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First Church hosts West Mass Brass concert through Cultural Council

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LUDLOW – This weekend, the First Church held its annual tree-lighting event, and a free concert by the West Mass Brass Band, provided through the Cultural Council.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the church invited the West Mass Brass Band to perform renditions of favorite Christmas songs. Following the concert, the church provided light refreshments and a procession to the front of the building to sing a few carols and light the Christmas Tree.

Karen Robison said that she was contacted by Ken McCance, the head of the band, who had been given a grant through the Cultural Council to perform at one of the local churches this weekend.

“We had already planned to do our tree-lighting that day, so it would lead right into it,” Robison said.

Advertising was primarily



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West Mass Brass Band performed at the First Church of Ludlow this Saturday.

Selectmen rescind vote on Opioid Settlement Funds

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LUDLOW – At the Dec. 3 Select Board meeting, the board voted to appoint a resident to the Safety Committee and rescind a previous vote on Opioid Settlement Funds.

Opioid funds

Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge returned to the matter of a request for \$19,409 to Tapestry Health for services offered to the region.

“Last meeting we voted to approve a requested amount from the Opioid Settlement Fund to Tapestry Health,” said DeBarge. “Upon some further information by one of our board members that was brought to our attention, there are some that wish to reconsider that vote.”

Select Board Member Tony Goncalves said that he is “a big fan” of what the town will hopefully be able to do with the settlement money.

“However, I really want to see it go to organizations that are dedicated to that purpose, solely,” Goncalves said. “I think in Tapestry’s case, there are a lot of other things going on within the organization, and we

can’t really be assured that that money will be used where we want it to go.”

Manuel Silva asked if the board had received any recommendation from the Board of Health, and was informed it had not. Select Board Member James Gennette said that he agreed with Goncalves’s concerns.

“Tapestry Health is huge, across many towns and communities,” Gennette said. “I would really like to make sure that these opioid funds that were given to Ludlow stay, specifically, in Ludlow. I know Tapestry does some things in Ludlow, but they operate on a grander scheme.”

The board then voted unanimously to rescind its previous motion allocating money to Tapestry Health.

Safety Committee

The Select Board received correspondence from Sharon Martins, requesting to be appointed to a vacancy on the Safety Committee. Town Administrator Marc Strange raised concerns about the makeup of the committee.

“The Safety Committee is

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Way Finders holds mapping activity to determine resident priorities



Submitted photos

Councilor Zaida Govan (center) held up a map of the neighborhood for residents to see and make suggestions.

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INDIAN ORCHARD – The City of Springfield is seeking feedback from residents of the neighborhood to guide its Neighborhood Investment Plan.

The city has hired Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to create a Neighborhood Investment Plan for 12 neigh-

borhoods most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This project is being funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, with plans already having been completed in seven neighborhoods; Mason Square, Maple High, Six Corners, just finished Metro Center, North End, and South End.

Beatrice Dewberry, the Community Building and Engagement Director at Way Finders, said that the next

phase of the project will include lower Liberty Heights, Forest Park, and Indian Orchard.

On Nov. 23, approximately 30 residents sat down with Dewberry at the Citizens Council to make suggestions on how the neighborhood could be improved.

“We sat down and looked at a map of the neighborhood,

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LUDLOW

Police Department to participate in 'Drive Sober Get Pulled Over' Campaign This Holiday Season

LUDLOW – Chief Daniel Valadas is pleased to share that Ludlow Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind drivers to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this holiday season.

NHTSA and local law enforcement agencies are launching a high-visibility impaired driving awareness campaign that runs from Dec. 11 through Jan. 1, 2025, and want all drivers to remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. In support of law enforcement's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, drivers will see officers working together during the holiday season to take drunk drivers off the roads.

This initiative is part of the Winter Impaired Driving Campaign, which is active throughout December. Ludlow Police will have extra patrols throughout the month to detect and apprehend

drivers and operators who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The additional patrols are funded through a portion of a \$20,000 Municipal Road Safety Grant through the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research. The grant was awarded to Ludlow Police to staff extra patrols for six national traffic safety campaigns throughout the year, with December being the first of these campaigns.

Alcohol-impaired driving is deadly and continues to be a factor in fatal traffic crashes in the United States, especially during the holidays. During the 2018-2022 December months, there were 4,759 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. In December 2022 alone, 1,062 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes.

Unfortunately, males and young people are at greatest risk for injury or fatality: In December 2022, drunk male drivers were involved in fatal crashes

at a much higher rate (22 percent) compared to female drivers (16 percent), and young drivers ages 21-34 accounted for the highest percentage (25 percent) of alcohol-impaired drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes.

Drivers should remain safe during the holidays by planning ahead if they intend to drink. They shouldn't wait until after drinking to plan how to get somewhere, as being under the influence of alcohol or other substances can cloud a person's judgment.

Individuals should secure a designated sober driver or call a taxi or ride-share service to ensure they get home safely. Those who are designated drivers should refrain from consuming alcohol or other substances.

Community members should also look out for their friends and family by ensuring they have a sober ride home, and by not letting them get behind the wheel while impaired. Residents and

community members are reminded to contact Ludlow Central Dispatch if they observe an impaired driver on the road.

Over the past 10 years, Ludlow Police has seen an increase in impaired driving, including a 100 percent increase in driving under the influence of drugs and a 50 percent increase in drunk driving.

"Drunk driving is illegal and deadly and no one should get behind the wheel if impaired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs," said Chief Valadas. "We want our community to have a fun-filled holiday season, but also want residents to be responsible, use sensible judgment, and remain safe, and that means refraining from drinking and using impairing substances before or while driving. Make the right choice for a safe and sober ride home."

For more information on impaired driving, visit NHTSA.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.



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Nomination papers 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 Commission (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 nomination papers must be signed by at least ten registered voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides.

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

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

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

Heritage "Pops" Orchestra holds Christmas Party, Dinner, and Dance Dec. 13

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.

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. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

Public Hearing with the Board of Health to be held Dec. 17

LUDLOW – The Board of Health will be having a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall in hearing room #1.

This public hearing will be in regards to updating the Board of Health tobacco regulations. These draft regulations have been posted to our website, and sent to all to-

bacco retail establishments.

There will be a public comment session open during the public hearing. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in speaking to be heard by the Board.

For more information, call Town Hall at 413-583-5600, and ask for the Board of Health's extension, 1271.

Annual Holiday Concert in the High School Auditorium

LUDLOW – The High School Band and Chorus will present their annual holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Come and enjoy some of your favorite holiday melodies while supporting the high school's music program. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, you can visit the school's Facebook page or contact Kevin McAvoy by sending an email to K_McAvoy@LudlowPS.org



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Mystic Willow offers new approach to healing and self-care

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LUDLOW — A new shop has popped up on East Street to specialize in holistic practices such as reiki, yoga, and various workshops and classes for self-care.

Mystic Willow is a metaphysical shop and wellness center in town. According to the business owner, Jonencia Wood, the store specializes in reiki and yoga, and sells new age products such as candles, healing crystals, and other items to focus on self-care and well-being.

“The yoga services we provide are somatic and restorative,” Wood said. “We don’t do fast-paced yoga. It’s really about creating a community of spiritual, mental, and physical wellness, and then we provide resources and tools to facilitate that lifestyle for folks.”

Wood said that she was inspired to open the store after losing her sister-in-law to cancer.

“It made us reevaluate how we were

living our own lives, from a spirit perspective but also holistic, really thinking about how we’re treating our bodies,” Wood said. “What we decided on was that we needed a space that allowed us to really expand and explore and address some of the needs that we couldn’t find a resource for.”

Wood said that she didn’t realize she would be specializing in reiki and holistic healing; though she had been a practitioner of yoga for over 20 years, she had kept it to herself and focused on the physical aspects.

“Now we have a spiritual practice into shamanism and occult-style metaphysical practice,” Wood said. “That basically means that we consider the elements, consider how astrology impacts us, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing, how we shift with moon phases, and different energy forces.”

Wood talked about exploring reiki energy to learn about how people can heal in unconventional or non-traditional ways, and to support traditional path-

ways.

“Thinking about reconnecting with yourself and feeling from the inside out, addressing past hurt and past traumas,” Wood said. “Those meta practices may extend to sacred healing circles that allow you to really connect with a community of like-minded folks, and connect with yourself more than anything else.”

While exploring non-traditional forms of healing, Wood said that it is no replacement for medicine, and works with the customers to complement their medical and healing needs.

“One of the things we do is we ask if they are on a more western medicine approach to cancer and care and if they’re working with mental health therapists,” Wood said. “We would compliment whatever those services are. If a person says their therapist says they should engage with somatic practices, we would perform things only their bodies can respond to, if that’s part of their approved treatment plan from their physician.”

“A lot of folks come to us because

counselors have referred them,” Wood said. “All of that is done through the client themselves, not with a partnership with a particular institute or a referral.”

Wood said the reception for her store has been tremendously warm, and that people continue to find the store.

“People often say ‘I don’t know why I’m here or how I found you,’ but ultimately engage in some kind of healing modality or take advantage of one of our workshops,” Wood said.

The store currently offers a free Divination Club. Wood encouraged people to bring divining tools to practice with like-minded people.

“By the time they leave, they have a little bit of a resource for learning about this other way of approaching wellness and healing,” Wood said.

To learn more about this new store in town, you can visit their website at MysticWillow.co. Be sure to check out their Workshops, Classes, and Services page.

Legislators push for swift resolution in Baystate Health and WellPoint, Inc. contract negotiations

SPRINGFIELD — In a letter sent to Baystate Health and WellPoint, Inc., members of the Western Mass Delegation of the Massachusetts Legislature have called for swift action for both sides to resolve their ongoing contract negotiations, emphasizing the potential harm to Western Mass residents who rely on uninterrupted access to healthcare services.

Wellpoint Insurance said it has been unable to renegotiate a contract with the

region’s largest healthcare provider. Its current contract outlining reimbursement rates with Baystate expires at the end of the year. Baystate Health is poised to stop accepting its members as patients after December 31st.

In the letter, the delegation underscored the importance of protecting patients and families from disruptions in coverage that could arise if an agreement is not reached promptly. The legislators expressed concern that unresolved nego-

tiations would force many residents to navigate the healthcare system without access to in-network services. This burden could be particularly devastating for those managing chronic illnesses or complex medical conditions.

One of the Legislators urging Baystate and Wellpoint to come to an agreement is Senator Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), who says constituents have been reaching out with concerns over the uncertainty surrounding their healthcare coverage.

“This is more than a contractual disagreement—it’s a public health crisis in the making,” said Senator Oliveira. “Western Massachusetts residents should never have to choose between financial stability and accessing the care they need. We strongly urge both parties to work collaboratively and resolve this issue with the urgency it demands.”

Massachusetts is a national leader in healthcare access and quality, and we must do everything in our power to uphold this standard,” the letter stated. “The potential for thousands of families to lose in-network access to essential services is simply unacceptable. Our priority must be to protect the well-being of patients and families who depend on these critical services.

The legislators acknowledged the

complexity of contract negotiations, which often involve significant financial and operational considerations. However, they emphasized that these challenges cannot overshadow the immediate and long-term consequences for patients if a resolution is delayed. The letter urged both Baystate Health and WellPoint to act with urgency and empathy to find common ground that prioritizes the needs of the community.

The legislators offered their assistance in facilitating discussions or providing additional support to expedite a resolution. They warned of the ripple effects that prolonged disruptions could have, not only on individual patients but also on the broader healthcare system, local economies, and public trust in healthcare institutions.

Senator Oliveira emphasized that the stakes are particularly high for families in Western Massachusetts, who often face unique challenges such as limited healthcare options in rural areas.

“Massachusetts has built its reputation as a leader in healthcare through innovation and collaboration,” Oliveira added. “I am confident that Baystate Health and WellPoint can find a resolution that ensures the continued well-being of the people who trust them with their care.”



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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-

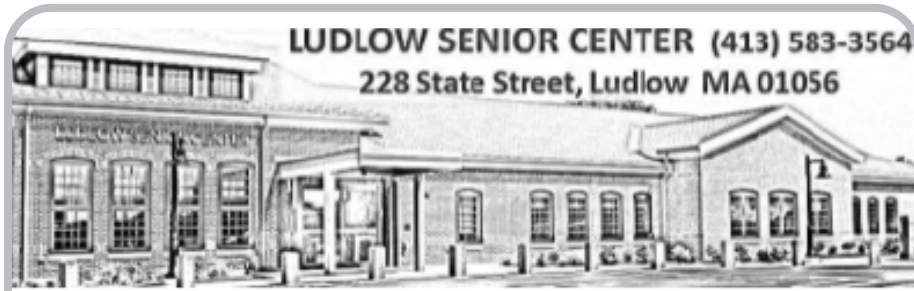
tion to the extent of the law. Donations from this program are used to help purchase the necessary supplies and equipment for the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

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.

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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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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. 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

Friday, Dec. 13

Center Closed

Monday, Dec. 16

8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*

9:00 a.m. Knitting

9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour

1 p.m. Scrabble

1 p.m. Better Together*

1:15 p.m. Pitch

10 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class*

2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Dec. 17

9 a.m. Quilting

9 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Cribbage

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga

1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*

1 p.m. Western Dance Class

1:30 p.m. Cooking with Jodi*

1:30 p.m. Bingo

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class

5 p.m. Movie: A Christmas Story

(1983)

Wednesday, Dec. 18

9 a.m. Ceramics

9 a.m. Zumba Gold

10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*

1 p.m. Movie: A Christmas Story

(1983)

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

1:30 p.m. TED Talk

4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 19

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 Painting Class*

10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*

10:30 a.m. Potato Pancakes

1 p.m. Mahjong

2 p.m. Book Club: The Sun Sets on Singapore

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:

Thursday, Dec. 12: Birthday Lunch, Chicken Marsala/Scalloped Pot/Vegetable

Friday, Dec. 13: CENTER CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 16: Sweet & Sour Chicken/Rice/Asian Veggies

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Sausage Grinder/Onions & Peppers/French Fries

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Lunch & Learn! Beef Stew/Biscuit

Thursday, Dec. 19: Shrimp Scampi/Linguini/Peas

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.



SMOOCH, OLIVER AND JUDGEMENT

These are Patricia's grand-bunnies, (from left) Smooch, Oliver and Judgement.

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.



First Responders Dinner to be held

LUDLOW—Pioneer Valley Financial Group & Ludlow Veterans of Foreign Affairs' hosts its 7th Annual First Responders Appreciation Dinner. The event will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gremio Lusitano Club in Ludlow.

The event is held as a way of recognizing the dedication of our local first responders. It's a night of food, fun, games and prizes. Annual chief games will be hosted; a friendly competition between departments, toys for all the children attending and raffle prizes!

This event is for local first responders and their families who live or work in Ludlow, Wilbraham & Hampden, including Police, Fire, EMTs, Hampden Country Sheriff's Dept, State Police, Emergency Dispatchers and all departments' retirees.

There is no registration or charge to attend this event.

If you have any questions, feel free to connect with our Community Outreach Manager, Katherine Ferri, at 413-589-1500.

Wilbraham Community Chorus 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, Forst 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.

Frozen Polish food sale Dec. 14

INDIAN ORCHARD—There will be a frozen Polish food sale of pierogi (cabbage, potato & cheese, sweet cheese, blueberry) golumbki and kapusta on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Immaculate Conception Church Hall on 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard. All are welcome.

There will also be a silent auction

and Christmas basket raffle by youth of the parish. The Rosary Sodality is selling lottery calendars after Mass for month of December at \$20 which make good Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers

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Live tabletop Christmas trees become year-round houseplants

Norfolk Island pines are nearly as popular as poinsettias this time of year, gracing chain store and supermarket shelves just after the Thanksgiving holiday, or perhaps soon after Halloween, these days!

Not sure exactly what they look like? Think mini Christmas tree.

These cute conifers come table top ready, predecorated with tiny little ornaments and a festive foil sleeve. Most stand less than a foot tall, yet the amount of holiday cheer they bring to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas tree is immeasurable.

Unlike cut Christmas trees, potted Norfolk Island Pines need not be discarded once the holidays have passed. Simply take their decorations off and they become an easy to maintain houseplant.

Although they look as if they would be hardy to our area, they are not, so don't plan on giving them a spot outdoors come springtime, or you'll lose them with the first hard frost of fall. Norfolk Island, from which the plant hails, is situated in the southern Pacific Ocean, northeast of Sydney, Australia – a much warmer climate indeed!

The only locations within the United States that the Norfolk Island pine is hardy are Hawaii, and parts of Florida and California. Southern Florida is home to many commercial growers of the plant.

It is interesting to note that the Norfolk Island pine isn't a true pine at all. Rather it is an evergreen plant with needle-like leaves.

Side branches rise from the main stem at wide angles, giving it a symmetrical, triangular outline, especially when young. In the wild, heights can top off around 200 feet, with diameters between 9 and 10 feet. As a houseplant, it is very slow growing.

To keep your Norfolk Island pine looking its best for seasons to come, provide it with good quality light – a few feet from a south or west facing window is ideal. Give it a quarter turn at each watering and you will be rewarded with a nice straight stem.

If window space is out of the question, it will do okay in a well-lit room as well, providing the lights are on for most of the day. Temperatures should range between 60-70 degrees during the day; slightly cooler at night.

It is important that the Norfolk Island pine be kept from temps below 50 degrees for any length of time or injury may occur. Therefore, be sure it is in a bag or protective sleeve when you bring it home from the store in chilly winter weather.

Keep its soil moist but not soaking wet.

Sometimes lower limbs may brown and then drop. Age, as well as erratic watering can cause this problem. Repot and check watering practices.

Fertilize in the spring, once active growth resumes.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. Its needle like leaves and fragrant foliage make it a wonderful candidate for use as a table top Christmas tree!

One of the more common questions when people toured Old Sturbridge Village's greenhouse in the off-season, was "How do you manage to overwinter your rosemaries? They are some of the biggest I've ever seen!"

In a controlled setting such as a green-

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By Ellenor Downer

Pied-bill grebe



A Brimfield resident, who frequently emails about bird sighting saw a pied bill grebe in Warren on Nov. 6.

The pied-bill grebe is about 12 inches long. It is stocky and brown with a short stout bill. During the summer months, the grebe has a black ring around a white bill with a black chin. In winter the bill either shows a faint ring or no ring at all and the chin is light.

This grebe feeds by diving underwater and catching fish, aquatic insects, frogs and crayfish. The pied-bill grebe is one of the earliest migrant grebes to return and often arrives on ponds before the ice is all melted. They summer on lakes and ponds and winter in sheltered saltwater bays.

The female lays six to seven bluish green eggs in a platform nest of decaying vegetation, attached to growing vegetation in shallow water. In territorial skirmishes, males come together and tilt their heads up while calling. Parents may do a distraction display of flapping their wings between dives when their young are in danger. Their white rear feathers may be flashed when

alarmed.

During breeding, calls are a "cow cow cow cow," a loud "keck keck" in alarm and a softer "cuk cuk cuk." The grebe generally remains quiet in winter.

Wild turkeys

I continue to see either one to three Tom turkeys or larger flocks of hens in my travels around Central Massachusetts. Although wild turkeys are now a common site, I never tire of spotting them.

Low flying geese

A few days a low flying flock of geese flew over my yard just above tree top level. They honked as they went. I assume they landed in one of the beaver ponds near my home.

Birds at feeders

I put out shelled peanuts and sunflower mix seeds in the morning in my tray feeders. I have black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white breasted nuthatches, an occasional downy woodpecker, mourning doves and squawking blue jays.

I have not put out suet cakes yet as I want to be sure the black bears are hibernating. Last year, I bought a new suet holder for this winter. I don't want to put it out too early in case a bear shows up and walks off with it. Somewhere in the woods around my home, there must be a large pile of suet feeders taken by bears. If I was lucky enough to find them, I think most would be smashed and unusable.

Common raven

I continue to hear the common raven and sometimes see them flying overhead. They are much larger than the crow and make a low gronking sound.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

Cape Cod weekly wildlife sightings are sponsored by the Bird Watchers General Store in Orleans and Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The following sightings were reported between Nov. 13 and Nov. 19. Cape Cod's second-ever record of a spotted towhee was found at the Provincetown Airport on Nov. 16. A very rare pine grosbeak, two white-winged crossbills and a late prairie warbler were

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Ken McCance (center) conducted the West Mass Brass Band and addressed the crowd between songs..



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Karen Robison leads carolers in singing Christmas songs before the tree-lighting.

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handled by West Mass, who made posters and provided them to the church to put up wherever they could. Robison reported that over 100 people attended Saturday's concert.

"That's a great turnout for this type of event," Robison said. "It was really nice, it has been a great boost in the community."

Robison said that the tree-lighting that same evening went very well, though only a fraction of the people who attended the concert stayed for the caroling and refreshments.

"Maybe 25 people stayed for the tree-lighting," Robison said. "We weren't sure how that would go, if people would stay, because so many people don't like to drive after dark, though it wasn't quite dark."

Robison said that some people who didn't attend the concert still came out for the tree-lighting, describing a family that lives "not too far away" from the church.

"We had some great refreshments, then went outside at about 4:15 p.m. when it was just starting to get dark," Robison said. "We sang a few Christmas carols, then lit the tree and ended it with 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas.' Everybody sang and enjoyed it."



The tree in front of the First Church of Ludlow was lit up this weekend.

Residents who attended the event said they were thrilled, and were quoted as liking the music and enjoying how it got them into the Christmas spirit.

"The church likes to do it, because it's an outreach to the community," Robison said. "It's because of the great work of the Cultural

Council, and we're able to provide the venue for it. It's a win-win for everybody."

The First Church is located at 859 Center St. If you'd like to see a recording of the performance from this Saturday, you can find it at West Mass Brass Band's Facebook page.



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Church members Karen and Dave Robison praised the performers of the Saturday show.



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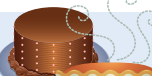
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and identified the neighborhood's resources and attributes, and also things that residents want to see the city invest in to develop further," Dewberry said.

Dewberry said she heard as many as 40 distinct recommendations from the mapping activity, with residents focusing on economic development, transportation, housing, climate and energy, parks and open space, and arts and culture.

"Residents brought up things like more business and economic development along Main Street," Dewberry said. "Indian Orchard has some beautiful and amazing water areas, so people talked about building out access to those waterways in the neighborhood."

Another consideration that Dewberry said residents were concerned about was speed control, and said that there was a discussion about having the city invest in ways to manage this, such as more crosswalks or flashing beacon lights and other forms of infrastructure.

"There were some bigger ticket items, like a Senior Center or Youth Center being developed in the neighborhood," Dewberry said.

Way Finders was hired by PVPC to lead engagement. As Director of Community Building and Engagement, Dewberry said that she specializes in engaging residents, building coalitions, and working around the areas that the residents advocate for, which she said often center around housing and transportation.



Residents gathered around a table and poured over maps of the neighborhood.

"The goal of a mapping activity is allowing residents to think big," Dewberry said. "Over the next 10 years, how do you want to see the city invest in your neighborhood? Rather than have the city decide, this gives that power directly to residents. That's why it's so important to get people to come to these meetings and take part in these surveys."

For residents who did not attend the meeting, there is a survey that coincides with the process that's being finalized based on the input from the mapping activity. Dewberry said that these surveys will be distribut-

ed at the Senior Luncheon being held at the Citizens Council on Dec. 16.

"We're going to be there with a big map for more people to write directly on," Dewberry said. "We're also doing toy giveaway on Dec. 18."

There will also be additional workshop opportunities for residents starting in March. Dewberry said the program is working with the University of Massachusetts Landscaping and Architecture Department to create renderings and models based on the feedback received from residents.

"We've done this in oth-



Families and residents of all ages worked at the mapping event, beneath the mural of the neighborhood that hangs in the Citizens Council building.

er neighborhoods," Dewberry said. "It feels more tangible for people to look at a drawing or scaled model."

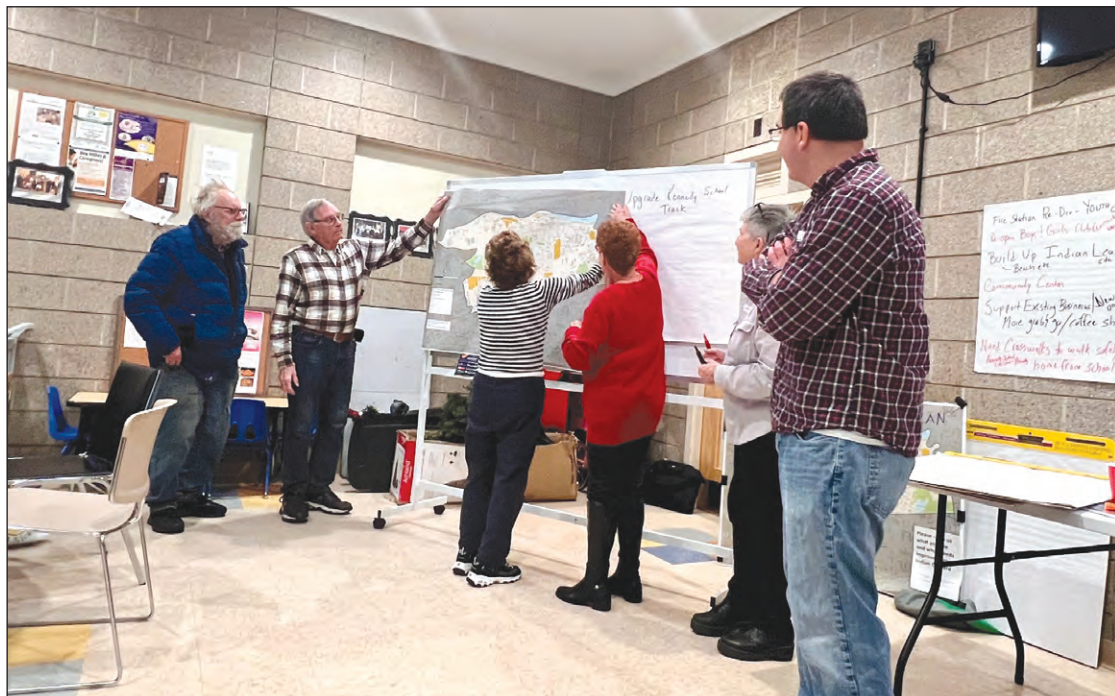
Dewberry said that working with the IOCC has been phenomenal, describing it as "a very active and vibrant neighborhood council that's very supportive of the residents."

"We did some micro-surveys preliminarily at the Food Truck Festival to gauge the community," Dewberry said. "The feedback, even then, was widespread love of Indian Orchard. I think

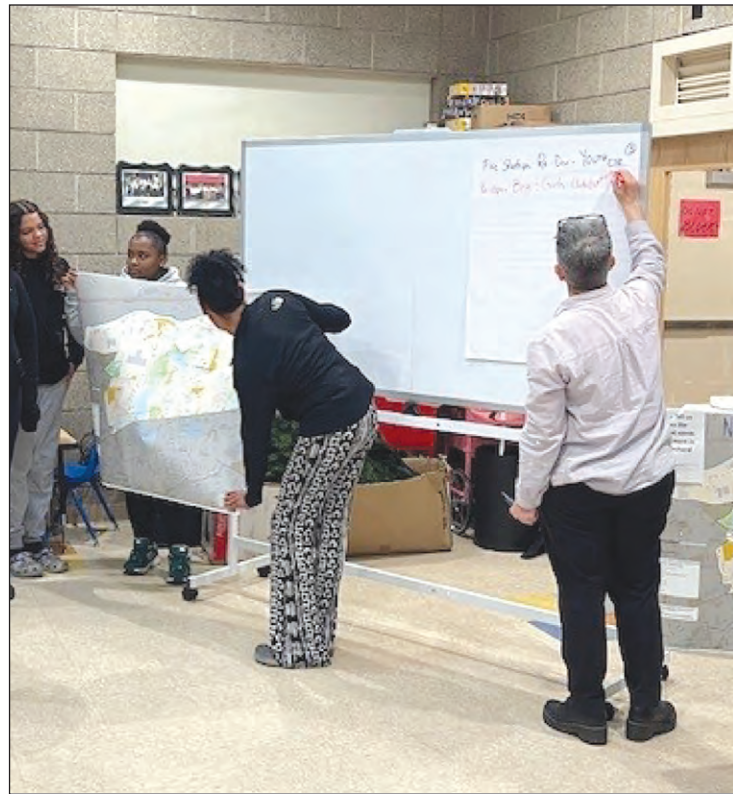
in every survey, someone wrote in 'I love my community, the neighbors are great, I feel safe.'"

"They also commented on the neighborhood's council," Dewberry said. "Working with them has been great, Jackie Farrow is super helpful, and they've helped us to engage residents to be part of the planning team and helped with outreach."

Way Finders also offers training programs to residents across Springfield and Holyoke, such as leadership training and digital equity.



The mapping event was held at the Citizens Council, and brought in residents to make suggestions on improvements they would like to see.



Jackie Farrow helps to unfurl a map for the residents to see.

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a nine-member committee, seven members of which are all town employees," Strange said. "Two of the (positions) are specifically for residents."

Strange said that one resident seat is filled by a town employee from the Police Department, and though he had "nothing but good things to say about" Martins, he wanted the board to be aware that she would be taking the final opening for a town resident.

"If the board fills this final opening with Martins, the entire committee is going to be made up of town employees," Strange said, "whereas the purpose was to have two residents on the committee."

Gennette asked if the bylaw had any guidelines against this, and Strange said that town employees still qualify for the committee if they're residents.

"It's an issue to have every member of the Safety Committee a town employee and not have representation by a cit-

izen not affected by the employ of the town," DeBarge said.

DeBarge said that he was aware of another resident who was interested in the position, but had not received any paperwork. After confirming with Strange that the position was posted, Gennette suggested delaying the appointment a month before making an approval.

Select Board Member Bill Rosenblum compared the appointment to Town Meeting, where town employees can be elected as residents to vote on matters that can involve their own budget.

"I like the idea that anybody volunteers to do anything in town," said Goncalves. "We have such a hard time getting people, in general, that want to step up to the plate in non-compensated positions, especially."

Goncalves said that, since the position was advertised and no one else applied, he saw no problem with making the appointment. The board voted unanimously to appoint Martins to the position.

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Newest co-op prepares for 2024-2025 season



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Joe Toomey makes an off-balance shot.

WEST SPRINGFIELD – After a tough year with numbers, Belchertown and Ludlow hockey made the decision to co-op for the sport in order to sustain participation. Ludlow will be the host school for the co-op program between the two programs, which were also once rivals. Belchertown, once a strong program and Western Mass. contender in recent memory, saw its numbers plummet during the past two years. The new co-op starts the regular season on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Olympia Ice Center at Agawam at 6:30 p.m. They face Minnechaug on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12:30 p.m. The co-ops home games will be played on Ludlow's home ice of Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield.



Charlie Fijal makes a stop with the puck.



Kellen Steigmeyer lines up a shot on goal.



Rolon Anderson makes his way toward the goal.



The Ludlow High School wrestling team works out last Wednesday afternoon.

Tournament opens Lions wrestling season

LUDLOW – This Saturday, Ludlow High School wrestling gets its season off to a big start with the Knight-Hawk Tournament in Holyoke. Wrestlers will enter brackets featuring more than a dozen other schools both in and out of the Western Mass. region. Ludlow's first dual meet of the season is Wednesday, Dec. 18 at SICS at 6 p.m.

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Noah Simard starts to grapple during practice.



Lucas Alvan, a captain, goes for a takedown.



Ella Libiszewski grapples with a teammate.

Ludlow girls look for improved season



Kayliana Moret drives toward the hoop.

LUDLOW – It has been a challenging few years for Ludlow girls basketball, which has made some strides on defense, but has often not been able to provide enough offense to win many games. This year, the Lions hope a year more experienced will help its cause as they get their season underway next week. The Lions open the year with Franklin Tech on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Ellie Garcia swings the ball around.



Abigail Tommey makes a pass during practice last week.

Ludlow 2024-2025 winter varsity schedule

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 16	Home	Hampden Charter	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19	Away	Westfield Tech	7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 23	Home	Mt. Everett	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27	Away	St. Mary's	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 30	Home	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 3	Away	Smith Academy	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 6	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9	Home	Duggan	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Away	Smith Voke	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Pathfinder	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Away	Frontier	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24	Away	Hampden Charter	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Home	Westfield Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31	Away	Mt. Everett	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Home	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7	Away	Duggan	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	Away	Westfield	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Home	Monson	7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 17	Home	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	Away	Frontier	7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 23	Away	Hopkins	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27	Home	McCann Tech	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 6	Away	Smith Voke	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Away	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10	Home	Pioneer	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Home	Granby	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16	Away	Lee	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17	Away	Hampden Charter	6 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	Southwick	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Away	Ware	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30	Home	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Home	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6	Away	Granby	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	Home	Lee	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Away	Southwick	7 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY (co-op with Belchertown)

Thursday, Dec. 12	Away	Agawam	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14	Away	Minnechaug	12:30 p.m.

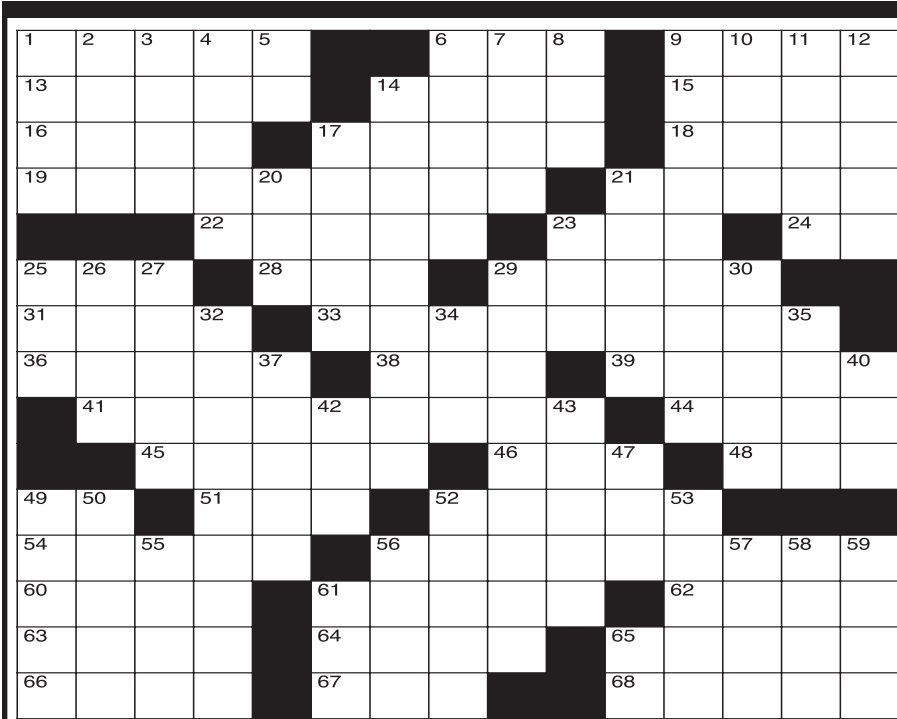
Thursday, Dec. 19	Away	East Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Home	Minnechaug	2:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 23	Home	Westfield	12 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4	Away	Greenfield	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Away	Amherst	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9	Away	Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11	Away	Northbridge	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Away	Westfield	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18	Away	Hopedale	5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	Blackstone Valley Tech	10 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23	Away	West Springfield	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25	Home	Lunenburg	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Home	East Longmeadow	8:40 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30	Home	West Springfield	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	Home	Greenfield	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	Home	Longmeadow	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	Away	Saint Paul	5:15 p.m.

SWIMMING

Friday, Dec. 13	Away	Chicopee Comprehensive	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 16	Away	Agawam	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19	Home	East Longmeadow	5:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 3	Home	Westfield	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10	Away	Amherst	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Home	West Springfield	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17	Away	Northampton	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24	Home	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27	Away	Palmer	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Home	Central	4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 14	Away	Knight-Hawk Tournament	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Away	SICS	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Away	Wayland Tournament	9 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 27	Away	Monument Mountain	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Away	Westfield	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Home	Longmeadow	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Home	Holyoke	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Away	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	Away	Suffield Tournament	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Away	West Springfield	6 p.m.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Thou ___ do it
- 6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 9. Brainstem part
- 13. Town in New York state
- 14. Little (Spanish)
- 15. Continent
- 16. Retch
- 17. Short-billed rails
- 18. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 19. Confused
- 21. A team needs one
- 22. Woman in ancient times
- 23. Republican Party
- 24. Spanish be
- 25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
- 28. Not around
- 29. City in Zambia
- 31. A type of beginning
- 33. Numb
- 36. Gurus
- 38. Small, gray-headed

CLUES DOWN

- 39. Vehicle type
- 41. Disorders
- 44. One point east of southeast
- 45. Indian soldier
- 46. Tree type
- 48. Midway between south and southeast
- 49. It cools your home
- 51. Corn comes on it
- 52. Ship's deck
- 54. A way to bake
- 56. Improvised
- 60. Butterfly genus
- 61. Baseball fields have them
- 62. Designated space
- 63. Discharge
- 64. Two of something
- 65. Once more
- 66. Part of your face
- 67. Tax collector
- 68. Cassia tree

CLUES ACROSS

- 2. Wings
- 3. Overly studious person
- 4. They protect your valuables
- 5. The Volunteer State
- 6. Non-hydraulic cement
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Jackson and Diddley are two
- 9. Splendid displays
- 10. Mountain in NE Greece
- 11. A daughter or your brother or sister
- 12. German surname
- 14. Having more than one husband at a time
- 17. Romanian city
- 20. Energy
- 21. Makes less hot
- 23. Gas diffusion electrode
- 25. Former CIA
- 26. Set an example for others
- 27. Support of a particular person
- 29. One from the Big

CLUES DOWN

- 30. Apple
- 32. Violate the sanctity of something
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Talks
- 37. Persian male given name
- 40. Born of
- 42. Forcibly take one's possessions
- 43. Discounts
- 47. Knockouts
- 49. Posh Colorado destination
- 50. Form of therapy
- 52. British rock band
- 53. Type of virus (abbr.)
- 55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 56. Volcanic crater
- 57. Middle Eastern nation
- 58. Sinn ____, Irish organization
- 59. Ethiopian lake
- 61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
- 65. Equally

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T-Birds stay on track with big OT win

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (12-9-1-0) clawed back from 1-0 down after 40 minutes and emerged with a 2-1 overtime victory over the Rockford IceHogs (8-10-3-0) before a sold-out crowd of 6,793 on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center.

After the two clubs exchanged chances in the opening five minutes, the opening period brought very little in the way of offense against Springfield netminder Vadim Zherenko or Rockford goalie Mitchell Weeks.

The T-Birds were uncharacteristically sloppy in the defensive zone, and a pivotal turnover at 2:59 of the second period resulted in Rockford's opening goal as Cole Guttman picked off a loose puck in the middle of the zone and slipped a five-hole shot through Zherenko to make it 1-0 IceHogs. It marked the first time in eight games that the T-Birds allowed the first goal of a game.

Offense did not come easily for Springfield, as the home team was out-shot 16-6 in the middle period. Zherenko was at his best, making a pair of other breakaway saves on Guttman among his 24 denials through 40 minutes of play.

Zherenko rose up to make a game-changing stop in the opening seconds of the third, as he stretched out with the left leg to stonewall Samuel Savoie on a breakaway bid to keep the score at 1-0.

Less than three minutes later, Tyler Tucker continued his torrid goal-scoring

weekend, flipping a point shot over Weeks on the glove side, bringing about a Teddy Bear storm and equalizing the game, 1-1.

It appeared as if the Thunderbirds had taken the lead just a few moments later when a Michael Buchinger shot bounded high in the air and into the blue paint. Matthew Peca jabbed the loose puck across the goal line, seemingly making it a 2-1 Springfield lead. Despite being called a goal on the ice, the officials gathered and ultimately waved off the tally, and the 1-1 tie carried to the end of regulation.

The T-Birds rewarded their netminder in the extra session at 3:42 with their 19-year-old phenom stepping into the spotlight. After Aleksanteri Kaskima-ki fed the puck through neutral ice to Dalibor Dvorsky, a 2-on-1 developed with Tucker joining the rush. Dvorsky patiently curled the puck to the middle of the ice around a sprawled defender before launching a perfect shot glove-side on Weeks to give Springfield its second overtime win in as many nights.

The rookie's team-leading 10th goal of the season also went down as his first overtime game-winner as a pro. Springfield has now won four straight games and is 8-1-1 in its last ten games, springboarding the team into third place in the Atlantic Division standings.

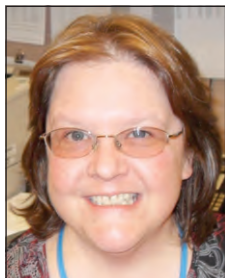
The T-Birds next embark on one of their longest road trips of the season, beginning with a Saturday contest in Wilkes-Barre against the Penguins on Dec. 14 at 6:05 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.



OBITUARIES

Danielle Irene (Danie) Chenaille

Danielle Irene (Danie) Chenaille of Newport TN, formally of Ludlow MA, died on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 at her home with her mother by her side, after a brave battle with cancer.



She was born on Dec. 30, 1963 at Ludlow Hospital to the (late) Robert and Judith (Dumas) Chenaille.

Danie graduated from Ludlow High School in 1981 and went on to work at Mass Mutual and Empower for over 40 years. After spending most of her life in Massachusetts, she fulfilled her dream and moved to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee where she lived for the last 8 years of her life.

She was a lifelong fan of the Boston Bruins. Among her favor-

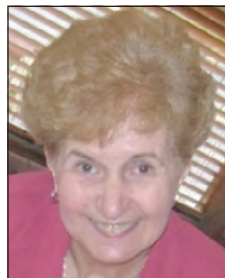
ite memories through her life was when she met Phil Esposito and Bobby Orr when she was 11 and when the team won the Stanley Cup in 2011. She was also a fan of Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson and Travis Tritt.

She is survived by her mother, Judith of Lake Wales, FL. Her sister, Kelli and her husband Tony, also of Lake Wales, FL. And her two nephews, Nicholas Jacuby of Williamsville, NY and Ryan Jacuby of Broad Brook, CT. She also left behind her fur-children Kismet and Kosmo.

Visiting hours for Danie will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home followed by procession to St. Aloysius Cemetery for burial.

Theresa (Durand) Menard

LUDLOW - Theresa (Durand) Menard, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Dec. 4, 2024 at the age of 95. She



was born in Chicopee to Ovila and Edna Durand where she lived most of her life before moving to Ludlow. Terry enjoyed her career as an RN dedicating many years to the field of OBGYN before retiring. She also loved to travel, but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her large family. Terry was the beloved wife of 73 years to Norman J. Menard; a loving mother to Paulette Drobot and husband Joseph, of

Ludlow, Jacquelyn Kowal and husband Thomas, of Belchertown, Susan Szukala and husband John, of North Carolina, and Russell Menard and wife Catherine, of Belchertown; a dear sister to Lorraine Taylor and the late Jeanne Dvorchak; and also leaves 9 cherished grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; many loving extended family members and friends.

At Terry's request, funeral services will be held privately by her family in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Jack Joseph Ziemba

LUDLOW - Jack Joseph Ziemba, 67, passed away on Nov. 28, 2024 at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield



on Nov. 26, 1957 to Patricia (Brice) Ziemba and the late Joseph Ziemba, he was a lifelong Ludlow resident. He was a faithful parishioner at Christ the King Church in Ludlow and a graduate of Ludlow High School. For 42 years, Jack served as a custodian for the Ludlow Public Schools, primarily at Chapin Street School. He was also an enthusiastic volunteer for the Special Olympics, where he supported and mentored athletes on the volleyball and bowling teams. A passionate New England sports fan, Jack loved traveling with family and friends to various sporting events. A highlight of his travels was a memorable trip to Denver in 2007 to watch the Red Sox in the World Series. He also enjoyed attending many Patriots games at Gillette Stadium. Jack's love for travel took him far and wide, from exploring Ireland to visiting Florida to see his aunt and uncle, and many places in between.

Despite facing numerous health challenges, particularly in the past five years, Jack remained resilient and was deeply grateful for the care and support of his dedicated caregivers. Above all, he was a kind, loving soul who brought joy and a smile to everyone who knew him. Jack's greatest treasure was his family, and he cherished every moment spent with them, especially his beloved nieces and nephews. Jack shared a deep and loving bond with his

mother. They were true companions, always there for one another. Together, they could often be found on their front patio, greeting neighbors and passersby with warm smiles and friendly words.

He leaves his mother, Patricia Ziemba of Ludlow; his siblings and their spouses: James and Angie Ziemba of Richland, WA, Joanne Hanks of Hampden, Jean and Jim Joyce of Monson, and John and Sarah Ziemba of Westborough. "Uncle Jack" will be dearly missed by his nieces and nephews: Elisabeth, Nick, Sarah, Ben, Matthew, Brian, Jimmy, Derek, Abby, and Kaitlin and his great-nephew Trenton and great-nieces Amie and Ellie. He also leaves other extended family members and many special friends.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 assembling at the funeral home and proceeding to Christ the King Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed at Island Pond Cemetery, Ludlow.

Memorial contributions in Jack's memory may be made to Toy for Joy, c/o The Republican, 1860 Main St., Springfield MA 01103 (online at give.salvationarmy.org/toyforjoy) or to the Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 2600 Virginia Ave NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20037 (online at support.specialolympics.org). To express online condolences to the family, please visit www.nowakfuneral.com.

Michael S. Obrzut Jr.



LUDLOW - Michael S. Obrzut Jr., 90, of Ludlow, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.



Son of the late Michael S. Obrzut Sr. and Ruth (McIntire) Obrzut he was born in Plymouth, NH on June 6, 1934. A longtime Ludlow resident, Mike was a graduate of Springfield Trade High School. He worked as a toolmaker for 30 years at Tippet Tool and another 25 years for DFF. Mike loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker and climber. One of his favorite spots to hike was Cannon Mountain, home of the "Old Man of the Mountain" in Franconia, NH. He loved bowling, participating in many leagues throughout his life. Mike was a communicant of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow and a member of the League of the Sacred Heart.

Mike is survived by his children Michael A. Obrzut (Alice); Sharon Sepanek (Ron); Sandra Jenkins (Todd) and Laurie Cioch (David) along with his 7 grandchildren Jason, Nichol, Joey, Anna, Matthew, Zach and Jordan and 3 great-grandchildren Isabella, Tyler and Addison. Mike also leaves his step-children Chuck, Danny, Cindy and

Mark Saloio and their families; his lifelong friends Ernie Demby, Don Sowa, Don Mayou, Wilfred (Willie) Minne, Roger Patenaude, Eugene Robataille, Charlie Gravelin and Monsignor Homer Goselin. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Mary "Molly" Obrzut in 2022 and his step-daughter Vivian Colter.

Special thanks to the team from Compassus Hospice and his neighbor Joey Robak for their care and kindness for Mike.

Funeral services for Mike will be Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 54 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish, Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Berkshire Ave, Springfield, MA. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Friday, December 13, 2024 from 4 to 7 p.m. To honor Mike's love of the outdoors Mikes family asks that donations in his memory be made to www.outdoors.org.donate/tribute-gifts. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

DEATH NOTICES

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Died Sept. 23, 2024
Services
Dec. 14, 2024
Ludlow Funeral Home

Theresa (Durand) Menard
Died Dec. 4, 2024
Services are private
Ludlow Funeral Home

Michael S. Obrzut Jr.
Died Dec. 5, 2024
Services
Dec. 14, 2024
Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home

Jack Joseph Ziemba
Died Nov. 28, 2024
Services
Dec. 4, 2024
Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services

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Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Dec. 23-27

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Publication
Dec. 30-Jan. 3

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We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

For more information on business coverage for The Register, please email theregister@turley.com.

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.

MOVIE MATINEE: The Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council 3535 will resume its Saturday matinees on Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall on Hubbard Street. Bring the family and see why George Bailey makes "It's A Wonderful Life" the #1 Christmas movie of all time. Free admission, popcorn and beverages.

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.

BIBLE STUDY – THE CHRISTMAS STORY. A four-week Bible Study begins Monday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to noon, at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All are welcome to join us as we examine this wonderful story. Led by Reverend Darcy Borden. Attend all the sessions or any you can. December 2, 9, 16 and 23. Call or text 413-285-3069 for more information.

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 foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. Donations will be taken out of the car and brought to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need. Save your extra food items to drop off at our next Food Drive on Dec. 7.

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 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 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.

BusinessWest Accepting Nominations for the 2025 Difference Makers Awards

SPRINGFIELD – BusinessWest, the business journal of Western Massachusetts, is now accepting nominations for its 17th annual Difference Makers awards.

In 2009, BusinessWest initiated the Difference Makers program as a celebration of individuals, groups, organizations, and families that are positively impacting the Pioneer Valley and are, as the name suggests, making a difference in this region. As previous nominees have shown, there are many ways to do this: through working within the community on one or many initiatives aimed at improving quality of life; through succeeding in business, public service, or education; through inspiring others to get involved; through making an imaginative effort to help solve societal issues; or a combination of the above.

Nominations for the Difference Makers class of 2025 are due by Monday, Dec. 16, 2024. They can be submitted at BusinessWest.com/difference-makers-nomination-form/

For more information, call Natasha Mercado-Santana, Marketing and Events manager, at 413-781-8600, ext. 100, or email Mercado@BusinessWest.com.

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house, it's really not that difficult. Tender plants can be given as much sun as Mother Nature provides, but with the use of thermostats and vents, temperatures can be kept to a minimum.

We set the thermostat at 55 degree night temperatures, and vents opened when daytime heat reaches seventy. Low temperatures like these won't push the plants into growth when winter day length and daylight can't support it. Because of this the plants are stocky, not lanky.

We watered when the soil is dry to the touch – sometimes this might be as infrequently as twice a week during an overcast stretch, or as often as every day if the sun is out. For home culture, a sunny but cool locale is best.

For me, it's my "mudroom!" One treat that many gardeners don't get to appreciate is the beautiful blue flowers that are borne on the plant in the short days of winter. Legend ties the plant to the Virgin Mary, saying that flowers that were originally white were turned to blue when she spread her cloak on its branches.

Yet another reason that makes it a great choice for a mini Christmas tree!

With any luck, a Norfolk Island pine and Rosemary can go from being great Christmas decorations to wonderful year round houseplants.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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also seen there. A snowy owl was seen in Provincetown. Along Race Point Road a western tanager and two evening grosbeaks were seen.

Birds from Race Point in Provincetown this week included a pacific loon, 400 long-tailed ducks, 1,300 white-winged scoters, 1,500 red-breasted mergansers, 500 sanderlings, 400 dunlin, five Pomarine jaegers, 1,080 razorbills, a common murre, two dovekeys, 85 black-legged kittiwakes, 70 Cory's shearwater, 215 great shearwaters, four sooty shearwaters, two Manx shearwaters, 3,200 northern gannets, two Lapland longspurs and 24 snow buntings.

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

Church DIRECTORY

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

584 West St., Ludlow
413-583-8454
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
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Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time every Sunday(3-10) 11- 12 noon
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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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Wednesday, Dec. 11, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Prayer Group- 9:30 a.m. (JR), Holy Mother Choir – 5:15 p.m. (C), Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (FLBH/JR)
Thursday, Dec. 12, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Friday, Dec. 13, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Saturday, Dec. 14, - K of C Movie - 1 p.m. (FLBH), Confessions - 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (C), Faith Formation - 3:45 p.m. (JR), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m. (C), Sunday Dec. 15,- 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. (FLBH/All Rooms), - Sisters of Strength - 3:30 p.m. (ZR), Youth Ministry/Lifeteen - 6 p.m. (ZR)
Monday Dec. 16, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Faith Formation - 6 p.m. (JR/ZR), Ladies Bible Study – 6:15 p.m. (ER)
Tuesday, Dec. 17, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Friends of St Elizabeth – 10 a.m. (ER) St. Rita Choir - 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 p.m. (JR), - Bereavement Support Group - 6:30 p.m. (ZR), - Pastoral Council – 6:30 p.m. (JR)

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

On Dec. 11, in 1998, the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives recommended three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.



The Casket Letters were brought against Mary, Queen of Scots by a body of English commissioners on Dec. 14, 1642.

Clinton.

On Dec. 12, in 1936, Chinese Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek was seized by one of his own generals, Chang Hsüeh-liang, beginning the Xi'an Incident.

On Dec. 13, in 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted South Island, New Zealand, and mistook it for the west coast of a hypothetical southern continent.

On Dec. 14, in 1568, the Casket Letters, found to be damaging to the career of Mary, Queen of Scots, were produced at Westminster before a body of English commissioners appointed by Queen Elizabeth I.

On Dec. 15, in 1997, Janet Rosenberg Jagan was elected president of Guyana, becoming the first elected female president in South America and the first white president of Guyana.

On Dec. 16, in 1773, in what is known as the Boston Tea Party, American colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians threw 342 chests of tea belonging to the British East India Company into Boston Harbor to protest a tax on tea.

Finally, on Dec. 17, in 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful sustained flights in an airplane.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P2370EA**

**Estate of:
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Also Known As:
Donald K. Fierlit,
Donald Fierlit
Date of Death:
August 18, 2024
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Eleanor M. Maziarz of Ludlow, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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12/11/2024

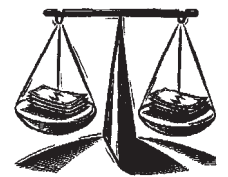
on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA. The hearing has been scheduled for the proposed adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for the taxable year ending 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
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Annual Stuff the Truck Event!

Saturday, Dec 14th 11:30am - 5:00 pm
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Donate and receive a FREE pasta dinner!
(Donations can be dropped off anytime up until Dec. 14)

Hampden Police Association and Hampden Fire Department

3 locations:
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Monson Savings Bank- 15 Somers Rd., Hampden

Toy Drive to support local families and Brightside for Families and Children

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Stuff the Cruiser / Fill the Firetruck Toy Drive Event

December 14th from 1pm - 4 pm
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Santa will be there from 2-3pm!

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12th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign

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Luso Federal Credit Union

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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.

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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.
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Cash Donations for the Monson Senior Center

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