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## VFW, PV Financial Group collaborate to host Teacher Supply Giveaway

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LUDLOW – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3236 held a special Teacher Supply Giveaway event to help equip the district’s teaching staff with essential classroom supplies so they can continue to inspire and educate our community’s students.

“Teachers are the backbone of our community, and we know many spend their own money to create enriching environments for their students,” said Post Commander Eric Segundo. “This is our way of saying thank you and giving back to those who give so much.”

The event was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Ludlow Veterans Center in recognition of the dedication of the district’s teachers. In collaboration with Pioneer Valley Financial Group and Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge, the VFW stepped up to ensure that the teachers have the tools they need to succeed for the remainder of the school year.

“During the beginning of the school year, everyone donates,” noted Segundo. “The second half of year is what makes it hard, when all the supplies are gone, so this was a good way to give back to the



Submitted photos

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department provided school supplies to local teachers through a Supply Giveaway.

teachers.”

From notebooks and pens to classroom decorations and other essentials, the giveaway served to provide much-needed support to alleviate the financial burden that educators often face.

“We thought it would be nice to try and organize a collection of classroom supplies for our schoolteachers,” said Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge. “Everyone is well aware

that oftentimes teachers spend their own hard-earned money on various supplies throughout the year, like cleaning or disinfecting products, tissue, paper towels, colored paper, glue, colored pencils, and more. Many of them are forced to post requests for supplies before the school year starts. We thought trying a supply drive mid-way through the year would help, seeing as many of their supplies

have run out.”

Kelly Haber, Partner and COO at PV Financial, said the organization was “proud to have served as a drop-off location for the drive.”

“Supporting our community and helping ensure every child has the school supplies they need to succeed is something we deeply value,” Haber

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## Selectmen approve Building Department fee changes

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LUDLOW – At the Jan. 21 Board of Selectmen meeting, the board approved fee changes as proposed by the Building Department.

Administrative Assistant Kelly Strempek of the Building Department approached the board to go over some of the increases to the fees. Strempek provided the board with a list of changes in permitting fees from the Commissioner’s Office, including plumbing, gas, electrical, and building.

“They haven’t been updated in years, in a nutshell,” Strempek said. “At the bottom it says it was revised back in 2019, I do have one that goes back as far as 2018 that’s the same as this one.”

Strempek said the department has been comparing with other municipalities in the area, and based the changes off the City of Gardner, which was noted as being comparable to the town in terms of population and budget.

“The inspector himself, they did a lot of looking at dif-

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## Local historian presents on Native American history at the library

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INDIAN ORCHARD – Last week, the library hosted a presentation by a local historian about Native American history that helped to shape this region.

Patrick Duquette is a local amateur historian with deep roots in the neighborhood, with research into local histories that has been presented at other libraries and published online. Duquette’s presentation discussed how Native American history and folklore have shaped this region.

“I kind of fell into it just by chance,” Duquette said. “I’ve been doing research on Native Americans, writing about it, and building up a little bit of a library.”

Last Wednesday, Jan. 22, Duquette spoke to local residents and history buffs about local Native American history, including the Indian Fort in Longmeadow, the excavation of Walnut Island, and a possible answer for the legend of

Indian Leap.

Duquette said that he was able to clear up a lot of misconceptions about the dig in Springfield, and described the gravesite as a “treasure trove” because of how well the bones were preserved compared to the gravesites closer to the river.

“Most of the time, in Springfield, in the graves close to the river, the bodies would deteriorate quickly,” Duquette said. “This one was up on the mound, which is 100 feet higher than the river, and they were lucky to find these ancient skulls there. Farther down, more bones were rotted, but they found a treasure trove.”

Across three digs in the area, excavators found 13 skulls. Duquette noted that these skulls had epactal bones, which are irregular plates of bone interspersed in the sutures between the large cranial bones.

“That meant it went way, way, way back,” Duquette said. “They did three different digs there, but couldn’t do the whole four because a farmer owned the land, so they only had the front



Submitted photos

The organizers from last week’s talk, (from left) librarian Macklin Rose, speaker Patrick Duquette, and Jackie Farrow and Zaida Govan from the Citizens Council.

side of the fort. They still ended up with ten spots where there were family-sized dwellings, a meeting house, and a ceremonial place, so they found tons of information.”

Duquette also talked at length about the tribe that once lived on Walnut Island, where

the Chicopee River empties into the Connecticut River. After filing paperwork in 1965, the dig was performed by college students in 1979.

“They had a massive dig there, because they were going to put 391 over Walnut Island and the state wanted to make

sure they didn’t put a highway over a sacred dwelling or cemetery,” Duquette said. “They had a whole bunch of kids from Harvard and UMass.”

This project involved dig-

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# LUDLOW

## Hampden County Sheriff's Office Participates in 60th Presidential Inaugural in Washington, D.C.



Submitted photos

LUDLOW—Sheriff Nick Cocchi and the Hampden County Sheriff's Office were proud to have a team of 10 officers, led by Law Enforcement Division Chief Frank Ott, participate in the historic 60th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20.

The HCSO team was part of a massive security effort that included about 4,000 law enforcement officers from across the nation working to ensure a safe and secure environment for the event.

"We were honored to have our officers represent Hampden County at this

momentous event," said Sheriff Nick Cocchi. "I couldn't be more proud of Chief Ott and his team for their hard work and professionalism in such frigid conditions. Their dedication to keeping the public safe during this important day was truly remarkable."

The team arrived in Washington on Saturday, Jan. 18, and participated in a briefing and training session on Sunday before being sworn in and deputized under the U.S. Marshal Service. On Inauguration Day, the HCSO officers were assigned to the area outside Capital One Arena, where they supported the Pres-



idential Inaugural Task Force for 17 hours, starting at 4 a.m.

The weather was particularly challenging as the team worked in freezing temperatures, but the HCSO officers maintained their focus on ensuring public safety and order. When the Inauguration moved indoors, the team's efforts shifted to crowd control along H Street, between 4th and 12th streets and managing the flow of people heading to Capital One Arena.

Chief Ott, who served as commander of one of seven Task Force elements under the leadership of Pequea Township (Pennsylvania) Police Chief John Michener, and other element leaders were commended for their teams' adaptability in quickly adjusting to changing circumstances and large, unfamiliar geographical areas. Minor disturbances were quickly addressed, and the teams received praise from both their commanders and officials from the Metropolitan Police for their effectiveness in managing the situation.

"This event was a prime example of the professionalism and teamwork that makes our department so strong," said Chief Ott. "Despite the difficult conditions, our team performed flawlessly, and it was truly a privilege to be part of such a critical security operation."

In addition to Chief Ott, the Hampden County Sheriff's Office officers who participated were Capt. Jeff Anger, Lt. Nichole Sady, Lt. Marcus Edmonds,



Deputy Leonel Marques, Cpl. Rey Santa, Cpl. Jorge Delgado, Lt. Mario Cardinale, Capt. Chris Seriol, and Capt. Stephen Rose. They were joined by Tolland Police Chief Scott Bergeron and Sgt. Robert Spiegler, as well as Granville Police Chief Rick Rindels, Sgt. Brian Moore, Lt. Patrick Winslow, and Officers John Stone and Cindi Muszynski.

This year's Inauguration, which coincided with Martin Luther King Jr. Day for only the third time in history, marked a special moment for the nation, and the HCSO team was proud to play a role in ensuring its success.

### Host families needed

LUDLOW— ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organization, is inviting local families to discover the many rewards of hosting a foreign exchange student.

ASSE students come from more than 50 countries worldwide: France, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports, etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single persons.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance.

ASSE students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

ASSE also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

Those interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, should call Lori at 1-800-677-2773, visit [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com) or send an email to [asseusaest@asse.com](mailto:asseusaest@asse.com) to request more information or start the application process.

Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today. The memories and the friendship you create with your exchange student will stay with you forever.



Applications Are Open for the First Annual

## JOHN T. CARLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Carlin taught math at Ludlow High School and established the girls' tennis program there.

After his death in January 2024, his family created this scholarship in his memory.

Female student-athletes from Ludlow who are planning to attend college should apply.

Mr. Carlin coached tennis, but the scholarship is open to girls who play any sport.

There will be four recipients every year.

Each recipient will receive a grant of \$3,000, which is renewable for up to four years.

Visit <https://communityfoundation.org/students/scholarships/> for details.

The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 2025.

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# Mill Town Public Health at Hubbard and around town

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Shared Services Social Worker  
Erin McMurray  
Shared Services Coordinator



LUDLOW—In 2023, the Town of Ludlow Health Department created and joined a collaborative called the Mill Towns Public Health.

It was established in 2023 through the State Action for Public Health Excellence grant and officially hit the ground running in March 2024. The Public Health shared staff work in collaboration with the Health Departments in Ludlow, Palmer, Warren, and West Brookfield. Their role is to help the departments meet their minimum standards, improve upon services, assist in finding out the health needs in each town and figuring out how to address them, and bridging the gap between access to resources and care.

### Happening around Ludlow:

The Shared Services Social Worker has partnered with the Hubbard Memorial Library in Ludlow to hold "Social Services Drop-in Hours". The Drop-in Hours are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the

library. The public can meet with our Social Worker to get connected with a wide range of resources including help with food insecurity, housing applications, health insurance, substance use, mental health and much more. She also always has an array of goodies such as first aid kits, Narcan, ChapStick, and hats to hand out to those who show up! If you can't make it to the drop-in hours, please feel free to reach out to the Shared Services Social Worker via phone or text message at 413-750-8504.

Our Shared Services Coordinator is currently offering monthly CPR/AED classes through the American Red Cross located at Ludlow Town Hall for all community members to sign up for, with hopes of offering child/infant classes for new parents,

guardians, and childcare providers in the future.

Mill Towns Public Health will be in attendance at the upcoming 250th Last Night Celebration at the Ludlow High School, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Feb. 22. They will have a table at the event and will be providing free resources to the public, so make sure to stop by and say hello!

The shared staff currently consists of a Shared Services Coordinator and a Shared Services Social Worker, with two vacant positions for a Public Health Nurse and Part-time Health Inspector that will service all four towns.

Still looking to learn more about Mill Towns Public Health? They have a webpage on the Ludlow Health Department's website, highlighting what they've been up to, future events, monthly health topics, and access to many local resources. Additionally, they have a Facebook page, "Mill Towns Public Health" that they post health information on frequently. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Shared Services Coordinator at 413-583-5600 ext. 1269 or stop by the Health Department at the Ludlow Town Hall.

## Reminder to return your 2025 Annual Town Census form

LUDLOW – Please return the annual town census form as soon as possible to the Office of the Town Clerk.

Annual Town Census forms can be mailed to the Office of the Town Clerk, 488 Chapin St, Ludlow, MA 01056 or returned in the Town Clerk drop box located behind Town Hall.

State law requires that you be sent an annual street listing/

census form. Update the information for all individuals who reside in your household, including children, and respond within ten days, even if no changes are necessary.

Warning: Failure to respond to this mailing shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

## Ludlow Police reopen stretch of Center Street closed after crash

LUDLOW – Chief Daniel Valadas reports that the Ludlow Police Department has reopened a portion of Center Street after a crash Monday caused its closure.

On Monday, Jan. 27, at approximately 4:48 p.m., the Ludlow Police Department was called to the area of Center Street for a report of a crash. Officers arrived to discover a crash involving a utility pole.

No serious injuries were reported. Center Street was closed between Miller and Church streets but is now reopened. The crash remains under investigation.

## Knights of Columbus Council 3535 Communion Breakfast

LUDLOW – The Knights of Columbus Council 3535 will hold a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 8 a.m. The Divine Liturgy of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church at 46 Newbury St. will hold a 9:30 a.m. breakfast in the church hall downstairs.

Join the Knights for Divine Liturgy and for breakfast afterwards, for food and fellowship with the town's Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus will provide Quiche and Finger Sandwiches. Feel free to bring your favorite potluck dish.

## Nomination papers available for March 2025 Annual Town Election

LUDLOW - Nomination papers for the March 24, 2025, Annual Town Election are available through January 31, 2025.

Two openings for Board of Selectmen, three year terms

One opening for Board of Assessors, three year term

One opening for Board of Health, three year term

One opening for Housing Authority, five year term

One opening for Library Trustee, three year term

One opening for Planning Board, five year term

One opening for Planning Board, two year unexpired term

One opening for Recreation Commission, three year term

One opening for Recreation Commission, two year unexpired term

One opening for School Com-

mittee, three year terms  
one opening for School Committee, one year unexpired term

Town-wide office nomination papers must be signed by at least 50 registered voters in Ludlow. Candidates are advised to collect more than 50 signatures to ensure the requisite number of certified signatures.

Town meeting member nomination papers must be signed by at least ten registered voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides.

Nomination papers for all the above offices must be filed at the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2025.

Voters in each precinct will elect five town meeting members for three years and elect other members as necessary to fill existing vacancies.

Please call the Town Clerk's office with any questions 413-583-5600 Ext. 1.

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### CASEY AND MOLLY

These are Casey and Molly. Molly is a Peekapoo who is very laid back. Casey is a Bichon/Maltese mix that has a pacemaker and runs around like a puppy again even though she's 13 and a half.

We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mgusmao@turley.com.



## Baystate Wing Auxiliary selling 2025 Lotto calendars

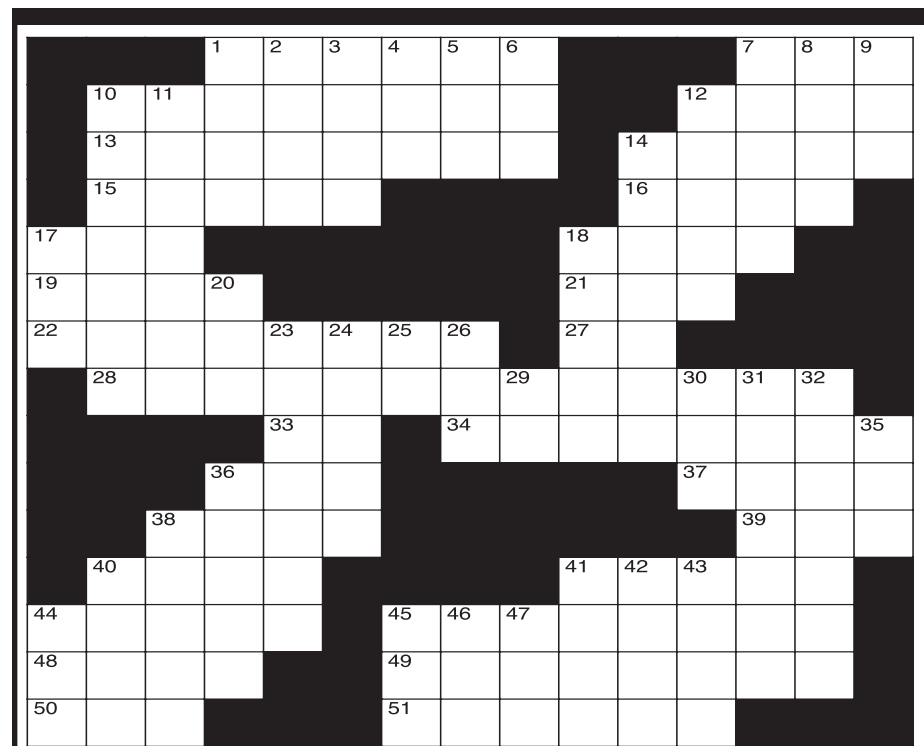
PALMER—The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars. The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawings will begin on Feb. 3.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

The calendars are on sale at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds

raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxiliary's scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Where entertainers perform
7. Miller beer variety
10. Ageless
12. River in SE Europe
13. Able to be repaired
14. Type of wrap
15. Atomic #54
16. Type of tent
17. U.S. Treasury position
18. Opposed to
19. Protective covering
21. Bridge building degree
22. Clouding of the lens
27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
28. Unacceptable
33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
34. American national

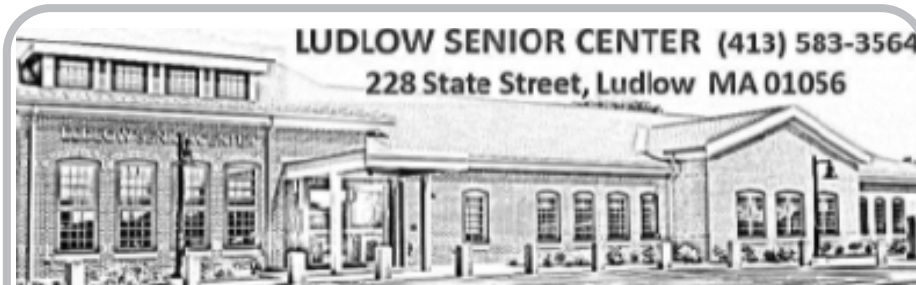
36. One point south of due east
37. Assist in a crime
38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
39. A major division of geological time
40. German courtesy title
41. English family dating back to Norman times
44. Discounts
45. South American nation
48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
49. Hostile
50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
51. Discourages from doing

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
2. Nevada city
3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
4. Bird's beak
5. Language
6. Midway between south and southeast
7. Punjab village
8. Small biting flies
9. Sportscaster Patrick
10. A way to get around
11. Repeat
12. A way to cook with fat
14. Temporary loss of consciousness
17. Reciprocal of a sine
18. Fir tree genus
20. "Transformers"

23. Criminals who steal
24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
25. Music product
26. "Talk to you"
29. Santa says it three times
30. Doctors' group
31. African nation
32. Ageless
35. When you hope to get somewhere
36. Worn
38. Deprives of vigor
40. Used to have (Scottish)
41. Where you live
42. Muslim ruler title
43. Basics
44. Type of drug (abbr.)
45. Spanish soldier
46. It precedes two
47. Illuminated

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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

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, Jan. 30

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Health Insurance Info Appointments\*
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, Jan. 31

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments\*
- 9 a.m. Reiki Appointments\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1 p.m. Magic Class

#### Monday, Feb. 3

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help\*
- 10:30 a.m. Fabulous Fifties Music Appreciation Class\*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage

- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
- 4:45 p.m. Movie: Maria (2024)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 5

- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*
- 12:50 p.m. Movie: Maria (2024)
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Thursday, Feb. 6

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. SHINE Health Insurance Info Appointments\*
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- \*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

#### Daily Events:

- 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.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

#### Menu:

- Thursday, Jan. 30: Chef Salad
- Friday, Jan. 31: Spinach, feta & tomato strata/Breakfast sausage
- Monday, Feb. 3: Stuffed Shells
- Tuesday, Feb. 4: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi
- Wednesday, Feb. 5: Cowboy Burger/Mac Salad/Fries
- Thursday, Feb. 6: Reuben Casserole/Salad
- 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 ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

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# The Davis Foundation names O'Meara as next leader

SPRINGFIELD—The Directors of The Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation have announced that Massachusetts native has been named new executive director of the foundation. In her role, O'Meara will oversee the Foundation's strategic initiatives and brings with her three decades of experience in philanthropy, policy, and education.

For the past year, O'Meara has served the Davis Foundation as Director of Strategy and Learning. She previously worked as a senior researcher at Stanford University at the PACE research center. In that position, she supported continuous improvement in policy and philanthropy through research, data-based insights and analysis, and strategic planning.

Specializing in improving education for low-income youth, O'Meara has conducted pivotal research on initiatives supported by major foundations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Her diverse career spans roles such as Director of Policy and Research at Great

Schools; Program Officer at The Stupski Foundation in San Francisco; and Policy Director of the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative, part of the national Hewlett-Annenberg Challenge school improvement effort.

O'Meara served as an AmeriCorps member after graduating college, teaching inmates at the Suffolk County House of Correction in Boston. She then went on to be a TK-12 educator before entering the realm of policy and research.

According to O'Meara, "I am grateful and honored to be a part of the Davis family's tradition and legacy of giving and am excited to continue the Foundation's strong commitment to early literacy as a key lever to accessing opportunity. I have deep respect for all those in this region doing important, challenging work every day to improve the lives of children and families."



Kiley O'Meara

According to Laurel Ferretti, Davis Foundation Director, "We welcome Kiley to this critically important leadership position at the Foundation. We identified her as a vital resource to the Foundation when bringing her onboard last year to serve as Director of Strategic Learning and Evaluation. In that position she has played an important role in helping us develop our strategic priorities. Most of all, her work experience demonstrates her passion and her alignment with the goals of the Foundation in advancing early learning, innovation in education and helping people in our region access the tools necessary for their own economic success."

O'Meara grew up, studied and worked in Massachusetts and spent 20 years in California before returning to the East Coast. She holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School at Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts

Degree from Middlebury College. In the community, O'Meara serves in leadership roles at Choate Rosemary Hall's Parent's Association and the Harvard Alumnae Association, and also volunteers at Healing Meals in Simsbury, Connecticut.

O'Meara is a mother of four, including a dyslexic son which, according to O'Meara, "created a strong, personal passion for rigorous, science-based literacy supports for all children." She lives in Hartford, Connecticut with her husband and two youngest children, still in high school, and is "happy to be back working in my home state."

Last year, the Davis Foundation completed a strategic planning exercise. Early learning and education continue to be at the forefront of support. The Foundation's Priority Areas are: Early Childhood Education (birth-5 years); Early Literacy (Grades K-3); Innovation & Excellence in Education (Grades K-16); and Economic Mobility. The Foundation also remains committed to general community support grants.

## Donate blood at Baystate Wing Hospital

PALMER— The community is invited to celebrate Valentine's Day and National Heart Month by giving the gift of life by donating blood at the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Baystate Wing Hospital from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, blood drives will be held every other month on Wednesday throughout the year in 2025, on April 16, June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 15, and Dec. 17.

"There continues to be an urgent need for blood. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local

communities," said Nicole VanZandt, MLT III, Supervisor, BRL Blood Donor Services. "Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program.

"There is no substitute for human blood," said VanZandt. "Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore

throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks."

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright Street, Palmer, in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card.

For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood, please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Please be sure to note the Baystate Health hospital location where you would like to make your donation when you make your appointment.

## Murder mystery dinner

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is holding its annual murder mystery dinner on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Tony and Penny's Restaurant in Ludlow. The show will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. Guests can arrive as early as 5:30 p.m.

This year's show, written by Paula Hilton, is entitled Pirates, Lies and Mail-order brides. Look forward to the hilarious antics of the BUCC Players from the Belchertown United Church of Christ, as they portray Red Leg the Dreaded and his trusty side-kick Pillage Ann Freebooty and others characters in this fun look at pirates who have left the glamorous life of pirating and joined the real world in real world jobs.

Plan a night out of dinner and entertainment while supporting our historical association, the church and a local restaurant business. The tickets are \$47 and include the show, dinner and dessert. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are available at Cold Spring Discount Liquors (on the Belchertown Common) or by contacting Sally Shattuck 413-230-2022 or sallyshattuck54@gmail.com.

## Giant robot animals at the Springfield Museums

SPRINGFIELD— The Springfield Museums is excited to announce the upcoming arrival of The Robot Zoo at the Springfield Science Museum. On view Jan. 18 through May 4, this special exhibition features three enormous robot animals that illustrate fascinating real-life animal characteristics, revealing the magic of nature as a master engineer.

"Natural science and technology are the perfect combination to bring in new kinds of learning and delight visitors of all ages," says Science Museum Director Jenny Powers. "The Robot Zoo will be as fun and popular as it is educational."

The larger-than-life-size animated robots include a chameleon, a platypus, and a house fly with a 3-foot wingspread. Machinery in the robots simulates the body parts

of their real-life counterparts. In these robot animals, muscles become pistons, intestines become filtering pipes and brains become computers. By comparing anatomy, environments, and size of the actual creatures to their mechanical counterparts, The Robot Zoo provides fantastic new insights into how animals work.

Hands-on sensory activities include "Swat the Fly," a test of visitor reaction time (one-twelfth as fast as a house fly's), and "Sticky Feet," where visitors using special hand pads can try to stick like flies to a sloped surface. Triggering the "Tongue Gun" demonstrates how a real chameleon shoots out its long, sticky-tipped tongue to reel in a meal.

At the exhibit opening celebra-

tion on Saturday, Jan. 18, visitors can practice beginner coding skills, learn about animal adaptations with museum educators, create animal masks, and see demonstrations by a FIRST Lego League team. Opening day activities are presented free with museum admission.

"We are excited to welcome families and school groups to The Robot Zoo," says Director of Educator Larissa Murray. "The comparisons made between biology and engineering provide many engaging learning opportunities."

The exhibit is based on the book "The Robot Zoo" which was conceived, edited, and designed by Marshall Editions of London, England; and toured by Evergreen Exhibitions. MassMutual is the season supporter of the Springfield Museums.

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# OPINION

## LETTER TO EDITOR

### To the Editor

Trump plans to issue executive orders facilitating the deportation of millions of immigrants who have arrived here without legal documentation. He apparently expects state and local law enforcement personnel to assist with this. That could include those here where we live.

"Deportation" is a dirty word to me since my parents' families were subjected to that in Nazi Germany. Of course that's not exactly the same thing, but there are disturbing similarities. In both cases, the leadership of a political cult denounces a minority group as criminals "poisoning the blood of our country", chooses those people as scapegoats to blame for the political problems facing it, and orders their removal. As Mark Twain said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes."

We should not be fooled into thinking only "violent criminals" will be affected. Actually, Trump likes violent criminals. He pardoned 1600 of them and wants to invite them to the White House. No, there won't be any distinctions made. Fifteen million people are at risk of being loaded up and dumped abroad.

If that program is implemented here in our local communities, I hope our officials and especially our police departments have sufficient commitment to American values to refuse to cooperate, and that citizens who feel the same will support that resistance.

The Pledge of Allegiance depicts the United States as a nation under God with liberty and justice for all. Our license plates feature the phrase "The Spirit of America". We have a responsibility to live up to these ideals and prevent Trump's agents from trampling on them.

Michael Engel  
Ludlow



## When to claim Social Security and taxation of benefits

Dear Rusty:

I am 65 and currently working full-time.

Can I apply for and start receiving my Social Security benefit? I'd expect to have to pay income tax on it if/when I do.

Signed: Curious Worker

Dear Curious Worker:

If you are working full time, you should likely delay claiming Social Security at this time. At age 65, you haven't yet reached your SS Full Retirement Age, so you will be subject to Social Security's "annual earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from work while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and if you earn more than the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

If you earn significantly over the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. FYI, the annual earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 10 months, or March 2026.

As you obviously already know, a portion of your Social Security may be subject to income tax after you start collecting. The threshold for taxation of SS benefits depends on your IRS filing status – if you file your taxes as a single and your combined income from all sources (including half of the SS benefit you received during the tax year) exceeds \$25,000 then 50% of your received SS benefits are taxable.

But if you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income is over \$32,000,

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Catching up on questions for the Garden Lady

This column will be used to play catch-up. I received a couple of questions a few weeks back on Christmas plants and then another looking forward to the new gardening season.

Read on as I do my best to answer them!

Connie is the keeper of her mother's poinsettia and it's become tree-like! "We read your article about poinsettias in the Country Journal. I have been caring for my mother's poinsettia she purchased three Christmases ago. She is hoping you can help us as I never cut it back because I didn't know to do that. Now it is a small tree. There is bark on it. I had one red bract last Christmas but no yellow center. I did try to put it in a dark room but as you can see, it is too big now to do that. Any suggestions?"

Many years ago when I joined my brother on a trip to St. Thomas, I became fully aware of the poinsettia and its true, tree-like form. It looks like you are well on your way to replicating that in your house!

First, congratulations, from the picture you provided you are clearly growing a healthy specimen. The leaves are a beautiful shade of green. I would recommend that, if you want to make it more manageable in size, you do try to cut it back.

It looks as if there is a lower "tier" of leaves. If you can cut it back to those

stems, I think that is a good place to start. Do that in April when it will be in active growth.

At that time, I would also transplant it into a container one size bigger. So, if it's in a six inch pot now, try one that is seven or eight inches, but not any bigger.

Fertilize with an all purpose houseplant fertilizer once a month. New growth should appear by the end of May.

After the danger of frost has passed, move the plant outdoors. Continue to water but increase fertilization to every two weeks. Pinch plants in late June or early July to promote bushy growth. Bring the plant indoors as temperatures fall in September.

The poinsettia is photoperiodic, and long nights of uninterrupted darkness encourage it to bloom. Bracts will turn red and the small yellow flowers in the center will form. Most people get on a 5 p.m.-8 a.m. schedule beginning on Oct. 1 and continue it for eight-10 weeks until color shows on the bracts.

Placing the plant in a closet or basement with no light interruption will work fine. It is a commitment, that's for sure. Night temperatures should be no higher than 70 degrees or flowering may be delayed.

Good luck; I bet you will be successful this year!

Beverly has me stumped!! She wrote in with this question: "After my Christmas cactus has bloomed, I get very tiny buds (like pimples) all over the plant. However, they quickly fall off so no more blooms. Can you explain what to do about this?"

This is a tricky one, Beverly! I am wondering if this is a newer breed of Christmas Cactus that is expected to bloom over a longer period of time than the old-fashioned types.

Usually buds fall off if there is a change somehow. Overwatering, underwatering? Perhaps a change in location whereby the plant is now near a heater when it wasn't before. Or maybe a change in fertilization practices?

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### Election letters policy

The Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to theregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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said. “We’re proud to support the VFW’s mission in making sure students and teachers are prepared with what they need to teach and learn all the way to the end of the school year.”

This event is part of VFW’s ongoing commitment to education and community support. Supplies were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while quantities last.

“We had a whole room full of supplies, somewhere around 50 teachers came through from the various schools here in town, and they were happy to be able to take everything they needed,” Segundo said.

Segundo said that the supplies were primarily donated by the VFW, Selectman DeBarge, and PV Financial, which also served as a drop-off location for donations. The VFW and Selectman DeBarge thanked PV Financial for its support of the event, as well as everyone who donated supplies.

“I think it was a great event,” Segundo said, “next year we’ll look at doing it again.”

“We are grateful to all those who donated supplies, especially PV Financial, who are always there for our community in so many ways, and the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236, whose donations and volunteers were equally valuable,” DeBarge said. “We were able



Edward Sokolowski and Eric Segundo (left) helped to set up the supply drive at the Veterans Center.

to collect a good amount of supplies for many teachers who took advantage of it. We’d love to see this become an annual event.”

Haber said that PV Financial is looking forward to supporting the annual Slide Into Summer event.

“It will be our 10th year with Ludlow and third year with Wilbraham-Hampden,” Haber said. “It’s a fun public safety event for families and the local community, and we work with the Fire and Police department to set it up.”

**As many as 50 teachers and school staff collected supplies at the donation drive hosted by the Veterans Center.**

For more information about the VFW, you can visit their website at [VFWPost3236.org](http://VFWPost3236.org) or call 413-893-8800.



A drop-off box was set up in front of the Pioneer Valley Financial Group building to collect donations for the supply drive.



## LOCAL HISTORIAN

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ging over 2,000 holes across 104 days, and produced 75,000 pieces of artifacts, which Duquette said are still being sorted out of a barn at the University of Massachusetts.

One of the things that got a particular rise out of the audience, according to Duquette, was discussing the legend of Indian Leap.

“Captain Samuel Mosley was a bloodthirsty bastard,” Duquette said. “He had free reign because his wife was the niece of the governor, so he had a special army and could take all the prizes he could get. He even dragged a bunch of peaceful indians all the way to Boston.”

Duquette said that, when 45 houses in Springfield were burned down, Mosley and his army turned back to Springfield from where they were sent up in Hadley.

“They got as far as the falls between Indian Orchard and Ludlow, where there was no bridge, of course,” Duquette said. “An indian tribe was on the peninsula where Indian Leap was, and that’s where the Indian Leap came in; they saw him heading in their direction and were prepared for it.”

Mosley said that, in his opinion, this is the most sensible explanation for the legend of Indian Leap.

“Mosley was cutthroat bastard, he had pirates working for him,” Duquette said. “Just before King Phillip’s War started getting heavy, Mosley made a deal with the governor to take 115 prisoners as part of his militia.”

“I can’t prove it, but as I said to the audience, to me, it’s a very good starting point for the Indian Leap legend,” Duquette said. “There must be a doz-



Patrick Duquette told library patrons about the massive dig on Walnut Island during the construction of Route 391.

en of versions of that story out there, it’s in most of the history books.”

Duquette reminisced on how he became a presenter about local Native American history, falling into the job one day when his research led to him filling in for another presenter.

“One Mother’s Day, I went to an event in Wilbraham about the Deputy Chief of one of the tribes who was going to do a talk,” Duquette recalled.

Duquette said that the presenter had to cancel the event last minute, and that the organizers were mortified about how they would break the news to the crowd of people that had arrived.

“Outside the building, I was talking to a couple people,” Duquette said, “so one lady went over to group and said ‘that man over there seems to know a lot,’ so they put me on cold turkey.”

“They had to drag me off the platform, I talked for two and a half hours straight,” Duquette said.

After that, word spread and Duquette kept getting bookings at different libraries in the area, including speaking events at the Palmer Public Library, at the Sturbridge Club, and writing articles for the Wilbraham-Hamp-

den Times.

Duquette said that as he was walking into the library with his materials, including fiberboard with maps, he didn’t notice that he had dropped his notes for the presentation.

“I went to car, looked around, and couldn’t find it, so I had to wing the talk,” Duquette said. “I didn’t hink I was going to be able to do it without my notes, but I did. The funniest thing was when I was leaving, the librarian was helping me carry my stuff out, and a guy saw all the paraphernalia I had and asked, ‘did you lose a thing about geography and indians and stuff?’ So he went home and got it for me.”

“I love the Cultural Council, they’re so easy to work with, it’s a piece of cake for me,” Duquette said, thanking President Zaida Govan and Jackie Farrow, as well as the librarians at the Indian Orchard Branch, for “bending over backwards” to help Duquette.

“I’d go there anytime now,” Duquette said. “I was happy because the council was interested and the library was interested, and I’ve never seen so much enthusiasm.”

Duquette hopes to return to the neighborhood for another presentation in the spring.

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ferent municipalities,” Strempek. “He’s the one that went up, and he’s the one taht was looking at it, and he’s the one that decided we should go off of Gardner. He’s got more experience in how much work goes into the inspections and things like that; I just input things.”

Select Board Member James Gennette added, “Gardner is pretty close in structure to ours, a lot of the same population numbers and stuff like that, it’s been mentioned before, we had compared our school department to theirs. I’m under the assumption that’s why we’ve chosen Gardner and not a neighbor next to us.”

Select Board Member Manuel Silva asked how the town compares to Gardner financially. “Are they in great shape where they can do this?” Silva asked. “I think we really have to look at our situation and what’s going on in the community, more so than what other communities are doing.”

Gennette said he liked the idea of leading the change.

“If this is where we think that we want to go with the fees and everything, regardless of what any other town looks like, then we should vote on it that way,” Gennette said.

Gennette noted that the new fee structure would “drastically throws up the cost of new construction.”

“You’re going from a base fee of \$100 to \$175,” Gennette said, “but instead of just doing \$10 per structure, you’re doing \$20 per fixture.”

Gennette said he would

support the department’s decision, but wanted to alert the board to how this would affect future development. Select Board Member Tony Goncalves said it was unlikely that this change would greatly affect new businesses unless the town were to construct a hospital or hotel.

Strempek was sympathetic to the amount this is going to cost residents, but said this was necessary for the town to be able to fund the work of the Building Department.

“I know it’s tough because everything’s going up in price, I understand that,” Strempek said. “There are certain things that we had, price-wise, that were not updated and not even covering the inspectors going out to do the inspections themselves. It was costing the town money to send inspectors to do inspections on different properties and things that needed to be inspected, s that’s another reason we had to bring everything up to date.”

Strempek said that the department also compared with Easthampton for updates to the building and electrical permitting fees.

The board voted unanimously to accept the residential and commercial building permit fees as submitted by the Building Department.

“We’re hoping that we can have it ready by the time we get the upgraded online permitting system,” Strempek said. “We’re hoping to have it by March or April.”

If you have any questions about the new fee structure, you can reach out to the Building Department by calling Town Hall at 413-583-5600, extension 3.

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Tannar Severyn tries to work his way out of the back end of the ice.



Liam White seeks to clear the puck.



Evan Dias follows through on a shot.



Charles Fijal makes his way up the ice after making a recovery on defense.



Sean Kefalas makes a play on defense.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Lions fall to visiting Rams

LUDLOW – Last Monday evening, Ludlow High School girls basketball was defeated by visiting Southwick 63-35.

The Rams got their offense going early and Ludlow's defense had a tough time keeping up. The Lions did rebound and defeated McCann Tech 38-28 last Thursday. It was the second

win of the season for Ludlow against the league opponent.

The Lions played a strong first half on defense and their offensive was improved in the second half to pull away late. Kayliana Moret and Reese Carroll had 10 points each to lead the Lions, who are now 5-7 this season. With the season heading

into its final stretch, Ludlow will likely need a .500 record in order to make the state tournament. The Lions were ranked No. 62 in Division 3 as of last week. Teams need to finish in the top 32 in order to reach the state tournament regardless of record.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Ryleigh Remillard goes up for a shot.



Nora Adams goes for a loose ball.



Kayliana Moret shoots from the free-throw line.



Aneysha Donais holds the ball back before making a pass.



Abigail Rivera keeps the ball away from the opposing defense.

## Lions fall at Hampden Charter

CHICOPEE – After a win last Friday night over Pathfinder, it was a tough week for Ludlow boys basketball. The Lions fell to Hampden Charter on the road last Friday in a close matchup 66-59. The Lions got 19 points from Cameron Lyman with Kobe McKay adding 15 points in the game.

The Lions would fall behind early, but had a strong comeback in the second quarter. Unfortunately, Hampden Charter had just enough offense to maintain its lead during the second half.

Ludlow would also lose against Frontier Regional 54-56 last Monday evening. Coming up, the Lions will be taking on Mt. Everett on the road Jan. 31, then come home and face McCann Tech on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

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# Birds fall in shootout against Bruins

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (18-17-2-2) got a combined eight points from their top line but ultimately fell in a shootout by a 4-3 score to the Providence Bruins (23-13-3-1) last Saturday night before a seventh sellout crowd this season at the Mass-Mutual Center.



T-Birds captain Matthew Peca got the capacity crowd energized just 3:48 into the first period, taking a slip pass from Matt Luff in the high slot and wiring a shot over Brandon Bussi's blocker to give Springfield the 1-0 advantage.

Springfield carried over their strong special teams night on Friday by dispatching the Bruins' lone power play of the first period, but the Providence attack kept pressing the issue. Georgii Merkulov evened the slate at 13:35 with a one-touch finish from just outside the blue paint, beating Vadim Zherenko upstairs to tie the score 1-1.

Neither team generated much offense in the closing minutes of the period, and the tie game carried into period two, with Providence outshooting Springfield 10-6 in the opening 20 minutes.

The Bruins vaulted to their first lead just 1:59 into the second period when Frederic Brunet found a home with a point shot off a faceoff play, making it 2-1. The T-Birds had a golden chance to get back in the game as they went to a 4-on-3 power play shortly after the Brunet tally, but Bussi and the Providence penalty killers held the fort.

Later in the frame, with Providence on a power play, Ian Mitchell rocketed a one-timer past Zherenko, and the visitors' lead grew to 3-1 at 11:04 of the frame.

In desperate need of a spark, Peca and the top line provided one at 15:32 when the captain entered the zone and lifted a shot over the net. Fortunately enough, the puck careened right to the side of

the goal, where MacKenzie MacEachern jabbed it through Bussi to bring Springfield back to within a goal, 3-2. With the good fortune, the veteran winger picked up his fifth goal in his last nine games.

On the very next shift, MacEachern and Peca were at it again, with the captain spotting MacEachern behind the net, and the winger blindly throwing a perfect pass in front of the goal to Luff, who mashed it home before Bussi could position himself and, thanks to two goals in just 18 seconds, the game was tied, 3-3, heading into the third.

Springfield kept pressing in the final period, but Bussi and the top defensive squad in the AHL kept the home side from gaining the advantage. Zherenko was also up to the challenge, stopping five shots in the third, including a dangerous close-in chance for Fabian Lysell in the dying minutes.

3-on-3 overtime proved to be a showcase of the two netminders' skills, as Bussi and Zherenko traded spectacular saves during the frenetic five-minute frame. Each team had four chances to ice the game, but thanks to the goalies, a shootout would be needed.

Merkulov ultimately made the difference, beating Zherenko in the opening round of the skills competition, while Bussi turned away Tanner Dickinson, forced Luff to hit a post, and then stonewalled Dalibor Dvorsky to earn the extra point for Providence.

# Worcester's point streak ends in loss at Maine

PORTLAND, Me. — Worcester's eight-game points streak, second-longest in team history, ended here Friday night via a 4-2 loss to the Maine Mariners. The Railers fell behind very early, eventually trailed by 3-0, and were never able to summon the energy to come all the way back.

"I thought they were flat," coach Nick Tuzzolino said. "I thought they were emotionless in the first period. It was not my favorite game with that group."

The defeat was part of a bad standings night for Worcester. Two teams trailing them in the battle for the fourth playoff spot both won. Maine closed to within five points of Worcester and has three games in hand. Reading, suddenly very hot, also won.

The Royals are 5-0-1 in their last six games. They are just one point behind Worcester. Both teams have played 40 games.

Griffin Luce and Jordan Kaplan had the Worcester goals. Luce's was his fifth of the season, extending a career high.

Jacob Hudson, Tristan Thompson, Owen Pederson and Nick Jermain scored for Maine. Hudson made it 1-0 a mere 67 seconds into the game as the Railers got

off to a tentative start.

Once again a Railers game was stagnated by goal reviews. There were two. Both went against Worcester. One was an overturn of a floating shot by Kaplan that went over goalie Maine goalie Ryan Bischel's glove with Griffin Loughran in front in the first period.

Right after that, Thompson scored a power play goal that looked like Michael Bullion was interfered with. That goal held up.

It was a game of hard feelings. There were 23 penalties called good for a combined total of 84 minutes, a season high.

Luce's goal came at 6:07 of the third period. It cut the Maine lead to 3-1 and was scored only 21 seconds after Pederson's goal. Kaplan scored on a pretty wraparound at 14:40 for the game's final goal.

Bischel got the win as he stopped 27. Bullion made 28 saves for Worcester.

Recent Railers games have been overrun with goal reviews and it really takes away from the flow and momentum. Worcester's last eight games have averaged 2 hours, 37 minutes. That is well above standards from past seasons.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

### Joshua Santos Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List.

The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Lakesha Jordan of Indian Orchard (01151)
- Bruno Machado of Ludlow (01056)
- Stephanie Rivas of Ludlow (01056)
- Emily Rua of Ludlow (01056)

- Joshua Santos of Ludlow (01056)
- Kimberly Schabowski of Ludlow (01056)

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### Dean's list at Nichols College for fall 2024

DUDLEY— Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the fall 2024 dean's list.

- Leon Lopez of Indian Orchard and Lukas Salvador of Ludlow.

- Nicole Audet of Ludlow, majoring in Nursing
- Timothy Battle of Indian Orchard, majoring in Economics and Finance
- Elizabeth Braz of Ludlow, majoring in Health Science
- Aryanna Cosme of Indian Orch, majoring in Accounting
- Gabriella Martins of Ludlow, majoring in Nursing
- Lexi Mena Santucci of Ludlow, majoring in Biology
- Kendyl Vermette of Ludlow, majoring in Psychology

### Dean's list fall 2024

SPRINGFIELD— American International College in Springfield, is proud to announce that 473 students have earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester. These full-time students have attained GPAs ranging from 3.3 to 4.0. AIC applauds the dedication and achievements of these enterprising students.

### Regis College fall 2024 dean's list

WESTON— Regis announces Made-lynn Philibotte of Ludlow met academic requirements to be named to the university's fall 2024 dean's list, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. To earn a spot on the dean's list.

## Jack Baldwin to take part in modified tour this season

Tommy Baldwin Racing announced Wednesday that Jack Baldwin will pilot the historic 7NY in over 20 Tour-Type Modified events during the 2025 season.

The bulk of the races will come on the SMART Modified Tour - as Baldwin will compete in the full 14-race calendar driving the 7NY. Jack has two SMART Modified Tour starts to his credit, scoring 5th and 8th place finishes in 2024.

Jack will also compete in the Tour-Type Modified events at New Smyrna Speedway's World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing from February 10-14, along with end of the season events at Riverhead Raceway (Islip 300) and Wall Stadium Speedway (Turkey Derby). Additional events may be announced at a later date.

Jack is the reigning 602 Modified champion at New Smyrna and has mul-

tipled 602 Modified wins. In 2025, he will chase his first career Tour-Type win.

"Jack has run select events the last few years but we're excited to have him a full season in the Tour-Type Modifieds to continue to gain experience and refine his skills behind the wheel," team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. said. "He will be running against stout competition in every race he runs."

"I'm definitely excited to get the chance to race on the SMART Modified Tour full-time," Jack said. "Watching the series the last few years, you can tell the racing is tight and the competition is unlike anything else when it comes to Modified racing in the south. Driving the 7NY and working with our family team all year will be special. Excited to kick it off with Speedweeks at New Smyrna."



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV, in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:40 p.m.** on the **Notice of Intent** application of Brandon Teixeira, for the property located at **0 West Street (Lot 3 Brook Street) (Assessors' Map 7, Parcel 19)**. The subject of the hearing is: construction of a single-family home and associated site improvements.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair  
01/29/2025

## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:50 p.m.** for the **Request for Determination of Applicability** application of Joseph Hagopian, for the property located at **34 Holy Cross Circle (Assessors' Map 11B, Parcel 112)**. The subject of the meeting is: replace windows, deck, floor tile, door, and lead paint abatement.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair  
01/29/2025

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Marie Tefts of **53 Wilson Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 11D, Parcel 52)** for: **graphic design/art business**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman  
01/29, 02/05/2025

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The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** for the **Request for Determination of Applicability** application of Pauldin, LLC c/o Dinis Baltazar, for the property located at **148 Carmelinas Circle (Assessors' Map 26, Parcel 9D)**. The subject of the meeting is: completion of drainage and stormwater site improvements.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair  
01/29/2025

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE - SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Faith Rains of **242 James Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 31, Parcel 65)** for: **online Doula consultations**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman  
01/29, 02/05/2025

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The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:55 p.m.** for the **Request for Determination of Applicability** application of James Babcock, for the property located at **574 Alden Street (Assessors' Map 40, Parcel 12A)**. The subject of the meeting is: **build deck on rear of house**.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair  
01/29/2025

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:20 p.m.** on the application of A.L.M. Group, LLC c/o Manny Goncalves for the property located at **592 Holyoke Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 3, Parcel 8B)** for the purpose of: **construction of two (2) auto sales and office space buildings with associated site improvements**.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman  
01/29, 02/05/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
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(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD25P0111EA  
Estate of:  
Jaime Santos Chaves  
Also known as:  
Jaime S Chaves  
Date of Death: 11/13/2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maria F. Chaves of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Maria F. Chaves of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/18/2025. 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)**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 21, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
01/29/2025

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# OBITUARIES

## Manuel "Manny" R. DaSilva Jr.

With immeasurable sadness, wife, Cher, announces the passing of her beloved husband, Manuel "Manny" R. DaSilva Jr, into eternal life on Jan. 20, 2025.



Born on May 11, 1953, in Chicopee, MA, Manny grew up in Ludlow and moved to Palmer in 1996. Manny was the beloved son of the late Manuel and Arminda "Mimi" (Mendes) DaSilva. He is survived by his devoted wife, Cher (Fearn), with whom he shared 50 wonderful years of marriage. He is also survived by a brother Joseph DaSilva (Barbara), and was an uncle to one niece and two nephews. He also leaves behind his dear aunt, Beaty Jorge, several cousins, many close friends, and sister-in-law, Debbie DaSilva.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John DaSilva. After graduating from Ludlow High School, Class of 1971, he attended automotive school, receiving his certificate in automotive repair. For 43 years, Manny dedicated himself to his career at Country Club Landscape, working alongside Bob Sousa. His passion for the outdoors did not end with his professional life. Manny was an esteemed Western Massachusetts Fly Fisherman Tying Instructor, sharing his skills and love of the sport for over three decades. Known far and wide as the man who "never met a stranger," Manny's warmth and generosity won him countless lifelong friendships. Many thanks to all the doctors and caregivers that supported Manny and his wife through the last few years.

A Mass honoring Manny's life will be held at St. Thomas Church at 11 a.m. following a visitation at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home from 9-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 31, 2025. Burial will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Western MA Fisherman, c/o John Lawor, 7 Fox Hill Dr, Wilbraham, MA 01095, or to St. Thomas the Apostle, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer, MA 01069.

## Wilfred "Joe" Gauthier, 97

Wilfred "Joe" Gauthier, 97, passed away quietly on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Wing Hospital after a short illness.



He was born the youngest of four children to the late Joseph and Sarah (Gautro) Gauthier on March 18, 1927 in Ludlow, MA. He was married to Marie (La-voie) Gauthier for over 44 years. He loved spending time with Marie and his family, and after her death, with his friends at McDonalds. He was a WWII veteran spending more than three years in Germany. He was preceded in death by his wife Marie, brother Alcide, and his sisters Eva Frappier and Rita Burek.

He is survived by his son Joseph and his wife Doreen, and daughter Cheryl Gauthier, along with many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services for Joe will be held on Friday, January 31st from the Ludlow Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday morning from 9:00-10:30am at the Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 11:00am in Christ the King Church, followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Joe's memory to your favorite charity. For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

## DEATH NOTICES

**Manuel "Manny" R. DaSilva Jr.**  
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Services  
Jan. 31, 2025  
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A POLISH FOOD SALE (Golabki, Kapusta, and Cabbage, Potato & Cheese. Sweet Cheese and Blueberry Pierogi) will be sold on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St., all are welcome to come and purchase.

## ONGOING

**FOOD DRIVE BI-MONTHLY**  
On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need. Bring all food items to drop off at our next Food Drive on Feb. 1. Thanks for your generosity.

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

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

**THRIFT SHOP:** Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday

offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

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

**LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE:** At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at [activity@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:activity@ludlow.ma.us) or call 413-583-3564.

**AQUACISE AT THE CLUB:** The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-

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

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

**H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP:** Having Our

Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413- 519-4591.

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

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

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

## SOCIAL SECURITY from Page 6

then up to 85% of your received SS benefits are taxable. Thus, whenever you claim SS, you may wish to consider having income tax withheld from your SS benefit. This is optional, and you can do this by submitting IRS Form W-4V to your local Social Security office, or you could choose to increase your income tax withholding at work or, alternatively, pay estimated income taxes quarterly.

So, whether you can claim Social Security now depends entirely on how much you will earn from working full time prior to your FRA. If you exceed the annual earnings limit before your FRA, SS will take away some of your benefits or, if you greatly exceed the earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to get benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less. But note, if you decide to claim early and any SS benefits are withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, you will get credit for that in the form of a slightly increased benefit after you reach your full retirement age.

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## GARDEN from Page 6

That's about all I can come up with. I do hope that once blooming is over your plant remains healthy and provides many flowers for years to come!

This came to the Garden Lady from Gary: "I enjoy reading your articles.

Is there value or harm mixing old coffee grounds into your flower or vegetable gardens? Thanks!"

Thank you for your compliments on the column! My dad used to sprinkle coffee grounds around our blueberry bushes when I was a kid.

It was his theory that the acidic grounds would be good for blueberry bushes which by nature are acid-loving. Well, it turns out that most of the acid from the coffee grounds is leached into the water when the coffee is brewed, leaving a near neutral product that aligns with pH of most common vegetables and flowers!

Coffee grounds are high in nitrogen and have lesser, but still respectable amounts of the other two major nutrients, phosphorus and potassium, as well as many of the micronutrients. The nitrogen is "tied up," however, and not readily available to plants.

It must be composted first to make it available. So, I would recommend you either add it to a compost pile or mix it in with other mulches you may be using on top of the soil.

It can be combined with wood chips, grass clippings or chopped leaves to make a great and fertile mulch, that, as it breaks down, will add organic matter to the soil and be a nutritious food for your plants and the earthworms. In fact, folks who vermicompost (keep a worm bin) notice just how much the worms love coffee grounds mixed in with other food waste.

You've encouraged me to get a bit more serious about putting our household coffee grounds to good use!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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Saturday, Feb. 1, - Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C)  
Sunday Feb. 2, - Sunday Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Sunday Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Faith Formation - 8 a.m.(ZR), Faith Formation 10:15 a.m.(FLBH-All Rooms)  
Monday Feb. 3, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Faith Formation-6 p.m. (JR/ZR), - Ladies Bible Study 6:15 p.m. (ER)  
Tuesday, Feb. 4, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Cursillo Prayer Group 1 p.m. (ZR) - St. Rita's Choir, 2:30 p.m. (C), Bereavement Support Group 6:30 p.m. (ZR), Eucharist Revival Meeting 6:30 p.m. (FLBH)

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# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library?

To register for programs or find out more information, visit [ludlow.cwmars.org](http://ludlow.cwmars.org), or call (413) 583-3408. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays.

## FOR ALL AGES

**Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday, February 5, 11:00 a.m.** Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

**Free Tech Help** Call us at 413-583-3408x114 to book an hour long appointment. We can help you with your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. By appointment only, please no drop-ins.

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

## FOR ADULTS

**Mixed Media Art Class, Thursday, February 6, 5:30 pm.** Join us for a creative and hands-on art class led by local artist Sergio! Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this class is

designed to help you explore your artistic abilities using pens and paint. Register online.

**Criminally Curious- A True Crime Podcast Group, Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am.** The True Crime podcast craze has come to the library! Whether you are an avid listener or brand new recruit, you'll want to check this out! Our podcast group works as a book club. At home we'll listen to an episode of a popular true crime podcast (to be decided at our first meeting) and then meet at the library to discuss our thoughts and theories. Register online.

**Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge** Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit [massbook.org/readingchallenge](http://massbook.org/readingchallenge).

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

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

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

## FOR TEENS

**Blind Date with a Book, starts (February 1) and runs all month.** For upper elementary through high school. Choose a wrapped book from our display on the Youth Room based on the little blurb on the cover, or select one online from our website.

**Chess Club, every other Monday (January 27 and February 10) 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.** All experience levels are welcome for an hour of chess, some instruction provided. For ages 9-17, please register.

**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday (January 28 and February 11) 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

**Magic the Gathering Club, Monthly, Thursday (February 6) 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.** For middle and high school. Bring your cards or use our decks. Please register.

**"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, once a month, Friday (January 24) 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.** Monthly book chat for ages 14-17. For January the group is reading *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros. Copies are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

**Open Sew Saturday (February 22) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** For tweens, teens, and adults. Extra help for the Sewing Club project or bring your own project, with expert seamstress Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and support. Drop-in.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

**Drop in Valentine Card Making, from (February 1 through February 14)** All ages. Pre-cut designer papers, stickers, ribbon and more! Drop in.

**Ice Cream Read-A-Thon! Monday (January 27) to Saturday (February 1)** For kids. We're making HUGE sundaes of reading! Get a paper scoop of ice cream for every book you check out this week. Write the titles of the books on the scoops and bring them back by Saturday, February 1. Add them to the super-sundaes on the wall. Go home with a sweet ice cream shaped treat! Drop in.

**Family Bingo, Tuesday (February 4) 6:00 p.m.** For kids and families. Play this fun game to win prizes! Please register.

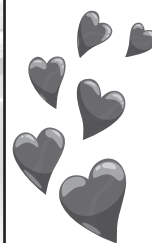
**Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday (February 5 and February 19) 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.** For 8-14. Trading, dueling, and gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register. Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday (January 23) 5:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet each month with other graphic novel lovers to discuss and share books, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks. For January the group will be reading *The Witch Boy* by Molly Ostertag. Copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Mass. Children's Book Award Book Group, second Thursday of the**

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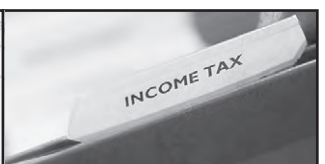
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## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

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Upon petition of: **EVERSOURCE ENERGY** requests permission to locate a line of poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way:

**Bruni Ave:** Install one (1) 36\*36 Round Hand Hole Labeled 267/3-ID. The purpose for this work is to repair a current faulted underground primary wire with new wire. The hand hole is to be located 3' from the road on the property line between 85 and 101 Bruni Ave.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
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Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
01/22, 01/29/2025

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### The Trial Court Probate & Family Court Dept.

**HAMPDEN, Division  
To Sonia Pereira, of  
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A petition has been presented to said Court by Gil E. Gomes of Ludlow, in the County of Hampden, representing that they held as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Ludlow in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand (\$252,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said

petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **tenth day of February 2025**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this 13th day of January, 2025.

**Rosemary A. Saccamoni**  
Register  
01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2025

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## RFP 2025-10 REBID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION WESTOVER GOLF COURSE

The Town of Ludlow/Westover Municipal Golf Commission, through the Chief Procurement Officer

for the Town of Ludlow, will receive sealed proposals for the operation of the Food & Drink Concession at Westover Municipal Golf Course, by lease, as detailed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents. The lease agreement being offered is for a period of three (3) consecutive seasons or years for golf operations.

This solicitation is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30B, Uniform Procurement Act, Section 16, and all contracts must be strictly awarded in accordance with the requirements of this Act.

The RFP documents may be requested electronically from the Chief Procurement Officer, Jaime Morrow, by email at [jmorrow@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:jmorrow@ludlow.ma.us), starting on January 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Hard copies of the RFP documents will be available for pick up at the Procurement Office, 488 Chapin Street, 2nd Floor, Ludlow, MA 01056.

Sealed proposals in the required format will be accepted by mail or hand delivery until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the Procurement Office,

488 Chapin Street, 2nd Floor, Ludlow, MA 01056, at which time they will be recorded into record and reviewed by a committee for the most Advantageous Proposal.

Sealed non-price proposals must be clearly marked "Technical Proposal RFP 2025-10 REBID Golf Concession" and must enclose three (3) hard copies of the non-price proposal. Proposers **MUST** submit a price proposal **SEPARATELY** in a sealed envelope marked "Price Proposal RFP 2025-10 Golf Concession". The Price Proposal and Non-Price Proposal must be submitted at the same time, but in **SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPES**. Proposers are fully responsible for ensuring the timely receipt of their completed response to this RFP at the location noted above. The proposals will be opened immediately following the closing time. The lease agreement will be awarded within 60 days.

The Town reserves the right to cancel this RFP or reject in whole or in part any and all proposals when cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the Town. 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19/2025

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**month (February 13) 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.** For 4th-6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet each month to share opinions, play games, enjoy free snacks, and talk about what you read and which book you think should be the winner. Please register.

**Third Thursday Sewing Club for YAs: Make Zippered Project Bag, Thursday (February 20) 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** For ages 9-17. Learn how to sew a zippered project/treasure bag with a clear window, all materials provided. Please register.

**Friday Online Club, previously Roblox Club, every Friday, 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.** Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. For ages 8-15. Please register.

**Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt, Friday (January 31) 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.** All ages. Get ready to celebrate National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (on 2/1) with a scavenger hunt for pictures of all your favorite flavors of ice cream, win a prize for finding them all! Drop in.

**Saturday Online Club, previously Minecraft Club, every Saturday, 11:00**

**a.m.-12:45 p.m.** Play Minecraft, Roblox, or other online group games at the library. Use the library's Minecraft accounts but please register for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN

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

**Storytime for 3-5s: Time, Time for Storytime, Mondays 10:00 a.m. (through February 24) No storytime February 17.** Stories, songs, games and crafts about different times of the day, with a snack at the end. Please register.

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs and movement. Drop-in.

**Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.-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.

**Storytime for 2-3s: Time, Time for Storytime, Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. (through February 12)** Six weeks of stories, songs, games and crafts about different times of the day tailored for 2-3 year olds, with free play at the beginning and craft and snack at the end. Please register.

**"True Tales" Storytime for Homeschoolers, Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. (through February 12)** For 5-8 year olds. A fun, gently educational storytime about real people and historical events.

Please register.

**Grow, Play and Learn for ages 0-2, every Thursday, 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes a curriculum, "Ages and Stages" questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

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**January PreK Pals, every Friday, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** This playgroup supports children ages 2-5 and their families. Each week we focus on an area of development and provide fun activities to support your child's learning through play. Areas explored include early literacy, fine motor development, science, math, cognitive and social emotional skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register for the month.

**Pom-Pom Ice Cream Cone Necklaces, Saturday (February 1) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Preschool and up. Celebrate National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day by making a cute, tasty looking necklace! Drop in.

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### ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

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Miscellaneous duties to include supporting current programs and developing new programs to increase attendance and participation of the growing aging population in the Oakham Senior Center. Up to 12 hours per week (flexible) \$20.00/hr. depending upon experience. Resume should be sent to **Admin@Oakham-Ma.gov**, or mailed to **Board of Selectmen, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068.**

**COA COORDINATOR** for Town of Westhampton. Description available online at [www.westhamptonma.gov](http://www.westhamptonma.gov). Applications accepted until position filled.

**HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT** is now accepting applications for a **FULL-TIME police officer**. Review of applications begins immediately. Visit [www.hampdenpolice.com](http://www.hampdenpolice.com) for more information. EOE

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Middlefield, MA.

Part-time, ~960 hrs/yr, \$36-40,000 range. Email resume+ cover letter highlighting strengths/ flexibility to Administrative Assistant: [middlefield.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:middlefield.assistant@gmail.com)

## HELP WANTED

### TOWN OF BARRE

#### Cemetery Clerk

The Town of Barre is seeking qualified applicants for the part-time position of Cemetery Clerk. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and the minimum hourly rate is \$15.00/hour and the maximum hourly rate is \$18.02/hour. A full job description is available upon request. Applicants must have HS Diploma or GED, with a minimum of two to three years' experience in office setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to: **Tammy Martin, Town Administrator, 40 West Street, Suite 697, Barre MA 01005** or [townadmin@townofbarre.com](mailto:townadmin@townofbarre.com).

For further information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at (978) 355-2504 x135. A.A. / E.O.E.

**WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH** is hiring a sexton three evenings, 7-10 hours per week, \$16 per hour. Additional compensation for hours needed for weddings and funerals.

Please send resume to [admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](mailto:admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)

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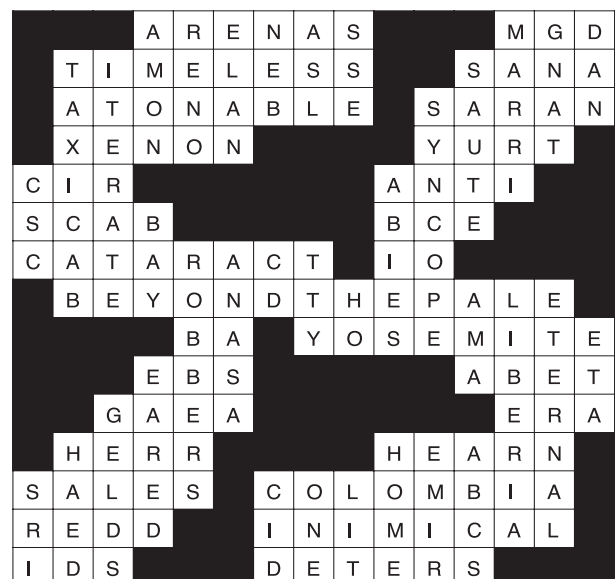


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