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Local youths and event attendees lined up in the hallway of the Boys & Girls Club.

## Boys & Girls Club celebrates

### 75th anniversary with kick-off party

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW – This Saturday, the Boys & Girls’ Club kicked off its 75th anniversary celebration with an eclectic showcase of everything the club has to offer, and was able to hit 25% of its fundraising goal.

The Boys and Girls’ Club has been operating in town since March 1, 1950. With March 1 landing on a Saturday this year, the club took the opportunity to arrange a celebration to showcase the various opportunities for families to gather at the club and build community.

The free event involved food trucks, open swim, crafts and activities, fitness challenges, a performance by after school students, a presentation of animals by Lupa Zoo, storytimes with the Hubbard Memorial Library, fitness class demonstrations, and many other activities as an overview of all the



Kids wore festive glasses and other accessories to take pictures in the photo booth.



different things that happen at the club on an ongoing basis.

“We want to create a fun day for families; for youth, but also for adults,” Jardine said. “A lot of people think of the club primarily as an organization for kids, but we offer so much for adults and seniors, we want to make sure people come to get a fuller understanding of the things we offer. We want to make sure people know how the club benefits the whole community.”

Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders will be at the club at 12:30 for opening remarks, and Jardine invited residents to spend the rest of the time exploring the club and the different games and activities that will be going on.

Over 75 years, the Boys and Girls Club has made improvements to keep up with

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## Meet the Candidates for the Board of Selectmen

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LUDLOW – This year, there are three candidates running for three-year seats on the Board of Selectmen, Anthony Alves, Alex Montagna, and Bill Rosenblum, running for re-election.

Alves has been a resident of Ludlow for his entire life and earned an undergraduate degree from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts, before going on to receive an MBA from American International College. He has a background in accounting and finance, which he says has given him “strong experience in budgeting, risk management, and financial analysis.”

“I am a father, husband, and a proud product of Ludlow Public Schools,” Alves said. “As the son of immigrants and part of a small business family, I understand the value of hard work and community.”

Montagna has also lived in town through his entire childhood, and wrestled the high school before graduating in 2005 and moving back to town to raise his own family. Also a graduate

of the Isenberg School of Management, Montagna has experience in finance from working for State Street Bank and Trust and logistical and management experience from his time in Operations for Amazon Logistics.

“I have experience organizing for the local community, including serving as a volunteer and treasurer for the Friends of the Ludlow Parks, DIAL, and Town Meeting,” Montagna added.

Rosenblum has lived in town for 27 years, and has raised two daughters, Aubrey and Alia, with his wife Kristin. As a PGA golf professional, Rosenblum has worked at and managed several golf courses and currently works in Hartford as a Golf Operations Manager, where he oversees two municipal golf courses for Hartford, and writes and maintains a \$2.5

million budget while overseeing close to \$12 million in capital projects, which he said gives him experience with procurement and grants.

“A golf professional is really a politician,” Rosenblum said. “My background of 35 years as a golf professional is great for relationship building, my kids

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Anthony Alves



Alex Montagna



Bill Rosenblum

## Select Board discusses Police Department overtime costs

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Select Board meeting, the town discussed the Police Department’s overtime budget with the Police Chief.

At the March 4 meeting, Police Chief Dan Valadas approached the Board of Selectmen to go over police and dispatch training overtime.

“This is the culmination of many years of our Town Administrator and Town Accountant and other departments going over every department in town with their overtime usage,” said Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge.

DeBarge said that the board hopes to get a better understanding of the department’s overages to discuss if the town needs to make adjustments, if possible. Valadas provided documentation for what he will need for the department and answer the Select Board members’ questions.

“We budget very low,” Valadas explained, “because I know that I’m going to get grant funding.”

Valadas said that grant funding is actually more than what’s spent by the department.

“State 911 (Department) gives us money for the officers to even go on the calls,” Valadas said. “We don’t spend that on dispatchers, but they actually give you more based on your call volume.”

Valadas said that the three overtime line items amount to \$330,000. It also excludes Special Police, which is budgeted separately. Another grant that affects this budget are traffic grants from the Office of Grants and Research, which Valadas said are documented and reimbursed.

“The problem is,” Valadas said, “when we bill the payroll next Monday, that comes out of my operating budget and I never get to attach the grant funds.”

Valadas said that of the \$348,000 in grants that the

department received, well over \$100,000 is for salaries.

When asked why recruiting new officers couldn’t offset the cost of overtime, Valadas outlined that the cost of training new recruits through the Police Academy has been raised to \$6,000, plus an equipment fee of \$2,800.

“For every recruit, you’re going to spend almost \$9,000,” Valadas said.

Select Board Member Bill Rosenblum said that he hopes the board can meet directly with department heads to discuss these issues, as with the discussion with Valadas.

“This is more of what we need to do,” Rosenblum said. “This board supports your department. I know that we don’t always give you the positions that we want to give you because we have to share across the town.”

Valadas praised the crowded room that attended the meeting. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

## BOS discusses Town Meeting article on municipal finance

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LUDLOW – Last week, the Board of Selectmen met with a municipal finance firm to discuss potential investments for the town, to be voted on at Town Meeting.

The March 4 meeting began with a visitation from Bartholomew and Company, represented by Financial Advisor Brian Jamros, who explained how his firm specializes in municipal finance.

“We’ve been working with you, the town of Ludlow, for quite some time, since 2006,” Jamros said. “We usually work with the Treasurer’s Office.”

Jamros explained that, according to Massachusetts General Laws, the Treasurer’s Office takes custody of all the funds associated with things like stabilization, general funds, and perpetual care. Jamros outlined the different buckets for general funds as outlined by the state’s general laws.

The first “bucket” that Jamros described incorporates general funds, opera funds, bond proceeds, payroll, payables, and operating

funds, and are restricted to invest. The second bucket includes trust funds, such as cemetery perpetual care, stabilization, community preservation, scholarship funds, depreciation funds such as in lake departments, and library funds.

“Those are under the legal list of investments,” Jamros said. “There are 22 companies that you can invest; that’s it.”

Jamros described an example of a treasurer going off the list to invest in a retail company that goes out of business, which would result in the treasurer being personally held liable to write a check to the town for the funds.

The last bucket described Other Post-Employment Benefits Funds, which covers retirees’ healthcare.

Jamros explained that as of August, 2023, the state has adopted legislation allowing for a prudent investor at a local level.

“You take it to the Town Meeting vote, approve it, and it can become a local option,” Jamros said. “It gives your Treasurer the capability of investing under prudent.”

Jamros used the analogy

of riding a roller-coaster.

“Once you stop holding on so tight, it’s not so bad,” Jamros said. “Our theory, our thought process, on our team, is we don’t have the real lows and we don’t have the real highs, so we smooth out those rides on the roller coaster.”

“These are municipal funds; the only time people are going to care what you’re doing on these funds is when the markets are down,” Jamros said, “and we should be above the markets with the alternatives.”

Jamros said that the firm is able to lower rates for municipalities due to a number of factors, citing a team-based approach.

“We have five investment advisors out on the road,” Jamros said. “As we’re talking to you, we have a team inside that’s doing everything for us. We’re very capable of doing that, but time-wise does not allow it.”

The board finished the meeting by telling the Bartholomew and Company representatives that they look forward to seeing what will be put forth to vote on at Town Meeting.



# LUDLOW

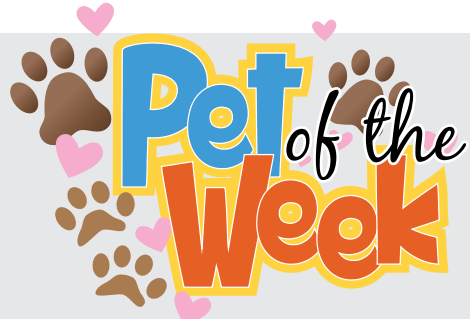
## Rotary Club's annual fundraiser: *A Heartfelt Celebration of Community Support*

LUDLOW—Mark your calendars for Friday, March 21, as the Ludlow Rotary Club hosts its highly anticipated Heart of the Community Event at the Gremio-Lusitano Club. This exciting evening is not just an opportunity to have a great time—it's an essential event that

directly impacts the Ludlow community. The funds raised at this celebration will benefit the Ludlow Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which is committed to supporting a variety of local programs. When you attend, you're not just enjoying a de-

licious dinner from Tony & Penny's and dancing to the sounds of EMOTION and DJ Dave Costa—you're also contributing to a wide range of programs that provide vital services in Ludlow and beyond. From local initiatives like the Ludlow Fire Department's Fire Prevention Program to life-changing scholarships for local students, the money raised will support those who need it the most.

Tickets for the event are available now at [www.ludlowrotary.org](http://www.ludlowrotary.org) or call/text Maria Crespo at 413-426-6901. Every dollar raised will go directly to supporting programs that make a difference in our community. Whether you're a long-time supporter of the Ludlow Rotary Club or attending for the first time, your presence at the Heart of the Community Event will help create a brighter, more connected future for us all. Call/text Maria Crespo at 413-426-6901 or visit us at [www.ludlowrotary.org](http://www.ludlowrotary.org) to purchase your tickets.



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## Absentee/early vote by mail

LUDLOW – Absentee and Vote by Mail ballots for the March 24, 2025, Annual Town Election are now available in the Town Clerk's office. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (413) 583-5600 Ext. 1.

town during the hours the polls are open

- physical disability
- religious beliefs

Friday, March 14, 2025, by 5 pm

**Last Day to Request an Early and Absentee Ballot by Mail**

Monday, March 17, 2025, by 5 pm

Voting on Election Day is from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at your precinct. If you are unsure of your precinct, please contact the Town Clerk's office (413) 583-5600 Ext. 1.

### Early Vote By Mail

All registered voters may request an early vote-by-mail ballot for the Annual Town Election. All applications can be found on the Town of Ludlow website.

**Last Day to Register to Vote and/or Change Party Enrollment**

## MMWEC offers scholarships to Ludlow High School Seniors

LUDLOW—Applications are now open for the 2025 Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) scholarship.

MMWEC is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying seniors from Ludlow High School who are planning to attend either a two- or four-year college. Eligible students must plan to pursue a degree in engineering, environmental sciences, finance, accounting, or a related discipline.

Scholarship recipients will be awarded based on several factors including academic achievement, area of

study, and need. All seniors planning to pursue one of the specified academic areas are encouraged to apply, regardless of their class ranking.

To be considered, students must submit all required documents including a letter of recommendation from their school counselor and a letter detailing their educational and professional goals. Application and submission details will be shared with students via their school counselors. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 9.

As part of its commitment to the community,

MMWEC has awarded \$66,000 in scholarships to help local students defray the cost of higher education since the inception of the scholarship program in 1998.

MMWEC is the joint action agency for public power in Massachusetts, providing a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities.

MMWEC is the operator and principal owner of the Stony Brook Energy Center on Moody Street and has been a corporate resident of Ludlow for nearly 50 years.

## Lions scholarship applications available

LUDLOW — The Ludlow Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the James and Mary O'Neil scholarship (\$40,000 paid over 4 years), the S. Louis Marceau and the Paul R. Baird scholarships (\$1,000 each) Eligible applicants must be residents of Ludlow, regardless of the high school attended, and entering freshman year

at an accredited college or technical school in the fall. The James and Mary O'Neil scholarship is available only to students who will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus.

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Departments of Ludlow High School, or Pope Francis Preparatory School,

by using the "Scholarship" button on the Ludlow Lions Club Web page, by request at [LudlowLions@yahoo.com](mailto:LudlowLions@yahoo.com) or by contacting a Ludlow Lions Club member.

The Scholarship applications must be received by April 1. Mail applications to the Ludlow Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 72, Ludlow, MA 01056-0072.

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## HCC scholarship season opens

HOLYOKE —The Holyoke Community College Foundation will begin accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 academic year on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The application deadline is Friday, March 14.

Last year, the HCC Foundation awarded 388 scholarships worth about \$350,000 to 323 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Some students received multiple scholarship awards. The average scholarship award is typically around \$900.

"Awarding scholarships to deserving students has been a cornerstone of the work of the HCC Foundation since its founding," said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation. "Scholarships established by donors celebrate academic achievement, community service, and civic engagement, and,

most importantly, these funds ensure hundreds of students have the resources they need to complete their college degrees."

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships.

"While the recent launch of MassEducate, the state's free-community-college-for-all program, has made HCC accessible to more individuals, that only means we have a greater responsibility to ensure students make it to the finish line," Sbriscia said. "Tuition and fees represent only a portion of the cost of being a college student today, and, oftentimes, a donor scholarship can truly change a student's life."

Applicants need only to fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they

are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

To view scholarship opportunities and begin the application process, please go to [www.hcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hcc.edu/scholarships).

Last January, HCC opened a dedicated Scholarship Resource Center to help current and incoming students navigate the process of applying for scholarships and filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The office, located

on the first floor of the Donahue Building (Room 158) is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The HCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that works to advance the college's mission, vision, and values. Founded in 1968 as the Friends of Holyoke Community College, in response to a devastating fire that forced the college to rebuild on a new campus, the Foundation now manages assets of more than \$20 million, the largest community college foundation endowment in Massachusetts.

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182, or by email to [scholarships@hcc.edu](mailto:scholarships@hcc.edu).

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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 [asseusaeast@asse.com](mailto:asseusaeast@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.

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# OPINION

## in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Male and female cardinal

I received an email from a Worthington resident, who reported the one male “red bird” in his yard all winter.

He said, “I feel like I know him and throw seeds to a special place he likes. His habit of showing up in the dim light of dusk and dawn almost makes him shine. He’s real quiet right now, but I really look forward to hearing him as it warms up.”

The red bird is also known as the northern cardinal. The male cardinal is bright red with black around the base of its red beak. The female is grayish brown above with buffy color below. Her beak is reddish and she has dark around her bill, but not as black as the male.

Both sexes have crests and are 8 1/2 inches long. Although the Worthington resident said the cardinal was quiet now, soon he will sing a series of clear repeated whistles that vary and sound like “whoit whoit, cheer, cheer, cheer.” The call is a metallic “chip.” Both male and female sing.

The female cardinal lays two to five buff white eggs with dark marks in a nest of twigs, bark strips, vines, leaves, rootlets and paper lined with fine grass and hair. They build their nest in dense shrubbery or among branches of small trees.

Bird watchers may witness mate feeding, a common ritual between a breeding pair. The male picks up a seed and brings it to the female. They touch beaks and his mate takes the offered seed. Mate feeding continues through egg laying and incubation. Cardinals come to feeders. They feed either on the ground and come to platform style feeders. They prefer sunflower seeds, safflower seeds and cracked corn.

Tuesday morning I saw a female cardinal in a lilac bush. I love to see the male cardinal perched on a snow covered branch or ground especially after newly fallen snow. I have a pair of cardinals, which I usually see early in the morning or at dusk.

**Red-winged blackbirds**  
The Worthington resident saw a red-winged blackbird at his feeder and heard them on snow shoe recent hike by a beaver pond. He said, “They don’t sound very confident and I wonder what they find down there with the pond totally frozen and the cat-

tails denuded by the wind.” He said, “The arrival of redwings is exciting for me, as I consider them our first migratory returns.”

### Bald eagle

In his email, the same resident wrote about seeing a bald eagle. He said, “Two weeks ago driving along the East Branch in Cummington, I saw an eagle lite in a dead tree, break off a small branch and fly off, hopefully to a new or repaired nest. It sure didn’t feel like spring then and even today [written March 3] I had zero degrees this morning.” He also reports pretty good numbers of goldfinches at his feeder along with the winter regulars.

### Brimfield birds

On Feb. 19, I received an email from a Brimfield resident, who sends emails on a regular basis. He said, “Hope you survived our recent bout of nasty weather. Our driveway was cleared on Sunday evening and subsequently turned into a skating rink. Fortunately I had lots of sand and rock salt and a little calcium chloride on hand. Using all of that, I was able to get our cars up and out of the driveway. Of course I had to get the frozen garage doors unstuck before I could get the cars out of the garage.”

He took part in the Great Backyard Bird Count of Saturday and Sunday. He said, “I had nine species Saturday, things got a little more interesting on Sunday when there were 15 species seen including an adult sharp-shinned hawk that chased some junco into a quince bush (it missed) and a Carolina wren.”

### Bluebirds

He had a pair of eastern bluebirds earlier in the day on Feb. 18 and later five bluebirds showed up, two males and three females. He said, “That’s the most we have ever seen in the yard. Previously we had seen a single bird a few times and a pair investigated a nesting box one year but were chased away by house wrens.”

### Non-bird critters

During the snow/ice storm in February, my daughter and I saw a wet opossum digging in the snow for seeds while clearing my walk and driveway. On March 1, two of my grandchildren and I saw a porcupine in a tree while driving on our road.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### In support of Alves

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my full support for Anthony Alves in the March 24th election for Ludlow Board of Selectmen. Anthony’s deep-rooted connection to our town combined with his strong financial background, prior public service, and willingness to work collectively with others makes him the ideal candidate for this important position.

Having grown up here, Anthony understands the unique needs of our community. He recognizes that

maintaining and enhancing our parks is essential to the well-being of all residents. From providing spaces for families to enjoy the outdoors, to supporting recreational programs for all ages, Anthony is dedicated to ensuring that our public spaces improve for the benefit of the entire community.

In addition, Anthony is committed to supporting our first responders, maintaining the high level of service provided by our senior and veteran’s centers, attracting new business to town, and being

a fiduciary of taxpayer funds. He is committed to making Ludlow an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Anthony believes we have a special community, and his leadership will help ensure Ludlow thrives in the years ahead. I strongly encourage my fellow residents to support Anthony Alves in the upcoming election for the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,

Kyle O’Connor  
Ludlow Resident

### Endorsing candidate

To the Editor,

I am proud to endorse Bill Rosenblum for re-election to the Ludlow Board of Selectman. He has always worked

tirelessly to do what’s right for our community. His insights, strong business acumen, and excellent interpersonal skills have worked well to create harmony and

achieve logical and enduring solutions.

Gary Will  
Ludlow, MA

## Sweet potatoes get my vote

My dad was a “meat and potatoes” kind of guy. Mashed, baked or fried, potatoes were his thing.

Growing up, we usually had potatoes most nights for dinner. Since I have been an adult, I don’t eat potatoes very often at all.

I often wonder if that particular Irish gene missed a generation, since I prefer the sweet potato over the regular potato any day of the week. Read on to learn all about this nutritional powerhouse.

According to www.nutritiondata.com, sweet potatoes are “low in sodium, and very low in saturated fat and cholesterol. They are also a good source of dietary fiber, vitamin B6 and potassium, and a very good source of vitamin A, vitamin C and manganese.”

If these facts aren’t reason enough to try adding this veggie to your garden this growing season, delight in the fact that it is also a very pretty vine!

In fact, once I grew “sweet potato vine” in the planter boxes at Old Sturbridge Village. I didn’t know at the time that the variety I was growing also produced bountiful tubers. It was one of those obvious things that I just didn’t put together.

It’s kind of funny that when I attempted to grow them on purpose at home, they were an utter failure. By the time I peeled the thumb-size roots, there was literally nothing left to eat.

It is time for a refresher on sweet potato culture.

Sweet potatoes require a long growing season – some-

where between 90-150 days. The tender shoots are cold sensitive, and must be planted into the ground after all danger of frost has passed. In our area we use Memorial Day as our “frost-free date.”

Then, the edible root, aka the sweet potato, must be harvested before the first frost of fall. By my records, the first frost usually occurs in early to mid-October.

This equates to 100 days bare minimum of growing time.

You can purchase plants through the mail or try sprouting your own from sweet potatoes purchased from the grocery store.

Dick Raymond, author of my favorite gardening book of all time, “Garden Way’s Joy of Gardening” (Storey Publishing \$24.95) has some great tips for doing this: Seven or eight weeks prior to Memorial Day, simply cut the spuds in half lengthwise and lay them down in moist peat moss in a shallow tray. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a sunny window until sprouting occurs.

Slips should be separated and planted about six inches deep, twelve to fifteen inches apart from one another.

He advises to water well for the first two weeks; after that sweet potato plants are reportedly somewhat drought tolerant. When fertilizing, choose a formulation that is

a bit lower in nitrogen, otherwise you will have lots of vines at the expense of sweet potatoes.

Dig up your bounty on a dry day, being extra careful not to damage the skin. Don’t leave them exposed to the sun for more than an hour and don’t wash them either.

Picky, aren’t they? Fresh sweet potatoes aren’t all that sweet – a curing period of two weeks in the dark at 70-80 and at high humidity will bring out the great flavor we are accustomed to. Long-term storage should be at temperatures around 60 degrees.

To make sweet potato fries simply cut the root into thick wedges then toss them with seasoned olive oil (or a favorite salad dressing). Bake on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees for one hour, flipping occasionally. Some ketchup as a dip may help reluctant kids to give the “funny orange French fries” a try.

My dad is probably looking down and wishing I did an article on good, old fashioned russets. Sorry, Dad, but Happy St. Patrick’s Day anyway!

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 with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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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, March 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

Tuesday Movie Club, Tuesday, March 11, 12:30 pm. Help us celebrate National Women's History Month by joining us for a movie showing of the celebrated classic Little Women (2019).

Native Plants: Transform Your Yard to Support Pollinators, Saturday, March 15, 11:00 am. The Hampden Hampshire Conservation District will teach which native plants enhance your lawns and gardens! Heidi Dollard will take you step by step through the process of evaluation, planning, and implementation. You may even receive free seeds!

Boston Massacre: Blood in the Snow, Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 pm. It is one of the most familiar incidents in American history, yet one of the least understood. Join us as we revisit this dramatic episode and the resulting trials, 250 years later! 2025 marks the start of the Boston 250 project, a series that celebrates the American war for independence. Presented by Honorable Dennis J. Curran.

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

Chess Club, every other Monday March 24, 3:30 to 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 (March 25, April 8), 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday March 18, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For middle and high school. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or some of the library's new Switch games. Free pizza sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Limited to 16 people. Please register.

Magic the Gathering Club, Monthly, Thursday April 3, 5:30 to 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, monthly, Friday March 28, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monthly book chat for ages 14-17. In March and April the group is reading Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros. Copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

### FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt, Monday, March 17, all day. All ages. Find the symbols of St. Patrick's Day around the Youth Room to win a prize. Drop-in.

Good Vibes Sticker Making, Monday, March 24, all day. All ages. Make stickers to boost your spirits and remind yourself that you're awesome! Drop-in.

Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday (March 19, April 2), 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For ages 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.

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# 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 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 celebration 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.

## Lenten Penance Service

LUDLOW—A Lenten Penance service will be held at St Elizabeth Parish, 191 Hubbard St, Ludlow at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

Please join us as several priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and receive the gift of God's mercy and love.

### Lenten Parish Mission

LUDLOW—Encountering Hope: How the Catholic Church provides the anchor we need to see God's Plan for our lives.

The Mission will be held at St. Elizabeth Parish at 6:30 p.m. on March 24, 25 and 26 in the Church at 191 Hubbard Street, Ludlow.

Dr. Daniel Baillargeon, national speaker, president of Mission Driven Catholic and former Superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Springfield will be our speaker for the three evenings. "Let us take some time to quiet our hearts and truly walk with our Lord in His Passion and Death, so we may be filled with great hope in His Resurrection. All ages are welcome.

## Dog Licenses to be renewed through Town Clerk's office

LUDLOW – Dog licenses will expire on March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually.

Licenses are now available in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. You must have a valid rabies certificate to renew or obtain a new license.

Residents have the option to obtain a license in-person or by mail. A form is available on the town's website for your convenience.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and a valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Mail it to Town Clerk, 488 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA 01056.

\$15 Neutered/spayed dogs; \$20 for Not Spayed/Neutered. There will be a \$10 late fee starting July 1.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 ext. 1 or email [clerk@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:clerk@ludlow.ma.us).

## 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.



## Relay for Life looking for participants

BELCHERTOWN— Quaboag Valley Relay for Life is looking for more teams to join our Relay on May 31 on the Belchertown Common from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Everyone has been affected by cancer so now is the time to form a few friends and family so you can fund-raise and spread awareness of this dreaded disease.


You do not have to have a large team or lots of money collected.

A few new teams getting in some donations is a big help to the American Cancer Society.

After we are done doing all our fundraising, the Relay is a way to unwind and celebrate our accomplishments.

The teams can be in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Any questions please feel free to email [ctelie@juno.com](mailto:ctelie@juno.com)






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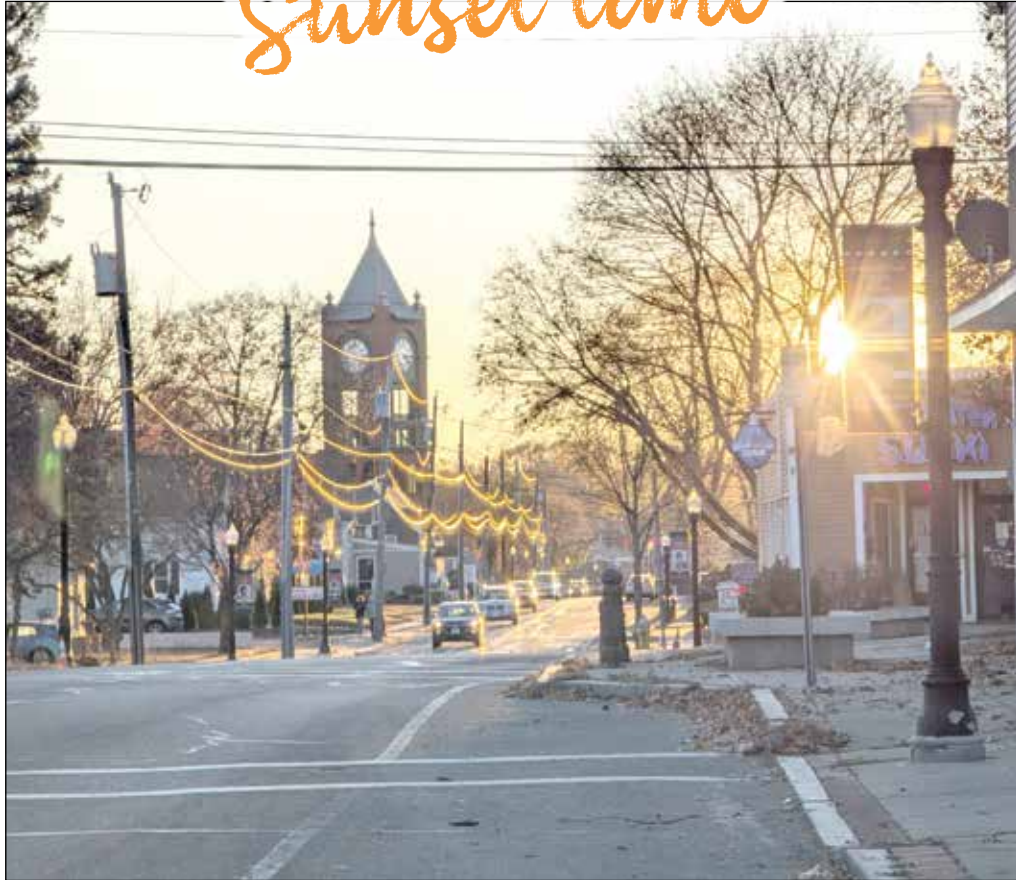
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# Sunset time



Submitted photo by Joseph D.

A pretty look down East Street in Ludlow at sunset.

## Wistariahurst offers kid art classes

HOLYOKE— Every first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Wistariahurst will be hosting kid art classes.

This series of art classes is geared towards children in grades K-12 to spark creativity and inspire a love for art history. Joycelin Raho, the talented instructor guiding these classes, will help children explore different mediums and artistic techniques to unlock their imaginations. These engaging activities will help kids create their own masterpieces through a hands-on approach to learning.

To make these classes accessible and available for all kids in the community, Wistariahurst offers a sliding scale for admission. Parents and/or guardians can choose admission pricing from \$10, \$15, or \$20, which will help cover the cost of materials and ensure a rewarding experience for everyone who participates. Go to one class or go to all to get the most out of these sessions:



Feb. 2: Mixed media collage inspiration by artist Romare Bearden

April 6: Art with Recycled Materials and found objects (Earth Day inspired)

May 4: Exploring Still Life drawing with pastels inspiration by artist Georgia O'Keeffe

June 1: Drawing from Nature Outdoors inspiration by artist Claude Monet

If a child has an art appreciation, a desire to learn

a new skill, or wants to try something new, Wistariahurst Kid's Art Classes are a fantastic way for them to explore, discover, and engage. Don't hesitate to join the fun! Visit the Eventbrite to learn more and sign up for these amazing classes.

To learn more, visit: [EventBrite.com/E/Wistariahurst-Kids-Art-Classes-Tickets-1104573572289?aff=Od-dTDTCreator](https://EventBrite.com/E/Wistariahurst-Kids-Art-Classes-Tickets-1104573572289?aff=Od-dTDTCreator).

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always say that we can't go anywhere without me running into someone."

Rosenblum attributed one lesson to his late father, which was never to burn a bridge, even if they burn you.

Running for Select Board Alves said he decided to run for Select Board due to "a strong connection to this community and a deep desire to help make it better."

"Becoming a father has only strengthened my commitment to making a positive impact," Alves said. "Our children only grow up once, and we owe it to them to be their advocates and ensure they have the best possible experience growing up in this town."

Alves said he is passionate about preserving and enhancing the services the town provides to its seniors and veterans and ensuring the town remains a model for the region in these areas.

"I also want to ensure our first responders have the respect they deserve," Alves said. "Our residents need to feel safe and our first responders need to feel supported."

Montagna said that "growing up in town and being a young father has in-

spired me to run and advocate for a change in strategy for our town."

"Our focus must be on supporting our children by providing a quality education, well-maintained parks that attract families, and engaging activities for their development," Montagna said. "We must actively work to make Ludlow an inviting town for local commerce, which includes supporting our public safety needs, bringing in young families, and making the process of starting a business in town more streamlined."

Rosenblum first got involved in the town's politics approximately 10 years ago, and has been a Selectman for six years.

"I have always been intrigued by politics," Rosenblum said. "With a financial and business background with marketing and advertising, I used to send emails to some of the Selectmen at the time, and they would get back to me and encouraged me to join politics."

After joining Town Meeting, Rosenblum ran as a "relative unknown," but said he was supported by friends he knew through his daughter's soccer career, and has since served as President of the basketball boosters, Vice

President of the soccer boosters, has done junior achievement volunteering, substitute teaching, and volunteered as a basketball coach at the Boys and Girls, and currently coaches youth hockey in town.

#### Challenges facing town

Alves identified "budget pressures, the rapid rise of taxes and fees on residents, and the condition of our parks and open spaces" as the biggest challenges facing the town.

"We have a great opportunity with the Ludlow Mills to expand our tax base," Alves said. "We must continue to move this project forward so that our town can experience new growth and generate needed revenue. With proper planning and strategy, this can alleviate some of the strain on our taxpayers and provide the budget with more flexibility."

"This will allow us to invest in the needs of our departments, as well as infrastructure and park upgrades," Alves added. "Our parks and open spaces are in poor condition and are in desperate need of improvement."

Montagna expressed concern about "a lack of action on pressing issues," and described three properties that have been "left in disarray."

"The old Head Start building and school office building should be immediately auctioned, netting the town some funds and remov-

ing ongoing insurance costs for property that is unable to be utilized," Montagna said. "The old meeting house, with its historical value, should be rehabilitated and commercialized through rentals for weddings and other events, and can additionally be used for other town sponsored activities."

Rosenblum said that town finances and the budget are the town's biggest challenge, and mentioned the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association increase to municipal insurance for employees, which has increased on average at about 14.8%.

"Last year we struck a deal with MIIA to say whatever increase we would get would be the average," Rosenblum said. "A lot of communities are paying upwards of 20%, our benefits have increased by \$610 million, leaving us in a million dollar gap for fiscal year 2026, so we're looking at several ways to try and bridge that gap."

Rosenblum also expressed concern about the "temperature" around Town Hall and animosity between boards and committees.

"We need to sit everybody down from all departments and committees and hash things out," Rosenblum said. "We need to work better together. Animosity between departments and committees isn't good for the town. If we get along and work well together, things will get done

and there won't be any animosity towards each other."

#### Potential changes

Alves said he hopes to see the Board of Selectmen "leading the charge" to improve collaboration and transparency between the town's boards and departments.

"As Selectman, I will work with other departments and boards to promote efficiency, transparency, and accountability," Alves said. "We need to work as a team with one common goal: a better Ludlow for everyone. My approach will be to lend hands, not point fingers."

Alves said he would like to see more interaction with state and federal officials.

"These relationships are crucial to bringing potential funding to our town, as well as access to and knowledge of potential programs and resources," Alves said. "I intend to be a strong advocate for Ludlow at both the state and federal level."

"These are two simple changes that require nothing but effort and the willingness to work together. Over time, incremental changes can have a profound impact on our town and its residents," Alves said.

Montagna said he hopes to see the town dedicated to taking the creation of bylaws and other policies seriously, using subcommittees and consulting lawyers.

"I would also like to work

with the other boards in town wherever appropriate, valuing their input on changes the board considers that affect the entire town," Montagna said.

Rosenblum said that he hopes to see more people joining and attending Town Meeting, and to see an influx of younger Town Meeting members.

"Currently, when you look at our board, the perception is we have all the responsibility but we really don't have the authority," Rosenblum said. "We really are a licensing authority, any changes under our current form of government go through the chain of command, and major decisions are on Town Meeting."

As a member of the recent Charter Committee, Rosenblum said he didn't agree with everything that was in the charter, but believes that there are tweaks to be made to the town in its current form of government.

"I've been told by many people on different boards and committees that I'm very approachable and I listen," Rosenblum said. "I'm an unenrolled independent, I don't believe Democrats or Republicans have anything to do with town politics. I'm open-minded and don't have one view so far one way or another. Any decision I make is for the betterment of our town."

The town election will be held on March 24.

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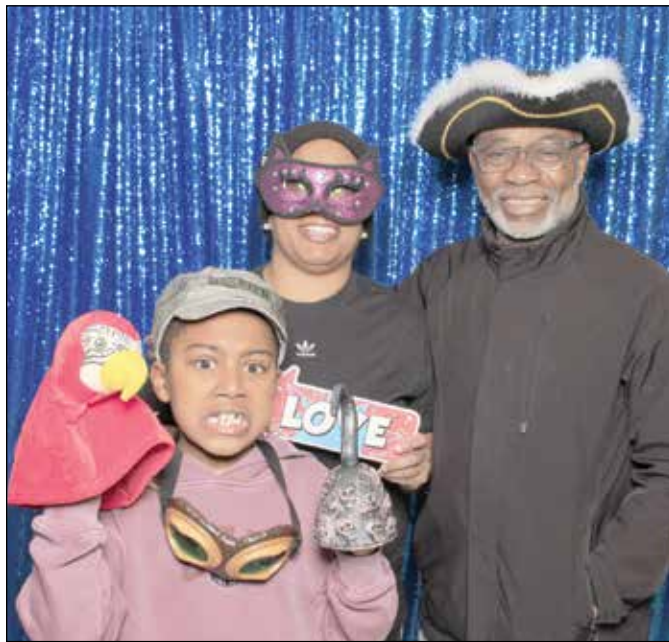
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Families dressed up to have their picture taken in a festive photo booth.



Local families celebrated 75 years of the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club by taking part in a festive photo booth.

## What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday March 27, 5:00 to 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. In March the group will be reading *Nimona* by ND Stevenson. Copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Mass. Children's Book Award Book Group, second Thursday of the month (March 13, April 24), 6:00 to 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 Fabric Butterflies, Thursday, March 20, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. All materials provided. Please register.

Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:30 to 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, colorful accessories. Drop-in.

Movie: "Despicable Me 4" and make Twinkie Minions after! Friday, March 21, 1:30 pm; Twinkie Minions at 3:00pm. Come for the movie, stay for the snack! Drop-in.

Saturday Online Club, every Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 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.

Egg Coloring Contest! March 24th through April 7th. For kids and teens. The annual Eggstravaganza needs your help! Get a coloring page from the library (or download from our website), design and color it, and return it to the library by April 7. The best and most unique eggs will be laminated and featured in the Eggstravaganza on April 19.

### FOR CHILDREN

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

Spring Storytime Series for 3-5s: Celebrate Spring, begins Monday, March 31, 10:00 am. Stories, songs, & games each week about the holidays, weather, and creatures of springtime, tailored for 3-5 year olds, with a craft & snack at the end. Please register.

National Crayon Day: Crayon Art! Monday, March 31, 3:30 pm. Ages 6-12. Choose a design, use a sharpener to create shavings, and glue them on to make colorful art! Please register.

Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 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.

STEAM: If I Built a Car, Wednesday, March 12, 11:00 am. For ages 3-5. Hear a story, learn a little about engineering, and construct a colorful marble run! Please register.

# 75th anniversary

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the needs of the modern family. Jardine had a lot of praise for the club's ability to adapt to better offer its services to the community.  
In addition, the club will

be holding multiple events throughout the year in the hopes of raising \$75,000 to support projects the club will be undertaking, including tournaments of basketball and pickleball.



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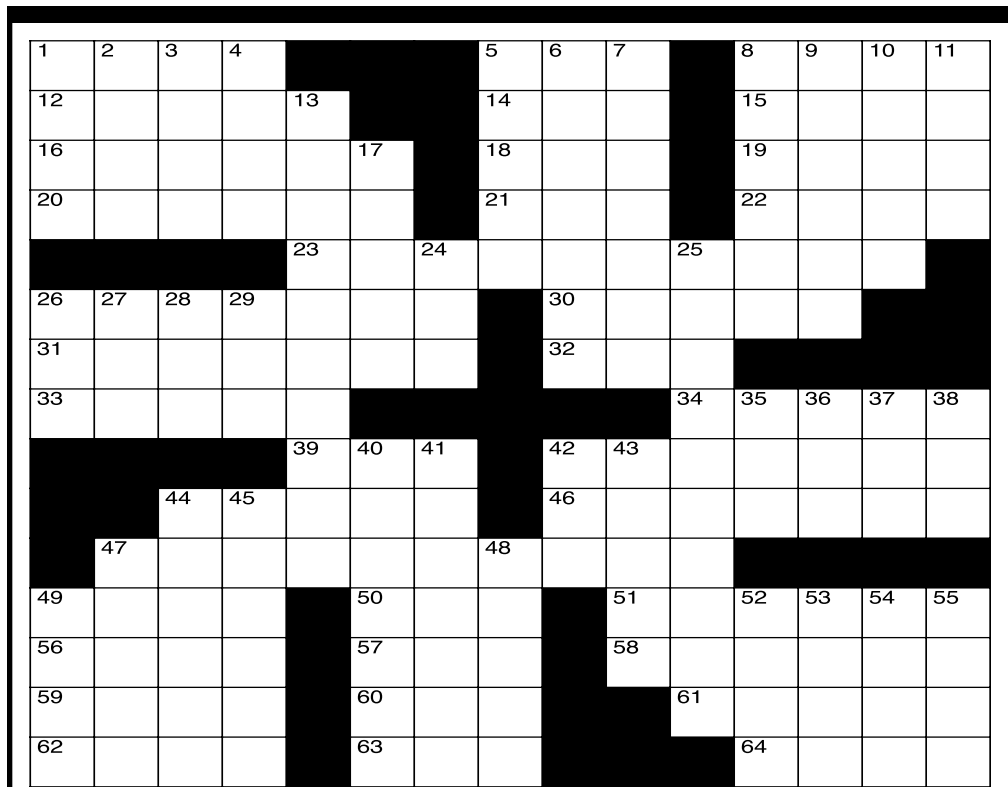
Families dressed up together to take fun pictures at the Boys & Girls Club 75th anniversary celebration.



Animal mascot masks and funny signs were among the accessories provided for the photo booth.



The High School's Portuguese Club brought matching shirts to celebrate the anniversary event.



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concurring
14. Expression of recognition
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. An iPad is one
18. Adult beverage
19. Manning and Wallach are two
20. Makes a petty verbal attack
21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Wristwatches
26. Body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. Turkish honorific title
33. Yell
34. Historic Alabama city

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Works of body art
39. Cub
42. Type of sea bass dish
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Former OSS
51. Open spaces in a forest
56. Innermost brain membranes
57. Fortune
58. Hunting expedition
59. Doomed queen Boleyn
60. Peyton's little brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Scottish tax
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. An increase in price or value

#### CLUES ACROSS

2. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
3. A desert in Asia
4. Eat greedily
5. Doomed French queen
6. Beat
7. One who survives on blood
8. As a consequence
9. Counted on
10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
11. Unclean
13. One who does not drink
17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
24. \_\_ student, learns healing
25. Bacterial skin infection
26. Expresses surprise
27. What one says on a wedding day
28. Crony

#### CLUES DOWN

29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
35. Unit of length
36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
41. Statements that something is untrue
42. Greek alphabet letter
43. Suspends from above
44. Popular types of cigars
45. Girls
47. U.S. philosopher and logician
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian
54. Amounts of time
55. Trigonometric function

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## Pollinators what to know

BELCHERTOWN—Are you interested in the natural world, the role of pollinators and how to support and attract these insects to your farm and garden?

The New England Small Farm Institute [NESFI] is hosting a workshop: “Providing for Pollinators: Cover Cropping & Other Supplemental Habitat” from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22 at 275 Jackson Street, Belchertown, Mass.

Pollinator conservation can happen at many scales. In this workshop, attendees will learn how to create habitat for a diversity of pollinator species on farms and gardens, using an understanding of wild bee biology.

Discussion will focus on ongoing research on the role of cover cropping practices in supporting solitary bees in agricultural ecosystems. Presenter, Dr. Jules Davis, postdoctoral researcher at UMass Amherst, is interested in insect ecology

and conservation.

Jules’ favorite bee is the broad footed cellophane bee which primarily relies on pollen from tomatillos, ground cherries and related plants.

All are welcome, but space is limited so best to register early. Register via email at: info@smallfarm.org or, by phone, at 413.323.4531 there is a \$25 registration fee.

## Tickets on sale for 2025 Difference Makers Awards Gala

SPRINGFIELD— Tickets are now on sale for the 17th annual Difference Makers awards gala, hosted by BusinessWest, the business journal of Western Massachusetts. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin in Holyoke.

Tickets cost \$95 per person, and tables of 10 are available. They can be purchased at businesswest.com/eventcalendar/difference-makers-tickets/.

The 17th annual Difference Makers program is sponsored by Burkhart Pizzanelli, the Royal Law Firm, Trinity Health Of New England/Mercy Medical Center, and TommyCar Auto Group.

The Difference Makers program was launched in 2009 to recognize and celebrate the work of individuals, groups,

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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



## Kamp for Kids to celebrate 50 years of summer fun for all abilities with a Golf FUN-raiser on April 10

SPRINGFIELD – Kamp for Kids, a summer day camp for children and young adults with and without disabilities, has planned a season of special celebrations in honor of the camp’s 50th Anniversary, starting with a Golf FUN-raiser event on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Max’s Swing Lounge, located at 1000 Columbus Avenue in Springfield.

The Golf FUN-raiser event will bring together supporters, community members, campers and friends to begin a season of celebration

for 50 years of growth, inclusion, and joy for children and young adults of all abilities. Proceeds from the Golf FUN-raiser will directly benefit Kamp for Kids, helping to ensure that the camp continues to thrive for years to come.

Tickets are \$100 and include access to the driving range, mini golf, appetizers, two drinks, and the chance to win exciting contests and prizes. Tickets can be purchased at [kamp50.eventbrite.com](http://kamp50.eventbrite.com). Sponsorship Opportunities are also available for businesses and individuals.

Those interested in sponsoring this event should reach out to Kelly Brown at [Kelly.Brown@BHNInc.org](mailto:Kelly.Brown@BHNInc.org) or 413-654-0930. Sponsorships can also be made on the event website, [Kamp50.EventBrite.com](http://Kamp50.EventBrite.com).

Founded in 1975 by Dick and Judy Hoyt, Kamp for Kids was created to offer an inclusive camp experience for their son, Rick, who had cerebral palsy, and his brothers without disabilities. Over the years, the Hoyts

have championed disability inclusion, inspiring countless families worldwide. Today, Kamp for Kids continues to honor their legacy, demonstrating that every child—regardless of ability—deserves the chance to participate in meaningful, fun, and educational experiences.

Located in Westfield, Kamp for Kids serves children and young adults ages 5-22, both with and without disabilities,

hailing from cities and towns throughout Western Massachusetts. Each summer, the camp provides a unique environment for growth and inclusion, offering activities such as expressive arts, outdoor education, arts & crafts, non-competitive sports, and a spray park—all designed to create a sense of belonging and joy for every camper. Kamp for Kids operates during the summer months, serving about 150 campers in three sessions.

“Kamp for Kids is celebrating 50 years of creating a space where every child, re-

gardless of ability, can grow, learn, and have fun together,” said Anne Benoit, Program Director of Kamp for Kids. “We’re excited to celebrate this milestone and look forward to many more years of providing life-changing experiences that foster inclusion, friendship, and personal growth.”

BHN has been providing behavioral health services to children and families in Western Massachusetts since 1938.

The agency provides community-based services that include innovative, integrated whole-health models as well as traditional clinical and outpatient and therapeutic services, day treatment, addiction services, crisis intervention and residential supports.

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# SPORTS

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## Ludlow 5/6 scores win in season finale

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Saturday afternoon, Ludlow's 5/6 youth boys basketball team traveled to South Hadley and picked up a 44-34 win in the team's regular season

finale. With the victory, Ludlow headed into the playoffs in the Blue-Green Division. Playoffs were scheduled to begin during the past week.



Blake Stevenson reaches out for the layup.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Michael Hayes drives toward the hoop.



Tobin Bernier watches his shot go up.



Sawyer Hemingway goes for a shot.



Ethan Cantwell goes for a free throw.

## Wrestlers complete tournament competition

Wrestling season has come to an end and several area teams crowned champions at the sectional and state levels.

In the Division 2 state tournament, Max Holloway took home a state title at 215 pounds. Stella Christopher won a state title in the girls meet while Gabriella Ramos was a runner-up. Minnechaug's Kal Ly won the 132-pound bracket while John Bermudez was a runner-up at heavyweight. Holyoke's Steven Santiago finished second in D2 at 120 pounds.

Ludlow's Lucas Alvan was a state champion in the Division 3 meet at 175 pounds.

In the sectionals held last month, Agawam had a big day with multiple placers. They had four champions. Ryan Sexton at 150, Max Holloway at 215, and Jordin Agosto at 126 all took home titles. Cole Ingham was a runner up at 175, as was Kaleb Progulske at 106. Keymani Rivera (157), and Tyler Gervais (190) both took third place. Agawam would finish third overall in the meet with 204 points.

Minnechaug was the second-place finisher behind champion West Springfield with 213 points. They had two champions, Kal Ly at 132 pounds and John Bermudez at 285. Matthew Macphail and Hunter Gormally had runner-up finishes. The Falcons had one third place finisher and five fourth-place finishers.

Chicopee's Michael Jenkins placed second at 144 pounds.

In the Division 3 Western Mass. tournament at Mt. Greylock, Belchertown, which returned its program to varsity status this season, saw Jack Bergerson finish fourth at 175 pounds and Evan Perkins finish fifth at 150 pounds. Brogan Bottari also took fifth place at 120 pounds.

Ludlow, Granby, Quabbin, and Pathfinder participate in the Central Mass. Championship meet. Ludlow's Lucas Alvan took first place at 175 pounds while Noah Simard was second at 150. Ryan Gomes had a third-place finish at 126 pounds.

Quabbin's top finisher was Abe Brown at 126 pounds. He finished in second place. Three others, Brady Dennis at 215, Brent Benoit at 132, and Cole Wilson at 150, all took fourth place in the meet.

Pathfinder had one placer, which was Dominic Jerry at 165 pounds. Granby's Nathan Benson finished fifth at 113 pounds.

## Valley Wheel tryouts set for next month

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the tryouts beginning Sunday April 6. The time and location of the tryout is to be determined.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

The Valley Wheel stands apart from other leagues across the country for this reason:

Their league charter and one of their main goals, is to work toward having a league with teams of equal strength.

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It's not too late don't miss out; opening day is just around the corner. For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org

## Streets of Holyoke set for 10K Road Race

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

HOLYOKE – The rich tradition that is the Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race will make its return next Saturday, March 22. This will be the 48th running of the popular race.

Louis Serafini was the big winner of last year's event. He completed the very hilly, 6.2-mile course in 30:12. Serafini is from Cambridge.

The top female was a local runner from Western Massachusetts. Anna Steinmen, of Springfield, came across the finish line at 37:00.

Ryan Davis, of South Hadley, was one of the top local finishers at 34:36. He was 20th overall.

This year's race would



The runners are off in the 2024 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race.

feature runners from all over the region, the state, and surrounding states as many are preparing for the

Boston Marathon, set to take place in just under a month. Many runners over the years have enjoyed us-

ing the St. Patrick's Day Road Race as practice for the marathon because of the challenging hills

throughout the streets of Holyoke that runners must

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The wave of runners head down the first stretch of the 6.2-mile course.



Male top finisher and first overall Louis Serafini, of Cambridge, finishes the race at 30:12.



# SPORTS

## Thunderbirds beat Islanders, move toward playoff berth

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-20-2-4) blitzed the Bridgeport Islanders (12-38-4-3) for five unanswered goals in the final 40 minutes to pull away with a 5-2 win on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For a third straight game, the T-Birds were slow out of the gates, forcing Vadim Zherenko to be tested early and often in the first period, as 14 of the first 18 shots in the game went to the Islanders. Marshall Warren broke the levee 12:47 into the game with a wrist shot that eluded Zherenko through traffic, giving Bridgeport a 1-0 lead.

After the T-Birds were forced to go down a man on a post-whistle roughing penalty, Liam Foudy made Springfield pay with his seventh goal of the season series at 14:45 to buoy the Isles lead to 2-0.

Springfield finally got pressure on Hunter Miska's net in the closing minutes, finishing the period with the final six attempts on goal, but the Bridgeport netminder remained perfect, stopping all 10 T-Birds shots in the first 20 minutes.

Zherenko was timely in the opening half of the second period as the Islanders continued to mount a push to extend the lead. The Springfield backstop shined, with a pair of odd-man stops off Jack Randl and Adam Beck-

man to maintain the 2-0 score.

The T-Birds finally snapped out of their offensive zone funk at 10:31 as, on his 31st birthday, MacKenzie MacEachern turned in the high slot and flipped a shot toward Miska's net that got a friendly deflection from Nikita Alexandrov before finding the twine. Alexandrov's 16th goal in just 33 games cut the Bridgeport lead in half, 2-1.

Like the Islanders did in the first, Springfield went to a power play and struck for the second time in as many minutes as Dalibor Dvorsky returned from retrieving a new stick on the bench and beat Miska under the crossbar at 12:17 for his ninth power-play goal of the season. The game-tying goal brought Dvorsky into a tie among AHL rookies in man-advantage tallies.

The tie score carried into the final period, and the power play came up with the difference-making play as Matt Luff sent a puck perfectly into the paint, where Matthew Peca guided it past Miska just 1:17 into the third to give Springfield its first lead, 3-2. Peca's 26th of the season eventually became the game-winner, giving the captain his second game-deciding goal in as many days, an 11-game point streak, and the AHL lead in game-winning goals.

Samuel Johansson picked up assists on both of the T-Birds' power-play goals, giving him 15 helpers on the man advantage for the season, tied for fifth most in the AHL. Corey Schueneman also had a two-assist night from the T-Birds' blue line.

Springfield's special teams were not finished, as just over five minutes after the Peca goal, Otto Stenberg retrieved a loose puck at the offensive blue line and fed a perfect blind pass to spring Hugh McGing on a short-handed breakaway. McGing delivered the finishing strike through Miska, making it 4-2 at 6:22 of the third.

Bridgeport's power play could not make up the difference on a late chance, and Dvorsky capped the five-goal run with an empty-netter in the final minute to cap off the win.

Zherenko completed a magnificent bounce-back performance with 36 saves for his 10th victory of the season and fourth in his last five starts.

With their magic number down to 18 in pursuit of a Calder Cup playoff berth, the T-Birds begin a three-game weekend on Friday as they make their lone visit to Upstate Medical University Arena against the Syracuse Crunch for a 7:00 p.m. puck drop.

## Railers fall to Lions in weekend finale

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC — The Worcester Railers HC (27-24-2-4 60pts) lost to the Trois-Rivières Lions (38-12-4-2, 82pts), on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 3-1 in front of a crowd of 2,684 at the Colisée Videotron. The Railers are back on the ice next at the DCU Center on Thursday, March 13th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Trois-Rivières scored first Sunday afternoon as Isaac Dufort (1-0-1) gave the Lions a 1-0 lead followed by a Tyler Hylland (1-0-1) shorthanded goal. Worcester answered back with a shorthanded goal of their own, as it was Tyler Kobryn (1-0-1) who cut the Lions lead to one. Anthony Beauregard (1-0-1) finished off the scoring with an emp-

ty net goal, leading to the 3-1 Trois-Rivières win.

Despite Worcester outshooting Trois-Rivières 14-5 in the first period, it was the Lions who went into the second period with a 2-0 lead. It was Isaac Dufort (11th) who scored the first Lions goal 7:15 into the first period on a loose puck in the slot. Tyler Hylland (10th) then scored a shorthanded goal on the rush off of a Worcester turnover 18:47 into the first. The Railers brought in Michael Bullion in from the bench for Hugo Ollas following the second Lions goal after allowing two goals on five shots faced.

The Railers got on the board in the second period with a shorthanded score of their own. Tyler Kobryn

(7th) made it a 2-1 game 15:42 into the second period. Despite power play opportunities for both sides neither team was able to net another goal in the second. Shots favored Worcester 13-7 in the second.

The Railers had two power play opportunities to tie this one up in the third but were not able to capitalize on the man advantage. Later in the period Railers sent Michael Bullion to the bench in an attempt to tie the game up late in the third but Anthony Beauregard (23rd) was able to jump a pass and score on the empty Worcester net to give the game its 3-1 final score. Shots favored Worcester 17-11 in the third and 46-25 in the game.

## Registration now open for Quabbin Valley baseball

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to infuse new talent into its league for the 2025 season.

Registration for the 2025 season is now open and any interested players can go to [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

There are many open roster spots available in the league for the 2025 season,

which is tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 27. The league plays most Sunday from late April through mid-August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to

pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2025.

The next league board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 23 at 11:45 a.m. at the Hangar Pub & Grill in South Hadley. The league has also scheduled two open practices on Sunday, March 30, and Sunday, April 6. Both practices are scheduled to be held at Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley and are weather-permitting. The league website and social media accounts will have updates as the pre-season continues.

## Pioneers release 2025 schedule

LUDLOW — For several years, the Western Mass. Pioneers have been a mainstay in spring-summer soccer and have entertained the early on many Fridays and Saturday nights with great semi-pro action.

The Pioneers will return to the field at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for another round of games in 2025.

One thing missing from the Pioneers schedule is an appearance in the Open Cup. The Pioneers have done that in late March or April the past two seasons, but it does not appear on their schedule this season.

The season opener for

the Pioneers is against Boston City on the road on Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. They will play the Albany Rush on Monday, May 19 after that, then gear up for their home opener on Friday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. against league rival Seacoast United Phantoms. The Pioneers have a total of seven home games on their slate.

They also usually schedule a "friendly" game prior to the start of the season, though that has not been scheduled as of press time.

For more information on the 2025 Pioneers, go to [www.wmpioneers.com](http://www.wmpioneers.com)

## Springtime Savings: Kids enjoy free entry OSV

*Friends and families invited to visit, free entry for up to two kids*

STURBRIDGE—Old Sturbridge Village invites families and friends to step back in time and celebrate the changing seasons with the exciting announcement of their Kids Free Standard Daytime Admission Promotion, beginning March 1 through April 30, 2025.

During this springtime offer, up to two children, aged 17 years old or younger, will be admitted for free with each adult full price standard daytime admission ticket.

Spring is a time of renewal at Old Sturbridge Village, and visitors will witness history in motion—preparing fields for planting, potters shaping clay, blacksmiths making tools, and costumed historians sharing daily life in the 1830s. Guests can also meet heritage breed animals, participate in hands-on crafts (weekends only), and explore

households and shops that bring the past to life.

In addition to the daily experiences, the Village will feature special events and themed programming in March, including:

### Celtic Celebration March 15 & 16

Celebrate cultural heritage through music, dance, storytelling, and poetry. Enjoy fiddle tunes, a demonstration of the bagpipes, and music by Celtic musicians. Watch a step dancing performance by the Lee Irish Dance School (Saturday only), and so much more.

"At Old Sturbridge Village, we believe that history should be both immersive and engaging," said Chris Tieri, Chief Marketing Officer at Old Sturbridge Village. "This special offer allows families to step away from screens, embrace the beauty of spring, and create lasting memories while exploring our living history museum."

To maximize savings, visitors are encouraged to



purchase tickets online in advance, with an additional \$3.00 discount compared to door prices. Full details and tickets are available at <https://www.osv.org/event/kids-free-march-april/>.

The Kids Free March and April offer applies to standard daytime admission only and does not include

field trips or special ticketed events.

Old Sturbridge Village is open Wednesday–Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. in March and extends to 5 p.m. starting April 2.

A full schedule of upcoming events can be found at [www.osv.org/events-experiences/calendar](http://www.osv.org/events-experiences/calendar).

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Of the more than 6,000 runners who were registered, 4,442 finished the 10K course last year. Race officials have said the participation level in the event is still rebounding from the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic in 2019, race participants totaled about 7,000. The race was not held in 2020 and 2021 before it returned in 2022 with around 5,000 participants. More made their way out to the race last year, but that number was surpassed this year.

Because of that, the start of the race featured multiple waves, though 4RUN3 ran the bibs and electronic results kept accurate results for all those involved.

A number of this year's participants were featured in the usual celebratory costumes and outfits for St. Patrick's Day, while many others opted for cartoon and



The pace truck makes its way across the finish line followed by state police, which escorts the first set of runners.

other fictional characters, such as Spider-Man. Several local running clubs also made their way to the race,

as did the youth of the region. Youth participants in the race were as young as seven-years-old.

Security was in full force at the event with plenty of presence from the Massachusetts State Police, Holyoke



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Anna Steinmen, of Springfield, was the top female finisher at 37:00.

Police, and Hampden County Sheriff's Department, and the event went off without any incidents.

If you're still looking to participate in this year's race, go to [www.holyokestpatricksroadrace.org](http://www.holyokestpatricksroadrace.org).



# Guidance for creating a meaningful, non-traditional legacy

Local experts provide counsel for financial planning without children

SPRINGFIELD – Where does your money go when you're gone if you don't have kids? It's not as simple as you might think.

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts recently offered a complimentary breakfast and conversation called "Financial and Estate Planning for Those Without Children: Creating a Meaningful, Non-Traditional Legacy." It was held at the Willits-Hallowell Conference Center at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley.

During the event, Attorney Michele J. Feinstein, a shareholder at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., and Amy Jamrog, CEO of The Jamrog Group, offered guidance around the essence of financial and estate planning, particularly for people without children who are considering creating a lasting legacy.

"People can create impactful legacies in several ways beyond leaving assets to descendants," said Attorney Feinstein. "There are options to provide for the people, interests and organizations that are your chosen family and community."

Some helpful tips: Choose a trusted executor: this could be a family member, friend or even a professional like an attorney. It is a job, so make sure they are willing and capable of handling the responsibilities.

Determine beneficiaries: this could be relatives,



friends, institutions of interest or charitable organizations.

Consider a trust: this can help ensure that your wishes are carried out, provide protection to your beneficiaries, and may simplify the administration of your estate and minimize estate taxes.

Attorney Feinstein concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, health law and corporate and business planning. She is certified as an Advanced Estate Planner designee by the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils.

Jamrog is a Certified Financial Planner, best-selling author, speaker, coach and the founding partner of The Jamrog Group. Over the past three decades, she has helped thousands of individuals, families and business owners transform their relationship with money.

The event was part of the Community Foundation's informative and interactive EVOLVE Philanthropy series offering opportunities to learn, engage and network.

The nationally recognized attorneys at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., concentrate their practices in the areas of business planning, estate planning, elder and special needs law, estate settlement, commercial lending and tax-exempt bond financing, commercial real estate transactions, environmental law, zoning and permitting, trust and estates litigation, commercial litigation, tax law and bankruptcy.

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Additional information about Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin can be found on its website, SSFPC.com.

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# SENIORS



## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call 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](http://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, March 13**

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*
- 10:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers Block\*
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

**Friday, March 14**

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 9 a.m. Reiki Appointments\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10 a.m. Walker Tune Up/Wash
- 10 a.m. Presentation by Encompass Health
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*

**Monday, March 17**

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help\*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 pm. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

**Tuesday, March 18**

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressures
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class

- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
- 4:45 p.m. Movie: You Gotta Believe

**Wednesday, March 19**

- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*
- 1 p.m. Movie: You Gotta Believe
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*
- 4:30 p.m. COA Meeting public welcome

**Thursday, March 20**

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Age/Dementia Friendly Listening Session
- 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:**

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

**Menu:**

Thursday, March 13: Meatball Grinder/Fries  
Friday, March 14: Fish Taco/Black Beans & Rice  
Monday, March 17: Corned Beef/Cabbage  
Tuesday, March 18: Ziti/Marinara/Garlic Bread  
Wednesday, March 19: Stuffed Sausage/Tater Tots  
Thursday, March 20: Salisbury Steak/Pot/Mixed Veggies

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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 There are also options for the following:  
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# QHMA invites public to Bingo Night fundraiser

PALMER – The Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit organization that promotes business and development within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, has announced its Handbag & Hand Tool Bingo Night fundraiser.

The event will take place on Friday, March 21 at AM-VETS Post 74 in Three Rivers. The Chamber will produce 10 exciting bingo rounds, each with a grand prize featuring one of seven designer handbags or one of three premium tools up for grabs.

Tickets can be purchased on QHMA.com. The registration fee is \$40 per person



and includes 10 bingo cards, bingo dauber, delicious snack platters, bonus raffle ticket and a cash bar.

Proceeds from the bingo event will benefit the Quabog Hills Chamber of

Commerce and its on-going mission to assist its more than two-hundred member businesses succeed and grow with programs and initiatives throughout the year.

# OBITUARIES

## Ilda Alves Santos

Ilda Alves Santos 90, wife of Belchertown, Ma. on March 3, 2025. Born in Meixide, Portugal, daughter of Teresa Rodrigues dos Santos and Maximiano Alves she immigrated to the United States in 1967. Ilda was a devoted communicant of Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic Church.



she was the beloved wife of the late Armindo Santos who predeceased her in 2001. a loving Mother to Son Ernesto Santos who predeceased her in 1972 and Daughter Lucia Santos Cordeiro who predeceased her in 2008. A loving Mother to Valdemar (Valdy) Santos and his wife Yvonne of Ludlow. Grandson Marc Santos and his Fiancé Simran Bimrah of Malden, Ma. Gregory Santos and his

wife Elena of Ludlow, Ma. and sister Esmeralda Ferreira of Indian Orchard, Ma. and was predeceased by a sister Diolinda Gomes and brothers Evaristo Alves and Gaudino Alves. She also leaves many extended family members and friends. The family would also like to thank the staff of Life Care of Wilbraham for the care they showed Ilda over the past 2 years. Funeral services for Ilda were

## DEATH NOTICES

**Charlotte (Morais) Bureau**  
 Died March 3, 2025  
 Services  
 March 13, 2025  
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**Ilda Alves Santos**  
 Died March 3, 2025  
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 March 10, 2025  
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held on Monday, March 10, 2025. Visiting hours were from 8:45-10:15 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ilda's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

## Charlotte (Morais) Bureau

Charlotte (Morais) Bureau, 88, of Ludlow passed away peacefully on Monday, March 3, 2025. Born in Ludlow, she was the daughter of the late Maximino and Ethel (Ramos) Morais. Charlotte lived in Ludlow most of her life and worked for over 33 years



as a personnel supervisor for Monsanto Chemical Company before retiring, where she was the past president and only woman president of the 25 year club. Charlotte was a faithful communicant of Saint Cecilia's Church in Wilbra-

ham where she was a greeter and a former CCD teacher for six years. She was the loving wife of Paul Bureau happily married since 1987 and the devoted mother to David Jorge and his wife Rosemary as well as a stepmother to Diane, Bob, Rick, Joanne, Patty and Ken: she leaves her adored grandsons Nicholas and Anthony Jorge and her dearest and best friend Violet R. Silva, as well as 15 step-grandchildren and 9 step-great grandchildren. Sadly Charlotte was predeceased

by her sister Dolores Hoarle. Greeting hours and a Liturgy of Christian Mass will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at St Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham. Greeting hours will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. with a mass celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by a procession to Island Pond Cemetery for her burial. Ludlow Funeral Home has been trusted with her arrangements and in lieu of flowers, Charlotte's family has asked that donations be made in her memory to: The Alzheimer's Association @ alz.org. For further information and online condolences please visit www. Ludlowfuneralhome.com.

# NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Ludlow Special Town Meeting of October 7, 2024 Case #11577**  
 Warrant Articles 9 and 10 were approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly.  
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**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, March 27, 2025, at 7:45 p.m.** on the application of Mel O'Leary CEO: Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc., for the property located at 321 Moody Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 3, Parcel 109) for the purpose of: to

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 If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, April 10, 2025.  
 Raymond Phoenix  
 Chairman  
 03/12, 03/19/2025

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 S Sunday services  
 Sacrament Meeting 10- 11 A.M.  
 Sunday school for adults, Young single adults(18-30) and teens (11-18) - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon  
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 Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish); 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
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 Friday 6:00pm  
 Saturday 4:00pm  
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 Confessions: Saturday - 3:15-4 p.m.

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 Wed., March 12 – Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Adoration 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (C), Holy Mother Choir 5:15 p.m. (C), Scouts 6:30 p.m. (FLBH/JR)  
 Thursday, March 13 – Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C)  
 Fri., March 14 - Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m.(C), Stations of the Cross 12:30 p.m. (C), Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. (C)  
 Sat., March 15 - Confessions - 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C)  
 Sun., March 16 - 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), Take & Eat – 8:00 a.m. (FLBH), Confirmation Class 8:00 a.m. (ZR), Faith Formation -10:15 a.m.(All Rooms/FLBH), Confirmation Class 3:45 p.m.(JR), Lifeteen 6:00 p.m. (JR)  
 Mon., March 17 – Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), SJBS 100th Anniversary Mtg. 6:00 p.m. (SCHOOL), Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. (JR/ZR), Ladies Bible Study 6:15 p.m. (ER)  
 Tues., March 18 – Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Friends of St. Elizabeth - 10:00 a.m. (ZR), St. Rita's Choir, 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry 3:00 p.m. (ER), Pastoral Council 6:30 p.m. (JR)

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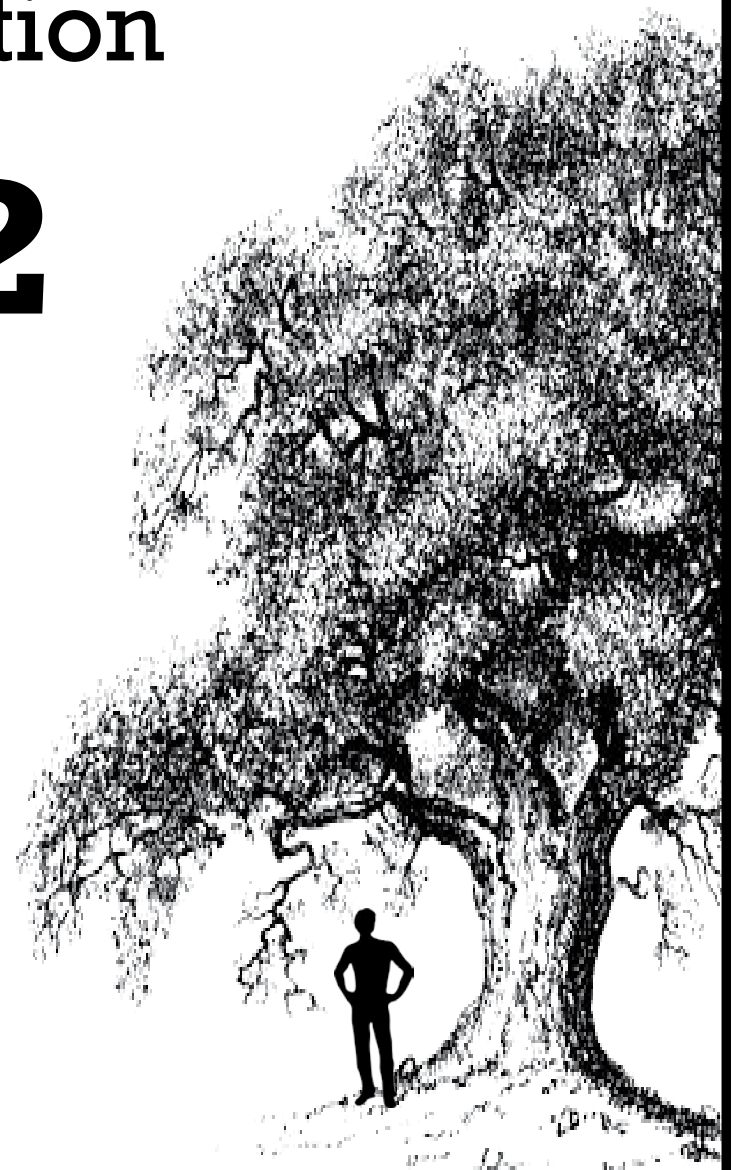
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