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## Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held in front of Town Hall

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LUDLOW – This weekend, the town gathered in front of Town Hall for the annual tree lighting.

On the evening of Dec. 1, residents attended the annual tree-lighting ceremony on Chapin Street, in front of Town Hall. The event included a performance by the High School Chorus, led by Kevin McAvoy, and a Toys for Tots Drive arranged through the Veterans Services Department.

Maria Crespo of the Rotary Club thanked the 250th Committee, American Legion, Big Y, the CARES Coalition, the Fire Department, the High School Chorus, the Police Department, Veterans Services,

Police Chief Dan Valadas, in between working a traffic detail, praised the work done by Sergeant Jhon Wielblad and Officer Isaac Santana to collect for the toy drive.

“They got the Police Association to donate about \$600,” Valadas said. “They did a Stuff-the-Cruiser yesterday in combination with PlayNow Toy Store, they did a great job. They collected at least six bins of toys.”

After the tree was lit, the attendees were invited through the front doors to take pictures with Santa Claus.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million people. Rotarians provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace in the world. For more information, visit Rotary.org.



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

This Sunday, the town held its annual tree-lighting ceremony in front of Town Hall. See more photos on Page 9

## Selectmen discuss allocating opioid relief funds

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LUDLOW – At a recent meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved the use of opioid settlement funds and building infrastructure funds for the library, as well as other regular business.

### Opioid relief

On Nov. 19, the board was approached by Liz Whynott from Tapestry Health to request \$19,409 in opioid settlement funds.

“Tapestry has already been providing services in Ludlow,” Whynott said. “We’ve been doing a lot of activities, mainly in partnership with the Board of Health.”

Whynott explained Tapestry has a harm reduction program in the region to help people who aren’t ready for treatment, as well as people in treatment. Whynott described working with the Hampden County House of Corrections, Section 35, the Everest Recovery Center, Pathway to Recovery groups, training city employees and providing post-overdose outreach.

“We don’t have a site in Ludlow, but somebody can call us and we have a van,” Whynott

Please see **SELECTBOARD**, Page 8

## Families meet Santa Claus for breakfast at Harris Brook

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LUDLOW – This past Sunday, residents and families were invited to have breakfast with Santa at Harris Brook Elementary School.

The annual Breakfast with Santa event was arranged by the 250th Celebration Committee to be held over two meals on Sunday, Dec. 1. Families had the opportunity to take a picture with Santa Claus in the library, and then have a delicious pancake breakfast in the cafeteria afterwards.

“It’s such a great feel-good moment to see people coming out and enjoying this,” said 250th Committee Chair Linda Collette. “We’re already talking about, once the 250th is done, transferring this over to other groups, because it’s been so well-received.”

Collette said that there are several organizations being discussed, such as Celebrate Ludlow, and that it would likely involve creating a subcommittee to manage the event.

The event also involved a craft corner and raffle prizes, as well as a table set up for Brian Bylicki to sell the town’s new history book.



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Members of the 250th Celebration Committee and local volunteers gathered around Santa Claus in the foyer of Harris Brook Elementary School.

Please see **SANTA BREAKFAST**, Page 16



# LUDLOW



Submitted photo

In a recent visit to Dana Faber in Boston Mass, Mike and Jeannie O'Rourke were fortunate to see the Boston Celtics Championship Trophy.

## Heritage "Pops" Orchestra holds Christmas Party, Dinner, and Dance

LUDLOW – Celebrate the Christmas Season with The Big Band Sounds of the 19-piece Heritage "Pops" Orchestra, with vocals by Ann Maggs.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert. Advance tickets are \$25 per person, and there will be a giant Wood Dance Floor, a 50/50 Raffle and Cash Bar.

The party will be held on Friday,

Dec. 13 at the Polish American Citizens Club at 355 East St. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the Grand Buffet Dinner by John Diotalevi will begin at 6:30 p.m. Music and dancing will run from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase at the PACC bar. For more information, call 413-636-7588 and ask for Bob, or call 413-800-4164 and ask for Paul.

## Town of Ludlow Unveils Website for "Get Lost in Ludlow" Campaign

LUDLOW – Town Administrator Marc Strange is pleased to share that the "Get Lost in Ludlow" website is now live.

The website, GetLostInLudlow.com, provides a comprehensive look at what the Town of Ludlow has to offer, including the town's rich history, things to do, upcoming events, town news and more.

For local businesses, the site can be used as a resource to promote businesses and events. Business owners can submit their business information and upcoming events to be featured on the website on the "Things to Do" and "Events" pages.

For visitors and community members, the site is consistently updated with things to do, events and news, making it easy to learn about what is going on in the community.

From the site's homepage, users can access Get Lost in Ludlow on Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook to view more content and updates. Visitors can also subscribe to receive town news via email.

"This website is a great resource for communicating all of the wonderful things going on in our community," said Town Administrator Strange. "We are excited to have a platform that showcases what Ludlow offers to residents, visitors and businesses alike."

"Get Lost in Ludlow" aims to draw attention to and highlight the diverse range of quality dining, outdoor recreation spaces, and craft breweries, among other attractions that reflect the charm of Ludlow. The campaign invites visitors of the Springfield casino, local New Englanders, and the public to "get lost" in all that Ludlow has to offer.

The Town is funding the campaign as part of its receipt of \$244,900 in grant funding courtesy of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Community Mitigation Fund.

About \$44,856 of the funds are being allocated toward the campaign, which involves video production, digital marketing materials, and website design and development.

## LFD 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 deduc-

tion 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 town's First Church, located at 859 Center St., will be opening its Christmas shop on Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7, 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.

The Hummingbird shop will be open with an assorted fabrics and yarns for at reduced prices and the book store will also be open that is filled with some of your favorite authors along with a selection of children books at fabulous prices.

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 TIME: 5:00 pm  
 PLACE: Wilbraham Country Club

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# Citizens Council receives turkeys from region-wide Turkey Drive

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INDIAN ORCHARD – 100 turkeys were handed out by Senator Adam Gomez, State Representative Orlando Ramos, and Councilor Zaida Govan to the neighborhood as part of the Annual Hampden County Turkey Drive.

From Nov. 20-24, state legislators traveled to various distribution locations around the region to provide turkeys to local families with a proof of public assistance.

“It’s a good feeling to give to others,” said Representative Ramos’s Chief of Staff, Ayanna Crawford. “This is what makes the community and our society smile. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and everyone that was involved in making this entire event a true success.”

Distribution centers included Mojitos on Belmont Ave on Nov. 20, Nueva Esperanza on Main Street in Holyoke and to the Chicopee Boys & Girls Club on Main Street in Indian Orchard on Nov. 21, to Black Men of Greater Springfield at Deberry Elementary School on Union Street on Nov. 23, and at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on St. James Ave on Nov. 24.

These drives were organized to help address food insecurity throughout the Springfield area.

“We put these drives in the middle of neighborhoods where folks can walk to the drive and be able to obtain a turkey,” said Senator Gomez. “Especially with food and inflation, we understand how hard it is to probably just have a Thanksgiving meal. We just want to give that opportunity to residents that qualify.”

Over the course of the week, as many as 1,000 turkeys were distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis to families in need.

The event was made possible by a coalition of local businesses,



Submitted photos

Senator Adam Gomez and State Representative Orlando Ramos provided turkeys to hundreds of families in the area.

including 44 Construction Services, Cesar Ruiz and family, The CREW, James River Construction, Key Foods, the Law Office of Roy Anderson, New Homes Realty, Nuestra Casa, the Springfield Pharmacy, and the Springfield Thunderbirds.



Councillor Zaida Govan (center) held a frozen turkey, surrounded by members of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council.

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# Nomination papers available for the March 2025 Annual Town Election

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

Two openings for Board of Selectmen (three year terms)

One opening for Board of Assessors (three year term)

One opening for Board of Health (three year term)

One opening for Housing Authority (five year term)

One opening for Library Trustee (three year term)

One opening for Planning Board (five year term)

One opening for Recreation Com-

mission (three year term)

One opening for Recreation Commission (two year unexpired term)

Two openings for School Committee (three year terms)

One opening for School Committee (one year unexpired term)

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

Town meeting member nom-

ination papers must be signed by at least ten registered voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides.

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

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

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

## Free Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting at First Church

LUDLOW – Begin celebrating your Christmas season with the 26-piece West Mass Brass Band at First Church, 859 Center St, Ludlow on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

There will be wonderful renditions of your favorite Christmas

songs. Following the concert, will be light refreshments and a procession to the front of the church to sing a few carols and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Bring your friends and family. All are welcome.

## 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>.

## Wilbraham Community Chorus to present Concerts

WILBRAHAM - The nearly seventy-voice Wilbraham Community Chorus, accompanied by Marcia Jackson and conducted by Ray Drury, will present two concerts in early December. The first concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Saint Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham, and the second on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Longmeadow.

Drury has chosen a varied and compelling program including music of Haydn, Mozart,

Vaughan Williams, Forrest and Whitacre as well as varied arrangements of folk tunes, pop songs and seasonal music. Of particular interest will be performances by both Jackson and well-known local pianist Todd Rovelli offering selections of four-hand piano music, and additionally a chamber choir comprised of members of the larger group will also perform.

While admission to each concert is free, a free-will offering will be taken.

## Wilbraham Garden club meeting

WILBRAHAM - The December meeting of the Wilbraham Garden club will be held at the St. Cecelia Parish Center on Main St. in Wilbraham at noon on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The speaker for the day will be Matthew Flatow, owner of Flowers, Flowers in Springfield. Flatow, has been creating unique floral masterpieces for clients in Western MA and Northern CT for decades. He will share his innovative and cutting-edge techniques with us. Flatow's beautiful arrangements will be raffled off at the end of his program. Come and enjoy a Wonderful Christmas meeting.

## Winter craft fair in Palmer on Dec. 7

PALMER - Winter craft fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Palmer High School, 4105 Main St., Palmer. Where creativity and holiday spirit merge. Wonderful unique and handmade treasures for a truly magical season.

For more information contact [nlachance5282009@gmail.com](mailto:nlachance5282009@gmail.com).

## Millennium Magic to Perform Winter Wonderland Concert

MONSON—On Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. the Millennium Magic Chorus, a Sweet Adelines group, will perform their Winter Wonderland Concert in the sanctuary of First Church Monson, 5 High Street. A cookies and punch reception will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a \$5.00 donation at the door.

Millennium Magic is a vibrant Sweet Adelines Barbershop and A cappella Chorus, composed of women from seven states and spanning four generations. This dynamic group performs a diverse repertoire and will present festive holiday and seasonal music at the First Church concert.

With an impressive track record, Millennium Magic has qualified for the Sweet Adelines International competition eight times, proudly bringing home silver medals twice and gold medals three times. They are the undefeated champions of Region 1, Division A. Most recently, they won the divisional international championship in 2019, placed 16th in the world in 2023 and in 2024, they secured their division title and a second place finish regionally, qualifying for the 2025 international contest.

Millennium Magic is not just a chorus; it's a dynamic community of women who thrive on connections and camaraderie. Together, they embrace growth and learning, fostering a supportive environment where everyone feels at home. Their passion for music shines through in every performance, creating unforgettable experiences that resonate deeply with their audience. It is all about joy, friendship and the magic that happens when they come together to celebrate their love for music.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

## MSB holds toy drive

MONSON— Monson Savings Bank, a local community bank known for their commitment to giving back, is once again hosting their annual Toy Drive. The bank has proudly partnered with multiple local toy collection programs to help bring joy to children this holiday season.

From now through Friday, Dec. 6, new and unwrapped toys for children ages 0-12 can be dropped off at any Monson Savings Bank branch.

Monson Branch, 146 Main St, Monson  
Hampden Branch, 15 Somers Rd, Hampden  
Wilbraham Branch, 100 Post Office Park, Wilbraham  
Ware Branch, 136 West St, Ware  
East Longmeadow Branch, 61 North Main St. East Longmeadow

"The holidays are all about spreading love, joy, and happiness. The Toy Drive allows us all to come together to make that possible for children in our communities by collecting gifts for them to open. We have such generous communities, and we believe this year will be no different. We hope everyone will consider donating an item" said Dan Moriarty, president & CEO. "It goes without saying that we are extremely thankful for our partnering organizations who host the toy programs that ensure all children have a bright and cheerful holiday. We are thrilled to support them in their toy collection efforts."

Monson Savings Bank is proud to partner with toy drive programs held by the Hampden Police Association, East Longmeadow Police Association, Wilbraham Police Department, Ware Police Department, and The Car Club of New England.

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank's commitment to our community, please visit: <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>

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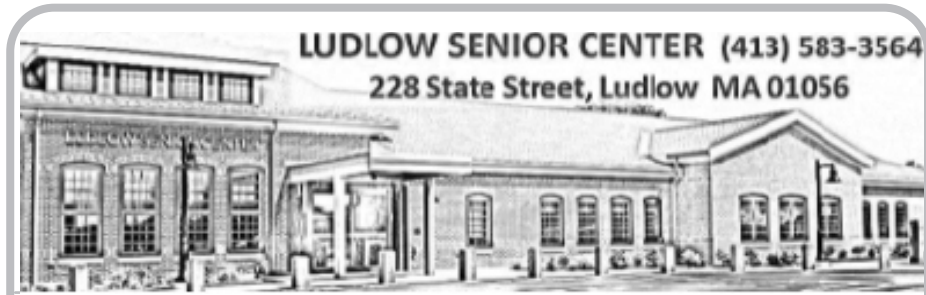
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For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also “like” the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at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

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Holyoke Mall Trip\*  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Writers Block\*  
2:30 Active Yoga

#### Friday, Dec. 6

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

#### Monday, Dec. 9

9:00 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
11 a.m. Lunch Bunch Publick House\*  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Dec. 10

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class  
5 p.m. Movie: Klaus (2019)

5:45 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support\*

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

9 a.m. Mobile Dental Clinic\*  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
1 p.m. Movie: Klaus (2019)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
1:30 p.m. The Fort Carolers

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
9:30 a.m. Email Scam Talk  
10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour  
10 a.m. SHINE Benefits Counseling\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
10:30 Friends of the Senior Center Meeting  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

#### Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.  
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.  
Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

#### Menu:

Thursday, Dec. 5: Chef Salad  
Friday, Dec. 6: Loaded Baked Potato/Must-Go Soup  
Monday, Dec. 9: Shepherd’s Pie  
Tuesday, Dec. 10: Vegetable Frittata/Roasted Potatoes  
Wednesday, Dec. 11: Baked Salmon/Scalloped Pot/Veggies  
Thursday, Dec. 12: Birthday Lunch, Chicken Marsala/Scalloped Pot/Vegetable

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.



### BELLA

This is Bella, a yellow English Labrador who’s almost 14 years old. Her birthday is on May 5. Bella loves her human and sitting out in the yard in the fresh air. She lets you know when she wants attention by barking or poking her nose at you.

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.

## Local Holiday Events

Sunday, Dec. 8

### SPRINGFIELD

**HOLIDAY CONCERT TICKETS.**  
The 215th Army Band of the MA Army National Guard presents their annual free holiday concert at Symphony Hall, 34 Court St. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is free with ticket. Tickets

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# OPINION



## The last of the autumn questions for the Garden Lady

Lori, a reader of the column, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I put my garlic cloves in three weeks ago and they have sprouted! The variety is a German White hardneck. Will they come back in the spring?"

Thank you for your question! It is not uncommon for garlic to send up shoots when fall weather is warmer than normal, much like ours has been.

Typically, the shoots survive the winter just fine, and will resume growth come spring time. To be on the safe side, I would mulch around your plants with straw or chopped up leaves to provide some insulation.

Once spring arrives, pull back the mulch and provide some fertilizer that is nitrogen rich to give the shoots a boost. A sprinkling of blood meal, fish emulsion, or composted manure would all do the trick.

Push the mulch back in place; it will help to keep weeds down. Garlic hates competition in this arena.

Early on, ample water and nutrients make the big fists of garlic we all want to see at harvest.

Hardneck garlic is typically the garlic grown in our area. Unlike softneck garlic, it needs the cold to complete its life cycle. It has fewer, but larger cloves.

Cloves from hardneck garlic are more pungent than softneck, but don't last quite as long in storage. Softneck don't grow stiff scapes as stems but have leaves that at harvest can be braided together to make a nice kitchen decoration.

Often you will see these garlic braids for sale at craft shows or in catalogs.

Michele, who gardens in Ware, has a question about tidying up her hydrangea bushes.

"The flowers at the tips of the branches of my blue hydrangea bushes have all browned and look unappealing. Some of the leaves are hanging on too. Altogether it's not a pretty sight. Can I cut down the branches to the ground? In effect, cleaning up the plant by the easiest way possible? It will sprout again when spring arrives, of that I'm sure."

I know exactly what you are talking about. From where I am writing, I can see my own hydrangea and it looks just as "pretty" as yours sounds!

Rest assured that the leaves will fall off. The flowers, on the other hand, will stick around awhile. Wind and wet weather will eventually cause them to degrade and fall away from the plant.

If you don't want to wait that long, feel free to cut the flower heads, and just the flower heads off. You see, most hydrangeas bloom on old wood.

Newer varieties – those bred in the last 20 years or so, often bloom on both new wood and old wood, so you'd never really want to cut them all the way down because you would be missing out on an opportunity for flowers to form. In case you don't follow my logic, flowers can form on the new growth the plant puts out in the spring, and the old growth from the previous year. Lots of gardeners remarked about what an amazing year it was for hydrangeas. So many flowers!

We attribute that to a mild winter last year and ample rainfall. I'm uncertain what the droughty fall will do, if anything, to next year's show.

I also wonder if hydrangeas put on a ban-

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### GUEST COLUMN



## When should my wife claim Social Security benefits?

Dear Rusty

I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years, but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age, 67 and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even if I continue working.

Signed: Working Husband

Dear Working

If your wife has the required 40 SS quarter credits, she is eligible to collect reduced retirement benefits at 62 for that needed extra income, but her age 62 benefit will be about 70% of what it would be if she waited until her SS Full Retirement Age to claim. That reduction would, in turn, carry over to her spousal benefit when you eventually claim your SS benefit.

Here's why: Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount, a "spousal boost" that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse when you claim will consist of

her reduced age 62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.

If you claim at 67, your wife will be about two years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced age 62 SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected and taking her spousal boost before her FRA means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA, 67, to claim Social Security benefits.

Having said all of that, if your wife's physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife's spousal boost amount, if you claim at your FRA, will be about 17%, and that reduced spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife, if you claim at age 67, will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement instead of 50%.

FYI, you can further delay your own SS retirement benefit, up to age 70, for a higher benefit yourself, but that would also mean your wife would need to wait longer to get her spousal boost. You could also wait to claim your SS until your wife reaches age 67, her FRA, which would give you a higher personal amount and also ensure your wife gets her maximum spousal boost (but her total will still be less than 50% of yours because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at 62). When to claim Social Security depends on financial need and life expectancy. If a long life expectancy is anticipated, waiting longer to claim is often the best move. But financial need always trumps waiting longer.

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# 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.

## Keep Homestead to present Santa history

MONSON— Ever wondered how Santa came to America? Plan to visit the Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, when Lorraine German presents her program “How Santa Claus Came to Town” on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m.

German is the owner of Mad River Antiques in North Granby, CT and she will share information about New Amsterdam’s St. Nicholas, the marketing strategy used by members of the New York Historical Society, and finally the jolly old elf we grew up with. She will also bring Santa related antiques.

Visitors are welcome to tour the museum from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to view new Christmas button displays courtesy of the Monson Button Club and to enjoy light refreshments. Visit the gift shop where handmade note cards featuring buttons are for sale.

Join outside for hot roasted chestnuts compliments of Replanting Monson Tree Committee and students from the Tantasqua Chestnut Club.



### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

On Dec. 4, in 1533, the three-year-old who would become Ivan the Terrible was proclaimed Grand Prince of Moscow after the death of his father, Grand Prince Vasily III, with his mother ruling in Ivan’s name until her death five years later.

On Dec. 5, in 1484, Pope Innocent VIII condemned witchcraft, subsequently dispatching inquisitors to try witches and persecuted a chief exponent of Renaissance Platonism, Giovanni Pico della Mirandola.

On Dec. 6, in 1921, Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, and others signed the Anglo-Irish Treaty, establishing the Irish Free State as an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

On Dec. 7, in 1941, Japanese bombers launched a surprise aerial attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, precipitating the entry of the United States into World War II.

On Dec. 8, in 1980, British musi-



A USS battleship burned after the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

cian John Lennon was fatally shot by Mark David Chapman in New York City, causing a global outpouring of grief.

On Dec. 9, in 1824, under the leadership of Venezuelan Antonio José de Sucre, revolutionary forces defeated the Spanish Royal Army at the Battle of Ayacucho.

Finally, on Dec. 10, in 1768, the first part of the first edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, the oldest continuously published and revised work in the English language, was published and advertised for sale in Edinburgh.

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ner year one year, if the following year will be sparser because they are in recovery mode? I know it happens that way for fruit trees, my Asian pears for example, but not certain if it works the same way with flowering shrubs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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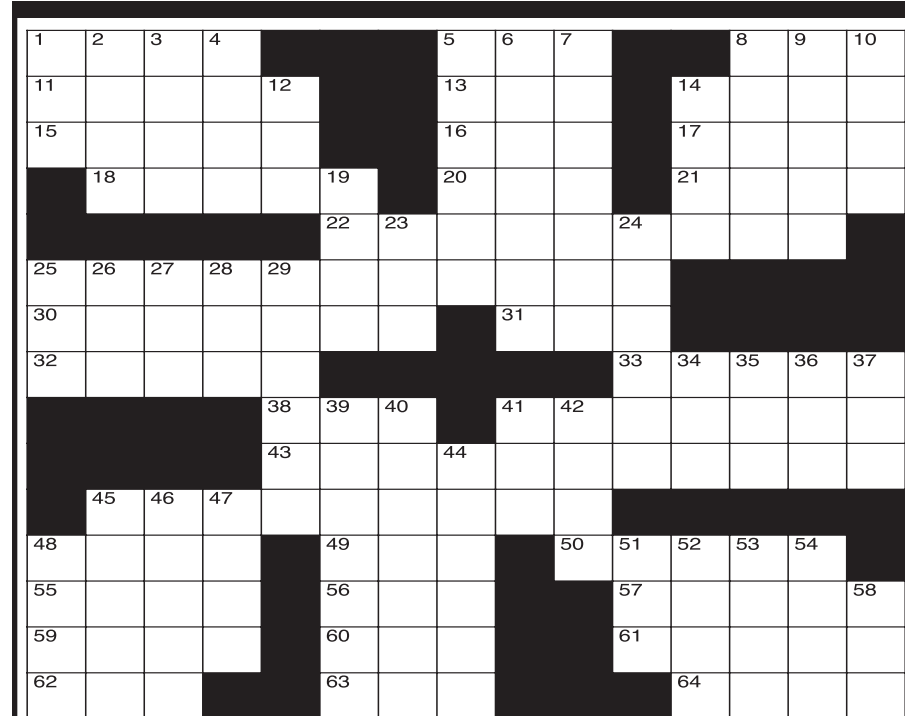
## Chicopee Community Band presents its Annual Christmas Concert

CHICOPEE – Please join the Chicopee Community Band for a night of holiday music on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

The concert will take place at Stanley F. Kozikowski Auditorium at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 617 Montgomery St. in Chicopee. Attendees will enjoy songs that will be familiar to you and some, hopefully, that will be brand new.

This is the community band’s annual gift to the Pioneer Valley. Admission and parking are free, and the school is handicap accessible.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the state agency, Massachusetts Cultural Council.



#### CLUES ACROSS

- Bar bills
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Czech Republic capital
- “Officially known as”
- A French abbot
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Local area network
- Data transmission speed measure
- Embarrass
- When you hope to get there
- This (Spanish)
- Gives up
- Churchgoer
- Current
- Slang for gun
- Small drum
- Vanished union bigwig
- Rocker’s tool of the trade
- Dearth
- 2024 Olympics host (abbr.)
- Excess blood in the vessels
- Afrikaans
- Agreement between provider and customer
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Ancient Syrian city
- Witch
- Celebrations
- Long period of time
- A team’s best pitcher
- Current unit
- One-time aerospace company
- French/Belgian river
- Swedish rock group

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- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Genus of clams
- Remark
- Actor LaBeouf
- Ohio town
- Olympic sport
- Cure
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Shares a boundary with
- Give advice
- Promotional materials
- Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
- “Agatha All Along” actress Kathryn
- Small piece
- King of Camelot
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Small Milky Way constellation
- One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- Equal (prefix)
- Shawl
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- The end
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Yes vote
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- Industrial process
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- Map out
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**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.

## FOR ADULTS

**Annual Giving Tree, November 26 - January 2.** The library is now accepting donations of warm winter clothing items such as hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs, and socks! All donations benefit local charity.

**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.

**The Art of Charcuterie, Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.** Calling all

foodies and party hosts! Do you love to entertain, host holiday parties or fun get-togethers? Come join us for a mouthwatering charcuterie experience with local expert Jill! Learn how to best display meats and cheeses to achieve visually stunning boards just in time for the holiday season! Come for the expert tips, stay for a yummy sample! Register on our website.

**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/reading-challenge](http://massbook.org/reading-challenge).

**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 16, December 30) 3:30-4:30 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 (December 17, January 14) 5:30-6:30 p.m.** No meeting December 31. 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. Tuesday (December 31) 3:30 p.m. until 4:50 p.m.** For ages 14-17. The group has room for 2 more players, and is playing D&D this fall. Please register.

**"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, Friday (December 20) 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Monthly book chat for ages 14-17. For December the group is reading "So, This is Christmas" by Tracy Andreen; copies of the book will be available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

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

**STEM for Kids: The Science of Sound, Monday (December 23) 11:00 a.m.** For ages 8-11. Explore the science of sound by making straw pan flutes and cup phones! Please register.

**Airplanes Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday (December 17) 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** All ages. Celebrate annual Wright Brothers Day with a hunt in the Youth Room for airplanes past and present, and win a prize if you find them all! Drop in.

**Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday (December 11 and January 8) 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 (December 26) 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Note December time change. (January 23) 5:00-5:45 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. December's book is "Queen of the Sea" by Dylan Meconis. Copies will be available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Easy Gifts for Grandparents, Thursday (December 5) 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** All ages. Make a gift for a special relative or friend: a handprint suncatcher, a thumbprint magnet, a snow globe, or an upcycled jar lid ornament—top it off with a homemade gift bag and personalized tag! Drop-in.

**Mass. Children's Book Award Book Group, second Thursday of the month (December 12, January 9) 6:00-6:45 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.

**Sewing Club for YAs: Make Earbud Cases, Thursday (December 12) 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** For ages 9-17. 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.

**Ugly Sweater Scavenger Hunt, Friday (December 6)** Drop in to hunt for ugly sweater pictures (made by kids!) hiding around the Youth Room, win a prize when you find them all!

**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.

**Open Sew Saturday (December 14) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** For tweens, teens, and adults. Extra help for the Sewing Club project or bring your own project, with expert seamstress Janet Foy on hand to provide advice and support. Drop in.

**Milk and Cookies with Santa, Saturday (December 21) 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** All ages. Decorate a cookie, meet Santa, help find the missing reindeer in the Youth Room and make a snowman cup craft and cute ornament.

## 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 and movement. Drop-in.

**Night Before Christmas Program, Tuesday (December 17) 6:30 p.m.** For preschoolers and up. Children wear their pajamas to hear the famous story by Clement Moore, sing carols, drink cocoa, and then have a surprise visit from a special, merry guest! Please register.

**Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.** Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to

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said. "We can drive the van to meet the person where they're at and we can provide them with whatever they need."

Whynott said that in addition to overdose education and referrals to medical and substance abuse treatment, the program also provides supplies to decrease the risk of HIV, hepatitis-C, and overdose.

She said that a decrease to the state's budget led to funding for the program being frozen.

Whynott said that Tapestry has continued to offer its services, and was seeking the use of the opioid abatement funding to offset the cost. She said that the amount of \$19,409 was calculated for four hours a week of staff time, van maintenance, program supplies, and a 16% administrative rate for the agency.

Tapestry has also received \$30,000 from Easthampton, and is expecting to receive funds from other towns as well. The amount requested of each town was determined by which communities were identified by the state as being more impacted by the opioid crisis.

"We have, I think, a special ability as an organization to build trust," Whynott said. "We help a lot of people get into recovery, and we'll also work and support them even if they're not ready."

The board discussed the idea of allocating opioid relief funds to different departments to spend on organizations such as Tapestry that they're working with directly.

Pending a recommendation by the Board of Health, the board elected to approve the \$19,409 to Tapestry Health from the opioid settlement fund.

## Library

The board discussed appropriating building infrastructure funds for the Hubbard Memorial Library sprinkler systems.

"The sprinkler system is out of code, so they need to make repairs," said Town Administrator Marc Strange.

Select Board Member Tony Goncalves recommended that the library contact the Fire Chief and make sure the rest of the building is up to code.

The library had asked for \$6,356. Member James Gennette recommended raising the amount, and Goncalves asked that a representative come back to the board if the expenses exceed \$7,000.

The board voted unanimously to appropriate up to \$7,000 for the library's sprinkler system.

## Pole

Desiree Dodge, an engineer from Eversource, approached the board to petition for a pole on Rood Street to service a new house.

"It will be directly across from the existing pole on that side of the street," Dodge said. "I think the location is also staked out there, for any of the abutters."

The board voted unanimously to approve the pole at 82 Rood St.

## Other business

The board voted to approve charging off medical expenses and lost wages for an injury sustained by a police officer as a result of an incident on Nov. 8, as well as expenses and wages for an injury sustained by a firefighter or paramedic from an incident on Nov. 13.

The board also signed liquor licenses for KB & Sons Venture, CMD Café, and USAVE food store, as well as a Licensing Authority Certification for Keshavah Corporation.

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Kevin McAvoy (right) led the High School Chorus through a performance of classic Christmas carols.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão



Santa and Mrs. Claus took pictures with local kids in the front entrance of Town Hall.



The Dayton family took a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday.

# Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



Justin Enriquez and Emelia, age 5 enjoyed coffees as they left the event.



Ryan Howe of American Legion and Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo helped to coordinate the donation drive and tree-lighting ceremony.



Grace Stebbins and Santa Claus got a picture together at the ceremony.



Maria Crespo of the Rotary Club thanked the town departments and local organizations that made the ceremony possible.

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# 'Tis the Season for Giving Back! A Local Charitable Giving Guide

## Indian Orchard Citizen's Council

### Toy Drive

Now through December 9th

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard

Mon - Fri 10 -2

Or mail checks to

IOCC

PO Box 51593

Indian Orchard, MA 01151

## The Local Table-n-Tap Restaurant

2039 Boston Road, Wilbraham

(In front of Big Y)

### Dine-In to Benefit the Community Survival Center

Monday, December 9th 5-8pm

We will be donating 20% of food sales to support the Community Survival Center

### Collecting Food & Personal Care Items

To Benefit the Community Survival Center donations can be dropped off at The Local throughout the holiday season.

#### Food Items:

- Peanut Butter
- Corned Beef Hash
- Breakfast Cereal
- Chunky Soups
- Canned Stews
- Canned Ham
- Canned Tuna
- Spam
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Pasta Sauce

#### Personal Care Items:

- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toilet Tissue
- Deodorant
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent

## Route 20 Bar & Grille

2341 Boston Rd, Wilbraham

(The Wilbraham Shops)

### Annual Stuff the Truck Event!

Saturday, Dec 14th 11:30am - 5:00 pm

Collecting NEW warm winter coats, hats, gloves, etc

And NEW unwrapped toys for kids ages 5-15.

Donate and receive a FREE pasta dinner!

(Donations can be dropped off anytime up until Dec. 14)

## Spartan Auto Care Center

2714 Boston Road, Wilbraham

### 12th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in their waiting room now through mid- December.

Toys will be distributed to local charities and local families.

## Luso Federal Credit Union

Two Locations:

599 East Street, Ludlow

1 Crane Park Drive, Wilbraham

### Annual Holiday Coloring Contest

For students in grades Pre-K through 8. If you would like a chance for your child to win one of our prize-filled holiday gift bags, please have them complete the coloring sheet for their grade level (Pre-K to 8th Grade). Then return the coloring sheet entry to the credit union by Saturday, December 14, 2024. One winner from each of the different grade levels will be selected on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Coloring sheets may be picked up at our branch locations or downloaded from our website. Students may drop off their coloring entry to a LUSO staff member on your school banking day or bring the entry to either branch location.

### Holiday Toy Drive

Collecting new, unwrapped toy donations for children in need within our community. Drop off your toys at either of our branch locations by Saturday, December 14th. In the spirit of the season, for each toy donated, you will receive an entry to win a gift card wreath valued at \$150.

## HasBeen Collectible Toys & Comics

2378 Boston Road, Wilbraham

### One Day Holiday Toy Drive!

Sunday December 8th from noon to 4pm

Hosted by Rik Alvarez (owner of HasBeen and former Creative Manager of the Transformers/GI Joe Brands) and local comic book YouTube channel, Lunch Money Comics. Attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to local children in need. Receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. Purchase an item with a value of \$10 or more at HasBeen to be donated and receive 2 raffle tickets. Several raffles will be held throughout the day with some fabulous prizes ranging from toys, art and comics! Lunch Money Comics t-shirts will be available for purchase with all proceeds going towards charity. Refreshments and holiday treats will also be available. Join us for a day of holiday fun and giving!

## Pioneer Valley Financial Group

535 East Street, Ludlow

### Ludlow Teachers Supply Drive

We have partnered with the Ludlow VFW to collect classroom supplies to help teachers in the second half of the school year.

Drop off supplies now through January 3rd.

PV Financial Group

535 East St, Ludlow

Ludlow Veterans Center

487 Holyoke St, Ludlow

#### Classroom supplies:

- Colored copy paper
- Colored & white card stock
- Sharpies
- Expo Markers
- Index cards
- Pre-sharpened
- Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 pocket folders
- Gift cards to
- Amazon or Staples

#### Cleaning supplies:

- Cleaning/disinfectant wipes
- Alcohol wipes
- Baby wipes
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid soap
- Microfiber cloths

### PV Financial Annual First Responders Appreciation Dinner

Inviting all law enforcement officers and first responders, current and retired veterans to attend a fun night of dinner, games, and prizes.

January 9, 2025 at the Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St, Ludlow.

## Richard R. Green Insurance Agency, Inc.

2 locations:

32 Somers Road, Hampden

128 Main Street, Monson

### 20th Annual Collection for Children and Veterans.

Collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit the "I Found Light Foundation". Also collecting gifts for veterans, a project we are working on with the Hampden Senior Center. For our veterans project we need individually wrapped snacks, cookies, crackers, granola bars, hard candy & chocolates, mini hand sanitizers, hot chocolate packets, and word search /puzzle type books.

### Cash Donations for the Monson Senior Center

We are collecting cash donations to benefit the Monson Senior Center. We will match up to the first \$1,000 in donations!

Collecting gifts for all three through December 15th.

Please call 566-0028 or 267-3495 for more information.

## La Cucina di Hampden House

1 Allen Street, Hampden

### 13th Annual Toy Drive!

Tuesday, December 10th, 3- 8 pm

Receive 50% Off your entrée

With your donation of a new, unwrapped toy!

### Food Drive in Partnership with Girl Scout Troop 65374

Excepting donations of non-perishable food items

Now through Dec. 7th





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## Leary leads Lions to Turkey Day win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like during the past couple of years, the members of Ludlow football team enjoyed their turkey dinners after defeating Palmer on Thanksgiving morning.

Following a scoreless first half, the Panthers took a 6-0 lead at the beginning of the second half.

The Lions responded with two touchdown receptions from senior Ashton Leary leading to a 12-6 victory on a damp day at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Thursday morning.

The 77<sup>th</sup> meeting between the two archrivals took place on Ludlow High School's turf field, which opened in October.

"Being able to win my final high school football game with these guys is very special," said Leary, who has been a member of the Lions football team since he was a freshman. "We lost to Palmer when I was a freshman, but we've now won the last three games against them. We look forward to playing them on Thanksgiving morning every year."

Ludlow, who finished the 2024 campaign with a 4-7 overall record, now has a 43-31-3 overall lead in the series against Palmer, which began in 1947. The Lions have won 11 of the past 13 meetings since Palmer won four in a row between 2008-2011.

"You always want to send your seniors off with a victory. We've been able to do that



Kyle Rodrigues goes after the football.

during the past couple of years," said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. "It's a very special game for them."

The Panthers, who ended their season with a four game losing streak, finished with a 5-6 overall record.

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

"Winning their last high school football game is something that these seniors will al-

ways remember," Saloio added. "It's a very special game for them."

The Panthers, who ended their season with a four game losing streak, finished with a 5-6 overall record.

"The weather isn't very good, but I thought both teams played very well in today's game," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "This is also a very nice new complex, and my shoes aren't covered in mud."

The last time that the Panthers defeated the Lions on Thanksgiving morning was a 34-0 victory at historic Legion

Field in Palmer in 2021.

The seniors listed on this year's Panthers football roster are Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera Alicea.

"I can't thank our three seniors enough and I'm sad to see them leave," Marciniac said. "I'm really hopefully that we can continue to build with the returning juniors next year."

The winner of the prestigious Leonard J. Bailey Award, which is given to a Palmer player, had always been announced at halftime of Thanksgiving Day game. Rivera received this



Josh Marino nearly tackles the quarterback.

year's award at halftime against archrival Ware at Legion Field in Palmer on November 2.

Despite another setback against the Lions, it was a memorable game for Palmer junior Dylan Doherty, who rushed for a total of 128 yards on 21 carries. He became the first Panthers player to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a season since Tyler Placanico accomplished the feat five years ago.

"Dylan deserves a ton of credit because he played today's game with a broken bone in his

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## All-Star soccer action

SPRINGFIELD – Last Monday night on the turf of Pope Francis High School, high school soccer held all-star games. Class C and D played in one match while A and B clashed in

another.

Lucas Alvan and Thomas Wadas were among the all-stars, representing Ludlow High School in the match.



Thomas Wadas watches his pass head up the field.



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Lucas Alvan socks a free kick away.

## Hall of Fame hosting pair of college matchups

SPRINGFIELD – The MGM Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, presented by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, takes place on "World Basketball Day," Saturday, Dec. 21, at the MassMutual Center and will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

"We are proud to work with local stakeholders to bring local businesses in as sponsors of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Nasmith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Thank you to MGM Springfield and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for supporting the Hall of Fame Classic and helping us fulfill our mission of celebrating and promoting basketball's history and bringing four great teams to the 'Birthplace of Basketball.'"

"This iconic event in the birthplace of basketball is a hoop dream realized for many of the sports' up and coming

stars," said Louis Theros, MGM Springfield President and COO. "MGM Springfield is incredibly proud to support and celebrate the Classic, honoring basketball's rich legacy, inspiring future generations, bringing visitors to downtown, and shining a light on the City of Firsts."

"The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is a slam dunk for Massachusetts tourism," said Kate Fox, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. "By celebrating World Basketball Day in the sport's birthplace, we're inviting visitors from across the country to experience the excitement of the game and explore our state's diverse offerings."

Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Classic are on sale now via massmutualcenter.com and the MassMutual Center Box Office. For more information, please visit hoopball.com. Group ticket pricing and hospitality opportunities are also available.



# T-Birds climb back above .500 with win over Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-9-1-0) got off to a quick start en route to a 3-2 win over the Providence Bruins (8-10-2-0) on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion on a day when the two teams sported throwback jerseys. Springfield donned the Indians jerseys circa 1979, while the Bruins wore their late 1990s gold “Pooh Bear” logo jerseys.

The T-Birds jumped ahead on the scoreboard for a sixth consecutive game, this time just 3:51 into the contest. Scott Harrington settled a puck at the right point and fired it toward the net mouth with two teammates setting up screens. Aleksanteri Kaskimäki showed terrific hand-eye coordination, successfully spiking it down to the ice between the legs of Bruins goalie Michael DiPietro, giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead. Harrington picked up his first point as a T-Bird, and Dalibor Dvorsky earned the secondary assist to extend his point streak to five games.

Colten Ellis drew the net for a second consecutive start, looking to extend a five-game streak without a regulation loss, making nine stops in the opening period. The Bruins’ first and only

power play of the period, though, got the game evened when Patrick Brown cleaned up his own rebound following a splendid Ellis save at 13:49, evening the slate, 1-1.



Springfield failed to connect on its first power play, but the T-Birds took advantage with 1:56 of man-up time to begin the second. Samuel Johannesson got the play started from the right point, whipping a pass in the left circle to Marcus Sylvegard. The winger uncorked a shot that DiPietro deflected but could not cover. The rebound sat in the blue paint, where Matt Luff swooped in to backhand the puck across the goal line to give the T-Birds

the 2-1 lead just 38 seconds into the middle period.

The Bruins attack could not get anything going in the T-Birds end, registering just four shots on Ellis for the duration of the second. Springfield’s offense remained opportunistic and extended the lead at 13:04 when Dylan Peterson flipped a puck toward the net, allowing Reece Newkirk to slip it into the blue paint and Drew Callin to bury the loose change to make it a 3-1 score.

Providence did not go down easily as defenseman Mason Millman connected for his first goal as a Bruin with a slap shot just 1:36 into the final period to make it a 3-2 game. The Bruins had the bulk of the offensive chances in the final period, but Ellis and the Springfield defense did enough to prevent the home side from finding an equalizer. Ellis, who is now 5-0-1 in his last six starts, had 25 saves in the victory.

The T-Birds, who now sit above the .500 plateau for the first time since they won their season opener, rest up before welcoming the Bridgeport Islanders on Friday night at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

# Volleyball Hall mourns loss

HOLYOKE — The International Volleyball Hall of Fame announced the passing of Board of Directors member Charlie Diener on Oct. 29. He was a dedicated and long-time member of the IVHF Board of Directors. Charlie’s passion for volleyball and his unwavering commitment to the Hall of Fame were exemplified through his leadership as past Chair of the Events Committee and his many years of service to our mission. “Charlie’s legacy will live on in every event that we host, in every inductee that we honor, and in the many lives that he influenced while on the IVHF Board,” said IVHF President Steve Bishop. “Back in 2017 we honored Charlie (and Rick Barry) with the inaugural IVHF President’s Award for their longtime service. They set the standard for future recipients of this award.” “Charlie’s contributions went far beyond the planning and execution of events,” said George Mulry, IVHF Executive Director. “He brought energy, creativity, and a collaborative spirit that inspired those around him. His tireless work and genuine love for the sport have left an indelible mark on our organization, and his efforts have played a significant role in shaping the IVHF’s legacy.”



The Lions offense huddles up before a play.

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left wrist,” Marciniec said. “He’s a very tough kid and he does a lot for our football team. I’m looking forward to having him return next year.”

Doherty, who’s a third-year member of the Panthers football team, suffered the injury during the non-playoff home game against South Hadley. He sat out another non-playoff home game versus Chicopee the following week. Doherty gave his thoughts about reaching the elite milestone.

“I really wanted to reach this milestone before the start of the season,” he said. “It’s something that I’ll always remember, but we really wanted to win today’s game.”

With the help of four interceptions by the Panthers defense, last Thursday’s contest was still scoreless at halftime.

On the game’s opening possession, sophomore Taydem Haley intercepted a tipped pass at the Panthers 45 yard line.

At the end of the first quarter, Alicea deflected another pass thrown by Ludlow junior QB Mason Morace and it was picked off by sophomore Dylan Holbrook.

With 3:07 remaining in the second quarter, Haley intercepted another deflected pass ending the Lions ten play drive, which lasted more than eight

minutes.

The Panthers final interception of the first half was by Doherty.

On the final play of the opening half, Rodriguez stripped the ball away from Palmer junior QB Matt Santos and Gendreau recovered the fumble.

All three touchdowns were scored during the third quarter.

A 15-yard TD run up the middle by Doherty on the opening series of the third quarter capped off a six play scoring drive for the visitors. A pass attempt on the two-point conversion play was incomplete in the end zone.

Less than four minutes later, Ludlow junior QB Mason Morace rolled out to his right before throwing a short pass to Leary, who rumbled into the endzone completing the 24-yard touchdown.

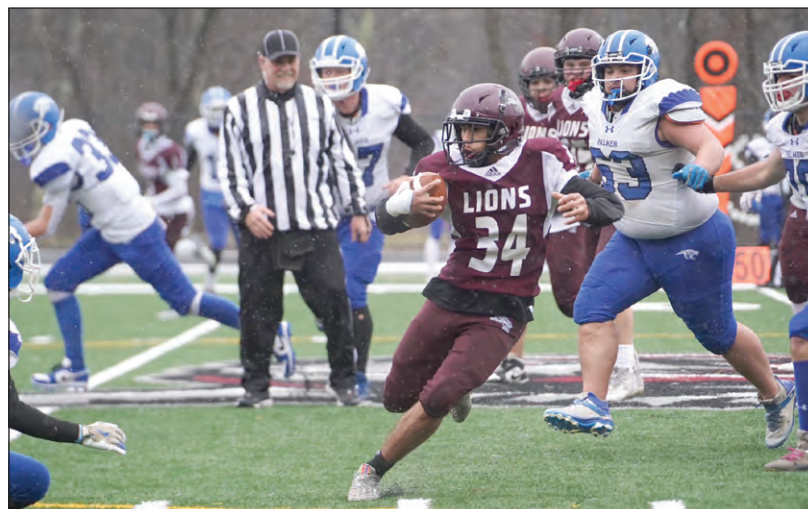
Junior Jared Perry tackled Grimm on the conversion play before he reached the endzone making the score 6-6.

With 18 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Leary caught a 37-yard TD pass from Morace giving the home team the lead for the first time.

“Mason threw a couple of nice passes to me in the third quarter,” Leary said. “Davian Rodriguez also made an outstanding block which helped me score my second touchdown. It’s very difficult catching the ball in the rain.”

The Panthers entered the fourth quarter trailing, 12-6, following an incomplete pass on the conversion play.

Both teams exchanged turnovers during the final twelve minutes, but the Lions managed to hold onto the lead and celebrated another victory in the rivalry series.



Ludlow scored a win over Palmer on Thanksgiving morning.



Ashton Leary attempts to squeeze through a seam.



Mason Morace looks to pass.

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# OBITUARIES

## Ana Alves, 94

LUDLOW - Ana Alves, 94, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Padornelos, Portugal, she immigrated to the United States in 1966 and worked for many years at Unifirst Uniform Services. Ana was a devoted communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish and her many passions included gardening, crocheting, spending time with family and friends, and visiting Portugal with her husband. Ana was the beloved wife of the late Jose J. Alves, who predeceased her in 2006; a loving mother to Virginia Pires and late husband Anibal, Antonio Alves, Maria



Fernanda Alves, Armin-da Santos and husband Manuel, and the late Jose Alves, Jr., a devoted grandmother to Antonio Pires and wife Christine, Ana Maria Pires-Serisser and husband Faycal, Linda Line and husband Nicholas, Shana Hogg and husband Seth, and the late Derek Santos; and also leaves several cherished great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; many loving extended family members, and dear friends. Visiting hours for Ana will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 8:30-10:15 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.

## Helen Margaret (Connelly) Frink, 79

Helen Margaret (Connelly) Frink, 79, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Nov. 28, 2024. Born in Winthrop, Mass., on April 14, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Laurence Patrick Connelly and Josephine Marie (Fahy) Connelly. Helen lived her life taking care of everyone, including the love of her life, Leroy Wendell Frink, 84, of Ludlow, Massachusetts. Helen and Leroy celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11, 2024. Helen grew up in East Boston, eventually moved to Dorchester, and graduated from St. Patrick's High School in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1963. Her passion for taking care of people led her to Baystate Medical Center, where she worked as a CNA for 22 years. Helen always had a special place in her heart for animals. She and Leroy met many friends while camping and, upon retiring, spent their summers at the Salisbury Beach State Reservation as host campers. If you were camping at Salisbury Beach, you would likely pass their camper and hear the Red Sox game playing or Peaches screaming, or Sasha barking. Helen is predeceased by her in-laws, Wendell H. Frink and Margaret Anna (Forgette) Frink; her two sisters, Marie (Connelly) Siraco and Adrienne (Connelly) Petrillo; her brother-in-law, Robert Thomas; her nephew, Arthur Siraco, with whom she shared a birthday; and many beloved relatives, including Uncle Jr. Dona Forgette, Emedio Maloni, Daniel Carrier, Daniel O'Sullivan, and Maniu (Stec) Siwicki. Helen is survived by the love of her life, Leroy Frink; her two sons, Mark (Cher-



yl) of Ludlow and Scott (Sarah) of Easthampton; her grandson, Alan, his wife, Tara, and her great-grandchildren, Aedan, Rylan, and Maura; and of course, Sasha, her shadow for the last 11 years. She will also be deeply missed by her best friend and youngest sister, Anna (Connelly) Thomas; her oldest surviving aunt, Viola Forgette; her two brothers-in-law, Dominic Siraco (Marie) and Alphonse Petrillo (Adrienne); and many nieces and nephews. Helen's last few months were a struggle, during which she sheltered her family from the true pain she was experiencing. In the days leading up to her passing, her niece and guardian angel, Christine Siraco, came to be with her and cared for her during her final days. The family would like to thank Beacon Hospice for their compassion and care for Helen in her final days. They also extend their gratitude to Frances Pirela, from Comfort Care VNA, for the outstanding care she provided prior to Helen's transition to hospice. Funeral services for Helen will be held on Thursday Dec. 5, 2024 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is Thursday morning from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Juan Curet, following the service her burial will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Helen's name to Tunnel to Towers (T2T.org) or the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center of Springfield. For further information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

## Walter S. Czepiel, 89



LUDLOW - Walter "Wally" Czepiel, 89, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully in the loving presence of his family on Nov. 14, 2024. Wally was born in Chicopee, MA to the late Walter J. Czepiel and Alice (Marek) Czepiel. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War era from 1954-1958. He loved to recount stories of sailing around the world aboard the WWII aircraft carrier Intrepid, which is now a National Historic Landmark and museum anchored in New York Harbor. Wally spent the majority of his career as a machinist and a carpenter. He shared his strong work ethic and values with his family. He spent nearly ten years designing and building a 15-foot wooden sailboat which he enjoyed sailing in local lakes and in Cape Cod Bay, where he had taken his family on vacations every summer for over three decades. After retirement, Wally took a part-time job delivering flowers in the Springfield area. He felt great satisfaction in bringing joy to others and never hesitat-



ed to help a neighbor or complete stranger, no matter how small or great the ask. Wally had a twinkle in his eye and loved to laugh and make other people laugh. Walter cherished his family above all else. He was a devoted husband of 46 years to his late spouse Theodora Czepiel; a loving father to his daughters Teresa Czepiel and husband Ryan Devine and Lisa Page and husband Kristofer; and a wonderful grandfather to Luke, Toby, and Lily Page. He leaves his sister Diane Bickford of Maine, sister-in-law Hedy Tenczar and husband Andrew Tenczar of Ludlow and sister-in-law Mary Popko of Indian Orchard. Walter was predeceased by his parents, his beloved grandmother Agnes Kszelles, his sisters Emily Czepiel and Barbara Czepiel, brother-in-law Julian Popko, and nephew Steven Lustofin. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. Burial will be private and a celebration of life will be held at a later date to be determined.

## Antonio Silva Juliano

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Antonio Silva Juliano, a cherished husband, father, grandfather and friend. Antonio left us on Nov. 30, surrounded by the love and warmth of his family. Born in Padornelos, Portugal, son of Sebastiao Goncalves Juliano and Maria Aparecida da Silva, he immigrated to the United States in 1966, after service in the Portuguese Air Force. He retired as a laborer from Palmer Paving where his work ethic stood out as above and beyond. He was a member of the Laborers Local 596, the Gremio Lusitano and a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Ludlow. Antonio loved gardening, bocce, playing cards, beach vacations in Maine and watching soccer, especially his granddaughter. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. Those who knew him will remember him for his stories and infectious laughter. He was a devoted husband of 57 years to Cacilda Garcia Juliano, who was his best friend and the love of his life. He leaves behind



his loving children, Antonio Luis Juliano and daughter-in-law Tina, Victor Juliano, Rosemary Mazza and son-in-law David and his beloved granddaughter Catarina. He also leaves behind his brothers Manuel Juliano and his wife Nela, Fernando Juliano and his wife Diane; his sisters Ana Esteves and her late husband Jose, Maria da Cruz and her husband Joao. He also leaves behind aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends who loved him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the profound impact he had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be deeply missed by all. Funeral services for Antonio will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is Friday morning from 8:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. For further information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

## DEATH NOTICES

**Ana Alves**  
Died Nov. 28, 2024  
Services  
Dec. 4, 2024  
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**Walter S. Czepiel**  
Died Nov. 14, 2024  
Services are private

**Helen Margaret (Connelly) Frink**  
Died Nov. 28, 2024  
Services  
Dec. 5, 2024  
Ludlow Funeral Home

**Antonio Silva Juliano**  
Died Nov. 30, 2024  
Services  
Dec. 6, 2024  
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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).

**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>.

**FROZEN POLISH FOOD Sales:** Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cheese, Blueberry) Golabki and Kapusta will be on sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and The Rosary Sodality is selling Lottery Calendars for the month of December for \$20 each which make good Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers after Mass or contact Jean Duperre at 413-592-1965 or Julie Chmura at 413-543-4750. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the sale will be from 8 a.m. to noon and The Youth of the Parish are sponsoring a Basket/Silent Auction.

## ONGOING

**FOOD DRIVE BI-MONTHLY** On the first Saturday of each even month (December, February, April, June, August, October) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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.

**Lunch Bunch, Friday (December 13) at 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday (December 18) at 11 a.m.** For ages 15-36 months. A fun introduction to healthy new foods, including sensory exploration and a storybook. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**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 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.

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



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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  
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Wednesday, Dec. 4, - Daily Mass - 8:15 a.m. (C), Adoration 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. (C) Prayer Group- 9:30 a.m., Holy Mother Choir - 5:15p.m. (C), Scouts - 6:30 p.m. (JR)  
Thursday, Dec. 5, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C) Knights of Columbus-6 p.m. (JR)  
Friday, Dec. 6, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m.(C) First Friday Mass-8:30 a.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 7, - Adoration 2 - 3:30 pm (C) Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Scout Wreath Sale - 4- 5 p.m. - Prayer & Share Group 6:30 pm (JR)  
Sunday Dec. 8, - 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), Confirmation Class 8 a.m. (ZR), Faith Formation, (FLBH/All Rooms) 10:15 a.m. Senior Christmas Party 12:30 p.m. (FLBH), Scout Wreath Sale after all Masses (C), Sisters of Strength 3:30 p.m. (ER), Lifeteen Youth Group - 6:00 p.m. (ZR)  
Monday Dec. 9, - Immaculate Conception Mass - 8:30 a.m. (C), Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C - 1 p.m. Faith Formation - 6 p.m.(JR/ZR), Immaculate Conception Mass - 7 p.m. (C)  
Tuesday, Dec. 10, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 p.m.(ER), Monthly Spaghetti Supper 4:30 p.m.(FLBH)- Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m.(ZR)

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Tuesday and Friday Masses - 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 p.m. (English)  
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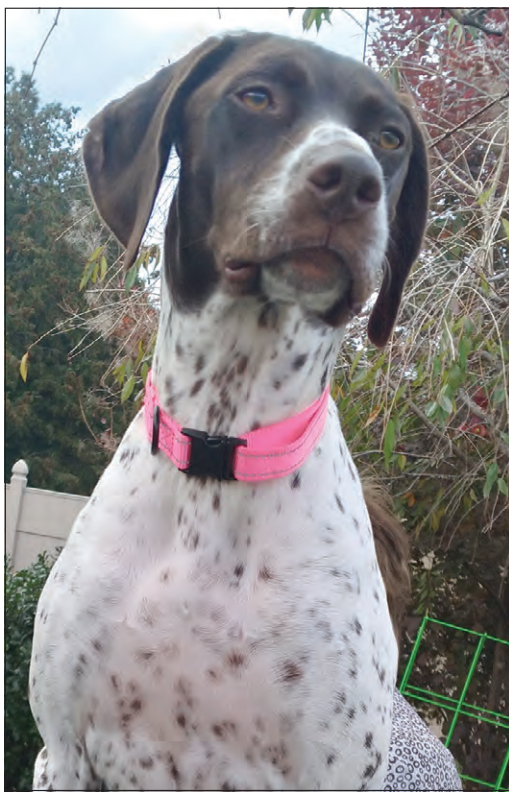
## READERS!

Send in your pet picture for our "Pet of the Month" and receive a free weekend get-away or spa package for your pet courtesy of Porter Road Pet Care. Email your photos to: [jwalker@turley.com](mailto:jwalker@turley.com). Please include your name and your pet's name.



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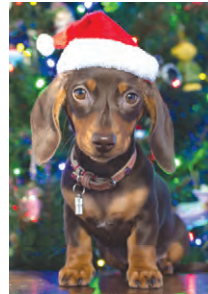
This sheet is the ultimate one-page guide to all things about YOUR pet! So, the next time you go out of town, just fill out this sheet to communicate ALL your pet's essential information with your sitter. That way, they feel right at home — even when you're away.

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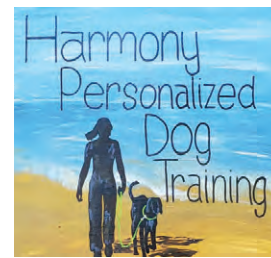
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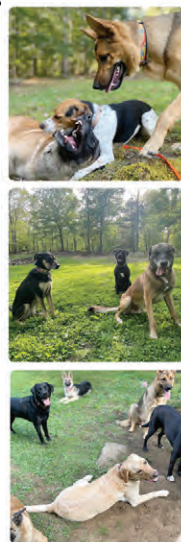
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# Santa Claus Breakfast



The 250th Committee thanked the Brigham Lodge Masons for volunteering for this year's Breakfast with Santa.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão



Sam and Brian brought Jojo and Holly to take pictures with Santa Claus and enjoy a pancake breakfast at Harris Brook Elementary School.



Santa Claus took a picture surrounded by his helpers, (from left) Julia Liszka, Brooklyn Rosas, and Chloe Liszka.

## SANTA BREAKFAST from Page 1

Tickets were sold through collaboration with PlayNow, as well as the Brigham Lodge Masons for volunteering at the event. The 250th Committee issued a statement thanking the lodge, as well as Wor. Eric Baj and the 28th District CHIPS Team for their work supporting the event as well.

To close out its year, the 250th Celebration Committee will be holding a Last Night on Feb. 22, 2025. The event is expected to have a bonfire, crafters, face-painting, a historical presentation, live music, train rides, and to end with fireworks.



Sandy Stanek and Brian Bylicki sold copies of *The Town of Ludlow Celebrates 250 Years*, the newest history book of the town.



Savanah, age 9, Charlotte, age 8, Isabelle, age 6, and Emmett, age 4, took a picture with Santa and their parents, Sylvia and Jose.



Lauren Zrakas and Sue Corjay sold raffle tickets from a table in the hallway.



Savanah, age 9, Charlotte, age 8, Isabelle, age 6, and Emmett, age 4 sat on Santa's lap for a picture





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If for any reason this

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Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman  
11/27, 12/04/2024

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Ryan Leveille of **519 Moore Street Ludlow, MA**

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Raymond Phoenix  
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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday,**

**December 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** on the revocation of the site plan for the property located at **4-8 White Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15B, Parcel 39).** Existing site plan is on file in the Planning Department.

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Raymond Phoenix  
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**Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 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 per-

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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  
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