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## Elks Lodge donates to Community Survival Center

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INDIAN ORCHARD – The Community Survival Center recently received a \$3,500 grant from Ludlow Elks Lodge #2448.

The Elks Lodge also donated 572 pounds of canned food, which cost \$1,000. Exalted Ruler Joyce Grabon and Grant Coordinator Susan Petzold delivered the food and helped unload it for the center.

The Survival Center said it is “extremely grateful to the Ludlow Elks for their thoughtfulness, support, and generosity.”

Petzold said that the lodge has donated \$14,000 worth of money as well as \$1,000 worth of food supplies.

“The monies that we get for our grants stem from the Elks National Foundation,” Petzold explained. “Some of our grants are based on Ludlow Elks membership donating to the ENF, so we kind of need our members of our lodge to donate in order for National to allow us to apply for grants.”

Petzold has been involved with the Elks Lodge for a little over a decade.

“My husband retired, and we were looking for an organization



Submitted photo

Mary Cassidy (left) received a check from Joyce Grabon for \$3,500 from the Elks National Foundation to benefit the Community Survival Center.

that gives back to the community,” Petzold said. “The Elks Foundation is big on helping youth and veterans’ programs, so we thought, ‘There’s a good group of people.’”

Petzold said that this donation was a combination of the

Spotlight Grant, which focuses on specific areas of need such as food insecurities, and the Gratitude Grant, which comes from the ENF and is based on donations from the members.

“That’s how we were able to use the grant for the Survival

Center,” Petzold said. “They’re always in need of something.”

Petzold said that the lodge chose to donate to the Survival Center because of its service to not only Springfield and the neighborhood of Indian Orchard, but to all the commu-

nities that Elks Lodge #2448 serves.

“I live in Hampden, and we have people from Ludlow, from Palmer, Wilbraham, Monson,

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## Select Board Chair pitches pad next to Town Hall

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LUDLOW – At last week’s Board of Selectmen meeting, the board held hearings for liquor license transfers, to discuss ARPA fund appropriations, and to meet with the Police Chief.

At its Nov. 12 meeting, the Selectmen voted to approve a number of liquor license transfers. The board also unanimously approved the appropriation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$32,275 for renovations at the library.

### Tree pad

Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge talked about plans to install a pad between Town Hall and the high school as a new site for the annual tree-lighting ceremony.

“The Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 1 has been growing over the past few years,” DeBarge said. “I’m getting concerned that too many people are standing on our front lawn, because with more people you start backing out and now, you’re standing in the street, and it’s just unsafe. It shouldn’t be here.”

DeBarge clarified that this year’s ceremony will be held in

front of Town Hall as usual, but that the town hopes to coordinate with the Rotary Club and the 250th Committee to purchase an 18- to 20-foot tree to be used in future ceremonies. DeBarge said there are plans to develop the quad between Town Hall and the High School, and that there have been conversations with the Department of Public Works, Veterans Services, and the 250th Committee.

“One of the things I talked to Jamie Tomas, our DPW Director, about is putting a concrete pad in the center of that property,” DeBarge said. “We’ll put a tree up there and do the lighting there.”

DeBarge said the pad is estimated to cost \$3,500, though additional costs for electrical work had not been prepared.

Select Board member James Gennette said that he loved the idea of having a town tree, and joked about needing to take down “the Rosenblum tree,” named for Select Board Member Bill Rosenblum. The board also joked about having Rosenblum do regular landscaping on the site.

The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

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## Local veteran, firefighter, and police officer honored as Veteran of the Year

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LUDLOW – This past Veteran’s Day, the town recognized the service of local veteran Bill Koss in a ceremony at the high school.

The unanimous choice for this year’s Veteran of the Year was Bill Koss, who joined the Air Force in 1960 and served until 1964.

“I graduated from high school in June, and was in the military in August,” Koss said. “I knew I wanted to go into military, but I wasn’t sure what branch, so I went to different organizations and took their test, and the Air Force test came out the best, so that’s where I ended up.”

Koss worked in a Combat Alert Center in Charleston, South Carolina, which he said was responsible for covering the entire southeast. Koss said that the most action he saw was during the Cuban Missile Crisis from Oct. 16 to 28 in 1962.

“We stood there for like six days,” Koss recalled. “We were on alert, on standby, until we came back to base. Then I got

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Submitted photo

Bill Koss (center) was honored as Veteran of the Year, pictured with Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge (left) and Koss’s wife, Linda.

# LUDLOW

## DPW reports on budget to Finance Committee

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LUDLOW – The Finance Committee had a visitation from the Department of Public Works to discuss its budget at its Nov. 6 meeting.

“These guys did a great job of putting everything together,” said Finance Committee Chair Tony Sanches, “meeting with everybody and working the numbers, and really looking at the town first and the residents first. I can’t thank you guys enough for the work you did.”

Director of Public Works Jamie Tomas and Assistant Town Engineer James Goodreau approached the committee to discuss the budget.

“We went through our whole budget, and knowing we’re about 38% through the year, we just went through any items that might have stuck out, just to explain it,” Goodreau said.

Goodreau identified two items that stuck out; temporary labor,

which is the department’s summer help, which is spent in July and August and won’t be used again until June; and the architectural engineering line item, which was listed as 94% expended.

“We have a \$115,000 contract for our MS4 work, and that money’s encumbered, so that’s showing up as already spent,” Goodreau said.

Goodreau added that 67% of the snow and ice budget is because the department is doing its vehicle repairs, but that there are “really no other surprises.”

“The union contract currently isn’t settled for this year,” Goodreau added. “We have budgeted for a 3% number, but that could change, if it’s more, what they’re discussing in the negotiations.”

Goodreau said that the department expects to be short \$80,000 if the union signs the contract for this fiscal year, and that this would carry over to the next year to about \$120,000.

Committee Member Michael Kelley asked about recycling being picked up on a bi-weekly ba-

sis.

“The way our town is set up, there are two trucks that go in our town a day, one on one side, one on the other,” Goodreau said. “Trash will still be weekly everywhere, so we’ll still have two trucks going around town.”

“By going to a single stream with a big container, they can do it every other week, so now they only need one truck that will do the one route one week, and the next week they’ll do the other route,” Goodreau said.

Goodreau said that this is how the town collected recycling previously. “It eliminates the need for one truck,” Goodreau said.

“(Goodreau) has been working really hard on this trash contract for months now,” Tomas said. “He’s done a fantastic job.”

The Finance Committee thanked the DPW for the work done to prepare the budget, and highlighted the preparation for the costs of increased automation.

“The automation is coming whether we like it or not, down the road,” said Tomas.

## 250th Committee Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Harris Brook

LUDLOW – The 250th Celebration Committee is inviting residents and their families to enjoy a Pancake Breakfast with Santa and his Elves.

The event takes place at the Harris Brook Elementary School, 209 Fuller St. on Sunday, Dec. 1. There are two seatings first seating at 8:30 to 10 a.m. and the second seating is 10-11:30 a.m.

The cost of the tickets are: Children 3 to 12 / \$5 per person (Children under 2 are free) and 13 to Adult / \$7 per person. The menu includes pancakes, syrup, sausage, milk, water, juice and coffee.

The Mason’s from the Brigham Lodge of Ludlow will be at this event to register your children for the “CHIPS” program. The identification kit collects photos, videos, voice recordings, digital fingerprints, saliva swabs, as well as traditional statistical information like height, weight, hair and eye color. This information is matched to work seamlessly with Law Enforcement.

The kit shares critical identifying information that can be broadcasted and shared more quickly than ever before to assist with the safe recovery of missing children.

Scout Troop 1774 and the staff from the Harris Brook Elementary School will be assisting with this event. We appreciate the support of the Mason’s, Troop 1774 and the staff from the school for making this event a success.

Families will have time to take pictures with Santa. Children will also have time to discuss their Christmas wishes with Santa. There will be a fun kid’s creative craft corner with complimentary crafts and activities for the children.

A basket raffle will be offered that includes kid’s raffle baskets.

Tickets for the Breakfast with Santa will be sold at PlayNow at the Big Y Plaza at 433 Center St. Tickets are limited. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Hurley Ouimette at 413-589-7994.

“We look forward to seeing you!”

## Frozen Polish food sale

INDIAN ORCHARD - On Saturday, Nov. 23, at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cheese, Blueberry), Golabki, and Kapusta will be available. All are invited to purchase.

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Submitted photo

Mark Hill, a 1989 graduate of Ludlow High School, sends a photo from Orchha, India, with The Register in hand.

## Where we are read

LUDLOW – Mark Hill is an LHS graduate from the Class of 1989, who has been living in Tokyo for the past 23 years as an actor, model, writer, and photographer.

Hill is now in India, visiting for one month, and sent us a photo from Orchha, India with The Register in hand.

Hill is visiting a UNESCO site called “The Royal Chhatris,” or Cenotaphs, located at the bank of the river Betwa in Orchha, India, in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

## Holiday concert to be held Dec. 7

LUDLOW — Free Christmas concert by The West Mass Brass Band on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at First Church, 859 Center St., Ludlow.

Bring the family and friends to a wonderful holiday program.

For more information visit our Facebook page, or contact Ken McCance: 413-659-2622, westmassbrass@gmail.com.

To hear the band please visit <http://facebook.com/WestMassBrass>.



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## 250th Book Committee presented history book to town records

LUDLOW – On Monday, Nov. 18, the 250th Book Committee held a brief “First Book” presentation to Town Clerk Kim Batista.

Town Clerk Benjamin Burr received Reverend Alfred Noon’s, Ludlow A Century and a Centennial in 1874, the first history of Ludlow.

The 250th Book Committee presented the book, The Town of Ludlow Celebrates 250 Years, to Town Clerk Kim Batista for the Town’s records.

Submitted Photo

250th Book Committee members, (from left) Sandra Stanek, Martin Fanning, Mary Beth Silva, Brian Bylicki, Town Clerk Kim Batista, 250th Committee Co-Chair Linda Collette, and Bruce Fenney.



## Ludlow Fire Department reminds residents to sign up for ambulance program

LUDLOW — Chief Ryan Pease and the Ludlow Fire Department would like to remind residents of the ambulance subscription program for 2025.

Ludlow Fire will be mailing the 2025 Ambulance Subscription form to all households in Ludlow by early November. The annual ambulance subscription fee is \$50 per household and all residents living in the same household will be covered under one subscription payment.

The subscription fees will cover any remaining balances for emergency ambulance services

provided by Ludlow Fire that insurance does not cover.

Residents should be aware that 2024 subscriptions expire on Dec. 31. To ensure continued coverage for 2025, current subscribers should pay online or in person before Dec. 31.

The fee may be used as a tax deduction to the extent of the law. Donations from this program are used to help purchase the necessary supplies and equipment for the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

The department also offers online sign-up. Residents who do not receive a form by mail can print

one online or call Ludlow Fire to request one. New members are welcome to participate.

Those who wish to drop off payment at the station should leave it in one of the secure drop boxes located outside the Fire Dispatch Area on the Center Street side or inside the main vestibule of the Public Safety Complex on the Chapin Street side. Cash and checks are accepted.

For questions or assistance, please call the Ludlow Fire Department at 413-583-8332, ext. 2309, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## First Church opens Christmas Shop for two weeks

LUDLOW—The first church in Ludlow, located at 859 Center Street, will be opening their Christmas shop on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. There will be assorted Christmas items along with knitted, crochet, quilted items, and several home-made crafts.

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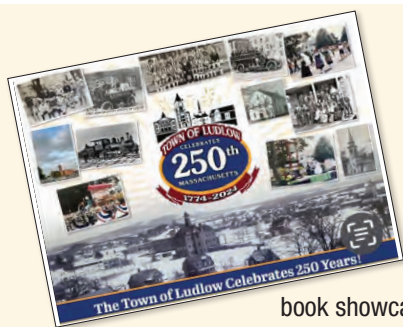
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Judging for open class designs will take place December 13th-19th, 2024. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners will receive prizes.

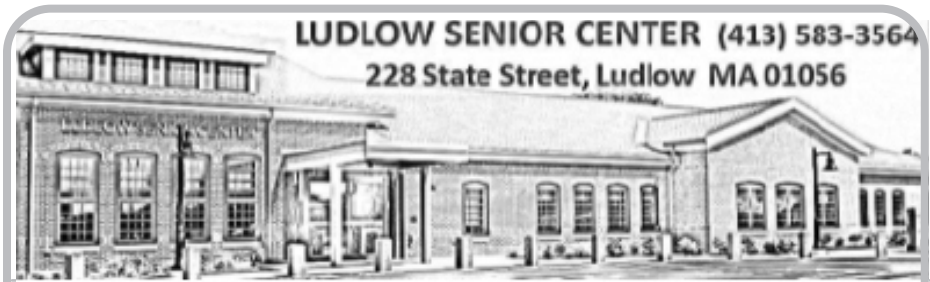
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**Activities Calendar:**  
 Please register in advance for items with\*

**Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
 9 a.m. Ceramics  
 9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
 10 a.m. Opera Appreciation  
 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
 1 p.m. Movie: The Searchers (1956)  
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
 1:30 p.m. Cooking with Jodi  
 4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

**Thursday, Nov. 21**  
 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
 9:30 a.m. Dominos  
 10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling\*  
 10 a.m. Sunshine Art Class\*  
 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
 12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic\*  
 1 p.m. Mahjong  
 2 p.m. Book Club: Sometimes I Lie A. Feeney  
 2 p.m. Writers Block\*  
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
 \*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

**Daily Events:**  
 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:**  
 Wednesday, Nov. 20: Breaded Pork Chop/Scalloped Pot/Veg  
 Thursday, Nov. 21: Birthday Lunch! Chicken Cordon Bleu/Rice Pilaf/Mixed Veggies  
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# LUSO welcomes Russ Kelly as Business Development Manager and Senior Loan Originator

LUDLOW – LUSO Federal Credit Union, serving members and communities in Hampden County since 1971, is pleased to announce that Russ Kelly of Ludlow has joined our team as Business Development Manager & Senior Loan Originator. A native of Scotland with over 15 years of experience in the mortgage industry in both the United Kingdom and the United States, Kelly brings a wealth of expertise and a dedication to client-centered service.



Russ Kelly

“I work on the old-fashioned principle of doing what’s right for each individual. My focus is on building trust and guiding members toward achieving their financial freedom, whilst working with local realtors to improve their offering in the local community,” said Kelly. “Joining LUSO is a unique opportunity to serve a community that has embraced me and that I care deeply about, and I am excited to help members meet their goals.”

In addition to his role at LUSO, Kelly is actively engaged in the local community as Treasurer of the Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield. In this capacity, he ensures the profitability of programs and advocates for membership representation throughout the Springfield area. Kelly is also a member and ambassador of the East of the River Chamber of Commerce where he encourages the patronage and membership of local businesses across western mass.

Jennifer M.G. Calheno, President & Chief Executive Officer of LUSO Federal Credit Union, expressed her

enthusiasm about Russ’s addition to the team. “Russ’s extensive experience and his unwavering commitment to member success align perfectly with LUSO’s mission to prioritize our members’ best interests,” said Calheno. “Having someone of Russ’s caliber and dedication on board strengthens our commitment to providing high-quality, personalized lending services to our community.”

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## ROCCO AND COOPER

Rocco and Cooper wish everyone a happy fall. They love camping and the beach as well as cuddling at night with anyone.

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](mailto:mgusmao@turley.com).



## Cancer fundraiser to be held Nov. 23

LUDLOW— The Fight Like Jeff fundraiser featuring Ready, Set, Go Band will be held at Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St., on Nov. 23. This local event will benefit the Jeff Coelho fund for Dr. Haq’s melanoma research at the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This event includes a Live Band, Dinner, Cash Bar, and Opportunity Drawings; doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via Venmo@Sara-Gladu or @Alyssacoelho. For more information, email at [sggladu@gmail.com](mailto:sggladu@gmail.com).

Coelho was diagnosed with stage four melanoma in April of 2022 and was 56 years old when he passed away August 26, 2023. The Jeff Coelho fund is committed to raise \$100,000 over the next five years in his honor and to bring hope

to families like Jeff’s who have lost loved ones to melanoma. To date, they have raised close to \$24,000.

Haq and his team focus on resistance to melanoma therapies, including targeted agents and immunotherapies. At Dana-Farber Cancer institute, Haq devotes his time to developing the next generation of melanoma therapeutics and translating them to innovative investigator-initiated clinical trials. This research is critical to understanding and developing future treatments for patients.

For those interested in Sponsoring this event, there are three available levels: Benefactor [1000.00], Supporter [500.00], and Donor [100.00]. Please contact [sggladu@gmail.com](mailto:sggladu@gmail.com) for more information.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Wrap it up!

I spent this past weekend trying to wrap things up. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and there will be little time to spend in the garden.

I had, and sadly still have, areas yet to clean up, last minute bulbs to plant and statuary and tools to put into storage. One major concern is how dry it is.

Read on to learn about some chores that should be tackled before the ground freezes.

Honestly, in all my years of gardening I have never felt the need to water in spring bulbs after planting them. This year is the exception.

What about our newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs? Just to be safe, get out the hose and give them a good soaking.

If weather permits, move a slow running hose from shrub to shrub over the course of a few hours. This is especially critical for our broad leaf evergreens such as rhododendrons, azaleas, and Pieris.

Remember the damage on older rhododendrons a few winters back? Some large specimens lost a third or more of their overall size!

Much of that was caused by excessive cold and winter winds that desiccated (removed moisture from) the foliage and left it susceptible to injury. Antidesiccant sprays are available from nurseries and garden centers. These products leave a waxy layer of film over the leaf, locking in its moisture.

Did you purchase any shrubs, roses or otherwise that were so beautiful you couldn't resist, even though they were only marginally hardy in our area (zones 6 or higher)? These need special attention.

Pound some stakes into the ground just outside the drip line of the plant. Wrap the stakes with burlap and stuff it full of straw, salt marsh hay, or shredded leaves, anything that will insulate yet not pack down and cause rot.

Never use plastic; this material creates a greenhouse of fluctuating temperatures that will surely kill the plant. Climbing plants such as roses or clematis can be removed from their trellises, tied in loose bundles and wrapped in a similar fashion as above.

Many of our evergreen shrubs suffer under the weight of ice and snow. Smaller specimens can be protected by making "A-frame" tents out of plywood and placing them over the susceptible plant. Use hinges rather than nails to construct them; storage during the off-season will be a breeze.

These types of enclosures also provide a great deal of wind protection. Paint them to blend in with the landscape.

Other articles have covered the importance of winter mulch to protect strawberries, fall mums, garlic, and spring flowering bulbs among others. Large evergreen branches do well to cover bigger areas. I have used them successfully to weigh down other light mulches such as straw or chopped leaves for twice the protection.

Remember, this task is best accomplished after the ground freezes, with our goal being to keep it frozen, thereby avoiding thawing spells that heave plants from the ground.

During the winter voles and field mice can wreak havoc on young fruit trees by tunneling through the snow to the bark in search of food. Their gnawing will girdle the tree and if excessive enough will even-

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Older Veteran asks about Special Social Security credit for military service

Dear Rusty  
I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to February 1961.  
What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?  
Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran  
First, thank you for your military service. I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service," which are available to some who served in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service.

That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967, as in your case, you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214, your discharge papers. SS would then

make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may or may not affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime, adjusted for inflation.

If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay including those special extra credits for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1-800-772-1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website by visiting [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org).

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**Witness to History - A Holocaust Survivor's Story, Thursday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.** Join us for a gripping story of resilience with Abraham Rodstein, a Holocaust survivor, as he takes us through his life's journey. Facilitated by local writer Tom Slawiak, Abraham will reflect on his harrowing time in the Kovno Ghetto and his survival of the Dachau Concentration Camp. You won't want to miss this evening of reflection, courage,

and hope! Register on our website.

**Holiday Stress Relief Yoga, Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.** Are the holidays stressing you out? Relax with guided meditation, breathing techniques, and yoga – all taught by certified instructor Kerry. It's the perfect time to find your peace and reduce stress during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season! Bring a yoga mat or blanket for optimal relaxation. Register on our website.

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## Upcoming local Holiday Events

**Friday, Nov. 15 – Saturday, Nov. 16**

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**HOLIDAY FAIR.** First Church Ludlow, 859 Center Street. A real craft show, giant raffle with corn hole set, giant tv; quilts, hand crafted decorations, baked goods, snack bar, bookstore, fabric shop beautiful cemetery logs. A fun day for all

### LUDLOW

**FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL,** 782 Center Street. Saturday, Nov. 16 from 12-5 p.m. Live music, drinks, food trucks, firepits. Free entry.

### LUDLOW

**ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.** St. Elizabeth Parish, 181 Hubbard Street. Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 40 Vendors, basket raffle, lottery ticket raffle. Light lunch available.

### LUDLOW

**ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.** St. Elizabeth Pastoral Center, Hubbard Street (parking lot in back of church). Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Approximately 40 vendors selling stained glass, hockey apparel, chocolates, ornaments, an other items to start our Christmas shopping. Free admis-

sion and parking. For more information call at Flaherty, (413)531-6997

### SOUTH HADLEY

**VENDOR MARKET.** Brunelle's Marina, 1 Alvord Street. November 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fun for the whole family!

**Sunday, Nov. 17**

### CHICOPEE

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR.** Moose Club, 244 Fuller Road. Craft and vendor fair for National Federation of the Blind, Springfield Chapter.

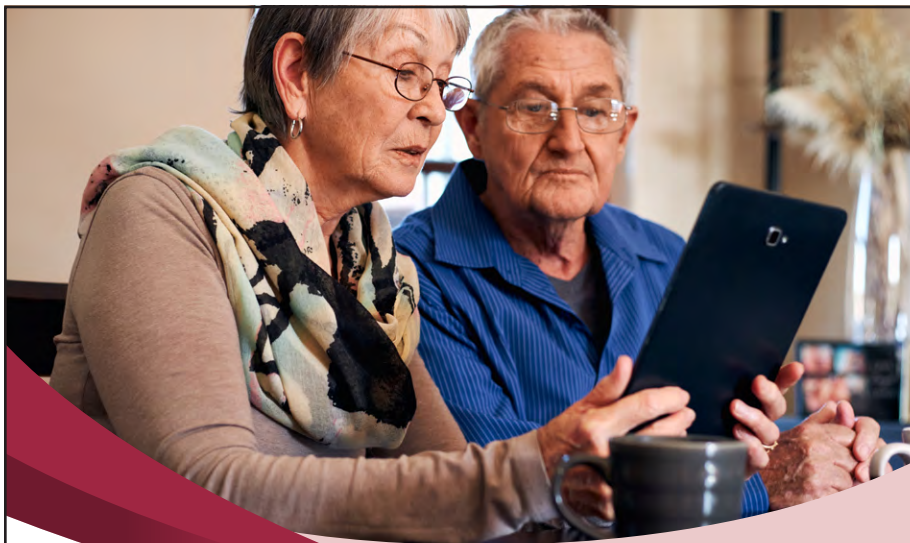
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Submitted photo

**Exalted Leader Joyce Grabon (left) and Grant Coordinator Susan Petzold delivered \$1,000 worth of food supplies to the Community Survival Center.**

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Belchertown, Springfield, from the whole community,” Petzold said. “It’s a true community effort.”

The Center’s Emergency Pantry provides bagged groceries, up to six times a year, to low-income households from Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Hampden, as well as from the Indian Orchard and Sixteen Acres neighborhoods of Springfield. Senior clients may reside anywhere in Hampden County and visit the Pantry each month. Families enrolled in the Preschool Program also visit the Pantry every month to collect 20 breakfast, lunch, and snack items for their children who are not yet enrolled in school.

Petzold said that donations were collected through a variety of special events, and by asking the members to donate to the ENF. She said that the organization is always seeking donations.

The mission of the Community Survival Center is to relieve hunger in our community by providing emergency food to individuals and families in times of need.

The Community Center’s Emergency Pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Thrift Shop on Main Street is open Monday through Thursday and the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales help support the pantry, and everyone is welcome to shop at the center.

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**Liquor licenses**

Chris McGrath, the new general manager for the Tennis Club, approached the board to transfer the liquor license from the club’s retiring owner, Carolyn Slifkin. Select Board Member Manuel Silva noticed that the issue had previously been discussed.

“The state had the old Board of Directors list, because we didn’t know that we were supposed to send them the new ones,” McGrath said. “They requested that we do the meeting again because they had the wrong Board of Directors.”

The board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the liquor license. The board then met with Harmit Raval for the liquor license transfer of Pop-N-Kork from Idalina Rodrigues to Keshavah Corporation.

“Harmit Raval is the sole, 100% shareholder, president, treasurer, secretary, and director of the proposed corporation,” said Matthew Porter, Raval’s attorney. “He has three other licensed locations in the state of Massachusetts, so he certainly understands the rules and responsibilities that

come along with the operation of a store.”

Porter said that Raval is TIPS certified, and that all employees would be required to be TIPS certified as well. Porter said that one of the sellers, Phillip Rodrigues, is staying on as a licensed manager, and that the transition is expected to be smooth, with no anticipated changes to the hours, structure of the business, employees, or anything along those lines.

Silva asked about plans for long-term changes, and Porter said that temporarily, the business will be similar to how it was operated under Rodrigues.

“They are buying the real estate as well, so eventually there will be upgrades that will be taking place,” Porter said.

Porter predicted that these changes would include “signage, and some interior and exterior upgrades,” but concluded that “there’s nothing planned in the immediate future as they take over, but certainly over a period of time I’m sure there will be some substantial upgrades.”

The board voted four to zero to approve the transfer, with one abstention. A third hearing was closed without approval due to the property owners’ absence.

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out, and it was right after that that Vietnam really started swinging into action.”

After leaving the service, Koss worked at Smith & Wesson for several years until joining the town’s Fire Department under Chief Homer DuBois, who Koss described as “a great chief.”

“I had opportunity to work with my father, who was also in the Fire Department,” Koss said. “He was a Captain. I worked with him on his shift before I went over to police.”

Koss worked in the Police Department for 25 years, and described then-Chief John Jorge as “just a great man.”

“We had a few really big fires, and as far as Police Department there was always something going on there,” Koss said. “It was a great way to serve the community.”

When Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo announced that Koss would be honored as the Veteran of the Year, he cited Koss’s long history of service to the community in addition to his status as a veteran.

“Eric Segundo called me maybe a week before the actual ceremony at the high school,” Koss said. “He said there were several candidates, and I was picked unanimously because of not only my military service, but my community service.”

Koss has been directly involved in the community through a number of events and activities, including playing Santa Claus for 50 years, acting as a Precinct Voter, and participating in numerous committees, including the 250th committee, as well as representing Police Chiefs all over Western Massachusetts in the Jimmy Fund race.

“I was supposed to race one time at Riverside for the Jimmy Fund, but I ended up racing for 11 years,” Koss said. “In 11 years of racing with the police, we raised and donated to Dana-Farber over

\$100,000.”

In his three years on the 250th Celebration Committee, Koss worked closely with Bruce Durand. He said that on the day of the parade, he was able to announce over the radio along with Bruce Marshall, which he described as the greatest thrill.

Koss and his wife, Linda, have been married for 42 years, and share their passion for community service.

“We both were in the same sort of business, I happened to be in retail security myself, so that’s how we met,” Linda said. “I’ve always been one that believes the same way he does; if you have the ability to help, you should. We both got into a lot of sort of support activities in different communities and have been living by that model.”

Linda said that she ran a battered women’s shelter where her husband would appear as Santa for the youths that were in the shelter during the holidays, “to make them a little more special.”

“He’s always been civic-minded, so he’s always been a precinct voter as long as I’ve known him,” Linda said.

Linda recalled her husband’s time on town committees, helping to deliberate over issues such as the jail, the Boys & Girls’ Club’s new building, as well as the Senior Center. She said that Koss was on these boards “to make sure what was happening was going to be in the town’s best interest.”

“I used to go to all his races at Riverside when he was racing for Jimmy Fund,” Linda said. “I have always been a part of whatever he was doing, I’m very proud of who he is, and very proud of his accomplishments and the things that he’s done.”

The town’s Veteran Services Department selects a Veteran of the Year every year. If you’d like to get in touch with the Veterans Department, you can call 413-707-5050.



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## Lions, Panthers set for Turkey Day tilt

Thanksgiving morning matchup at Legion Field in Palmer.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The 77<sup>th</sup> meeting on the gridiron between rivals Palmer and Ludlow is scheduled to take place at the Ludlow Sports Complex on Thanksgiving morning. Kickoff is scheduled for 10 am.

It's the third oldest Thanksgiving Day high school football game in Western Mass. behind Mahar-Athol and Agawam-West Springfield.

Ludlow, who celebrated a 28-12 victory over Palmer at historic Legion Field a year ago, enters this year's contest with a 42-31-3 overall lead in the series, which began in 1947. The Lions have won ten of the last twelve meetings.

The Panthers (5-5), who lost their last three games of this season, will be looking to celebrate a win against the Lions (3-7) for the first time since posting a 21-0 home victory in 2021. It was also the last time they finished the season with an above .500 record.



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Josh Marino takes down a Panther runner during last year's

Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac is looking forward to playing Ludlow on their brand new turf field for the first time.

"Playing a game on Ludlow's new field is going to be very exciting," said Marciniac, who hasn't seen the new turf field yet. "I think my guys will benefit playing on a turf field."

It'll be the second time this season that the Panthers will be playing a game on a turf field. They defeated Mahar Regional,

36-6, on their turf field at the beginning of October. Their other four victories were against Pathfinder Tech (40-7), Quaboag (27-26), Easthampton (36-30), and Greenfield (28-12)

The only seniors listed on the Panthers roster are Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera Alicea.

The Panthers are led by ju-

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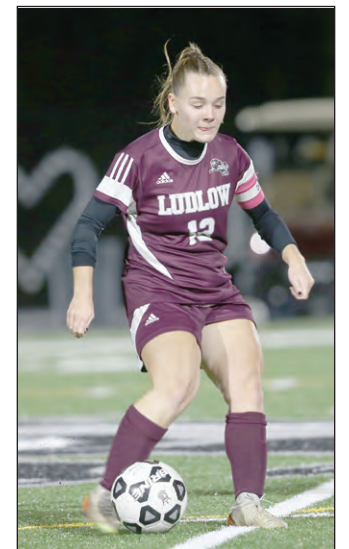
Payton Dersarkisian dribbles toward the right side of the field.

## Ludlow ousts Agawam from tournament



LUDLOW – The Agawam High School girls soccer were able to squeeze into the Division 2 State Tournament and two weeks ago opened up the postseason with a matchup against a local rival, Ludlow. Ludlow would defeated Agawam in a preliminary round game on Nov. 4 3-1. Ludlow would move into the second round and fall in the Round of 32 while Agawam's season finished with an 8-9-2 record.

Catarina Mazza carefully passes the ball.



Sohpia Scyocurka passes ahead of pressure from an Agawam defender.



Maeve Carter takes the free kick.



Valetina Molinari fights to steal the ball.



Ava Carvalho chases down the loose ball.

### LUDLOW VS. PALMER Ludlow leads series 41-31-3

2023: Ludlow 28-12	1984: Tie 15-15
2022: Ludlow 14-0	1983: Ludlow 32-4
2021: Palmer 34-0	1982: Palmer 14-0
2020: No game - COVID	1981: Ludlow 21-0
2019: Ludlow 41-8	1980: Palmer 24-13
2018: Ludlow 39-0	1979: Tie 6-6
2017: Ludlow 12-0	1978: Ludlow 35-30
2016: Palmer 34-6	1977: Palmer 14-0
2015: Ludlow 28-21	1976: Palmer 18-14
2014: Ludlow 22-6	1975: Ludlow 30-26
2013: Ludlow 26-0	1974: Palmer 30-12
2012: Ludlow 26-6	1973: Ludlow 22-0
2011: Palmer 19-18	1972: Palmer 33-8
2010: Palmer 19-12	1971: Cancelled
2009: Palmer 21-2	1970: Ludlow 30-6
2008: Palmer 14-13	1969: Ludlow 20-0
2007: Ludlow 26-6	1968: Ludlow 42-12
2006: Ludlow 21-0	1967: Palmer 2-0 (forfeit)
2005: Ludlow 27-9	1966: Tie 12-12
2004: Ludlow 29-7	1965: Palmer 13-0
2003: Ludlow 29-20	1964: Ludlow 20-14
2002: Ludlow 12-7	1963: Ludlow 22-18
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1997: Ludlow 20-6	1958: Ludlow 7-6
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1994: Palmer 40-8	1955: Palmer 31-7
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1992: Palmer 52-0	1953: Palmer 13-0
1991: Palmer 14-0	1952: Palmer 13-6
1990: Ludlow 21-0	1951: Ludlow 13-6
1989: Ludlow 13-7	1950: Palmer 19-12
1988: Ludlow 41-20	1949: Ludlow 20-0
1987: Palmer 6-2	1948: Palmer 27-6
1986: Palmer 42-0	1947: Ludlow 14-7
1985: Palmer 8-0	

### Team Schedules

#### Ludlow Football (3-7)

Friday, Sept. 13 – Quaboag 37, Ludlow 6  
Friday, Sept. 20 – Smith Vocational 20, Ludlow 14  
Friday, Sept. 27 – Ludlow 40, Belchertown 18  
Friday, Oct. 4 – Putnam 60, Ludlow 7  
Friday, Oct. 11 – South Hadley 31, Ludlow 12  
Friday, Oct. 18 – Pittsfield 58, Ludlow 13  
Friday, Oct. 25 – Ludlow 34, Chicopee 26  
Friday, Nov. 1 – Ludlow 26, Taconic 6  
Thursday, Nov. 7 – Mahar 52, Ludlow 44  
Thursday, Nov. 14 – Chicopee Comprehensive 51, Ludlow 0  
**Thanksgiving Game**  
Thursday, Nov. 28 – vs. Palmer 10 a.m.

#### Palmer Football (5-4)

Friday, Sept. 13 – Palmer 40, Pathfinder 7  
Friday, Sept. 20 – Palmer 27, Quaboag 26  
Friday, Sept. 27 – Palmer 36, Easthampton 30  
Friday, Oct. 4 – Palmer 36, Mahar 6  
Friday, Oct. 11 – Franklin Tech 24, Palmer 22  
Friday, Oct. 18 – Athol 32, Palmer 14  
Thursday, Oct. 24 – Palmer 28, Greenfield 12  
Saturday, Nov. 2 – Ware 7, Palmer 6  
Friday, Nov. 8 – vs. South Hadley  
Friday, Nov. 15 – Chicopee 40, Palmer 26  
**Thanksgiving Game**  
Thursday, Nov. 28 – at Ludlow 10 a.m.



# Late goals get T-Birds much-needed win

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-8-1-0) got a clutch late-game goal from their captain en route to a 4-2 win over the Charlotte Checkers (7-4-0-1) on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield picked up its first set of back-to-back wins this season in the process.

The T-Birds played a stout defensive opening period against the AHL's most potent offense, keeping the Checkers to just nine shot attempts and one unsuccessful power play opportunity. Vadim Zherenko has a stable start to his night, denying each Charlotte shot that reached the blue paint.

At the other end, former T-Birds head coach Geordie Kinear also had his team locked in defensively. The Checkers also killed off one Springfield power play, and Ken Appleby had answers for each of the T-Birds' seven first-period shots.

2:30 into the second, one of the newcomers to North America got Springfield the night's first tally. Leo Loof brilliantly maneuvered himself down the right wing into the slot, moving the puck to his forehand and rattling a shot off the post. While Loof did not have luck on his side, his fellow Swede Simon Robertsson did, as the rookie arrived in the slot, found the loose puck, and snapped it past a fallen Appleby to give Springfield the 1-0 lead. It was Robertsson's first AHL goal, and it marked the first time in three games that Springfield tallied the first marker.

The Springfield power play, which had not scored since Nov. 2, got into the action next at 5:57, as Aleksanteri Kaskimäki uncorked a one-timer from the right circle off a setup from Samuel Johannesson. Marcus Sylvegård parked himself in front of the net and deftly tipped

the shot past Appleby for his second man-advantage goal of the season, and the T-Birds lead moved to 2-0.

A late penalty and subsequent unsportsmanlike conduct call put Charlotte on the power play for four minutes at the tail end of the middle stanza. With just 1.8 seconds left in the frame, Trevor Carrick held a clearing attempt in and snapped a shot past Zherenko to bring the Checkers to within a goal heading into the third.

The visitors built off that goal at the 2:23 mark of the third when Marek Alšcher moved up from the blue line to find a loose puck in a scramble and score his first AHL goal to tie the game, 2-2.

The stalemate carried into the back half of the final frame, and a pair of matching minors set the teams up at 4-on-4 hockey with less than six minutes to play. Al-

most immediately, the T-Birds rose to the occasion. Hunter Skinner raced to the right point to hold a puck at the blue line. With no hesitation, he whipped a pass diagonally to a streaking Matthew Peca on the left-wing side. Appleby denied Peca's first attempt with the pad, but the captain corraled the rebound and swept it into an empty net, restoring the T-Birds lead, 3-2, with 5:29 to go.

With Appleby pulled in the closing minutes, Charlotte kept pressing the issue, but Zherenko and the T-Birds defense stiffened. Dylan Peterson blocked a last-ditch effort, cleared the defensive zone, and tapped the puck into the empty cage to wrap up Springfield's win.

Zherenko earned his first win since Oct. 12 with 25 stops on the night, while Appleby had 22 saves for Charlotte.

## Boys soccer alumni game to take place Nov. 29

WILBRAHAM — The Minnechaug varsity boys annual alumni game will be played on Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m., at the Wilbraham Soccer Club fields. Former and current players as well as friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Players should be in proper soccer gear. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the game.

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niors Matt Santos, who's the starting QB, Dylan Doherty, Jordan Jones, Hunter White, Brecken Gilman, Kodah Laviolette-Gonzalez, Jared Perry, Gavin Smola, and Landon Couture.

Junior Theo Haley has been sidelined most of the season with an injury.

Theo's younger brother, Taydem, is one of the Panthers five sophomores.

The other sophomores are Griffin Nawrocki, Dylan Holbrook, Adrian Hernandez, and Hunter Baird.

Freshmen Kayden Harvey and Matt Mastalerz round out the Panthers squad.

"Hopefully, we'll be healthy entering this year's game," Marciniec said. "It's always nice to win your final game of the season against Ludlow."

For the first time, the Leonard J. Bailey Award won't be given to a Palmer player at half-time of the



Tristin Stevens lunges for the loose ball.

Ludlow game. The prestigious award was given to Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera during a ceremony held at halftime against archival Ware at Legion Field on November 2.

The Panthers assistant coaches are Jason Talbot, and Maurice Payne.

Ludlow, who'll be looking to snap a two game losing skid, defeated Belchertown, 40-18, in their inaugural game on the new turf field. They also beat

Chicopee (34-26) at home and Taconic (26-6) on the road.

The seniors listed on the Ludlow football roster are Michael Rubin, Kyle Rodrigues, Dominic Fialho, Anthony Grimm, Tristin Stephens, Dilan Horton, Dominic Gendreau, Colin Belanger, Adrian Martins, Ashton Leary, Victor Segarra, Davian Rodrigues, and Brady Trahan.

"The Thanksgiving Day game is always a very special



Josh Marino barrels through the Palmer defense.

day for the seniors because it's their final high school football game," said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio before last year's game against Palmer. "You're always going to remember your last football game, especially if you're able to win it. No matter what you do in the future, nothing is the same as playing high school football. It's unique."

When the Lions visited Legion Field last Thanksgiving, junior quarterback Mason Morace threw four touchdown passes to Dan McKenney Jr., who was one of the seven seniors on last year's team.

The Lions assistant coaches are Tod Halloway, Joe Nixon, Adam Kurtka, and Mattingly Provost.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6: 10 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Selenia Cruz for TCO Party Occasions, LLC located at 40 East Street, Ludlow, MA O I 056 for a new wine and malt beverage License. Premises described as follows: Open floor space, which includes (1) bridal suite, (1) one kitchen, (1) bar, restrooms and a storage room for a total of 3,600 square feet, featuring two entrances and two exits with seating capacity of 150.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
11/20, 11/27/2024

## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Board of Selectmen has scheduled a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:25 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street Ludlow, MA on the application of Matthew Jensen for a new Class II Motor Vehicle License for Matt's Auto Mall to be located at 447 Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
11/20, 11/27/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24P2357EA  
Estate of:**

**Pauline J. Cijka  
Date of Death: 09/28/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Anna S. Etkin 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: **Anna S. Etkin 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 12/06/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration**

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

Date: November 08, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
11/20/2024

**Ludlow Housing Authority  
Request for Proposals  
Purchase of  
Family Housing Unit**

The Ludlow Housing Authority (LHA) is seeking to purchase a housing unit in the Town of Ludlow, MA. Housing units that meet the requirements of this Request for Proposals (RFP) will be considered. Beginning November 13, 2024 interested parties may request a copy of the RFP package by

a) email **Robin@ludlowhousing.com**  
b) in person at the LHA

office at 114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 or

c) in person from Mike Parker, the LHA's broker at Coldwell Banker at 413-427-4130.

The LHA office is open Monday through Thursday, between 9 am and 3 pm. All parties will need to provide their name, address, phone and email address to ensure the LHA has an accurate list of RFP holders in the event it needs to distribute any addenda.

Responses must be received no later than **10:15 am on Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, in the LHA office at 114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, MA 01056. Responses should be mailed or delivered in a SEALED envelope clearly marked: **"Proposal to sell Housing - Attention: Robin Carvide, Executive Director"** on the outside of your response package. Email proposals WILL NOT be accepted.

The LHA reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals received or to reject any and all submissions when doing so is deemed to be in the best interest of the LHA.

The LHA Board intends to recommend purchase of property to EOHLC. The Commissioners' recommendation is subject to approval by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. (EOHLC) 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2024

## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:35 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA. The hearing has been scheduled for the proposed adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for the taxable year ending June 30, 2025.

The Board of Assessors will be available at this hearing to provide information and data relevant to the fiscal effect of "Classification and Taxation of the Property According to Use".

Derek DeBarge, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
11/20, 11/27/2024

## Derek Joseph Santos, 35

LUDLOW - Derek Joseph Santos, 35, of Ludlow, passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 11, 2024. Derek was the beloved son of Manuel and Ar-minda A. (Alves) Santos and was a 2007 graduate of Lud-low High School.



He was employed as in-formation technologist at Springfield International Charter School and his many interests included video and computer games, any-thing technology, and brewing beer; but his greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. Besides his parents,

Derek leaves his loving sister Shana Hogg and husband Seth; nephew Lucas Hogg; grandmother Ana Alves; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, extend-ed family members, and dear friends.

Visiting hours for Derek were held on Monday, Nov. 18 at Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services and burial will be held privately by his family. The family has requested that due to cemetery restric-tions, donations be made in lieu of flowers to the Mental Health Association ([www.mhainc.org/donate](http://www.mhainc.org/donate))

## DEATH NOTICES

**Derek Joseph Santos**  
Died Nov. 11, 2024  
Services were  
Nov. 18, 2024  
Ludlow Funeral  
Home

## The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## St. Cecilia's Women's Club sponsoring Calendar Raffle Fundraiser

WILBRAHAM - Feeling lucky?? The Saint Cecilia Women's Club is sponsoring a Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of November. Each day a winner will be drawn for a cash prize.

\$3,500 has been donated by generous businesses in our area each sponsoring an amount for a particu-lar day from \$50 to \$250. The profit is used for the club's scholarships and donations to various charita-ble and needy organizations.

Raffle tickets may be found in the rotunda of St. Cecilia Church, on the Saint Cecilia website under downloadable forms, or call Sue Agnew, 413-596-9480, for information or tickets.

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## EARLY DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

*Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all public notices to run in TURLEY PUBLICATIONS the week of November 25-29, 2024.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue**

• Agawam Advertiser News • Sentinel • The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

**Thursday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue**

• Barre Gazette • Country Journal  
• The Journal Register • Quaboag Current • Ware River News

**Friday, November 22 at 2 PM for November 29 Issue**

• Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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# DATEBOOK

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

**MEATLOAF DINNER.** Ludlow lodge of Elks 2448, 69 Chapin Street. Nov. 21, from 5-6:15 p.m. Dinner includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad. \$12 per person or \$40 for a family meal for 4. Pick-up, drive up, takeout only. Ludlow only home delivery available. Proceeds to benefit the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund. For tickets/reservations call, 413-636-1527 or 413-893-8800.

**VETERANS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE.** Help provide food for veterans, their families and Toys for Tots. Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund will hold their drive Nov. 21 from 12-6 p.m. at the Ludlow Lodge of Elks #2448, 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow. Accepting unexpired canned foods and non-perishable items, also unwrapped toys and monetary donations. For more information contact Paul Curran, 413-636-1527 or visit [www.ludlowveterans.us](http://www.ludlowveterans.us)

**FROZEN POLISH FOOD SALE.** On Saturday, Nov. 23, at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cheese, Blueberry), Golabki, and Kapusta will be available. All are invited to purchase.

**FREE CONCERT.** Christmas concert by The West Mass Brass Band on Dec. 7th at 2 p.m. at First Church, 859 Center St, Ludlow, bring the family and friends to a wonderful Holiday program. For more information visit the Facebook page, or contact Ken McCance: (413) 659-2622, [westmassbrass@gmail.com](mailto:westmassbrass@gmail.com). To hear the band please visit <http://facebook.com/WestMassBrass>.

## ONGOING

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 [indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:indianorchardcitizenscouncil@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 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS:** The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

**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.

## Annual Tree of Love at Baystate Wing

**PALMER**— As the holiday season approaches, the Baystate Wing Auxiliary has set up the annual Tree of Love. This special tree has been created to honor and remember loved ones and features ornaments that can be purchased and personalized with names in memory of family and friends to be placed on the tree.

"The Tree of Love gives our community members a chance to join us in remembering loved ones during the holiday season," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Auxiliary at Baystate Wing Hospital. "We understand how difficult the holiday season can be for those who have lost loved ones. For some families placing the name of a family member on an ornament and being a part of the Tree of Love can bring them comfort."

Beginning Nov. 1, the ornaments may be purchased for \$5 for a single name and \$10 for a family. The Tree of Love will be displayed in the lobby located on the first floor of the hospital by the gift shop.

All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Auxiliary, which in turn donates needed equipment and other items to the hospital for the benefit of patients. For over 70 years, the Auxiliary has supported Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and gift shop sales. This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, business owners, and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

To purchase an ornament, visit the gift shop located on the first floor open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 1 p.m.

# Church DIRECTORY

### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

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MASS SCHEDULE  
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Sunday Mass; 8:45 a.m. (English), 10 a.m. (Polish)  
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7:45 a.m. (English)  
First Friday Mass: 5:30 p.m. (Polish/English)  
First Saturday Mass: 9 a.m. (Polish/English)  
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

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Check out our Parish App  
Wednesday, Nov. 20, - Daily Mass - 8:15 am (C), Morning Prayer - 9:30 a.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir – 5:15 p.m. (C), Scouts - 7 p.m. (JR)  
Thursday, Nov. 21, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C) - Adoration - 6:30 p.m. (C)  
Friday, Nov. 22, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m.(C) Marriage Enrichment - 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 23, - Pro-Life Committee - 10 a.m. (FLBH) - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C)  
Sunday Nov. 24, - 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 Program 8 a.m. (FLBH/K), Confirmation Class 8 a.m. (ZR), Faith Formation 10:15 a.m. (All Rooms), Sister of Strength 3:30 p.m. (ER), Lifteen 6 p.m. (JR)  
Monday Nov. 25, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), - Religious Education (ER) - 9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation - 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 p.m.(ER), - Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m.(ZR) – Boy Scouts Troop Comm Mtg (JR)

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## GARDEN from Page 6

tually kill it.

Remember, the layer of tissue just below the bark is the tree's "plumbing"! Protect the trunk by wrapping it with one-quarter inch hardware cloth or commercially made trunk protectors. Remove the protectors in the spring.

Unfortunately, I neglected to protect young trees one fall and that was all it took. A poor tree was gnawed almost completely around the trunk. I was surprised it had enough energy to leaf out the following spring, but less surprised to see it wither and die not a month later.

In case you were wondering, yes, my bulbs for Old Sturbridge Village did finally come in. I wish they could talk. What a story they would tell.

I think they have honestly traveled more in the last six weeks than I have in my entire life. Holland to New York to Alabama to the Bahamas to New Jersey and then to a shoe store in New York City. Yes, a shoe store.

A good Samaritan saw my name on the packing slip and called to say she received them. Regardless, I am happy they finally arrived in Sturbridge. I am hopeful that they will all be planted (and watered in) within the next couple of days!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.*



# IN THE CLASSROOM

## UAlbany welcomes Ludlow student for Fall 2024 semester

ALBANY, NY— The University at Albany is welcoming Brie Mariani of Ludlow, for the start of the Fall 2024 semester.

Mariani, who is majoring in Criminal Justice (intended), is among some 5,430 new Great Danes to enroll this semester.

More than 2,800 first-year students, from 32,320 applicants, are joining UAlbany's Class of 2028, with 223 students selected to be part of the University's Honors College, and 226 students

enrolled as Presidential Scholars.

In addition, more than 1,000 transfer students, including about 200 transfers from the College of Saint Rose, and 1,630 new graduate students are joining the campus community this fall.

The Class of 2028 is among the most diverse in University history, with 55.6 percent coming from historically under-represented groups. Students also hail from 23 different states and 33 countries. The class boasts an overall high school average of 90.3 percent.

### HUBBARD from Page 7

**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.

**Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays through December on Zoom, 9:30 a.m.** The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group is for unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career". Meetings are facilitated by Deborah Hope, MBA PCIC, an experienced executive career coach. Register on our website.

### FOR TEENS

**Chess Club, every other Monday (December 2 and December 16) 3:30-4:30 p.m.** All experience levels are welcome for an hour of chess, some instruction provided. Club meets every other Monday. For ages 9-17, please register.

**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday (December 3 and December 17) 5:30-6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginners up to experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

**Tabletop RPG Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** For ages 14-17. The group has room for 2 more players, and is playing D&D this fall. Please register.

**Third Thursday Sewing Club: Make Pumpkin Pillowcases (Thursday November 21 and Thursday December 12) 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** For 5th-8th graders. Learn sewing basics, including cutting fabric, hand sewing, & using a pattern & a sewing machine, while making a gorgeous case for a large throw pillow. Please register.

**"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group (Friday November 22 and December 27) 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Monthly book chat for ages 14-17. For November, the group is reading "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; copies of the book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

**Open Sew Saturday (Saturday November 23 and Saturday December 14) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Drop into the library's program room for sewing space, advice, and time to finish the Sewing Club project of the month at our monthly Open Sew! The library will have 2 sewing machines (or bring your own), tables for laying out projects, and seasoned seamstress Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and

support. Not recommended for beginners. Open to adults, tweens, & teens.

### FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

**Food Drive for the Indian Orchard Survival Center, October 28-November 22.** The Youth Room is accepting donations of non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner food for the Indian Orchard Survival Center. Every child who donates will get a sweet treat! Please bring it to the Youth Room.

**Drop-in Holiday Card Making, throughout December.** Pre-cut designer papers, stickers, glitter and more. Drop in.

**Thanksgiving Gratitude Jars, Tuesday November 26, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** Make a decorated jar for your dinner table for family & friends to share notes of gratitude. Drop-in.

**Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday November 26, 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.** Search the Youth Room for Thanksgiving signs and symbols to win a prize! For youth of all ages and families. Drop-in.

**Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday (November 27 and December 11) 3:30-4:45 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, November 21, 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and Thursday, December 26, 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.** Note December time change. 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 November, the group is reading "Cardboard Kingdom" by Chad Sell; copies are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Sewing Club for YAs: Make Earbud Cases, Thursday December 12, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** For 9 & up. Learn how to sew a cool, protective case for your earbuds, all materials provided. Please register.

**Roblox Club, every Friday, 3:30-4:45 p.m.** Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox. For ages 8-15.

**Minecraft Club, every Saturday, 11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.** Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For grades 3-8. Drop-in.

### FOR CHILDREN

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

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30-11:00 a.m.** For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. No group on 11/26. Drop-in.

**STEAM: "If I Build A House" Building Sets, Wednesday November 27, 11:00 a.m.** For ages 3-5. Hear a storybook then build with colorful, magnetic building sets to test your engineering skills! Please register.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On Nov. 20, in 1820, an American whaling ship named Essex was rammed by a sperm whale and sank, which was said to inspire the climax of Herman Melville's 1851 novel Moby Dick.

On Nov. 21, in 1620, prior to landing at Plymouth, MA, 41 passengers on the Mayflower signed the Mayflower Compact, agreeing to abide by the laws of the new government they would establish.

On Nov. 22, in 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th U.S. president, was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas, while riding in an open car.

On Nov. 23, in 1935, Lincoln Ellsworth landed on Ellsworth Land, Antarctica, and claimed it for the United States, a claim the U.S. government has never taken up.



**D.B. Cooper hijacked a plane from Portland, OR on Nov. 24, 1971, and then parachuted out of it with the ransom money.**

On Nov. 24, in 1971, a man known as D.B. Cooper hijacked a plane shortly after departing from Portland, OR, and parachuted out of the aircraft with the ransom money; he was never identified or caught.

On Nov. 25, in 1277, Nicholas III was elected pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

Finally, on Nov. 26, in 1883, Sojourner Truth, the African-American evangelist and reformer who applied her religious fervor to the abolitionist and women's rights movements, died.

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

**Grow, Play and Learn for ages 0-2, every Thursday, 9:45-10:30 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 curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

**Grow, Play and Learn for ages 2-5, every Thursday, 10:45-11:00 a.m.** Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane

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**STEM Saturday: Bridges & Boats, Saturday November 23, 11:00 a.m.** For ages 8-11. Attention young engineers! Learn new skills & have fun while making a bridge that stays up & a boat that really floats. Please register.

**Yoga for Little Ones, Saturday November 30, 10:00 a.m.** Yoga is perfect for little ones - and their caregivers! Learn how to use large muscles to support self regulation, while bending, breathing and stretching, with stories and music mixed in. Fun for little and big! Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.



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