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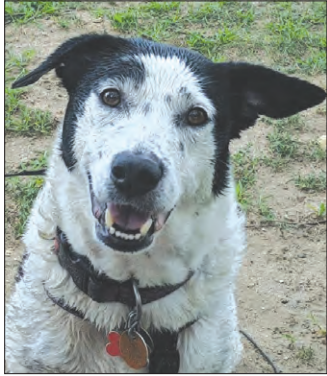
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JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

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Charter Committee seeks public involvement to shape town's future

By Marcelo Gusmão
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LUDLOW – At the Charter Committee's first meeting, it was determined that the first step to building a more efficient government for the town will be to start a dialogue with the public about how the town's government works.

The Committee to change the town's charter met last Thursday at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. All 11 members of the Committee, as well as two alternates and Town Administrator Marc Strange, were present for the inaugural meeting, which gave an overview of what the Committee hopes to accomplish, what problems this charter change hopes to address, and making the key appointments of

Committee Chair and Clerk. Selectmen Derek DeBarge and Bill Rosenblum said they had agreed that a Selectman should not chair this Committee, and so DeBarge recommended Marissa Ribeiro Dahan for Chair.

Rosenblum made a motion, and Ribeiro Dahan was voted Chair with a majority vote. "I grew up in Ludlow, and I went to UMAss, Amherst," Ribeiro Dahan said. "My background is in state government in a variety of roles in the governor's office and the office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and now I am a state policy advisor at ISO New England."

For the clerk position, which DeBarge described as "the toughest position," Rosenblum

passed a motion to appoint Judy Breault.

"I've seen the amount of research and paperwork that's been done by this person before, a couple times, with the Pond Committee," Rosenblum said. "I could see that thoroughness coming over to the clerk's position."

The Committee was treated to a presentation by the Collins Center that outlined the way it will work. Committee member Chris Connolly asked if the Center had a strategic progression of agenda items that would provide a skeleton for future meetings.

"Every city and town is different in what they're trying to

accomplish," said the Collins Center representative, Patricia Lavoie, explaining that there was no standardized schedule for Charter Committees.

"One of the first issues we're going to want to tackle is form of government, because everything will flow from that," said Lavoie. "But before that, even, there will be some preliminary items that we'll address. We can go through a standard charter, or we could go through branches of government, but there may be some compelling issues you decide that you want to take out of order."

"We have checklists, we know what you need to talk about and decide upon in order to build this charter," said Mel

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Selectmen and School Comm. discuss next year's budget

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LUDLOW – At the recent Board of Selectmen meeting, the School and Finance Committees attended in order to provide transparency going into the town's budget for next year.

"We had some miscommunications years ago," said School Committee Chair Jeff Laing. "It's great, whoever thought of this, to make sure that we're continuing to meet throughout the year."

Laing added that he hopes to achieve the most transparency possible through this process.

"Transparency between the boards, and for the community, I think, is absolutely key," said Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano.

Tiano added that the school year "has gotten off to a really good start this year."

"I think two years past COVID—knock on wood—we seem to be improving right now," Tiano said.

Town Administrator Marc Strange introduced Town Accountant Shawn Teece as "new to the game," adding that he "did a great job of putting together some projections" for fiscal year 2025.

Strange provided some information about what the budget for the next fiscal year will look like, based on information available to us right now.

"To be conservative in our approach," Strange said, "a two-and-a-half percent increase over last year's levy would increase the town budget totally by \$1.2 million."

After factoring in the increase to the Assessor's Overlay Account, Strange said that projections predict a three percent increase to both the town and the school budgets.

"That puts us at about an \$80 million total budget," Strange said. "With level revenues, that puts us at a \$500,000 deficit, which is to be expected."

Strange said that these numbers are still in flux, as local receipts typically go up between \$200-\$300,000 per year. The town is also working on a pilot agreement with a solar array that was built in town, and the Assessor is expected to look at the Mills Project in January, which could mean new growth for the town as well.

"Our state aid, between fiscal '24 and fiscal '25, actually went up by a net of \$650,000, part of that was on the educational side," Strange added.

Selectman Derek DeBarge asked about the projected ask from the schools, to which Tiano responded by describing the costs the school currently expects.

"We have contracts where our 500 employees will get a cost-of-living increase," Tiano explained. "For our professional staff, there are steps, which is an additional percent, and we keep track of staff who are gaining another degree, which moves them over a lane, and so forth. So, our preliminary estimate right now for a salary increase is about \$1.7 million."

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Citizens Council looks forward to biggest Food Truck Festival yet

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INDIAN ORCHARD – The Citizens Council is getting ready for their biggest Food Truck Festival yet, coming next Saturday.

"This is our biggest one," said Terry Mitchell. "We usually just have it in a parking lot, but this year, the street will be shut down between Myrtle Street and Oak Street."

The Food Truck Festival will be held at Myrtle Street Park on Saturday, Oct. 7, from noon to 6 p.m. Mitchell said that in addition to multiple food trucks, the event will also have vendors selling crafts, children's activities, including face-painting and a clown, and what she described as an "outside video game."

"I think it's a truck where they can play video games," Mitchell said, indicating that the video game truck will be available all day.

Mitchell said that the event will feature "performers of all genres," with a couple of dance schools coming to the festival to perform. The Sheriff's Department has also agreed to attend to provide information for the community and bring along their kennel crew and mounted division.

"They're going to bring their K-9 dogs, so the kids can see the dogs, and they're gonna have the horses," Mitchell said.

Another big draw will be

a free raffle, which the Council does at the Festival every year.

"People just need to stop at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council table," Mitchell said. "There will be someone standing there, that person will give them a ticket."

“There's going to be many local vendors to provide information to the community.”

Terry Mitchell

The raffle will be happening all throughout the event, with multiple prize baskets with different prizes.

"This event is gonna bring the community together, it's about us giving back to the community," Mitchell said.

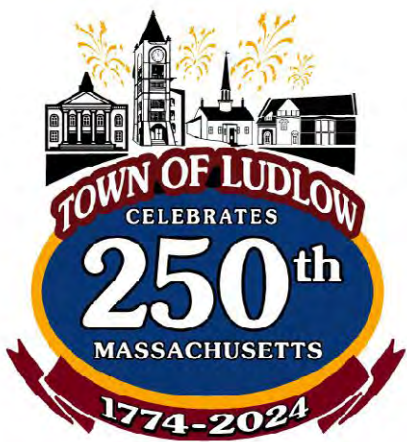
"It's a time for families to come out and enjoy themselves, the community organizations, the small businesses that come out, and to support the Citizens Council on a regular basis. It's a chance for us to give back."

Last year, the Food Truck Festival had over 1000 attendees, and it's expected that this year there will be as many as 1500 people in attendance.

The Citizens Council is able to put this event on through donations they've received, and

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LUDLOW



CELEBRATION CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ludlowma250.org

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 11AM-3PM**

Ludlow Cultural Council Marketplace

Veterans Memorial Park, 11 East Street, Ludlow

Featuring local vendors, free arts and crafts, food, LIVE music & much more! The committee will be selling our Ludlow 250th merchandise: t-shirts, hoodies, ball caps, knitted hats and mugs. Please bring CASH!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 • 12 NOON-7PM

Celebrate Ludlow!

Veterans Memorial Park, 11 East Street, Ludlow

Featuring lots of food choices hosted by Ludlow's non-profits, Vanished Valley beer garden, kids carnival rides, kids inflatables, pumpkin contest and LIVE music. Please bring CASH! The committee will be selling our Ludlow 250th merchandise: t-shirts, hoodies, ball caps, knitted hats and mugs. The 250th Celebration Committee will also be selling water as a fundraiser to help with our upcoming events.

OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 28

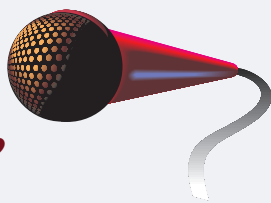
Halloween House Decorating Contest



Open to all Ludlow residents. Register your home by Oct. 19th on the Ludlow 250th website or call Cindy at 413-210-2750. Judging will take place Oct. 22-28. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Ludlow Legends, "in their own minds"



Ludlow Country Club

Featuring a live show with 3 of Ludlow's own performers - Jimmy Mazz, Lisa Carter (as Cher!) and Joe Pereira. Includes buffet dinner by Creative Cuisine (Villa Rose). Tickets are \$60 each or a table of 8 for \$450. Call 413-374-5890 to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • 7PM

Thunderbirds Hockey Ludlow Night



Mass Mutual Center downtown Springfield

A portion of all tickets sold will be donated to the Ludlow 250th Committee. Call 413-417-2289, mention Ludlow 250th. Tickets are \$23 per person.

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PET OF THE WEEK



IZZY

Izzy is 9 years old and loves sunbathing and playing in snow. Her friend, Catherine Gilman he's one of the best cuddlers around.

Ludlow Lions raising money for cancer research

LUDLOW— Through the months of September and October, prostate and breast cancer awareness months respectively, Ludlow Rotary will be selling T-shirts to support local cancer support and research organizations. The T-shirts are \$25 each or 2 for \$40. All proceeds will benefit local organizations. Shirts can be purchased at ludlowrotary.org or directly at the following local businesses: Brookside Café, Evan's Egg house, the Ludlow Safety Complex, and the Bilberry Salon (Wilbraham). Rotary Club members will also be selling the shirts outside of Randall's Farm on Saturday, Sept. 23, and Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lyman Orchards pie fundraiser supports seniors

WILBRAHAM— Here's an opportunity to help support the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors and ease the holiday stress at the same time. Pre-order Lyman Orchards' frozen pies -- 10 delicious flavors to choose from and 5 classic flavors of cookie dough. Just thaw, bake and serve. Ordering is easy, simply Contact Dee Mitchell at 413-813-9660 or email at damic4@comcast.net for an Order Form or pick up form at Wilbraham Senior Center. Frozen Pies and Cookie Dough will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 15, to the Wilbraham Senior Center for pick up after 1 p.m. Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will also deliver to Wilbraham Residents for a \$10 fee, and \$12 for neighboring towns. Funds raised are used for the programs and services of the Wilbraham Senior Center.

NYC Bus Trip Dec. 9

Come and spend Saturday, Dec. 9, for a day in NYC on a 36-passenger King-Gray coach bus and spend the day shopping, sightseeing or museum hopping. The roundtrip fare is \$77 and includes the driver's gratuity.

Participants will arrive at 6:45 am at Ludlow High School's parking lot at 500 Chapin St. for a prompt 7 a.m. departure. There will be one rest stop going to NYC and one coming home. The bus will drop passengers off in Times Square. Note: Departure from NYC will be 6 p.m. from the New York Palace Hotel (formerly The Helmsley Palace) on 455 Madison Avenue at 50th Street.

Send check made to Gloria Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown, Mass. 01007. In the notation section of the check, write your cell phone number. Deadline for seat reservation is Nov. 1 and a wait list will be kept. Once the bus is full, the wait list will be used to fill any sudden cancellations. Thank you, and we look forward to having you join us.

Cruise for critters postponed to Sept. 30

MONSON — Fall fundraiser featuring a car show, Halloween Barktacular to benefit animals in need at Second Chance Animal Services has been postponed until Saturday, Sept. 30. The event will still take place at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road, where there will be fall festivities include corn maze and pumpkin picking. Food and beverages including handmade ice cream are available at the creamery's restaurant. Admission is free for spectators; dogs are welcome on leash - please no retractable leads. \$20 show car entry fee. Annual fundraiser is presented by Al Widlan's Service Connection of Monson.

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Ludlow Knights receive State Award

LUDLOW - Ludlow Council 3535 of the Knights of Columbus received the Star Council Award for the 2022-2023 Council year.

The award is given to those councils that meet or exceed their membership and insurance goals and provide a significant number of service programs to the Church, families and

local community. Ludlow Council was one of only 19 Councils to receive this prestigious award in Massachusetts. District Deputy, pictured left, presented the award to Past Grand Knight, James Meehan, center,

while looking on is current Grand Knight, Michael Trexler.

Ludlow Council 3535 is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million mem-



District Deputy Don Darcy, Past Grand Knight Jim Meehan, and Grand Knight Mike Trexler receive the state award.

bers of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally through financial contributions and hands-on service.

250th Committee announces upcoming events for the Holiday Season

LUDLOW - The 250th Committee would like to invite residents from all over the community to look for them at the following upcoming events.

The Committee plans to participate in the Cultural Council's Marketplace on September 30 and October 1.

Celebrate Ludlow will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Veteran's Park on East Street. The Committee will be selling new 250th merchandise, including baseball hats, mugs, sweatshirts and t-shirts. The designs can also be found at Outside The Box Gift Shop on Sewall Street.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Ludlow Country Club will host the Jimmy Mazz show from 6-10 p.m. The event is called "Ludlow Legends, In Their Own Minds," and will feature three of Ludlow's own performers, including Jimmy Mazz, Joe Pereira, and Lisa Carter, who 250th Committee Chair Linda Collette said "does a great Cher impersonation."

Tickets are \$60 each, or \$450 for a table of eight, and can be purchased by calling 413-374-5890. In addition to the show, this purchase includes a dinner buffet provided by Creative Cuisine Villa Rose, with a cash bar.

"Tickets are limited and are expected to sell quickly," Collette said. The 250th will also participate in the Boys and Girls' Club Rag Shag Parade at the end of October, which also includes a Trunk-or-Treat.

The 250th Committee is holding an October Halloween Decorating Contest for Ludlow residents, requiring that they register their home and neighborhood. On Nov. 3, the Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey will have a Ludlow Night at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23 per person, and for an additional purchase, attendees can receive a \$4 beef hot dog and soda voucher. A portion of all tickets sold will be donated to the Ludlow 250th committee, and can be purchased using the Ludlow 250th QR code, or by calling 413-417-2289.

The 250th Committee urged purchasers to mention the Committee when ordering tickets online. There will also be a Christmas decorating contest in December, which will also require registration in order to be included in the judging. The 250th Committee also intends to partner with the Ludlow Rotary Club, the Boys and Girls' Club, the Lions Club, the Boy Scouts of America, Ludlow CARES, and the Veterans Services Department, and other organizations for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Town Hall, around 3 p.m. The tree-lighting will feature a host of fun activities, including a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. This year, there will also be a pancake breakfast in the morning at the High School. Details on all of this will be coming next month as they get finalized. Flyers for these events are posted all over town, and can be found at Town Hall, in the back entrance bulletin board, near where copies of *The Register* can be found.

The 250th Committee urged purchasers to mention the Committee when ordering tickets online.

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FOR ADULTS

Painting on Textiles- Scrunch Paint a Silk Scarf, Thursday September 28, 6:30 p.m. Join Garine of Kulina Folk Art to paint your own silk scarf. Everyone will go home with their own creation! Reserve your spot on our website.

Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors, Wednesday September 27, 6:30 p.m. Join us virtually with Tory Stephens of Grist Magazine, an independent non-profit media organization focused on the climate crisis, and learn how he created Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors. Imagine is a storytelling initiative that calls for fiction writers to envision the

next 180 years of equitable climate progress, imagining intersectional worlds of abundance, adaptation, reform, and hope. Find the Zoom link on our website.

The Happy Hour Book Club discusses "The Egg and I" by Betty MacDonald, Thursday September 28, 6:30 p.m. The "Happy Hour Book Club" meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

The "Who Picked This Book?" Book Club discusses "The Stranger in the Life Boat" by Mitch Albom, Thursday October 5, 3:30 p.m. The "Who Picked This Book?" book club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome.

FOR TEENS

Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (10/3, 10/17, 10/31), 6:00-8:00 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. Free pizza is generously donated by Domino's of Wilbraham. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

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

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

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

The Read Between the Lines YA Book Group discusses "The Wrath & The Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh, Friday October 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Copies of each month's book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

October Storywalk: The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything, Come to the library grounds any time during the month of October to walk through Linda William's fun story "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything!"

Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 p.m. For 7 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Fluffy Slime, Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. For ages 5 & up. Learn how to make soft, fluffy slime. Please register.

Minecraft Club, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

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

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt, Friday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Search the Youth Room for dinosaurs, learn some fun dino-facts, and win a prize!

Banned Books Scavenger Hunt, Friday, October 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. October 1st-7th is National Banned Books Week, which fights censorship and celebrates the freedom to read. Search the Youth Room for books that have been censored, learn about some of the crazy reasons why, and win a prize!

FOR CHILDREN

3-5s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Monday October 2, weekly for six weeks except 10/9, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. A six week session about parents, siblings, grandparents and even pets! 30 minutes of stories, finger-plays, songs and games followed by a snack and craft. Please register.

Preschool Yoga, For Ages 2+ and caregivers, Monday, October 2,

10:00-11:00 a.m. Simple yoga poses & stories are woven together to create a fun, interactive, program! On the library lawn, or in the Program Room if the weather is bad. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

2-3s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Wednesday October 4, weekly for six weeks, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. The fun, easy-going 45 minute storytime includes 15 minutes for free play, 15 minutes of stories, fingerplays & songs, and 15 minutes of craft and snack time. Please register.

You and Me in Music For Babies & Toddlers, Wednesdays in September, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For 0-36 months. Join us for this dynamic program led by Music Therapist, Renee Coro of Harmonious Happenings. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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

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

Me, You & We, Fridays, September 15- October 20, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Playgroup to support 3-5 year olds and their caregivers in developing social-emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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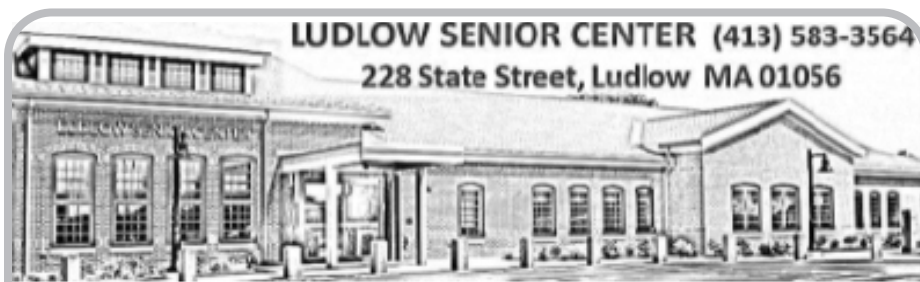
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does; go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Sept. 28

8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
1 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club The Child/Fiona Barton
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

Friday, Sept. 29

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Trivia
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Magic Class
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Monday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. Knitting
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
12:30 Billiards Travel League
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Oct. 3

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
12:30 Billiards Round Robin
1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Movie: The Little Mer-

maid 2023

5 p.m. Trivia
5:30 p.m. Power Pump Fitness Class
5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

Wednesday, Oct. 4

8 a.m. Gardening Club
8 a.m. Facials*
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Zumba Gold
10 a.m. Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn: Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Needs*
12:40 p.m. Movie: Love Again 2023
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Oct. 5

8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
12:30 p.m. Billiards Round Robin
1 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School
PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Lunch & Learn, Healthy Bones and Balance, Facials, The Writers Block, and Foot Care by calling 583-3564

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3. Billiards Room: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
4. Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

Thursday, Sept. 28: Chef Salad
Friday, Sept. 29: Fish Taco/Rice/Beans

Monday, Oct. 2: TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 3: TBA
Wednesday, Oct. 4: TBA
Thursday, Oct. 5: TBA

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

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

Searching your family history with Ancestry Library Edition

WILBRAHAM -- Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition at the Wilbraham Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

She will give a brief demonstration of how to use the online resource in the Brooks Room, followed by time in which participants use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. All participants will be given a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy. "Ancestry Library Edition includes

records of the U.S. Census from 1790 to 1950, military records such as World War I draft cards, and other records worldwide. Some international records are available, with particularly good coverage in Canada and the United Kingdom," said Bell.

This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited due to the number of computers available, and registration is going on now.

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Cleaning up and planning ahead

Let's just say that all the rain made vegetable gardening a real challenge this year.

Why don't we call it a wrap and do what we can now to get ahead of the game for next year!

Most of my veggie plants have already called it quits. Other than a half row each of carrots and beets, and the last succession of green bean plants, there is pretty much nothing left to harvest in my main garden.

I still have some great peppers in the raised beds. Clean up will start in the main garden for now.

Where do I begin? First, I will haul off whatever I can to the compost pile, excluding as many weeds as possible. I will also leave out thick plant stalks such as broccoli; they will take too long to break down.

Diseased plants are also a no-no; they belong in the trash.

Think of the compost pile as an outdoor lasagna made of layers of brown and green plant parts. Brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) can be layered with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, over grown vegetables and scraps, and those non-weedy plant parts) to get the pile cooking.

Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well. Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results.

Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

The garden plot is looking better, but I still have lots of weeds to deal with. I've been told that if you miss one year's seeding it's seven years weeding, so there is no way I am going to take the easy route and rototill them in.

As I pull up the weeds by hand, I vow to be a better weeder next year, or better yet, mulch more and weed less.

My chickens, however, are thrilled with my shortcomings! They gobble down those seed heads faster than their morning dose of carrot peelings.

At last, I have a clean slate. In preparation for sowing winter rye seed, I scuff up the soil surface.

If any Jumping Worms cross my path, I feed them to the chickens. Stay tuned for an entire article on the subject of these invasive worms next week.

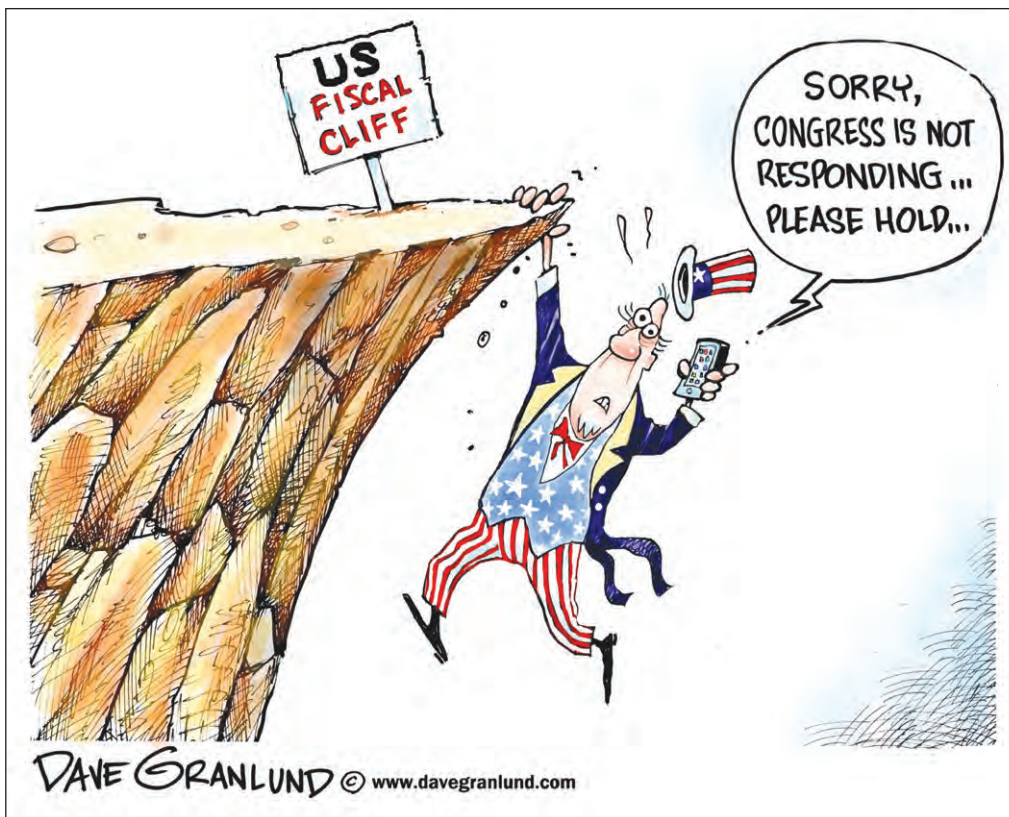
Once prep is complete, I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the seed. At a rate of four pounds per one thousand square feet of garden, I use ten pounds.

It's a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown, I'll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season. Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring- weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating "tarping" it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand. Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you'll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



GUEST COLUMN

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Donald & Barbara Kuhn's

Some of you reading this probably haven't even turned the ripe old age of seventy yet but Donald and Barbara Kuhn's of Wilbraham both celebrated their 92nd birthdays in July! (Donald with a jovial chuckle made sure I knew Barbara was two weeks older!) So the significance of 70, they will be celebrating seventy years of marriage this October and I just want to tell you, neither of them misses a beat!

I know in their ninety-two years they've enjoyed giving, receiving and witnessing Random Acts of Kindness, but let me continue to tell you a little more about them.

Barbara had been a resident of Wilbraham all her life while Donald migrated there from the Forest Park section of Springfield. They built their home in Wilbraham in 1960 and even cleared the land themselves which is where they raised their three children. Their oldest daughter Mary Alyce, their son Joe, and their youngest Betty Ann have enriched their lives by not only being their kids, but by giving them four grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. In November of 2022 they became residents of Ludlow residing at Keystone Commons where the lifestyle for their age was more suitable.

Donald was an only child whereas Barbara was one of eight. When I asked her if he was spoiled as an only child, her response was a whimsical smile, twinkling eyes and a tilt of the head, no words needed, she'd answered the question, he was!

They both agreed having a good humor was a major asset to their successful marriage and also shared another couple secrets of their longevity. He said the first was learning early on to say, "Yes dear", and then went onto the next with more seriousness.

Most importantly was doing everything as a partnership; there were no his or her jobs, it was whatever needed to be done, they just did and together raising their children, they did it as a united effort both equally sharing the tasks.

When asked how they'd met they both laughed out loud and they humorously told the story of that infamous blind date. His mother and a girl's mother plotted that Donald should take her daughter to the prom but the girl chickened out, his conclusion, "She probably didn't want to go to the prom with that nerd." Barbara was supposed to go to the prom with the guy she'd been dating, but he'd gotten into trouble which they explained wasn't out of the ordinary, so one of Barbara's friend

who'd 'pre-approved' Donald fixed them up. I asked if the rest was history and he laughed when replying, "Eventually." He said she played very hard to get but he was persistent. (Guess that comes from that spoiled only child syndrome) They wound up dating four years off and on and marrying after six years. Six months after they were married he was drafted and served two years in the Army.

Donald retired from Chapman Valve located in Indian Orchard after 30 years on a Friday and went to work the following Monday morning at Conval Company in CT where he fully retired after 10 years. Barbara was a stay-at-home mom then went back to school and became the first female pharmacist at Baystate Medical Center and retired after seventeen years.

The Kuhn's loved to travel visiting numerous destinations from Costa Rica, the Canadian Rockies, Panama Canal, Switzerland including the Alpine Alps, Germany and many places encompassing Hawaii, Alaska, Salt Lake City, Puerto Rico and marveling at the Grand Canyon.

I enjoyed so much visiting with the Kuhn's I almost forgot to ask them about Random Acts of Kindness they'd been the recipient of, done or witnessed. Again with humor Donald told me they hadn't done anything because they weren't nice people. Well I can attest to you that is totally false by just a couple of things they shared with me 'off the record'. But they were very quick to tell me how their grandson and his girlfriend had been the recipient of a kind gesture by a stranger. They were enjoying a dinner at a high-end restaurant and at the end of their meal they were informed another patron had in fact paid for their dinner! And that's the cherry on top to this story.

Thank you so much Donald and Barbara for not only sharing your humor but the secret to the longevity of your marriage. You are both such an inspiration to not only your children, but so many others. Congratulations on your upcoming anniversary!

If you'd like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514. You don't need one, but if you'd like to have a predesigned flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done.

See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

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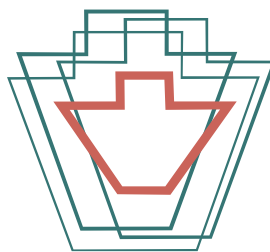
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CHARTER COMMITTEE
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Kleckner of the Collins Center, “It’s just, as Pat said, the order of it isn’t always linear.”

In order to make these early decisions, the Committee was in agreement that it will take collaboration with the public.

“We need to somehow measure what the rest of the town thinks about,” said Committee Member Bryan Bylicki. “We’re people that are involved; what about the 15,000 people that don’t show up to town elections? How do we reach them?”

“You go to Town Meeting and there’s an \$80 million budget... and how much discussion was there on the line items?” Bylicki said.

Some Committee members said that this was less a matter of disinterest, and instead a testament to the community trusting their elected officials to act in the best interests of the town.

“You’ll spend more time arguing, can your neighbor put a garage within the zoning law, within a ten-foot area, than if you have an \$80 million budget,” Bylicki said. “That’s depressing to me, because that \$80 million budget is what delivers the services, and we have to look at that.”

The Committee discussed var-

ious ideas to involve the public in this discussion, including polling, online research, and posting signs at the Police Department and the high school. There was also talk during the meeting of “listening sessions” to be scheduled that would allow the Committee to speak directly to members of the public about what they want for the town.

Among the Committee members, most were attached to classifying Ludlow as a town rather than a city, and there was an agreement that the new government will need to be more efficient than the current system.

“We get stuck kicking the can down the road so many times,” Rosenblum said. “We have a meeting, [then] two weeks later, that Committee meets. Then it comes back to that Committee, then it comes back to us. It can take a month and a half.”

“My largest frustration...serving for the town as long as I have,” DeBarge said. “If the Board of Selectmen tables one thing, we skip two weeks. If we come up with another decision, or we can’t make a decision on something, that’s a month. And then, if you have to wait until Town Meeting...that’s three months, that’s another six months.”

Although preserving the character of the town was chief among

the Committee’s priorities, there was also discussion of how the town is positioned to thrive and grow in the future.

“It’s important to realize that, yes, we want to preserve a lot,” Ribeiro Dahan said. “I completely agree we want to preserve the feeling of the town, but Ludlow also has a unique opportunity in where it’s located, with such easy access to [Interstates] 90 and 91.”

“The 21,000 [population] is staying pretty stagnant,” Rosenblum said. “It’s mostly the traffic that goes through this town. We are a Pike town. You get Belchertown, South Hadley, Granby, Wilbraham, Indian Orchard, Springfield, they’re all coming through here—it’s almost like we’re a city by default, by traffic.”

“We’re going to want to think about the future of the town, attracting people to this town, to want to move here...to stay here,” Ribeiro Dahan added. “To raise their families here. I think we need a more efficient government to do that.”

“I still think that we can do what we need to do, by centralizing it and making it more streamlined, but still keep that small town feel,” Rosenblum said.

The Committee will continue to hold bi-weekly meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
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thanks to some grants that they applied for. Mitchell thanked Zaida Govan, the President of the Citizens Council, for her work in putting this event together.

“There’s going to be many local vendors to provide information to the community,” Mitchell said. “It’s going to be a big festival this year, we’re very excited.”

In addition to the Food Truck Festival, Mitchell said that the Citizens Council has many oth-

er events coming up to bring together the community.

“We do many events to give back to the community to support people of all ages,” Mitchell said. “This is the time for us to get together and just have clean fun, enjoy music, have a meal, and get to know each other.”

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“Last year there was a lot of talk of lay-offs and all that, because obviously we were short on the budget side for the schools,” Selectman Manuel Silva said. “Do you have a number of how many people we actually are less from last year to this year?”

“It’s 20.4 positions less than we had last year,” Tiano said. “We’re starting where we started last year, in terms of providing a level service budget.”

Among the positions the school department has cut, Tiano listed reducing from four librarians to two, reducing French, and changing Spanish for another elective.

As to enrollment, Tiano described it as “fairly static,” although the numbers won’t be compared until enrollment is certified in October.

“You hear people out there saying, ‘we don’t give to our students,’” Silva said. “We do everything we can. We’re about to contract for the new [track], that’s almost \$5 million.”

“It’s one pot of money,” Tiano said. “Where you want to invest your money, in terms of schools and so forth, or open fields—there’s a lot of decisions to be made.”

Earlier in the meeting, the Chair of the Recreation Commission, Sean McBride, approached the Board to petition for a promotion for Debbie Gates of the Recreation Department.

“The Recreation Department is a department of one,” McBride said. “Debbie handles a lot of responsibilities beyond what, I think, a LATOS-3 would.”

“Back in ‘08, when they did a reclassification and they eliminated the O/A positions and created LATOS positions, she was reduced from a three to a two. That would result in a pay raise, obviously, but it brought her down to a two. She’s actually, if you believe it or not, the only LATOS-2 employee, according to the treasurer, in the town.”

A motion was made, but votes were uncertain, as there were concerns with bumping Gates over LATOS-3, and the amount of overtime she would be receiving.

“I would be more comfortable with going up to a LATOS-3 instead of a four,” said Selectman Bill Rosenblum. “Only because you’re kind of setting the precedent...I wouldn’t want it to get into something where other people are going to say, ‘we already did this one, we’ll do it again.’”

Rosenblum also expressed concern over Gates’s overtime, to which McBride said, “you have a department of one person.”

“One can reasonably assume that if you’re adding an additional person that’s going to be supporting that department for 20 hours a week, there would be some reduction,” McBride said. “The work isn’t going to increase; you’re just increasing the staffing. So, one can reasonably assume that the overtime is going to come down when we increase that department.”

The Selectmen ultimately voted to approve the LATOS-4 promotion.


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Lions shut out Orioles in Smith tilt



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Thomas Quiterio jumps after a 50/50 ball.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—At this time last year, the Belchertown boys varsity soccer team walked into Lusitano Stadium and posted a shutout victory against Smith Division rival Ludlow. It turned out to be the Lions only loss of the regular season.

There wouldn't be a repeat performance when the neighboring high schools faced each other last Monday, Sept. 18.

The Lions scored a goal five minutes into the opening half, and they managed to hang on for a 2-0 shutout victory over the Orioles on a damp afternoon.

"Belchertown gave us our only loss of the regular season last year," said Ludlow senior Cole Bamford. "I thought we played very well against them in today's game. We're hoping to remain undefeated for the



Gavin Vala tries to get around an opponent on defense.

rest of the regular season."

Ludlow, who outscored its first four opponents, 11-3, had a perfect 5-0 record following the first match-up of the regular season with Belchertown.

"This was a hard fought battle against a solid Belchertown team," said longtime Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziej. "We were able to score an early goal, which

gave us the momentum and settled the team down. This has always been a big rivalry game."

Ludlow's only other setback during the 2022 campaign was to Weymouth High School in the Division 1 state tournament round of eight contest at Lusitano Stadium.

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Ludlow football falls to B-Town



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Yadiel Acevedo moves up the field.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — Belchertown varsity football coach Dan McCarthy always wants his offense on the field first.

After winning the coin toss in last Thursday night's non-league home game versus the Ludlow Lions, it didn't take the Orioles offense very long to score its first touchdown en route to a 49-12 victory.

"My philosophy last year was to defer until the second half whenever we won the coin toss. Now, I want my offense to have the ball first at the start of the game, so we can try to score a touchdown," McCarthy said. "I have a lot of faith in my offense. Whenever you can take an early lead, it forces the other offense to play with a sense of urgency and it takes them out of



Mason Morace circles around looking to pass.

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Girls volleyball gets first win

CHICOPEE — Last week, Ludlow girls volleyball defeated host Chicopee Comprehensive for its first win of the season. Ludlow won sets of 25-18, 25-21, and 25-15. Kylie Roach had five kills and four blocks. The Lions are now 1-7 this season.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Hannah Goncalves sends the ball back over the net.



Michele Winslow sends the ball away.



Peyton Brennan reacts to a serve.



Kylie Roach starts play with a serve.

Monadnock season concludes with championship races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Five track champions were crowned last Saturday – Nate Wenzel and Michael Yeaton both first timers – as Monadnock Speedway closed out its 2023 racing season on Championship Day at the high-banked quarter-mile.

Late Model ace Tim Wenzel won his crown for the second season in row, Louie Maher is now a two-time king of the Mini Stocks, and then there's Chris Davis. Davis ran a conservative race Saturday to wrap up his fourth Pure Stock title, those along with a Mini Stock championship to boot.

Cole Littlewood and Geoff Rollins led the swarming 19-car NHSTRA Modified field to the green Saturday, with the 100-lapper not only deciding the 2023 track championship, but also contested as the third of four NHSTRA Quest For The Cup races.

Defending track champ Tyler Leary entered Saturday two points ahead of Nate Wenzel, while Wenzel sat atop the Quest leaderboard. Others, including Rollins, were in the Quest hunt too, a battle that will be decided at Lee.

Leary took the lead from Rollins on lap three but, seven circuits later, it was open-wheel rookie Scott Zilinski at the point, his mirror soon filled by Trevor Bleu's ride and, just behind that, JT Cloutier's.

Bleu took charge on lap 19 but his stay up front was brief, as Cloutier had the lead three laps later. In front, he'd open a huge lead until a lap 43 caution – one of a dozen on the afternoon – brought the pack back to his bumper, and Zilinski to his side.

Getting the jump, Zilinski began his second run at the head of the class on lap 44, again with some major thunder at his back bumper.

Wenzel, his nostrils filled with the warm aroma of a pending championship, took over on lap 74, and he never looked back.

When Leary and Zilinski made contact in turn three five laps later, the title chase was over. Cloutier, who'd survived an unnecessary bouncing off the frontchute wall back on lap 59, got back up for second on the 80th go-round, then following Wenzel under the checkers to conclude his own successful season.

With Wenzel earning his first NHSTRA track Modified crown, and solidifying his point lead in the Quest chase, he joined his younger brother, Tim, in celebrating their 2023 sibling Monadnock championships. With Cloutier strong in second, Kimmy Rivet, who earlier this summer survived a horrific crash, ended her summer on the podium with a third-place finish.

Rollins, who struggled through a largely forgettable Saturday afternoon, made masterful use of no fewer than four trips to the pits to stay on the lead lap and finish fourth, keeping his Quest hopes alive for the series' finale next month.

Tim Wenzel, as his brother Modified hot shoe Nate would do later in Saturday's event, closed out his championship summer with an exclamation point, romping to his track-high sixth victory of the summer in the Late Model main.

Taking the lead from Andrew Brousseau on lap 19, Wenzel never looked back. Brousseau, though, didn't fare as well. Picked off by a lapper with three to go, he finished fifth on the day. Hillary Renaud concluded her successful summer in second, and Claremont's Dylan Zullo used a last-lap pass to earn the third-place hardware.

Cameron Sontag rocketed to his

third win in a row in the Mini Stock feature, taking the lead from Louie Maher with two laps to go. Maher, though, offered little resistance, riding his runner-up finish to the 2023 championship. Pat Houle, in his strongest run of the summer, came home third.

Colton Martin, trading rides for the day with Andrea St. Amour, blew the field away to win Saturday's Pure Stock feature. Chris Chambers, in St. Amour's team car, was second, and Zach Zilinski earned the first of his two Championship Day trophies in third.

Chris Davis, who'd seen a title slip away from him in last year's season finale, stayed clear of trouble Saturday, cruising home in fifth to add another championship trophy to his large collection.

Zach Zilinski wired the Six Shooter feature to win his second in a row. Steve Miller Jr. stayed glued to the 16-year-old pilot's bumper to finish second, while Michael Yeaton's third-place run netted him the 2023 championship.

Markus O'Neil led all the way to score his second Young Gun victory of the year Saturday. He had four-time winner Owen Zilinski draped all over him for most of the way but never faltered en route to victory. Addison Brooks came home third.

Oval-tracker Cole Littlewood, aboard the family Honda, won Saturday's Spectator Race finale, stealing the win out of the last turn from Xander Stillwell.

Last Saturday's 2023 Championship Day event concluded Monadnock Speedway's 2023 racing season. The high-banked speedplant will take on a new and improved look in the coming weeks, as it receives an entirely new racing surface, its first since the initial paving was completed a half-century ago.

Railers signings round out roster

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders), and General Manager and Head Coach Jordan Lavallee-Smotherman announced today that the club has signed defenseman Jake Schultz to an ECHL contract for the 2023-24 season.

Schultz, 27, signs in Worcester after winning the Federal Prospects Hockey League Defenseman of the Year award with the Binghamton Black Bears during the 2022-23 season. As captain in Binghamton, Schultz recorded 33 points (12G, 21A) in 41 games played to go with 136 penalty minutes. He notched career highs in goals, assists, and points last season. The 6'3", 209 lb defenseman suited up in five road game for the Worcester Railers in 2022-23, recording two goals in a weekend series against the Newfoundland Growlers.

"Jake brings a toughness and size to our back end that we were missing last season," Lavallee-Smotherman said. "We noticed quickly in his brief time with us the positive impact he had on our locker room, and can't wait to have him embrace a leadership role for us this season."

The Rochester, NY native has made previous stops in the ECHL with the Indy Fuel, Wheeling Nailers, and Greenville Swamp Rabbits. In 48 career ECHL games, Schultz has recorded seven points (5G, 2A) and 127 penalty minutes. This will be the seventh season of his professional career.

"I'll do whatever it takes to earn the trust and respect of my teammates," Schultz said. "After last season, I'm hoping to put up some good numbers, too. I'm looking to bring that confidence that I had with me in Binghamton."

The Railers have announced twenty-three players officially signed for the 2023-24 season as Schultz joins Jack Quinlivan, Chris Ordoobadi, Connor Welsh, Myles Abbate, Todd Goehring, Ryan Verrier, Andrei Bakanov, John Copeland, Zach White, Quinn Ryan, Christian Evers, Brendan Robbins, Mike Higgins, Blake Christensen, Blade Jenkins, Max Johnson, Nick Fea, Artyom Kulakov, Anthony Callin, Keeghan Howdeshell, Adam Goodsir, and Anthony Repaci as the twenty-three signees. This concludes the Worcester Railers signings ahead of the 2023-24 season. The team's professional tryouts & full training camp roster are expected to be announced next week.

The Worcester Railers HC 2023-24 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder and Trois-Rivieres Lions. Season memberships, mini-plans, and group packages for the 2023-24 season are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

Framingham edges WSU football

WESTFIELD – Framingham State's Jared Martino blocked a game-winning field goal attempt in the closing seconds as the Rams held on for a 9-8 win over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game at Bowditch Field in Framingham on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams had to grind it out in rainy and windy conditions all day long, with the Rams taking a 3-0 lead late into the third quarter before Westfield seized the lead on a 22-yard Gabriel Fernandez touchdown pass to Michael Foley. On the ensuing point after try, the Owls came up with a two-point conversion when the kick attempt resulted in a broken play, and holder Owen Thompson was able to pitch the ball ahead to Blake Simpson in the endzone for the two point conversion. Thompson released the ball just as he was being brought down by the rush to give Westfield an 8-3 lead with less than a minute left in the third quarter.

Westfield had a chance to extend the lead in the fourth quarter, but a fumble gave Framingham possession at their own 5-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Rams mounted a seven-play, 95-yard scoring drive that was fueled by a bold 54-yard halfback option pass to Manny Lara out of the Framingham endzone, and capped by a 3-yard TD run from Devaun Ford to bring the score to give Framingham a 9-8 lead. The two-point conversion failed when Westfield State's Cam Danahy dropped Kevin Leal in the backfield on the try.

The Owls got the ball back for a final scoring try with 3:57 left to play after a short punt gave Westfield 1st and 10 at their own 42. Westfield worked the ball into scoring possession with a methodical drive, getting a key fourth down conversion on a pass to Will Brewster and a pair of third down conversions to keep the drive alive.

Westfield set up for a 32-yard field goal try with

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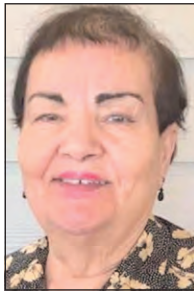
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OBITUARIES

Nascimento Inacio Bernardo, 86

Nascimento Inacio Bernardo, 86 entered the Gates of Heaven on the Lord's day in her Florida home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Macal Do Chao, Portugal, she was the baby of the family, youngest of eight girls and born to Antonio Inacio and Maria Pinheiro Inacio. In 1954, she immigrated to the United States with her late sister Clotilde Veiga. As a motivated learner, she attended Commerce High School in Springfield and quickly became proficient in the English language. With a strong interest in current events and a love for America, she proudly became an American citizen in 1957. Nascimento started working as a seamstress for a short while and after 32 years retired from Rexnord Chainbelt.



ings and miracles witnessed is that she never forgot any of her family members. She knew she was very loved by all as she herself exuded love.

Nascimento leaves behind her dedicated husband Antonio Bernardo of 65 years of marriage, her loving daughter Lisa Teixeira and her husband Alan Teixeira. She was predeceased by her son James Bernardo and leaves behind his wife Kathleen Bernardo. She was dedicated to her five grandchildren who she proudly helped raise. Her cherished grandchildren include: Alysse Teixeira, Aryelle Teixeira and her husband Andrew Towsley, James Bernardo Jr, Victoria Bernardo and Veronica Bernardo, and also her treasured great-granddaughter Philomena Rose Towsley. She was predeceased by her six sisters: Sara Ferreira, Deolinda Frutuoso, Olinda Inacio, Augusta DaCruz, Maria Bernardo, and Clotilde Veiga and leaves one sister behind: Guilhermina Amaral. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Nascimento was the heart of her family. She often said "Family Is Forever". Her Ludlow home was referred to as Grand Central Station. She was the epitome of hospitality and her door was always open to all. Everyone was welcome to sit at her buffet table and strongly encouraged to eat. With a strong lifelong devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, she sang in the church choir in Portugal, was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Ludlow, and looked forward to the annual tradition of attending the candlelight procession at the Festa. Music was a big part of her life and she often recited Portuguese tunes from sound on the piano.

Nascimento always gave all of herself with joy. Throughout the years, she proudly reached the 13 gallon milestone by donating blood for the American Red Cross. She was also a longtime member of the Gremio Lusitano Portuguese Club in Ludlow and secretary of the Portuguese Women's Auxiliary of the Lusitano Club in 1959.

Her beloved husband, Antonio Bernardo, along with her loving daughter, Lisa Teixeira, with frequent visits of support from her eldest granddaughter, Alysse, acted as devoted loving caretakers to Nascimento throughout the last years of her life as the progression of cancer, Alzheimer's, and diabetes advanced. One of the many bless-

ings and miracles witnessed is that she never forgot any of her family members. She knew she was very loved by all as she herself exuded love.

Her family is sincerely thankful for the spiritual support from Our Lady Queen of Peace priests: Father Sebastian, Father Joseph, and Father James as well as their Florida family: Jorge and Lazara Gari and Kathleen Butler. Much gratitude is extended to her excellent medical team of doctors, (Dr. Mathew and Dr. Ayub) who provided exceptional medical care and helped extend her life.

Funeral services for Nascimento will be held on Wednesday, September 27th from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours are from 9:00-10:15am at the Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 11:00am in Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Nascimento's memory to the American Cancer Society (MSABC Treasure Coast-Pink Angels Team, (please use link <https://mobileacs.org/odckoh>) PO Box 17127, Tampa, FL 33682), Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Marques, Antonio de Jesus, 89

LUDLOW - António de Jesus Marques, 89, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2023 at BMC, with his loving family by his side.



Born in Faia, Guarda, Portugal, to the late António Marques and Josefina de Jesus where he helped his parents cultivate the farmlands. He eventually immigrated to the US with his late wife and children on April 25, 1970 and settled in Ludlow, where he was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish and a member of the Grémio Lusitano Club.

António worked at Jahn Foundry in Springfield before retiring in 1999. He was an avid soccer fan and his love for his favorite team Benfica was noted by everyone who knew him. He enjoyed watching RTP and spending time with his family whom he loved very much. He was very proud of all his children's accomplishments and enjoyed his conversations with his daughter Maria Helena in Portugal and despite the distance, they were very close.

António was the beloved husband of 64 years to the late Ma-

ria Joaquina Lopes Marques; a loving father to José Marques and wife Tina, Horacio Marques and Leonel Marques, all of Ludlow, and his daughter Maria Helena Marques and her partner José Manuel Alexandre of Portugal; a devoted grandfather to Justina, Michelle, James, Marissa, Madalyn, and the late Justin who passed away in 2020; and had 2 great grand-daughters. António also leaves his siblings Maria da Glória Marques and Maria de Lurdes Marques, of Portugal. Many nieces and nephews, extended family members and dear friends in Ludlow, Portugal and Argentina.

Sadly he was predeceased by his brother Joaquim Marques and sister Leopoldina Marques of Portugal.

Funeral services for Antonio will be held on Thursday, September 28th from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is Thursday morning from 8:45-10:15am with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 11:00am in Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

Jacqueline Boucher Scyocurka

Our dear Mother Jacqueline Boucher Scyocurka has joined our



Father Fred Scyocurka early this morning, Friday, September 22, 2023.

Jackeline was born and raised in Ludlow. Jackie was the oldest daughter of Louis and Janet Boucher. She married our Dad in 1955 and they enjoyed 65 years of marriage. She was predeceased by Fred in 2020. Jackie is survived by her six children. Mark (Evelyn) Scyocurka, Michael (Carolyn) Scyocurka, Michelle (John) Roberts, Todd (Blake) Scyocurka, Christopher (Paige) Scyocurka and Greg (Anne) Scyocurka. Jackie was blessed to have seventeen grandchildren: Nicholas, Sydney, Sophia, Joshua, Lauren, Benjamin, Caroline, Laura, Sarah, Emily, Taylor, Chandler, Alexander, Nathan, Jillian, Daniel, and Kathryn, two great grandsons, Julian and Aiden and Jackie's sister Paulette (Spike) Clancy and their daughter Maura.

While raising the six children, Jackie also pursued her college

education and graduated from AIC in 1972 with a double major in English and French. She taught in South Hadley School system for her career and like Fred, left lasting value to countless students. When she wasn't in a classroom, she quietly watched her children compete in high school and college sports.

Jackie was the perfect mom, wife, and role model. Jackie and Fred loved to compete with each other weekly watching "As Schools Match Wits" and "Jeopardy". During the summers, Jackie loved their time at Cape Cod. She was a beautiful and thoughtful woman, who was loved by all of us.

Funeral services for Jackie will be held on Saturday, September 30th 2023 at 9:00am from the Ludlow Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in Christ the King Church followed by burial in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Cemetery in Bondsville. Visiting Hours are Friday evening at the Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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Baystate Health to hold free lecture series Oct. 10

SPRINGFIELD — Baystate Health will hold a free breast health virtual lecture series during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October beginning with “The Mammogram Callback” on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m.

The series continues Monday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. with “Lumpectomy vs Mastectomy.”

The series will end on Monday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m., with “Precision Medicine in Breast Cancer.”

All lectures will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Registration is required for each session by visiting: www.baystatehealth.org/breastcancerevents.

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seven seconds left, that could have won the game, but Martino flew in from the right side of the formation to block the attempt.

On a day where offense was hard to come by, Fernandez finished 12-29 passing for 162 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Brewster caught three balls for 62 yards, and Foley added five catches for 54 yards.

Ford led Framingham with 158 rushing yards on 27 carries, and the 54-yard pass that keyed the winning drive.

Tyler Cooley led Westfield with six tackles and a fumble recovery. Danahy picked off a pass for the Owls.

Westfield is now 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the MASCAC. Framingham is 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The Owls will be home next Saturday, Sept. 30 to host Mass Maritime as part of Family and Champions weekend, with a noon kickoff at Alumni Field.

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The Orioles, who had a 1-2-1 overall record following last Monday's match, lost to Dedham in the Division 3 state semifinals last November.

"We probably played as well as we could against one of the top soccer teams in Western Mass., if not the entire state," said Belchertown head coach Zach Siano. "I thought we outplayed Ludlow during the second half. We just need to clean some things up."

The Orioles, who were shutout for the third time this season, will need to find someone to put the ball into the back of the net.

Junior Joe Borelli, who scored a pair of first half goals in the Orioles 3-0 home win against Chicopee Comp on September 14, suffered a season ending injury to his left knee late in that game.

"Joe was one of our goal scorers, so we'll need to piece things together offensively now," Siano added. "Joe is only a junior and we're looking forward to having him back next year."

Ludlow senior Christian Casares, who's a starting defender, also didn't play in last Monday's game because of an injury. The Lions used only three defenders against the Orioles.

"Christian is a big and imposing figure in the back," Kolodziej said. "Without him on the field, we tried to do something a little bit differently in today's game."

The three Lions starting defenders were Gavin Vala, Lucas Alvan, and James Dias, who are all members of the junior class.

The trio made it very easy for senior goalie Anthony Shea, who's a two-year starter for the varsity team. Shea was credited with three saves in posting his third shutout of the season.

Down at the other end of the field Belchertown junior goalie Jack Mandeville (12 saves) didn't have very much time to rest, especially during the first 40 minutes of the match.

The Lions had a couple of shots on goal before taking a 1-0 lead.

The scoring play began with junior Thomas Wadas making a pass to senior Enzo Botta, who delivered another pass between a couple of defenders to Bamford in the middle of the box. Then Bamford fired a shot with his left foot that deflected off the right post across the goal-line for his third goal of the season.

"Scoring a goal, especially on this field, just feels amazing," said Bamford, who has been a member of the Lions varsity soccer team since he was a freshman. "Enzo always knows where I'll be on the field, so I just ran into the box, and he found me. Then I finished off the play with a shot that deflected off the post."

It was the second time

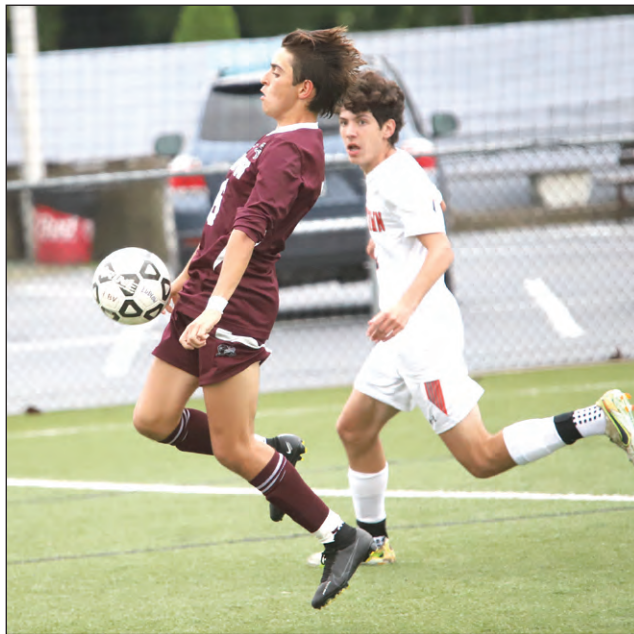
that Bamford scored a goal at Lusitano Stadium in a varsity game. His first goal came against East Longmeadow last October.

Bamford had an opportunity to give his team a 2-0 advantage during the 26th minute on a shot attempt from the top of the box, which was saved by Mandeville. The Orioles keeper made an outstanding one handed save on the rebound shot by Botta.

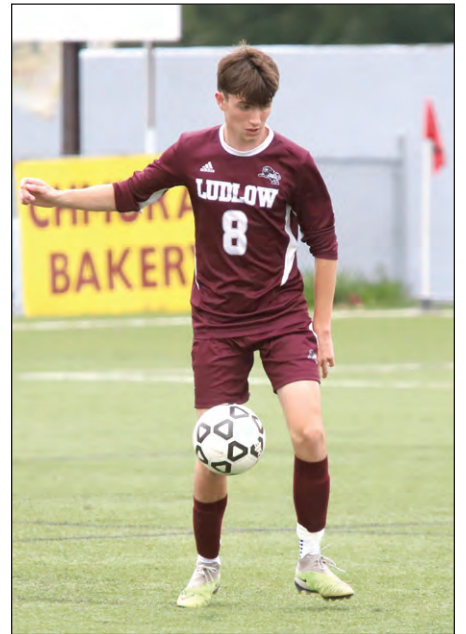
"We were able to weather the storm during the first half," Siano said. "Jack is one of the best goalies in Western Mass., and he stood on his head in today's game. The defense needs to give him a little bit of help back there."

The members of Orioles defensive unit are junior Gavin Boisjolie, junior Josh Misiaszek, sophomore Nathan Marino, and senior C.J. Rivers.

The Orioles second half shot attempts were by sopho-



Chris Goncalves plays the ball off his chest.



Owen Wurszt settles the loose ball.

more Camryn Kaczowka, junior Joseph Yoon, and senior Tanner Lockwood.

With less than ten minutes remaining in regulation, Lud-

low junior Chris Goncalves was fouled in the box resulting in a penalty kick.

Wadas stepped up to the line and blasted a shot into the

upper left corner sealing the deal for the Lions.

The Lions are scheduled to go to Belchertown High School on Oct. 11.

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LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** on the application of **Timothy**

& Sandra Donnelly for the property located at **601 Center Street, Ludlow MA (Assessors' Map 16B, Parcel 96, Zoning: Agricultural)** The subject of the hearing is a special permit for a proposed separation of two houses on a single parcel. The separation of the parcels would result in one parcel not meeting the

required area and side yard setback, and both parcels not meeting the required frontage. The applicant is seeking relief from the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw under Section 4.0.4.

Manny Lopes, Chairman
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Westfield State University to host job fair

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University will be hosting its annual Government, Criminal Justice and Non-Profit Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Woodward Center, 395 Western Ave.

The fair offers a convenient opportunity for Westfield students and residents to network with employers and learn what it would be like to work for area non-profits and government agencies.

Representatives from police departments throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut and New Hampshire will be available to answer questions and showcase their agencies to prospective employees. Some of the registered city and town agencies include Amherst, Enfield,

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For more information, contact the Career Center at Westfield State University, 413-572-5206.

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their comfort zone."

Since 2014, the Route 21 rivalry series on the gridiron is tied 5-5.

The Lions (0-3) won four of the first five meetings in the series.

The Orioles (2-0), who posted a 24-12 victory at Ludlow a year ago, has now won four of the last five games against the Lions.

Belchertown has outscored their first two opponents, 90-46.

"We have a senior laden team this year," McCarthy said. "Most of these players have been in our system for the past three years and they understand it very well. Football is the ultimate team sport."

Senior running back Chris Daskam led the way offensively for the Orioles against the Lions with three rushing touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Landon Andre contributed with two rushing TD's. He also threw a TD pass in the second quarter.

Freshman Kyng'Sten Agyei scored a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"When you're able to put up 49 points, the offensive line deserves a lot of credit," McCarthy said. "Those guys just did their job in tonight's game."

The members of the Orioles O-Line are senior Kaden Couture, junior Jackson Hennessy, junior Brycen Vann, junior Max Bessette and sophomore Logan Duke.

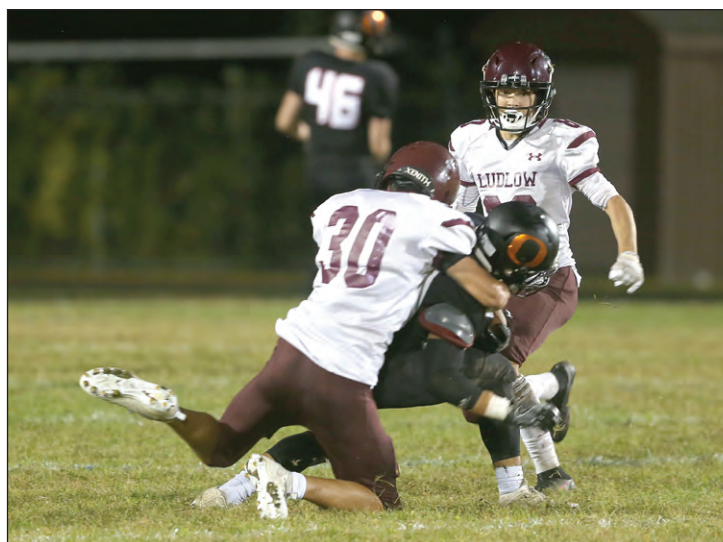
Because Ludlow senior quarterback Anthonie Emco suffered an injury in a home loss against Smith Vocational, sophomore Mason Morace started his first varsity game against Belchertown.

"Anthonie was injured in last week's game and Mason got his first varsity start tonight," said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. "I thought he did a very good job, especially passing the ball."

On the game's opening series, the Orioles only needed five plays, which were all runs, to cover 53 yards. The drive came to an end with a Daskam two yard scramble into the end zone with 9:28 left in the first quarter. Junior Brian Carlin made the first of his seven extra point attempts.

Following a Ludlow punt, Andre capped off a seven play drive with a three yard run up the middle giving the home team a 14-0 advantage with four minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

Belchertown took a 21-0 lead a little more than two minutes into the second quarter when Andre scored his second rush-



James Ferrara looks for a tackle.

ing touchdown. He took the snap from center at the Lions 44 yard line. After heading towards the left side of the field, Andre decided to cut back to the middle of the field before sprinting into the end zone.

At the start of the Lions third offensive series, Morace completed three passes to senior wide receiver Daniel McKenney Jr. The duo hooked up for a pair of 17-yard receptions and a 24-yarder.

With 4:13 left in the first half, Morace connected with McKenney again for a four yard recep-

tion. Then senior running back Josh Marino scored on a five yard run. The extra point attempt was blocked.

The Orioles took a 28-6 lead with 52 seconds left in the half when Andre threw a 19-yard TD pass to senior Josh Grillo down the left sideline.

On the final play of the first half, Morace completed a 16-yard TD pass to sophomore Cruz Guzman, who scored his first career touchdown in a varsity game.

Another pass attempt on the



Daniel McKenney makes the reception.

two-point conversion play was incomplete giving the home team a 28-12 halftime lead.

"I thought we had the momentum heading into halftime," Saloio said. "We just do a good enough job all around during the second half."

After the Belchertown band performed at halftime, Ludlow received the second half kickoff.

The Lions offense was unable to pick up a first down during that series and they were forced to punt.

Senior Rylan Queiros returned the punt to the Lions 37. Then Daskam scored his second rushing TD on the first down play. He also scored another touchdown on a five yard sweep around the right side with 6.9 seconds left in the third quarter giving the Orioles a commanding 42-12 lead.

Because Belchertown was leading by 30 points, the scoreboard clock was kept running during the entire fourth quarter.

Agyei completed the scoring with a two yard run dash into the end zone with less than three minutes remaining.

The Lions will be looking to get into the win column when they face Putnam at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus at 8 p.m. on Friday night.

The Orioles will be looking to remain undefeated when they host Hoosac Valley on Friday night.

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Ask About Our **NEW** customer loyalty program!

LIVE MUSIC!
 Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday!
 Thursday, September 28: Jack & His Guitar
 Friday, September 29: Floyd Patterson
 Saturday, September 30: David Soltz

HAPPY HOUR THURSDAYS 4-7:30PM!
 Specially Priced Apps & Live Music
 Fall Cocktails & Martinis!

SUNDAY BRUNCH
 Sundays 11:30-2:30
 (Plus Our Regular Menu Until 8pm)
 Featuring Our Build Your Own Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar!

\$17 STEAK N' BREW EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT!
 Dine in Only • While supplies last

\$15 PRIME RIB EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
 Dine In Only • While Supplies Last

\$25 THREE COURSE MEALS EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!
 Dine in Only • While supplies last

SERVING LUNCH THURSDAY - Sunday at 11:30

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413.279.2020
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SERVING: TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 4-9PM
 SERVING THURS.-SAT. 11:30AM-9:30PM • SUNDAY 11:30AM-8PM
 WITH EXTENDED BAR HOURS EVERY NIGHT **KENO**

La Cucina di Hampden House

1 Allen Street, Hampden, MA
413-566-8324

ENJOY FALL DINING ON OUR PATIO
 Weather Permitting

LIVE MUSIC!
 Every Friday & Saturday!

BOOK YOUR NEXT FUNCTION WITH US!
 Holiday Parties, Showers, Christenings, Rehearsal Dinners, Weddings, etc.
 OUR PRIVATE GREENHOUSE BANQUET FACILITY CAN ACCOMODATE UP TO 100 PEOPLE
 For More Information
 Contact Lori Atkinson at 413-566-8324
 or by email at lacucinagreenhouse@gmail.com

See our website for our Banquet & Catering Menu
www.lacucinahampden.com
 Mon.-Thurs. 3-9pm, Fri. & Sat. 11:30am-10pm & Sun. 11:30am-9pm
LOUNGE OPEN & PIZZA 7 DAYS BAR OPEN LATE!

