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Each ensemble performed one song each and began with the 6th grade band and ended with the High School Chorus.

## LPS Music Teachers present 'Ludlow Music Days'

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LUDLOW – On the morning of Friday, Mar. 13, the Ludlow High School opened its doors to Harris Brook Elementary School and Baird Middle School students for a special student-for-student music concert, featuring chorus and band ensembles. The month of Mar. LPS is recognized as Music in Our Schools Month and within that time frame features 'Ludlow Music Days' where several school

days are dedicated to exposing the students to what they could achieve when they continue to pursue music. Beginning the music days on Mar. 10 that featured Musician Karen Atherton from Deerfield Academy for a band clinic and Mar. 12 that featured Musician Stefano Marchese from Berklee College of Music for a chorus clinic, the music week concluded with a student-for-student concert in the LHS auditorium that featured three LPS schools. Funded by the Mass Cultural Council for the Creative Arts Experience

Grant, the week was full of music, collaboration, and exposure to the arts! Attending the chorus clinic with Atherton on Thursday morning, The Register met with BMS Chorus Teacher Anita Anderson-Cooper who's been teaching there for nine years, shared what made her want to become a music teacher. "I always knew I wanted to be a musician from the time I was little, I was a piano major and voice major at Westminster College and then Boston University for my masters in opera. Then I went to New York and did

shows and operas the whole time I was there, and then I moved here. After the pandemic, we are kind of rebuilding the program. We haven't had a choir here for three years. Most of these kids are beginners and they're learning how to play and sing. We're learning how to read rhythms, how to read notes, and how to read music," explained Anderson-Cooper. Speaking with Director of Music Kevin McAvoy

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## Hubbard Library 'March'-ed on with shamrock slime

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ond floor was buzzing with excitement since everyone wanted to make their own gooey slime. The workshop began with instructions from Youth Services Librarian Kristin Santos, who explained what each ingredient was on the table in

LUDLOW – In the early afternoon of Saturday, Mar. 7, the Hubbard Memorial Library held a shamrock slime do-it-yourself workshop that had young attendees create their own green slime! With parents and guardians present, the Youth Room on the sec-

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Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Young Adult Volunteer Bella showed off her impressive slime pull for the camera and shared her personal favorite programs at the library.

## School Committee updates superintendent finalists from search committee

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LUDLOW – At the Mar. 10 School Committee meeting, Chairman Jeffrey A. Laing announced the following finalists of the Superin-

tendent Search Committee, with which the search committee recently concluded. Laing commended the work the members did, including meetings and ongoing interview questions with all the candidates, and thanked Members Jeffrey Stratton

and Christopher Manfredi for their roles in the search committee. "Thank you for the candidates you brought forward and can officially announce that we have two candidates that are finalists, one is Ms. Sharon Cournoyer from

Storrs, Connecticut and the other is Mr. Tim McCormick from North Brookfield, Massachusetts. The plan going forward that we discussed as a committee would be that they would come out on Monday Mar. 16, the four of us, two of us each; we will

travel to the candidate districts and speak with their administrative team and students. Then on Thursday, Mar. 19, I would ask if we had our school committee meeting, for our interviews to post at 5:30 p.m., which we dis-

cussed. We are all able to attend. During that day on Mar. 19 is when those candidates would come and tour out schools obviously at different times at different schools,

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## Ludlow Democrats host annual breakfast to elect state convention delegates

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LUDLOW – On Sunday, Mar. 8, the Ludlow Democrats hosted their annual breakfast at the Ludlow Country Club to elect state convention delegates for the 2026 Democratic Convention held on May 30 in Worcester. During the convention, delegates will gather to voice support for the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate and for Democrats across the Commonwealth and the nation, caucusing for Ed Markey for Senate. In Ludlow, Democrats convened in person and elected 10 delegates and four alternates to represent the Town at the convention. The caucus, which was hosted by the Ludlow Democratic Town Committee, had voted after several speakers and speeches. In attendance were Chairman Jeffrey Laing of the School Committee, Ludlow High School students, State Senator Jacob Oliveira, State Representative Aaron



State Representative Aaron Saunders.



State Senator Jacob Oliveira.

Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Saunders, and more representing the Towns of Palmer, Belchertown, South Hadley, Granby, and surrounding areas. Democratic Candidate for Congress Jeromie Whalen, Tara Jacobs of the Governor's Counsel, along with Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, were also there with Democratic Committee members and chairs as well. Laing began with a brief speech, "Thank you to Mia and everyone who is actively in making sure the Dem-

ocratic party has an active platform here in Town, it's much needed. I am an electrical teacher at Chicopee Comp, going on my twentieth year, and how I got on the School Committee was kind of strange. It was right after President Donald Trump won the election, I was laying on the couch and Former President Barack Obama was giving a

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## K of C sells over 200 tickets for corned beef dinner, featuring Sarah the Fiddler

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LUDLOW – Last Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center, the Ludlow Knights

of Columbus Council 3535 held a corned beef dinner, featuring Sarah the Fiddler and a mouthwatering menu for everyone in the family to enjoy. Beginning the night with a take-out option and

then the regular dinner following, the ticket granted everyone corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, coffee, and homemade chunky apple cake with vanilla sauce made by Pat W.



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

For live entertainment, Sarah the Fiddler with Piano Player Joey and Drummer Keith rocked the house with Irish music.

At the dinner, the dinner crowd was overjoyed with Sarah's performance and the music that made guests feel like they stepped into an Irish pub, whilst eating their dinner and sharing the night with their families. Speaking with Grand Knight Christopher Smith who's been with the organization for 10 years and a fourth-degree knight, he shared why it was important to host an Irish American event and described how it was to see the success of the corned beef dinner. While attending a men's conference in Chicopee, Smith recalled meeting Gary Bourbeau, who was recruiting people and asked him to attend a future meeting, "Once I started, then I just kept going. Tonight we are fortunate

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# LUDLOW

## Ludlow Boys and Girls Club's 76th birthday celebration



Submitted photos  
These kids were excited to celebrate the Boys & Girls Club/Community Center 76th birthday!

Participating in fun and engaging activities, kids all the way up to adults were thrilled with all the events put on by the center.

## Pasta for a Purr-pose

Here Today  
Adopted  
Tomorrow's  
"Spay"ghetti  
Supper

PALMER—Here Today Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) invites all animal lovers to our annual "Spay"ghetti Supper fundraiser at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Palmer on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Enjoy a delicious chef-prepared meal while helping the very cats in our community! Whether you're a true party animal or simply want to make a difference, it's a great way to support a good cause with friends and family. Plus, enjoy raffles, prizes, and plenty of fun throughout the evening!

Each year, HTAT sees more cats pawing at its doors for help. As prices

rise, everyone feels the strain—but many people don't realize that rising costs affect pets, too. It's not just veterinary care that has exploded; as food and housing prices rise, many loving pet owners find themselves struggling to keep up. When life becomes overwhelming, cats can be the ones caught in the middle.

That's where HTAT steps in. Events like the "Spay"ghetti Supper make our support possible, helping us provide food, shelter, and care for cats who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

HTAT Executive Director Rachael Max says the event is a chance for the community to come together while making a real difference. "Spay"ghetti Supper is one of our most popular events of the year," said Max. "It's always a fun night, but it also plays an

important role in helping us continue our work with cats who need a little extra care and attention."

The "Spay"ghetti Supper takes place at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Palmer on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and kids under 12, while limited door tickets will be available at \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and kids. To purchase tickets, visit [www.heretodaysanctuary.org](http://www.heretodaysanctuary.org) or call 413-324-8224.

If you are local and need assistance feeding or caring for your pet, HTAT can help. Local cat owners can spay or neuter their cats for \$80 or less, and strays and ferals can be fixed for free! Visit [www.heretodaysanctuary.org](http://www.heretodaysanctuary.org) to learn more about our community assistance programs.

## "Cabaret Jazz" concert to be held at Ludlow Community Center

LUDLOW—Mary Jo Maichack, professional vocalist, and pianist Stephen Page will present an hour's program of songs from the Great American Songbook, "Cabaret Jazz—The Songbook Voice and Piano" for adults (free and open to the public) at Ludlow Community Center on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

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

Ms. Maichack has spent decades as a full-time singer and storyteller. She is known for her beautiful vocals and as a storyteller, attention to the nuances of lyrics.

"I longed to sing these tunes that I grew up hearing and meant so much to my family, as they did to others. To interpret the standards—songs loved by Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Barbara Streisand and their peers—is a moving experience. The composers of the day from Gershwin to Rodgers and Hart were superb, creating sublime music and lyrics. Many of the greats were

immigrants to America, for whom English was a second language, making their accomplishments even more staggering."

Mr. Page of Amherst offers decades of experience as a jazz pianist.

An exciting improviser, he has performed and taught in countless venues, accompanying legendary Sheila Jordan at the Iron Horse, playing with bass player Avery Sharpe and others, and in solo concerts. He teaches piano performance at Amherst College, Deerfield Academy and in his private studio.

## Immaculate Conception Church Polish Food Sale

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INDIAN ORCHARD — On Saturday Mar. 7, the Immaculate Conception Church on 25 Parker St. held their Polish Food Sale that offered a variety of homemade frozen food, fresh and ready to eat. The sale had golabki, kapusta, and pierogi with three flavor options like cabbage potato and cheese, sweet cheese, and blueberries.

Pierogies are boiled dumplings, golabki are Polish-style cabbage rolls stuffed with a variety of fill-

ings, and kapusta is a traditional Polish dish of sauerkraut or cabbage cooked with bacon, onions, mushrooms, and spices. The sale takes place in the church cafeteria, the lower section of the building, and is cash only.

The church has plenty of parking, with big red signs showing exactly where the sale is. Attendees were able to drive up, quickly get out of their car and go into the building, and come out with their food in less than 10 minutes.



The Polish food sale offered a variety of foods ready for you and your family!

The next sale will occur on Mar. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The sale offered cabbage pierogi, kapusta, and golabki.

## Vote-by-mail ballots now available

LUDLOW — All registered voters may vote on March 23, 2026 for the Annual Town Election. Polls are open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1 HARRIS Brook Elementary School, Fuller St.

Precinct 2 PAUL R. Baird Middle School, Rooney Rd.

Precinct 3 LUDLOW High School, Chapin St.

Precinct 4 EAST Street School, East St.

Precinct 5 FIRST Church of Ludlow, Center/Church St.

Precinct 6 PAUL R. Baird Middle School, Rooney Rd.

Voting on Election Day is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at your precinct.

If you are unsure of your precinct, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 Ext. 1.

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## K of C rosary on March 29

LUDLOW—Knights of Columbus Council 3535 of Ludlow and Chicopee Council 18251 will sponsor a 5th Sunday rosary on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Ludlow.

The rosary will be held in the parish center chapel on 438 Winsor St.

All are invited to pray for world peace. Refreshments will be served following the Rosary.

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# MMWEC enters into power purchase agreements for Maine Hydro Power

LUDLOW — Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the Commonwealth's designated not-for-profit joint action agency for municipal utilities, is entering into power purchase agreements (PPAs) for hydropower on behalf of several Member municipal light plants (MLPs).

Fourteen MMWEC Member municipal light plants (MLPs) are participating in the PPAs with an affiliate of Brookfield Renewable North America for Maine-based hydropower. They include the

MLPs located in the communities of Ashburnham, Boylston, Groton, Hull, Ipswich, Marblehead, Mansfield, Paxton, Russell, Shrewsbury, Sterling, Templeton, Wakefield and West Boylston.

The PPA is a five-year agreement, which commenced in February 2026, for firm hydro and the associated Maine Class II renewable energy credits from 16 individual units. The PPA calls for volumes of approximately 40,000 megawatt hours (MWh) in 2026; 102,000 MWh in 2027; 99,000 MWh in 2028;

108,000 MWh in 2029, and 85,000 MWh in 2030.

"This agreement demonstrates the commitment of MMWEC and its Project Participants in proactively decarbonizing their power portfolios in alignment with the Commonwealth's objectives," said MMWEC CEO Tom Barry. "This agreement provides participating MLPs with a reliable source of renewable energy while supporting MLP clean energy goals."

**About MMWEC**  
MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation

and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and authorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. It is the largest provider of asset-owned generation for municipal light departments in New England.

## Scantic Valley YMCA Health Fair to be held on March 24

WILBRAHAM — The Scantic Valley YMCA will be hosting their annual Interactive Health Fair on March 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

Join us for this interactive event focused on healthy eating, weight management, balance, blood pressure screening, chronic disease programming and much more.

Everyone can participate in healthy meal prep options by making and taking a mason jar home.

Must register at the Scantic Valley YMCA, 45 Post Office Park, Wilbra-

ham, MA 01095. Limited to 75 people.

Ages 40 to 100, prizes and free food.

There will be 15 vendors this year, including STCC Dental Hygiene Program, Wilbraham Fire Department, Springfield College Department of Exercise Science Club, Big Y Supermarket, Parkinson's Foundation and Western New England University Pharmacy.

Sponsored by the Ludlow Elks and the YMCA. For more information, contact Dawn Lapierre at dlapierre@springfielddyorg or 413-596-2749 X3107.

## Wilbraham Women's Club Fashion Show set for April 23

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Women's Club is sponsoring a Fashion Show Luncheon on Thursday, April 23, at the St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham.

Clothing from Chico's in the Longmeadow Shops will be featured. The catered luncheon choices are Salmon with dill sauce or Chicken Francaise.

There will also be a raffle for many prizes and gift certificates. Join us at 11:30 for a social time with hors d'oeuvres fol-

lowed by lunch at Noon. The donation is \$42 and is a fundraiser for the club's scholarships and charitable donations to needy organizations in the area.

For reservations, please make checks payable to Wilbraham Women's Club and mail to Sue Agnew, 7 Aspen Dr., Wilbraham 01095. For questions, call Sue at 596-9480.

Be sure to include meal choice in memo of check. Also, include with whom you wish to sit. Thank you for your support.

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### BAND from Page 1

at LHS, the goal of the student-for-student concert was to give students the opportunity to show one another the music made by all three schools and to encourage younger students to continue with music as they move up into BMS and LHS. Meeting Music Department Chair of LPS Meghan Provost, who is currently teaching music for preschool through first grade at East Street Elementary School, showed her support for students and shared she's been teaching in Town for 15 years.

Before the music days, Provost shared what used to be "Music in the Parks" that had elementary students participate and middle schoolers would do the Great East Festival, but now with the music days, this is a budget friendly refresh so every kid can participate. Provost explains, "It's evolved, I applied for the grant, and we received \$2,500 to put this event on, so we evolved it for free transportation for every child. And this year, we hired two clinicians to visit the chorus and bands, and they got so much more. We feel even the directors; they got so much more out of that than just a quick rating and a trophy. It was that one-on-one time you don't get with those festivals. Those clinicians will help



Chorus and band students from Harris Brook Elementary, Baird Middle School, and Ludlow High School were able to watch each other perform.

prepare our LHS band for their MICCA Festival where they do get judged, and it's a very reputable environment. Everyone in Massachusetts, like the bands and choirs do it, so that was beautiful preparation to get ready for that festival.

We're really trying to help with retention and keeping our students in music and seeing where you could be in two years, if you stay on your instrument or choir at LHS, seeing what that looks like. This is a nice way for

us to have students visualize and hear it and appreciate the music," said Provost.

When asked how she would encourage students to join school music programs, Provost shared the following. "Music is a beautiful place to find your community and to figure out who you are. Music directors are such beautiful, inclusive people and they want to share what they love and however you can contribute that, it is welcomed!"

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### On the look out for a nice lawn

I'll be the first to admit that I don't have an especially nice lawn. Looking out the window further proves it.

It is early in the year and all, so the shades of brown I see are pretty common, but there are some lawns that are greening up nicely while mine is definitely not.

My mind always goes to thoughts of green as we approach St. Patrick's Day. I wonder if that's why my Irish dad enjoyed caring for his lawn so much?

One of his spring rituals was to rake it. I remember him out there working his way across the yard a little at a time, making pile after pile of dead grass, leaves and small sticks.

This was the just the first job in a season's worth of work aimed at growing good turf. Chances are that once the ground dries a bit you'll be out there too, clearing the lawn of winter debris and enjoying some long awaited sun on your back.

Find out what else you can do (and I should too) to achieve an attractive greenscape with a minimal commitment.

Don't mow so low, or as often. Mowing at a height of about three inches will encourage a healthy lawn. Why? Taller grass shades out developing weed seedlings.

It also makes large, established weeds more susceptible to mower damage (the more surface area of the weed that is removed, the more weakened it becomes.)

High mowing also fosters deep root growth. Deep roots sustain the lawn during periods of drought.

Keep mower blades sharpened for the cleanest possible cut.

Water efficiently and effectively. If you set up sprinklers each season to water the lawn for you, take some time early in the season to position them so that water isn't wasted on sidewalks or driveways.

Mark the location and set up will be a no-brainer each time.

To grow best, grass requires an inch of moisture each week, more if your soil is sandy. Do the tea cup test to determine how much water your sprinklers emit and at what rate. Simply place a tea cup or other container on the lawn

and turn on the sprinkler, check every five minutes or so until water reaches the inch mark.

Now you can set a timer, or turn off the sprinklers manually knowing your lawn has gotten its weekly drink. Most people know that early morning is the best time to water the lawn. By watering early in the day less moisture is lost to evaporation.

Grass is also less prone to fungal diseases because it has a chance to dry before nightfall.

Know your soil. A friend of mine who knew a lot about turf once told me that if I were to apply one thing to my lawn each season it should be lime. Grass can't grow well, or fight off diseases or bugs for that matter, if it isn't getting the nutrients it needs.

Many nutrients are bound up until the pH is corrected. Get a soil test and specify on the order form that you wish to grow grass, as results for flower or veggie gardening may differ.

Based on the results of your test, recommendations will be made as to the type of lime to use and at what application rate. For more information contact the UMass Extension or [www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest](http://www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest). Here are some interesting grass facts: Did you know that according to a poll (sponsored by Briggs and Stratton) 64% of homeowners wish they had a better lawn? Or that 63 million households own at least one lawn mower?

The Professional Lawn Care Association estimates that a well-maintained lawn can increase the value of a home by up to 20%.

This was probably of little concern to Presidents Washington and Jefferson...they were the first to have lawns as we know them today but they were maintained by sheep!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



## GUEST COLUMN

### Care at home after the hospital

It's usually good news when the doctor says you or a loved one can come home from the hospital. Sometimes, though, it's a mixed blessing.

Hospital discharge sometimes means that further hospital care won't improve someone's health condition, and the hospital is eager to get someone else in that bed. People are discharged faster these days, often with significant lingering health issues that have to be seen to.

In the hospital, there's a staff of nurses, nurse aides, therapists and others to care for you or a loved one. When you get home, though, it's just you and maybe a spouse or other family member. That's why the home health industry is booming.

In 2020 (the most recent data available), approximately 3 million patients received home health care services in the U.S., often following a hospitalization or skilled nursing facility stay. They are being cared for by some 12,000 home health agencies, more than 80 percent of which are for-profit companies.

Home health is something patient advocates know a lot about – and there's a lot to know. Here are some of the things I've learned over my years as an RN and nurse advocate.

#### Prepare in advance if you can

A best-case scenario is that you know you'll need some help when you get home. For every day you spend in a hospital, you lose a month of muscle tone and mobility, so depending on how long you've been hospitalized, you may need considerable help.

Will you need a walker or wheelchair? Shower chair? A first-floor sleeping arrangement? A bedside commode? These are all things that can be planned for if you know they're coming. Very often, hospitals have social workers who help patients navigate after-hospital care. Medicare has a thorough discharge planning guide on its website; search Medicare Publication No. 11376 in your browser.

Other things to think



about are trip hazards like small pets and throw rugs and having some ready-made or frozen meals on hand.

#### Arrange for help in advance, too

A spouse may be standing by, but they may need help themselves. Adult children, friends or neighbors may be able to pitch in. If there's no one you can call on for help – and more than 50 million Americans over 50 are aging on their own – it's time to contact a home health agency. A patient advocate, who is likely familiar with the home health landscape in your area, is a good resource and go-between.

The cardinal rule is: Ask for assistance when you need it to avoid further complications from falls, lack of nourishment or lapses in personal care.

#### Understand what Medicare covers

Home health care spending grew at an annual rate of more than 10% in 2024, and shows no signs of slowing down. A significant chunk of the spending in 2023 – \$148 billion – was by Medicare. But Medicare doesn't cover everything, so you may have out-of-pocket expenses.

Medicare-covered home health services include skilled nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services when ordered by a doctor. Part-time or intermittent home health aide care is covered only if you're also getting those services at home.

Skilled nursing care can include wound care, injections, nutrition services and monitoring unstable health conditions. Medicare also covers durable medical

equipment when prescribed by a doctor, such as beds, walkers, wheelchairs, pumps and oxygen.

Medicare doesn't pay for 24-hour a day care, meal delivery, homemaker services or personal care services that help with bathing, dressing, grooming, etc.

#### Questions to ask a home health agency

There are a zillion questions you could ask, but I think these are among the most important:

How long has this agency been in business and is it licensed to perform home health care?

Can you provide references, or can I speak with previous clients?

Do you accept long-term care insurance, Medicare or Medicaid? If so, do you bill insurance, or do clients pay you and then file for reimbursement?

How do you recruit and select caregivers, and do you perform background checks?

Are your caregivers employees or contractors? Are they bonded?

Can I meet caregiver candidates and select the ones I want?

What should I do if my caregiver doesn't show up as scheduled?

How often is the care plan reviewed?

How do I communicate concerns and questions to you? Research has found that patients who recover at home have better outcomes, which is why the hospital-at-home movement is growing. So if you're going to be recuperating at your place, don't go it alone.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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By mixing the ingredients provided by the library, these patrons were able to make their own shamrock slime!

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different bowls, and shared the slime recipe for anyone who wants to try it at home. From a crafting website, the slime recipe used similar to the one used at the library was Elmer's Glue, warm water, baking soda, and a splash of contact lens solution that contains the secret ingredient...boric acid.

By adding green coloring, glitter, and shamrock confetti, the kids were having a blast seeing the slime come alive and showing off their creations with their friends and family. Upcoming events for the Youth Room are the ongoing Paper Egg Coloring Contest through Mar. 23 for the annual 'Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt', biweekly sewing clinic occurring Thursdays starting Mar. 19, biweekly youth crochet club occurring Tuesdays starting Mar. 24, homemade scratch art on Mar. 31, the young adult volunteer program and much more!

For the Adults Programming, the soil blocking workshop on Saturday, Mar. 28



Youth Services Librarian Kristin Santos helped her kid contain this slime mess!

will help patrons start seeds indoors without plastic trays, materials provided, led by Mass Aggie Seed Library Paulina Borrego. Additionally, the Burial Grounds of Ludlow event will occur Mar. 31, led by Robert Comeau, which will present the ceme-

teries in Town and appeal to anyone interested in genealogy, ancestry, and local history. Please note that this event is sponsored by the Ludlow Cultural Council.

For more information, visit the library website.

# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

Library Hours: Mon 9-5, Tue 9-8, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

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

**FOR ADULTS**

Soil Blocking Workshop, Saturday, March 28, 12:00-1:30 pm. Start seeds indoors without plastic trays! Materials provided for you to make several soil blocks of your own! Led by Paulina Borrego of the Mass Aggie Seed Library. Please register.

Burial Grounds of Ludlow, Tuesday, March 31, 6:30-7:30 pm. Presentation on the cemeteries of Ludlow, given by Robert Comeau. Will appeal to anyone interested in genealogy, ancestry, and local history. Sponsored by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Please register.

Sound Energy Healing Series, One Saturday per month 10:30 am. Enjoy an hour of peace and calm absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program and a blanket. Dates: 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/13. Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series. Please register.

Technology Appointments, Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the Reference Desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

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Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge, Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.mass-book.org/readingchallenge-2>

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 register, though 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! Pick up a copy of this month's 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! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

**FOR YOUTH**

Paper Egg Coloring Contest, through March 23. For youth of all ages. Color an egg to be included in our Eggstravaganza Egg hunt in April! Drop-in.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, March 19, 26, 9:45 - 10:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 year olds, Thursdays, March 19, 26, 10:45 - 11:30 am. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Online Gaming Club for YAs, Thursdays, March 19, 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Please register.

Sewing Clinic, Thursdays (biweekly), starting March 19, 5:30 pm. For middle and high school age. See the items you'll be making on the website! Please register.

Spongebob Scavenger Hunt, Friday, March 20, all day. For youth of all ages.

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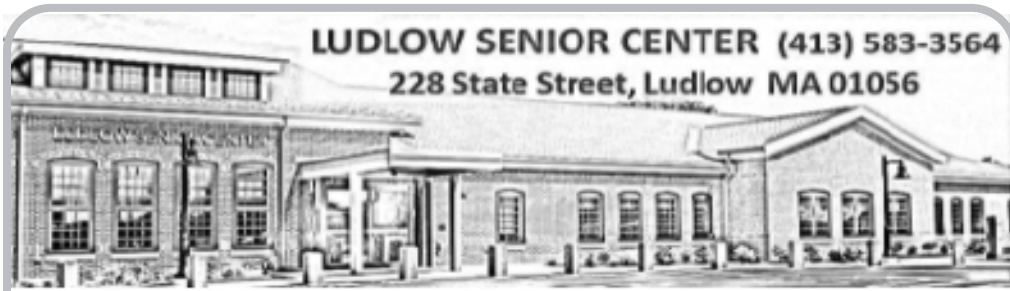
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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Spring is just around the corner! Come gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, call 413-583-3564 a day in advance to reserve your \$2 lunch (Call Friday for Monday lunch).

We have several new events and activities to keep you busy including a trip to the Flower Show, meeting the Animal Control Officer and her dog, Rozee, and a much-deserved celebration. Pick up our monthly Newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered straight to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what a Senior Center has to offer at [ludlow.ma.us/coal/](http://ludlow.ma.us/coal/). For the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow brighter, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company. Please note that if the Ludlow schools are closed or have a delay due to inclement weather, the Center will be closed or have a delayed opening. Be sure to check News 22 or 40 for delays or closings.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, March 19

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
9:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
1 p.m. Art of Cardmaking\*  
2 p.m. Writers Block  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, March 20

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
10 a.m. Ask the Animal Control Officer\*  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support\*  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Monday, March 23

9 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1 p.m. Limitless Legends\*  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class\*  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, March 24

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Ultra Beginner Line Dancing  
1 p.m. Hand Paraffin Wax Treatment\*  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump  
5 p.m. Trivia  
4-6 p.m. Tech Help by Appointment\*  
5 p.m. Movie: People We Meet on Vacation (2025)

#### Wednesday, March 25

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Facials by Appointment\*  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn\*  
1 p.m. Dominos  
1 p.m. Movie: People We Meet on Vacation (2025)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Thursday, March 26

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Book Club: The Indigo Girl/ Natsha Boyd  
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.  
Open Billiards: Monday –Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### Menu:

Thursday, March 19: Cowboy Burger/ Pasta Salad  
Friday, March 20: Baked Cod/Scalloped Pot/Veggie  
Monday, March 23: Chile Cheese Dog/Steak Fries  
Tuesday, March 24: Cobb Salad  
Wednesday, March 25: Cold Cut Grinder/Chips/Pickle  
Thursday, March 26: Open Hot Turkey Sandwich/Mashed Pot/Glazed Carrots

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. all on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## Life Care Center of Wilbraham named a U.S. News & World Report 2026 Best Nursing Home

WILBRAHAM - U.S. News & World Report recently released its list of 2026 Best Nursing Homes, and Life Care Center of Wilbraham, located at 2399 Boston Road, made the list.

How the List was Made  
U.S. News & World Report produces a list of top nursing and rehabilitation providers every year, evaluating close to 15,000 nursing homes in the United States. The consumer organization primarily uses data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with a few other factors, and it rates facilities on Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care. Those that

score as High-Ranking in one or both categories are named Best Nursing Homes.

Life Care Center of Wilbraham is listed as a Best Nursing Home for both Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care.

Life Care's Rankings  
Fifty-nine skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers across the United States run by Life Care Centers of America achieved the Best Nursing Home designation this year.

"Since Life Care was founded in 1976, our mission of providing the best care possible to our residents and patients has been of foremost importance," said Todd

Fletcher, Life Care Centers of America president. "Seeing results like this from a prestigious organization like U.S. News & World Report speaks volumes about the dedication of our associates around the country to that mission, and I am so proud of them."

Life Care Centers of America manages more than 200 skilled nursing, post-acute, Alzheimer's, and senior living campuses in 27 states. For more information about Life Care, visit [lcca.com](http://lcca.com). For more information about Life Care Center of Wilbraham, visit [LifeCare-CenterofWilbraham.com](http://LifeCare-CenterofWilbraham.com).

## Wilbraham United Players presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] [again]"

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham United Players presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] [again]" by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, with new revisions by Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, March 20-22, and March 27-29, 2026 on the stage at Fellowship Hall. Deb Trimble will direct.

The show is an irreverent, hilarious, high-speed

romp where three talented performers weave their way through all 37 of Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave audiences breathless and helpless with laughter. The performers are Craig Duda, Kevin Bechard and Joe Lessard.

With its inclusion of pop culture and audience participation, the production is a clever and painless way to introduce Shakespeare's plays

to new audiences while being Shakespeare-smart enough to delight long-time fans. You will not want to miss this one!

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org/buy-tickets](http://www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org/buy-tickets). The performances will take place on the Stage in Fellowship Hall at Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095

## Cookbook Club meets at the Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Public Library Cookbook Club is meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is "Milk Street: Backroads Italy" by Christopher Kimball.

Please let the library

know what you're bringing when registering so we do not duplicate recipes.

Cooking is encouraged but not required for attendance. Copies of the book are available now at the Service Desk.

The Cookbook Club

meets on the first Wednesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m.

This program is free and open to the public, and registration is required.

For more information or to register, please call the library at 413-596-6141.

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that way current principals and teachers could meet them and get a tour of our buildings.

This is a common practice for superintendent searches. Also with the Central Office, so I'd have to speak with Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano on when the best times to head over there so they can meet the administrative team. We are looking to have the interviews on Thursday, Mar. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ludlow High School Auditorium," explained Laing.

Laing continued stating that the interviews will be roughly an hour long and the School Committee will deliberate afterwards, but discouraged if people would want to attend, please sit in the audience quietly and respectfully. "This is the plan moving forward, we discussed this together as a committee, and that's it!" said Laing.

Manfredi added that admin from East St. Elementary School and Baird Middle School will meet up with the candidates too. For clarification, members from the School Committee visited the superintendent candidates in

their own districts this past Monday. Candidates will visit Ludlow on Thursday, with the interviews following that evening on Mar. 19.

Vice Chair Sarah F. Bowler thanked the Superintendent Search Committee for their time and effort in the entire process.

Laing stated that the Search Committee was very happy with the candidates, Cournoyer and McCormick, from the start, ending stating that he feels positive and strong with them moving forward for the interviews.

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## Last-second basket nets championship for Ludlow 5-6

LUDLOW – In a championship matchup held Mar. 6 at Jabish Brook Middle School, Ludlow 5-6 defeated Belchertown on a buzzer-beater to capture the Suburban League



Michael Hayes goes for a layup.



Ludlow's 5-6 team celebrates its championship win over rival Belchertown.



Luke Afonso attempts a free throw.



Ericole Martins heads down the court.



Issah Mongeau reaches out to grab a rebound.



Anthony Linna sends a pass away.

## Wrestling season nets many championships in region

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION - The high school wrestling season has come to an end, with many individuals and teams in Western and Central Massachusetts bringing home titles.

At the All-State Tournament held on Mar. 1 and 2 right in Springfield at the MassMutual Center, Agawam High School girls wrestling captured the All-State title with 86 points. Ludlow was 11<sup>th</sup> overall at 46 points. Stella Christopher captured the All-State title at 165 pounds, defeating Jordyn Reynolds of Greater Lawrence. Gabriela Ramos was a runner-up at 145 pounds.

For Ludlow, Ella Libiszewski was the runner-up at 114 pounds. In the mixed-gender all-state event, Agawam would place 16<sup>th</sup> with 33.5 points. Minnechaug scored 26 points and both teams crowned an all-state champion. Jordin Agosto was Agawam's all-state champion with a top finish at 144 pounds. Minnechaug's Kai Ly also took an all-state title at 138 pounds.

Ludlow High School captured the Division 3 state girls wrestling championship with 97.5 points, crowning four state champions. Quabbin Regional High School was ninth overall with 36 points. South Hadley finished with 18 points and Holyoke with 16 points in the meet.

Ludlow's champions were Libiszewski at 114 pounds, Samantha Bertini at 120 pounds, Ellianna Williams at 145 pounds, and Riley Morais at 152 pounds. Quabbin had one champion with Kailynn Schuster scoring the win at 138 pounds.

Agawam took second place in the Division 2 state girls tournament, scoring 94.5 points. Christopher had the big performance by placing first in the 165-pound bracket. Ramos placed second at 145 pounds and Madison Minalga also had a runner-up finish at 185 pounds.

In the Division 2 state championship, Agawam was the second-best finisher from Western Mass., finishing fourth overall with 96 points, and crowning one runner-up in the field. Minnechaug was a distant 14<sup>th</sup> with 52 points.

The Falcons' Ly won the state championship at 138 pounds, while Agawam's Ryan Sexton placed second.

In the Division 3 state championship, Holyoke placed ninth overall with 69 points, Ludlow was 25<sup>th</sup> with 28 points, Quabbin 26<sup>th</sup> with 27 points, and South Hadley and Belchertown also registered points in the competition.

Holyoke would place two wrestlers as runners up. Steven Santiago was the second-place finisher at 120 pounds and Parker Brunelle was the runner-up at 285 pounds.

## Women's basketball season comes to a close

HOLYOKE – Earlier this month, Holyoke Community College Women's basketball saw their stellar season come to a close on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 1, falling to top seed CC of Rhode Island in the New England (Region XXI) championship game. The #2 seed Lady Cougars played well in their attempt to win a regional title but were on the wrong end of the 86-51 final score.

Holyoke had a tremendous season overall, finish-

ing in second place in the regular season New England standings before their runner-up finish in the regional championship tournament. Their postseason and title game appearances were the program's firsts since the 2010-11 campaign. Women's basketball finishes the year with an 11-4 regional record and a 15-8 overall record. They were 13-4 against fellow NJCAA teams. Eight players from this year's squad can return to play next season.



Tatiyana Zuniga heads across the court.



Ware's Emily McGrail reaches out for a rebound during recent play.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Annastacia Dixon sends a pass



The Cougars face off with Bristol Community College early in the playoffs.



Johnnays Andrades gets the open layup.

# 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 [theregister@turley.com](mailto:theregister@turley.com)

## ONGOING

**PLAY CRIBBAGE IN INDIAN ORCHARD** - Cribbage players of all ages and ability are welcome to enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Join us at Club #72, "Pegging Fools", Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

**VOLLEYBALL** at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays. Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

**FOOD DRIVE BI-MONTHLY** On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

**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.

**ENIOR 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.

**CHESSE CLUB:** Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St.

For more information, contact the IOCC at 413-209-8240 or [indianorchard-citizenscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:indianorchard-citizenscouncil@gmail.com) or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

**QUACISE 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 Mi-

chael 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.

**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.

## Ludlow Lions Club scholarship applications available

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the James and Mary O'Neil Scholarship \$40,000 paid over 4 years, the S. Louis Marceau and the Paul R. Baird scholarships \$1,000 each.

Eligible applicants must be residents of Ludlow, regardless of the high school attended, and entering freshman year at an accredited college or technical school

in the fall. The James and Mary O'Neil scholarship is available only to students who will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus.

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Departments of Ludlow High School, or Pope Francis Preparatory School, by using the "Scholarship" button on the Ludlow Lions Club Web page ([https://clubhouse.org/sites/lud-](https://clubhouse.org/sites/ludlow_ma/index.php)

[low\\_ma/index.php](https://clubhouse.org/sites/ludlow_ma/index.php)), on our club Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ludlowlionsclub/>) by request at [LUDLOWLIONS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LUDLOWLIONS@YAHOO.COM) or by contacting a Ludlow Lions Club member.

The Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2023. Mail applications to the Ludlow Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 72, Ludlow, MA 01056-0072.

## DEMOCRATS from Page 1

speech which said to go out and join your local Town elections; mentioning the School Committee and at the time I was thinking about it. It seemed like a sign, and I have been here ever since.

I am currently chairman of the School Committee and

what we're working on is the budget, which is always very busy, and we are currently looking for a new superintendent; we are now down to two applicants after 21 total applicants. I am also on the Board of Directors for the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative that provides the transportation for

C-Tech," Laing said.

Saunders added, "We are going to talk a lot about the future of Massachusetts, an affordable place to raise our families, a place for our kids to grow up and to thrive overall. I had the previous job of running around the state and doing the hard work to bring the action that Dem-



Melanie Trexler with her Ukrainian friends enjoyed the night together and were excited for the live entertainment.

## K of C from Page 1

nate enough to have Sarah; we actually got to know her through one of our knights Rob Powell and Sarah was nice enough to come here. It's not easy to book her.

We're celebrating Irish American heritage, trying to bring people together for a nice meal. With all the challenges in the world, we're a Catholic organization and we're promoting all the values and fundamentals of Catholicism; we're always trying to find new knights and sometimes this is how we meet them.

This night is fun, it's nice to break up the wintertime!" exclaimed Smith.

Smith explained that the food is prepared and made by real chefs, with the K of C helping out and doing their part to make the night as smooth as possible. When sharing past St. Patrick's Day dinners, Smith recalled singing on stage with all the members, along with performances from Irish step dancers, smaller bands, and of course the dinner.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Pat Flaherty and Jim Meehan were proud to represent their love of Ireland and the month of Mar. by wearing green.

During the event, there were two raffles that people could participate in and win prizes, but most importantly if guests didn't win, the money would continue to support the K of C for more events like these. "We had about 170 people sitting down for dinner today and around 60 takeout tickets!"

Our biggest expense was meat. This one has been pretty successful, a lot of people came, and we try to keep everybody happy and light-hearted. We have a lot of el-

derly folks coming to this, so we try to help them as well.

Jim W. is our quarterback; he's the man behind the vision and action with all of this and his wife Pat W. who made the desserts. This parish has been very kind to us by allowing us to use the kitchen and space; this is the best facility around us. We started planning this event back in Dec." ended Smith.

The night continued with families and friends catching up with a warm meal and even better music.



The Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council 3535 were acting as cooks, servers, cleaners, greeters, and much more for the dinner.

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ocratic Town Committees take day in and day out, to fruition.

We have examples all around; they don't jump out at us all the time, but if you go to Ludlow Mills, it doesn't happen overnight. Oliveira and I got to go to a lot of ribbon cuttings that we had very little to do with, referencing former representatives, they laid the groundwork for what we have today.

It's incumbent on us, an elective office now, to continue that progress so that hopefully one day in the future they get to cut a ribbon and say they had nothing to do with this. But we know, when we organize, we win and when we win, we send good people to do the work.

We see the benefits through infrastructure, policy, and when we lose, we see the opposite. Ludlow became the epicenter for one of the most distressing chapters in our Towns and of our Commonwealth's history, but when we organize, we win, and we now have Laing running unopposed.

The proof is in the pudding, and this room is about organizing, I'm proud to ask for your vote," ended Saunders.


Oliveira followed after thanking Mia and the committee for their work putting the annual breakfast together, "It's always nice to be in Ludlow and thank you to the Democratic Town Committee in Ludlow, and all the Dem-

ocratic Town and City Committees that come out and support one another. That's the power of organizing we have in this district, and everybody comes together at this breakfast because we have one goal, to make sure it's blue in Nov. That we elect democrats up and down the ballots. Through hard work from the people in this room, we continue to stand up for the values we believe in," said Oliveira.

For more information, please visit the Ludlow Democratic Town Committee on Facebook and [massdems.org](http://massdems.org) for the upcoming convention. The next event for the committee is the 'No Kings' rally on Mar. 28.



The Ludlow Democratic Town Committee with State Representative Aaron Saunders, State Senator Jacob Oliveira, and Senator Ed Markey.



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# OBITUARIES

## Sandra Lee Kulig

It is with heavy hearts and cherished memories that we announce the passing of Sandra Lee Kulig, affectionately known as "Sam" or "Sammy" to her friends and family. Sandra departed this world on March 7, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 78 years old. Born on Feb. 21, 1948, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Sandra was the beloved daughter of Shirley (Germain) and Leroy Wenners. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Marc Wenners, and her daughter-in-law, Kimberly Steigmeyer. Sandra's spirit and legacy continue to thrive through her devoted husband, Robert "Big Bob" Kulig, Sr., whom she married on Aug. 1, 2015, following nearly two decades of companionship.



rector of Home Services at Tac Medical Solutions. Her compassion and dedication to caring for others touched countless lives. Sandra's retirement in 2004 marked the beginning of a joyful chapter filled with travel, culinary adventures, and family gatherings. She relished Sunday dinners with family, picnics, and hosting special occasions, always with a warm smile and welcoming heart. Her love for the ocean was evident in her fondness for York Beach, Ogunquit, and Melbourne Beach, where she and Bob split their time, creating homes filled with laughter and love. Sandra was an avid traveler, seeking adventure on ocean and river cruises to Europe, the Caribbean, and beyond. Her zest for life and ability to bring joy to those around her was unparalleled. Whether she was cooking a delicious meal, celebrating a milestone, or embarking on a new journey, Sandra's presence offered warmth and happiness.

Sandra's life was a tapestry of love and dedication to her family. She is survived by her children, Cheri Lynn Steigmeyer (David Batts), Jeffrey Steigmeyer (Kim Maxson), and Brian Steigmeyer (Aimee Labrecque), as well as her stepchildren, Robert (Lisa) and Kimberly. Her nurturing presence and kind heart are cherished by her grandchildren, Abigail, Jake, Zachary, Alexandra, Ethan, Kellan, Regan, and Peyton, along with her great-granddaughters, Stella and Lennon. Sandra is also survived by her siblings, Frank (Lynn) and Curt (Denise), and her sister-in-law, Patricia. Sandra's journey through life was marked by her deep commitment to family and community.

A 1966 graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield, Sandra found fulfillment in her role as Di-

rector of Home Services at Tac Medical Solutions. Her compassion and dedication to caring for others touched countless lives. Sandra's retirement in 2004 marked the beginning of a joyful chapter filled with travel, culinary adventures, and family gatherings. She relished Sunday dinners with family, picnics, and hosting special occasions, always with a warm smile and welcoming heart. Her love for the ocean was evident in her fondness for York Beach, Ogunquit, and Melbourne Beach, where she and Bob split their time, creating homes filled with laughter and love. Sandra was an avid traveler, seeking adventure on ocean and river cruises to Europe, the Caribbean, and beyond. Her zest for life and ability to bring joy to those around her was unparalleled. Whether she was cooking a delicious meal, celebrating a milestone, or embarking on a new journey, Sandra's presence offered warmth and happiness.

As we remember Sandra Lee Kulig, let us celebrate the life of a remarkable woman who lived fully, loved deeply, and left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Her spirit will forever be a source of inspiration and comfort to those she leaves behind. A Celebration of Life for Sandra will be held at a future date with forthcoming details. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Sandra's name to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice, continuing her legacy of care and compassion.

## Sheila Marie (Boilard) Duquette, 1947-2026

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sheila Marie (Boilard) Duquette, beloved wife, mom, and Nana. Sheila grew up in Indian Orchard, MA where she worked from an early age at the family business, Boilard Lumber. Sheila and Patrick lived in the Orchard until they moved to Monson in 1976.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, Patrick Duquette, her daughters Joan Long and husband Lawrence Long Jr., Erin Thomas and husband Sebastian Thomas, and grandchildren Haley, Finn, and Nadine; and her sisters Patricia McCullough and husband William McCullough; Elizabeth Hurley and husband William Hurley; and brothers Carl Boilard and wife Susan Speyer-Boilard, and Edward Barboza; her brothers- and sisters-in-law Jeffrey Duquette and wife Heidi Duquette, Christine Newton and husband Ralph Newton, and Charlie Duquette and wife Jackie Duquette, and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from the High School of Commerce in 1965, Sheila attended Northampton Com-

mercial College. She was a lightning-fast typist and worked with Turley Publications for many years where she made lasting friendships and had the chance to work with a great team. She loved to play the piano and was known for silly dances in the kitchen - back then as kids, we probably rolled our eyes at something called "the mashed potato", a great memory of her bringing joy to dinnertime. She and Patrick loved live music at local venues, notably Bob Dylan at Symphony Hall in Springfield in the '60s, and again just a couple of years ago - same seats!



If they weren't listening to music or watching a blues concert video, you would find them watching a Bruins game, attending a Springfield Falcons game, or packing a picnic lunch to spend the day at Quabbin or explore the back roads of western MA by motorcycle until they found a treasure like a used book store, coffee shop, ice cream stand, or random llamas and donkeys. She had a strong connection

with animals, adopting cats that chose our house, visiting the "grand-dogs" and making a beeline to see the horses at Silver Bell Farm after a pumpkin-picking ride. She treasured spending time with all the grand-kids whether it was crafting, coloring, visiting the brook, baking cookies and muffins, attending recitals, or just hanging out and grabbing lunch.

Sheila was the most patient person you would ever meet. Even in crazy traffic, she gave strangers the benefit of the doubt, "maybe he's having a bad day," she would say. Not even a complaint during the fight with breast cancer, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, or dementia. We would like to thank Quaboag Rehabilitation for showing such kindness and wonderful care during her stay. The quietest, toughest warrior there could ever be.

A celebration of life will be held in May. In lieu of sending flowers, please support your local animal shelter-Sheila would love that as much as she enjoyed flowers.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Judith Mae (Dumas) Chenaille**  
Died Feb. 5, 2026  
Services March 21, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Ludlow Funeral Home

**Sandra Lee Kulig**  
Died March 7, 2026  
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### LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION & SPECIAL PERMITS / ESTATE LOTS

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Hemlock Ridge, LLC c/o Mr. Armand Deslauriers for Definitive Subdivision & Special Permits/Estate Lots located at 1252 East Street & 0 Ventura Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 31, Parcels 127 & 121B) for a proposed residential subdivision with associated site improvements. Four (4) of the proposed lots are Estate Lots.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman  
03/11, 03/18/2026

### LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's

Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 7:35 p.m.** on the application of Jai Umiya Ma, Inc. for the property located at **227 Center Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 12D, Parcel 214)** for the purpose of: close existing car wash bays to use for storage.

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Raymond Phoenix, Chairman  
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## Judith Mae (Dumas) Chenaille

Judith Mae (Dumas) Chenaille passed away on February 5, 2026, at her home in Lake Wales, FL with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.

Judie was born on January 2, 1942, in Southbridge, MA to Adeland Dumas and Margaret (Bliss) Gaudette. She graduated from Ludlow High School in 1959 and from Becker College in 1961. After graduating, she met the love of her life, the late Robert Chenaille and they married in 1963. They were married for 52 years before his passing in 2015.



She was a resident of Ludlow and a part time Snowbird, first in Fort Myers, then Lake Wales, FL. Later she would go on to split her time between TN and FL staying with her daughters. Judie loved to camp with her family, traveling to places like Ireland and Quebec. But her favorite place was Walt Disney World. According to her, the trip would not be official until she rode on It's A Small World.

Judie was predeceased by her beloved husband Robert and her daughter, Danielle "Danie" Chenaille in 2024. She is survived by her daughter

ter Kelli Cabido and her husband Tony, her two grandsons Nicholas Jacuby and his wife Hope Young of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and Ryan Jacuby of Broad Brook CT. She also leaves behind her brother Brian Bedard and his wife Linda and her sister Sharon Bedard, all of Ludlow, and their families. Kelli and Tony would also like to thank Jennifer Gill, Judie's care giver. Jenn always put a smile on her face.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. concluding with a funeral home chapel service at 11:30 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home and burial will be held privately by the family.

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**Wednesday, March 18** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
Holy Mother Choir - 4:30 (C), Scouts - 6 PM (ER)  
Cub Scouts - 6:00 PM (FLBH),  
Parish Mission - 6:30 PM (C)

**Thursday, March 19** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)

**Friday, March 20** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
Stations of the Cross - 12:30 PM (C)  
Stations of the Cross - 7 PM (C)

**Saturday, March 21** - Confessions - 2:30 PM (C)  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 PM (C)  
Troop 180 Spaghetti Supper - 5 PM (FLBH/K)

**Sunday, March 22** - Daily Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C)  
Confirmation Class - 8 AM (JR)

Faith formation Informational Meeting - 9:30 AM (JR)  
Faith Formation - 10:15 AM (FLBH/ST)  
Lifeteen - 6 PM (JR)

**Monday, March 23** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
Faith Formation - 6 PM (JR)

**Tuesday, March 24** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
Middle School Youth Ministry - 3 PM (JR)  
St. Rita Choir - 4 PM (C)

Faith Formation Adult Confirmation - 6 PM (JR)  
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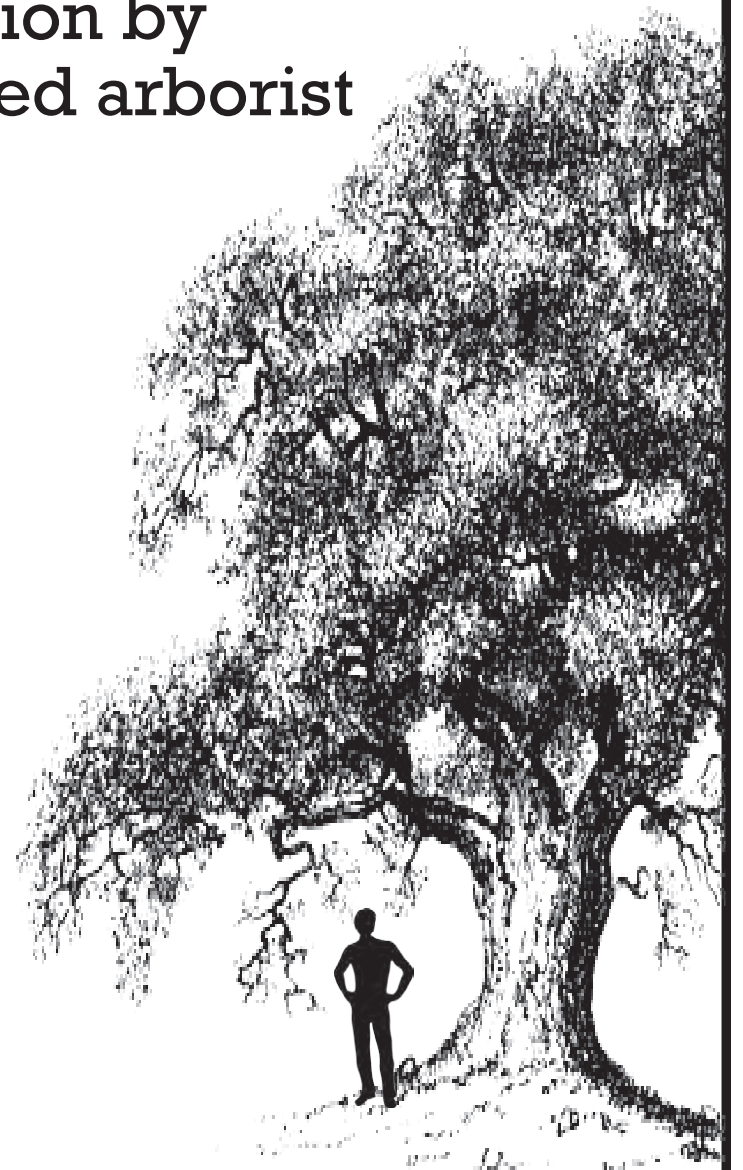


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