of each role that Knox and Dent hold now and the journey both of them had to take to get to this point in each of their respective careers.



Sgt. Dent, Chief Valadas, and Det. Lt. Knox at the promotions ceremony.

Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Chief Valadas began, “The backbone of any police department is the people that are vested and there’s no more vested staff than ranking officers. In my opinion, these are the people that are the most vested in communities because they’re willing to work harder, take the exams, go through the rigorous process, study and do every-

thing to embed themselves and make sure that they take care of the town. Can’t think of two better guys to do that. Det. Lt. Knox and Sgt. Dent, we will start by rank and we’ll go with Det. Lt. Knox first.”

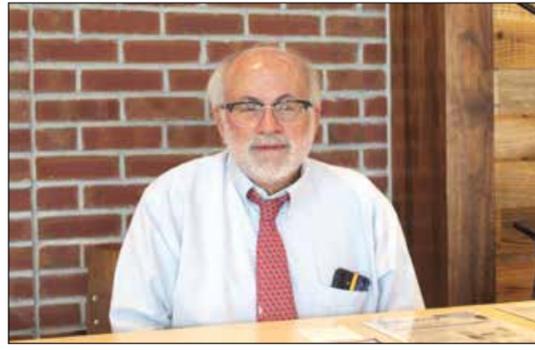
Det. Lt. Knox went up first to the podium, alongside Assistant Town Clerk Chris

Szlosek, acting as the town official to swear in each officer with a short speech each one had to recite with their right hand in the air. Sgt. Dent followed and then both Knox and Dent shared a few words to the room after officially being promoted.

Det. Lt. Knox began, “Thank you for the oppor-

tunity to be here today, I put in a lot of effort throughout the years but it’s more so my family and my colleagues that supported me through the way. Without them, I wouldn’t be in the position that I am in today. I can’t

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Program Manager Eric Elmendorf with the MA Councils on Aging and 50+ Job Seekers in MA smiling while sitting at the table set up in the senior center.

50+ Job Seekers in MA visits the Senior Center

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LUDLOW – At the Senior Center, 50+ Job Seeker MA Network Program Manager Eric Elmendorf set up an information table in the coffee corner to talk to center guests interested in finding a job in the evolving job market. This network focuses on getting people connected with like-minded professionals, access to valuable resources for experienced job seekers, and recognizes that experi-

ence, wisdom, and professional maturity are valuable assets in today’s workforce.

The 50+ Job Seeker MA Network is committed to helping seasoned professionals showcase these strengths and help people find the job fit best for them. Based on the pamphlet, the network deals with the issues of age discrimination during people’s job search and the employment process while providing them with robust materials, strategies, content,

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School committee reviews improvement plans

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LUDLOW – On July 22, all four schools in the town had their respective principals at the school committee meeting review each school improvement plan for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Dr. Tiano began with introductions and explained that two principals, Harris Brook Elementary Principal Nikki Reed and Ludlow

High School Principal Lisa Nemeth were not present due to schedule conflicts, and followed by introducing East St. Elementary Principal Christine Limoges who is new this upcoming year and Baird Middle School Principal Jason Taylor to the committee members. Limoges has been working in East St. Elementary for a month and Taylor has been working for now a full year.

On the slideshow, the meeting began with Taylor

reviewing the LHS 2025 to 2026 improvement plan and started, “I feel that my time served as assistant principal at the high school makes me somewhat of an adequate understudy to present, so I will try my best. A lot of planning for our school improvement plans for both the high school level and the middle school level are somewhat consistent. When Mrs. Nemeth and I did some collaborative work together, so you’re going to kind

of see some overlap, but one of the things that aligned with objective one and four is we are going to continue to implement a social emotional learning curriculum using Panorama information, Playbook, and Josten’s Renaissance Character Development cards and a reward system to reinforce positive behavior.”

Taylor continued, “We’re in the process of exploring other SEL curriculums just to see if there’s anything more

effective. I know that Mrs. Nemeth would utilize faculty meetings to kind of inform teachers and help them better understand how SEL can be infused and integrated into their lessons. I know there would be opportunities for students to receive SEL curriculum during class time with the teachers. The teachers learn about that in the faculty meetings and they would have the opportunity to implement it in the classroom.”

For objective one of student and staff wellness, it states “Students and staff make connections and develop relationships between, and among, each other as part of their own social, emotional, and physical wellness.” For objective four of culture and engagement, it states “Educators will develop internal and external systems of collaboration and communication with each other, our families,

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DPW provides update for Ludlow Reservoir parking

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LUDLOW – In a previous Select Board meeting on July 8, the board reviewed the parking for the Ludlow Reservoir and possible solutions and suggestions submitted by Chief Valadas of the LPD. This is in response to complaints from cemetery visitors to deter Ludlow Reservoir visitors from parking in the cemetery, and if DPW would be able to install ‘No Parking’ signs on Center St. In that article, Town Administrator Marc Strange on July 16 submitted a quote to The Register stating, “The

Select Board is requesting that the DPW get quotes for ‘Cemetery Parking Only’ signs or messaging to that effect.” As of July 30, Strange submitted an update directly from the DPW stating, “We have ‘No Parking’ signs up there now which pushes cars

away from the grave sites. We are now in the process of ordering a rules and regulations sign to install at the entrance, and hopefully that will help.”

On site at the reservoir, there are approximately 21 parking spots available, including handicap accessible

parking. Across the street from the parking lot, there are clear “No Parking” signs present to help keep Center St. clear of vehicles.

The Register will continue to follow this story in future editions.

Celebrate Ludlow invites groups for ‘Light Up Ludlow’

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LUDLOW – On Tues. Aug. 12 at 6 p.m., the Celebrate Ludlow Committee will be holding a meeting at the Town Hall in the Selectman’s Conference Room for the future “Light Up Ludlow” events and celebrations around town. Celebrate Ludlow Linda Collette shared a few words for the upcoming meeting.

“We cordially invite all Ludlow civic groups, committees, townspeople, businesses, and more who would be interested in being a part of and helping with the annual town tree lighting celebration. We’re looking for folks who are willing to be helpful in setting up the 22-foot tree, that the Ludlow 250th purchased as a legacy to the town, at Town Hall and holiday decor throughout the town. On Nov. 30, that’s the date of the first

tree lighting of this giant tree. The annual tree lighting will always be the Sun. after Thanksgiving going forward. The tree and decor will be set up the week before that and we need help.”

In preparation for the colder months, Collette wanted to make sure that folks who would be interested in lending a helping hand knew of the upcoming events in town and the possibilities of meeting new local people. Although it may be hard to think of chillier times, Collette is hopeful that people mark their calendars and set their reminders for these exciting and most importantly, memorable town events.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. committee meeting for event assistance and help for the Celebrate Ludlow Committee events. Also note Nov. 30 for the first tree lighting of the new tree and Oct. 4 for the ‘Falling Into Fun’ event.



The entrance of the reservoir parking lot has a gate with constant monitoring, with security cameras and a security present during hours of operation.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission and Ludlow Reservoir sign next to the reservoir parking lot.



Entering the parking lot to the left, there’s signage that includes the spring and summer hours, and notifying residents that the reservoir is closed on Wednesdays.

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Hubbard Memorial hosts 2nd annual Balloon Olympics

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LUDLOW – Last Friday, a variety of balloons were floating around the Hubbard Memorial Library lawn along with a big group of patrons, waiting for the festivities to begin. The library hosted its second annual balloon Olympics with kids of all ages, who were all excited to join in on the fun and compete for the medal.

Following the torch signifying the beginning of the games, the crowd marched in line to the first event of the day which was called 'keepy uppy', which led to multiple popped balloons. Youth Services Librarian July Siebeckler spoke to the crowd and had them get into groups of two, had the duos face each other to pass the balloon back and forth, and if the balloon dropped then that pair was out.

The next game was a relay race with a long balloon that each group had to run to the other side and pass it along, whoever was first one! Following was 'egg and spoon' which had each individual run or walk to the other side whilst balancing a balloon on a stick, and one of the other games was a fishing game and a hot potato game.

The big group of people, consisting of parents, grandparents, guardians, and of course kids were all having a blast getting to know each other, competing in age-friendly games, and learning more about library events in the future. Several onlookers commented how thrilled they were that the library put this on again because of the positive feedback they got from their children.

For more information on future events, visit the library website.



The fan favorite were the balloons, but many of them popped before the games even started!

Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Heritage Pops dinner dance and concert

LUDLOW—The Heritage Pops is having a summer dinner dance on Friday, August 8 at the PACC, 355 East Street in Ludlow. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. dancing from 7-9:30 p.m. Dinner will be burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and watermelon. Tickets are \$22 at the door.

The HPO is doing a concert on Friday, August 15th at the Sole Syndicate Brewery (formerly the Iron Duke Brewery) at 100 State St. Building #122 in Ludlow, MA.

Concert is from 6-8 p.m. (free admission and free parking). Food will be available for purchase as well as a very large selection of craft beers and seltzers. The concert will be outdoors on the large patio. There is plenty of seating outdoors and indoors. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held on Friday, August 29.



The balloon Olympics groups playing 'keepy uppy' in the library lawn.



The relay race was very competitive, yet the wind blew a lot of the balloons away making the participants run even faster.

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The class was set up with paper, string, glue, and markers to create their own unique notebooks.

Homemade paper turns to notebooks at Hubbard Memorial

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LUDLOW – On July 29, part two of the paper-making series comes back to the Hubbard Memorial for a notebook making workshop, after the kids two weeks ago made their own paper from scratch. The calm, informative, and creative library workshop helped kids of all ages make and decorate their own notebook and cover to draw and write whatever they desire on the inside and out.

Instructor Samantha, who conducted the previous paper-making class, was at the library once again showing how simple it is to create a notebook. If you're wondering how to make a notebook,

this is what you need. Paper, yarn, a sewing needle, cover material, scissors and awl, ruler, and a pencil.

The kids started by measuring the size of their notebooks and folded the paper, matching the cover material to the size of the paper created, they were able to use a bone crease to make a flat and clean edge. By using a ruler to mark the dots for the holes needed to sew the notebook together, the awl was used to punch the holes out in the paper and with the help of the instructor and volunteers, the kids sewed the needle with the yarn creating the notebook.

After creating the notebook, the kids were able to decorate them however they wanted, one attendee drew



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
Volunteer Becky Marker was teaching a child how to sew the homemade notebook.

waves on her cover. Speaking with the parents and guardians waiting in the room, everyone had grand things to say about the library and the programming the staff put on.

One family shared that they traveled from West Springfield and another trav-

eled from Sixteen Acres because they both loved the classes and kid programs for their kids.

The kids shared that they all loved making the paper and making the notebooks.

For more events like these, visit the library website.



When the participants were finished folding their notebook, Instructor Samantha assisted them by sewing the binding of the book.



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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why hasn't my SS benefit changed because I am still working?

Dear Rusty:

I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time.

There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings.

That held true for the first two years, but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case?

Signed:
Waiting Anxiously

Dear Waiting:

If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS and they typically do that review by the end of the third quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation, which is a normal part of Social Security's process when

calculating your benefit amount.

Your earnings for each year in your lifetime up to age 60 were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years adjusted for inflation over your lifetime to calculate your benefit and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1-800-772-1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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Alternative to buying flood insurance...



Midsummer maintenance will keep annuals going strong

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best

throughout the growing season.

Shear them back to



encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks. Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fertilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Com-

post or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

Water, water, water. Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation. Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months – well worth the effort indeed!

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The Terrifying Tripyramid Slide

By Julie Midura
Guest Columnist

When you're attempting to hike EVERY trail in all six of the Federally Designated Wilderness areas in the White Mountains, you can't just skip a trail just because it takes you out of your comfort zone.

At 1,200 vertical feet in just half a mile, North Tripyramid Slide is known as one of the steepest trails in New England and is also on the NH Terrifying 25 hiking list. The granite slide requires hand-over-hand climbing using 3 points of contact on steep, exposed rock slabs and is not recommended for the descent.

There are actually three potential routes up the slide; left, middle, and right.

The far left route is not the actual slide, but appears to be very popular based on how well-worn the steep dirt path has become over the years. I'm guessing that anyone with an ounce of self-preservation and a strong desire to hug trees chooses



this route.

The far right route is clearly the least used-covered in slick moss, with no trees to grab onto and providing little in the way of traction.

I would say this is the route you take when your brain hasn't fully developed yet. Which, 'scientifically' speaking, is anyone under the age of 28.



And the space in between the left and the right? Well, that's the route for those who want to experience the thrill of rock scrambling without the benefit of rope, while still

feeling like Spider-Man on the way up.

When Tom and I reached the base of the slide, I told

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

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

FOR ADULTS

Dog Behavior & Rabies Awareness, Thursday, August 7, 6:00 p.m. Ludlow Animal Control Officer Octavia will share valuable insights into dog behavior and safety. Learn how to read a dog's body language, respond appropriately, and understand the importance of rabies awareness and prevention. Please register.

A Love Story Book Club Meeting (new!), first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for the 2nd meeting of our new book club! Every book chosen will represent themes of love & romance. Come pick up your copy of Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand at the circulation desk.

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

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

Who picked this book?

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

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

FOR TEENS

Anime Club, every other Thursday, August 7 and August 21, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about Anime. Registration recommended.

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, August 29, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For ages 14-18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. This month the club is reading Kill Creatures by Rory Power; copies are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Magic School Bus Scavenger Hunt, Monday August 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Celebrate the birthday of Joanna Cole, author of the Magic School Bus books! Find all the Magic School Bus pictures in the Youth Room to win a prize. Drop-in.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, August 12 & August 26, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Sidewalk Chalk Art,

Wednesday August 13, all day. All ages. We invite the community to create art on our sidewalks to express your appreciation for books and the library. Drop-in.

Book Cover Collaging, Friday August 15, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. All ages. Upcycle picture book dust jackets and scrapbooking paper into amazing art. Drop-in.

Wicked Trivia Night for YAs, Tuesday August 19, 6:30 p.m. For tweens & teens. If you're obsessed with the movie Wicked, show off your knowledge to win prizes! Please register.

End of Summer Reading Celebration with Ed Popielarczyk's Magic Show, Monday August 18, 10:00 a.m. All ages. Ludlow favorite Ed serves up magic and tons of laughs! Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Then stay at the end for the raffle drawing!

Summer Reading Grand Prize Raffle Drawing, Monday August 18, 11:00 a.m. We'll announce the winners of the adult and youth summer reading program raffles! Winners will also be notified by phone.

Paper Games Day, Monday August 18, all day. All ages. Mazes, connect-the-dots, word searches and more! Drop-in.

Pokemon Club, every Wednesday through August 20, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For ages 8-14. Trading, dueling, and gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Movie: Dog Man and activity, Thursday August 21, 10:00 a.m. Rated PG. Enjoy free popcorn and drinks with the movie, then have fun with

a Dog Man themed activity packet after. Drop-in.

Interskate 91 Party, Thursday August 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All ages. Free skating to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Pick up tickets from the Youth Room in August.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday August 28, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month the group is reading Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club v.2: Time to Party, by Molly Ostertag, which is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

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

Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN

Fairy Houses, Friday August 8, 11:30 a.m. Ages 4-10. Hear a book about fairy houses and then make your own version right on the lawn! Rain date 8/18. Please register.

Summer Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup, Thursdays through August 14, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For ages 0-5. Playgroup led by Early Childhood Development specialists. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

A Visit From the Ludlow Fire Department, Thursday, August 14, 1:00 p.m. All ages. Meet real firefighters, learn about fire safety, take a tour of the fire truck, even spray water with the hose. Drop-in.

Read to a Poodle, Wednesday, August 20, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. For beginning readers. Sign up to treat Brightspot

therapy dog Quill and his trainer to 10 minutes of solo reading by you! Please register.

Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Note: does not meet on 8/12

For 0-5s. Interactive, participatory music for children and their grown-ups with favorite children's songs. It takes place on the library lawn, but we move inside for bad weather. Drop-in.

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

Polish Food sale set for Aug. 23

Time change please see below

INDIAN ORCHARD — DOZYNKI Celebration will be held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard on August 23, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Polish Plate Dinner (4 Pierogi, Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread)

\$20 per plate, eat in or take out, wine, beer, water and soda available for purchase.

No outside food or drink will be allowed.

Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase from the youth, tickets are available by calling Maria Kowalski at 413-222-6229, Irena Wurszt at 413-427-5846, or the parish office at 413-543-3627 opt. 4 Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Frozen Polish food will also be available Golabki (3) \$12, Kapusta (Large)\$10.

Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & cheese \$14, Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15)

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Alegria Dance and Fitness competed at Walt Disney World recently and brought home 18 entries.

Alegria Dance and Fitness competes at Disney World

LUDLOW — Alegria Dance and Fitness brought 110 friends and family, five-staff members, 40 dancers and 54 competition entries to the Dance The World Competition in Walt Disney World from July 9-13, 2025. There were over 350 dancers present at this competition representing nine states and five countries.

This entire experience included dancing down Mainstreet at Magic Kingdom, competing at World Showcase in Epcot, Master Classes with Geo Hubela, David Houde and Brandon Armstrong from Dancing with the Stars, as well as performing at the FINALS on the Beauty and the Beast stage at Hollywood Studios.

Alegria was able to bring home 18 entries that placed top 10 in the overalls. With that, they had two soloist, Victoria Rodrigues and Audriana DeSousa and a jazz group dance place 1st Overall. In addition, Alegria had 4 dances invited to the FINALS where the dance Hotel California placed 3rd, Destination Unknown placed 5th,

Thule placed 3rd and 4 Parks One day Production placed 2nd Overall!

Alegria would like to thank all the local business sponsors and those who helped with the fundraising efforts to make this possible for these amazing dancers.

Compass Recovery's raises over \$23,000

Whoopie Pie Waddle II 5k raises funds to support establishing Women's Sober Home

LUDLOW—Compass Recovery's second annual Whoopie Pie Waddle 5K Run/Walk, held in May at Forest Park in Springfield, was a resounding success - raising over \$23,000 in support of the Michael J. Dias Foundation's efforts to open a new sober-living home for women in Western Massachusetts.

This year's race, organized in partnership with Joey's Deli, drew hundreds of participants from across the region, united by a shared commitment to recovery, wellness, and community. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities took to the park's scenic course, followed by a festive finish line celebration complete with delicious whoopie pies generously donated by event sponsor Joey's Deli. The event blended energy and purpose, helping raise vital funds while also raising awareness for the need for more recovery resources for women in the area.

"\$23,000! Together we are making a difference! Thank you to everyone who sponsored, donated, volunteered or laced up. We appreciate you," shared Joey's Deli, a major sponsor of the event.

All proceeds from the Whoopie Pie Waddle II were donated to the Michael

J. Dias Foundation's capital campaign for a women's sober home. The nonprofit foundation currently has two sober homes and one transitional home in Springfield for men and is working to open its first sober-living home for women. These funds will help cover critical start-up costs such as securing housing, staffing, and providing essential day-to-day support for residents. The home will offer a structured, safe, and supportive environment for women rebuilding their lives in early recovery.

"We're incredibly grateful for the turnout and generosity shown by our community," said Dino Bedinelli, Chief Operating Officer at Compass Recovery. "Though Compass Recovery is not affiliated with the operation of the sober home, we recognize how urgently resources like this are needed. We're proud to stand behind the Michael J. Dias Foundation and do our part to help make this home a reality."

The event's success was made possible by widespread community involvement, including corporate sponsors, local businesses, volunteer groups, and families. Sponsorship levels ranged from individual team entries to Platinum-level contributors who gave \$5,000 or more. Every contribution—large or small—helped push the fundraiser beyond its goal, demonstrating how powerful collective action can be in addressing

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and guidance to network and navigate their way through a successful job search.

Elmendorf spoke with members on their resumes, past job history, current struggles on finding a job, and how to start looking on a variety of job sites and other

avenues. The network's programs focus on subjects such as ageism, LinkedIn profile and searches, branding and marketing, interview preparation and practices, cover letters, and much more.

When speaking with Elmendorf, we spoke about the lack of support older adults face while trying to find a

job nowadays and how his network helps ease those concerns with guidance and programs. Members of the Senior Center visited with their resumes in hand and Elmendorf looked them over and talked to them about their future goals, with some wanting to find a job after retirement, and others wanting

a career change.

Whether you are unemployed, retired, or wanting to re-enter the workforce after a period of time, 50+ Job Seekers MA Network may be of assistance. Visit 50plusjobseekers.org for more information.



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addiction and supporting recovery.

"The need for sober-living opportunities for women in our region is tremendous," said Isabel Martins, Vice-President of the Michael J. Dias Foundation Board. "We are so grateful to Compass Recovery for hosting the Whoopie Pie Waddle II and to every single participant, sponsor, and donor who made this event such a success. This support brings us significantly closer to opening a home that will provide women in recovery with stability, dignity, and hope."

To learn more or donate to the Michael J. Dias Foundation's capital campaign for a women's sober home, please visit, <https://www.mdiasfoundation.org/capital-campaign>, or contact the Foundation directly at 413-304-0715.

About the Michael J. Dias Foundation

The Michael J. Dias Foundation is here to offer support. Our dedicated volunteers and staff are passionate about transforming lives, assisting individuals and families, and fostering drug-free communities through addiction recovery and housing support. We aim to educate and aid those grappling with substance use disorders, celebrating sobriety milestones and the power of positive relationships. Our mission is to guide individuals toward independence and success on their recovery journey. Headquartered in Ludlow and located in Springfield, MA, we extend our services across Western MA. As a nonprofit, we're committed to providing affordable recovery options for those in need. Join us in supporting families and empowering those seeking hope



(Photo Credit: SScheerportrait)

Representatives from Compass Recovery, Joey's Deli, and the Michael J. Dias Foundation joined together for a photo at the event in Forest Park.

and renewal through our services. Together, we can make a significant impact, leading the way to a brighter, sober future.

Notice of school records to be destroyed

LUDLOW - Temporary school records for members of the Ludlow High School Class of 2018 will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual former students, the district announced.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record which is not contained in the transcript.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing and sent to: LHS Counseling Department, 500 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, call 413-589- 9001, ext. 2407.

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him I wanted to take the dirt path on the left. My 68-year-old husband replied, "I came here to climb a rockslide, so I'm going to stay to the right."

Now, at 60 years old, I fall somewhere in between the age at which brain cells become fully developed and the age at which they start to decline, so I was completely against taking the moss-covered route on the right. I suggested we compromise and stay on the middle section, which is still part of the slide, but with far less moss, meaning far less chance of plunging to our death. However, Tom-who is usually the more rational one-was intent on taking the hardest route to the top. Unwilling to stray far from my safety net, I reluctantly followed behind.

Until, that is, my feet began slipping on the wet moss, at which point, I found a small crevice in the granite and slowly worked my way

left until I was on the middle section. Tom, however, remained undeterred, and continued up the mountain a couple dozen feet to the right of me.

Although I was relieved to be on dry rock, the middle part of the slope was no less steep. I managed to scramble upward on all fours for about 25 feet, until the angle of the slope became so perilously steep that it was impossible to continue upward. I scanned the smooth granite to the left and right of me, looking for something, anything, to grab onto. I saw nothing. With my toes balancing on a mere half-inch lip in the rock, I didn't have enough momentum to hurl myself upwards. And there was no possibility of down-climbing. I clung to the rock, unable to move in any direction, paralyzed with fear.

The sound of my racing heart assaulted my ears and my arms began shaking. My entire body became drenched



in perspiration. Sweat dripped down my face, stinging my eyes, but I dared not pull one hand away from the rock to wipe it away. All rational thought evaporated and panic surged within me with every ragged breath. Tom attempted to encourage me from his own precarious position. "There's a slight projection on your

left," he said. "Trust your trail runners. You got this!"

It was fight or flight, and there was no way to flee. I extended my left hand as far as I could to feel for the slight protrusion Tom was referring to. Once my fingers found it, I took a deep breath, then used every ounce of strength I had in my quaking arms to haul myself up onto a slight depression in the rock above me. I grabbed onto the trunk of a nearby shrub and clung to it in a death-grip while waiting for my heart rate to settle back into a normal rhythm.

Tom, in the meantime, was facing his own set of challenges just twenty feet to my right. He was unable to move upward himself due to how steep the slide had become. However, unlike me, he has no fear of steep, open rock slabs. He felt the rock below his hands until he found a small split and used the very tips of his fingers to work his way over to me.

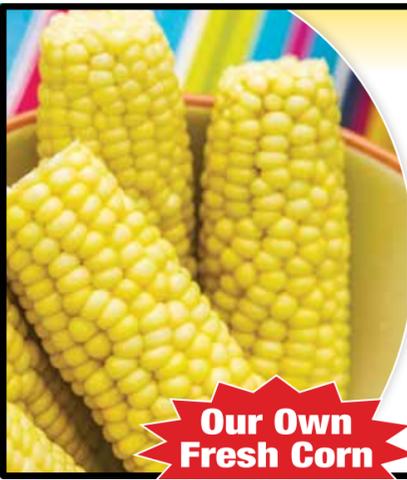
Thankfully, the trail soon

turned from large, open slabs to loose boulders and gravel. No less physically challenging, but somewhat less mentally demanding. I find that taking a step upward and feeling the mountain slide down below my feet is far less terrifying than scrambling on all fours on a smooth slab of granite.

When we finally reached the top of the slide, Tom and I heaved a sigh of relief. I was filled with jubilation, not only for having completed EVERY trail in the Sandwich Wilderness, but also for making it up the single most terrifying trail we had ever attempted. I did not feel brave, rather, empowered.

I had not overcome my fears, rather I had charged into them with shaking arms and quaking legs. In doing so, I learned that sometimes the fear does not go away, so you just need to do it afraid. And perhaps, just perhaps, that is where courage begins.

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thank my primary family and my secondary family (LPD) enough. With all the support through the stressful nights and days, missed holidays and birthdays, it was for the greater good and excited to enter this next chapter of my life.”

Sgt. Dent followed, “I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity. It’s amazing to have this opportunity to have this position in the town I grew up in, it helped shape who I am. Thank you very much, I appreciate it.”

Speaking to both Knox and Dent, they both shared more about their personal experiences working up to each title, the challenges they faced, and what they are excited to accomplish in the next phase of both their careers.

“Today is more of a formality, it’s a nice gathering as I mentioned before, with both families to get together and recognize us for our hard work and dedication over the years to get to this spot. To be sworn in and to show our commitment to the town and constitution, it’s nice because we don’t always get to have a family and friend gathering, it’s a more peaceful side of policing and what it actually is.” When asked what this new title means to him, Knox commented that it didn’t change much since the LPD is such a tight group and family to begin with. “Even though I am now a detective lieutenant, not much is going to change because we are so connected in many ways in the department. They know who I am and who I am capable of, we all work together and now it’s just managing at a different level. It’s the same, it’s the title, but I am humble to be in this new position and further my career and get working with the guys.”

Knox shared that being detective lieutenant changes who he works with, explaining that he went from the patrol side to the detective side, which now he is working with only five people. “We are taking the investigations and really diving into them, the patrol side takes the initial part and if it’s something substantial, we are able to really dive into it and work



Det. Lt. Knox with family Angela, Wyatt, and Hazel.



Sgt. Dent with family Henry, Brittany, Lori, and Ashley.



LPD onlookers with Sgt. Dent watching Det. Lt. Knox officially being promoted.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
Det. Lt. Knox with Chief Valadas and Assistant Town Clerk Chris Szlosek.



Sgt. Dent pictured signing his name officially promoting him from officer to sergeant.

with the DA office and other communities to really try to formulate a good case. It’s a different team but the same family.” Dent stated that he felt



The ceremony had light refreshments, fruit, cheese and crackers, and a cake that congratulated the new Det. Lt. and Sgt on behalf of the LPD.

amazing being surrounded by family, friends, and his secondary family at the police department. “It’s a little bit different, you’re going to a more administrative role, from patrol to sergeant but I am ready for it. The number of people that I worked at the midnight shift and coached through the FTO (Field Training Officer) program, a lot of good work will get done. I am definitely excited

for my new title and promotion, it’s a big transition going to a different role. I am more an overseer and offering input rather than directly being involved in going to calls and patrolling. It’s a vital role to have and I am very humble and gracious for the opportunity and I get a chance to work with guys that I haven’t worked with. It’s great to be recognized but it doesn’t change any-

thing in what we do, we are the same people and have the same goal to accomplish. We are going to continue to focus on our community driven policing.”

Dent shared that he’s lived in town for his entire life, “I’ve been here 29 years and I am very intertwined with the community. I am very thankful for my family’s support, the community is a big component to what we do and being part of the town, we are a reflection of the town and what we do here every day.”

Knox and Dent both thanked their family, the community for their support, and are excited to continue to serve the town of Ludlow.

Send Us Your Community Autumn Events

Turley Publications will print your Autumn event **FREE OF CHARGE** in our Autumn Fest Supplement which will be published September 10, 2025. Total circulation of 85,000 which reaches over 200,000 readers in the Pioneer Valley. **Event Should Be Non-Profit & Open to the Public**

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Deadline for Calendar submissions is August 11.

Vendor Craft Fair on Aug. 16

LUDLOW—First Church in Ludlow is excited to be hosting their first Vendor Craft Fair. You will not want to miss this event on Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date will be August 17. There will be a wide variety of vendors with very unique products to offer. Browse through the tents and tables to see wood crafts, jewelry, local published authors for both

children and adults, mouth-watering treats, natural and organic products, art work, Handmade articles for all ages, paper creations, the Dollar Tent, food trucks and much more.

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Ludlow Coffee Co. officially opens for business

By Amanda Munson
Staff Writer
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LUDLOW – Last Tuesday morning, Ludlow Coffee Co. opened its doors officially for business and was packed to the brim with close friends, family members, and townspeople excited for a new local coffee spot. Located at 135 East St., Co-Founders Kayla Gates and Steph DeFina with Managing Partner Matthew Gates were thrilled with the amount of support from the town on the day of the ribbon cutting and were honored to see people enjoying the coffee drinks they've been working on perfecting.

Sitting down with the married couple Kayla and Matthew Gates, they shared their friendship and business relationship with Steph DeFina, the behind the scenes of opening a coffee business in town, and why they chose to come closer to home.

Kayla and Matthew graduated from Chicopee High School and went on to study in college in Boston, where Kayla went to Simmons University and Matthew attended the Art Institute, and eventually moved back closer to home that was surrounded by family and friends in Ludlow.

"Living in Boston for so long, it was a bummer on a weekend driving 20 minutes for a coffee. That's a big part of the culture here, it seems like everyone our age spends the weekends going to find new coffee shops and I kept telling Matt, 'We need a spot!,'" said Kayla.

Matt was working as an operations manager for 8 years and wasn't happy with the long commute, so when Kayla seriously suggested the idea of opening a coffee business, it wasn't a hard decision to switch up his routine.

Talking about Kayla, "You've always had crazy ideas and that's why I love you so much. I was thinking about going back to school, becoming an electrician and working with my hands, but we're at that age where ev-



Submitted photo

Steph DeFina, Kayla and Matthew Gates of Ludlow Coffee Co.

ery one of our friends is also getting married or having kids and I didn't want to miss all of that if I was stuck in a classroom. That was sort of like the deciding factor, if we can do it then let's do it."

Kayla shared that they wanted to be part of the community and use whatever they create and give back and feel good about what they're doing. In hopes of being part of the community, Ludlow Coffee Co. strives to host community events, fundraisers, and more in the future.

Speaking about their friendship and business relationship with DeFina, Kayla continued. "We all say all the time the reason this works is because we all have such different skill sets, DeFina does strategy at her job and that's been a huge asset for us and she's a lot better at written and verbal communication. I am doing the events side of things and the bookkeeping, Matt is here day to day doing the operations, and Steph is doing strategy, media, marketing."

Co-Founder/Strategy and Communications of Ludlow Coffee Co. Steph DeFina spoke about the friendship between the Gates, the decision process of choosing the town for their location, and the atmosphere the company hopes to achieve with every visit.

"I'm very fortunate to have met Kayla as an undergrad over 8 years ago. She was always passionate about community and serving others, which makes her a great friend but also a phenomenal



Kayla Gates cutting the ribbon alongside Matthew Gates and Steph DeFina.

visionary and business partner. I've technically known Matt the same number of years but have grown closer with him over the last several years. His work ethic is unmatched and he's always willing to go the extra mile for a friend or a stranger. We intentionally chose Ludlow for our business because of the heart and character of the town and the people here. Our coffee beans are



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Attendees gathering for the ribbon company outside on East St.



The inside of the coffee shop was packed full of coffee lovers and enthusiasts interested in taking a sip of the newest coffee in town!



Finna. The Gates added and agreed that their favorite coffee shop drink item is a caramel latte.

Ludlow Coffee Co. is open daily Tuesday to Sunday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Mondays. Learn more on Instagram at Ludlow Coffee Co.



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Dick Barker School of Dance reopens in new location

By Amanda Munson
Staff Writer
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LUDLOW – “The kids that are here are doing it because they love doing it.” On a sunny afternoon on July 19, the Dick Barker School of Dance opened its doors at its newest location at 345 Holyoke St. where the building was newly renovated to offer more space for the growing dance family.

Beginning the fun-filled day with a ribbon cutting, officially opening its doors and letting the dance families take a look around at the building, Owner and Director Jenna Alimberti of Dick Barker School of Dance addressed the crowd and shared her admiration to the ones who supported her in her recent business endeavor.

Beginning her dance career at the age of four at Dick Barker School of Dance, Alimberti reminisced on her beginnings at the studio and why she continues to give back to the dance community who started it all for her. “I went to Dick Barker School of Dance because of my neighbor across the street who was older than me. My first year at the dance studio was Dick Barker’s last year. Then, my second year was Debbie’s first year teaching so I started at a transition period between the both of them. I danced moving my way up.”

Alimberti shared that she started assisting for Debbie when she was in eighth grade and was labeled as one of those people who never left the dance studio. Commenting that most of the dancers would graduate and go to college, Alimberti decided to stay local and continued to dance at Barker’s.

“There was a time period where I was kind of the old lady dancing with high school and college kids, trying to blend in but then eventually, I started teaching a lot



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
Owner and Director Jenna Alimberti, Dick Barker, and Debbie in front of the original 'Dick Barker School of Dance' sign.

of classes for Deb as she was starting to wind down. I was teaching at another place so I had the teaching experience, I was also directing at the All Americans Dance Program when they first started, and so I eventually became the assistant director of Barker’s. I taught all the classes and did administrative stuff for Deb beginning in 2012 until I took over in 2018. I was the lead teacher and Deb was in her 30th year in 2018 when I took it over.”

Alimberti moved the dance studio to a more spacious location and shared

that she originally found the Holyoke St. property on Facebook. “I knew I wanted to stay in town and I drove by one day and sent it to my husband as a joke! We walked in as a family and I knew immediately that I had to have this location. We got our offer in February and I kept it a big secret until the big reveal today.”

Alimberti shared that she also has a full-time job at Worcester Police Department where she works as a laboratory director in the forensics unit, but said that she never left Dick Barker’s studio. “I was able



The new location at 345 Holyoke St. in Ludlow brings a new look to town.



Dancers Hannah, Rhyan, Giana, Krysta, and Megan with Jenna Alimberti in front of the new storefront on Holyoke Street.

to make it work!” said Alimberti.

Debbie, who goes by Ms. Deb at the dance studio, was thrilled for Jenna and the new location. Dick Barker opened the dance studio in 1959 and shared that he retired in 1988, “Debbie who was one of my assistants took over the studio and ran it for 30 years and as it turned out, Jenna who was one of her assistants took over, and now she’s on

her way. I’ve been dancing since I was a little boy, my mother took me to dancing school and I started eventually working my way up to an assistant teacher level at that school. Then I left and started up the Dick Barker School of Dance. We’ve all tried to maintain a good family relationship for generations now, but when you start teaching their grandsons and granddaughters, you know you’ve

been there too long! Being part of the community has always been so special, I have developed so many friendships over the years. Jenna is an especially good dancer and I wish her all the success in the world.”

Dick Barker School of Dance offers jazz, ballet, hip hop, musical theater, zumba fitness, and plans to do more fitness programs in the future.

Adrien awarded \$3,000 William J. Wagner Memorial Scholarship Award



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From l to r; Lily Lazeration-Wagner, Karen Lazeration-Wagner, Ariana Adrien, Abby Lazeration-Wagner and Foundation president Guida Sajdak.

Ariana Adrien, a 2025 graduate of Ludlow High School, has been awarded a \$3,000 William J. Wagner Memorial Scholarship from the Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, an affiliate with Westfield Bank. Ariana is one of 12 highly deserving scholarship recipients from 12 local high schools that were invited to participate in the Foundation’s 19th annual scholarship program.

Ariana graduated with a 4.22 GPA, upon completing a rigorous course load, and was accepted into UMASS-Lowell’s Accelerated Law Degree Program to obtain her Juris Doctor within six years. Ariana’s passion

is deeply rooted in minority law, driven by her strong desire to prevent elders, children, homeless and others in need of legal representation from “falling through the system’s cracks.” As a committed steward of her community, Ariana dedicated countless hours to Best Buddies, the Community Survival Center, Lorraine’s Kitchen, the Miracle League Baseball Team and, most notably, LHS Cares Club – a volunteer-based club dedicated to providing aid to the community and bringing awareness on important topics related to mental health, domestic violence, homelessness and addiction. As four-year President of LHS Cares, Ariana immersed herself in organizing and managing endless campaigns related to these topics and would often go above and beyond to ensure every student was positively impacted. Her dedication to LHS Cares led her to serving as the Student Liaison on the Town of Ludlow’s Board of Health and co-authoring a mental health advocacy letter to legislators on the importance of supporting mental health for K-12 students. Ariana’s enthusiasm and kindness has made a lasting impact on countless people within her community, her school and the elementary schools in her town. Ariana attributes learning patience and gratitude, love and kindness and under-

standing and encouragement from her experience as President of the LHS Cares Club. Ariana also participated in her school’s Black Student Union, Spanish Club, NHS, School Newspaper, Art Club, Student Council, and track teams. As an employee, she held various positions at a local family entertainment center, a hardware store and as an art studio consultant for a large family campground. Ariana’s English teacher had this to say about her: “What stands out the most to me about Ariana is her passion and desire to make the world a better place. She is one of the most resilient students I have ever had, and this quality will serve her well not only in college but in life.”

The Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation was established in 2006, as a Private 501(c)3 foundation, through a gift of stock from Chicopee Bancorp, Inc., valued then at \$5.5 million, upon the successful conversion of Legacy Chicopee Savings Bank to a publicly traded company. Now, in its nineteenth year, the Foundation has donated in excess of \$6.3 million back into our local communities. The Foundation grants funding to qualified 501(c)3 organizations serving the communities of Chicopee, Ludlow, South Hadley, Ware, West Springfield and their immediate surrounding communities.

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Lions take home 10th summer championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Playing in the PVSSL finals has become an annual event for the Ludlow Ideal A boys' soccer team.

Since 2010, Ludlow has posted an impressive 10-2 record in the A-Division finals. That mark includes a 1-0 victory over Frontier in this year's contest, which was played on a gorgeous summer evening, last Saturday at Luistano Stadium.

"There is a new group of players every summer, but there is always a big target on their backs because we usually win the championship title each year," said Ludlow summer league coach Ian Premo. "There were 18 teams in the A-Division this year and we're the last ones standing."

The twenty players listed on the Ludlow summer league roster are Alex Coelho, LJ Cruz, DJ Danso, Evan Dias, Nick Dion, Gabe DiRosa, Owen Goncalves, Andrew Hamilton, Spencer Huntley, Ethan Love, Ayden Manuel, Michael Mariani, Dan Pires, Samuel Pontes, Jayden Premo, Anthony Schuko, Luke Slatton, Dylan Southall, Ethan Steigmeyer, and Luke Stejna.

Twelve of those players were also members of last year's squad that defeated top-seeded Pittsfield, 3-1, in the finals.

"This is my third year playing for the summer league team and we won the championship title each year," DiRosa said. "It just feels great winning it again this year, especially being a senior."

The last time that Ludlow didn't play in the PVSSL fi-



The 2025 A Division Champion Ludlow Lions.

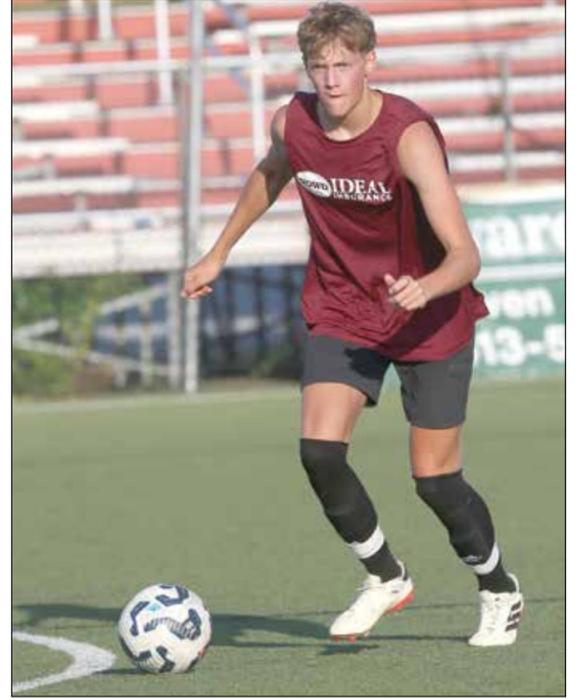
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Evan Dias goes after the loose ball.



Nick Dion secures a save.



Luke Slatton prepares to shoot.

nals was in 2016. They lost to Pittsfield in the semifinals that year.

Ludlow, who posted an

8-2-1 record during summer league regular season, entered the playoffs as the third seed for the second consecu-

tive year.

Because of a scheduling conflict with the turf field located behind Ludlow High

School, Ludlow was forced to play their quarterfinal match at sixth-seeded Enfield. They celebrated a 2-0 shutout win in that match.

"It really doesn't matter to us very much if we play at home or away," Ian Premo said. "These kids just enjoy playing soccer and they love to compete. They're looking forward to the fall season now."

A couple of days later, Ludlow returned to their beautiful home field and pulled out a 3-2 win over seventh-seeded Pope Francis in a penalty shootout, which was played in a downpour.

Ludlow was expecting to face top-seeded Northampton, who went undefeated during the regular season, in the finals. However,

fourth-seeded Frontier pulled off a 2-1 upset semifinal victory in overtime.

A year ago, Frontier (7-4) defeated the second-seeded Chicopee Pacers, 3-1, in the B-Division finals. They made the move up to the A-Division this year.

Ludlow also defeated Frontier, 2-1, during the summer league regular season.

Following last Saturday's championship match, Jayden Premo was selected as the M.V.P. award winner.

"This is my second time winning the summer league title and it just feels awesome," said Premo, who'll be celebrating his 17th birthday on August 8. "We really wanted to win today's game."

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Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes title over St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE — The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph's in this year's best of three championship series.

"Feels great to win another championship. It's our goal every summer," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can't thank the players enough."

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe's in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

PeoplesBank has captured the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since

1995.

PeoplesBank and St. Joseph's both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

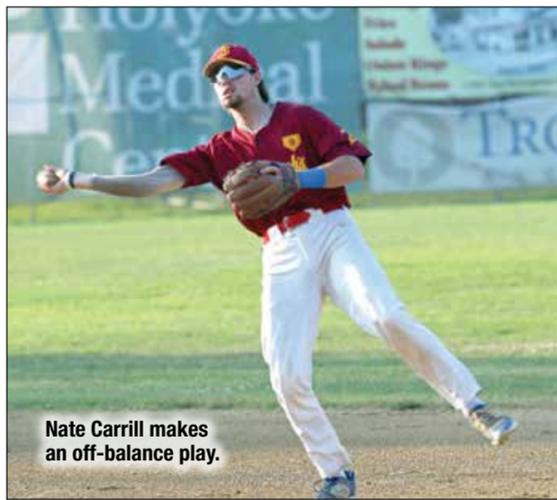
"Our season was a success and great bonds were created," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "We had a team composed of mostly college players this year."

PeoplesBank, who was the top-seeded team, advanced into the finals after sweeping fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas in the semifinals.

Second-seeded St. Joseph's needed three games to eliminate third-seeded bank-ESB in the semifinal round.

The Bankers scored seven runs on seven base hits in the bottom of the first inning enroute to a 10-0 victory in game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at



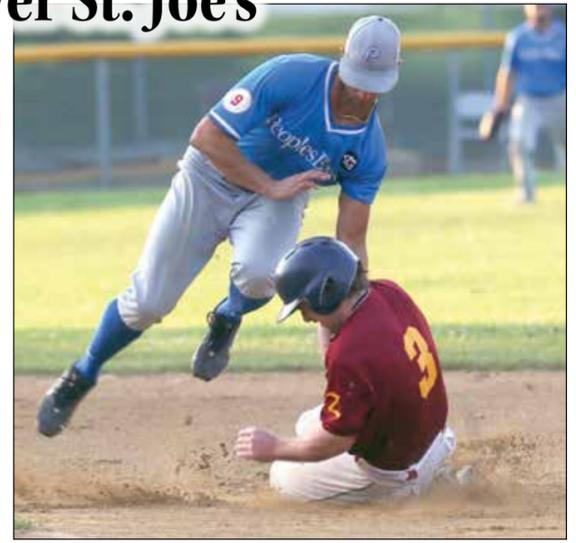
Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.

Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

"We just love playing games on this field," said Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished'."

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's sidearmer. He allowed only two base hits and issued



Dave Clark gets the out at second.

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two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a Peoplesbank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top

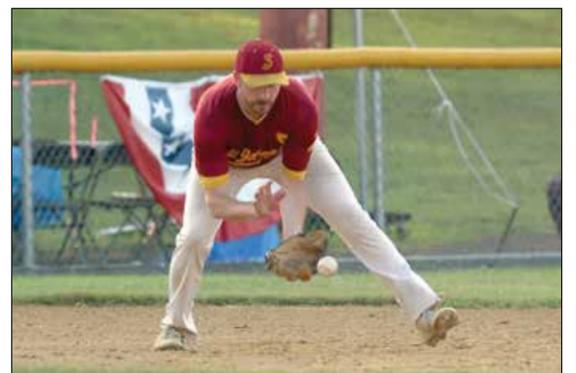
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Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive delivers a pitch home in the championship series.



Greg Vouros fields a grounder to second.

Central takes silver, West bronze in field hockey games

FITCHBURG – Utilizing the turf fields at Game On Sports Complex, the Bay State Games for field hockey were held, featuring teams from Western and Central Massachusetts, both of which have had great success in the sport in past Bay State Games competitions. The games, which were held the weekend of July 11 to 13, started off with a strong 3-0 victory from Central over the Metro/Northeast team.

Western Mass. got into the action right after, taking on a Central team that has just played a few hours earlier. But Central was equal to the task and scored a 4-2 win over West.

West then had its second game of the day, facing off with the Coastal team, and rebounding with a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, July 12, West fell for a second time 4-1 against the Southeast team while Central also suffered a loss, falling 5-2 against Southeast.

Both teams would rebound with wins later in the day. Central beat Coastal 5-3 while West shut out Metro/Northeast with a 4-0 decision. That put the West team in the bronze medal game on Sunday, July 13.

West would defeat Coastal in a rematch of

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Ludlow goalie Nick Dion only had to make a couple of saves in recording his second shutout of the playoffs.

Ludlow also had a few shots during the first 35 minutes of the championship match.

In 16th minute, Cruz sent a short pass to Dias whose shot attempt from inside the box sailed high over the crossbar.

A couple of minutes later, a free kick taken by Dias was saved by Frontier goalie Owen Baab.

The contest was still scoreless at halftime.

A little more than ten minutes into the second half, Ludlow was given a penalty kick following a foul in the penalty box.

Jayden Premo stepped up to the spot and booted the ball into the right corner of the net giving his team a 1-0 lead.

“I didn’t feel any pressure before taking the penal-

ty shot,” Premo said. “After I scored the goal, it was a lot of fun celebrating with my teammates.”

Frontier, who received a total of four yellow cards, had a player receive a red card during the 59th minute. Frontier played with only ten players for the rest of the game.

If Frontier had been given a fifth yellow card from Joe Bielin or Jonathan Hermanson, who are two of the best soccer officials in Western Massachusetts, it would’ve ended the match.

None of the Ludlow players or coaches really wanted to win the championship title by a forfeit.

“The referees could’ve given them a fifth yellow card a couple of times, but our coaches told them that we wanted to play the whole game,” Jayden Premo said. “We just love playing the game so much.”

Even though Ludlow was holding a slim 1-0 lead, Ian Premo wasn’t very concerned



Spencer Huntley clears the ball up the field.

about Enfield scoring a couple of late goals and winning the championship match.

“We always want to play the full 70 minutes,” Ian Pre-

mo said. “If they would’ve come back and won the game, it just wouldn’t have been our day.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with the Order of Remand issued by the Hampden County Superior Court in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** on the application of JLL Real Estate, LLC for the property located at **590-596 (0) Center Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 16B, Parcels 116 & 116A)** for

the purpose of: **redevelopment of site into a self-storage facility in an Agricultural Moderate Density Overlay District.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
07/30, 08/06/2025

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT ESTATE LOT

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Mary & Andrew Nocrasz for the property located at **0 Lyon Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 19, Parcel 17)** for: **estate lot.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
07/30, 08/06/2025

NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING

Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BYLAW

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s zoning bylaws. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room, 3rd floor
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025
Time: 8:05 PM

Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA
The subject matter of the pro-

posed amendment is as indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk’s Office.

Proposed zoning revisions to include the following: Replace all references of “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” to “Select Board” throughout the entirety of the Zoning Bylaw.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
07/30, 08/06/2025

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Ryan Dorcas of **350 West Street, Unit 26 Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 3, Parcel 86)** for: **hair braiding salon.**

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Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD25P1358EA
Estate of: Edward W Freeman
Date of Death: 03/12/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A **-Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kathryn Anne McGraw of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kathryn Anne McGraw of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsuper-vised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/19/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 22, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
08/06/2025

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Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

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below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk’s Office.

Proposed zoning revisions to include the following: SECTION III: GENERAL USE REGULATIONS 3.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS. SECTION 3.22 TABLE 1 LUDLOW TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES. Remove Accessory Apartment and replace with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) allowed through Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board (SPA) in RA-1, RA, RB, A, AMD zoning districts. Add Accessory Dwelling Units over 900 SQ FT, and Additional Accessory Dwelling Units allowed through Special Permit and Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board in RA-1, RA, RB, A, AMD zoning districts.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
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NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING Relative to PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS Pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §81Q LEGAL NOTICE SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s subdivision rules and regulations. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room, 3rd floor
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025
Time: 8:10 PM

Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

The subject matter of the proposed amendment is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk’s Office.

Proposed revisions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations include the following: Replacing all references of “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” to “Select Board”.

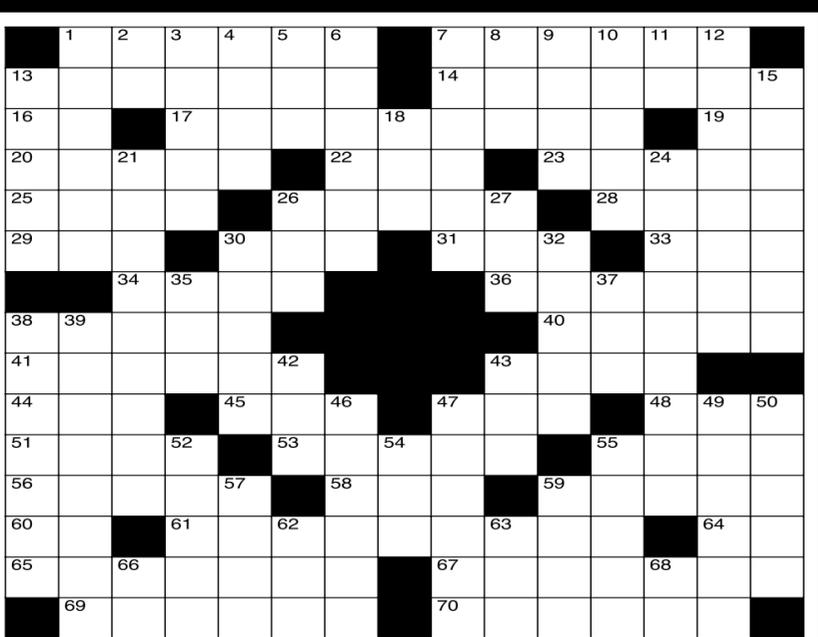
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20. “Game of Thrones” actor Claran
22. Eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. Mountain in New Zealand
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of

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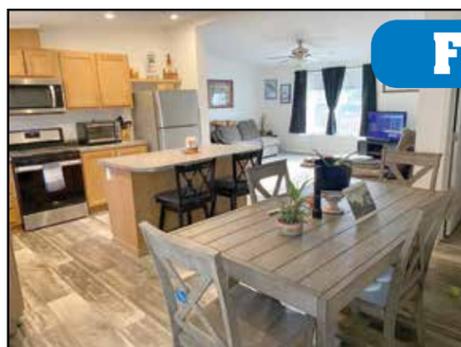
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44. You can get stuck in one
45. Partner to feather
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55. Sound
56. Yankee great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Gold
65. Longtime Braves hurler
- Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

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1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Necklace materials
4. Containers
5. Investment account
6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
7. Dipped down
8. Head injury category (abbr.)
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. Caused to be loved
13. Muslim spiritual leader
15. Showing sincere conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)

30. Start over

32. Wild white flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
38. Side by side and facing the same way
39. Religious conflicts
42. Touch lightly
43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the pope
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of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetskas delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

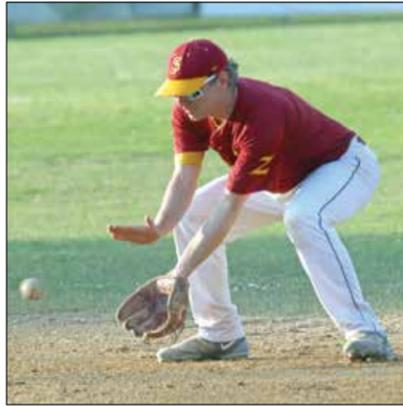
Another run crossed the

plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

After catching the ball, St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni, who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother, capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also batted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.

a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning.

Clark, who was hit-by-a-pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two runs on base in the top of the fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Bankers jumped out a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

The Bankers, who were led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs, responded with three runs in the sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.

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their second game of the tournament, winning 3-2. Central made the gold medal game, but suffered a 2-0 shutout against the Southeast team.

This year, representing Central Mass. in the games were Quabbin High School's Makenzie Casey and Tantasqua's Sophia Bochicchio.

Tantasqua's Dessa Demears played for the Western Mass. team, while Anna Taylor and Kendall Placzek represented Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam High School placed four players on the team. Alyssa DaSilva, Finola Mahoney, Olivia Govoni, and Lily Charest represented the Brownies.

PET PAGE



PET OF THE MONTH

Meet Finian Weir O'Rourke

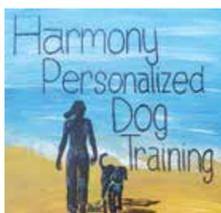


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- **Provide plenty of exercise and socialization:** The two biggest ways of fending off any behavior problems or aggression are exercise and socializing. Hit the dog park where he can be around other dogs and people running off leash, wrestling with other dogs, jumping, sprinting and chasing the ball.

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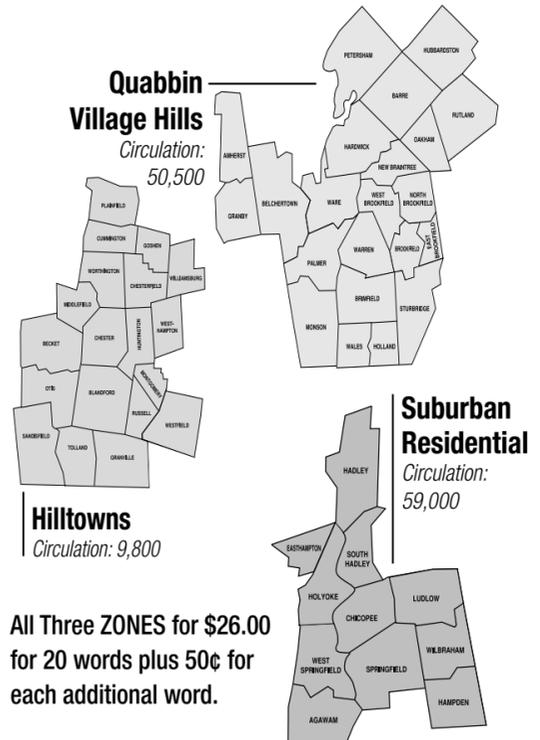
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and community that will lead to shared understanding and beliefs around the mission of our schools.”

Taylor continued and explained that teachers would be involved with year-long professional development training that will hopefully lead to an increase in favorable outcome in Panorama data and student and staff surveys. One of the other goals the LHS has for the year is to strengthen the teams that are utilized in the building and analyze data that highlight students who may need further support, using the following data such as attendance, panorama surveys, assessment, grades, testing (MAP, AP, SAT, common assessments).

Taylor continued with Baird Middle School’s 2025 to 2026 improvement plan and reiterated that last year was his first full year at the school. “The first year was going to be kind of a triage, everyone had kind of successfully restored stability and structure in the building. Now that we had a successful conclusion of the year and we feel that we can adequately support learning in the classroom. The goal of this year is to treat any areas of growth and really kind of focus and fine tune how we can be our best versions of ourselves at the middle school.”

Taylor continued saying that they are going to continue to implement SEL learning in the classroom and the structure used in faculty meetings asks the educators how it can be used, then communicate that during the enrichment blocks and infuse it during the lessons. Monthly meetings for educators grades six, seven, and eight will meet at class meetings that review house keeping in the building and have SEL lessons that the students have access to.

“Just like the high school, we are going to strengthen our committees that meet very regularly on a weekly basis to identify students that are in need of support, identify areas where staff can help out in the building, and continue to foster that,” said Taylor.

For objective two and three for BMS it follows the same theme of growth, instructional practices for two, “Educators routinely employ researched-based practices that are informed by student data to engage all students at their instructional level.” For objective three of the standards-aligned curriculum, “Across all subject areas and grade levels, students are taught curricula that are fully aligned with state standards and demonstrate horizontal and vertical coherence.”

Taylor explained further, “We want to make sure good instruction is happening in the classroom, utilizing our DCAP accommodations through the principals of UDL. That’s the

kind of district-wide goal is we want to make sure that as an admin team, we are regularly getting into the classrooms, we’re making sure that good instruction and practices are being implemented, and at the end of the day it boils down to good instruction in the classroom. It’s going to increase student engagement, which will enhance student outcomes and decrease problem behavior in the classrooms and building.”

The ‘What I Need’ block is available for students to receive required services like English language learning services, special-ed services (academic support), or tier-two support and education. Another art teacher was added to BMS to ensure that every student has access to an art class and this upcoming school year, every sixth grader will be able to take an art class, and seventh and eighth graders will have an option.

Limoges followed and reviewed Harris Brook Elementary (on behalf of Principal Reed) and East St. Elementary 2025 to 2026 improvement plans and began by sharing, “I’m very excited to be the principal at East Street. I have been working with Mrs. Reed to make sure we have continuity amongst the elementary schools as far as time on learning and making sure that during the literacy block, that we each have 125 minutes. Whether it’s broken up differently amongst early elementary and upper elementary, but at least we have that same block of time. We’ve been working very closely with each other on that.”

Limoges began with HBES and explained the action steps that said the school will continue to administer the Panorama survey twice a year to assess wellness, sense of safety and culture in the building and use protocols regarding non-academic student data. Objective one of student and staff wellness focuses on students and staff connection and fostering relationships for social, emotional, and physical wellness. Objective four of culture and engagement describes educators developing internal and external systems of collaboration and communication with each other, families, and the community.

“We’ve also been looking at PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive System) for both of the elementary schools. So again, we can have that continuity between the two schools on how we’re dealing and addressing behavior. For objective two and three, (Objective two is instructional practices and objective three is standards-aligned curriculum) they’ll be training throughout the year for the process for Data Wise, making sure that the protocols, procedures, and agendas

that we’re using to look at data is consistent throughout the district, and that will also help increase our DIBELS scores which is our literacy. We’ll continue to study the principles of UDL, fully integrate social, emotional, behavioral, and academic learning and we’ll also implement the district literacy action plan. We’re altogether working on that now and help close those gaps on literacy,” said Limoges.

Limoges continued on with East St. Elementary and beginning with the action steps stating that staff will continue to be trained and supported in using Panorama information, DCAP, MTSS and UDL principles with training throughout the year in the processes and procedures of Data Wise.

“We’re looking to grow the growth mindset, and also look at an increased rating to feedback and coaching. I’m excited about digging into that when school fully opens. Then finally, the staff will review school teams processes and procedures for tiered systems including referrals, data tracking, and intervention programs. And then implementing the district’s literacy action plan. With all these things in place, we hope to see a decrease in initial special ed evaluations, to see an increase in student achievement on DIBELS on the access scores, and then the decrease and fill in those gaps for ELA and math achievement for our students,” Limoges explained.

For clarification, tier one is the core programming that all students universally get, tier two is described as ‘double dousing’ for students who are not succeeding with the core programming so they might have time with a specialist during or outside of class. The school committee were pleased with the attention and effort the surveys got and were happy they were actively used in creating the district improvement plans.

Evio José Aguiar, 75

Evio José Aguiar, 75, passed away unexpectedly on June 15, 2025, in Teloës, Portugal. Born on April 15, 1950, in Teloës, Vila Pouca de Aguiar, Portugal, he was the cherished son of the late José Antonio Aguiar and Lucinda De Jesus Aguiar.



In June 1969, Evio married the love of his life, Laura, and together they shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. In 1980, they immigrated to Ludlow, Massachusetts, where they built a beautiful life for their family. Evio worked for many years at Gomes Construction until his retirement.

He was very proud of his time served in the Portuguese Military in Mozambique, Africa—an experience he often reflected on with honor and deep pride.

Following retirement, Evio and Laura frequently traveled back to Portugal, where they spent treasured time with family and friends. He had a deep love for gardening, cultivating beautiful crops and making his own wine, which he joyfully shared with neighbors and loved ones. Nothing made him happier than working in his garden and sharing the fruits of his labor.

Though Portugal became their home again, Evio and Laura returned to Ludlow each holiday season to be with their children, grandchildren, and extended family.

While in Ludlow, Evio also enjoyed spending time

with his close friends. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing, especially with his dear friend Jack. Their time together brought him great joy. He also enjoyed helping his friend John in his auto shop, something he did often to pass the time and share in

good company. The family will always be grateful to Jack and John for their friendship, kindness, and patience.

Evio is survived by his devoted wife, Laura (Fernandes); his loving daughter Lucy Saloio (Jim); and his cherished grandchildren Breanna Wilcox (Jordan), Lauren, and Michael. He also leaves behind his beloved son Joe (Lisa), and grandchildren Ava, Joseph, Jack, and Ava. In addition, he is remembered with love by many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Evio also leaves behind his beloved dog, Fusco, who will miss him deeply. Fusco and Dad were truly two of a kind, and we often joked that Dad loved him more than he loved us.

Funeral services and burial for Evio were held in his hometown of Teloës, Portugal. He was laid to rest in the town’s local cemetery.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of our family and friends for the cards, flowers, food, mass donations, and your continued support here and in Portugal during this difficult time.

DEATH NOTICE

Aguiar, Evio
Died June 15, 2025
Funeral Services were held in Teloës, Portugal

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Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Visit our website at www.stelizabethludlow.org
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Indian Orchard, MA 01151
413-543-4204
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A Church of the Nazarene
485 East Street, Ludlow
(413) 583-7875
Email: FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com
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Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups meet at 9:45am
Worship service meets at 11am
OTHER MEETINGS
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm
AA Group 7pm

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45 Newbury St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
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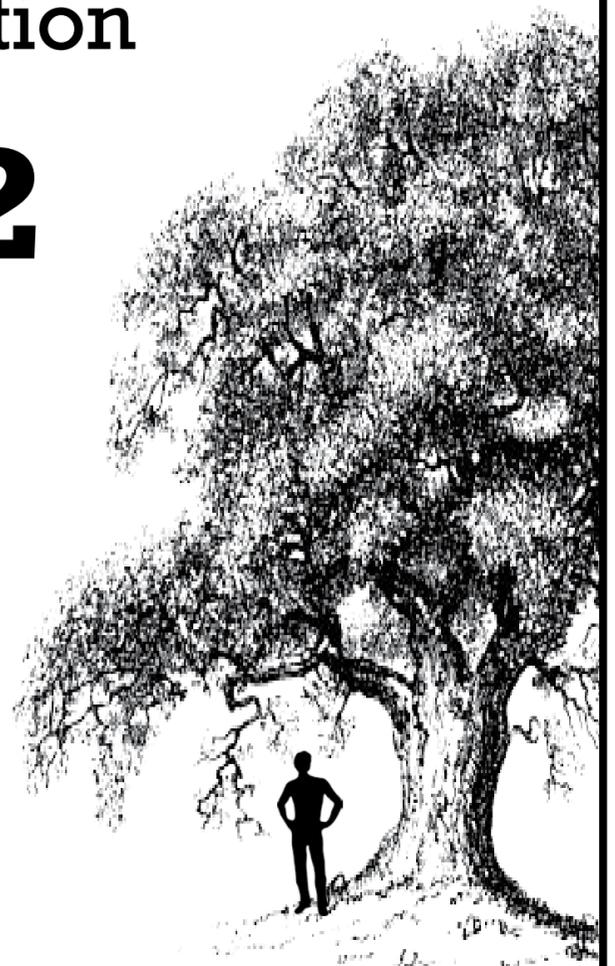
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