



Carol and Rich Oliveira honor their fathers' service at the Ludlow Veterans Center.

Submitted photo

Honoring *Hometown Heroes*

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LUDLOW – Through the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, the community is honoring those who served by putting the names and faces of local history on prominent display. Organized by Ludlow Veterans Services, the program allows banners to be put up around Memorial

Day and remain in place all year. Each banner honors a Ludlow servicemember, either living or deceased, who has served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. “The Hometown Heroes banners displayed throughout Ludlow are more than decorations. They are a visible reminder of the men and women from our community who answered the call to serve our nation,” said Eric

Segundo, the town’s Director of Veterans Services. This summer, several families have gotten their first looks at a loved one’s service banner. For State Senator Jake Oliveira, both of his grandfathers served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, one in the Army and the other in the Marine Corps. Oliveira and his family were thrilled with the opportunity to honor both men

with banners. “July featured a proud day for my family. Thanks to Ludlow Veterans Services, my parents, my aunt, and I got our first look at my grandfathers’ Hometown Heroes banners,” read a statement issued by Oliveira. “Now, their service will be recognized alongside so many other Ludlow veterans

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Planning Board approves permits at hearings

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LUDLOW – Last week, the Planning Board held several public hearings to approve permits for several local businesses. The Aug. 13 meeting began with a public hearing for a special permit for a home occupation for Michael Modzelewski of Kendall Street. “I’ve grown up on a gentleman’s farm with animals and taking care of the yard, and it’s something I’ve always wanted to do for work,” Modzelewski said. “I look forward to doing that, but I want to do it properly. I don’t want to just say, ‘here’s \$50, take it under the table.’” Modzelewski said that he intends to get a business certificate for the property. The business expects to use about 50 square feet of the property, with no non-resident employees, no customers at the house or deliveries beyond that of a normal residence, no changes to the site that would make it look less residential and one vehicle that is under the 10,000 pound limitation. “This was my first year taking it seriously from a business end of things,” Modzelewski said. “That way, it can be more formal and proper when it comes to documentation, especially on the finance side.” Regarding a sign that was proposed for the property, Planning Board Chair Ray Phoenix told Modzelewski that it would be limited

to two square feet in area, cannot be lighted and would require a permit from the Building Department. After that clarification, the board voted unanimously to grant Modzelewski the permit. This was followed by another public hearing for a special permit for a home occupation, this time for Ursula Knolton for a home office for interior design on Prospect Street. The business will use 300 square feet of the 1,000 square foot property, with zero non-resident employees, no plans for signage or customers at the house, deliveries will be the same as a normal residence, one vehicle that is under the 10,000 pound limitation, and no changes to the site that would make it look less residential. Knolton explained that she is moving her interior design company from her previous residence in Northampton, where she ran the company for three years until moving to town with her partner. “It’s just a small little desk and home office,” Knolton explained. “I bring everything to my clients, I have all of my shipments go to a receiving house if they’re not going directly to the client.” After double-checking the bylaws, Phoenix asked about the square footage of the business. Please see **PLANNING BOARD**, Page 5

Color Ludlow



With Love

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Event to support students

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LUDLOW – Local residents and organizations will once again come together to Color Ludlow with Love. Hosted by the DIAL organization (Diversity, Inclusion, and Acceptance in Ludlow), the event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Memorial Park. An array of family activities and community engagement opportunities will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will also include food and beverage trucks, music, and appearances from area organizations. This will be the third Color Ludlow with Love event. Funds raised throughout the day will benefit the Ludlow High

School GSA. Local residents and DIAL leaders alike are eager to once again join forces in support of students. The event is free for the entire family. “We find importance in encouraging visibility, support, and alliance to foster a welcoming community in our town,” said DIAL president Kelly De Gobbi, who helped organize the Aug. 29 event. “DIAL was founded in 2025 with the mission to promote an inclusive community by cultivating a sense of belonging.” Past event attendees include the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, First Church of Ludlow, and Banas Design Photography, among others. Additionally, an organi-

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Select Board approves annual Clocktower 5K

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LUDLOW – The Select Board approved upcoming events with the local running club and Scouting pack, and shared information about town elections. **Clocktower Race** On Aug. 4, the board heard from Ryan Devine of the Red Bridge Run Club, who proposed to host a second Clocktower Classic 5K Race on Saturday, Oct. 24. “Last year was a huge success,” Devine said. “We had over 200 runners who ran through the streets

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Submitted Photo

This photo is from last year’s Clocktower Classic 5K. The race will return this year on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Ludlow WPI students complete research projects

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LUDLOW – Two students from Ludlow are among a group of Worcester Polytechnic Institute undergraduates who completed research-driven, professional-level projects this year. Jocalyn Imbody and Jacob Moquin joined 125 additional WPI undergraduate students who finished projects that apply science and technology to address an important societal issue. Known as the Interac-

tive Qualifying Project, the program is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. “Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to work in interdisciplinary teams to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems,” read a statement released by WPI. “These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a differ-

ence in the world before they graduate.” An IQP enables students to conduct professional-level research that is instrumental in their development of career-building skills. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQPs at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, located in more than 30 countries around the world. “WPI’s project-based curriculum engages students as agents of positive change in the world. Working to connect their STEM expertise with humanistic inquiry,

community engagement, and robust social science methods, the IQP invites students into a global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems,” said Sarah Stanlick, Associate Dean of The Global School. “Students are immersed in all aspects of place at our Global Projects Centers – ethics, culture, food, and nature – building their own core of global intercultural competence and cultural humility.” Please see **LUDLOW STUDENTS**, Page 6



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

The Ludlow Senior Center calendar is bursting with activities. From drones to Blue Zones and TED Talk with Jodi, there’s something for everyone. Check out the full schedule of events at ludlow.ma.us/coa/.

On hot and humid days, remember that the Center is a refreshing place to stay cool. The building is air-conditioned and offers three water bubblers and a hydration station (please bring a refillable water bottle).

Guests are welcome to visit Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Be sure to read the newsletter to find out which Tuesday nights Jodi is cooking \$2 suppers.

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items marked with*.

Thursday, Aug. 20
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Aug. 21
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Blue Zone Presentation*
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. Guidance by Li*
Monday, Aug. 24
9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Limitless Legends*
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Flexibility, Balance & Core Class
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class*
Tuesday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. Quilting

9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump
5 p.m. Quilting Class
5 p.m. Movie: *Best Friends*
Wednesday, Aug. 26
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: *Best Friends*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones and Balance*
1 p.m. TED Talk
Thursday, Aug. 27
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Paint
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Please register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones and Balance, and other programs.

Daily Events:
Café: Monday through Friday: 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Open Billiards: Monday through Thursday: 8–11 a.m., Fridays: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays: 4-7 p.m.
Menu:
Thursday, Aug. 20: Birthday lunch. Baked ham/sweet pot/peas.
Friday, Aug. 21: Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce and Tomato, and pasta salad.
Monday, Aug. 24: Turkey bacon ranch wrap, tater tots.
Tuesday, Aug. 25: Rueban casserole and veggies.
Wednesday, Aug. 26: Summer shrimp salad roll, chips, and a pickle.
Thursday, Aug. 27: Hamburger chow Mein, rice, Asian veggies.
Reserve a \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

uted to those in need.

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

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

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

a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 124.

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

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

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

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

Early voting hours listed for State Primary

LUDLOW – In-person early voting hours will be held at the Town Clerk’s Office, 2nd floor of the Town Hall, 488 Chapin St., Aug. 22-28 for the State Primary on Sept. 1. Early voting dates and times include Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mon-

day, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 27 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m.-noon. The last day to register to vote in the State Primary and/or change party enrollment

is Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The last day to request an early or absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, Aug. 25 by 5 p.m. All vote by mail ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk’s Office by the close of polls on Sept. 1.

Fire Ladies Auxiliary hosts Designer Handbag Bingo

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its first annual Designer Handbag Bingo event next month. Set for Sept. 18, the event will start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo will begin promptly at 6:30

p.m. The location is Polish American Club (355 East Street). The cost is \$40 per person. This includes a book of ten games. The event will also in-

clude designer purses, raffles, a cash bar, and special guest appearances from LFD crew members. To purchase tickets, please send an email to: ludlowfire-ladiesauxiliary@gmail.com.

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Steve Sawyer shared he had a lawn sign created that his wife, Dolly, found in their front yard when she got up on the morning of July 29. “From ‘Puppy Love’ when we first met age 12 to 63 years of marriage. She went out to find out what the sign said and came back in the house with tears in her eyes,” Sawyer said. Happy 63rd anniversary to the Sawyers!

A day at the market

Three Rivers chamber hosts second event

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PALMER – Last week, the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce held its second installment of Food Trucks, Farmers, and Artisans Markets.

Despite the threat of rain, the Aug. 14 event drew a big crowd to Hryniewicz Park. Dozens of vendors were in attendance, and the event also featured live music, family activities and appearances from community groups.

Earlier this summer, on July 10, the first program of the two-part series was held. “It’s a great event. All



Market guest Brandon, of North Brookfield, is all smiles with Maggie the Clown.

of the money we take in for crafting fees goes right back out into the community,” said Vicki Baldyga, the treasurer for Three Rivers Chamber of

Commerce.

The event also included a school bus provided by J.P. McCarthy Bus Company for the collection of school sup-

plies.

In recent weeks, several local stores have set up collections boxes. All donated supplies will benefit K-12 students at Palmer Public Schools.

“We love to see the community pull together to help the kids have a successful start to the school year,” said Diane Vadnais, a Board member for the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

School bus driver Brian Toelken, of J.P. McCarthy Bus Company, is thanked for donating his time to operate the collections bus.

Meanwhile, area crafters, growers and creators were thrilled to have another opportunity to connect with the community. Guests also enjoyed meeting Maggie the Clown, formerly of Ringling Bros. Circus.

To learn more about upcoming events presented by the Chamber, visit www.threeriversmachamber.com.



Palmer's Alice Peabody represented Gotta Dance.



Bus driver Brian Toelken collected school supplies with Diane Vadnais.



Sheryl and Chris Upchurch, of Palmer, welcomed guests.



Springfield's Holly Berardi showed off handmade charm bracelets.



Jason Larrier and Paulette Benetti represented FosterMA.



Musical entertainment was provided throughout the evening.



Several school supplies were collected to benefit K-12 students in Palmer.

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs or access more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

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

Library hours are Monday (9–5), Tuesday (9–8), Wednesday (9–5), Thursday (9–8), Friday (9–5), and Saturday (10–2).

The library is closed on Saturdays during the summer, as well as on Sundays and holidays.

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

FOR ADULTS

Suncatcher and Earring-Making Workshop, Thursday, Aug. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. Join Sandy Merrill for an evening making colorful beaded sun catchers and ear-

rings. All supplies provided. Please register.

Creative Writing Group, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done. The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Please register.

Tech 101: Ancestry Library Edition, Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Interested in exploring your family history, but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly lecture introduces Ancestry Library Edition, the library’s genealogy database. Learn what information you can find, how to begin your research, and simple tips for tracing your family tree.

This program is perfect for those who are new to genealogy and want to learn the basics before diving in. No device is needed for this presentation. Please register.

Adult Craft Program – Mask Making, Sept. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Use fancy paper, beads, feathers, ribbons, flowers, and more to decorate a masquerade-style mask.

Please register.

Chair Yoga for Adults, Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga is an accessible and inclusive movement practice that uses standard chairs to support gentle stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Sessions are designed to promote physical wellness, stress reduction, and community connection.

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Yoga mats are welcome. Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors is held every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. No running or jumping is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Technology appointments are available. Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling 413-583-3408 (extension 114).

Seeking Local Artists. The library is seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library’s display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

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, or to sign up, please visit: <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting: first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Join us for this month’s Who picked this book? 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.

FOR YOUTH

End of Summer Reading Roller Skating Party. Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. For participants in the Youth Summer Reading Program, this event will be held at Interskate in Wilbraham. Stop by the Youth Room desk to get your ticket.

Movie: Land Before Time (G), Friday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. For youth of all ages and families. Feel free to drop in.

Back to School Storytime, Monday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. For ages 0-5. Read a story and make a craft. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, Mondays (biweekly), Aug. 24 at 3:30 p.m. Ages 9-17. Please register.

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

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

Tween Graphic Novel Club: Thursday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m. For ages 10-14. Book available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Sing With Me: every Tuesday, 10:30-11 a.m. For ages 0-5. Feel free to drop in.

Pokemon Club: Wednesdays (weekly through Aug. 26), 3:30-4:45 p.m. For grades 3-8. Please register.

Lego Build Challenge: every Wednesday (noon to 5 p.m.). Feel free to drop in.

Online Gaming/Mine-craft Club for young adults: every Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program (ongoing). For students in sixth grade through high school. Volunteer one hour per week in the Youth Room. Please see our website calendar for more information, or to submit an application.

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“The way the bylaw is written, is that you’re allowed to use up to 25% or 300 square feet, whichever is less,” Phoenix said. “So you could use up to 250, unless you have other structures that would be adding to that total square footage.”

Knolton said the square footage provided was an estimate, and that she works primarily from one desk. Finding that reasonable, Phoenix recommended she modify the application to restrict the business to 250 square feet or less.

With that change made, the permit was granted with a unanimous vote.

Next, the board held a public hearing to update Sewall & Hubbard, LLC’s existing site plan on Hubbard Street. The application included a memo from Town Planner Josh Carpenter, noting that there were no changes to elevation or contours, and highlighted the lighting plan, elevations showing the front, rear, and sides of the building design, signage design with dimensions and locations and a traffic study.

“Site is pre-existing without any changes to physical footprint,” Phoenix read. “Site plan is need-

ed due to multiple tenant changes over the years and being over 25 years old.”

Phoenix read a memo from the Fire Department, stating that the site plan was reviewed for compliance by the Fire Prevention Office and that the existing access on the site plan was adequate.

“Please note, any omissions or missed items during this plan review does not relieve the owner or contractor from meeting all applicable codes, laws, regulations, and standards as they apply for the construction, maintenance, or use of this building,” Phoenix read. “As always, feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.”

The plan was also reviewed by the Conservation Commission, the Building Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Board of Health all of which had no comments or concerns.

The property owner said that he was instructed by the town to seek a replacement site plan, as the original may have been lost in the years since it was last updated. The board voted unanimously to grant the property owner the waiver.

HOMETOWN HEROES

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who answered our nation’s call.”

Both banners celebrating the service of Oliveira’s grandfathers are located on East Street, between Brimfield Street and Warren Street. Whenever Oliveira passes through that area, he always takes extra time to reflect on their roles in defending freedom.

“We are so grateful to see both of them honored for their service,” Oliveira said.

Oliveira’s grandfather on his father’s side, Alvaro “Al” Oliveira, enlisted in the USMC at 16 years old. He attended gunnery school and later took part in torpedo bomber missions that strafed Japanese transport ships and cut off supply routes.

On his mother’s side, Oliveira’s grandfather Bolac Bastek joined the Army when he was in his thirties. Having grown up in Palmer and utilized his skills in mechanics to help build Quabbin Reservoir, Bastek spent much of



Submitted photos

Bolac Bastek served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

his time overseas working with U.S. and allied personnel in Burma. He took part in several major mechanical and infrastructure projects to support missions.

Though Oliveira’s grandfathers have both passed away, their legacies – and those of fellow servicemembers – continue to inspire the



Oliveira served in the USMC during WWII.

next generation.

“There are so few World War II veterans left, and it’s important that we call attention to their service,” said Oliveira, who lives in Ludlow. “Everyone in that generation served in some capacity, either through sacrifices overseas or those right here on the homefront. The war effort

was shared by all.”

Local families thank officials leading veterans services for their efforts in bringing the banner program to fruition. Once the banners are taken down at the end of the year, they’re given to families as permanent keepsakes.

“Eric Segundo and his entire team have done a great job of making this possible. It is a tremendous way to honor people who served their country,” Oliveira added. “Thank you to Ludlow Veterans Services, the Town of Ludlow, and everyone who made this Hometown Heroes Banner Program possible.”

Ludlow Veterans Services officials are excited to see banners spanning multiple generations, enabling all town heroes to be celebrated.

“Each banner represents a story of service, sacrifice, courage, and commitment,” Segundo added. “They allow us to put a face to the names of our local heroes and ensure that their service is recognized by neighbors, families, and future generations.”

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Looking back on some memorable acts

Last week I panicked because both interviews had to be postponed, then I thought, why not just share some previous stories.

When I started writing these monthly articles over five years ago, I did separate stories for each paper about a resident from their own town. Then I realized that we all cross communities so I began writing one story a month and having it published in all the papers.

I’ve met so many incredible people it was very difficult to choose which I should include so I may have to do another article like this in the future.

Agawam

Nancy Velozo decided to have a tag sale. A newlywed couple came to buy a dresser in a beat-up old truck but instead of taking their money, Nancy offered the bureau as a wedding gift.

Then a dad and his young daughter came to look at a bedroom set. The little girl was so excited that this was going to be her new “big girl” bed that Nancy, thinking of her own granddaughters, just couldn’t charge dad for it.

Janice Truelove shared when her family went through some tough times, they’d been the recipients of some amazing kindnesses.

One Thanksgiving they received a full dinner, then on Christmas her children were given two new bikes.

She never forgot, so when her family was doing better, she enjoyed giving back.

She organizes Easter egg hunts for the neighborhood children, for Halloween she always creates a creepy new theme and Christmas is for giving.

Chicopee

Ally Montemagni tragically lost her cousin Jenna Burleigh at the age of 22 and rather than focus on the loss, chose to concentrate on Jenna’s goodness.

Ally and her family created a Foundation called, “Jenna’s Blessing Bags” that Ally and her father are Board members of. They get donations, then working with various police departments, distribute them to the homeless whether in a shelter or living under a bridge.

Sue Peloquin spear-headed the idea of a thrift store in the basement of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield where items are beautifully displayed. She and all the staff are volunteers using

the proceeds to help support the church in various ways.

Sue even offers to pick up some donations to help you out.

Ludlow

Jamie Gagnon overheard her teacher tell her mother, “God didn’t give Jamie a good brain” and another told her, “Jamie will never make a good student, only a good person to go shopping with.”

Those overheard words impacted Jamie’s life, creating intense insecurities, but in the end, she proved them wrong by publishing a children’s book, “Imagine My Love”. It’s a story about a mother’s love and she’s donated many of her books.

Natalina Tulik and Michelle Anecchiarico have created “Second Time’s A Charm” formal-wear shop. Natalina had sticker shock shopping for her daughter’s prom gown but felt awful when her daughter’s friend had to refuse her invitation because she couldn’t afford a gown.

Natalina noticed after the dance, everyone was trying to sell their gowns, hence her idea became a reality.

People donate their dress-

es, which Natalina and Michelle clean before displaying. They ask for a donation of what the “buyer” can afford and even get new gowns donated from a local bridal shop.

Wilbraham

Peter and Kelly Elias paid the check when a co-worker and I brought eight residents to lunch, normally each is responsible to pay for their own. When asked why they’d done that, very humbly he said, “They don’t generally tell people when they do things, they just do them anonymously but the waitress squealed on them.” He shared that his mom was a young widow leaving her to raise three children yet she always found a way to give to others. He said it warmed his heart to see a group of women her age laughing and enjoying each other’s company.

Phil (Philomena) Hanrahan has volunteered by donating to the American Red Cross regularly. She’s a volunteer on the Springfield St. Patrick’s Day parade committee, where in 2018 was honored as the “Irish Person of Year”

She also volunteers at the

Hampden Senior Center, is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary’s Church, all while also being her neighbor’s caregiver for the last five years. Her daughter teaches in a low-income school and when Phil had clothes to donate, her daughter took them to distribute.

Phil solicited her friends who were looking to do something other than exchanging gifts amongst themselves. Instead of the \$200 Phil thought they’d collect, they actually collected \$600 and therefore able to help two families from the school.

I hope you’ve enjoyed reading these Random Acts of Kindness as much as I enjoyed hearing them. I’d love to hear about how you spread positivity.

If you’d like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, “just ‘cause” you witnessed, you did or were the recipient of a kind gesture. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness.

Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas Craft Fair

LUDLOW – Crafters are wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Christ the King Church, located at 41 Warsaw Avenue, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an

eight-foot table, which will be provided by the church.

To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available during the fair.

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zation supporting community members with disabilities was also present at the most recent event.

Prior to the 2025 founding of DIAL as a nonprofit, two previous Color Ludlow with Love events were held in 2023 and 2024.

Earlier this month, DIAL held a remote meeting for community members interested in volunteering at the Aug. 29 event. Organizers thank all volunteers for their efforts at the event, which will include

setup, cleanup, and helping with activities.

Looking ahead, DIAL members are excited about taking part in other events that bring the community together and promote inclusion.

“Color Ludlow with Love is our first initiative, but we have plans for additional programs in the future,” De Gobbi said.

To learn more about the upcoming event and how you can get involved to support LHS students, check out the Diversity, Inclusion, and Acceptance in Ludlow Facebook page.

LUDLOW STUDENTS

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Ludlow’s Jocalyn Imbody (Class of 2027), who is majoring in mechanical engineering, completed a project titled, “Impacts of Increased E-bike Usage at Acadia National Park.”

Jacob Moquin, also of Ludlow (Class of 2028), is majoring in biology and biotechnology. He completed a project titled, “Visitor Use Patterns in Schoodic Peninsula, Acadia E26.”

School officials congratulate the students on the leadership and collaboration

they displayed throughout the course of their projects.

“They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application,” Stanlick added.

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Forge Baseball Clinic returns to Western Mass.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM — One of the last sports camps of the summer of 2026 was held at Spec Pond in Wilbraham from August 10-13.

A total of 57 baseball and softball players between the ages of 6-16 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the four day clinic.

“This is our fourth year conducting the baseball clinics, and this is probably the best one yet,” said camp director Dustin Brisson “We have almost 60 kids, including a couple of softball players for the first time, this week. It’s the most campers we’ve ever had at this clinic and I’m very pleased.”

Brisson, who is the owner of Forge Athletics, was born in Florida and played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2000. The first baseman was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft.

Brisson, who played 345 minor league games, advanced to Double A Portland. His baseball career came to an end due to an injury.

“I was blessed to have the opportunity to play professional baseball,” Brisson said. “I’m doing what I can to give back to these kids.”

Some of the camp in-



Adam Smola swings off a tee.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

structors were Lindsay Beer, David Wendt, Ace Adams Chade Shade, who’s the head coach of the Springfield College baseball team, Pat Strange, who’s the pitching coach at Westfield State University, Dan Gomez, who’s the head baseball coach at Western New England University, and Terry Doyle, who’s the the baseball coach at New England College.

“It’s an honor to have these coaches working at

our clinic this year,” Brisson said. “They want to help these kids. This is a high level skills clinic. I just want the older kids to have the opportunity to work with the college coaches.”

A couple of the guest speakers at the clinic were Brandon Seymour, who’s the general manager of the Valley Blue Sox, Nancy Street, who’s a board member of the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, and Duke

Castiglione Jr who’s a sportscaster at a television station in Boston.

Ray Fagnant, who grew up in Chicopee and is the Boston Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also spent a day at the clinic.

A few of the different stations were hitting, fielding, and throwing.

“My main goal is to teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game,” Bris-



Brodie Craven makes a throw.



Ryan McLane does a running drill.



London Shepard focuses on solid contact off the batting tee.

son said. “I also want to keep the kids active at this clinic. I really don’t want them standing around doing nothing.”

Brisson was aided at the

clinic by his wife, Kasey.

“My wife is the backbone of the organization,” Brisson

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Lusitano keeps the soccer going, hosts collegiate match

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— In what could become an annual tradition, the UConn and UMass women’s soccer teams met in an exhibition match in front of a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Aug. 5.

Neither team was able to find the back of the net during the contest, played in three 30-minute intervals, but it was still a memorable evening at the 108-year-old stadium located on Winsor Street in Ludlow.

“It’s very exciting to be hosting a college soccer match here at Lusitano Stadium,” said Joe Ferrara Jr., who’s the Managing Director of the New England Mutiny and the General Manager of the Western Mass. Pioneers. “Both UConn and UMass have been very supportive of the Mutiny over the years. I also have a personal relationship with both coaching staffs.”

The last time a college soccer match was held at Lusitano Stadium was on October 17, 2018.

On that fall evening, the Worcester State University Lancers squared off against the Western New England University Golden Bears in a non-conference men’s match-up.

Cyrus Raines, a Belcher-town High School graduate, delivered his first collegiate goal during the second half, which lifted the Lancers to a 1-0 shutout victory. Raines, who’s a defender, finished his college soccer career with three goals.

The Worcester State head coach at that time was Jason Willis, who’s currently an assistant coach for the Western Mass Pioneers. He also coaches a Western United Pioneers team.

Willis graduated from Ludlow High School, and he helped the Lions boys’ soccer team win two state titles and three Western Mass. titles back in the 1990’s.

Ferrara, who also grad-

uated from Ludlow High School in the 1980’s, played many soccer games on the grass stadium field.

“I recall scoring a lot of big goals on this field while I was in high school,” Ferrara said. “I also played for the Lusitano Whites, which won the first ever summer league championship on this field. I hope the college players appreciate the history of this place.”

This past spring, Ferrara approached UMass head coach Jason Dowiak about playing the exhibition match against UConn at Lusitano Stadium.

“Because it was UMass turn to host the exhibition, I asked coach Dowiak if he would be interested in playing the game here this year,” Ferrara said. “He thought it was a very good idea.”

It was something that Dowiak, who was hired as the UMass women’s soccer coach in 2017, had always wanted to do.

“I’m beginning my ninth season as the UMass women’s soccer coach and this is something that I’ve always wanted to do,” said Dowiak following the scoreless draw. “I’ve watched several Mutiny games here in the past and this was really a very special night for us. I’m very glad that the soccer community came out and supported us. This was an electric atmosphere for an exhibition game.”

A year ago, UMass posted a 5-8-4 overall record and went 3-6-2 against their Mid-American Conference foes.

“I thought my team played very well against a fantastic UConn team, and this is a positive step for us,” Dowiak added. “I feel like we can go into tough environments and still be successful.”

One of the three graduated students listed on the UMass women’s roster is Bianca Cardano, who’s from Monson. She attended Minnechaug Regional where

she played soccer for Nundi Goncalves, who’s another Ludlow High graduate.

“I’ve played a lot of games at this stadium,” Cardano said. “My family and friends were here tonight. It was a very special night.”

Cardano, who’s a management major, fell in love with the UMass campus when she made her official visit.

“UMass was always my top choice,” she said. “The girls on the soccer team are like members of my own family. We’re hoping to finish first in the Mid-American Conference.”

Cardano, who’s a starting defender, played in 16 games as a freshman before missing her entire sophomore season recovering from a right knee injury. She was limited to just three matches (two starts) in 2024.

A year ago, Cardano was a starter in ten of the 14 matches that she played in.

“We’re really hoping that Bianca is able to play the whole season for us this year,” Dowiak said. “She’s a fantastic leader on and off the field.”

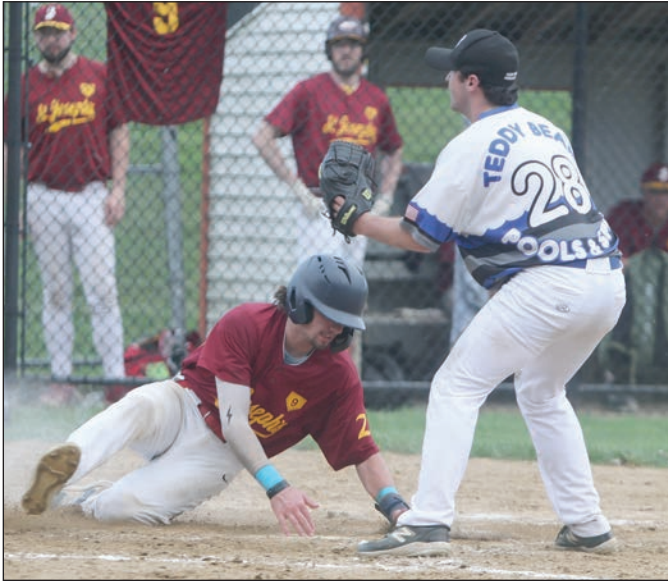
Cardano isn’t the only Minnechaug girls’ soccer player to play soccer at UMass.

Jess Howe, who was a member of the Lady Falcons 2005 Western Mass championship team and the 2008 state title team, was a defender at UMass from 2009-2012.

UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez played soccer at Lusitano Stadium for a couple of seasons as a member of the Western Mass. Lady Pioneers. She also played for the Mutiny for one year when they played their home matches at Agawam High School.

“We’ve led the Big East in fan support during the past several years,” Rodriguez said. “This was a good way for my players to get used to playing in this type of a set-

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Nate Carrill slides safely home.



Ray Toth makes a throw on the run.

Tri-County finals forced to a deciding game three

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY— Third-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas had a golden opportunity to sweep the top-seeded St. Joseph’s Saints in the Tri-County League championship series.

Teddy Bear held a 1-0 lead entering the top of the third inning in game two.

St. Joe’s rallied for three runs in the third and fourth innings and they evened the best-of-three series at 1-1 following a 6-3 victory at South Hadley High School Friday, Aug. 7.

The game came to an end after five innings due to darkness, which didn’t please the Teddy Bear players and their supporters.

“It’s a very frustrating situation,” said Teddy Bear player/manager Ryan Magni. “I think we should’ve been able to finish the final two innings of tonight’s game at St. Joe’s Park before playing the deciding game tomorrow night.”

The baseball field at South Hadley High School doesn’t have any lights and the first pitch of game two was thrown by Teddy Bear righthander Sean Rosemond at 5:55p.m. The three umpires made the decision to end the game at 7:45 p.m.

“The pace of tonight’s game was very slow,” said St. Joe’s manager Paul Marcinek. “We were very lucky to finish five innings which made it an official game.”

Had the game ended before the bottom of the fifth inning, it would’ve resumed at South Hadley High School the following day. If the score would’ve been tied, game two would’ve been replayed from the beginning, which has been a TCL rule for many years.

Teddy Bear won game one of the championship series, which was an old fashion pitcher’s duel, 3-1, at St. Joe’s Park, last Thursday night.

Righthander Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School in 2024, went the distance for Teddy Bear. He allowed a run on six hits and three strikeouts without issuing a walk.

Drobiak outdueled St. Joe’s righty Trey Yesu, who graduated from Monson High School in 2022.

Yesu also went seven innings allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits with six strikeouts and two walks. Teddy Bear took a 1-0 lead in game against lefthander Jackson Hayes with two outs in the bottom of the first inning follow-

ing a run scoring double by second baseman Ramon Jimenez.

St. Joe’s took the lead against Rosemond in the top of the third inning.

Catcher Nate Carillon and second baseman Greg Vourros began the St. Joe’s rally with back-to-back singles. After Drobiak retired the next batter on a pop-up, before Carillon scored the tying run following a wild pitch. Then right fielder Brian Hayes drew a walk before centerfielder Pat Fitzgibbons hit a two run single into right field giving St. Joe’s a 3-1 lead.

With one-out in the bottom of the third inning, Drobiak, who started at first base, launched a solo home run over the left field fence.

Holding a slim 3-2 lead, St. Joe’s scored three more runs in the fourth inning.

The first two runs crossed the plate following a two-run single down the right field line by Vourros.

At that point, Rosemond was replaced on the mound by righthander Mason Barcomb.

Shortstop Jacob Hayes greeted the relief pitcher with an RBI single into left

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Campers receive some instructions from one of the coaches in the Forge Baseball Clinic.

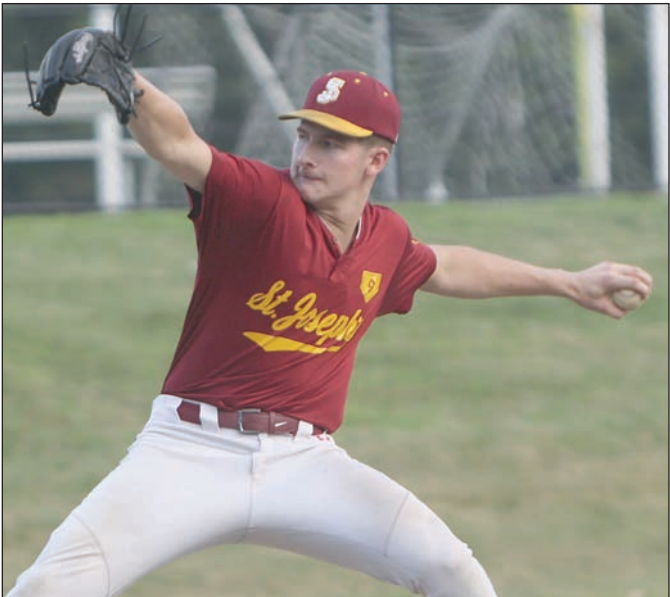
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 said. “She keeps everything in order. I appreciate all the

support from many different people that I’ve received running this camp.”
 Brisson and his staff is

already looking forward to holding the baseball clinic at Spec Pond again next summer.

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field giving the visiting team a commanding 6-2 lead.
 After Jackson Hayes retired the first two batters in the bottom of the fourth on flyballs to center, consecutive walks by third baseman Alex Gochinski, right fielder Ty Evans, and catcher Eric Robert loaded the bases. Another walk by Ryan Magni plated Teddy Bear’s second run.
 Relief pitcher Matt Irzyk, who wound up as the winning pitcher in game two, retired the only batter he faced in the fourth on a pop-up caught by Jacob Hayes.
 Irzyk allowed a single to shortstop Ray Toth in the bottom of the fifth inning before the umpires halted to game.
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 ting under the lights.”
 The Huskies, who finished the 2025 campaign with an 11-4-3 overall record and a 7-1-2 conference record, were picked to finish second behind Georgetown in the BIG EAST Preseason Women’s Soccer Coaches’



Lefty Jackson Hayes sends a pitch home.
 Photos and highlights will be in next week’s edition.

Poll.
 Redshirt sophomore Se-Hanna Mars, who plays for the Mutiny, was selected to the preseason All-Big East team, along with senior Anaya Johnson.
 There is a very good chance that the UConn and UMass women’s soccer teams will be meeting at Lu-
 sitano Stadium again next August.
 Western Mass. soccer fans will get another chance to take in collegiate action at Lusitano Stadium, as the Western New England University men’s team hosts Wesleyan University on September 22 at 7 p.m.



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LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen’s Conference Room, on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00pm** on the application of **Joe Pires** regarding property located at **88 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 29, Parcel 15, Zoning: Agricultural)** The subject of the hearing is a request for a Variance to allow an addition to a single-family home that would encroach into the required twenty-foot side setback as specified in Table 2 of the Table of Dimensional Regulations.

Alan Aubin, Chairman
08/12, 08/19/2026

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 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Ludlow Housing Authority for the property located at **114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 11D, Parcel 38)** for the purpose of: site plan to show updated parking.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 10, 2026.
RaymondPhoenix
Chairman
08/12, 08/19/2026

LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen’s Conference Room, on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:20pm** on the application of **Joanne Martins** regarding property located

at **755 Lyon Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 19, Parcel 3, Zoning: Agricultural)**. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request for a Variance to reconstruct the existing garage and family room of a single-family home, resulting in a structure that is less non-conforming to the required 20-foot side setback as specified in Table 2 of the Table of Dimensional Regulations.

Alan Aubin, Chairman
08/12, 08/19/2026

Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Select Board’s Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 5:45 P.M.** for a dangerous dog hearing for the dogs located at 129 Lockland Avenue, Ludlow, MA 01056.

William Rosenblum,
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James Gennette,
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08/19, 08/26/2026

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Docket No.
HD26P1704EA
Estate of:
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Also known as:
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 11, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
08/19/2026

Idalina G. “Lina” (Lopes) DaSilva

Idalina G. “Lina” (Lopes) DaSilva, 82, of Ludlow, passed away on Aug. 14, 2026. Born in Chaves Portugal, she immigrated to Ludlow in the 1960’s where she was a devoted



member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Idalina worked for many years at Milton Bradley from where she retired and her many passions included gardening, tending to her home and especially cooking for her family and friends.

Idalina was the beloved wife of 63 years to Jose G. DaSilva; a loving mother to Ken DaSilva and wife Sha-

ron of Ludlow and Keith DaSilva and wife Sarah Michel of Southampton; a dear sister to her late siblings Ida Ribas, Charles “Chuck” Lopes, Alfred Lopes, Jose Lopes, and Fernando G. Lopes; and also leaves many loving Godchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends

Funeral services for Idalina will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026. Visiting hours are from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

Roberta Ann Lafayette, 87

LUDLOW – Roberta Ann Lafayette, 87, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Aug. 4, 2026 surrounded by her loving family.

She was the daughter of the late Bertha (Anderson) and John Bachtta. She was a lifelong resident of Ludlow and 1956 graduate of Ludlow High School.

Roberta was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Frederick Lafayette, whom she married in 1959.

Roberta was the beloved mother of Michelle Slotnick and husband Barry, Marc Lafayette and wife Karen, and Brian Lafayette. A loving grandmother to Samantha Stanton and husband David, Andrew Slotnick, Marcus Lafayette and wife Rebecca, Alexander Lafayette, Nicho-



las Lafayette and wife Maxine and Amanda Lafayette Santana and husband Zachary, and a great-grandmother to Kiera and Gemma Lafayette and Valentina Stanton.

Roberta was predeceased by her sister Clara Barlow and husband John, sister Ruth Coviello, brother John Bachtta and wife Louise, brother-in-law Richard Michalik, and sister-in-law Priscilla Dufresne and husband Thomas.

She is survived by her brother-in-law Anthony Coviello, sister-in-law Patricia Michalik and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

It was Roberta’s wish that her funeral services be held privately by her family.

Ludlow Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roberta’s memory to Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center. The Lafayette family would like to thank East Longmeadow Assisted Memory Care staff for their wonderful care along with Brookhaven Hospice and the Visiting Angels.

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Services
August 19, 2026
Ludlow Funeral Home

Roberta Ann Lafayette
Died Aug. 4, 2026
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William D. Henry
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August 13, 2026
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