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## Town hosts Memorial Day Parade ending with a ceremony at Veterans Memorial

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LUDLOW - The Memorial Day Parade was held on the morning of May 26, a federal holiday to mourn and honor its deceased service men and women, followed by a ceremony and performances by the Ludlow High School and Baird Middle School bands. Before the parade began and sitting down with District Court Judge Bill Rooney who previously served on the school committee and board of selectmen, he spoke about Memorial Day traditions within the town and the Parade Grand Marshal and Veteran of the Year Bill Koss.

proud to announce our Grand Marshal, lifelong Ludlow resident Bill Koss. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years in the 1960s during the Cuban Missile Crisis. For the last decade, he has participated in the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade, working with the town's community station to recognize the men and women who served. Earlier this year he was honored as Veteran of the Year." This Veteran of the Year award celebrates veterans who have excelled in their post-military careers, demonstrating exceptional leadership and making a positive impact in their communities, based on the Military Friendly website.

Announcing whilst Koss was in the parade, "We are

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The Ludlow High School band and the Baird Middle School band played multiple songs during the parade and after at the Veterans Memorial.



Irizarry takes a photo with artists who used everyday objects like buttons to make an art piece with their names.

## LBGC hosts first preschool art show

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LUDLOW - "You're really making a change; it's your opportunity to make the world a better place." On May 15, the Ludlow

Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club hosted their first preschool art show for students, families, and friends to showcase the kid's work they've been doing in the classrooms. With over 58 families and fundraising efforts in support of the 75th

anniversary of the club, the kids were excited to show off their art, while the staff were thrilled to open their doors to family members and friendly faces of their classrooms. Preschool Director Barbara Glanville was in at-

tendance with President/CEO Josue Irizarry, who were both walking around with preschool teachers and LBGC staff and greeting everyone who came into sup-

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## School district experiencing transportation issues

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LUDLOW - On May 27, Superintendent Dr. Frank A. Tiano led a presentation addressing the public-school transportation, with the first slide stating LPVEC provides the regular education transport like the yellow buses. LPS uses 17 buses daily in a 3-tiered system of transportation, high school, middle school, and then elementary school. The public school currently has 1,781 students listed on the bus routes, with the bus provider stating that 1,437 students regularly ride the bus.

Tiano continued, "I know there is a shortage of drivers and hearing out our principals, we took the collaborative approach. We engaged with LPVEC and an outside consultant, to examine the root causes for the difficulty with service delivery. Essentially having an outside consultant look objectively at our routes and so forth, the only thing we care about is service for our kids, parents, staff, and our administration. Looking at the overall design, the gaps between start times of school are too tight. For example, the buses aren't arriving at Baird in time because they can't finish the high school route in time. The arrival and dismissal windows at elementaries are far too wide."

The following transportation frustrations are consistent late arrivals to school in the morning, consistent delays in buses available for timely dismissal, and frequent daily changes to bus

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Wreath laying before Memorial Day.

## Wreath laying part of long tradition

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LUDLOW - Beginning on Memorial Day weekend, the Veterans Services Department held their annual wreath laying and 21-gun salute on May 23, starting at

the Island Pond Ceremony. The ceremony was followed by the SGT. Joshua D. Desforges Memorial, Center Street Cemetery, and the Civil War Memorial. Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo began the ceremony with a speech

before the wreath laying and gun salute. The Veteran's Services Department was in attendance, along with the fire and police departments, with town residents and

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## Four towns collect food to fight insecurity

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GRANBY - With prices rising all over the nation, food insecurity grows more common, causing many families to have to be forced to make hard decisions and rely heavily on food pantries.

Four Democratic Committees across the towns of Belchertown, Granby, Ludlow, and South Hadley have come together to create a special food drive in order to stock up the food pantries in the area.

"We want to make sure we are helping and supporting our pantries," said Susan Knightly, chair of the Granby Dems.

"There's food insecurity already," said Ann Stockton, a co-chair of the South Hadley Dems.

The main goal of the four committees coming together is simple: host one large food drive across all four towns in order to collect as many food



Mia Alves from Ludlow, Susan Knightly from Granby, and Ann Stockton from South Hadley ready to start the process to help those in need.

donations as possible to fill up our pantries.

In Granby, the main focus is on Granby to Go, which will be closing for the summer for needed repairs. The drive will focus on filling up the pantry for the students to be able to utilize again when school begins again.

In South Hadley, their focus is on Neighbors Helping

Neighbors, a pantry open and welcoming to residents of South Hadley and Granby, and in desperate need of donations.

In Ludlow, they will collect food donations to stock up the food pantry at the Veterans Food Pantry.

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# LUDLOW

## Tandem Bagel Company's sixth location opens at Riverwalk

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LUDLOW - On May 23, Tandem Bagel Company opened its sixth location next to the Ludlow Riverwalk at 44 Riverside Drive, which began with a soft opening earlier that week, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and a presentation of a citation from (D-Hampden) Senator Jake Oliveira. Right next to the Riverwalk, this location offers a deck with seating and windows that are full of views of the outside, with the same mouth-watering food and drink menu.

The ribbon cutting ceremony began with Oliveira speaking about the significance of the new location and his personal connection as a Ludlow resident.

"This is probably one of the most anticipated openings of any business in Western Massachusetts right here in Ludlow. I am thankful that they chose Ludlow as a location, this means a lot to the community. This mill project is probably Western Massachusetts' premier economic development site. We don't do it alone, Western Mass Development and the work that they've done to revitalize this entire area of Ludlow, this is something that is very special for me as a state senator and for me because it's my hometown. I live right down the road. Repre-



Owners of Tandem Bagel were shocked by the overwhelming support of the Ludlow location.

sentative Saunders, I, Representative Petrolati before us, countless members of the legislature have worked very hard for this day to come. We are so happy you chose Ludlow; this is the perfect location because it's where the MassPike meets Springfield, Wilbraham, and the entire Pioneer Valley. It's an honor to present this citation on behalf of the Massachusetts House and Senate. Congratulations to you and I do want to shout out A. Crane Construction, everything you've done here as the developer and on the board of Western Mass Development."

Town Administrator Marc Strange commented saying, "The Mills are such an important part of Ludlow and Ludlow's future, Chris

and his wife, thank you for the investment in Ludlow."

Owners Andrew and Chris Zawacki lived in Vancouver, Washington, for a couple of years and decided after meeting with a bagel businessman over there, wanted to try this bagel business style in the Western Massachusetts area. Growing up in Easthampton, Chris thought that was the perfect first location and after 12 years, Tandem Bagel Company has six locations and two bakeries, with more locations being added in the future.

Andrew commented on the restoration of the mill building and was pleased to put it to good use, "It's a beautiful building, we're always looking to expand, and

Chris is always looking for different locations." Chris added, "We're growing a business, we do a lot for the communities, and we give back to all the local charities. We also employ a lot of people which we feel is a good thing, we do a lot for the local economy."

When asked what their favorite items on the menu were, both advertised their popular egg sandwiches and the 28 to 30 bagel varieties offered each day, with seasonal offerings like the chocolate chip bagel. Andrea's favorite is the orange cranberry bagel while Chris' pick is the salt and pepper and rosemary bagels.

The owners had a few words to the Ludlow community, "Thank you for the



Owners Andrea and Chris Zawacki of Tandem Bagel Company cutting the ribbon with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Marc Strange, Senator Jake Oliveira, and A. Crane Construction.



From the left, Sylvia Gaumond from Sturbridge and Karoline Robak from Springfield commented that the new location was more convenient for them to visit as a family.

warm welcome and accepting us. Everybody's been great, the Selectmen and everybody in the city offices is great. The fire and police departments are very supportive of business, we are

local, and we are not a chain coming in. We're excited to be here."

For online ordering, please visit the Tandem Bagel Company website.

## Superintendent provides staffing update as school year end approaches

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LUDLOW - On May 27, Superintendent Dr. Frank A. Tiano shared a staffing update with school committee members. "Every year as we put forth our budget and look towards next year, we identify our needs. Whether it's instructional, enrollment, support for our students and so forth. A few years ago, we were having reductions, and we needed to have different goals and not do any harm and keep our core intact. Last year we avoided reductions and this year, I am grateful we are at a place to me as a superintendent where this feels normal. You look at your enrollment trends and you're not adding more staffing, therefore how do we reallocate the needs of our families."

Looking at the enrollment and working with Principal Welch of East St. Elementary, Tiano said they are looking to add a first-grade teacher, currently the school

has seven kindergarten teachers going into six first grade classes. "If we kept just the 6 and we couldn't add the first-grade teacher, we would have approximately 24 students in the class and that was beyond the threshold of the school committee and beyond best practice. We will be looking to add a seventh first grade class that will have a ripple effect going forward. Business is moving for us, registration right now for kindergarten is on pace for what it was last year."

Tiano announced they are looking for a second counselor at East St. School, stating the ratio is 368 students to 1 counselor. The three other schools range from 150 students to 190 students to 1 counselor. "At each level the needs are different; adding a counselor would not only add the intervention support, students with mental behavior and emotional struggles, but more importantly for us is working on the prevention."

Moving onto ETLs in the district, "Folks who basically run the special education

process in the schools. They make sure that we comply legally, timelines, communicate with parents and staff, and have all the paperwork in the building with them. Currently we have 3.6 of them and with the workload, we want to go up to a full 1.0 so we have one in each building. Therefore, having a full team of folks working in each building, that would be a .4 addition."

Working with a psychologist and special education team and assessors, Tiano continued the topic of special education. "We have 3 psychologists in our district, and we have 2 education evaluators, our psychologists are the most trained for psychometrics as well as educational testing. What we plan to do is reduce an evaluator and hire a psychologist. We are talking about looking at our needs and reallocating our resources. This would put a psychologist in each building and now we have a team of folks that are working on the testing and providing support."

Addressing the reductions in electives at Baird Middle School, Tiano listed some of the foreign languages to the arts, he stated they would like to add an art teacher. "Right now, we have one teacher who is amazing but not every student at Baird gets to have art. As we look at the other electives, we have 3 physical education teachers, 1 health teacher, 1 STEM teacher, 1 financial literacy teacher, and 1 art teacher. We want to build back our programming at the middle school in terms of providing options for students."

Tiano finished his presentation with outlining the 3.4 FTEs, full time equivalents, and addressed the concerns of reductions specifically at the high school. "We've talked for a few years about the enrollment and how it's been reducing at the high school resulting in excellent class size. Currently we have classes that are barely over 20, but after first grade at 22 and second grade at 22, we're able to reduce a math teacher, a social studies teacher, and an ELA teacher from the high school and not impact your class size or services. Over the last 5 to 6 years, the high school population has gone down by 154 students and so we see this in all districts, the rise and the waves. There are no staff that are going to lose their positions."

## Lafayette to return to Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN—On Saturday, June 14, Belchertown citizens will have the opportunity to greet the renowned Marquis de Lafayette, hero of the American Revolution, on his epic journey through America. He will be honored in a short ceremony at Lawrence Memorial Hall at 2 p.m. as he passes through town.

One of the town's most enduring legends is that the Marquis de Lafayette visited Belchertown on his triumphant tour of America in 1824-1825. The story is pervasive; nearly all of the local histories and historians mention it. Now, with the help of the Belchertown Historical Association and the American Friends of Lafayette, the nobleman's arrival in town will be reenacted. In addition, there will be exhibits on Lafayette in the Clapp Memorial Library and in the Lawrence Memorial Hall auditorium.

No military leader of the Revolution, other than George Washington, captured the hearts of Americans more than the orphaned French nobleman who was so enamored with the cause of liberty that he arrived in the colonies at his own expense and offered to serve without pay. He was commissioned as a major-general in the Colonial Army at the implausibly young age of nineteen. He won the confidence of the commander-in-chief; Washington considered him like an adopted son. With his military training and his important influence abroad, the young Frenchman proved to be a vital part in America's struggle for independence. He was an excellent military strategist and he was largely responsible for bringing the French fleet

into the conflict on the side of the Americans. Further, he was devoted to the ideals of the revolutionary cause. The American people were devoted to him.

In 1824, President James Monroe invited the aging revolutionary to tour the United States as the "Guest of the Nation". Congress concurred and Lafayette accepted. Traveling with his son and his private secretary, Lafayette arrived in New York in August of that year to begin his Grand Tour, which lasted more than a year and covered more than five thousand miles. Everywhere he went in America, he was toasted, honored, and celebrated.

The Belchertown segment of his tour occurred in June of 1825 as the nobleman sped across New York and Massachusetts on his way to Boston to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He had committed to arrive in time for the event, but had fallen behind schedule. While here, he called on Dr. Estes Howe, a veteran of the Revolution, then paralyzed and in poor health, to pay his respects. It is said that Susanna Dwight Shaw danced with Lafayette and she kept the gloves she wore to hand down to her daughter. The daughter, Susan, who later married Belchertown's Calvin Bridgman, was kissed by Lafayette when she presented him with a bouquet of flowers.

You can witness all this and more at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 14 beginning at 2 p.m. The Marquis de Lafayette will be portrayed by Mark Schneider of Colonial Williamsburg. Lafayette's coach and horse team are provided by Muddy Brook Farm in Amherst, MA.

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# Gulluni shares recent narcotics investigations



Submitted photos

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni today announced the results of three major drug trafficking investigations that have dismantled significant narcotics distribution networks operating in and around Springfield.

"These operations reflect the power of collaboration between my office and our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners," said District Attorney Gulluni. "Together, we've made a significant impact on the availability of dangerous drugs in our region and brought dozens of traffickers to justice."

DA Gulluni was joined by Massachusetts State Police Lieutenant Colonel Marc Lavoie of the Division of Homeland Security and Preparedness; Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Tucker of the Division of Investigative Services; Springfield Police Superintendent Lawrence Akers, among other representatives.

The investigations were led through DA Gulluni's office and the Hampden County Narcotics Task Force (HCNTF), the Strategic Action & Focused Enforcement Task Force (SAFE), and the Massachusetts State Police's Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team Western Region (CINRET West). The operations were supported by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New York, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New York and Springfield, the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit, and the Springfield Police Department Firearms Investigation Unit.



### Operation One: Garcia Market Drug Trafficking Organization

Since October 2022, investigators with the DA's HCNTF and SAFE units have been investigating drug trafficking activity centered around Garcia Market (344 Orange St.) and Angel's Used Appliances (167 White St.), which served as fronts for an extensive trafficking network. The area has long been plagued by gun violence, with over 80 firearm-related calls to police during the investigation period.

On May 15, investigators executed arrests and seizures, resulting in:

- 12,138 grams of cocaine
- 530 grams of fentanyl
- 15 firearms
- 19 individuals arrested

The defendants face a range of charges including drug trafficking, firearm possession, child endangerment, and stolen property offenses.

### Operation Two: Springfield-Bronx Drug Pipeline

In the summer of 2024, CINRET West began investigating Anthony Perez of Springfield for heroin/fentanyl distribution. Surveillance revealed that Perez was supplied by a large-scale

drug trafficking organization operating in both Hampden County and the Bronx.

In collaboration with HSI and DEA agents in New York and Massachusetts, investigators conducted a months-long investigation, leading to:

- 2,061 grams of heroin/fentanyl
- 3,060 grams of cocaine
- 29 firearms
- 30 individuals arrested

The defendants face trafficking, firearm, and conspiracy charges. The most recent arrests occurred on May 14.

### Operation Three: Luna Drug Trafficking Organization

In a recent investigation, the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit and Springfield Police Department uncovered a cocaine trafficking network run by Ruben Luna and associates.

Search warrants executed on May 22 at three Springfield locations uncovered:

- Approximately 20 kilograms of cocaine
- 437 grams of cocaine
- 570 grams of cocaine
- 78 grams of heroin
- Additional narcotics and pills

Three individuals arrested

The defendants are facing trafficking and conspiracy of-

fenses.

All defendants are presumed innocent of all allegations until proven guilty.

### Use of Advanced Detection Technology

Gulluni also highlighted the role of new technology, including the MX908 Drug Analyzer and the TruNarc Analyzer, provided through a partnership with the Massachusetts National Guard. These devices enabled investigators to detect substances such as fentanyl, cocaine HCL, xylazine, eutylone, tramadol, and several cutting agents, enhancing field-level narcotics identification.

"These three operations have disrupted dangerous supply lines and removed dozens of high-level traffickers from our streets," said DA Gulluni. "Our priority remains saving lives, preventing overdoses, and holding accountable those who profit from addiction and violence."

As the region heads into the summer months - when drug trafficking and violence historically rise - Gulluni emphasized that these proactive operations send a strong message and are intended to protect public safety in Springfield, Hampden County, and beyond.

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### Dennis named to Regis College Spring Dean's List

WESTON - Regis announces Julia Dennis of Ludlow met academic requirements to be named to the university's spring 2025 Dean's List, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

"The Dean's List recognizes students who

demonstrated dedication to their degree program in the spring semester," said Dr. Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. "Throughout a student's academic journey, the Regis curriculum challenges students to ask insightful questions in their pursuit of the truth.

The university community congratulates Julia for being named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester."

### Dog licenses expired March 31

LUDLOW - Dog licenses expired March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually per MGL C.140, §.137. On July 1 there will be a late fee of \$10 per dog in addition to the licensing fee.

We must have the most current rabies certificate to license your dog.

Residents have the option to obtain a license in-person or by mail or Town Clerk drop box behind Town Hall.

When mailing in your

payment or utilizing the drop box: please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Mail to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

The fee is \$15 Neutered/spayed dogs; \$20 for Not Spayed/Neutered.

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

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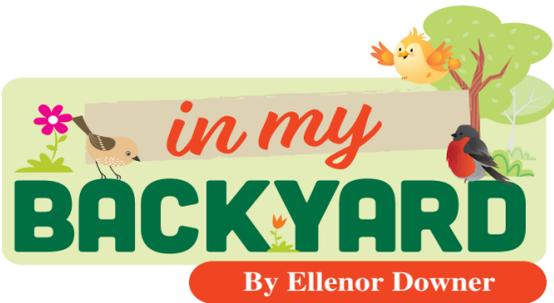
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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Yellow bellied sapsucker



A Brimfield resident reported a yellow bellied sapsucker pair in his yard.

He said in an email, "I began seeing a male yellow-bellied sapsucker at a dogwood tree in front of the house. The bird was there every day last week. On Saturday, I saw a female on the same tree. I'll try to find a nest. I did find a sapsucker nest in the Brimfield State Forest a few years ago." He also has a mountain ash in his yard with lots of sapsucker holes.

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers lap up the leaking sap and any trapped insects with its specialized, brush-tipped tongue from holes they makes in a variety of trees especially birch and maples

Like many of the woodpecker family, it has barred black and white feathers with a red cap. The male also has a red throat. They sit still on tree trunks for long intervals while feeding. To find one, listen for their loud mewing calls or stuttered drumming.

Sapsuckers inhabit young deciduous forests. To find a sapsucker's territory, people should keep an eye out for their distinctive, neatly organized rows of sap wells. They cling motionless to trees while calling, birders should look closely at the trees around the for their sharply contrasting black-and-white face stripes and the bright-red patches on their heads.

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker makes two kinds of holes in trees to harvest sap. Round holes extend deep in the tree and are not enlarged. The sapsucker inserts its bill into the hole to probe for sap. Rectangular holes are shallower and must be maintained continually for the sap to flow. The sapsucker licks the sap from these holes, and eats the cambium of the tree too. New holes usually are made in a line with old holes, or in a new line

above the old.

The sap wells made by yellow-bellied sapsuckers attract hummingbirds, which also feed off the sap flowing from the tree. Other birds as well as bats and porcupines also visit sapsucker sap wells. Although a few individuals remain throughout much of the winter in the southern part of the breeding range, most head farther south, going as far south as Panama. Females tend to migrate farther south than do males.

### Other birds

The Brimfield resident reports the return of the rose-breasted grosbeak, catbird and great crested flycatcher. His wife saw two great crested flycatcher near the nest box a pair used last year.

### Eagle nests

The Brimfield resident also reported a tree with a bald eagle nest at the Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow fell down and the fire department rescued two chicks. They have been placed in the care of a local raptor rehabilitator. The chicks look to be fully grown, but unable to fly. He will care for the birds until they are old enough to release.

In Ludlow there is another eagle nest and there are two chicks in that nest also but they are still very young, their heads are just visible above the rim of the nest.

### Solitary sandpiper

The Brimfield resident reported seeing a solitary sandpiper at one of the ponds in Warren. He said he has seen spotted sandpipers there, but this was the first time he saw a solitary sandpiper at that location.

### Black bear

Saturday, May 24 I saw a black bear walking down the side of my road about 4:30 p.m. I slowly followed him in my car. He left the road and went up a steep path leading into some woods. At the top of the hill, he turned and looked toward the road. He had a healthy, dark black coat of fur.

*People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing my-backyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA*

## Pothole cheerleaders...



## GUEST COLUMN



### The peony takes the stage in June

As I look out my living room window, I can see the chubby round buds of one of my favorite June-bloomers, the peony. No doubt, the plant will be in full flower just in time for my birthday, as it has for a number of decades.

Read on to learn all you need to know, straight from the archives!

Who doesn't love the peony? Its frilly flowers, fine fragrance and fit form make it a favorite in the June perennial border.

And although it only blooms for a short while, the plant itself is reliably hardy and notably long lived in our climate. In fact, the peony that grows in my garden is one my great grandmother grew in the 1930s!

Here are a few tips to keep your peonies thriving for the next seventy years.

### Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost

or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually arrive bareroot. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting.

When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

### Fertilizing and Watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients.

After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

### Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usual-

ly pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go.

If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural. I have been using a three rung, large tomato cage with success for the last several years. The key is to get the cage in place early!

### Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost.

If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

By next weekend, I am sure there will be peonies in a vase, perfuming the entire room, just like they have for a number of decades each June...

*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.*

## The REGISTER

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## I'm a retired veteran; why must I pay for Medicare?

Dear Rusty:  
I'm a retired Navy veteran, who is going to be turning 65 years old this year.

My question is concerning mandatory Medicare sign-up requirements. Why do I have to sign up for Medicare coverage at 65 when I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I turn 67? My

Social Security benefits will not pay for my mandatory Medicare because I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I'm 67.

I currently pay for TriCare and utilize my local Veterans Administration medical facilities and referrals for my healthcare. With me turning 65 and having

to wait until I'm 67 for my full Social Security benefits, it just seems unfair that I'll have to pay out of pocket Medicare monthly expenses for two years. Is there any way to avoid this unfair penalty?

Signed: Retired Navy Vet

Dear Retired Navy Vet:

First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. Please know that here at the AMAC Foundation we care a lot about our veterans and you may find the "For Veterans" section of our Foundation website interesting - visit [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org).

Regarding your question, you should be aware

that enrolling in Medicare is not mandatory, but there are consequences if you do not enroll when you become eligible, normally at age 65). For one thing, if you are a retired veteran on military TriCare, you will lose your TriCare benefits if you don't enroll in Medicare when you are eligible.

TriCare requires that you enroll in Medicare when eligible. And, since you are not yet collecting Social Security, you will be required to separately pay the Medicare Part B premium directly to Medicare; they will bill you when you enroll in Medicare. Another potential consequence is that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are first el-

igible, you may incur a lifetime late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Part B later.

Something else to keep in mind is that there are two "parts" to Medicare - Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services and Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services - doctors, medical tests, etc. Medicare Part A is free to you, but there is a premium for Medicare Part B (\$185/month for 2025).

Note that you will need to pay a Part B premium as long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (it doesn't

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Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo, Parade Grand Marshal Veteran of the Year Bill Koss, and Senator Jake Oliveira.



Ludlow Jaxx softball group poses for a photo before continuing walking the parade.



The Veterans Services Department float waving to the crowd.



Public Health Nurse Angela Kramer, RN, MS, Town Clerk and Records Assess Officer Kim Batista, with Senator Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow).

**MEMORIAL DAY**

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Koss continued, "It's a somber day of remembrance and one of the things that makes me proud to do as a Ludlow resident is year after year, we have this Memorial Day Parade to remember those who have fallen. The most recent one was SGT. Joshua D. Desforges U.S.M.C. who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010. That was just an incredible tragedy and now they have named the BFW post after him. It's those kinds of sacrifices that make us able to come out here today, watch the parade, and remember what he and so many others have sacrificed."

Several floats, organizations, and town departments walked along the parade route with many onlookers commenting how proud they were to be Ludlow residents. Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo began the ceremony around Veterans Memorial at the conclusion of the parade, with Koss speaking briefly about his most recent recognition.

"I thank you for the honor of being veteran of the year and grand marshal. Today, let us remember and celebrate the veterans who we lost protecting our great nation. While you enjoy your family time and your three-day weekend, remember the reason behind this celebra-



The Ludlow Police Department standing proud behind Chief Valadas.



Representative Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) smiles with Board of Selectman Member Anthony Alves.



The Ludlow Fire Department smiled at the family members and residents while inside the fire truck.



From the left, Board of Selectmen Chairperson Manuel Silva, Member James Gennette, Vice-Chairperson William Rosenblum, and Member Anthony Alves.

tion, remember the sacrifices that have been made and the reason behind Memorial Day. Today was my last day working with Ludlow Community Television, I've done this for ten years and not regretted one minute of it. And this year, I was honored to

have Bill Rooney as my sidekick, thank you Bill. I've been involved with many committees and volunteered time in Ludlow, I'm not looking for a pat on the back, it's something that I wanted to do. It doesn't get better than Ludlow."

The Ludlow High School and Baird Middle School bands played a couple of songs afterwards, with speakers following like Senator Jake Oliveira, Selectboard Chairperson Manuel Silva, and Representative Aaron Saunders.



From the left, Jhon Wielblad, Alysha Pepin, Artist Isabella Wielblad with Josue Irizarry take a photo with a few of Wielblad's art pieces.



Glanville smiles with one of the artists who painted a Monet piece.



Barbara Glanville with President/CEO Josue Irizarry of LBGC posing for a group picture with the preschool artists, proudly showing off their work.

**ART SHOW** from Page 1

port. Offering light refreshments, snacks, and a little bit of candy, the kids were happy exploring the different spaces and enjoying the attention their art was receiving.

Speaking with Glanville, she highlighted her favorite parts about working as the preschool director, the importance of hosting an art show for the children, and the dedication of the club's staff.

"When it was the 75th and planning the events with the rest of the staff, I said I'd like to do an art show. One way to get parents here is to highlight the kid's work or have something that involves the kids. We decided to do an art show in January and have been planning ever since,

the idea was to have one project a month and then we'd highlight them. In each classroom, they used inspiration photos like Monet paintings, still-life, Eric Carle, or stuff for their own creations with their own blocks. We introduced them to different mediums, like acrylic, watercolors, and clay so they learned a lot about why they did it and they had fun. This was a great combination of it and getting parents together, it's good to promote the program. I've always had this great idea to turn our classrooms into little galleries."

This year, the tickets funds went directly to the 75th anniversary fund but next year, families can expect no charge. When asked about her reaction towards the amount of people who attended the event, "I

couldn't believe how many people came, such a great turnout and a lot of good feedback. The kids loved it; they especially loved the chocolate that they don't get during the day." Working as an executive director of Head Start for 25 years, Glanville retired and then found herself at the LBGC working as the preschool director. "It's much easier than being CEO, it's nice and small, it keeps me busy. I love working with the staff, especially getting the young teachers instilled with 'we don't make a lot of money but look how rewarding this is.' It's why I do it. I said I was going to be here for five years, and I've been here for nine! Being here is very fulfilling."

When asked what she enjoys personally for art, Glanville commented that she loves going to muse-

ums. To the families and the children who showcased their artwork, "I so appreciate you coming out and supporting your children, it's nice to showcase what a great program this is and that we appreciate the parents so much here."

If interested in the preschool LBGC program, please call to make an appointment.

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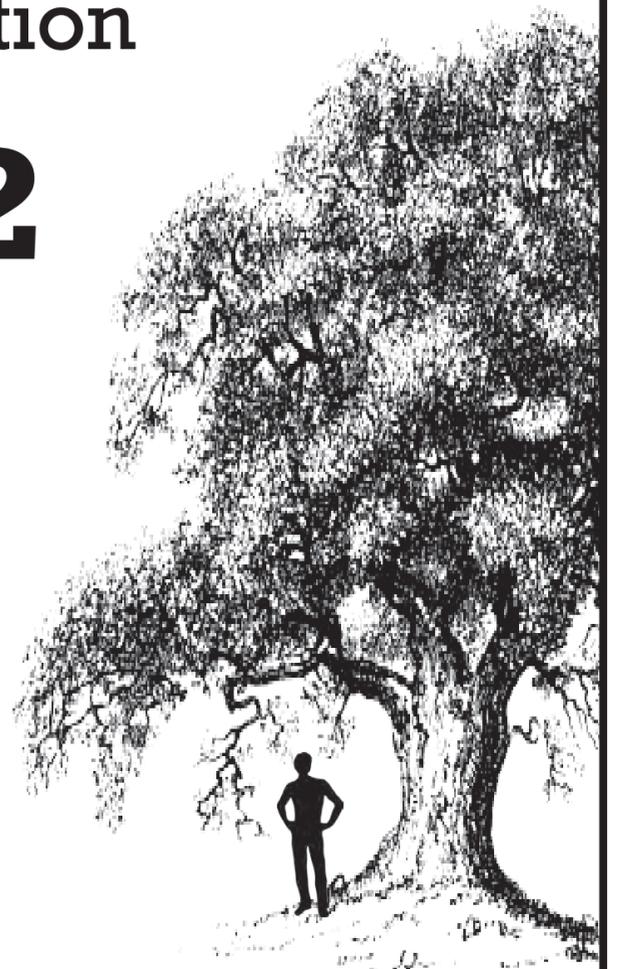
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Ludlow Fire and Police Departments showing their respect at the Island Pond Cemetery.

**WREATHS** from Page 1

many more  
 "I just want a few minutes of your day as we come together this weekend to remember those who sacrificed their lives, in service to our country for us to be here today. A small sacrifice to be here is nothing compared to the life they gave for us. Today as we lay this wreath, we pause to honor the great women and men of our armed forces who gave their lives in service of our nation. This wreath is more than a symbol, it's a tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and devotion of those who never came home. Each branch, each flower, represents a life remembered, a duty fulfilled and a legacy



The ceremony had a speech, wreath laying, and 21-gun salute.

that it endures. May this act of remembrance remind us of the price of freedom and the depth we owe to the fallen and the family."  
 The town was able to express their remembrance and gratitude for those who sacri-

ficed their lives.  
 The following Sunday, the candlelight vigil was held that read the names of the fallen, placing roses and wreath laying with a 21-gun salute.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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The goal is better service for students, families, administrators and staff with kids at school on time in the morning, buses at school before dismissal, and a shorter arrival and dismissal periods at the elementary schools. The timeline for better transportation begins as of May 27 until the week before school, with seven marks to keep on pace with the timeline.  
 Through June 9, Tiano will work with LPVEC and the consultant and develop a

proposal for the school committee, with voting on June 10 on the proposed start/end times. On June 11, Tiano will plan to collect ridership plans for the following year. Early to mid-July, Tiano with the previously stated parties will collaboratively design routes based on actual ridership and in the months of July and August, they'll review, revise, and confirm bus lists.  
 The week before the first day of school, families can expect updated communication about bus routes and bus stops. Potential shifts in schools for start and end times are as follows:

high school could be starting at 7:15 a.m., the middle school could be a little earlier like 7:55 a.m. or later at 8:10 a.m., with elementary schools with later starts. It could be staggered or have the same start/end times, if it's the same start/end times then it would be a 10-to-20-minute shift around 9 to 9:10 a.m., versus a staggered start/end times are to be determined.  
 The Register will cover the June 10 school committee meeting with an update on the upcoming vote start/end times for Ludlow Public Schools.

**FOUR TOWNS** from Page 1

"We are four towns concerned about food insecurity, and we wanted to get together to do something," said Knightly. "Regardless of if you're red or blue, it's a people issue, and we want to reach out and help."  
 "We are giving this back out to the community," said Mia Alves, Ludlow's Dems Chair. "This really is an illustration of our overall mission, and our mission is to feed people."  
 "Food is community, and it brings us together," said Stockton. "It really hurts my heart to see people watching in line at early hours just for some food."  
 The food drives will be held across the four towns on June 28, 2025, and the four towns ask that all food donated is new, not expired, and not opened so that these people can receive good food with dignity, and not pantry clear-outs.  
 While different pantries

will accept different things, like Neighbors Helping Neighbors can accept pet foods but Granby To Go cannot, there are still many things that all four town's pantries need to be stocked with.  
 Any and all feminine hygiene products, and toiletries like shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, and other personal care items are asked for in high demand.  
 Other items, especially shelf-stable, are asked for as well including canned meats, vegetables, and fruits, as well as soup are in high need alongside hot cereals like oatmeal and cream of wheat or rice, and col cereals for breakfasts.  
 "I am a social worker, and I have driven my families to food pantries and drives, and it didn't matter their politics, because food is not supposed to be political," said Alves.  
 "We really need to work towards helping our families here around us who are in need," said Knightly.  
 With the sad reality being

that many households must choose between filling a gas tank or breakfast for the week, it is essential that the community comes together during these hard times to give what they can and help our neighbors.  
 South Hadley will be hosting their food drive on June 28 as a drive-up in the high school's parking lot between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 You'll find Granby accepting donations at the Granby UCC's parish parking lot between 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on June 28.  
 For Ludlow, they will be at the Ludlow Veterans Center at 487 Holyoke Street on June 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Belchertown's location and times are yet to be announced.  
 The next time you are at the grocery store, grab a couple cans of food, maybe a few personal items, because even if you spend less than \$10, you're making a difference in the life of a family, giving them a chance to take care of themselves and eat a meal.

**LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564**  
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**Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center**

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Senior Center June calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more. Reserve your lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).  
 For full program, and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. 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, June 5**  
 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
 9 a.m. Tai Chi  
 9:30 a.m. Dominos  
 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
 1 p.m. Mahjong  
 2 p.m. Writers Block\*  
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

**Friday, June 6**  
 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
 9 a.m. Reiki Appointments\*  
 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
 10 a.m. FCP Live-In Home Care Info Table  
 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check  
 10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers  
 1 p.m. Ceramics  
 1 p.m. Decorating Committee Mtg.  
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*

**Monday, June 9**  
 9 a.m. Knitting  
 9 a.m. Dickinson Museum Trip\*  
 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
 10 a.m. Computer Help\*  
 10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers  
 1 p.m. Scrabble  
 1:15 p.m. Pitch  
 1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class\*  
 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

**Tuesday, June 10**  
 9 a.m. Quilting  
 9 a.m. Line Dancing  
 10 a.m. Cribbage  
 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
 1 p.m. Western Dance Class  
 1:30 p.m. Bingo

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class  
 5 p.m. Movie: *Nonnas* (2025)  
 5 p.m. Trivia  
 5:45 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support

**Wednesday, June 11**  
 8 a.m. Garden Club  
 9 a.m. Mobile Dental Clinic\*  
 9 a.m. Ceramics  
 9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
 12 p.m. Lunch & Learn: Strong Bones\*  
 1 p.m. Movie: *Nonnas* (2025)  
 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
 1:30 p.m. Intro to Soup & Spices\*

**Thursday, June 12**  
 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
 9 a.m. Tai Chi  
 9:30 a.m. Dominos  
 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Senior Center Mtg.  
 10:30 a.m. Senator Oliveira Office Hour  
 1 p.m. Mahjong  
 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
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**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, June 5: Chef Salad  
 Friday, June 6: Baked Cod/Roasted Pot/Power Salad  
 Monday, June 9: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Harvard Beets  
 Tuesday, June 10: Cheeseburger/Lettuce & Tom/Chips/Pickle  
 Wednesday, June 11: Lunch & Learn! Mac & Cheese/Stewed Tomatoes  
 Thursday, June 12: Fruit Salad & Cottage Cheese Plate  
 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.

**First Church holding Strawberry Supper**

LUDLOW – First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center Street will be presenting our phenomenal Strawberry Supper Take Out on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Pickup time is between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.  
 The menu includes Sliced Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Roll & Strawberry Shortcake for only \$18.00  
 Call now to secure your reservations 413-547-8720.

**Food Drive bi-monthly at First Church**

LUDLOW – 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.  
 Bring all food items to drop off at our next Food Drive on June 7. Thanks for your generosity.

**Polish food sale set for June 14**

LUDLOW – A Polish Food Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, MA. There will be Golabki (3) \$12, Kapusta (Large) \$10, Pierogi (12), Pierogi Available, Cabbage, Potato and cheese \$14, Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15 Everyone is welcome to come and purchase.

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# Sheriff's Marine unit assisting in recovery efforts



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The Hampden County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Marine Patrol Unit works to assist with recovery efforts in the Connecticut River during the past two months.

LUDLOW – The Hampden County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Marine Patrol Unit continues to assist in the search and recovery efforts for three individuals who went missing in separate incidents along the Connecticut River.

Daniel Callahan of East Windsor, Connecticut, went missing on the Connecticut River on March 9. Nicklas Delisle of Chicopee, Massachusetts, went missing after canoeing on May 19. An individual from Franklin County, whose identity has not yet been confirmed, is also missing.

"Our primary mission is to support our public safety partners and do everything we can to help bring closure and solace to the families affected by these tragedies," said Sheriff Nick Cocchi. "Our Marine Patrol Unit is committed to this work with the compassion and determination it deserves."

The HCSO Marine Patrol Unit is working closely with the Western Massachusetts Regional Dive Team and the Connecticut River Task Force, with efforts from agencies including the Massachusetts State Police, Westfield Fire Department, Holyoke Fire Department, Chicopee Police Department, Southwick Police De-

partment, South Hadley Fire District 1, Agawam Fire Department, Easthampton Police and Fire Departments and the Northampton Fire Department.

The search and recovery efforts for the three missing individuals are a reminder of the importance of prioritizing safety when spending time on the water.

Last week, Sheriff Cocchi announced the launch of the Life Jacket Loaner Program. To prevent further tragedies on the waterways, the grant from the Sea Tow Foundation will supply free life jackets at a loaner stand located at Brunelle's Marina on the Connecticut River in South Hadley. The program is funded by a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. With a mission to provide access to education, tools, and resources, the Life Jacket Loaner Program will aid in preventing boating accidents and deaths.

"The reality is that accidents on the water can happen in an instant – and life jackets save lives," said Sheriff Cocchi. "It doesn't matter if you're on a paddleboard or a powerboat, or if the skies are clear and the water's calm: If you're out on the water, compli-

ance with having a life jacket readily accessible – and wearing one when mandated by state law – is a boating safety initiative that all boaters should practice and adhere to."

The HCSO Marine Patrol Unit, trained in marine operations and emergency response, will manage the station and provide access to life jackets. The initiative demonstrates the Sheriff's Office's ongoing commitment to public safety, promoting safe boating practices and emphasizing the importance of life jacket usage. The safety and responsible practices of the community remain the primary goal of the HCSO Marine Patrol Unit.

For more information about the Hampden County Sheriff's Office's Marine Patrol Unit, visit <https://hcsoma.org/hcso-marine-patrol-unit/>. To learn more about the Sea Tow Foundation's mission and its Life Jacket Loaner Program, visit <https://www.boatingsafety.com/>.

"On Friday afternoon, the Hampden County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit recovered the body of Niklas Delisle from the Connecticut River in Holyoke, not far from where his kayak capsized."

# NEPM Asparagus Festival June 7

SPRINGFIELD— With less than a month to go, the spirit (or, perhaps, "speirit") of asparagus will once again be the focal point of the 11th Annual NEPM Asparagus Festival. Known as "the asparagus capital of the world," western Massachusetts is still home to hundreds of working farms, and many locally-owned restaurants and breweries.

Now in its 11th year, the NEPM Asparagus Festival returns to the Hadley Town Common on Saturday, June 7 to celebrate the area's local businesses and organizations and spotlight our agricultural heritage.

The NEPM Asparagus Festival Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hadley Town Common, Route 9, Hadley, Massachusetts  
Hosted By: New England Public Media.

Each year, the NEPM Asparagus Festival brings people together in celebration of our region's diversity, beauty, and bounty. The event brings over 7,500 people to the Hadley Town Common to enjoy the best of western Mass. flavors, agriculture, music, and, of course, Hadley grass. The festival is free and open to all with a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family at the gates. Proceeds from the NEPM Asparagus Festival support public media in western Mass. Attendees are encouraged to register before the festival to skip the line at the gates. Everyone who registers early will be entered to win a VIP package to the Green River Festival, June 20-22 in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

The popular Farmers & Makers Market will be open for the full day (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) so attendees can have more opportunities to explore and connect with more than 75 local vendors and artisans featuring crafts, cultural items, nonprofit initiatives, agricultural products, and more.

Plus, there's no shortage of children's fun, including a chance to meet PBS Kids characters Curious George and Nature Cat. Families can find out how fast they can pick asparagus with the Asparagus Valley Pick game or join Wild Garden of Childhood Nursery for arts and crafts.

Sure to be a fun time for the entire family, this is an unmissable opportunity to enjoy one of the first festivals of the season, highlight this remarkable vegetable, and gather in a community celebration of all western Mass. has to offer.

The NEPM Asparagus Festival is sponsored by Greenfield Savings Bank, PV Squared, All Energy Solar, Valley Solar, The Campus School, Amherst Innovative Living, Northeast Solar, River Valley Co-op, Applied Mortgage, Hope & Feathers Framing and USA Waste and Recycling.

# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 9-1. Closed Sundays and holidays.

## FOR ALL AGES

**Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday, May 25, 11:00 a.m.** Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

**Free Tech Help Call** us at 413-583-3408x114 to book an hour long appointment. We can help you with your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. By appointment only, please no drop-ins.

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

## FOR ADULTS

**The History of the New England Maple Sugar Harvest, Thursday, May 29, 6:00 p.m.** Living Historian Dennis, dressed in period costume, will detail the process and techniques of maple sugaring as well as stories and folklore from the Native Americans to the end of the 19th century. Join us for this fun and historical program! Please register.

**Mixed Media Art Class, Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.** Join us for a creative and hands-on art class led by local artist Sergio. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this class is designed to help you explore your artistic abilities using a variety of tools and art mediums to recreate a class work of art! Please register.

**Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge** Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit [massbook.org/readingchallenge](http://massbook.org/readingchallenge).

**Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m.** Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Who picked this book?

Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

**Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

## FOR TEENS

**Anime Club, every other Tuesday, June 12 and 26, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about anime. Registration recommended.

**CD Mandalas for YAs, Friday, June 20, 1:30 p.m.** For middle and high schoolers. Turn an old music CD into a mesmerizing work of art. Please register.

**Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, June 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** For middle and high schoolers. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games. Free pizza sponsored by Friends of the Library! 16 person limit. Please register.

**3D Fashion Paper Art, Friday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.** For tweens and teens. Join teen library volunteer Bella who will teach you how to create a high-fashion design and then make an artistic 3D drawing of it using designer papers and other craft supplies. Please register.

**Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, last Friday of month, June 27, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** For ages 14 - 18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. The group picks the books. Pick up a copy of this month's book in the Youth Room. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

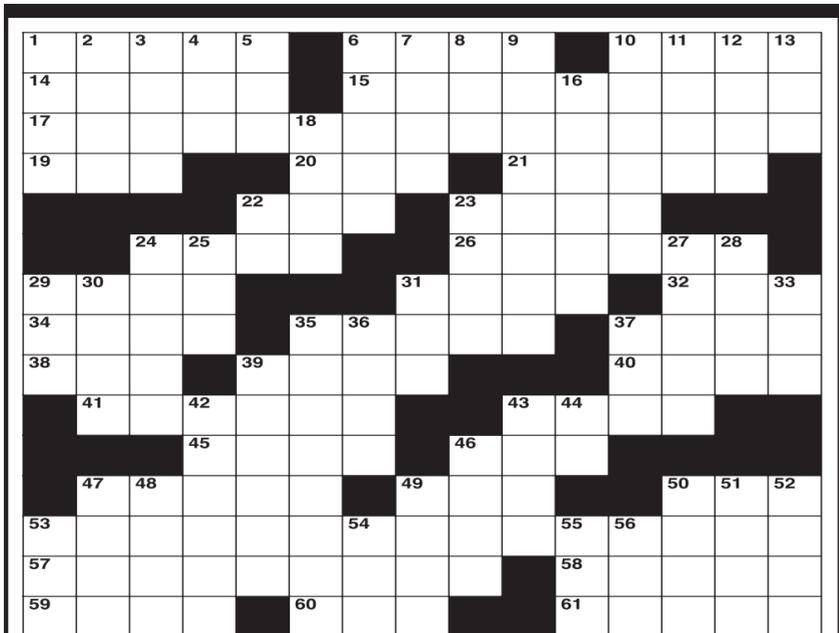
**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, June 3 and 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

**Drop-in Father's Day Card Making, June 9 through 14, all day.** All ages. Visit our card-making station and use designer papers, stickers, and rubber stamps to make cards for your dad, grandpa, or special friend. Drop-in.

**Garden Gnome Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, June 10, all day.** All ages. June 10th is International Garden Gnome Day. Find all the gnomes hiding in the youth room to win a prize! Drop-in.

**Gnome Jar Craft, Tuesday, June 10, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** All ages. Make a cute gnome out of a jar, with a light up bead inside that gives it a magical glow. Drop-in.

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1. Marsh plant
6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
10. Fogginess
14. Home to Fools' Day
15. Absence of the sense of pain
17. Popular November holiday
19. Consume food
20. Buddy
21. Long-haired goat-antelope
22. Japanese honorific
23. Actor Malek
24. One point south of southeast
26. Illegal acts
29. As fast as can be done
31. Prevents harm to young

32. Exclamation of satisfaction
34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal
37. Oh, goodness!
38. A team's best pitcher
39. Cleanser
40. Radioactivity units
41. Expectorated matter
1. Satisfy
2. European health advocate
3. Expression of annoyance
4. Strong liquor
5. Large red deer
6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
7. West Indian shrub
8. Family of proteins
9. Wealthy, influential business leader

10. Low spirits
11. Approves food
12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
13. Mary \_\_\_\_, cosmetics
16. Expressed in pithy maxims
18. Relaxing spaces
22. The NFL's big game
23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb
28. Herring-like fish
29. Doctors' group
30. Pouches
31. Bread dipping in sauce
33. Commercials
35. A reminder of past events

36. Affected by injury
37. Geological time
39. Stationary part of a motor
42. Brings together
43. Of sound mind
44. Personal computer
46. Without (French)
47. A bank might give you one
48. Agricultural testing organization
49. A small island
50. Type of gene
51. Murres
52. Card game
53. A measure of human health
54. Australian airline (abbr.)
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## Lions grab win in makeup game



Madelyn Goncalves-Korny socks a base hit.

BELCHERTOWN – In a makeup game for both teams prior to the state playoffs, Belchertown fell to visiting Ludlow 13-9 on May 24 in a makeup game for both teams. It was a wild game, though Ludlow maintained a lead for most of the matchup. Belchertown had a couple of scoring spurts to stay in the game. But Ludlow was able to hold on to the lead for its ninth of the season. Madelyn Goncalves-Korny had four hits and four RBI while Sophia Mitus, Lila Roy, Vivian Ross, and Valerie Williams had two hits each. Ross drove in three runs.



Eris Learned fields a clean grounder.



Emily Pereira makes a throw to first.



Caitlyn Peczkka runs down to first.



Kylie Roach goes for an out.



Olivia Slatton sends a pitch away.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Sports clinics return this summer

LUDLOW – The Lions Pride Sports Clinics return this summer with a dynamic lineup of programs designed to support youth athletic development, foster sportsmanship, and prepare athletes for competitive success.

Hosted at Ludlow High School, the clinics will run from late June through August and include offerings in basketball, soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, athlete preparation, and track & field.

With a strong roster of experienced coaches and a focus on skill-building, these clinics provide athletes from kindergarten through 12th grade with opportunities to grow in a fun, supportive environment. Registration is now open.

### Summer 2025 Clinics Include:

- Basketball Clinic**  
Grades: 1st–9th  
Coach: Tim Brillo  
Dates: July 7–11 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Fee: \$100
- Soccer Clinics – Session 1 & 2**  
Ages: 5–12  
Coach: Greg Kolodziej  
Session 1: June 23–27 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Session 2: July 21–25 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Fee: \$100 per session

### High School Volleyball

Grades: 10–12  
Coach: Ethan Campbell  
Dates: June 24–August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 6 to 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$200

### Volleyball Basics

Grades: 7–9  
Coach: Ethan Campbell  
Dates: July 8–August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 and 6 p.m.  
Fee: \$200

### Beach Volleyball

Grades: 10–12  
Coach: Ethan Campbell  
Dates: June 24–August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays (6 to 8 p.m.), Sundays (10 a.m. to 12 noon)  
Fee: \$350

### Athlete Prep

Grades: 8–12  
Coach: Brian Walsh  
Dates: June 23–August 7  
Sessions: Monday and Thursday at 8 a.m., Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
Schedule subject to change  
Fee: \$130

### Youth Track and Field

Grades: K–8  
Coaches: Brian Walsh  
Dates: June 30–August 11 | Mondays | 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$100

All sessions will be held at Ludlow High School, featuring high-quality facilities and a supportive environment for young athletes to learn and grow.

## T-Birds announce home opener for 10th season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced six guaranteed home game dates at the MassMutual Center for the 2025-26 season. The franchise will kick off its 10th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 11 for Opening Night. Additionally, the following dates will be on the home ice schedule next season:

- Friday, Nov. 7
  - Saturday, Dec. 6
  - Saturday, Jan. 10
  - Saturday, Feb. 21
  - Saturday, March 7
- Promotional information and opponents for these nights, as well as the rest of the 2025-26 season

schedule, will be unveiled later this summer. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be a historic 10th year for the Thunderbirds franchise.

The 2024-25 regular season may be over, but the Thunderbirds' front office staff and Boomer will remain as active as ever in the Springfield community throughout the late Spring and Summer.

For more information on upcoming events, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

## New exhibit opens at Volleyball Hall of Fame

HOLYOKE – There's never been a better time to visit the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. As we gear up for the 2025 Induction Ceremony this October, we're unveiling a series of exciting new exhibits that celebrate the global spirit and rich history of our sport.

**"Volleyballs Around the World"**  
Take a journey across continents and cultures to see how volleyball connects communities worldwide.

From backyard courts to Olympic arenas, this exhibit highlights the sport's universal appeal.

"The History of Puerto Rican Volleyball" Discover the passion and pride of Puerto Rico's volleyball legacy, featuring iconic athletes from the

Puerto Rican Volleyball Hall of Fame, landmark moments, and the island's lasting impact on the international stage.

### Reimagined Beach Volleyball Exhibit

Get a fresh look at the sand-side of the sport with a dynamic update to our Beach Volleyball exhibit—featuring new stories, legendary players, and Olympic highlights that defined eras.

Whether you're stopping by this summer or joining us in October for Induction Weekend, don't miss these powerful additions to the Hall experience. They're more than exhibits—they're celebrations of the game we all love.

Plan your visit today—and make history part of your journey.



Oskar Kaufmann grabs a quick stop.



Cameron Hall, Pioneers goalie, sends a free kick away.

## After pair of big wins, Pioneers draw in home opener

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Putting the ball into the back of the net wasn't a major issue for the Western Mass. Pioneers in their first two regular season matches.

The Pioneers, who outscored Boston City and the Albany Rush, 15-0, on the road, played a 1-1 draw against the Seacoast United Phantoms in the home opener at historic Lusitano Stadium on May 23.

"I thought it was a very good game tonight," said longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Seacoast won the championship last year and they're a very good team again this year. They defended very well against us. We did play much better during the second half than we did in the first half."

The Pioneers first home match was played on a miserable night weatherwise.

Eleven different players scored a goal in the Pioneers' first two road matches.

Israel Neto led the way offensively with three goals. Matt Cence and Robbie Lyons both scored two goals. The other goals for the Pioneers were scored by Oskar



Santiago Blasco Gomez balances the ball.

Kaufmann, Aiden Kelly, Austin Bush, Jose Suarez, Jose Bustamante, Gustavo Barbosa, and Mamadi Jiana, who's a former member of the Chicopee boys' soccer team.

The Phantoms (0-1-1), who are the defending USL League Two National champions, had won the previous three matchups between the two rivals held at Lusitano Stadium.

The home team had an opportunity to take an early lead, but a breakaway opportunity by Kaufmann in the second minute of the match



Israel Neto looks to clear the ball away.

was saved by Seacoast goalie Jahn Tobias.

With 15 minutes remaining in the first half, Tobias made a diving save on another shot attempt from Kaufmann.

Down at the other end of the field, Western Mass. goalie Cameron Hall also made a couple of key saves, which kept the contest scoreless until the second half.

The Phantoms also had nine corner kicks during the first 45 minutes.

Early in the second half, the referee awarded the

Phantoms a penalty kick following a foul inside the box.

Hall, who posted shutouts in the first two matches, made a diving save on the shot taken by Taig Healy. The ball was deflected away by Hall, but Healy was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot giving the visiting team a 1-0 advantage.

The Pioneers scored the equalizer a little more than ten minutes later.

The scoring play be-

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Mamadi Jiana advances up the field.

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gan with Suarez sending a crossing pass from the left side of the penalty area to Kaufmann, who fired a shot into the lower right corner of the net.

Neither team was able to

score another goal during the last 30 minutes of regulation.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is scheduled to take place on June 25th.

The Pioneers played a road match against the Bos-



Jaiden Williams sets for a throw-in.

ton Bolts on June 3 before returning home three nights later to face NEFC, who's competing at the USL-League Two level for the first time this season.

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**Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, June 11 and 25, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.** For ages 8-14. Trading, dueling, and gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

**3D Paper Strip Sculptures, Monday, June 16, Noon to 5:00 p.m.** All ages. Make free-form sculptures from colorful strips of paper. Drop-in.

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Tuesday, June 17, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** All ages. Join us as we kick off the summer reading program with face painting, balloon animals, glitter tattoos, crafts, cookie decorating, spin art, lawn games, and more! Generously sponsored by Country Bank. Drop-in.

build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

**Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.** Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library's Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

**Saturday Online Club, every Saturday (last day June 21), 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** Play Minecraft, Roblox, or other online group games at the library. Use the library's Minecraft accounts but please register for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

**FOR CHILDREN**

**First Words for 0-12 mo olds, Fridays, May 30 through June 20, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.** For 0-12 mo olds and their caregivers. This series, presented by a certified speech-language pathologist from Connect 2 Communicate, will focus on early communication and how to support infant speech and language development. Please register.

**Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday, June 26, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.** For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month the group is reading *Séance Tea Party*, by Reimena Yee, which is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

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

**You & Me in Music for 18-24 months with Renee**

**Coro, Wednesdays June 4 through June 25, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.** For 18 to 24 mos. Songs, stories, chanting, musical instruments and more to foster pre-literacy skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**You & Me in Music for 2-5 yr olds with Renee Coro, Wednesdays June 4 through June 25, 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.** For 2-5 year olds.. Songs, stories, chanting, musical instruments and more to foster pre-literacy skills. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers, Thursdays, June 5 through 26 (not 6/19), 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.** For 0-2s. Playgroup led by early childhood development specialists. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 yr olds, Thursdays, June 5 through 26 (not 6/19), 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.** For 2-5s. Playgroup led by early childhood development specialists. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.** (not 7/29 or 8/12) For 0-5s. Interactive, participatory music for children and their grown-ups with favorite children's songs. Takes place on the library lawn, but we move inside for bad weather. Drop-in.

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## Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 7

WILBRAHAM - The 13th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9 a.m.

This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King - Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice

Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25.

Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration.

The first 150 registered runners by May 13, 2023 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring the "Running Apple" logo, and all

registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Minnechaug Land Trust.

Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Online registration is available at RunSignUp.com.

## Local golf tournament looking for sponsors

BELCHERTOWN—Maggi Group Golf Tournament to benefit Belchertown High School football team on June 7, at Cold Spring Country Club. They are currently looking for sponsors and players.

Please see available sponsor categories:

**Platinum sponsor \$1000**

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Associations Game Day Program

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ner over buffet for Lunch, Sponsor name on a sign & a hole, Recognition in Social Media, Recognition on the Tournament Program

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on the Tournament Program

**Bronze Sponsor \$100**

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Lunch and Dinner included along with raffle prizes

The tournament will be at Cold Spring Country Club, registration starts at 12 p.m. with shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$135 per player or \$500 per foursome.

Please make checks payable to Joseph Maggi and mail to 442 State St., Belchertown, MA. Or Venmo <https://account.venmo.com/u/joseph-maggi-65> to sign up go to <https://forms.gle/2vgy8aizncrphrm6> Call 413-324-5325 or 413-530-4657 for more information.

## Pioneer Valley's 6th Annual Wine and Food Festival to be held June 7-8

BRIMFIELD—2025 Marks the 6th year of the Pioneer Valley Wine and Food festival. The event will be held Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at Brimfield Auction Acres at 35 Main St., Brimfield.

This exciting event brings together New England Wineries, Cideries, Breweries, Distilleries, and Meaderies from across the

Pioneer Valley and beyond. The festival will continue its early partnership with Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR).

Featuring local vintners and craft brewers ready to spill their secrets, plus a sizzling chef panel starring culinary celebs like Brynn Gibson, the youngest Black Jacket finalist from Fox's Hell's Kitchen with Gordon Ramsay. We also have Jared Forman, the culinary mas-

termind behind Deadhorse Hill, who brought the heat on Food Network's Beat Bobby Flay.

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://PIONEERVALLEY-WINEFESTIVAL.COM>.

Location: Brimfield Auction Acres is conveniently located just 5 miles off the Mass Pike/I-84 Sturbridge exit, making it easily accessible for a weekend getaway.

## Explore Nature and Learn About Local Wildlife at Norcross 2025 Open House!

WALES—Bring the whole family to enjoy a day of nature exploration and education at The Norcross Wildlife Foundation on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Simply drop by to join in on the excitement.

Throughout the event, Norcross staff will lead guided tours of the 3-miles of public trails, providing insight into local plants, wildlife, and conservation efforts. Visitors will also have

the chance to engage with local experts and discover new ways to connect with nature and wildlife through a variety of fun, interactive booths and activities.

Exhibitors include: National Parks Service (Springfield, MA)

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For more information, contact Caroline Cay Adams, Director of Education, The Norcross Wildlife Foundation, 413-245-1264, ext. 106, [cadams@norcross-wildlife.org](mailto:cadams@norcross-wildlife.org), [www.norcross-wildlife.org](http://www.norcross-wildlife.org), 30 Peck Road, Wales, MA 01081.

# PET PAGE



### PET OF THE MONTH Meet Stanley!



He's around 8 years old and a Lab mix. He was a rescue from Arkansas and was adopted by the Gibbs family in 2021. He is very friendly and loves all people. He is a lazy dude who likes to snooze all day and loves to lay in the sun. He has a great sense of smell and enjoys tracking all sorts of animals that cross through the yard. He has two human sisters who are 2.5 years and 6 months old who love to snuggle with him!

### ATTENTION READERS!

Send in your pet picture for our "Pet of the Month" and receive a FREE weekend get-away or spa package for your pet courtesy of Porter Road Pet Care.

Email your photos to: [jwalker@turley.com](mailto:jwalker@turley.com). Please include your name and your pet's name.

### WILBRAHAM Animal Hospital

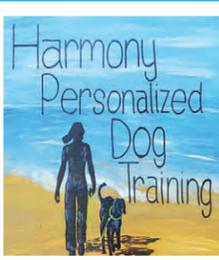
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## Take A Road Trip With Your Dog!

Summer is here and that means vacations and road trips. We hate leaving our furry friends behind though...so don't!

For the past 5 years we have brought our dog Samson with us on all our driving trips throughout New England. From hotels to vacation rentals, to glamping. Mountains, lakes, and beaches. Restaurants, activities, and special events. Hiking, water sports, sight-seeing or just lounging by the ocean or the pool, Samson has done it all with us! What we have found is that there is a huge

industry behind making it oh so easy to bring your best buddy along and enjoy your vacation with him!

Here are some tips to help you have a successful road trip with your dog:

**Plan Ahead:** Research pet-friendly accommodations and destinations. Websites like GoPetFriendly.com, BringFido.com and FluentWoof.com can help you find great places to visit. When looking for a pet-friendly place to stay check out Booking.com, Vrbo.com and AirBnB.com. If there is

a specific place or event you are interested in call ahead and ask if they are pet friendly. You'll be surprised how many are!

**Pack Essentials:** Make sure to bring all his comforts of home. Bring food, water, bowls, leashes, waste bags, and any necessary health documents. Also, his own bed, favorite toys etc. Try to keep to his regular feeding schedule.

**Keep Him Safe:** If your dog doesn't mind a crate, this is a great option to keep him safe and comfortable. Another alternative to

look into is a special car bed or back seat hammock with a safety harness.

**Take Breaks:** Schedule regular stops for bathroom breaks and exercise to keep your dog comfortable and happy.

**Explore Together:** Look for dog-friendly activities and parks along your route to make the trip enjoyable for both you and your dog.

Planning is key to a successful trip and these tips will help ensure a fun and safe road trip experience for you and your furry friend!

# Wilbraham Recognized as a Dementia Friendly Community by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging

WILBRAHAM - The Town of Wilbraham is proud to announce its official certification as a Dementia Friendly Community by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging. This significant milestone honors Wilbraham's dedication to building a more inclusive, supportive environment for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

To celebrate this achievement, the Town will host a community celebration on Monday, July 7, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center (250 Springfield Street). The event is open to the public, and town officials, local businesses, and community members are warmly encouraged to attend. The celebration will include guest speakers from the Massachusetts Council on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association. Light refreshments will be provided.

"A dementia-friendly community is a place where people with dementia and their caregivers are supported, in-

cluded, and empowered by local residents and businesses," said Katie Krupka "We focus on education, reducing stigma, promoting awareness, and ensuring access to resources and services that enhance quality of life."

The Dementia Friendly Wilbraham initiative began in the summer of 2023, guided by a passionate committee including Barbara Harrington and Paula Dubord of the Wilbraham Senior Center, Katie Krupka of Assisted Living Locators, Tracey Perry of Country Bank, and representatives from the ERC5 Chamber of Commerce.

Over the past year, the committee has facilitated multiple dementia education efforts, including Dementia Friends training for local businesses and town offices as well as dementia simulation experiences and information and updates on the importance of dementia research. The Wilbraham Senior Center also launched a Memory Café, providing a safe and engaging

space for those living with dementia and their loved ones. In a unique outreach effort, Dementia Friends training was even presented to 4th and 5th grade classrooms at Soule Road School, fostering empathy and awareness among the community's youngest members.

"This recognition is not just a milestone—it's a testament to the compassion and dedication of our entire community," said Katie Krupka, Assisted Living Locators "We are committed to continuing our efforts to educate, support, and grow as a truly Dementia Friendly town."

Wilbraham will continue working alongside community partners and local businesses to broaden awareness, provide educational opportunities, and enhance quality of life for all residents affected by dementia.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Wilbraham Senior Center at (413-596-8370.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:40 p.m.** on the application of Evarist Nderebusa of **145 Coolidge Avenue Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 2C, Parcel 122)** for: **office for travel & tourism.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 05/28, 06/04/2025

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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 26, 2025.

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(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD25C0169CA

In the matter of:  
**Maria Esther De Jesus Martinez**

AKA: **Maria Esther Marin CITION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Maria Esther De Jesus Martinez AKA: Maria Esther Marin of Indian Orchard, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Maria Esther De Jesus Martinez**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/25/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: May 20, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/04/2025

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Docket No.  
HD24P0753EA  
Estate of:  
**Michael P Melnyck**  
Date of Death: **01/19/2024**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/02/2025**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: May 28, 2025  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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06/04/2025

## Book Sale takes place June 13-14

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

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go away after you are collecting Social Security, but it is taken from your Social Security payment). And there is no way for you to avoid the Part B premium after enrolling and enrolling in Part B is necessary for you to continue your military TriCare-for-life benefits. Note that Medicare Part A and Part B do not include prescription drug coverage, but your TriCare coverage

usually does.

It's important to note that Medicare and Social Security are two independent senior programs with different eligibility rules. As you may know, you can collect early (reduced) Social Security at age 65 (and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your SS payment). But you would be collecting Social Security early and, in addition to a reduced benefit, you would also be subject to Social Security's annu-

al earnings test if you are still working. The SS earnings test limits how much you can earn before some of your SS benefits are taken away if you exceed the earning limit prior to your full retirement age.

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Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit [amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory](http://amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at [ssadviser@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadviser@amacfoundation.org). Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

So, is it unfair that you must pay for Medicare Part B before you are collecting Social Security? Well, I think not, because the two programs are completely independent benefits (the Social Security Administration merely administers Medicare payments as a conve-

nience). Remember your Medicare Part A is free, but you must pay a premium for Part B, and you must take both to retain your military TriCare-for-Life benefits. You can visit this site to see how to pay your Medicare premiums until it is later deducted from your Social Security payment: [www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/pay-premiums/online-bill-pay](http://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/pay-premiums/online-bill-pay).

Once again, thank you for your service to our country.

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## PV Financial announces partnership with Baystate Health

LUDLOW - Pioneer Valley Financial Group (PV Financial) is proud to announce a meaningful partnership with Baystate Health in recognition of the exceptional care provided by the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staff. PV was inspired to collaborate with the Baystate Health Foundation after Andrea Lebeau, a valued member of our PV Financial team, experienced an emergency early delivery of her daughter, Blake, who required a 102-day stay in the Baystate Health's NICU. Since her arrival in late November, Blake has received round the clock

care. Andrea and her husband, Shawn are deeply grateful not only for the support extended to their family but also for the care given to countless others relying on the Davis NICU. Inspired by this experience, PV Financial felt compelled to give back in a way that would directly benefit the Davis NICU and its families.

Through ongoing discussions with the Baystate Health Foundation, PV Financial has made a generous \$5,000 donation to support the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In addition to this donation, PV Financial staff also volunteered at the Baystate Health

Foundation Annual Radiothon, held in partnership with WMAS 94.7. PV volunteers manned the phones during the Radiothon, helping to collect donations that will directly support the vital work being done at Baystate Health Children's Center. During the event, Andrea shared her personal journey in a moving interview with the Kellogg Krew, giving the community a heartfelt glimpse into the life-changing care families receive daily in the NICU.

Looking ahead, PV Financial is excited to continue its support of Baystate Health through participation in the

Baystate Children's Hospital 33rd Annual Golf Tournament this June. As part of their contribution, PV Financial will donate a pair of Red Sox vs. Yankees tickets for the Live Auction during the event. All funds raised from the tournament will go toward advancing pediatric health research, purchasing child-sized equipment, and enhancing the experiences of children receiving care at Baystate Children's Hospital. PV Financial is honored to have the opportunity to give back to the NICU and raise awareness and funds for a cause that has deeply touched their lives.

## The Cows Are Coming Home!

*Old Sturbridge Village teams up with World-Renowned CowParade and regional artists to design an Udderly Moo-ving Experience*

STURBRIDGE—This summer, Old Sturbridge Village, New England's premier living history museum, is partnering with CowParade, the world's largest public art event, to bring history and imagination to life with more than two dozen, artistically decorated cows grazing the Village grounds.

The world-renowned cows, made of fiberglass and weighing 100-pounds, are being transformed by local artists into creative works of art that represent early New England life, America 250 and more. The exhibit will be unveiled to the public the weekend of June 21-22 and will run into September, culminating with a cattle auction to support the Museum's non-profit educational programs.

In March, more than 130 New England artists responded to the Village's call to create one-of-a-kind

cow designs with over 261 submissions. Those chosen to go "on parade" range from revolutionary-inspired cows such as the "Bull of Rights" to more contemporary masterpieces like, "Salted," which represents a giant stick of butter. The selected artists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and are now hard at work - painting, staining, and even knitting their imaginative creations to life.

"By welcoming the internationally known CowParade to Massachusetts, we hope to bring history to life in a creative and unexpected way," said James Donahue, President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. "It is a wonderful opportunity to use Old Sturbridge Village as an open-air gallery to celebrate New England artists while offering visitors a truly unique experience."

In addition to seeing the one-of-a-kind cows, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of cattle in early 19th-century New England, meet the Village's heritage breed cows and oxen (including Devons, Shorthorns, and Randall Linebacks), and learn about the dairying process of the past.



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Over 30 vendors selling a variety of artistic wares will be present along with the church's bake sale. A café selling cooked hamburgers

and hotdogs as well as serving other snack foods will be available during the fair.

There will be a raffle of themed baskets as well as vendor donated items. The church is located at 500 Main St in Wilbraham.

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