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Local firefighters graduate from 10-week certification program

By Marcelo Gusmão
 Staff Writer

INDIAN ORCHARD – Last Saturday, a class of 29 firefighters earned certifications at the Western Massachusetts Fire Training Academy.

The 10-week long program was held Monday through Friday with instructors from across the region, most of whom are active or retired firefighters from Springfield, Chicopee, and other surrounding communities.

“These experiences, and the knowledge and relationships with these people you spend 10 weeks with, it’s stuff that you’ll never forget,” said Amber Duby, one of Saturday’s graduates.

Duby has been working for the Monson Fire Department since September of last year



Courtesy photo

Amber Duby holds the classic firefighter’s tool after earning her Levels 1 and 2 certificate at the Western Mass Fire Training Academy.

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250th Committee golf tournament seeks participants

By Marcelo Gusmão
 Staff Writer

LUDLOW – The 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee is seeking participants for a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, at Westover Municipal Golf Course.

Kathy Ouimette of the 250th Committee described the event as “a scramble-type tournament” with different categories for teams of golfers to compete in, with raffle prizes offered to the winners. All proceeds will benefit the 250th Committee, to be used for upcoming fundraising events to celebrate Ludlow’s semi-quincentennial anniversary.

“Get a foursome together and come out to ‘Par-Tee’ with the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee,” event details read.

The cost for a four-person team is \$500, at \$125 for each member. This price includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, a buffet dinner, giveaways, and raffle prizes.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Golfers will compete in various categories, with winners being announced during the evening’s buffet dinner.

“Please join us to help make this upcoming 250th Semi-Quincentennial fundraiser event a success,” the Committee released.

“Paul Chrzan thought this was a good way for the 250th to raise some funds for Celebrate Ludlow’s birthday,” Ouimette said. “Golf is pretty popular, there’s two other golf meets that same weekend, so we have competition because we’re right in the middle of it. That’s why we’re having a little difficulty getting teams to come and join our tournament.”

This event will serve to raise funds for the town’s upcoming birthday celebration next year. One such upcoming event will be First Night on February 28 of next year, which will celebrate the town’s incorporation date.

“That’s going to be in Memorial Park,” Ouimette said, “we’ll be celebrating our incorporation date with a small fireworks display, we’ll do ice sculptures, and we actually have a town crier who’s going to come in and read our incorporation. It’s just going to be a family fun day of events.”

The other big event that

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Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

A 2017 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat was one of many modern cars shown off to attendees during the The Car Club New England Inc. Annual Car Show at the Chicopee Moose Lodge 1849 on Aug. 26.

Car Club of New England Car Show supports local schools

The event took place at the Moose Lodge on Aug. 26

By Kristin Rivers
 Staff Writer
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CHICOPEE -- Residents stopped by the Moose Lodge 1849 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Aug. 16 for The Car Club of New England Annual Car Show.

The event, featuring 130 classic and modern cars, raised \$1,400--\$700 each--for Old Mill Pond School in Palmer and Benjamin Phelps School in Agawam to help them buy school supplies.

Additionally, vendors included AMS Oil, Lincoln Technical Institute, Go Green Design, TJ’s Pop, Opa’s Collectibles and more.

Jamison Dupuis, president of The Car Club of New England, explained the organization annually hosts two car shows to support veterans and local schools.

“What we decided to do this year and moving forward with the kids is this show here, 100% of the proceeds when you come through the gate, you make your \$10 donation, 100% of that is going to purchasing school supplies for two local schools,” Du-

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LUDLOW

School Committee talks 'culture war,' gender identity

By Marcelo Gusmão
Staff Writer

LUDLOW – Last week during a conversation about policy, members of the School Committee discussed a “culture war,” as well as the topics of gender identity and sexuality.

The Committee met on August 22 to adopt a new policy handbook that has been updated to reflect current Title IX standards. During the discussion, members of the Committee steered the conversation toward topics involving sexuality and gender identity.

School Committee Member Joao Dias listed examples of athletes competing with female teams; Dias described “male” athletes, specifying that a few of them were transgender, and described some of them as winning or outperforming their colleagues.

“We can no longer ignore what is happening,” Dias said. “It’s not just that women are losing to men, they’re losing opportunities for scholarships.”

“I don’t think that was the point of this particular policy,” said Committee Member Jeffrey Stratton, adding that although the policy does deal with sports, he thought that voting to change the policy handbook on it was premature.

“The U.S. Department of Education released, in April, a proposed change to Title IX regulations that they’re going to be trying to finalize that, I believe it was supposed to be in May, but it’s been delayed until October, so any policy regarding sports, now, I think is premature,” Stratton said. “I just think you’re going beyond the scope of this particular policy.”

Committee Member Ron Saloio echoed Dias’s concerns.

“Do we have to allow ‘men’ to compete in women’s sports if they identify as a female?” he asked.

The town’s attorney assured Saloio that this is a matter of state law, and not under the authority of the Committee.

“Let’s not play these games to assuage the feelings of two or three ‘confused’ individuals,” Saloio said, describing this as “the destruction of women’s sports.”

Dias went on to say, “scholarship opportunities are being stolen from them by people that have ‘gender delusion.’”

Dias expressed confusion as to the purpose of the meeting beyond this concern, saying, “I was told at a previous meeting that if there was a law, we didn’t need a policy.”

Vice Chair Sarah Bowler told Dias, “As our attorney said, this new policy brings our policy book into compliance with what is a [currently] out of compliance handbook.”

“I’m not really sure why we need this policy if there’s already a law enforcing us to allow men into women’s sports,” Dias said.

“My colleagues’ description of our LGBTQ community disgusts me,” Bowler said.

This feeling was echoed by School Committee Chair Jeff Laing.

“As much as...some people in this town, and people in this room, would like our education system to turn the way that Florida’s is,” Laing said, “Florida’s [schools] did that because of the governor. It was not something that an individual school committee member did, it

wasn’t one town inside of it.”

“We follow our policies based on the law, and that’s what we’re voting on tonight,” Laing added.

Earlier in the night, a resident—during the public comments segment—spoke out against the language that School Committee members have used to describe LGBTQ students. Long-time Ludlow resident Rich Oliveira compared its use to racial slurs.

“I came to speak about a derogatory term, ‘gender-confused.’ I’ve never heard that term before these School Committee meetings,” Oliveira said.

“It’s a term you used to describe a six-year-old student, perhaps a 12-year-old student, or a 17-year-old student, or...to describe all LGBTQIA+ students. The term you’re using is not a medical term or a psychological term.”

Oliveira said that the term has been circulated by extremist political groups such as Mass Resistance and the Parents’ Rights Coalition.

“It’s not in science, it’s not a psychological term, and it is a derogatory term,” Oliveira said.

Discussing another agenda item, Saloio compared a sexual harassment policy to the discussions about book bans earlier this summer.

“In the description of sexual harassment, we have ‘displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or cartoons,’” Saloio said. “That kind of goes against what we were trying to put in place when we were trying to pass policy on sexually-explicit books, or age-appropriate books a few weeks ago.”

“The difference between that is,” Bowler said, “unless you’re saying

that they’re sexually harassing themselves by looking at a book, I’m assuming you’re talking about, like, a comic book...or a sexual education book that has some graphic nature. If they take that book and then go show Jeff [Laing], and Jeff finds that information not to his liking, that part is the sexual harassment of it.”

“What about when a teacher gives that book to a student?” Saloio asked.

“If it’s not an educational component, and the student finds it to be concerning, and the parent hasn’t opted the child out of that educational situation, then that is a conversation with the school,” Bowler said, “in my opinion.”

When the conversation turned to revisions made to the student policy handbook, Dias brought up “parental rights,” describing responsibilities and control that parents have over their children, in terms of where they live, their religion, and medical treatments.

“With that, is there anywhere in here where it defines the teacher’s responsibility to notify a parent of a student’s ‘gender confusion’ if that child were to come in?” Dias asked. “I think we should clearly define it, and not just allow one teacher to make one decision and a different teacher to make another decision, where it can become a problem.”

“I know, in the past, you’ve told me there’s nothing in writing, but I think we should do something about that, and I suggest that at the next meeting we take that up as a policy,” Dias said.

After the discussion, the handbook was unanimously approved by the School Committee.

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Local Knights of Columbus sponsors Silver Rose in Honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe

LUDLOW -- A silver rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow on Sep. 6 at 7 p.m.

Program is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Ludlow Council 3535 to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life.

The journey of the Silver Rose begins each year in March and ends on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico.

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real, live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrim-

age at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To better ensure future annual trips, a silver rose was ultimately made. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout the North American continent, eight silver roses travel unique routes.

In 2001, when Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expanded the Silver Rose Program, he commented: "Through [the Silver Rose Program] we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the [Knights of Columbus], but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society.

As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appro-

priate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

All members of the community are encouraged join Knights of Columbus Ludlow Council 3535 at St. Elizabeth's in Ludlow on Sep. 6 at 7 p.m. to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world. Please Spread the Word!

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PET OF THE WEEK



HENRY

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Polanie Club to hold a fashion show "Spotlight on Beautiful Fashions"

LUDLOW - The Polanie Club will hold a fashion show "Spotlight on Beautiful Fashions" to honor the memory of the late Loretta T. Goyette, club president for 32 years, Fashions presented by Zanna of Amherston Sunday, Oct. 1, at Ludlow Country Club, 1 Tony Lema Drive.

Doors open at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 p.m. with entree choices of chicken francaise, roast pork loin or grilled salmon. Entertainment provided by Richie Mitnick and Peter Annone.

Reserved Seating at \$48 available by sending check payable to Polanie Club and mail to: Ms Denise Meyers, 14 Glen Albyn St. Springfield, MA 01104. Please specify meal choice information.

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Robert and Beatrice Ouimette celebrate 61 years of marriage



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Happy 61st wedding anniversary to Robert and Beatrice Ouimette of South Hadley from their children: Denis (Janice) Ouimette of Ware; Willaim (Dana) Ouimette of Long Beach, California; Lisa (Frank) Campanelli of Avon, Connecticut; Robert (Debbie) Ouimette of Woolwich, Maine; and Peter (Kerry) Ouimette of Ludlow.

Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run, event to benefit TJO animals

SPRINGFIELD — The Foundation for TJO Animals will be holding its annual Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center at 627 Cottage St. Kick stands up at 10:45 a.m. with the ride leaving at 11:00 a.m. for a scenic ride through western MA. The event wraps up with a celebration at the Ludlow Elks located at 69 Chapin St., from noon to 3 p.m.. Guests will enjoy live music, great food, vendors, and raffles.

Pre-registration is now open and runs through Aug. 31. A \$30 registration fee includes an event t-shirt, wrist band, entrance to the after party, and one meal ticket. Participants interested in the after party only, can

register online for \$15 and receive admission and a meal coupon. Children under 12 are free. Pre-registered riders are guaranteed an event t-shirt. Register online at https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/V0wocgELADiDSAav4FyYpQ

Proceeds from the Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run go directly to the Foundation for TJO Animals to benefit animals in need at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

Event sponsors include Fontaine Community Foundation, Florence Bank, Keller Williams, Western Mass Collision, Bacon Wilson, Greater Springfield Credit Union, and Hazen Paper Co.

More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161.

73rd Annual Meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW— According to the by-laws of the organization, the board of directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Ludlow Country Club.

Guests are welcome to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers, prior to the start of the meeting.

Board members, Ambassadors and donors of the organization are invited to participate. To RSVP, please contact Cristina at (413) 583-2072, ext. 103.

The agenda for the meeting will be to report on the activities of the organization in the past year, presentation of the audited annual report for approval, appointment of new directors, and volunteer acknowledgement and appreciation.

Cruise for Critters Drives Back to Westview Farms Creamery

MONSON— The Cruise for Critters to Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, Sept. 23, is now in its 11th year, this beloved car show, proudly sponsored by Service Connection of Monson, is set to once again make a meaningful impact on the lives of pets in need at Second Chance Animal Services.

This year's Cruise for Critters promises an array of fall-themed activities for attendees of all ages. A captivating vendor fair will offer a treasure trove of unique finds and is expected to be the largest Cruise for Critters vendor fair to date. The much-loved Halloween Bark-tacular kids' games will be back thanks to dedicated Second Chance volunteers who are gearing up to provide an unforgettable experience for children and families alike.

The festivities are set to kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., encompassing great food and ice cream and an assortment of fall-inspired attractions that Westview Farms Creamery is renowned for. From pumpkin picking to navigating through a corn maze, a delightful autumn adventure awaits every guest. Live music by Spare Parts will provide the soundtrack for the day, while the allure of enticing raffle prizes beckons attendees to try their luck.

Service Connection owner, Al Widlan, has championed this remarkable event for over a decade, rallying car enthusiasts and compassionate hearts alike to come together for a worthy cause. As

the wheels of time turn, Cruise for Critters continues to shine a light of hope for furry companions across Massachusetts. Widlan enthusiastically invites car aficionados to join in the festivities and revel in a day of fun at a fantastic venue.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance Animal Services, extends her heartfelt gratitude to Service Connection and Westview Farms Creamery for their unwavering commitment to the welfare of pets. As economic challenges and uncertainties persist, many pet owners find themselves facing difficult decisions. The choice between parting ways with a cherished pet and struggling to provide proper care is a heavy burden to bear. Doray emphasizes that the funds raised through this event directly contribute to Second Chance's vital programs that make a tangible difference within the local pet-loving community.

Organizers extend a warm invitation to local businesses and vendors, calling upon them to unite in support of pets in need. Information on sponsorship opportunities and becoming a vendor can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise.

The event will welcome spectators free of charge. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in the show by contributing a \$20 entry fee per vehicle, with every dollar earmarked for the betterment of pets' lives. A rain date has been set for Saturday, Sept. 30.

Snowplowing Registration

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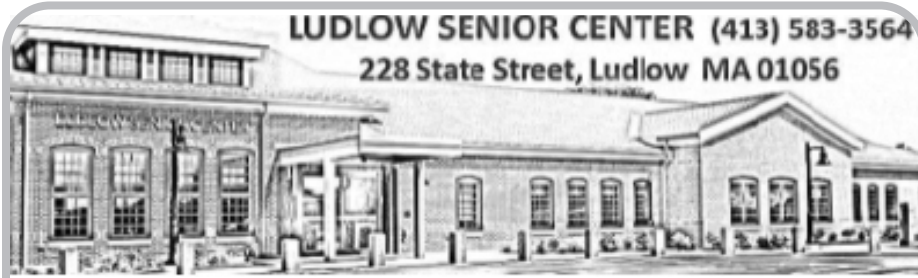
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Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, August 31

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Craft*
- 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, September 1

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Outdoor Cornhole
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Monday, September 4

Center Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 12:30 Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Western Dance
- 1 p.m. Decorating Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: Book Club-The Next Chapter
- 5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class

Wednesday, September 6

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9:30 a.m. Jewelry Making
- 10 a.m. Tea with the TA
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 11 a.m. Lunch Bunch*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Book Club-The Next Chapter

Thursday, September 7

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

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Menu:

Thursday, August 31: Open Faced BBQ Pulled Pork/ Pot. Salad/ Veggie
Friday, September 1: Fruit Salad/ Cottage Cheese

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Wednesday, September 6: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Lettuce/Tom/French Fries

Thursday, September 7: Tuna Salad Plate

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Where We Are Read

Jim and Deb Ziembra vacationed in Poland and Italy this summer. They visited Gdansk, Krakow, and Zakopane in Poland and Venice, Bologna, and Castellina in Chianti, Italy.

Deb and Jim in front of the renowned Neptune's fountain is in Piazza Nettuno, in Bologna, Italy. It is one of Bologna's most famous squares.



Deb and Jim at Malbork Castle in Malbork, Poland. It is a 13th-century Teutonic castle and is the largest castle in the world measured by land area.

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Local news flourishing with Turley Publications

It's great to see local news flourishing in Western Massachusetts because of the many Turley publications distributed there.

On a recent visit to Indian Orchard, I picked up a copy of The Register which gave me pleasant flashbacks to my bygone days as a reporter and editor at the Middlesex News in Framingham, Massachusetts. Like your publications, the Middlesex News placed an unwavering focus on local news.

I noted The Register published an editorial cartoon in its Aug. edition that was drawn by Dave Granlund. Dave and I worked alongside each other in the newsroom at the Middlesex News.

Thanks for the memories
Ken Tokarz
Ludlow

Praise for the Ludlow Police and EMTs

I just wanted to send a shout out to the EMTs and Police officer who helped me Saturday Aug. 13 with a medical issue. From the police officer who got there first (and locked the door after) I'm sorry I don't remember his name, to the 2 EMTs I think Jen and Zac.

You took care of me, got me to Baystate and then hung around to see if I was ok. Which I wasn't since I was having a heart attack, I needed bypass surgery and that happened Monday morning. Thank you all for saving my life. You don't know what it means to me for the care compassion and respect I got that night. I was scared and you calmed me down.

Most people may never need an ambulance but our crews are the best.

Sincerely
Claire Wales
Ludlow

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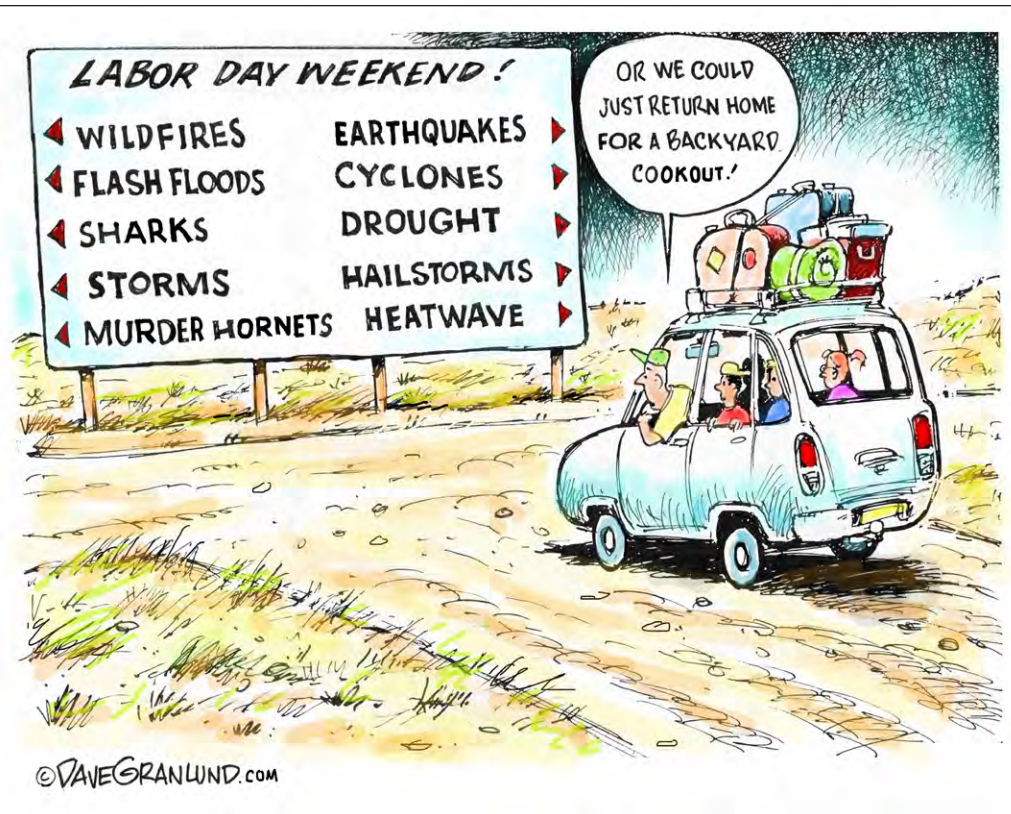


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GUEST COLUMN



What about all the money Congress stole from Social Security?

Dear Rusty

Is there any way that Congress will vote to pay back the Social Security funds they took for their stupid reasons, and left IOUs in place of the funds?

Because of the funds they took going back many years, we didn't have any decent Cost Of Living Adjustments for a few years. In fact, there were I think three to five years that we didn't get any COLA. Please Rusty, can you find out if this is true or false? Help us seniors.

Signed: Resentful Senior

Dear Resentful Senior!

I can assure you that I've fully investigated the allegation that politicians have squandered Social Security's money and found that charge to be, simply speaking, a myth. I've gone back and looked at Social Security revenues and expenses since the government first started collecting FICA payroll taxes in 1937 and found that every dollar ever collected for Social Security has been used only for Social Security purposes. Over the years, various claims have been made that the money has been used for other things, but I've researched each of these charges and found them all to be false.

Where the misconception mostly originates is that any excess money collected from working Americans for Social Security is invested in "special issue government bonds," which pay interest, as mandated by President Roosevelt when Social Security began. As with any investment, a financial obligation instrument is given in return for dollars received.

Remember when we used to buy "U.S. Savings Bonds?" We'd use our money to buy those bonds, hold them and later redeem them for a higher amount than we paid. That's exactly how Social Security contributions have always worked - excess money collected from working Americans is used to purchase special issue government bonds, which are held in reserve, earning interest, for future Social Security needs.

These special bonds reside in a Social

Security Trust Fund and, as of the end of 2022, were worth about \$2.8 trillion. Are these bonds "worthless IOUs" as some would claim? Hardly, since they are redeemable as needed to pay Social Security benefits.

Considering that, since 2010, Social Security's income from payroll taxes on American workers has been less than needed to cover benefits paid out, redemption of bonds held in the Trust Fund is the only reason that Social Security has been able to continue paying full benefits to every beneficiary. The Trust Fund is a financial safety net, which is now protecting all SS beneficiaries from having their benefits cut.

Problem is, unless Congress acts soon to reform Social Security's financial picture, the Trust Fund will be fully depleted in about 2033 resulting in about a 23% cut in everyone's monthly Social Security benefit. I'm optimistic that will not happen (it would be political suicide) and, hopefully, Congress will act soon to reform Social Security and restore it to financial solvency and avoid a future cut in everyone's benefits.

Regarding Cost of Living Adjustment and the lack thereof for several past years, COLA is determined by the government's standard inflation measure, the Consumer Price Index (CPI). There were several years (2010, 2011, and 2016) in which the CPI showed no inflation so, therefore, no COLA increase was given.

Last year, due to soaring inflation, everyone got an 8.7% increase in their Social Security benefit, but that doesn't happen every year. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the last two decades has been about 2.6%, although COLA for each year can be wildly different depending on each year's inflation measure.

In any case, the lack of a COLA increase in past years was not a result of any political chicanery, it was the result of low inflation during those years.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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A class of 29 firefighters celebrate their graduation on a cloudy Saturday afternoon.

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and got the certification so she could become a full-time firefighter with the department. She started the program back in June, and described it as a full training program with written exams, didactic training, and practical coursework, designed to prepare firefighters for the first and second certifications.

"Something people told me—that I didn't expect to be as true as it was—is that [the program] was physically and mentally one of the most demanding things I've done," Duby said, "but also one of the best and most exciting experiences I've ever had."

Duby described some of the tasks that students completed, and the physical and mental demands of the course.

"We do PT in the morning, as well as drills throughout the day," Duby said. "Being in the summertime, it's hot—although in the winter, the problem would be the cold."

"It's definitely a hard job where you have to be in good shape and take good care of yourself, eating well and being physically active, to be able to keep up with what the job demands," Duby said.

"One of the non-technical things we learned was teamwork," Duby said, "which is a big thing in fire service. There's a lot that you can't do on your own, so everything is about being a team and working together. They teach you a lot of the basics of firefighting, vehicle extrication, anything from throwing ladders to a building, to pulling hose lines off of a truck, to being able to cut apart cars in an efficient way."

"When it comes to mentally," Duby continued, "it's 10 weeks that you're committing to doing something. Being a firefighter is a very strenuous job, so committing 10 weeks of your time to

being in class all day, whether it's book work or practical training, you're coming home tired."

Duby described doing coursework at home as well.

"You're sacrificing a lot of your personal time and your family's personal time," she said.

Despite the hefty demands of the work, Duby is very proud of the work she's done, and has found a passion for firefighting through this course and through her life experiences.

"It was one of the best stepping stones for my career, and it is, in my opinion, one of the best careers out there, and one of the most rewarding," Duby said.

"My dad was a call firefighter for about 20 years, so I grew up in a lifestyle of being surrounded by it and growing up seeing him do this, so I think as I got older, I decided I wanted something more challenging and helping people, so I just kind of slowly found a passion for it," Duby said. "Now, it's probably one of the things I love the most."

Fire service is a new career for Duby, who came from a decade-long culinary career.

"Being in that career for 10 years, I was looking for something new and better and felt a little bit more me," Duby said. "That's when I decided to transition into a new career and follow in my dad's footsteps and become a firefighter."

Duby said that her father was "floored" when she decided to become a firefighter.

"He always says how proud of me he is, he's excited I decided to make this my full-time career," Duby said.

Duby will continue her full-time duties at the Monson Fire Department, and Western Mass. Fire Training Academy continues to offer firefighter certification training throughout the year.



Posing proudly after awarding Duby her certificate, (from left) Chief Brian Harris, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Duby, and Captain Lisa Hamill.

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Boys soccer set for another deep run



Boys soccer coach Greg Kolodziej is back on the field after a serious health event that occurred last year.

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys soccer team is a perennial powerhouse, and the boys don't expect any different this fall. Ludlow boys soccer started practicing last Monday and they are hoping to be prepared for a big opener, taking on one of their toughest rivals in Longmeadow at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Mike Mariani pops up a pass.



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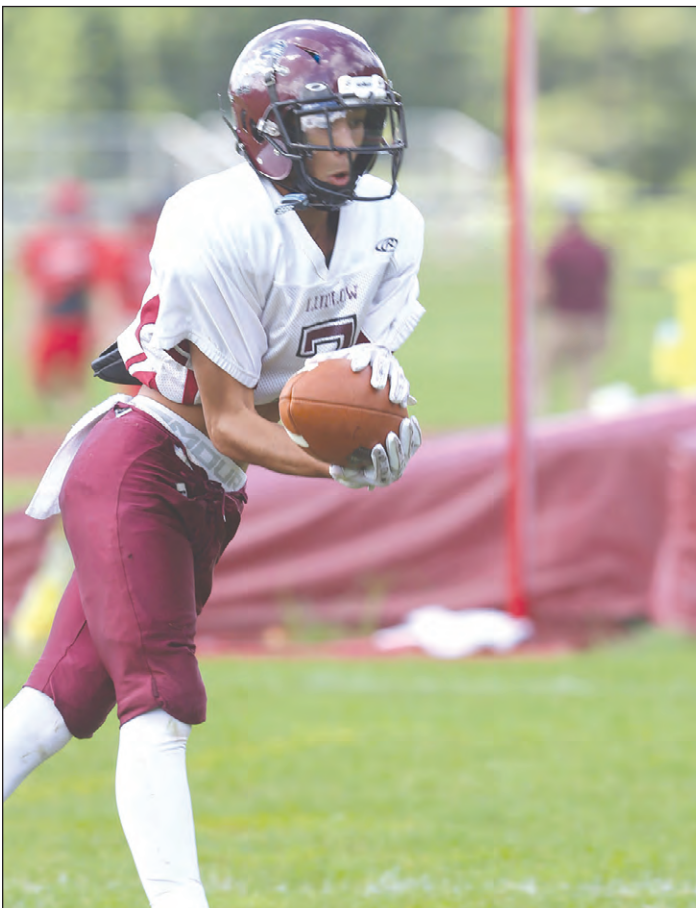
Lucas Alvan makes a quick pass.



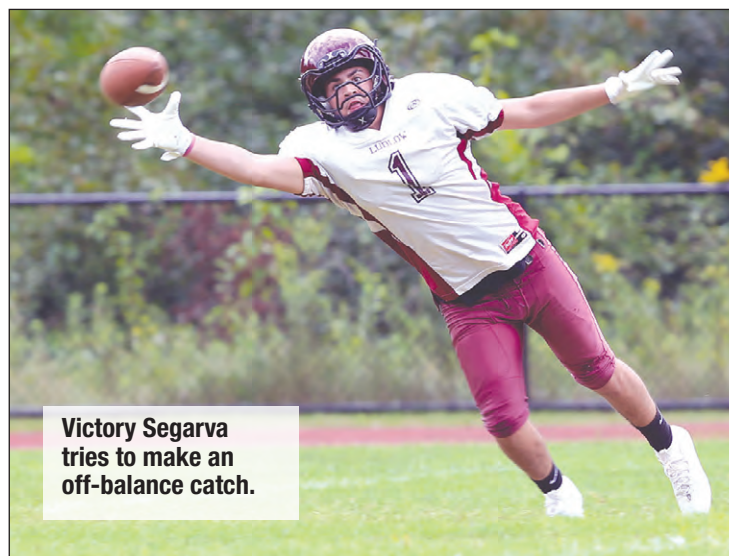
Evan Dias kicks the ball away.

Lions looking to make a push for playoffs

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School football team made the playoffs a few years ago after a long drought. This year, they hope to do it again. The Lions will face Agawam in a scrimmage prior to their season opener, which this year will be at home against Central Mass.' Quaboag Regional High School at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8.



Davian Rodriguez holds on to the ball and tries to stay inbounds.



Victory Segarva tries to make an off-balance catch.

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Cruz Guzman makes a throw.



Josh Marino makes a run.

Kennedy looks for new additions to Tri-County next season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—While Mike Kennedy was a three-sport athlete at Holyoke High School forty years ago, his favorite sport has always been baseball.

Kennedy was a member of Holyoke's 1985 state championship baseball team.

"We defeated Boston College High School in the Division 1 baseball state finals," said Kennedy, who played first base. "It was a fun experience, especially being a group of city kids. Baseball has always been my favorite sport."

Holyoke, who defeated B.C. High, 4-2, in the state championship game, finished the 1985 season with a 24-1 record. They squeaked a 1-0 victory over Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. finals.

After graduating from High School, Kennedy was a member of the PeoplesBank baseball team in the Tri-County League for the twenty four years. During that time,

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Ludlow 2023 fall varsity schedule

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Quaboag	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Smith Voc	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Away	Belchertown	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Putnam	8 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Home	Pittsfield	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Away	South Hadley	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Home	Taonic	12:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27	Away	Chicopee	6 p.m.
Nov. 3/4	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 10/11	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 23	Away	Palmer	10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	Minnechaug	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Away	Wt Springfield	7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Home	Belchertown	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Away	E Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Home	Longmeadow	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9	Home	W Springfield	11 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Away	Belchertown	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	E Longmeadow	6:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	Monument Mountain	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18	Home	Agawam	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Away	Leominster	2 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 6	Home	W Springfield	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Away	Belchertown	7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11	Away	Minnechaug	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Away	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Away	E Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Home	Westfield	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	W Springfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Home	Belchertown	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Away	Monson	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Home	Tantasqua	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	E Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	Away	South Hadley	1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Away	Westfield	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.

GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 31	Home	TBD	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Southwick	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Home	E Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Home	South Hadley	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	W Springfield	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Minnechaug	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Away	Pope Francis	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	Southwick	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	TBD	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	Northampton	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Away	West Springfield	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Home	Palmer	3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Pope Francis	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Home	Westfield	3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Belchertown	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Home	Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Away	Agawam	3 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Home	Northampton	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Away	Chicopee Compe	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Chicopee	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Home	Belchertown	3:45 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Home	Northampton	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Away	Chicopee Comp	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Chicopee	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Home	Belchertown	3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Sept. 6	Home	Agawam	5:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Away	Pittsfield	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Wahconah	6:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Lee	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Amherst	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Away	Chicopee Comp	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	Mt. Greylock	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Home	Belchertown	5:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	W Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Away	Agawam	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Turners Falls	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Home	Pittsfield	6:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Home	Wahconah	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Away	Lee	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Home	Chicopee Comp	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	Mt. Greylock	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19	Home	W Springfield	5:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	Home	Frontier	6:15 p.m.

Owls picked fifth in preseason poll

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University football has been picked to finish seventh in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference in the league's annual preseason coaches' poll.

Westfield finished with 19 points. Defending conference champion UMass Dartmouth headed the poll with 63 points and seven of the nine first place votes. Coaches may not vote for their own teams in the polling process.

The Corsairs were followed by Bridgewater State with 53 points, WestConn with 47 points and one first place vote, and Framingham State with 46 points and the other first-place vote. Plymouth State was fifth with 41 points, followed by Mass Maritime (29 points).

Westfield ranked ahead of Worcester State (19) and Fitchburg State (10).

The Owls return a solid nucleus of veterans, which includes leading rusher Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.), quarterbacks Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) and Colby Pires (Milford, Mass.).

On the defensive side, top tackler Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass.) and defensive lineman Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) headline a large group of returnees in the front seven.

The Owls have been in preseason camp since Aug. 11. They will kick off the regular season with a non-conference game at Anna Maria on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 12 noon.

Foursomes needed for charity golf tournament

AGAWAM – Registration and signups are currently open and underway for the Sixth Annual "Shoot Fore The Stars To Cure Cancer" Golf Tournament to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. In the first five years, the event has raised over \$15,000 for cancer research.

The four-person scramble event will take place on Monday, Sept. 18 at Win-

tonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, CT. The event will be an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be prizes up for grabs (Closest to Pin/Long Drive) along with a putting contest. Entry fee covers golf, lunch and dinner.

Please contact ShootFOREtheStarstoCureCancer@gmail.com more information. We hope you can join us.

TRI-COUNTY from Page 9

PeoplesBank won eight Tri-County League championship titles.

Kennedy recently completed his first season as the President of the prestigious Tri-County League. He took over the reins from Don LaValley.

"This is my first year as the league President," Kennedy said. "I think it was a very successful season."

Kennedy has received a lot of support and his right hand man is Eric Emet

"Eric has been a very big help to me," Kennedy said. "He has kept my head above water in my first year as President."

In his role as the T.C.L. President, Kennedy presented the 2023 championship trophy to PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry.

Top-seeded PeoplesBank didn't have very much trouble sweeping second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in the best of three championship series.

PeoplesBank captured the T.C.L. championship title for the tenth consecutive year, and for the 18th time since 1995.

While PeoplesBank has been the dominant team in the T.C.L. during the past 30 years, there were only five other teams in the league this summer.

Kennedy is looking to add a few more teams before the start of the 2024 season.

"My main goal is to add a few more teams," Kennedy said. "I would like to have at least ten teams in our league during the

next couple of years. I want this league to get back to where it used to be."

The three teams that dropped out of the T.C.L. following the 2022 season were Pa'Lante, Easthampton and Teddy's Bear Pool.

On a positive note, 413ATC was a first-year member of the T.C.L. this summer. They finished in third place behind PeoplesBank and the Chicopee Falls Tigers in the regular season standings. They were swept by the Tigers in the semifinals.

"The 413 team had a bunch of young players," Kennedy said. "For being a first-year team in this league, I thought they had a very good season."

Kennedy is hoping more of the high school and Legion baseball players will join the Tri-County League during the next couple of years.

"What we really need to do is to get the younger baseball players from the area to play in this league," he said. "Most of our current players are older."

The other three T.C.L. teams this summer were St. Joesph's, DiFranco Realty, and the Longmeadow Cardinals.

The Tri-County League teams play their games on some of the best kept baseball fields in Western Massachusetts.

PeoplesBank homefield is MacKenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

The Chicopee Falls Tigers play their home games at historic Szot Park.

The 413ATC home field was at Westfield State University and St. Joesph's has played their home games at St. Joe's Ballpark in Thorndike for many years.

"All of our baseball fields are high quality," Kennedy said. "Most of the fields have lights, which is always a bonus."

While PeoplesBank will be looking to add another championship title to their collection in 2024, all the other Tri-County League teams will be looking to knock them off the top of the mountain.

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OBITUARIES



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Jesse Cotto shows off his 1997 Honda Civic LX customized to raise awareness for autism during The Car Club New England Inc. Annual Car Show at the Chicopee Moose Lodge 1849.

CAR SHOW from Page 1

puis said.

Dupuis got involved in the organization when he used to run a car show at the Springfield Armory while serving in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

When a local car club considered shutting down, Dupuis was asked to take over and has run it since.

"So it just kind of happened based off of a car show," Dupuis said.

Dupuis came to Chicopee seven years earlier and connected with Bob Gallagher, who mentored him on running car shows, later joining the Moose Lodge last year.

"It's a good venue, the people are great, the people are established," Dupuis said. "We've done a lot of stuff in Chicopee, in the local area, supporting small businesses, things like that, and small businesses have supported us, so we always want to give back to the areas that take care of us."

John Gardner is a member of The Car Club of New England and has taken part in car shows for many years, bringing his 2013 Corvette 3LT Yellow to the event.

Gardner also helps run the Knights of Columbus Elder Council 69 Cruise Nights on Wednesdays from 5 - 8:30 p.m.

"I only have 20,000 miles on it. I try to do something different every year to customize it to the way I like it, and I dress it up like Lightning McQueen so the kids like it," Gardner said.

Gardner enjoys the car shows to meet fellow enthusiasts and see other cars.

"Sometimes you can get ideas for your own car, you know, from other people and then it's meeting the people, talking to everybody," Gardner said.

Jesse Cotto had a 1997 Honda Civic LX

A 2013 Corvette 3LT Yellow dressed up like Lightning McQueen to entertain families during the The Car Club New England Inc. Annual Car Show



Jeff Bertrand of Go Green Designs holds up a can designed with The Car Club New England Inc. logo during the The Car Club New England Inc. Annual Car Show at the Chicopee Moose Lodge 1849.



customized for autism awareness in honor of his nephew and grandchildren.

Cotto is part of Da Click Auto Club in Springfield and was invited to the event by Dupuis.

"My main goal is as long as I put a smile on a kid's face, that's my trophy. I don't come to win. It's daily driven, I never put her away. It's take her, drive her, go to work and any show that she can make it to, we bring her out, but my main thing is I see the kids smile and that's good enough for me," Cotto said.

Cotto wants the community to know the importance of supporting local communities at the car shows.

"The whole point is supporting local communities. Help out our kids, that's the only way we're going to expand and the kids are going to have better futures. We can't do it all on our own, sometimes we got to reach out," Cotto said. "It's better for us to come together even if we're different backgrounds, different cars, different clubs. Unity is what's going to keep us in the long run to be able to help out kids."

Jeffrey Coelho, 56

LUDLOW - Jeffrey Coelho, 56, of Ludlow passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family in Hadley on Saturday, August 26, 2023 after a long battle with melanoma.



He was the beloved son of the late Manuel Coelho, Jr. and survived by mother Mary Coelho (Monteiro). Jeff leaves his loving daughters, Alyssa Coelho and Avery Coelho, life partner Sara Golon Gladu and her daughters, Brianna Gladu and Audrey Bohl, her husband Matt, loving siblings Karen Ferreira, Sandra Polom and her husband Francis, and Kevin Coelho and his wife Dana. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many well-loved friends.

He graduated from Ludlow High School, Captain of his Soccer Team, Class of 1985, and Southern New Hampshire with a degree in Management Information Systems. Jeff spent his career as a Technology Leader at MassMutual and DXC Technologies. He was well respected in his industry and very passionate about his work. Jeff was an avid soccer player, coach, and fan. He volunteered for many years for the Ludlow Youth Soccer Association (LYSA). He was a member of the Western Mass Liverpool Reds Fan Club. He loved family vacations at the beach, biking and hiking with friends, and making endless memories with his daughters.

Funeral services for Jeffrey will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Family and friends are asked to gather directly at St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham for a 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Christian Mass, after church his burial will be held privately by his family. Visiting hours for Jeff will be held at Ludlow Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Jeff's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Haq and his team at the Dana-Farber Cancer Center for the exceptional care he received there. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Jeff's name to: Dr. Haq's Melanoma Research at this website: https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?team_id=4747&fr_id=1200&pg=team. For additional information and online condolences please visit: Ludlowfuneralhome.com

Elaine J. (Ptaszekiewicz) Murphy, 69,

PEABODY - Elaine J. (Ptaszekiewicz) Murphy, 69, of Peabody, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, after a brave battle with cancer. Born in Springfield, MA to the late Theodore and Jane (Burek) Ptaszekiewicz, Elaine grew up in Indian Orchard, and was a graduate of Springfield Commerce High School class of 1971. Elaine relocated to the North Shore 15 years ago to be closer to her daughter Erin.



She worked for Bay State Medical Center in Springfield for 30 years, and then for Mass General Brigham for the past 15 years; first at NS Physicians Group and then Partners Health Care at Home.

Elaine loved to travel, meet up with friends, enjoyed wine tastings, and reading. Most especially, she loved spending time with her family; her daughter Erin and granddaughter Sonya, and her siblings.

Elaine is survived by her daughter Erin and her fiancé Alex Saltzman of Peabody, her granddaughter Sonya, her siblings and their spouses; Mildred Metcalf, Dorothy McGuire, Irene Zaranek, Eugene Ptaszekiewicz, Sandra Moquin, Linda Banas, Susan Mitchell, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her siblings; JoAnn Melikian, Vera Dunn, Thomas Ptaszekiewicz, Robert Ptaszekiewicz, Elizabeth Soja, James Ptaszekiewicz and Kenneth Ptaszekiewicz.

Memorial Visitation for Elaine will take place on Thursday August 31, 2023 from 4-6PM at SOLIMINE FUNERAL HOME, 426 Broadway (Rt129) Lynn, with a memorial service at 5:30PM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Online guestbook at www.Solimine.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Coelho, Jeffrey
Died
August 26, 2023
Funeral
August 31, 2023

Murphy (Ptaszekiewicz), Elaine J.
Died
August 19, 2023
Funeral
August 31, 2023

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**Town of Ludlow, MA
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 bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd fl.

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 *

Time: 8:00 PM

Applicant: Planning Board

Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA

*If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be

rescheduled to the Thursday, September 28, 2023 Planning Board meeting, as the last hearing.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection on the Planning Board web site: <https://www.ludlow.ma.us/243/Documents-for-Review> and in the Planning Department Office and Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following:

SECTION III: GENERAL USE REGULATIONS 3.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS delete 3.0.2 Existing Uses Not Affected. Delete 3.0.3 Obstruction at Street

Intersection and replace with Visibility at Street Intersections and Driveways Street Entries with new text and Figure 1. Amend 3.0.4 Fences, adding in "excluding shrubs/shrubbery" and "All chain link or cyclone fences shall be installed with the barbed edge face down" and deleting crossed out text.

SECTION IV: DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS: 4.0 GENERAL DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS by adding "*For further clarification see Definitions Section X." Add Diagram 4.0.1 and Diagram 4.0.1.1 to Section 4.0.1. Add Diagram 4.0.7 and Diagram 4.0.7.1 to Section 4.0.7. Add Diagram 4.0.8 to Section 4.0.8. 4.4 MILL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MRD) Bylaw 4.4.10 Site Plan Approval

Process by deleting from a.1. "and one member" and "of the Board of Public Works."

SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS, 6.12 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ON ESTATE LOTS 11. Estate Lot Example by deleting existing Diagram and replace with new Diagram.

SECTION VII: LAND USE REVIEW METHODS: 7.1 SITE PLAN APPROVAL 7.1.3 Exemptions From Site Plan Approval c. by changing "use" to "occupancy" and adding in "The application will require a sign-off from the Building Commissioner, to ensure that the change will comply with the Massachusetts State Building Code."

SECTION VIII: ADMINISTRATION: 8.1 ENFORCEMENT 8.1.1

remove "Inspector" replace with "Commissioner or their designee, hereafter referred to as the Building Official." Remove "He" replace with "The Building Official" remove "of which" replace with "that" and remove "all respects in." Section 8.1.3 remove "Inspector" replace with "Official." 8.2 CONDITIONS OF CONSTRUCTION. 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 Remove and replace entire sections. Remove DIAGRAMS from BACK OF BOOK: TABLE OF CONTENTS: And remove DIAGRAMS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in back on the Zoning Bylaw.

SECTION X: DEFINITIONS delete the existing Diagram references from FRONT YARD, FRONTAGE, LOT WIDTH, REAR YARD and SIDE YARD and replacing with new Diagram section num-

bers. Add SECTION XI: Moratorium on Large-Scale Solar Battery Storage and Large-Scale Battery Storage. Raymond Phoenix Chairman 08/30, 09/06/2023

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
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50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD23P1738EA
Estate of:**

**Maria Helena Fernandes
Also known as:
Maria H Fernandes**

Date of Death: 07/09/2022

**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Carlos A.C Fernandes 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: **Carlos A.C Fernandes of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **without surety** on the bond in **unsupervised 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 09/15/2023.**

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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ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
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CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 17, 2023

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FOR ALL AGES

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Keep on reading!!

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FOR ADULTS

The Happy Hour Book Club discusses "Small Things" by Claire Keegan, Thursday August 31, 6:30 p.m. The "Happy Hour Book Club" meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30

p.m.. New members are always welcome.

The "Who Picked This Book?" book club discusses "Here's to Us" by Elin Hildebrandt, Thursday September 7, 3:30 p.m.

The "Who Picked This Book?" book club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

Adult Diamond Painting: Bookmarks, Monday September 11, 10:00 a.m. Join us to make your very own bookmark out of "diamonds." Please register.

FOR TEENS

Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (9/5 & 9/9), 6:00-8:00 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. Free pizza is generously donated by Domino's of Wilbraham. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Anime Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. Please register.

The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Tween Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to discuss graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading Alice Osemon's "Heartstopper", copies of which are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-4:30 p.m. This group is for experienced high school players and has room for 2 new players this fall. Please register.

The Read Between the Lines YA Book Group discusses "The Inheritance Games" by Jennifer Barnes, Friday September 8, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Copies of each month's book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 p.m. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Minecraft Club, Starting Saturday September 9 this group will meet on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

FOR CHILDREN

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. Join Youth Services Librarian

July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

You and Me in Music For Babies & Toddlers, Wednesdays in September, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join us for this dynamic program led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 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.

September Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays in September, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Come join us for stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Drop-In Outdoor Storytime, Fridays during the summer, 12:00-12:30 p.m. Best for ages 2-5, we meet on the library lawn. Will cancel due to bad weather, check Facebook for updates.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COMPANY PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.07(3) the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) intends to apply herbicides on its 5.2 mile 345 kV transmission line in Ludlow, MA to control undesirable vegetation. The herbicide application will be in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture approved Vegetation Management Plan, approved Yearly Operational Plan and the Rights of Way Regulations (333 CMR 11.00).

Date(s) of Application: September 30, 2023

Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after said dates.

Herbicide(s) to be used:

Herbicide	EPA Reg#	Rate
Rodeo Concentrate	62719-324	4%
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Method of Application:

Low pressure, selective foliar treatment

Purpose of Application: The purpose of this herbicide application is the control of vegetation and establishment of standard operating procedures to ensure the safe and uninterrupted electric service through its transmission line. Physical and visual access must also be maintained to permit routine and emergency line maintenance and operations. Vegetation management along the ROW is also necessary to reduce the likelihood of a fire.

Contact Person: Louis Gilli EH&S Engineer
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company
327 Moody Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
413-308-1259

08/30/2023

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, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Marcelo Sousa of 38 Cypress Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15A, Parcel 429) for: **home office for house painting business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman

08/30, 09/06/2023

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, September 14, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Joshua Block of 45 Hunter Road, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 17D, Parcel

34F) for: **home-based communications consulting.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 28, 2023

Raymond Phoenix
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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 **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** on the application of Liza Larose for the property located at 632 Moore Street, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 33, Parcel 48, Zoning: Agricultural) The subject of the hearing is a special permit for a proposed 744 square foot detached garage to be located on the property which would exceed the maximum percentage of square footage allowed for an accessory structure. The applicant is seeking relief from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw under Section 3.3.1.

Manny Lopes, Chairman
08/23, 08/30/2023

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COMING SOON

The Polanie Club will hold a meeting Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the Polish Americans Club, 355 East St. All members are encouraged to attend.

THE POLANIE CLUB WILL HOLD SPOTLIGHT ON BEAUTIFUL FASHIONS, Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Ludlow Country club. Doors will open at 11 a.m., lunch will be served by Noon. There is a choice of entrée, Chicken Francaise, roast port tenderloin, and grilled salmon. \$48 a plate and is reserved seating. To reserve a plate please send a check payable to POLANIE CLUB and mail to: Ms Denise Meyers, 14 Glen Albyn St., Springfield, MA 01104 specify Meal Choice Information please call: Denise-413 563-7464, Stacy- 413-593-1173, Dianne-413-214-3822, Jeanne-413-589-0366 or Sophie-413-540-9877.

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FARM FRESH: Come to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday all summer and early fall for free fruit and vegetables. Registration is required. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

SENIOR BINGO: Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

THRIFT SHOP: Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

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 indianorchard-citizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year.

For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-3564.

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 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

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

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are

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

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

UPCOMING TRIPS

Nashville and the Smokey Mountain Christmas: Enjoy the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame, plus the show and extravagant holiday decorations of Dollywood, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, Gatlinburg and Biltmore, the Vanderbilt Mansion in Asheville, N.C., Nov. 29-Dec. 6. Contact Jim Martin at jameslmartin47@gmail.com or 413-583-6339.

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the Committee plans to hold next year will be the parade, which is scheduled for June 15 at 10 a.m., heading from Town Hall to Memorial Park.

"Those funds, we're hoping, will cover the cost of some of those bands, of the music and the parade," Ouimette said, "and then, of course, a lot of the funds will cover the picnic, so that's going to be an all-day event right after the parade around 12:30 p.m. that will go on until about 10-11 p.m. There will be food trucks, town restaurants, including the high school and nonprofits like Celebrate Ludlow, a kid carnival area for the kids with old-fashioned carnival games.

"We'll also have craft vendors there and we're going to have other nonprofits selling their wares, like the First Church, Taco-in-the-Bag, the Lions Club will do hot dogs and hamburgers, and things like that," Ouimette said.

"We want nonprofits to come in and make a profit for themselves—this is the perfect opportunity for them to raise money for their organizations."

"Please show your pride for the town of Ludlow by coming out to play golf," the Committee added.

For businesses and individuals looking for another way to show their support, the 250th Committee invites people to sponsor a hole for \$100. The Committee is also looking for raffle prizes, such as gift cards, bottles of liquor, and raffle baskets, and has invited volunteers to contact them and sign up to help with the event.

"The more, the merrier," Ouimette said.

To register a team, contact Paul Chazan at 413-636-1527, or email ludlowma250@gmail.com. The deadline for registrations is Sep. 1.

For more information, contact Kathy Ouimette at 413-244-0371, or email the Committee at ludlowma250@gmail.com.

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A Church of the Nazarene
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OTHER PROGRAMS

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TUESDAYS at 7 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study WEDNESDAYS at 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Meeting Hank Bastos, Leader, 413-348-6487

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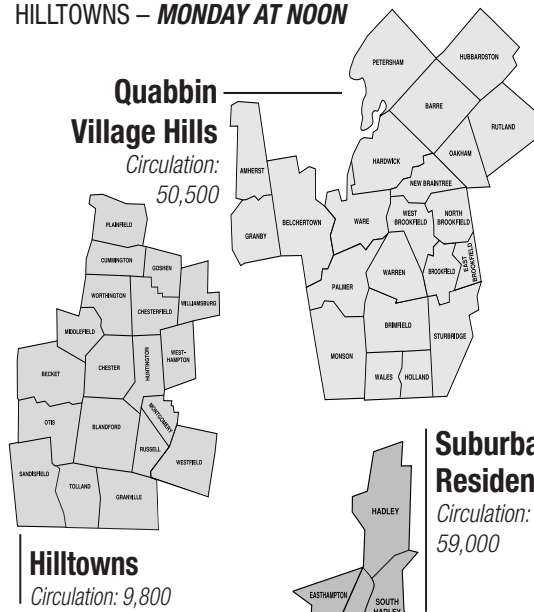
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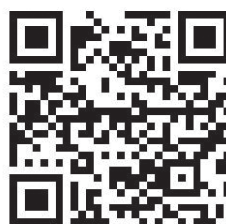
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