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Ceremony marks 25th anniversary of 9/11 attacks



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LUDLOW – Residents, officials, and first responders came together at a remembrance ceremony marking 25 years since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Held outside the safety complex, the event included remarks from several speakers gathered around a memorial featuring a steel beam

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State Senator Jake Oliveira addresses guests.



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Sadie Trombetta and Jason Awerman carried 1-year-old Winona around the fairground.

Festa celebrated on Labor Day Weekend

Festival honors Portuguese culture

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LUDLOW – This past Labor Day, residents celebrated Portuguese culture with the annual fair and festival, Festa.

With the end of summer comes the town’s biggest celebration of the year, its

annual Portuguese-American heritage festival, Festa, held at the park behind Our Lady of Fatima. This year, the celebrations began on the evening of Sept. 3 and continued until Sept. 7.

As always, Festa involved the collaboration of local businesses, restaurants and vendors, and featured rides and attractions from the midway for residents to enjoy. Festa was centered around massive concerts, held on the stage

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Fatal plane crash under investigation

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LUDLOW – The Hampden District Attorney’s Office continues to investigate the plane crash that resulted in two fatalities earlier this month.

On Sept. 5 at approximately 9 p.m., local and state agencies responded to reports of a missing aircraft in the area of northern Ludlow and Belchertown. Additional reports from callers described a low-flying aircraft that appeared to be in distress, as well as a loud noise.

The location of the crash remained unclear until a Civil Air Patrol pilot used a portable beacon receiver while riding with Ludlow Police.

The beacon directed first responders to a remote wooded area off Center Street.

With the assistance of drones flown by police from neighboring cities and towns, responders were able to locate the exact position of the crashed Piper PA-28 Cherokee.

Two occupants of the aircraft were pronounced dead at the scene. The victims were later identified as Kenneth Moore, 66, of Pembroke, and Marcy Asbury, 62, of East Falmouth.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) were immediately notified by lo-

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Officials aim to preserve historic building

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LUDLOW – For more than two centuries, the Ludlow First Meeting House served as a hub for commu-

nity activities before fading into disuse.

Now, thanks to a push from town leaders and local legislators, the long-vacant building might soon be on track toward receiving funding for preservation.

During a recent tour of the 10 Church Street building, State Senator Jake Oliveira joined State Representative Aaron Saunders and several town officials on a walkthrough.

Brian Bylicki, the Chair

of the Ludlow Historical Commission, shared with guests the rich history of the Meeting House. Originally built in 1783 – and later moved to its current location across the street in 1842 – the Meeting House is one of the oldest structures of its kind in the Connecticut River Valley.

“After sitting vacant for nearly 25 years, a vision now exists to give this important piece of Ludlow’s history new life,” Oliveira stated.

The tour also included Ludlow Fire Chief Ryan Pease, as well as Ludlow Cultural Council Chair Pamela Hayes.

Following the tour, officials discussed plans to make the building ADA-ac-

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Officials aim to preserve historic building

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Select Board looks at reactivating Long Range Planning Committee

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LUDLOW – At a recent Select Board meeting, the board tabled a discussion about reactivating the previously dissolved Long Range Planning Committee.

The meeting on Sept. 1 began with two public hearings, first for a nuisance dog notice, and then for a visitation for a bond authorization with Uni Bank, which the board signed. The board then held a discussion to reactivate the committee.

Town Administrator Marc Strange provided some background on the committee's dissolution.

"There was a point in time where we were dissolv-

ing committees that weren't really meeting anymore," Strange said. "We checked all the minutes and we could not find that the Long Range Planning Committee had, in fact, been dissolved; I think that they had just been dormant."

Select Board member James Gennette, said he was advised that the town was in need of a Long-Range Planning Committee as opposed to the Strategic Planning Committee that he initiated.

"Long Range Planning seemed like it was stepping on the feet of Capital Planning," Gennette said. "Because we had a short five-year [plan], and Long Range was doing a five-year window, but we weren't planning for further out."

Select Board member Manuel Silva and former chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee described the committee falling "off the wayside."

"I was chairman for a while," Silva said. "When we were doing it, we did, I thought, a decent job about what was happening."

Silva gave an example of a report the committee used to shape decisions regarding Harris Brook Elementary School.

Gennette suggested that Long Range Planning could extend the committee's long-term window, and Silva added that the committee charter could be rewritten to accommodate new responsibilities.

"If that needs to be reinstituted, then that's what we

should do," Gennette said.

Select Board Chair Bill Rosenblum tied this discussion to another agenda item, the Long-Term Investment Strategy that the board was scheduled to discuss.

"I almost think that goes hand-in-hand, because Long-Term Investment Planning and Long Range pretty much fall with the Accountant," Rosenblum said. "Because I believe that in her scope she's supposed to put up a five-year plan."

"I would want to see the two of them together, because not only is it business growth, but it's also investment growth, it's also funding and how we're going to go about funding," Rosenblum said. "Not directly, because that's on the Town Ad-

ministrator and the board and other departments, but I think that we can bring the two of them together."

Rosenblum's suggestion was to reactivate the Long Range Planning Committee and combine it with the aforementioned long-term planning. Gennette asked that the town collect information on the committee's charter and requirements for membership to notify the appropriate town officials that it is coming back.

Select Board member Anthony Alves asked the other board members what tangible value the committee provided to the town when it was active. Silva said that, at a time when the town needed to focus on being frugal with its finances, the 11 or 12

members of the board helped determine which projects to prioritize.

"For something like that, you need a lot of different stakeholders," Alves said. "You need to bring everybody in."

Gennette volunteered to be liaison for the committee, and was granted the position.

"I know you have a passion for it," Rosenblum said. "I'm sure everyone here has a passion for it, but it's been kind of your baby."

The discussion was tabled while the board acquired the charter for the former committee. Strange suggested the board continue the discussion at the Sept. 15 meeting, by which point the board would have the opportunity to review the charter.

Freedom Credit Union offers free Fall Shred Days

LUDLOW – Freedom Credit Union is giving area residents a free way to safely dispose of sensitive documents this fall as identity theft and financial fraud remain serious concerns across Massachusetts.

The Ludlow branch, 645 Center St., will hold a shred day on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9-11 a.m.

Other dates and locations include Saturday, Sept. 19, 74 Main St., Greenfield from 9-11 a.m.;

and Saturday, Sept. 26, 1976 Memorial Drive, Chicopee from 9-11 a.m.

Residents can bring unwanted paperwork containing personal or financial information, including bills, bank statements, tax returns and other sensitive documents.

The shred days are open to the public and free of charge. Each vehicle may bring up to five file boxes or paper shopping bags of documents.

Notice of annual meeting

LUDLOW – Notice has been announced for the 76th annual meeting of Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club.

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 and Girls Club, which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Ludlow Country Club (1 Tony Lema Drive).

Board members, ambassadors, volunteers, and do-

nors of the organization are invited to participate.

To RSVP, please contact Christina Yacono at 413-583-2072 (extension 112).

Agenda for the meeting: report on the activities of the organization in the past year; presentation of the audited annual report for approval; appointment of new directors; and recognition and awards for staff, volunteers, and community.

For more information about the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, please visit www.ludlowbgc.org.

Knights to sponsor benefit dinner

REGION – The Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will sponsor a fundraising benefit dinner to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard.

The benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center (42 Main Street in Wilbraham).

The meal will feature homemade chicken parm and a pasta Italian dinner, complete with a salad, bread, coffee, and cannoli.

The event will include several raffles and musical

entertainment, with sing-alongs and a strolling violinist.

Tickets are limited and cost \$20 per person. They may be purchased by contacting George Reich at: ticketskoc10195@gmail.com.

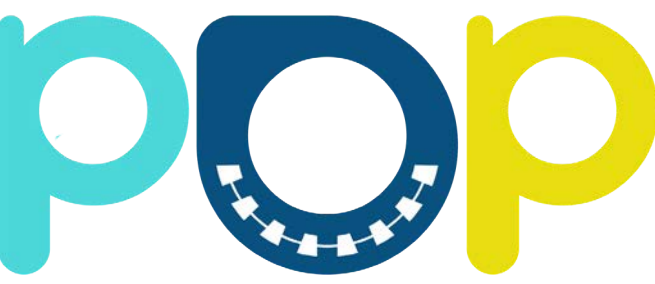
Tickets may be picked up after Mass in the Saint Cecilia rotunda, starting on Sept. 26.

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Designer Handbag Bingo

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its first annual Designer Handbag Bingo event this month.

Set for Sept. 18, the event will start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The location is Polish American Club (355 East Street).

The cost is \$40 per person. This includes a book of ten games.

The event will also include designer purses, raffles, a cash bar, and special guest appearances from LFD crew members.

To purchase tickets, please send an email to: ludlowfireladiesauxiliary@gmail.com.

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cal authorities following the crash.

Ludlow Fire Chief Ryan Pease and Ludlow Police Chief Michael Brennan said emergency crews remained on scene overnight, until the aircraft could be safely removed.

Officials thank all responders for their assistance in a multifaceted operation. Because the crash site was a swampy environment with roughly four feet of water, responders laid down planking to access the site and extricate the victims for transport by the Office of the Chief

Medical Examiner.

The Western Mass Technical Rescue Team also greatly assisted responders with gaining access to the wreckage.

"This has been a major, multi-agency response, and I want to extend our sincere thanks to the police and firefighters from Belchertown, Chicopee, Pelham, and Wilbraham who were side-by-side with our personnel," said Chief Brennan.

"State Police, the Hampden Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, Western Mass Tech Rescue Team, Department of Fire Services, and MEMA also provided invaluable support."

Local responders worked

Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas Craft Fair

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

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

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

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

Light refreshments will be available during the fair.

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from the World Trade Center.

"Twenty-five years ago, on a clear September morning, America changed forever. Nearly 3,000 people woke up that morning, expecting an ordinary day. They never came home," said Eric Segundo, the Director of Veterans Services for Ludlow and Palmer, who also honored all 9/11 first responders, as well as servicemembers who answered the call to defend freedom in subsequent years.

"'Never forget' cannot simply be something we say once a year," Segundo added. "It's a promise that we will remember those who were murdered on September 11; a promise that we will remember those who ran into the buildings when others were running out; a promise that we will remember every single servicemember who

raised their hand afterwards; and a promise that we will never abandon the veterans who came home carrying the cost of those wars."

For State Senator Jake Oliveira, who attended multiple remembrance programs across his district, it's important to honor the anniversary through reflection and also education of the next generations.

"We remember the sacrifice, the honor, the courage, and the acts of humanity that people showed to one another," said Oliveira, who emphasized the importance of residents honoring victims through actions of selflessness in their own lives. "When we see a problem in our society – when we see someone in distress or need – let us remember that humanity of coming to people's rescue."

Oliveira also took time to pay respects to the thousands of Americans affected in the years after the tragedy by 9/11-related illnesses.

The remembrance program also included a moment of silence; the lowering of the flag to half-staff; a bagpipe performance; and a prayer for Monsignor Homer Gosselin, of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Additionally, State Rep-



Submitted photo

A performance honors those who lost their lives.

resentative Aaron Saunders thanked Ludlow first responders and community members for their annual commitment to attending the memorial program and honoring victims.

"The greatness of America was not a flash in the pan on September 12, 2001. It resides in all of us perpetually, and this community continues to show it," Saunders said.

Officials thank everyone who attended the program, as well as all veterans, active servicemembers, and first responders.

"It was an honor to speak at both the Ludlow and Palmer 9/11 remembrance ceremonies. As a veteran, September 11 carries a deeply personal meaning," Segundo said.



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MEETINGHOUSE

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cessible for public use. Officials envision the restored building eventually being used to display historical artifacts and other items of significance, in addition to hosting community events on its upper floor.

"I see a place to feature acoustic music acts, lectures about anything and everything, book and poetry readings, art or other exhibits, meetings of all kinds, and more," Hayes said. "I feel that while saving a beautiful piece of history, we can gain a vital, functioning community space."

The Meeting House has seen no shortage of unique events over the years and decades, plus an array of municipal programs.

Until 1893, the building was frequently used for town meetings and office space.

In 1923, the Ludlow Grange purchased the Meeting House from the town. Over the next 80-plus years, the Ludlow Grange and 4-H used the building and grounds for meetings, events, and fairs.

Following the 1974 establishment of the First Meeting House Committee, minor repair and preservation projects have taken place over the past 50 years.

Now municipally owned, the building has become a repository for an eclectic lineup of town treasures and curiosities amassed over the years. These include furniture and a piano from the old church; town celebration materials from various festivals and programs; old documents and plans; and even a drum used during the War of 1812.

Additionally, the upper floor features a large stage and ample seating room. Currently perched atop the stage: an intricately built model of the original church, completed by Ludlow High School students for the town bicentennial in 1974.

Looking ahead, with support from legislators, town officials are hoping to secure a combination of grant monies and state funds to cover accessibility improvements. Their ultimate goal is for the building to return to its former glory as a center for community engagement.

"Preserving our history also means finding ways for future generations to experience it," Sen. Oliveira added. "Our office looks forward to working with the town and local partners to identify grant opportunities and other potential funding sources to help preserve the First Meeting House and bring this historic Ludlow landmark back



The upper floor features a stage and plenty of seating room.



An exterior view of the building.

into use."

The Meeting House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Officials are committed to ensuring that it recaptures its place at the heart of community affairs.

"It's all a process. It would need to happen in many stages," said Bylicki, who taught history and government at Ludlow High School before retiring in 2018. "We want to make even more people aware of what we have here – and how we can save it."

The next step in the process is obtaining funding for an evaluation of the building. This would enable an initial estimate of costs needed for upgrades.

Officials are currently researching grant opportunities available through the Mass Cultural Council, among other potential sources.



Turley photos by Kevin Flanders

Several historic items are stored inside the building, including an old safe and a drum used during the War of 1812.



A sign celebrating the building's history.



This model shows the original church layout.



The original key to the Meeting House.



An old piano and other equipment on site.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



By Barb Turcotte

Dr. Roland and Claire Stebbins

There are so many wonderful things about this couple, Dr. Roland and Claire Stebbins.

They both have jovial personalities with him joking that after celebrating 69 years of marriage this past May, they still liked each other and even enjoy doing nothing together!

They’ve lived very full and productive lives, he as a Pediatrician and she as a Lab Technician.

That is of course besides raising three sons and a daughter. Their four children have blessed them with nine grandchildren and Roland kidded, the family’s growing with 11 and three quarters great-grandchildren, the newest addition arriving in November.

Claire also worked at Holyoke Hospital; her expertise was with pediatric patients and was often called to draw a baby’s blood. She explained that Roland has what’s referred to as “rolling veins” which can be difficult to draw blood from.

She chuckled saying when they went for their blood tests to get married, she offered to take his blood, being a professional. The “rolling veins” threw her a curve so had to have the specialist do it after all, but has since become an expert.

After raising their four children, Claire went back to Holyoke Hospital but as a volunteer in their gift shop.

Her eyes lit up as she explained how much she enjoyed doing that. It entailed not only helping the store customers but also visiting patient rooms.

Roland and Claire lived pretty sparsely in the beginning as she became pregnant when he was still in medical school. Luckily, she enjoyed cooking which helped with costs, boasting that she made a delicious spaghetti sauce.

Roland shared some of his experiences, one being his first disastrous speaking engagement at Mt. Marie in Holyoke.

They were supposed to supply the movie with him answering questions after the viewing. He got there, they thought he was bringing the movie so instead, after giving a 10-minute lesson to a totally nonengaged audience, he had one of the nuns ask him some prepared questions which still brought no participation.

He considered this his worst teaching moment.

Two other pediatricians joined Roland when creating the Holyoke Pediatrics practice. Every three weeks the doctors volunteered at the “Milk Station” in Holyoke’s most needy community.

He reminisced fondly about the dedication of all the nurses and staff, making sure the children and families were helped with not only their medical necessities, but offered help wherever needed. Their practice wound up with four doctors, but now has about a dozen

Roland was also in-

volved with the Western New England Golden Gloves boxing tournaments by volunteering with preflight exams and sometimes staying during the fights as there always had to be a physician present. Most boxers he passed through but remembered one young man devastated when he had to reject him due to a ruptured ear drum and didn’t want to take the chance of further injury.

In order to play high school sports, students needed a yearly physical exam prior to participating. Needless to say, the coaches were very appreciative as they had two pediatricians from his practice doing free exams for three nights so the kids who didn’t have a regular doctor could still play.

Roland accepted a volunteer position and served for 15 years on the Holyoke Board of Heath along with other medical professionals. He said here he learned more about public health than he had in medical school. His working years were when house calls happened and there were no cell phones, so had to find a landline for all communication. When on call for the Emergency Room, with no modern technology, you just always had to show up.

Both Roland and Claire were co-chairs along with Jim and Rosalie Hobert for Holyoke’s 200th anniversary festivities.

Laughingly Roland said he really only did about 10% of the work, that it was really Claire who was on the committee to organize five different venues at various locations throughout the city that included excellent food, ballroom dances and fun for all. He revealed they agreed no drinking otherwise by the fifth site they wouldn’t be standing!

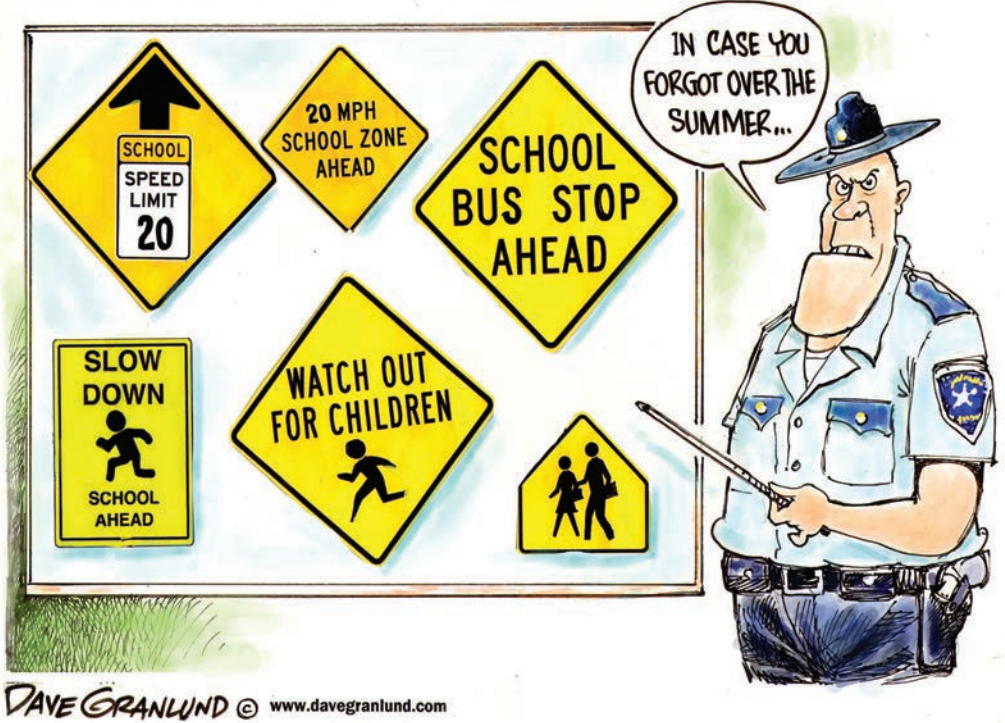
Roland shared when he started his practice, an Irish couple came in with the baby who had meningitis. It was touch and go, then several months later they brought in the healthy baby along with a treasured authentic Irish stein as a thank you.

He fondly reminisced while vacationing in Jamaica, they stopped by a Catholic Church unknowingly that it was a children’s communion service. They were so excited to witness this, giving each child a congratulatory dollar bill and described how much fun it was to watch them giggle with acceptance.

I would have loved to have him as my son’s pediatrician, how about you or maybe he was yours!

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GUEST COLUMN

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security.

My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don’t want Medicare? I am on my wife’s employer plan and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier.

She doesn’t plan on retiring for another eight years. Also, I would like to wait till my Full Retirement Age before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point?

Signed: Retired but Curious

Dear Retired but Curious:

As long as you are covered by a “creditable” healthcare plan such as that from your wife’s US Postal Service employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit coverage from your wife’s employer ends.

When that happens, you and your wife will enter a Medicare “Special Enrollment Period” during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don’t need to do



anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A coverage for inpatient hospitalization services, but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your wife’s employer even while you are collecting Social Security.

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because

you are still covered by your wife’s USPS employer healthcare plan.

Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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A fall blooming vine worthy of merit



On my drive home from work this morning, I happened to notice the flowers of a familiar vine climbing up a lamppost.

It brought me right back to my old house and landscape. It is easy to miss the simplicity of that time in my life and wonder the age-old question of “Where did time go?”

When we moved some years back we left behind numerous plants (the obvious outcome when you sell your house with two feet of snow on the ground). One of my very favorites was the sweet autumn clematis.

Each year, right about now, the vine would explode into clouds of white blossoms. And because the vine grew up a trellis on the gable end of my house, it made a beautiful, tall backdrop for the annuals and perennials still in flower.

I hadn’t really thought about this plant recently, until my drive earlier today. The white blossoms were abundant and beautiful.

Let’s take this opportunity to learn more about a fall plant that is used not nearly

enough.

Clematis ternifolia (aka paniculata) is a fast-growing vine that if left to its own devices, can cover several yards in a single season. It does not climb by use of tendrils, rather it has long leaf petioles that bend around neighboring objects for support.

Sturdy trellises are in order here; another option would be to let it sprawl over a fence or large rock.

Leaves are medium green in color; stems are green as well, but turn brown with age. New growth emerges in late spring.

Most experts recommend cutting autumn clematis back to a foot or so tall early in the season to rejuvenate the plant and initiate branching. Flowers buds form on the present season’s growth, so don’t worry that your pruning attempts will sacrifice flowers.

This rule is not absolute with all clematis species, though, so do your homework before tackling other varieties you may have.

Culture, however, is similar: Plant in a location where

the plant’s roots will stay cool but where top growth receives ample sunshine. You can accomplish this situation by providing a thick layer of mulch at the base of the vine.

Autumn clematis will tolerate all but the worst of soils and is hardy in zones 4-10.

Panicles of one inch flowers delight the eye and the nose for about six weeks beginning in late summer. Some liken the sweet fragrance to vanilla; others call it the smell of “springtime.”

After blooms have passed, silvery seed heads add another short season of interest to the garden before the leaves fall.

Admittedly, a brown vine is not the most attractive thing to look at during the winter months, but it is a small price to pay for the abundance of flowers you get at a time of year when most other plants are winding down.

I enjoy reminiscing, but I can’t think about it for very long or I’ll miss what is right in front of me; there is plenty blooming here, too.

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

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs at the library, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

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

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

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

The Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

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

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

Birding for Joy and Lifelong Learning: Sept. 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Birding is a popular hobby that can be enjoyed nearly anywhere, at any age, and at little or no expense. Learn more about this growing pastime, its benefits, and how to get started in this introductory program presented by members of the Allen Bird Club of Springfield, Massachusetts. Please register.

Creative Writing Group: Oct. 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done. The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Please register.

Bats of Massachusetts: Oct. 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Halie Larkin, of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, will present a fascinating introduction to the bats in our state. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they echolocate, and the mythology surrounding them, as well as challenges they currently face. A great way to mark Bat Appreciation Month. Please register.

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

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

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

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

Who picked this book? Book Club meeting: first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club meeting: last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Youth Crochet Club: Tuesdays (biweekly). Sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. Intended for ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club: Tuesdays (biweekly). Sessions are held at 3:30 p.m. Intended for middle and high school students. Registration recommended.

Pokemon Club: Wednesdays (biweekly), Sept. 23. Sessions run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. For students in grades 3-8. Please register.

Little Sprouts (weekly): Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24. Sessions take place from 9:45-10:30 a.m. For ages 0-2. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play, and Learn, (weekly): Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24. Sessions run from 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Sing With Me sessions are held every Tuesday from 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 0-5. Feel free to drop in.

Lego Build Challenge: every Wednesday from 12-5 p.m. Feel free to drop in.

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

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program: ongoing. For students in grades 6-12. Volunteer one hour per week in the Youth Room. Please see the library’s website calendar for more information.

Quill the Therapy Dog meet and greet: Thursday, Sept. 25 at 3:45 p.m. For ages 3-8. Please register.

Stuffie Sleepover: Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. For ages 3-8. Please register.

Paper Making: Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 4:30 p.m. For elementary aged children. Please register.

Youth chess: Mondays (biweekly). Next event is Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. Please register.

Math Everywhere: Mondays (weekly). Next programs are Sept. 21 and Sept. 28, both at 10 a.m. For ages 2-5. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

IN THE CLASSROOM



Submitted photos

Local police officers support the lemonade stand.

Local students support their schools

LUDLOW – Local youngsters celebrated back-to-school season by using their lemonade stand proceeds to run the stand, with help from parents Jessica Leonczyk, Fallon Billeter, and Emily Hebert.

A total of ten kids in grades K-3 teamed up to run the stand, with help from parents Jessica Leonczyk, Fallon Billeter, and Emily Hebert.

This marked the second year for the youth-run stand.

“We started this because the kids wanted to do a lemonade stand, and the school reached out to parents looking for support for recess supplies,” Leonczyk said. “We decided to donate 100% of the money to purchasing recess supplies for the kids to play with.”

The youngsters received strong support from the community, including a visit from members of the Ludlow Police Department. In total, the lemonade stand raised \$650 for recess goodies for Harris Brook School and East Street School.

Parents purchased the recess supplies based on suggestions from each school. Supplies included lawn games (tic-tac-toe and cornhole), hula hoops, soccer balls, basketballs, sidewalk chalk, and more.

Looking back on their project, kids were thrilled to run the stand with their friends, meet community members, and support their schools.

“I love spending time with my friends and getting money for my school,” said Emma Leonczyk, age 8, a student at Harris Brook Elementary.

Parents and school officials thank community members for their support of the stand and local schools.

“It is amazing to see the community support. We posted it on social media via our personal pages and the Ludlow community forum, and people came who don’t even have kids in the schools,” added Jessica Leonczyk. “It’s also a nice time to see other parents and kids in the school. We try to time this so the kids can connect with other kids in their class before school starts.”

Ludlow Public Schools Superintendent Sharon Cournoyer and her team thank the students for their hard work in giving back to the school community.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. A young canine
8. North Carolina university
11. “Oddbod” actor Tom
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Mysterious “Severance” family
16. Single Lens Reflex
17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency

38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don’t forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. “___ and flows”

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope
14. It’s delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle

29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It’s used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities with
42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. ___ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors’ group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. ___ Angeles





Rides like the merry-go-round and ferris wheel were among the attractions available during Festa.

FESTA from Page 1

behind the church. Thursday’s concert was local favorite Trailer Trash, followed on Friday by Project 267, Paulino and the Great Escape, and the Azorean Beats DJ Dance Party. Saturday’s festivities ran from noon to midnight, and featured Lar Das Concertinas and performances by Aristides Romeiro, Luizinho - O Astro da Concertina, and a fireworks show before Tony Carreira e Sua Banda closed out the evening. The weekend also featured religious events held at the church, including a Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, and

an indoor and outdoor mass and a Holy Rosary on Sunday. The outdoor mass was led by Reverend Nélio Pereira Pita, Auxiliary Bishop of Braga, Portugal. Sunday festivities then included performances by Lar Das Concertinas, Rancho Folclóricos, Sonhos de Portugal, Alto Minho de Norwood, and Concertinas e Rusgas. This was followed by an outdoor mass at the Upper Chapel and a CandleLight procession led by Reverend Pereira Pita. The evening was closed out by Zé Amaro e Sua Banda. Finally, the long weekend ended with a performance by DJ José Lopes and the annual raffle drawing on Monday.



Project 267 performed a cover of “Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap” by AC/DC, among their setlist of popular rock covers.



Thrill-seekers shrieked as the Pharaoh’s Fury ride swung back and forth at nearly a right-angle to the ground.



Ludlow Police Department showed off their Portuguese pride with custom patches, (from left) Armando Saraiva, Steve Ramos and Joe Fontaine.



Serving drinks from Primavera Cafe and Restaurant, (from left) Lynn Charbonneau, Diogo DosSantos and Malina Dinis.



Drinks were being served by (from left) Wagner Costa, Fernanda Gomes, Maria Makkaya, Emmalina Toma and Guida Sequeira.



The fair provided a good time for friends all around, (from left) Matthew Muscaro, Kai Roberts and Evan Beaulieu.



Festa regularly brings enormous crowds to the town to enjoy



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão
Mike Goodreau and Nathan and Ben Lasky enjoyed the attractions with Jackson, age 10, Noah, age 9 and Raymond, age 6.



The fair attracted local youths, (from left) Lucas Lobo, David Hillman, Parker Selden-Davis, Azal Safi and Frederick Bena.



The crisp September evening was a great time to enjoy a drink at the park, (from left) Nora Braska, Tim Fontaine, Bob Braska and Megan Fontaine.



The evening provided a great place for couples to socialize, (from left) Ben and Amanda Lamothe, Jessica Nai and Jeremy Redmond.



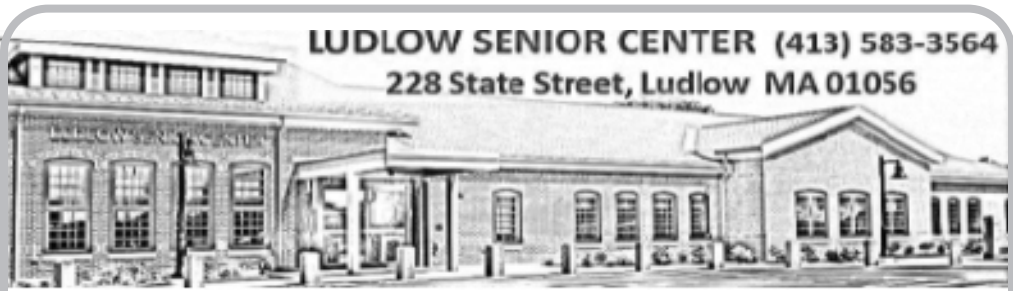
Robert Harnois and Jonathan Dones (right) were happy to commemorate Portuguese-American heritage at Festa.



Groups of friends attended the fair together, (from left) Julia, Ava and Jamir.



Ella Boudreau (left) and Ava Bressette struck a pose to commemorate their time at Festa.



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

Don’t forget to stop by the Senior Center on **September 25** to celebrate our **3rd Annual Senior Strong event**. We’ve invited the people, agencies, and businesses who support the older adults who visit our Center throughout the year. September is **National Senior Center Month**, and there’s no better way to celebrate and showcase all the wonderful people and connections that make our Senior Center such a vibrant part of our community.

This week’s highlights include Lazy Caramel Apples and Jodi’s Souper Supper. Be sure to register for Lunch and Learn, with tips for making the most of your doctor’s visit. For complete program and activity details, visit our Facebook page, go to ludlow.ma.us/coa, or pick up *The Senior Scene*, our monthly newsletter, at the Center.

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

Thursday, Sept. 17
 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:30 a.m. Dominos
 10:15 a.m. Meditation Connection*
 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
 1 p.m. The Art of Cardmaking*
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Sept. 18
 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
 10 a.m. Blook Pressure Checks
 1 p.m. Ceramics
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
 1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Monday, Sept. 21
 Center Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday, Sept. 22
 9 a.m. Quilting
 9 a.m. Line Dancing
 10 a.m. Cribbage
 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
 1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
 12 p.m. Flu Shots by Appointment*
 1:30 p.m. Bingo
 4:30 p.m. Power Pump
 4:30 p.m. Souper Supper

5 p.m. How to Find a Job in 2026*
 5 p.m. Movie: *The Sunshine Boys* (1975)
 5 p.m. Quilting Basics*

Wednesday, Sept. 23
 9 a.m. Ceramics
 9 a.m. Facials by Appointment*
 10 a.m. Fun with Opera
 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn - Get the Most from a Dr. Visit*
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
 1 p.m. Movie: *The Sunshine Boys* (1975)

Thursday, Sept. 24
 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:30 a.m. Dominos
 10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
 10:15 a.m. Meditation Connection*
 10:30 a.m. Lazy Carmel Apples
 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
 2 p.m. Book Club: *The Thirteenth Tale*/D. Setterfield
 2 p.m. Writers Block
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:
 Café: 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.
 Open Billiards: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Menu:
 Thursday, Sept. 17: Birthday Lunch! Cheese Manicotti/Caesar Salad
 Friday, Sept. 18: Loaded Big E Baked Pot. Day/Must-Go Soup
 Monday, Sept.21: Center Closed for Staff Training
 Tuesday, Sept. 22: Corn Chowder/Chicken Salad Finger Sand/Chips
 Wednesday, Sept. 23: Big Mac Salad
 Thursday, Sept. 24: Lazy Chicken Pot Pie

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.

DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

uted to those in need.

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

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

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

Friday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 124.

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

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

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

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

INDIAN ORCHARD

Indian Orchard Citizens Council Meeting

INDIAN ORCHARD - The Indian Orchard Citizens Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings take place at the office located at 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard. The Council empowers residents to influence local decisions by providing a plat-

form for voicing concerns and connecting with city departments. It keeps you informed about neighborhood projects and resources while encouraging community involvement through volunteer opportunities. By organizing events and meetings, the council builds com-

munity bonds and advocates for residents in city planning and policy discussions, enhancing neighborhood safety and resilience. Office hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Questions? Call the office at 413-209-8240 or email indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

The Register ~ November 5, 2026

The Register will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to jamie@turley.com or drop off a photo to **The Register,**
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 All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 27, 2026.

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SPORTS

Turnovers hurt Ludlow in season opening loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Aside from committing a couple of penalties, everything went very smoothly for the Pathfinder Tech football team in their season opening game against the Ludlow Lions.

Junior quarterback Grayson Griswold completed three touchdown passes and scored a rushing touchdown, as the Pioneers cruised to a 43-0 victory before a large crowd at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Friday night.

“This is a really nice win for us, but it’s only the first step of an eleven game season,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. “We came out very focused at the start of tonight’s game.”

It was the first time that the two teams had squared off



Noah Arroyo and Jake Marino combine to make a tackle.

on the gridiron since the 2017 regular season.

The Lions had won the last three games of the series

by outscoring the Pioneers, 80-12.

The last time that Pathfinder Tech celebrated a vic-

tory in the series was a 27-0 shutout in 2012.

The Pioneers also hadn’t won their first game of the



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Raymond Bennett tries to smother the loose ball.

regular season since posting a 33-6 home victory against cross-town rival Palmer on September 9, 2023.

A year ago, the Pioneers began the regular season with a 0-4 record before getting into the win column following a 28-8 home win against Smith Vocational on the first Friday of October.

“We got off to a slow start last year because we had a couple of new assistant coaches and a few new players. It just took us a while to put the pieces together,” Darling said. “I thought we executed very well in this year’s season opener.”

The Lions, who only have four seniors listed on this year’s varsity roster, finished with a 3-9 overall record a year ago.

“We just didn’t execute very well tonight,” said Lud-

low head coach Ray Saloio. “We just made too many mistakes. You can’t afford to fall behind early in the game.”

After the Pioneers forced the Lions to punt on the opening drive, it didn’t take the visitors from Palmer very long to score the first of their six touchdowns.

Griswold, who’s the Pioneers second-year starting QB, capped off the seven play drive by completing a 28-yard touchdown pass on a fourth down play to sophomore Jimmy Sem with 5:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Junior Caleb Crum made the extra point attempt.

Less than two minutes later, the Pioneers took a 14-0 lead when Griswold connected with junior Mason Baer

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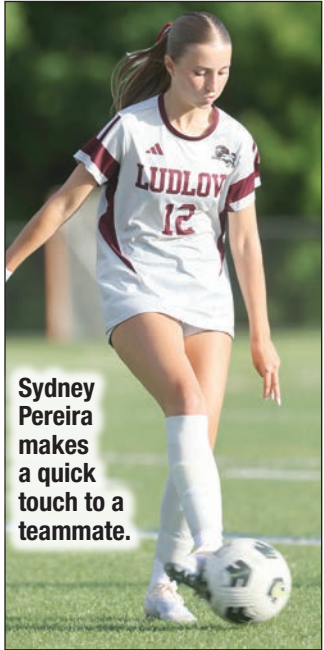
Jonatta Teles make a block on the offensive line.



Giovanni Perez tries to make a lunging catch.

Ludlow girls soccer shuts out South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Tuesday evening, Ludlow scored in each half in order to pick up a 2-0 win at South Hadley High School. Geia Guzman had both goals for the Lions. Madelyn Riley had six saves to pick up the shut-out for Ludlow. Olivia Athas made eight saves for the Tigers. Ludlow is 2-0 on the season while South Hadley is 1-1 after beating Agawam last Thursday afternoon.

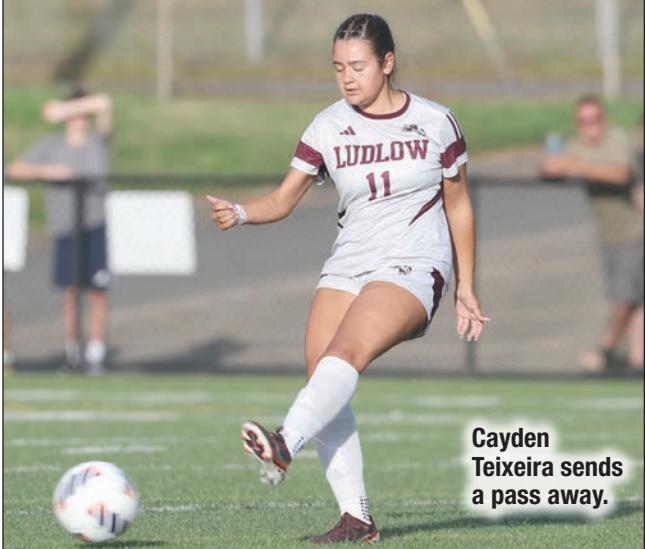


Sydney Pereira makes a quick touch to a teammate.



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Valentina Molinari heads up the field.



Cayden Teixeira sends a pass away.



Stacy Barros is pursued by the South Hadley defense.



Rhiley Comeau kicks the ball to her left.



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Olivia Slatton goes for the low hit.

Lions outlast Belchertown in busy first week

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School girls volleyball team is out to a 2-1 start after a busy first week of the season. Among their two wins was a 3-2 triumph over Belchertown. After going down in the first two sets, Ludlow came back to win close matches 25-23 in the third and fourth sets. In the fifth set, Ludlow got a big advantage and won 15-9. Hayden Morin had nine kills while Madelyn Goncalves had 14 assists.

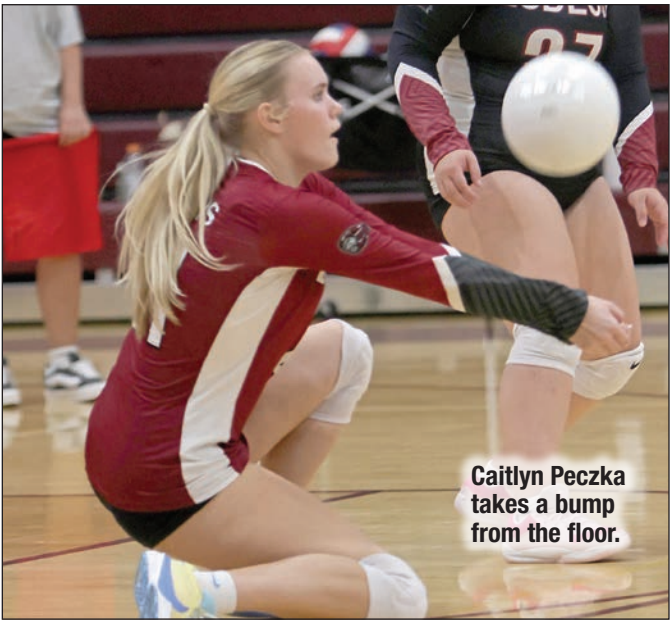
Kyleigh Johnson sets the ball straight up.



Madelyn Goncalves sends a backwards set over the net.



Hayden Morin goes for the spike.



Caitlyn Peczka takes a bump from the floor.

Alianza 5K Cider Donut Dash

Sept. 26 run/walk to end domestic violence

HOLYOKE – Lace up your sneakers on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Ashley Reservoir, where the community will come together with purpose, and for a sweet finish of cider and donuts.

The 5K starts at the Elks Club, 250 Whitney Avenue, with runners starting at 10 a.m. and walkers at 10:05 a.m. A 1.5 mile fun run will also be held.

Following the race there will be cider donuts, fresh apple cider, music and community connection.

The Alianza 5K: Cider Donut Dash brings people together to raise awareness, support survivors, and help build a future free from domestic violence.

Run fast, walk with friends, or bring the whole family to cheer on the community. There's a place for

everyone at the start line (and plenty of donuts waiting at the finish).

Held just ahead of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this event serves as a meaningful kick-off by bringing the community together to show up and stand with survivors.

Registration fees now through Sept. 24 are \$45 for adult 5K runners/walkers. Prices increase at 1 a.m. on Sept. 25 to \$55 for adult 5K runners/walkers and \$35 for youth under age 18.

Online registration closes at 9 a.m. on Sept. 26. To register, visit www.runreg.com/Alianza.

Proceeds support Alianza DV Services, whose programs provide free and confidential advocacy, shelter, prevention, and support services to survivors of domestic violence and their families throughout our region.

For more information about Alianza DV Services, visit www.alianzadv.org/.

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for a 39-yard TD completion.

On the first play of the second quarter, Griswold hooked up with Sem once again for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

"I worked a lot with my receivers during the offseason, and we've built a very good chemistry. It was very important for us to take an early lead," Griswold said. "It feels very good to win our first game of the season. We really want to have a winning season."

The extra point attempt sailed wide right.

The Lions offense, which is led by first-year starting QB Connor Sylvestre, finally picked up a first down with the help of a personal foul penalty during the next series. They were eventually forced to punt.

The Pioneers held a commanding 23-0 halftime lead following a 28-yard Crum field goal on the final play of the first half.



Mason Bartolucci goes for the tackle.

Pathfinder Tech junior Cassian Kowalik took over the spotlight during the third quarter with a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Kowalik's first rushing TD came on a five yard dash into the end zone, which increased Pathfinder's lead to 29-0 with 9:42 left in the

third quarter. The extra point attempt was blocked by senior Giovanni Perez.

Then following a fumble recovery by senior Peyton Kularski, Kowalik carried the ball four times, which included a 12-yard run into the endzone with 3:37 remaining in the third quarter.



Quarterback Connor Sylvestre drops back to pass.

2-0 against Commerce in the home opener on Friday night at historic Legion Field in Palmer, the Lions will be looking to get into the win column when they play at Smith Vocational on Thursday night.



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OBITUARIES

Fay (White) LaBrecque, 78

LUDLOW – Fay (White) LaBrecque, 78, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on September 12, 2026, surrounded by love. Born in Ludlow, Fay is the daughter of the late Gerald and Edna (Gates) White, and she was a 1965 graduate of Ludlow High School. Fay received her associate’s degree in Art History from Lasell College which was a special time for her, especially when she studied abroad in Venice, Italy. She went on to have a fulfilling career as a graphic artist, working for various newspapers and magazines, as well as sharing her talents as a teacher. Fay was an exceptionally talented artist who found great joy in painting and drawing. She also had an eye for decorating, especially during the holidays when her home was always tastefully decorated, looking as though it belonged

in a magazine. She loved having a house full of family, friends and cats. Fay took great pleasure in cooking and entertaining for those she loved. Fay adored her grandchildren, was a huge Patriot’s fan and always found an excuse to have a party. Since 1950, she enjoyed vacationing annually with her family, especially at Hampton Beach, where she and her husband spent two weeks on their honeymoon. Fay was the beloved wife of 51 years to E. Browning LaBrecque until his passing in 2020; a loving and devoted mother to her 3 daughters, Renee Letendre and husband Peter, Aimee LaBrecque and husband Brian Steigmeyer and Desiree LaBrecque, all



of Ludlow; a devoted grandmother to Ryan and Emerson Letendre, Ethan and Kellan Steigmeyer and Ruby Mateus; a dear sister to Jerry Richard White and wife Lillian of Ohio and sister-in-law to Douglas LaBrecque and wife Lisa of West Springfield; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. Visiting hours for Fay will be held at Ludlow Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. concluding with a funeral home service at 12 p.m. followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fay’s memory to Ludlow Boys and Girls Club and D’Amour Center for Cancer Care.

Jose Antonio Dias Goncalves

Jose Antonio Dias Goncalves, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully in Portugal on August 27, 2026, while vacationing in the country he always held close to his heart. He was born on May 28, 1947, in São Vicente da Chã, Portugal, to the late Carlos Goncalves Da Eira and Maria Julia Goncalves Dias. He proudly served in the Portuguese military before emigrating to France in 1971 in search of new opportunities and a better future. In 1974, Jose Antonio married the love of his life, Benta Goncalves. Together, they built a life rooted in love, devotion, and family, eventually making their home in Ludlow, Massachusetts, where they shared 52 years together. His family was his greatest source of pride and happiness. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Benta; his daughter, Julia Smith, and her husband, Michael; his son, Joao Carlos Goncalves, and his wife, Kelly; and his daughter, Cecilia Goncalves. He was a devoted

grandfather to Kyle Goncalves, Nikolas Goncalves, and Giuliana Goncalves, whom he adored. He treasured the time they spent together and will be remembered for the love, guidance, stories, and warmth he shared with them. He also leaves behind his step-granddaughter Audrey Smith. Jose Antonio will also be lovingly remembered by his siblings: Maria Arminda Dias and her husband, Joao; Maria da Conceicao Goncalves and her husband, Manuel; Jose Joaquim Goncalves and his wife, Connie; Maria Cecilia Rodrigues and her husband, Antonio; and Maria Fernanda Kularski and her husband, Tim. He will also be missed by his many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family members. A hardworking and dedicated man, Jose Antonio took great pride in providing for his family. He worked



for Bruschi Brothers for 30 years before retiring in 2008. His strong work ethic and commitment were evident throughout his life. Jose Antonio found happiness in the simple pleasures of life, especially spending time outdoors. He loved gardening and caring for his plants, and he had a special love for animals, always showing them a gentle and caring heart. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and being surrounded by nature. Bald Mountain Campground held a special place in his heart, where he spent many peaceful days fishing, relaxing, and enjoying time with those he loved. Funeral services for Jose will be held on Saturday, September 12th. Visiting hours are from 8:00-10:00am at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00am in Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial in Reservoir Cemetery.

Freedom Credit Union collecting donations for Alzheimer’s Association

SPRINGFIELD – Freedom Credit Union is collecting donations throughout September to support the Alzheimer’s Association and its efforts to advance research, promote risk reduction and early detection and provide care and support for people living with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Donations can be made at all Freedom Credit Union branches throughout the month of September. The campaign gives all community members an opportunity to support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer’s and dementia. More than 55 million people worldwide are living with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. Alzheimer’s is a degenerative brain disease and the most common

cause of dementia, which involves a decline in memory, thinking and reasoning that can interfere with daily life. “Alzheimer’s disease affects millions of people and has an impact that reaches far beyond the individual who receives a diagnosis,” said Glenn Welch, president and CEO of Freedom Credit Union, in a press release. “We are proud to support the Alzheimer’s Association and provide our members and communities with an opportunity to contribute to its important work.” The Alzheimer’s Association leads efforts to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection and maximizing quality care and support. Freedom Credit Union

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Edward Joseph Chwalek

Edward Joseph Chwalek, 80, of Hopkinton, MA, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2026, surrounded by family. Ed was the husband of Marcia and together recently celebrated 58 years of marriage. He was born in Ludlow, MA on March 30, 1946, the son of the late Edward Joseph Chwalek and Emily Madry Chwalek.



Maxtor in Longmont, CO, and Stratus Technologies in Maynard, MA. He was known for his dedication, integrity and easygoing, steady demeanor. Together, Ed and Marcia built a life filled with family, friends and travel. His lifelong passion for fly fishing and their shared love for golf took them all over the world. He loved to plan their trips, always booking local inns and getting to know the people and culture. Fly fishing frequently took him to his favorite stretches of the Swift and Farmington Rivers with the guys. They also fished rivers in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and California, often joined by his younger brother, John. He and Marcia traveled to New Zealand for his last big fishing trip. Colorado always held a special place in their hearts. Fittingly, it was the site of his last trip in April.

Ed attended Cathedral High School and graduated from Saint Anselm College, where he played hockey and formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. Ed and Marcia met on St. Patrick’s Day in 1963 at Howard Johnson’s in Ludlow. She, an outgoing dark-haired teenager working as a waitress; he, a quiet, blue-eyed blond working as a cook. Though both had grown up in Ludlow, it took a chance encounter at HoJo’s to bring them together. From that night on, Marcia was the love of Ed’s life, and he was so proud of the family they built together.

Ed spent his career in the computer technology industry, a field he genuinely enjoyed. After beginning as a young man at Spaulding, he spent many years at Digital Equipment Corporation, working in procurement and business operations. An opportunity to move West took the family to Colorado Springs in 1976, where he helped open a new facility, followed by a move back to Stow, MA, in 1979 to settle down and raise their children near their large extended families. In 1995, Colorado called again, and it was perfect timing for another adventure. Ed and Marcia both took on new jobs before eventually moving back home to be closer to their kids and be part of their grandchildren’s lives: Jake, Alex, Ben and Annie.

Before retiring, Ed also held executive positions at those who knew Ed reformed his dry sense of humor and his gift for telling a story, and he always made sure everyone was listening. He was a calm, steady force for his family, a great listener who always asked ques-

tions before offering advice. If he had an opinion about something, it would usually show up with a raised eyebrow or a well-placed comment. Ed enjoyed cooking for Marcia, friends and family, and his grandchildren especially loved his apple pies. He loved music of every kind, from country western to opera, but most of all, he loved simply listening to Marcia play classical music on the piano. Besides his loving wife, Marcia, he will be missed by his children, whom he adored. Daughter, Pam Poor and her husband John, of Holliston, MA; his son, Rob Chwalek, and his wife Annis, of Sudbury, MA; and his grandchildren, Jake and Alex Poor, and Ben and Annie Chwalek. He loved them deeply and was so proud of them all.

Ed was predeceased by his brother, John, with whom he shared many adventures over the years. He is survived by his older sisters, Dorothy Boucher of Easton, PA, and Adele Chwalek of Westboro, MA, who lived nearby and enjoyed frequent visits with him; his sister-in-law, Maryann Chwalek, of La Honda, CA; Marcia’s brothers and sisters and their families; and many nieces and nephews. Ed was grateful for the love and support of his family and many friends, near and far, throughout his illness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 21, 12-3 p.m. at Marlborough Country Club, 200 Concord Road, Marlborough, MA. A brief remembrance will begin at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share in celebrating his life.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Ed’s name to a cause close to your heart would be a lovely way to honor his memory.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT
HOME OCCUPATION**
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Amy E. Murphy of **97 Prokop Avenue**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 11C, Parcel 22) for: **jewelry crafting**.
If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.
Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/09, 09/16/2026

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board’s Conference Room on **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Manuel Santos of **492 Miller Street**, Ludlow, MA (Assessors’ Map 25A, Parcel 10) for: **office for construction business**.
If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.
Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/09, 09/16/2026

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103**

**(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P1867EA
Estate of:
Carol Rae Cobb
Also known as:
Carol R Cobb
Date of Death: 06/15/2026
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 **Cynthia L Casey of Feeding Hills, 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 **Cynthia L Casey of Feeding Hills, 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 09/29/2026. 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.
**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER**

**THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE 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. **Claudine T. Stoudemire** First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 31, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/16/2026

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LUDLOW
OFFICE OF THE
SELECT BOARD**
You are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held at the Town Hall Select Board’s Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.** On the application of STR8UP Towing & Auto Services, LLC, Class III Motor Vehicle License located at 23 Oregon Avenue.
William Rosenblum, Chairperson
Anthony Alves, Vice Chair
James Gennette
Manuel Silva
Tony Sanches
Ludlow Select Board
09/16, 09/23/2026

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
OFFICE OF THE SELECT-
BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE**
You are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held at the Town Hall Select Board’s Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026, AT 5:45 P.M.** On the application of North Star Motors & Collision, LLC., Class II Motor Vehicle License located at 37 Letourneau Lane.
William Rosenblum, Chairperson
Anthony Alves, Vice Chair
James Gennette
Manuel Silva
Tony Sanches
Ludlow Select Board
09/16, 09/23/2026

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1929EA
Estate of:
Derek V Rodrigues
Date of Death: 8/8/2026
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephanie Rodrigues** of Ludlow, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Stephanie Rodrigues of Ludlow, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative

under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
08/16/2026

**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, Select Board’s Conference Room, 3rd floor
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026
Time: 7:20 p.m.
Applicant: Planning Board
Location: 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA
If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection 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:
1. Organizational amendments: Replacing the entire existing zoning bylaw with a rewritten version intended to improve organization, readability and syntax and without changing content or meaning
2. Accessory Dwelling Units: Adding language to the provisions governing Accessory Dwelling Units and related parking requirements, as previously directed by the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, so as to bring the bylaw into full compliance with the requirements of current state law and regulations
3. Data Centers: Amendment and/or additions to the existing zoning bylaw to regulate the location, siting, or to establish the possible prohibition of Data Centers within the Town of Ludlow.
**Raymond Phoenix
Chairman**
09/09, 09/16/26



Irma Medina has been named dean new HCC division of Integrative and Applied Learning

HOLYOKE – Irma Medina of Springfield, an alum and 22-year employee of Holyoke Community College, has been named the inaugural dean of the HCC division of Integrative and Applied Learning.
“For more than two decades, Irma has served HCC with dedication and distinction, championing student success, equity, belonging, and experiential learning,”

said Jessica Nicklin, HCC provost and vice president of academic and student affairs. “This is an important leadership role, and I’m delighted to make this announcement.”
Medina, the daughter of a seamstress, was a single mom and working full time as a secretary when she enrolled in night classes at HCC in 1997, taking a bus to college every day from her home in Springfield’s North

End. She is a graduate of Springfield’s High School of Commerce, where her best class was typing, she said, and her ambition at the time merely to get a better paying secretarial job.
“That was all I knew,” she said.
Later, Medina transferred from HCC to Mount Holyoke College on a Frances Perkins scholarship.
She graduated in 2004

with a bachelor’s degree in urban politics and a minor in history.
She soon returned to HCC as an academic advisor for the TRIO program, and two years later became the inaugural coordinator of what was then a new transfer program called Pathways, which she led as coordinator for the next 17 years.
In 2023, she was named director of Integrated Learning,

overseeing a complement of linked programs that includes Pathways, Honors, Learning Communities, Community Based Learning, and Academic Internships.
This summer, Integrated Learning was elevated to become its own academic division under the new title of Integrated and Applied Learning, with Medina as its first dean.
“Those who know Irma

recognize her as a thoughtful leader, a trusted colleague, and a passionate advocate for students,” said Nicklin. “I am confident that her vision, collaborative spirit and unwavering dedication to HCC’s mission will continue to enrich our students’ lives and strengthen our college community.”

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for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting
for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
from 11-12 noon
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)
2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month 11-12 noon
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10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m.**

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413-543-3627
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Thursday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY
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Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am (English) 10:15am (Polish)
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.**

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413-583-3467
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In Residence – Rev. Norman Bolton
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Wednesday, Sept. 16: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m.
(C), Holy Mother Choir – 4:30 p.m. (C), Bible Study
– 6:30 p.m. (JR), Pack 180 meeting – 6:30 p.m.
(FLBK/K).
Thursday, Sept. 17: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C).
Friday, Sept. 18: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C).
Saturday, Sept. 19: Men’s Ministry – 7:30 a.m.
(JR), Confessions – 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Vigil
Mass – 4 p.m. (C).
Sunday, Sept. 20: Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m.,
9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (C), Faith Formation pre-K
confirmation – 10:15 a.m. (JR/ER/ZR/F), Lifeteen – 6
p.m. (JR).
Monday, Sept. 21: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C),
Faith Formation grades 3–5 – 3:30 p.m. (JR), Faith
Formation grades 6–8 – 6:30 p.m. (JR).
Tuesday, Sept. 22: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C),
Middle School Youth Ministry – 3:30 p.m. (JR), St.
Rita Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. (C), Boy Scouts Pack
and Troop Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m. (JR).**

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on Wednesday at 6 p.m.**

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413-583-2312
Father Pedro DeOlivera
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11 a.m. (English)
Monday and Wednesday Morning
Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m.
(Portuguese)
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 a.m.
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485 East Street, Ludlow
(413) 583-7875
Email: FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com
Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison
Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups
meet at 9:45am
Worship service meets at 11am
OTHER MEETINGS
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm
AA Group 7pm**

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413-285-3069
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Grace Union Church, Wilbraham
Check our Facebook page or website for the
schedule of worship and events
https://www.facebook/firstchurchludlow
Website: www.ludlowfirst.com**



First Church announces upcoming church programs

LUDLOW – The leadership team at First Church in Ludlow and Grace Union Church in Wilbraham invites community members to enjoy several upcoming events.
On Sept. 19, a community resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Church in Ludlow (859 Center Street).
Several vendors will attend the event to share information on various resources and services.
On Sept. 20 at 10 a.m., community members are invited to attend First Church

in Ludlow for worship and the kickoff for the new Sunday School year.
“It is also Just Peace Sunday and Homecoming Sunday at the First Church in Ludlow. Come bring your family, friends, and neighbors,” read a statement released by the church leadership team.
On Oct. 3, First Church in Ludlow and Grace Union Church in Wilbraham will attend the Falling Into Fun event in Ludlow.
Information will be offered to guests about both churches.

*Are you having difficulty communicating
with your partner, struggling with
boundaries, and healthy relationships?*

**We invite you to join us
Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm
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