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FESTA 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish a success

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LUDLOW – Beginning on Aug. 28 through Sep. 1, Our Lady of Fatima Parish hosted Festa 2025 for the annual Labor Day weekend celebrating the anniversary and dedication to Our Lady of Fatima. With five days of food, music, and thousands of people gathering for a candle light procession, the town was full of love and energy.

Held on the grounds of the parish across from the Senior Center, the Festa began on Thurs. evening and held shows throughout the start of the weekend, with Sat. offering the holy rosary, a vigil mass, and fireworks to end the night. On Sun. morning around the outdoor chapel, the parish held a holy rosary, an open air holy mass, and the candlelight procession and rosary presided by Auxiliary Bishop of Boston Most Reverend Cristiano Barbosa.

Offering an ample amount of activities, games, food and drinks, and definitely music for the masses, Festa held a calming essence on the morning of Sun. Aug. 31 when Department



Office Secretary of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Isabel Magalhães, with Department Heads for Religious Articles at Festa Aelena Ganhao and Judy Ribeiro, who've been working at Festa for over 25 years.

ment Heads for Religious Articles at Festa and cousins Aelena Ganhao and Judy Ribeiro shared how special this festival is to their faith and traditions.

Underneath the religious articles tent with curious onlookers and buyers, Ribeiro shared that their duties as department heads is to get the volunteers, stock and order the religious articles, and communicate with

the surrounding religious places for inventory in the area. Ganhao explained that everyone at Festa has their own station and tent they are in charge of.

For Festa, Ganhao shared that for the Labor Day weekend it takes over 250 volunteers to make this event as smooth as possible.

Ribeiro commented, "Our husbands help us out a lot to set up, get the items

out; now with the candle procession tonight, we have 2,700 candles already made and bring back everything from the stock room and to help us out. This is our biggest event."

"It's a rush, everyone wants a candle before the procession and after the afternoon mass, they rush to get here," said Ganhao.

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Brennan takes over as provisional police chief

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LUDLOW – On Sep. 3, Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan met to discuss his beginnings in the police force, why it's important to be present as a police department, and what it means to be a provisional police chief.

Speaking with Brennan in the department's conference room, he reviewed the success of Festa and how the festival went for the town, while also sharing how the transition period has been following the retirement of Police Chief Daniel Valadas.

"Right after the chief retired, we went right into the Festa weekend and it went pretty well overall. The event was well attended with great weather. The event committee for the Festa do a great job in planning, the security has increased and we get a lot of comments that the police are visible and proactive," Brennan said.

Brennan attended Western New England University studying criminal justice, eventually earning his master's degree, while at the same time serving in the ROTC program (United States Army Reserve Officer Training Corps) receiving commission.

Beginning as a second lieutenant as a commissioned officer, "I had the background of not just the criminal justice



Turley photo by Amanda Munson
Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan of the Ludlow Police Department celebrated 24 years in the department this past Aug.

background, but the leadership training I received from the United States Army. I thought that it would be helpful to me working as a police officer and it really was, it was one of the best decisions I made in school as I had both backgrounds. I started off at the Monson Police Department as a civilian dispatcher, then eventually I was able to attend the Special Police Academy for reserve intermittent officers, and then the full time academy. I worked for the Southampton Police Department as my first full-time job, and eventually I came here to Ludlow."

Mentioning that Ludlow is a Civil Service department, having to take the test and get on the Civil Service

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Paul R. Baird Middle School hosts open house

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LUDLOW – During the evening of Sep. 4, families of Paul R. Baird Middle School were invited to follow their student's schedule throughout each period and experience a snapshot of what a typical day looks like for them. Driving into the parking area of the middle school, the school site was packed with cars and when the families got closer to the entrance, they were happily greeted by middle school volunteers.

Walking through the school, the bell would ring and each classroom would file out into the hallway and follow their student to the next classroom.

Meeting with Paul R. Baird Middle School Principal Jason Taylor, he stated



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
This group composed of Tyler Dinis, Moses Estruda, Brianna Allen, Jillian Charron, and Caitlyn Sylvestre were excited to be featured in the paper on open house night!

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DPW updates Select Board with ongoing projects

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LUDLOW – On Sep. 2, the DPW updated the Select Board and stated the trash program has been going very well with minimal complaints. Chairman Manuel Silva commented, "I've gotten nothing but thanks for the trash program, everybody has been happy since the last three years, everyone who I've seen."

DPW stated no complaints from USA Trash and Recycling group about residents taking care of the old barrels, hoping that the trash program continues and progresses.

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Meet East St. Elementary's new principal, Christine Limoges

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LUDLOW – "I've landed home at East St. Elementary." In the last week of Aug. and the first week of school, East St. Elementary School welcomed Christine Limoges as the new principal, following Principal Thomas Welch who has now retired. Meeting the parents and seeing the families walking into the classrooms for the first time, Limoges smiled proudly while receiving

several hugs and introductions before the first day of school.

Sitting down with Limoges to learn more about what led her to a career in education, she shared that her first job in 2003 inspired her to become one from her own principal. Describing her principal as being an extremely dynamic woman who was constantly around every corner supporting the teachers and students, Limoges shared how supported she felt from her own principal.

"My old principal Nelly de Carvalho always had our backs; she made it fun but was also demanding. She ensured that we were doing the best jobs for students and always having that in the forefront that we were doing everything in honor of students. I adored and looked up to her and that's why I became principal. She is an amazing per-



East St. Elementary Principal Christine Limoges

son. I started my teaching career in the Holy Name in Springfield. Our saying was putting kids first, that's our goal and we are here in schools because of students. We must make sure that every decision that's being made is being made in honor of students."

Residing in Easthampton with her husband Michael of 39 years, who are parents

of two sons and five grandchildren, Limoges personal mantra is 'I am here for you' in which she states is the foundation of how she leads in life. Holding degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Master's in Elementary Education, Limoges began as a classroom teacher in first and fourth grade, later transitioning into an instructional coach role, Director of Teaching and Learning at the district level and most recently serving as assistant principal and Special Educa-

tion Supervisor.

When asked about what made her choose East St., Limoges continued, "I've been looking for many years for the right place for me and Ludlow has always been a town that I've gone through and liked. It always felt like a tight-knit community, I had a few friends when I worked in Springfield that worked in Ludlow, I went to a Portuguese wedding here and it was

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Survival Center hosts 'Stock the Shelves' food drive at Randall's Farm

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INDIAN ORCHARD — “Protein food is needed at this time like tuna, beans, soups with meat, eggs, powdered milk, and red meat.” On Saturday, Aug. 30, the Community Survival Center based in Indian Orchard held a food drive at Randall's Farm in hopes to bring in 4,000 pounds of food for the center. Handing out flyers stating that the center's shelves are almost empty, the center requests people to bring in non-perishable food and fresh produce to help serve the communities in need.

Board Secretary of the Community Survival Center Gloria Bourbeau was volunteering at the food drive with her husband Gary Bourbeau, who both were stationed at the exit of the store receiving cash and food supplies from customers, happily working together with other volunteers to make the day as smooth as possible.

Beginning at the center as a volunteer in the backroom, Gloria shared that the chairman of the center's board of directors approached and requested her to be on the board.

“That was about ten to fifteen years ago, things went on and I've stayed with it. As a secretary, I am responsible for getting the notes out, that's about it. I also have the job of volunteering once a week, so I go in and do whatever they want me to do. I've done a whole bunch of stuff, but lately I have been in the pantry where I take all the donations that come in, look at them for the due date, and put them on the shelf where they belong.”

When asked about the center and if she could describe it to those who may



Board Secretary Gloria Bourbeau accompanied with Knights of Columbus and husband Gary Bourbeau at the food drive.

not be aware of what the center does, Gloria repeated the name of the center.

“I think the name describes everything, survival. It's for people who are in tough straits and just need a little bit of help, support, and a lift. We have people come in once every other month on a regular basis and just get whatever food they need. And then we are opened to people on a one-shot deal, some who may have lost their job, been thrown out of their apartment, or had to move for another reason. We even had people at one time who were living in their car, and they came in for help, so the survival part tells exactly what we do in the community.”

Gloria explained that the center tries to maintain their ties within the community like with the police force, the banks, the businesses, and the people within the community. Serving over five communities, maintaining a thrift shop with the purpose

of making affordable clothing for everyone, whilst ensuring the center continues to feed the communities, Gloria's most memorable moment was finding a winter coat for someone who was in desperate need of warmth.

“It made my day, and it made my week because they really needed this coat. They had come in with a sweater and that was all they had; it was in the middle of January. And so, it felt good, and the center is not a classy looking place, it's small but there's a warmth and a kindness that I see with the staff. The people coming in respond to that and you know occasionally, somebody will be in an anxious mood, and our staff will help them, and they do such a beautiful job. I am so glad to be connected with this place and because my time is my own, I could go anywhere and ask if I could volunteer, but I love volunteering at the survival center because I know the people and I know in their



Since 1983, the Community Survival Center hopes to be the bridge of hope to the hungry and homeless, serving 16 Acres, Hampden, Indian Orchard, Ludlow, and Wilbraham.



Set up right in front of the entrance of Randall's Farm, the volunteers were accepting cash donations in hopes to help serve the communities, which is also the best source of support for the center according to a volunteer.

hearts that they're just kind people.”

The survival center is equipped with freezers and a refrigerator for donations. Gloria reiterated that the cen-

ter is always looking for protein food and the summer is the hardest season for food pantries due to the lack of food programs in school.

The Community Surviv-

al Center is located at 240 Main St., Indian Orchard. Visit the website, communitysurvivalcenter.org and browse the 'Resource Links' page for helpful links.

Beer and wine tasting event Sept. 26

LUDLOW—Are you ready for a fun evening of socializing, entertainment, finger food, beer and wine?

Please join the “Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center” and the FESTA Committee for our first Beer & Wine Tasting. We are looking to bring folks together while raising funds for the “Friends of the Ludlow

Senior Center” and the FESTA Committee.

Music will be provided by Ric and Amy Acoustic. Ric Tereso and Amy Tosi are a duo from Emotion and play top 40, country, 80's music and so much more. Please bring cash as there will be basket raffle with many wonderful prizes!

The Beer & Wine Tasting

will take place on Friday, Sept. 26 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall at 438 Winsor Street from 6 to 9 p.m.

The price for the tickets are \$25 and \$20 for Seniors 60 and over.

Please call Kathy Hurley Ouimette at 413-589-7994 for tickets and more information. Looking forward to see you all there.

Ludlow Senior Center offers Compass & Anchor Initiative program

The Compass & Anchor Initiative is a free program designed to support caregivers of those with Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory challenges through education, group support, and valuable resources. Throughout the next year and beyond, we will be having public and private educational presen-

tations, meeting privately with caregivers, providing educational workshops, and will have products available to help reduce the frustration that comes with caregiving.

This program is grant-funded by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging.

To officially kick off the start of our program for caregivers, Compass & Anchor Initiative, we will be facilitating the first of two

sessions on September 23rd at 5:30pm. Laura Lavoie from Our Dementia Life will share practical tools to help caregivers navigate caregiving.

Whether they have just received a diagnosis, are noticing early signs that something may be changing, or are further along in their caregiving journey, this free program will provide much-needed help and support.



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Library hosts info session on feral cats

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LUDLOW – At the Hubbard Memorial Library the Ludlow Animal Control, Halfway Home Cat Rescue, and the Best Friends Animal Society collaborated and presented ‘Turning the Page on Community Cats’ to inform residents and neighboring towns on the issues with community cats. In the evening of Sep. 4, President of Halfway Home Cat Rescue Robin Fiskaa presented with Regional Strategist of Best Friends Animal Society Erica Chandler and Ludlow Animal Control Officer and Animal Health Inspector Octavia Anderson for residents to inform them about outdoor trap management, TNR (Trap, neuter, return), and how residents can be part of the solution.

The Halfway Home Cat Rescue Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit rescue group that’s dedicated to the care and adoption of cats and kittens. The Best Friends Animal Society is the largest sanctuary in the U.S. and has become the heart of a collaborative no-kill movement, and a model for the future of animal welfare.

Fiskaa has been a teacher at Chicopee High School for 29 years and has been run-



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
President of Halfway Home Cat Rescue Robin Fiskaa, Animal Control Officer and Animal Health Inspector Octavia Anderson, with Foster Animal Parent Shawn.

ning Halfway Home Cat Rescue since 2012, but has been involved since 2002 beginning as a foster.

“We are a cat rescue and adoption organization, we are based out of the Ludlow area and used to live in Ludlow for over 20 years. We have foster homes in Western Massachusetts and as far as Worcester, we’ve also got them in Holyoke, South Hadley, Chicopee, and Westfield. We have around 20 to 30 foster homes total, they all don’t foster at the same time and we are insanely full right now. We have probably 120 cats and kittens right now. We are a rescue group that people can call with the Google number; people find kittens in the bushes or a stray cat or owner surrenders, we get

back to them right away. If anybody needs help, we are so full but I always like to help people. I always try to find a way to squeeze in whoever needs help.”

Beginning as a foster mother and kittens, Fiskaa felt like she could do more and wanted to continue the initiative the original group was doing into the Halfway Home Cat Rescue. When the past people stepped down in running the rescue group, Fiskaa was voted in and she and the group took over.

“It was all because of this one situation with this mom and babies in somebody’s shed that I was like it was an unsafe situation, and I knew the people and they agreed to let me take them. That’s how it started for me,” added Fiskaa.

Fiskaa continued speaking about the issue of community cats in the area. “If people call their animal control officers, a lot of them don’t do cats and that’s a problem, Ludlow was only dogs up until a couple of years ago.”

The term community cats are basically cats that don’t want to be handled by people; they live outdoors and if people try to help and take them inside then they get stressed out and sick. Fiskaa continued, “People should consider



Kittens named Pumpkin and Nutmeg were being picked up to be taken care of for a foster home.

fostering because it gives everybody a chance and it gets them off the street into a safe place. When they get adopted, there’s room for more cats and kittens. Fostering means they’re not in cages, people get to see their personality living in your home opposed to in a shelter setting where it’s stressful. The basic rule of three is it takes three days for a cat or dog to adjust somewhat to the household, three weeks before you should start bringing people in to meet that animal, and three months before you can actually make a decision if this animal is right for me. It takes them a long time to adjust.”

Anderson continued with the presentation stating, “I’m hoping at the end of this that the people that do want to participate and help feed the feral cats take care of them, kind of bring them into their family and this will give them the tools to work with, because I definitely can’t do it alone. If somebody can trap them and take them to be spayed and release them, that’s one more cat I don’t have to worry about.”

To learn more, visit the Halfway Home Cat Rescue Inc. Facebook page and the Best Friends Animal Society website.



President of Halfway Home Cat Rescue Robin Fiskaa, Regional Strategist of Best Friends Animal Society Erica Chandler were proud to announce the kittens shown off at the presentation were all being adopted.

Notice of 75th Annual Meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club

LUDLOW—According to the bylaws 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. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

at the Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive, Ludlow, MA).

Board members, Ambassadors, volunteers, and donors of the organization are invited to participate. To RSVP, please contact Christina Yacono at (413) 583-2072, ext. 126.

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Report on the activities of the organization in the past year.
- 2) Presentation of the audited annual report for approval.
- 3) Appointment of new directors.

Fall luncheon, card & game party Sept. 25

WILBRAHAM—Fall into Fun at the Luncheon, Card & Game Party sponsored by the Wilbraham Women’s Club, Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Saint Cecilia Parish Center located at 42 Main St. in Wilbraham. Check-in begins at

11:30 a.m. with a delicious luncheon served at noon.

Bring friends and come to play any game of your choice (dominoes, mahjong, bridge, canasta, scrabble, etc.).

Donation is \$10 and there will be a raffle for

cash prizes.

Proceeds help to fund our scholarships and donations to charitable organizations in the area.

For reservations, please call Sue Agnew, 596-9480. Hope you will join us for a fun afternoon.

9/11 Memorial Mass to be held Sept. 11 at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica

CHICOPEE—The Annual Deanery-wide Memorial Mass, honoring the memory of the innocent victims and selfless heroes who perished in the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will be offered at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica. This liturgy is spon-

sored, annually, by the Catholic parishes of Chicopee & Ludlow ~ 9/11 Memorial Mass Committee.

This year marks the 24th annual observance of the horrific events that took place on that fateful day in our nation’s history.

Please join us, as we gather, to offer our thoughts and prayers, not

only for the innocent victims, including those first responders, fire, police and emergency medical technicians who, simply, went to work on that day ... and never came home but, also, for the families and friends whom they have left behind.

Light refreshments will follow after the Mass in the vestibule of the Basilica.

Spaghetti suppers begin Sept. 9

LUDLOW—St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow will start Spaghetti Suppers again on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from September to June at the Pastoral center.

The first spaghetti supper is Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under with a \$25 max for immediate family.

Crafters wanted for Sat., Nov. 8

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality’s Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Male Eastern towhee



A Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. In a recent email he said, "Surprisingly an adult male Eastern Towhee was seen on the wildlife cam, images quite often even though I don't see him often in the yard. I haven't seen a female or juveniles this summer."

The male Eastern towhee has a black body, rufous sides, white belly and long tail with white spots. The female has a brown body. Juveniles are brown with heavy streaking.

They like dense brush, forest edges and overgrown areas; hence, why it is not always seen. This large sparrow, 7 to 8 inches long, forages on the ground, scratching through leaf litter for seeds and insects. In my first sighting of a towhee, the scratching sound alerted me to its presence.

The towhee is a ground nesting bird that can be attracted to gardens with untamed vegetation. They build an open cup nest hidden under a shrub or in dense vegetation. Its song is a "drink your tea" and a sharp "che-wink" call. They are short distance migrant, wintering in the southeastern United States, but some may linger in northern areas.

Other Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident and his wife saw a Northern flicker probing around plants in their flower bed. Coming to his birdbath are gray catbirds, adults and at least one juvenile, as well as blue jays, who come for a drink. Since he stopped feeding peanuts due to black bears, he has not seen tufted titmice, red-bellied woodpeckers, Northern cardinals or as many blue jays. Other birds that show up at the bath include chipping sparrow, female or immature; scarlet tanager, female or immature; common yellowthroat warbler; male American goldfinch; American robin and mourning dove.

Common nighthawks

The Brimfield resident said, "I sat out front for three nights recently looking for migrating common nighthawks, but was skunked, didn't see any. However two members of the Allen Bird Club reported large flights last week and this weekend. Both live west of the Connecticut River.

Helping birds

A previous column mentioned the poisoning of birds of prey when they eat rodents that ingested anti-coagulant rodenticide bait. Birds can get stuck on glue traps when used outdoors to kill rodents. The birds die or end up horribly injured. The lucky ones are taken to wildlife rehabilitators, who can often save the bird. However, they then need to spend months in care growing back feathers.

South Hadley resident

A South Hadley resident said in an email, "Cedar waxwings sound like delightful birds, I hope I can see one or more some day. I'm in the process of removing non-native and invasive plant species from my property and intend to plant berry bushes, among other things. Maybe that will entice them. Though I do have tons of pokeberry on the perimeters of my yard."

Eagles, ravens and more

My daughter, Paula, saw a bald eagle circling the Ware River by the Church Street rail trail. It was flying very low so either it was landing or just took off. She also heard a raven calling by the covered bridge and then saw it in a tree. She and her daughters saw an osprey while driving over a bridge in Rhode Island. She also had a Carolina wren on her back deck recently.

Canada geese

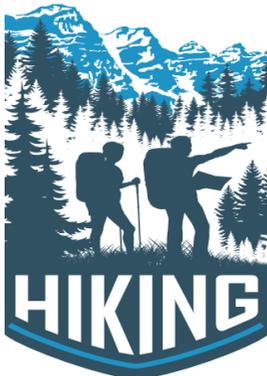
Two of my grandchildren and I saw a huge flock of Canada geese in a field in North Brookfield last Friday. I stopped to look at them and my granddaughter, Lizzie, took a photo of the geese.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing my-backyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



GUEST COLUMN

Levi's first mountain



By Julie Midura
Correspondent

I knew going into this hike that it would require a strategy. You see, our energetic 3-year-old grandson, Levi, can play outside for hours, but walking uphill for long distances isn't his strong point. Peaked Mountain in Monson is not a long or strenuous hike, but when you're not even 3 feet tall, even 475 feet of elevation gain can feel like Mt. Everest.

He started strong, making it to the frog-filled pond with ample energy, but about a third of the way to the top, he said, "Memere, pick me up."

Since carrying my 28-pound grandson to the summit was not what I had in mind, I decided to utilize every ploy in my arsenal to ensure that he would hike the trail under his own power. I implemented Ploy #1... DISTRACTION.

"Let's look for the red blazes on the trees," I said. Levi inched his way forward in search of the large red painted circles marking the trail. "I see one!" he exclaimed each time he saw a blaze. This only distracted him for a distance of three blazes, so I needed a new distraction.

I asked him if he wanted to be a big boy and use one of my trekking poles like the 'real hikers' do. His eyes lit up. I shortened one of my poles and showed him how to use it. He wrapped his tiny hand around the handle, and for the next 5 minutes, he was so busy staring at the tip of the trekking pole with each step forward that he kept tripping on it.

Whereupon he decided to use the pole for more entertaining purposes. He wielded it over his head like a light saber in order to strike every large boulder he happened upon. Then he transformed it into a javelin to pierce mushrooms with. And finally he turned it into an excavator to dig in the mud and dirt.

In between the trekking pole fun, he found boulders to climb on, rocks to throw, branches to hang from, and long sticks to drag behind him. With all of the distractions, it was slow going, but at least he was moving upward on his own 2 feet. Until, that is, the trail became steeper, and he suddenly proclaimed, "I can't do it."

It was time for Ploy #2- DISCOVERIES.

"Look, Levi! There's are



Submitted photos



more mushrooms up ahead. Let's go see them!" "What kind of animal do you think made the hole in that stump?" "Check out this stack of rocks! It's called a cairn." "Oh look! A sign! Do you want me to read it to you?"

With each step, Levi's interest was piqued, his imagination increased, and his self-confidence soared. ALL the way to the very top of the mountain, at 1,227 feet!

Levi seemed less than impressed with the views, but very excited to celebrate his victory with mini muffins and apple juice. Once he had popped the last muffin in his mouth, he was off like a rocket, exploring the summit. We allowed him the freedom to test his abilities. Levi climbed, jumped and scrambled over numerous boulders. He tripped, then righted himself. He learned what his three-year-old self was capable of.

When he asked Tom and I if we could play hide and seek, we happily obliged. Tom and I spent close to an hour taking turns hiding so that Levi could find us. However, I drew the line when he said, "I'm going to hide by myself, and you and grandpa can come find me." Sorry little man, unless you're wired with a tracker, that's not happening!

When it was finally time to head down, Levi once again asked me to carry him. So I resorted to Ploy #3... BRIBERY. "Levi, if you can

make it all the way down to the trailhead on your own two legs, we can stop for an ice cream on the way home."

Needless to say, the vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles sure hit the spot!

Spending time in nature is crucial to a child's physical health, as well as for their emotional and intellectual development. The best way for children to grow up to be healthy, well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of independence and compassion is to get them off of the screens and into nature. The benefits of outdoor play cannot be understated.

A child needs unstructured time to explore their natural environment. They need to be encouraged to play in a stream, walk through the woods, dig in the dirt, go fishing, or even climb a mountain. Many important life skills that children will need as they grow into teens and adults can be learned through outdoor activities-skills such as multi-tasking, troubleshooting, planning and prioritizing. Outdoor play also helps to build self-confidence, independence and self-esteem. It decreases stress, and increases attention, focus and motivation. I encourage every parent and grandparent to do everything you can to get the children in your life outdoors. Teaching children to appreciate our natural world and all of its wonders is one of the most amazing gifts that you can give them!

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Electronic recycling event to be held Sept. 20

LUDLOW—An electronics recycling event will be held on Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the First Church in Ludlow, located at 859 Center St. This event is held by Green Day recycling.

All towns are welcome and the event will be held rain or shine.

For a \$5 fee each you can recycle computer towers, laptops, DVD players, VCRs, small printers, stereos, radios, alarm clocks, speakers, video game consoles, table lamps, fans, hair dryers, curling irons, projectors, paper shredders, power tools, drills, cameras, clocks, trophies, frying pans, holiday lights, other small electronics.

For a \$10 fee each you can recycle small household

appliances, vacuum cleaners/roomba, toaster ovens, ceiling fans, floor lamps, air fryers, electric grills, hot plates, small radiators, keyboard pianos, coffee makers, ice makers, small garbage disposal, sewing machines, car seats.

For a \$20 fee each you can recycle flat screen computer monitors, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, water coolers, large printers/copiers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, heat lamps, artificial christmas trees, fire extinguishers, propane tanks (empty).

For a \$25 fee each you can recycle TVs up to 26," CRT monitors, outdoor grills, dorm sized refrigerators.

For a \$30 fee each you

can recycle TVs between 26" and 35," white goods, washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, large appliances, large yard equipment, treadmills, exercise equipment, snow blowers, lawn mowers, rototillers, large generators, motors, water tanks.

For a \$35 fee you can recycle TVs over 36," large refrigerators, ride-on lawn mowers.

For a \$40 fee you can recycle projection TVs.

Cash is preferred and venmo and checks accepted over \$30.

FREE to recycle are bicycles (reusable), cell phones, tablets, video game media and accessories, wires, cables, batteries, chargers, and vhs/dvd's.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

On the morning of Aug. 31, people were attending the Festa early for the Holy Rosary at the outdoor chapel, followed by an open air holy mass in Portuguese and music later in the afternoon.

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Living close to the parish, Ribeiro said that she was introduced to Festa as a teenager. "I lived only two houses away from here! Life happens and things change, but now that I am retired, I started again four years ago with my cousin (Ganhao). Her son Scott Gomes-Ganhao is the president of Festa and that gives us an incentive. We are not just volunteers; we want our church to be successful, make money for the church, but also since he's running it, a lot falls onto his shoulders. Our husbands right now are downstairs baking custard cups in the parish."

Talking about the music groups that traveled from Portugal for the five-day festival, Ribeiro stated that she's on the committee that ensures the group's stay in the area runs smoothly.

"We want them to be proud of us because we are not in Portugal. I was eight years old when I came into this country and I love the United States, but we still love going back. We want to represent Our Lady of Fatima to the best that we can. Yesterday was beautiful. The group that played was so impressed in our faith and the way we have our shrines, the way that we welcomed them and that makes us so proud. She said that she was proud to be Portuguese today because you guys represent us in such a way here, that makes me so proud. It's always been very pleasant; they are amazed how big the fair is

and amazed that nobody gets paid; everything is volunteer-based. Every single person you see here is on a volunteer basis, the president, the vice-president, the secretary, everything is volunteer. Ganhao's sister has been working Festa for 55 years."

Showing the t-shirts that were being offered for Festa-goers, the religious articles tent had a design that incorporated the American and Portuguese flag, which was important to have since many feel connected to both and not just one. When asked how the Festa changed throughout the years, Ganhao and Ribeiro resonated on the memories of all the buses that would come to the festival from all over, sharing that they remembered almost 70 buses coming from New York, Maine, New Hampshire and more parked on Winsor St.

When Ganhao was asked about the 25 years she's been part of Festa, she commented how much goes behind the scenes that people may not realize. "It takes weeks to just set up, Festa has come year-round, they have been thinking about next year for the last three to four months. They already had entertainment booked for next year, it's getting to a point where you have to book it early and since we like to book Portuguese bands, they have to do their flights, book the band members, the visas, there's a lot of planning. It's a year-round thing for the board, now for us as the head of stations, it's becoming year

round with all the little things that come up and the meetings."

This January, Ganhao and Ribeiro will be working on the religious articles that come directly from Portugal from their warehouse and start the process all over again for the next Labor Day weekend. Saying that she has a good feeling when it ends, Ganhao explained that every year they welcome new volunteers and the volunteers always want to come back the following year due to the experience they had with them.

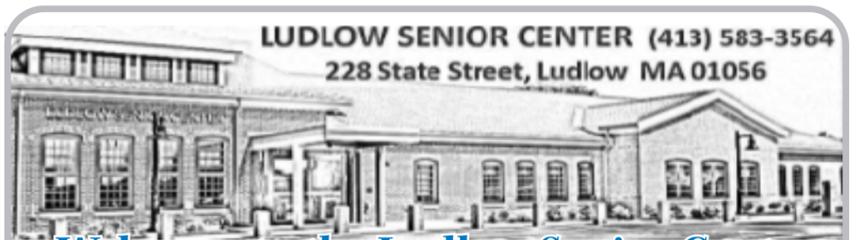
Ganhao continued, "Before I was a volunteer working with the food and I helped out with the lower shrine putting the candles on the cross, but when we are done, we're tired but there's this happy feeling inside. It's hard to explain. Every year, my cousin sees me go to Our Lady of Fatima and ask for good weather since that's our number one thing we cannot control. This was one of our best weekends we had in a long time. I ask for strength and health for all the volunteers too."

Ganhao ended by sharing a few words on why it's important to continue to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima, "We are catholic and we are proud of it. Our Lady, Jesus' mother, came to Portugal to four shepherd children. We have a lot of pride in that she chose Portuguese children to tell us to pray, pray the rosary everyday."

Visit the Our Lady of Fatima Parish website for more at ourladyoffatimaparish.org



People setting up chairs and eating their breakfast before the Holy Rosary at the outdoor chapel.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert, by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call on Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions, as well as general information about what a senior center is and does, please visit: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, September 11

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
10:30 a.m. Friends of the COA Meeting
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, September 12

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Pizza in the Cafe
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, September 15

9 a.m. Knitting
9 a.m. Flu Shots
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Dementia Friend Training*
1:15 p.m. Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, September 16

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 Checks
1 p.m. Western Dance Class
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4 p.m. Creative Corner with Tammy Craft*
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class

4:30 p.m. Souper Supper
5 p.m. Movie: *Pillow Talk* (1959)

Wednesday, September 17

8 a.m. Garden Club
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Mobil Dental Clinic*
9:30 a.m. Big E Trip*
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: *Pillow Talk* (1959)
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 18

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
10:30 a.m. Rock Painting Class*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

Cafe: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

Thursday, September 11: Rustic Hobo Beef & Potato Bake
Friday, September 12: Stuffed Shells/Side Salad
Monday, September 15: Crab Cake/ Roasted Sweet Pot/Power Salad
Tuesday, September 16: Ranch Chicken/Baked Pot/Vegetable
Wednesday, September 17: Lemon Ricotta Pasta w/Spinach/Bread Stick
Thursday, September 18: Birthday Lunch! Breaded Pork Chop/Rice Pilaf/Carrots

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Tag Sale to be held at ICC on Sept. 20

INDIAN ORCHARD— Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church located at 25 Parker St. in Indian Orchard. Parking lot section

between the school and the church, some items will be inside the parish hall.

Please come, browse, find and purchase what you need Bedding-Collectibles- Jewelry-Small Fur-

niture-Kitchenware-Luggage- Handbags-Small Appliances-Religious Items-Sporting Goods.

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Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

The library will be re-summing regular operating hours on September 1. Please note a change in Saturday operating hours of 10-2 rather than 9-1.

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 11:00 a.m. Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

FOR ADULTS

Tuesday Movie Club - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, Tuesday, August 19, 12:30 p.m. It's a heartfelt drama inspired by the real-life friendship between journalist Tom Junod and beloved TV icon Fred Rogers. Starring Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys. Please register.

Bob Dylan and the Band, Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. Music historian, percussionist, and Washington DC radio host Craig Harris will discuss his new book with rare recordings, a video montage, and intriguing stories to trace this still influential quintet! Please register.

Jim the Spoon Man, Thursday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. The Spoon Man is a published author and comedian (as seen on America's Got Talent) who offers a hilarious interactive program for all ages. With a totally clean act (no dirty silverware here!), the Spoon Man will leave a lasting impression after playing on YOU! Join us on the library lawn!

A Love Story Book Club Meeting (new!), first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for the 3rd meeting of our new book club! Every book chosen will represent themes of love & romance. Come pick up your copy of *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen at the circulation desk.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more informa-

tion and to sign up, please visit massbook.org/readingchallenge.

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

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

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

FOR TEENS

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, September 16, 6:00- 8:00 p.m. For middle & high schoolers. Meet once a month to play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games, while munching on free pizza & drinks! 16 person limit. Please register. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Anime Club, every other Thursday, September 23, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about Anime. Registration recommended.

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, September 26, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For ages 14 -18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. Copies of the current book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Beaded Memory-Wire Bracelets, Thursday, September 11, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For tweens and teens (9 & up). Choose from a huge selection of gorgeous beads to make bracelets on spiral memory wire. Please register.

Roald Dahl Day Celebration, Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ages. Make crafts, play games, and do a scavenger hunt inspired by Roald Dahl's books. Drop-in.

Pokemon Club, every other week, September 17, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. For ages 9-14. Bring your cards, Nintendo Switch, phone, or tablet for Pokemon Go, handheld gaming, and trading. All trades will be supervised by staff who will check market value; all trades must be of equal market value. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, every other Monday, September 22, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. All experience levels welcome; some instruction provided. Bring your chess set if you have one. Please register.

Quilting for 10+, Fall Session, begins Thursday, September 18 - December 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Seamstress Janet Foy will teach everything you need to know to make your own full-size winter or holiday themed quilt, including measuring & cutting fabric, using a pattern, hand sewing, & using a sewing machine. Meet every other week for 6 weeks. Materials provided. Our thanks to the Warm Company & Ludlow Cooling and Heating for donating materials. Class size limited to 10*. Please register. *You must be able to attend all 6 classes

Tween D&D Chaos Club, every other Friday, begins September 19, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. For 10-14 year olds.

The group has room for 5 players, experience preferred but not necessary. During the first meeting ("Session Zero"), the Dungeon Master will help everyone create a character for the campaign. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday September 25, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month's graphic novel is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

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

Saturday Online Club, every Saturday, noon to 1:50 p.m. For grades 3-8. See description above. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN

Read to a Poodle, every other Monday, September 15 & 29, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. For beginning readers. Quill the poodle will visit the Youth Room every other Monday and he is a great listener! Sign up for a 10-15 minute session. Bring your own book, or we can help you pick some out. Quill is a registered Brightspot therapy dog. Please register.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 0-2, Thursday, September 18, 9:45-

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list, Brennan commented that Ludlow was always where he wanted to be.

"Interestingly enough, when I was in college at Western New England, I actually did an internship with the LPD and the Springfield Police Department. What I realized during my internship was that I knew the town, I was able to meet the officers and I knew that this was the department I would want to work in, if I ever got the opportunity. I started working full-time in Ludlow in 2001, I just celebrated the 24 year mark this past August. I was 24 years old when I went to the academy, so it's been the same period of time and it goes by so fast, it's hard to believe it's been that long," Brennan said.

Before becoming the provisional police chief, Brennan was the administrative lieutenant that was the chief's 'right hand man' during the day shift, while also being an acting chief in 2020 for a brief period of time. Experiencing three chiefs during his time at the LPD, Chief James

McGowan, Chief Pablo P. Madera, and Chief Valadas; Brennan explained his role as a provisional chief and what that means for the town.

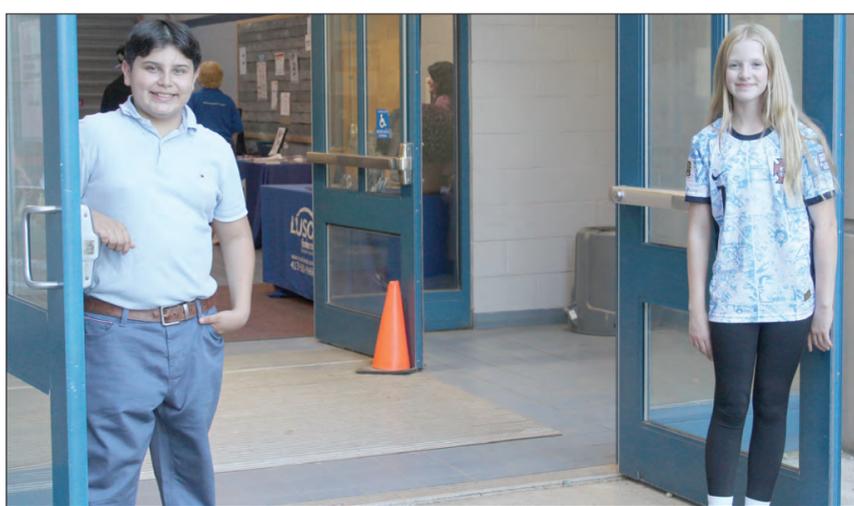
"Provisional chief is a title, it's a promotion to an interim provisional role. The Select Board will have to determine a permanent chief, I plan on applying for it and hope to be considered. It's a great department, I like the people that I work with and the community I work in. I was always where I wanted to be and it was the best career choice coming here, really all I wanted to do was be a police officer and get promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, now provisional chief; it's just a bonus," Brennan said.

When asked about future events for the LPD, Brennan mentioned the autumn activities Celebrate Ludlow Committee hosts like 'Fall into Fun' and added that it's important to have face-to-face communication and interactions within the community.

"It's important to know who their officers are and who their chief is. When people have to approach some-

body with a problem, they at least have an idea who that person is and what they're like, and that they are going to take their problem seriously, that they're diligently working to help them. I look at it from a resident in the community. I want to make sure that the community I live in is being policed effectively and by people that care and have an investment in seeing a good product being put out there. We diligently patrol, we follow up on cases, and we do the best we can with what we have," Brennan said.

The LPD comprises 40 full-time supervisors and patrolmen, divided in three shifts working 24 hours a day. Brennan has lived in Ludlow since 1988 and went through middle and high school, playing sports like football, baseball, and on the ski team, and most recently earning his graduate degree from Southern New Hampshire University. Brennan has been married to his wife Tonya since 2003, with son Reese who's attending LHS and daughter Peyton who's a freshman at Merrimack College.



Moses Estruda and Caitlyn Sylvestre greeted families and fellow classmates at the main entrance.

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how proud he was showing off the school and the work the staff does every day to support the students. In the main entrance area, several tables were set up from the Ludlow Cares Coalition, the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club/Randall's Community Center, Luso Credit Union, and merchandise for the middle school sold by student volunteers.

Families were satisfied with meeting the middle school staff, teachers, and catching up with friends in between periods.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The school hallways had numerous uplifting messages for students to be reminded of throughout the year.



Paul R. Baird Middle School Assistant Principal Jessica Torres and Principal Jason Taylor were both excited to see how many families were walking around and touring the school.

Families walked into the school to browse the classrooms and school amenities offered to students.

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A new crosswalk signal with flashing lights will be installed near East St. Elementary School and ongoing repairs with street signs, replacing and repairing manholes and catch basins, and

jetting sewer lines. The department will also be continuing to prepare for the incoming winter season.

DPW stated MassDOT will be doing an inspection of the West St. Bridge at the end of Sep. and will notify DPW on what repairs are

needed, stating that if the bridge needs to be replaced fully, the City of Springfield and the town want to know what they are getting into. The Register will continue to follow up with the inspection process of the West St. Bridge.

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Lions offense break out for big win in opener



Aneysha Donais clashes with an opponent.

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday afternoon on the turf at Ludlow High School, Ludlow girls soccer scored an independent win over Central Mass.' Tantasqua Regional 5-1. Audrey Afonso had the big game in the opener as she scored a hat trick along with an assist for four points. Catarina Mazza and Stacy Barros had goals while Ava Friese added two assists. Tantasqua managed just a late goal in the second half. Ludlow also faced Northampton this week (see related story) while Tantasqua's tough start continued. The Warriors lost to Auburn 3-0 and Douglas 5-0. The Lions face Agawam on Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. while Tantasqua next faces Nipmuc on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.



Audrey Afonso emerges with possession.



Payton Dersarkisian gets ready to send a free kick away.



Maeve Carter guides the ball to her left



Geia Guzman struggles with a Tantasqua defender for the ball.



Valentina Molinari dribbles toward some traffic.

Lions fall in home opener to Longmeadow

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The last time that the Ludlow boys' varsity soccer team lost their first two matches of the regular season was in 2020. The Lions lost to Smith Division rival Longmeadow in the second game of that season, which started a month late due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Two days after losing at Northampton High School in this year's season opener, the Lions suffered a 1-0 shutout loss to the Longmeadow Lancers in the home opener, last Friday afternoon.

"This is another disappointing loss for us, but it's still early in the regu-

lar season," said Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziey. "We'll learn from this loss and make some adjustments going forward."

Back in 2020, the Lions lost at Minnechaug, 2-0, in the season opener which was held on October 6. They then lost to Longmeadow, 1-0 in the home opener.

Between the first meeting of the 2020 season and the first meeting of this season against Longmeadow, Ludlow posted a 8-0-3 in the rivalry series.

The Lions beat Longmeadow, 2-1, in the 2022 Western Mass. Class A Finals at Springfield Central.

The Lions also defeated the Lancers 1-0 in the Class A semifinals last Oc-

tober before losing to West Springfield in the finals.

"Ludlow has been one of the best soccer teams in the state for the past 75 years," said Longmeadow head coach John Pantuosco. "It's a privilege that we get to play them twice during the regular season. This is a very big win for my team."

Ludlow graduated twelve players from last year's squad which finished with a 10-4-8 overall record. The Lions 2024 campaign came to an end following a 3-0 loss at St. John's of Shrewsbury in the Division 1 state quarterfinals. Their last win of the season came at Newton South, 1-0, in the round of 16.

"We had a large senior class last year," Kolodziey

said. "This is a brand new team. We have some younger players that we'll need to plug in."

One of the players that the Lions lost to graduation is Thomas Wadas, who's a freshman on the UMass-Amherst men's soccer team. He started the first five matches of the regular season for the Minutemen.

Wadas, who scored a team-high 12 goals last fall as a senior, was also named to the United Soccer Coaches High School Scholar All-America Team.

"We'll probably be a more balanced team offensively," Kolodziey said. "We won't be relying on just one

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Tatro gets win for Ludlow cross country

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys cross country team scored wins over SICS and Central in a tri-meet to open the season last Wednesday.

The Lions beat Central 19-44 and SICS 15-50. Tyler Tatro was the overall winner at 19:03 and Mason Little placed third at 19:35.

Liam De Gobbi was fourth at 20:07 and Ryan Mateus rounded out the top five at 20:08.

In the girls meet, Ludlow beat Central 21-40 and SICS 15-50. Alyssa Vermette took the overall win at 24:17. Sophia Quiterio was also in the top five, finishing at 25:09 for second place.

Leclerc, Patnode gets wins in race

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Teen Ty Leclerc is for real and so too is a slightly older guy named Todd Patnode. The potent pair split a pair of 35-lap Modified main events Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway, with each backing up his dash to victory lane with a strong third-place performance in the second feature event.

Other winners Saturday on the high banks of the Great Race Place included Super Street hot shoe Zach Zilinski, who won for the second time this summer and Gordon Farnum, Farnum, who jumped into the Swanze Oil ride mid-season, won for the third week in a row and fourth time this summer.

While points aren't kept in the youth Young Guns division, 2025 will be remembered as the year of Hunter Duquette. The Bay State teen scored his track-high seventh win Saturday. And in the Six Shooters, defending track king Michael Yeaton moved to the top of the leader board with his second

win of the summer.

Leclerc started up front alongside Andrew Brouseau as the Allstates Material Group 604 Modifieds went to war in the night's first of two 35-lap features. The Taunton, Mass. star, who'd scored his first career win just three weeks earlier, jumped all over the opening lead and never looked back.

Top gun Tyler Leary raced most of the way in Leclerc's shadow but could never find a path around the flying teen. Patnode was quickly up to Leary's bumper but could advance no farther, settling for the bronze medal finish and setting his sights on a bigger prize in the nightcap.

With the top eight then inverted to start round number two, top points man Brian Robie, who entered Saturday night's twins with four wins already this summer, took charge on lap two. Patnode, though, firing from row three, led by a foot as the two former champs hit

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Girls soccer grabs win over Northampton

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team received a couple of key performances in their first match-up of the regular season against Northampton High School.

Senior Aneysha Donais scored a first half goal, and junior Madelyn Riley made eight saves to preserve the Lady Lions 1-0 shutout win over the Blue Devils in a Kurty/Fielding Division contest held at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Friday night.

"We're playing in a brand new league this year," said Ludlow head coach Amanda Nascin. "We also haven't faced Northampton in a few years, but they're

an outstanding soccer team. I was a little bit nervous, especially after seeing that they beat Belchertown the other day. I'm very proud of my players."

The Lady Lions (2-0-0), who posted a 5-1 non-league home win over Tantasqua Regional in the season opener, made the move into the Kurty/Fielding Division from the Coombs Division prior to the start of the regular season. They're also now a Division 3 team.

It has been eleven years since the Lady Lions won their first two regular season games.

The Lady Lions began the 2014 campaign with a 1-0 win against rival Minnechaug Regional before squeaking out a 3-2 victory

at Wahconah Regional.

It was also the first meeting on the soccer pitch between the Northampton and Ludlow girls' soccer teams since 2019.

Ludlow junior Audrey Afonso led the way offensively in this year's season opener by scoring three goals and adding an assist. It was her first hat-trick in a varsity game. She scored six goals a year ago.

The Lady Lions' other two goal scorers against Tantasqua Regional were senior Catarina Mazza and freshman Stacy Barros. It was Barros' first varsity goal. Senior Ava Friese was credited with a pair of assists.

Donais scored her first goal of the regular season during the 11th minute of

the opening half against the Blue Devils (1-1-0). Her shot attempt deflected off junior goalie Annalise Oravac before bouncing over the line.

"Having an early lead to protect was huge," Riley said. "It also gave us a lot of confidence."

Afonso had a couple of shots on goal, but the score remained 1-0. Her first shot hit the outside of the net. Another shot by Afonso sailed wide.

A couple of minutes later, a shot taken by senior Juliana Bartolucci was saved by Oravac (5 saves).

The score was still 1-0 at halftime.

"I thought Maddy kept

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Thunderbirds continue to support charity ride

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today their continued support of the annual Ride to Remember, contributing a donation of \$2,500, hundreds of team hats for participants, and a specially designed custom Thunderbirds jersey honoring Aaron Pelletier, Connecticut State Police Trooper First Class, whose memory will be honored at this year's event. The Ride to Remember took place on Sept. 6, bringing together riders from across the region to honor and remember fallen police officers and firefighters. "The Thunderbirds are truly honored to once again join together in support of Springfield's Ride to Remember in 2025," said Springfield Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "This event speaks to the values that mean so much to us as an organization — honoring service, remembering sacrifice, and standing with our Western Mass community. It's a privilege to stand alongside the families, participants, and first responders who give this tradition its heart and meaning."



Now in its 14th year, the Ride to Remember unites hundreds of cyclists as they ride from Springfield to Hartford. Proceeds from the event support the families of fallen officers and firefighters and ensure their legacy is carried forward. The Thunderbirds' contribution is part of the team's longstanding commitment to community impact. Alongside their donation and custom jersey, the Thunderbirds will continue to engage in initiatives that support local organizations and causes that strengthen Western Massachusetts. Community members are encouraged to come out tomorrow to cheer on the riders and learn more about the Ride to Remember here, and to follow the Thunderbirds' community initiatives at www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

Open roster spots remain in Quabbin Fall League

SOUTH HADLEY — After successful recruiting, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League has reached a decision to expand this year's fall league to six teams.

With the expansion, there are still some open roster spots for players who are age 28 and older. The league was set to get underway with its Sunday schedule beginning on Sunday, Sept. 7. But games were postponed due to rain. The season will now begin on

Sunday, Sept. 14.

All players in the league will get to experience an eight-game slate with the cost in the range of \$45 to \$60 depending on the number of players on the team. The cost reflects paying for insurance, umpires, baseballs, and fields.

Primary fields being used this fall include Mitineague in West Springfield and Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley, with a third field being finalized this week.

Players potentially interested in participating in the league this year, don't wait to sign-up.

Go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org and click on the registration page. If you have more questions, you can contact the league's co-coordinators at gscibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com

The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an over-28 baseball league playing games during the spring and summer in Western Mas-

sachusetts. The league recently expanded to offer an over-28 fall league to allow players in the age range to face like competition during the fall months. There were four teams last year, and the league is expanding due to higher interest in its second year.

The tradition of fall league is to play with wood bats only. The league has nine-inning games and participants are guaranteed time in the field for at least four innings.

A fresh look inside Hoop Hall museum

HOLYOKE — Big things are happening at the Hall of Fame museum this fall — and you'll want to be here to experience them.

Launching Induction Weekend on Oct. 18, the expanded Beach Volleyball exhibit takes fans on an interactive journey through

the sport's rise from the sand to the Olympic stage and beyond. Explore historic videos, trace volleyball's global reach with a dynamic world map, and discover how our inductees helped shape the game's incredible story.

The Hall is also unveil-

ing a brand-new Inductee Hall — a dedicated space where every plaque, from the very first class to the Class of 2025, will be honored together in one inspiring showcase of greatness.

And that's not all. Enhanced Olympic and World ParaVolley exhibits will de-

but with rare artifacts and powerful new stories, giving visitors even more reasons to celebrate the game's diversity and global impact.

The Hall you know is being reimagined to add more — more stories, more history, more ways to connect with the sport we love.

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us in this game," Nascin said. "Northampton could've held the lead at halftime if she doesn't make the saves."

The Lady Lions managed to keep the Blue Devils off the scoreboard for the entire second half.

"Everyone played very well," Riley said. "I've been a member of the varsity team since I was a freshman, and I've never had a full game shutout before. I probably had to make four or five big saves in the second half. There was a lot of pressure on me, but I have a lot of confidence in my defense. They just played outstanding

in tonight's game. This is a very big win for us."

The members of the Lady Lions defensive unit are junior Payton Dersarkisian, junior Maeva Carter, senior and Chloe DaCosta.

Riley, who posted her first shutout in a varsity game, shares the goalie position with senior Kacie Klimek.

"Kacie and I have a very good relationship," Riley said. "We always push each other at practice. I do have a lot of respect for her, and I've learned a lot from her."

The Lady Lions are scheduled to play at Northampton at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30.

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the stripe on lap four and then held strong to beat Robbie to the checkers by a single length. Leclerc, blasting off from row four, was strong in third.

While Robie was winless on the night, he and his potent Bar Harbor Bank and Trust ride still holds a commanding 64-point lead in the race to the 2025 604 Modified championship, with only two remaining races this season.

Michael Lashua, stronger and better every week, led the first eight laps of the Twin State Truck Services Super Street feature. Zach Zilinski, though, wasn't about to let him get away, low-lining into the lead in turn two and then holding off a blockbuster cast to

score his second win of the season.

Zilinski had to first hold off Erik Smith, and then JD Stockwell, as the presence of five-time winner Dylan Zullo moved closer and closer from his row four starting spot. Zullo rocketed into second on lap 16 but, on this night, had to settle for second, taking the checkers glued to Zilinski's bumper as he continued his march toward a first-time title, Stockwell finished his strong night's work in third, with two other previous 2025 winners, Chris Rien-deau and Smith rounding out the top five.

Reigning Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock champ Andrea St. Amour started up front in Saturday night's 25-lap feature and immediately took

charge. While she had a swarm of top contenders at her heels, the biggest thing to keep her from cruising into victory lane was coming like a heat-seeking missile from way back in row five.

Gobbling up positions from any lane he chose, Farnum took fourth on lap six, third on lap nine, and sailed past points leader

Kyle Kenny two laps later. St. Amour was next. Taking the lead low along the front chute as lap 13 went into the books. He sped off into the sunset to win for the third week in a row. St. Amour and Carlos Grenier, staged a terrific battle for the second spot, with St. Amour prevailing to earn the runnerup hardware. Jimmy Zellman was fourth on the night, and fifth went to

Addison Brooks.

Hunter Duquette made easy work of powering to win number seven in the Doug's Auto Body Young Guns Saturday. Leading all the way in the caution-free 15-lapper, he romped to victory after earlier winning his heat. Ella Grabowski impressed in second, and Maya Bell was third.

Michael Yeaton and Travis Hollins were tied atop the Six Shooter leaderboard entering Saturday's third outing of the season. Not anymore. Like he'd done a few weeks ago at Claremont, Yeaton, the reigning king of the Six Shooters on the high banks, blasted off to win by a country mile Saturday. Hollins was second, and first-timer Jeff Staiti came home third.

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or two players to score goals like we did in the past."

None of the Lions returning varsity players scored more than two goals a year ago.

Despite allowing a goal late in the first half, Kolodziej praised the performance of junior goalkeeper Nick Dion, who's a first-year starter. He was credited with seven saves.

"Nick is a very good goalie," Kolodziej added. "If he's playing well, we'll be in most games. We're looking forward to having him in the back for the next couple of years."

Senior co-captain Gabe DiRosa anchors the Lions defensive unit, along with senior Spencer Huntley, senior Luke Slatton, and freshman Darien Lambert.

The Lions' other senior co-captain is Ethan Love, who's a midfielder. He scored the Lions lone goal

in the first two games of the season.

A couple of Ludlow's offensive threats are junior's Jayden Premo, and Evan Dias.

With eight minutes remaining in the opening half, a free kick taken by Premo from the top of the box was saved by Longmeadow senior goalie Aiden Chrabascz.

The Lancers took a 1-0 lead with two minutes left in the first half when senior Alex Hensch blasted a shot into the back of the net. Hensch's classmate Leo Paulson was credited with the assist.

The Lions shots on goal during the second half were taken by senior Ethan Steigmeyer, Premo, DiRosa and Dias, but the Lancers goalie managed to keep the clean sheet.

The Lions will be looking to even the season series when they play at Longmeadow High School on September 29.

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amazing. I've had friends that lived here and so I was a little bit immersed in the culture. I think it's a great community that looks out for the education of their students. It's very family oriented, as I am as well."

When attending the school for a site visit, Limoges recalls feeling at home within the building and repeats that it's been a wonderful time to join the East St. community.

"I love being here. Focusing on the relationships with the staff, the families, and the students and continuing to build that communication with them is important to me. Really high-quality instruction through coaching with my teachers, giving actionable

feedback, ensuring that there's equity and access to every student, so they feel safe and included. When all those things are happening, they can take great risks at school and just being great learners and being able to thrive."

When Limoges was interviewed, the East St. open house was occurring a few hours later so when I asked what she hopes families experience during the event, Limoges continued.

"I want everyone's first impression to be a feeling of excitement and belonging. I think going out and walking through the school and having touch points with people and continuing to foster that open relationship that I am here for them, that's my mantra, to show that I am here for the

staff and the students and for families. My job is to put students first and you really get a good pulse and feeling of the building and how it's moving along if you're out there and visible. That's one thing I do as principal is to ensure we are a safe and welcoming place for everyone."

To set up for success, Limoges explained that setting clear expectations ensures that everyone is working towards the same mission of student success is very important. Supporting educators, Limoges said it's important to also provide professional development, access to resources, and know that they are encouraged and valued.

"Listening to people and communicating frequently and openly, that really

fosters a safe and inclusive positive environment for everyone and trickles down to students. If we are all feeling that we are safe and can take risks as teaching, that trickles down to students wanting to do that as well. And then, focusing on students and knowing that everything is for them and the betterment of them. Those decisions on what's best for students will trickle down to them academically, socially, emotionally and they're going to win. Showing resilience and integrity as a school and administrators, setting the tone through fairness and consistency, and committing to improvement will help teachers wanting to stay in the field when they feel supported."

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CRAFTERS WANTED for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and raffle on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an 8-ft. table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshment will be available.

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

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anorchardcitizenscouncil@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 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.

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

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

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

Wilbraham Troop 359 to hold Bottle & Can Drive

Wilbraham - Wilbraham Troop 359 will have their Bottle & Can Drive on Sat, Sept 13, 2025 from 8a - Noon. It will be held in St. Cecilia's Church parking lot.

All donations to Troop 359 provide support toward camping equipment and

supplies, program materials, registration and activity fees throughout the year. The generous community support and donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact John Guerin 413-388-3545.

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10:30 a.m. Targeted for children birth to age 2 and their caregivers. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 2-5, Thursday, September 18, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Targeted for children 2-5. See description above. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Tanglewood Marionettes Puppet Show, Saturday, Sep-

tember 20, 11:00 a.m. Suitable for PreK - 8. The library is thrilled to welcome this award winning nationally known company, thanks to a grant from the Ludlow Cultural Council. See "The Fairy Circus" on the library lawn. Note: will reschedule to spring if the weather is poor. Drop-in.

Storytime Series for 3-5 year olds, Mondays, September 29 - November 10, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and games about firefighters, teachers, doctors, and other community helpers, with a craft and snack at the end. Tailored for 3-5 year olds. Please register. No class October 13.

Storytime Series for 2-3 year olds, Wednesdays, October 1 - November 5, 10 a.m. See description above; tailored for 2-3 year olds, with a free play period at the

Phyllis A. White

Phyllis A. White, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, died at home in Ludlow, Massachusetts, on Aug. 30, 2025, at the age of 78. Born in Paterson, New Jersey she was the daughter of Herman and Dorothy (Streelman) Hoffman, both of whom predeceased her.

She is survived by her husband, Attorney Joseph R. White, with whom she shared 40 wonderful years of marriage and her daughter, Susan Murphy and her husband Daniel of Belchertown, her two stepchildren Elizabeth L. Chouinard and her husband Robert of South Hadley, MA, and Peter White of New Hampshire. She was predeceased by her brother Glenn Hoffman but is survived by his wife Donna Maurice-Hoffman of Ludlow. She embraced her role as Mimi, a loving grandmother to eight cherished grandchildren, who brought her immense joy and pride.

She was raised in New

Jersey and then lived in Belchertown for 47 years until recently moving to Ludlow in 2004. Phyllis's educational journey culminated in a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her career was marked by significant achievements, including her role as Programs Director at the Franklin/Hampshire Career Center in Northampton, from which she retired in 2016 after 16 fulfilling years. Her earlier work as the Assistant Ombudsman at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst was notable as well. Phyllis was an active participant in her community, serving on the Town of Belchertown Finance Committee from 1976 to 1982 and as Vice Chair and Chairman of the School Committee from 1987 to 1993. She was also a



proud member of the Order of Eastern Star Belchertown/Amherst Chapter.

Beyond her professional and civic engagements, Phyllis found joy in gardening, baking, and exploring tag sales, hobbies that reflected her nurturing spirit and creativity. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during calling hours on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Monday at 12:15 p.m., followed by burial at 2 p.m. at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Phyllis's memory to the Belchertown Senior Center for the Grief Support Program.

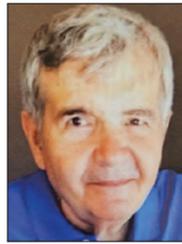
Mark A. Aglio Sr.

RESTON - Mark Aglio, 75 of Reston, VA died Sunday July 20, 2025, in his home. Born in Springfield, MA on Sept. 7, 1949, he was the son of the late Anthony and Sophie Aglio. He grew up in Ludlow, MA and attended Ludlow High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Worcester Polytechnic

Institute, where he was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Mark met his future bride Michelle A. Boulette, in 1969. They married in 1971 and moved to Northern Virginia where they raised their family. Mark worked for the Federal Government as a Budget Analyst and Comptroller, while earning an M.B.A., with Distinction, from American University. Mark retired from the Government in 2005. He then

took a job as an on-line College Professor until 2017.

Mark's passions included coaching his children's basketball teams, participating in fantasy sport leagues, umpiring men's softball games for Fairfax County, cheering on the New York Football Giants and the Boston Red Sox. Mark loved all sports and participated in basketball, golf, tennis, and softball in his younger years. Mark collected sports cards and memorabilia which he sold at sport card shows. He enjoyed traveling, taking cruises all over the world and especially trips to Las Vegas. One of Mark's biggest joys was spending time with his grandchildren, busting out in



song when they least expected it.

Mark leaves his wife, Michelle; his daughter, Amy L. Lapad of Reston, VA, two sons, Mark A. Aglio Jr. (Holly) of Vienna, VA, Matthew B. Aglio (Jamie) of Herndon, VA; 3 grandsons (Carter, Jeremy and Dominic); 5 granddaughters (Destiny, Ariel, Jasmine, Sydney and Aurora); a sister, Susan M. Aglio of Reston, VA and several nieces and nephews.

Mark was cremated at the Cremation Society of Virginia in Chantilly, VA. His ashes are buried at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon, VA. He would have wanted any donations to be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Organization in his memory.

Barbara R. (Robertson) LeBoeuf

Barbara R. (Robertson) LeBoeuf, 87, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 29, 2025.



Born in Springfield, Barbara was a longtime Ludlow resident and was an avid bowler who enjoyed being involved in many area bowling leagues. She also loved to bake, especially for her grandchildren's sports teams where she was affectionately known as "Gramma Cookies". Aside from her many hobbies, Barba-

ra's priority and biggest passion was taking care of her family, especially her grandchildren. Barbara was the beloved wife of 62 years to the late Robert LeBoeuf who prede-

ceased her in 2019; a loving mother to Deborah Nolan, Darlene Longo (Tony), Donna LeBouef, Michael LeBoeuf, Sherri Petherick and Sharon Bilodeau; a devoted grandmother of 9 adored grandchildren; a cherished great-grandmother to 1

great-granddaughter; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. Sadly she was predeceased by her 5 siblings.

Funeral services for Barbara will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. with a Chapel Service beginning at 10 a.m. followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

DEATH NOTICES

Phyllis A. White
Died Aug. 30, 2025
Services
Sept. 7, 2025
Beers & Story
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Mark A. Aglio Sr.
Died July 20, 2025
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Barbara R. (Robertson) LeBoeuf
Died
August 29, 2025
Services
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LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P1184GD
In the matter of:
Mya Angelina Gurung
Of: Indian Orchard, MA**

**RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Kimberly Kashefsky of Indian Orchard,**

MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Mya Angelina Gurung** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Kimberly Kashefsky of Indian Orchard, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary,

and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **09/30/2025**.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by

which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Date: September 02, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/10/2025

com/ludlow-mills/epa-fy24-brownfield-cleanup-grant/.

The spokesperson representing the cleanup is Sarah la Cour, VP of Planning and Development at Westmass, who can be reached for questions and comments by email at s.lacour@westmassdevelopment.com or by phone at (413) 386-3124.
09/10, 9/17/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P0855EA
Estate of:
Sharon F Cormier
Date of Death:
March 6, 2025**

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dana P Cormier of Ludlow, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dana P Cormier of Ludlow, MA

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09/10/2025



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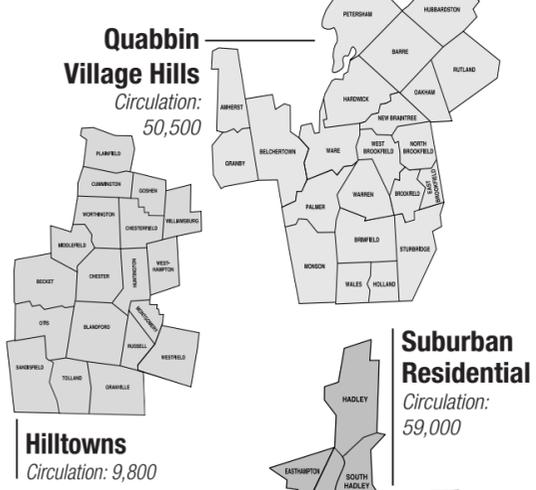
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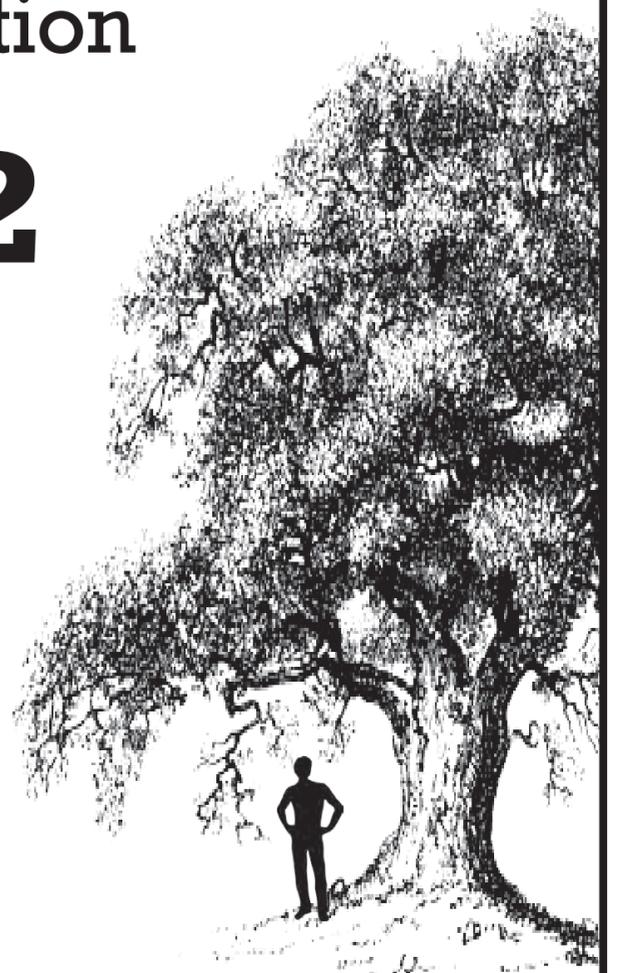
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