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## First Church hosts food drive in support of Community Survival Center

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LUDLOW – On the rainy morning of June 7, the First Church held a food drive that directly supports the Community Survival Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Occurring on the first Saturday of every even month, the church’s mission project focuses on helping neighbors, the poor, and the homeless by hosting a food drive that collects donations from the whole community.

From the Community Survival Center website, the 41-year-old non-profit agency helps families struggling with food insecurity, with their emergency food pantry serving Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, 16-Acres, and Indian Orchard. In 2024, the church was able to deliver 2,734 pounds of food and \$315 to support the Survival Center, with the church encouraging people to save items in between drives and donate



The food drive is held right outside the front doors of the church with ample parking; visitors can drop their food off at their convenience.

at their next one. Member of the Missions Committee/Deacon Karen Robinson has been involved within the church for 32 years, Member of the Missions Committee and Pas-

tor Relations Committee/Deacon Marianne Waszkelewicz has been involved within the church for 31 years, and the Member of the Missions Committee/Shared Missions Com-

mittee Elaine Hodgman has been involved within the church for 25 years all spoke about the food drive



Swim teams of Ludlow, Amherst, and Westside warming up before the tri-meet begins.

## Sea Lions swim into summer at tri-meet

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LUDLOW - On June 4, the Boys and Girls Club/Randall’s Community Center held a tri-meet against Amherst and Westside swim teams, right before their Slide into Summer Safety event on June 16 and the open swim meet on August 2. Walking inside the Club and looking to the right into the indoor pool, the tri-meet was swarming with children, parents and guardians, with coaches preparing for their team’s turn to jump into the

pool, whilst the Head Coach of the Ludlow Sea Lions Megan Goncalves spoke right before about the Club, her career as a coach, and why it’s important to teach children about water safety in the summertime.

Goncalves has been the Sea Lions coach for 4 years but has been taking on a coaching role in her teens and in college years and now, sharing her love for swimming with her children. Graduating Ludlow High in 2002 and continuing to be a

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The Fever Band performed at the Hubbard Memorial lawn next to the parking lot, where families set up lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the variety of music genres and covers played by the band.

## Library kicks off ‘Color our World’ reading program

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LUDLOW – On the evening of June 12, the Hubbard Memorial Library lawn was full of families, friends, and library patrons ready to celebrate summer with the reading program theme, “Color our World”. Beginning on June 16 to Aug. 17, the summer reading challenge is open to all ages, from babies to adults encouraging everyone to listen/read when they can.

With the idea of sharpening kids’ reading skills

throughout the summer, with the bonus of reducing stress, improving brain function, and stepping into thrilling stories and imaginative worlds; everyone can get involved and can earn great prizes too.

At the event, families were relaxing in their own lawn chairs and on their blankets, kids were running around with bubbles and playing yard games with their parents and guardians, whilst others were dancing near the stage to the groove of the music.

From the Summer Reading Program pamphlet, the best way you can help your reader to retain or improve their reading skills or help your preschooler get ready to learn how to read is to encourage a regular reading habit. Studies have shown that reading daily for as little as 20 minutes a day is all that’s needed. The library hosts a summer reading program to help with that! When children log at least 20 minutes of reading on Beanstack, they can earn 10 raffle tickets. On August 18, the Hubbard Memorial Li-

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## LBGC School Age Director Sheri Santos retires after 28 years

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LUDLOW - “I didn’t choose the job; the job chose me.” On June 13, School Age Director of the Boys and Girls Club/Randall’s Community Center Sheri Santos retired after 28 years, beginning at the club in 1997, alongside her daughter who was attending school at the LBGC. Earning over 10 work titles at the Club, creating meaningful impacts in several departments, and now wanting to spend time with her husband, Santos’ career at the Club and beyond

shined bright throughout the building and is excited to see what’s next.

When her daughter was kindergarten age, Santos wanted to find a workplace that would allow her to be home when her daughter was home, and work when her daughter was in school. When the LBGC had an opening in kindergarten, Santos’ daughter attended the school and Santos was hired as a preschool aid. Within that same year, Santos began working the before school program and assisted the director, and then eventually became the kindergarten teacher for a couple of years.

Whilst Santos was a kindergarten teacher, she also earned her CPR and first aid certifications/courses and was able to teach swimming, taught people to become a lifeguard, and then was asked to become the aquatics director. “That was about five years and in between, I had a dual role as a community events coordinator. In the old club, we had the Halloween carnival rag shag and we weren’t going to do anything because we didn’t have a coordinator, so at the time the director of operations said if I wanted to do that, I can take the lead on it and I did. We’ve been doing it ever since. I also developed the father and daughter dance and sometimes I had 400 people here at once.”

At a staff meeting when Santos was asked where she saw herself in 5 years, Santos responded saying she wanted to go back to school age children and became a site coordinator for the before/after school programs, moving her way up to school age director where she is now. Santos added that in between when everyone was transitioning from the old LBGC location to the current location, Santos was also a camp counselor during the summers when



School Age Director Sheri Santos smiling at her desk during her last week of work.

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## No changes to LPS transportation for next school year

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LUDLOW - On June 10, Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano gave an update and discussion about the anticipated and upcoming changes to the school transportation for the following school year, which was originally brought

up at the May 27 meeting. Tiano mentioned that they’re looking specifically at the bus routes and working with LPVEC (Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative), collaborating with the company on changing the bus routes from this year due to the design of the route, not because of the bus drivers.

Tiano continued, “In terms of looking at our routing for our buses and where we were for our routing this year, we did not want to duplicate that for next year for reasons that we mentioned previously. It has nothing to do with our drivers, it’s structurally how our routes are designed, the way our schools are timed, and the length of our school day and the other four-hun-

dred variables that go into it. It’s complicated. Looking at what we can do better collectively, Jill Donovan at LPVEC and our consultant Rebecca Lam, to really take apart our routes and see the timing. Some routes physically can’t get to the next school at the time. Mickey has obviously taken the lead on this and I have sent you a memo, outlin-

ing the core problem since we had a chance to dissect it with them.”

Tiano explained the paper handout given to the members, outlining the 3-tier system of routes; high school tier, middle school tier, and elementary school tier. “As I mentioned the varying length of the school day and specifically the shorter days of

middle school and elementary school. It gives twenty minutes less to complete the routes. We have long arrival and dismissal windows, so if you folks have worked in schools, typically your buses are there, the bell rings, the

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# LUDLOW

## Summer Safety Series: How to stay bug-free this summer

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LUDLOW - The month of June is National Safety Month, and I wanted to introduce several topics each week on how your families, friends, and neighbors can stay safe and have fun this summer. Beginning the series is Entomologist of Braman Termite & Pest Elimination Natasha Wright M.S. BCE, who talked everything about insects/bugs, prevention tips and tricks, and how to protect local pollinators.

From the NSC website, National Safety Month is recognized and originated from the National Safety Council, an annual observance to help each other safe from the workplace to anyplace. Tying it into the summer months and when asked what began her career in entomology,

Wright reminisced on her childhood in Florida and her love of bugs.

"I spent my childhood in Florida collecting dead and live bugs along with a whole lot of other natural items, like snake skins, vulture feathers, and gecko eggs, much to the dismay of my mother. I entertained the idea of being a veterinarian, but the university I went to also offered entomology which ultimately stole my heart. Any natural science would have interested me, but I happened to fall into entomology, and I love the work that I do."

For the Ludlow/Indian Orchard area, Wright mentioned how ticks and stinging insects are the main concern to folks in these warmer months. "Ticks are out in force and will continue to be a concern until winter brings freezing temperatures. Stinging insects like

bees and wasps are enjoying the sunlight and warmth as well. Many of these can sting which can ruin the fun of any day. Stings are a major concern for allergic individuals who could die from a single sting."

To help prevent some of these insects, Wright had a few tips when going outside for your weekend barbecues.

"Avoid soda cans outdoors, as stinging insects may crawl inside them for a drink. You could get an unexpected sting to the mouth or tongue when you go for your next sip. Use a clear drinking container or one with a lid instead. Avoid strong smelling perfumes or floral scents which may attract curious bees or wasps. They aren't looking to hurt you, but if you swat at them or they land on you and get caught in your clothing, they could become agitated and sting. On that

note, always remain calm around bees and wasps that might be checking you out. Avoid swinging, slapping, or swatting at insects. Walk away slowly, if needed. Right now, bees and wasps are not at their peak populations. As late summer approaches and food sources diminish, yellowjackets get bold and start to pick at people's food when they eat outdoors or scavenge around dumpsters and trash cans. Eat indoors when possible. Keep trash containers securely covered and empty them before they overflow."

Wright continued, "Light-colored clothing is less stimulating to insects than dark colors. That's why beekeepers wear white bee suits! Black or dark colors make you stand out in insect vision. Regularly inspect for insect activity or nests around outdoor tables, play areas, eaves, trees, and bush-

es. If you see activity, please call a specialist to help. Do not tackle stinging insects on your own, for your safety."

To help prevent ticks, Wright talked about the nature of tick behavior and actions to help be protected from them. "Ticks cannot jump, fly, or even run very quickly. To find their next victim, they crawl to the tips of long vegetation with their front legs held out waiting for an animal to brush against them so they can grab on. This behavior is called questing. Avoid areas of high vegetation. Ticks can also be in your yard, so keep your grass mowed short and do not let it become overgrown. When walking hiking trails, stick to the middle of the trail and try not to venture into overgrown areas. Wear long sleeves, pants, close-toed shoes, and socks. While it may not be fashionable, tucking your

pants into your socks can prevent ticks from crawling up your legs. Regardless of whether you wear repellent or not, always check for ticks when you are back indoors."

Wright ended by saying, "Insects get a bad reputation, but less than 1% of them cause problems for people. There's no need to kill everything in sight, or even everything in your yard. Exercise some tolerance for these important and numerous creatures which are doing a great service for our environment. When they become a hazard for humans, then please call a specialist for help."

To learn more about entomology, Wright recommended "Insects of New England & New York" by Tom Murray. "It is a nice pictorial guide to common insects in our region that features over 1,250 insect photos."

### LPD warns public of recent scams

LUDLOW - From the Ludlow Police Department website, "SCAM ALERT: Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi is warning the public after several Western Mass. residents reported they were contacted by a "Chief Deputy Warren Randall" or "Deputy Walker," who tries to set up a meeting or collect money to resolve a legal issue. On at least two occasions, the scammer said he was to be paid a \$3,500 fee but the department would not solicit money via phone for any purpose. Sometimes, the phone number on the caller ID appears to be from the Sheriff's Process and Warrants Office in Springfield, Massachusetts, but it is not legitimate and likely generated via a spoofing service on the Internet. Sheriff Cocchi is asking members of the public who receive such a message to please call the Sheriff's Department's inves-

tigation unit- Michael Joslyn at 413-858-0109 to report it."

From the Ludlow Police Department Facebook, "SCAM ALERT: Fake Federal Court Arrest Warrants, we've been alerted by a local resident about a new scam involving fraudulent United States District Court arrest warrants. Scammers are using official-looking documents to convince individuals they are facing legal trouble - then demanding payment via Bitcoin, gift cards, or bank account information to "resolve" the issue. THIS IS A SCAM, Federal courts do not issue arrest warrants that require payment over the phone or online. If you receive one of these fake warrants, do not provide any personal or financial information."

The Register will follow up with both scam alerts with the LPD in the coming weeks.

### Gaynor receives Community Service Award



Pictured in the photo left to right, Ludlow residents Tia Perrault (Allison's daughter) and Allison Gaynor (Community Service Award recipient) and Margaret Superneau of Wilbraham, Regent of Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

### Dog licenses due July 1

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](mailto:clerk@ludlow.ma.us).

### COLLEGE NEWS

#### Lucas earns degree from Clark University

WORCESTER - Erin M. Lucas, of Ludlow, received a degree from Clark University on Monday, May 19. Lucas graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Lucas is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society.

Clark awarded 468 undergraduate degrees and 1,014 advanced degrees during two ceremonies as part of the University's 121st Commencement exercises, held at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass.

#### Libby graduates from Nichols College

DUDLEY - Evan Libby of Ludlow, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Nichols College during the College's May 3, 2025, commencement exercises at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. Anne F. Ackerley, a senior advisor to the retirement business at BlackRock and former head of the firm's U.S. Retirement Group, delivered the commencement address.

Nichols College congratulates the spring 2025 graduating class.

#### Tomlinson makes spring 2025 Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, CT-Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester, in which 1,302 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is Nathan Tomlinson of Springfield, a full-time junior who majors in Finance and Economics.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students

must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded coursework with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

#### HCC announces Spring 2025 Dean's List

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students who earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2025 semester. Each term, HCC recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2025 term.

Indian Orchard: Sabrina Cancel, Aida I. Cruz, Katelyn Lydia Fiorentino, Shanice Linnehan, Cara Brie Mock.

Ludlow: Rafal Mazin Al Janabi, Nicholas Antonio Aleixo, Emma Rita Bernard, Kayla Ann Bourcier, Kariann L. Briggs, Shauna Marie Conroy, Samantha Ann Crowther, Alexis Jewell Dawson, Abigail Douglas, Kristen Marie Fairthorne, Shawn Steven Gibbs, Kathleen Jett, Raisa Kvashchanka, Abigail Reagan Lavoie, Marissa Alicia Lozada, Abigail Jeannette Magee, Jennifer Rubidia Molina, Hayleigh Lee Paine, Faith Rains, Luke Gama Rodrigues, Megan Cathleen Ryan, Andrea Silveira, Kayden Morgan Singleton, Evan Anthony Sweeney, Rebecca Marie Szczygiel, Melissa Szumski, Collin David Taylor, Joshua Phillip Wenninger, Agnieszka Zerdecka.

### High School of Commerce holding 50th Class Reunion

SPRINGFIELD - The High School of Commerce Class of 75 is holding their 50th class reunion.

It will take place at the Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, MA, on Saturday August 30, 2025 at 6 p.m. Contact Janet at [jan0826@comcast.net](mailto:jan0826@comcast.net) to learn more.

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# Ludlow Power Choice to provide more than two Years of stable electricity supply

LUDLOW - The Town of Ludlow is pleased to announce the August 2025 launch of Ludlow Power Choice, a new group electricity buying program from the Town for residents and business owners.

The Town has signed a contract with First Point Power, which will provide savings compared to Eversource's residential price at launch, as well as 27 months of stable electricity supply prices. In launching the program, the Town is joining more than 200 other Massachusetts cities and towns that have or are developing similar programs, including the communities of Springfield, Amherst, Northampton, and West Brookfield.

Ludlow Power Choice will change the price that is used to calculate the supply charge on Eversource's electric bills. Participants will automatically receive a price of 12.891 ¢/kWh, which is

below Eversource's Aug. 1 residential price of 13.493 ¢/kWh and which will save an average household more than \$3/month at launch. Participants also have the option to receive 80% of their electricity from renewable sources for 13.278 ¢/kWh or to receive 100% of their electricity from renewable sources for 14.078 ¢/kWh.

Ludlow Power Choice prices are fixed and stable from August 2025 until November 2027. In contrast, Eversource's prices change seasonally. Eversource's price will be in effect from Aug. 1, 2025, through Jan. 31, 2026, and future prices are not known. As a result, savings beyond that date cannot be guaranteed.

Eversource remains responsible for delivering electricity to Ludlow without interruption, addressing power outages, and handling all electricity billing. Ludlow Power Choice impacts

only Eversource's electricity supply charge. Eversource's delivery charges will not be impacted.

Like all similar programs across the state and in accordance with state law, Ludlow Power Choice will use an automatic enrollment model, though participation will not be required. Electricity accounts with Eversource's Basic Service, meaning accounts that do not have a private electricity supply contract, will be eligible for automatic enrollment in Ludlow Power Choice in August and will see the program price on their September Eversource bill. Eligible account holders will receive a notification by mail from the Town in mid-June, but can choose to opt out if they do not wish to participate. Electricity accounts with a private electricity supply contract will not be eligible for automatic enrollment, but they can enroll in Ludlow

Power Choice by request.

Electricity customers who receive solar credits and/or solar incentive payments on their bill will continue to receive those credits or payments with no change. Electricity customers who receive fuel assistance or a low-income discount from Eversource will continue to receive that benefit with no change.

Participation in Ludlow Power Choice is never required. Electricity customers with accounts eligible for automatic enrollment can choose to opt out before being automatically enrolled if they do not wish to participate. Any customer who does participate in Ludlow Power Choice has the freedom to opt out at any time in the future with no fee or penalty.

Program details are available on the program website, LudlowPowerChoice.com.

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and why it's important to donate to families who are struggling with food insecurity.

Robinson began, "We decided as a faith community, we are called to feed the hungry and help the poor, and this is one of the things we can do to do that. When we first started years ago, we used to collect food only within the church and then when the pandemic came, we talked about how we can change this and still contribute to the Survival Center. It has been wonderful, so many people in the community come by and see our sign and don't know us

at all but go to the grocery store and come back with food. People come every single time we do it, people do like to donate but hunger lasts all year round. There are all different times of year that different things are needed, and now kids are going to be out of school and won't be receiving school breakfast and school lunch. The food banks are struggling with some of the monetary things that are happening, so people really want to help. A few months ago, someone came by with a ton of stuff, can openers and tons of food and we asked if she's done this before, and she said she was a recipient of this before and knows what is needed."

Hodgman and Waszkelewicz added that they've in the past donated paper goods, deodorant, toothbrushes, and self-care items, which are always needed. In between the time of the next food drive, Robinson mentioned that people stock up throughout each grocery run and put aside items they think would be good to donate.

The First Church and the Community Survival Center has had a long-standing relationship throughout the years, with the center originating in Ludlow in the year 1983 and then moving into Springfield where it stands now. The most gratifying part of this food drive for Hodgman is visiting the

Survival Center and being greeted by the employees saying, "Ah, you're here! They know that we are coming and it's very gratifying."

The next food drive is Aug. 2, 10 a.m. through 1 p.m., located in the back parking lot at 859 Center Street. For more information on the Survival Center, visit [communitysurvivalcenter.org](http://communitysurvivalcenter.org)

The staples that are always needed are peanut butter, canned stews/veggies/meats, hash, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, shelf stable milk, condiments, spices, and cooking oil. Toiletries and paper goods are also accepted.

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lifelong town resident, she's proud to be teaching locals her love of swimming. "I coached a long time ago and then took some time off to start my family and then came back. Two of my children are on the swim team, Ariana who is 16 years old and Charlie who is 5 years old, and then my oldest son is 24 years old."

Speaking about the swim meet, Goncalves continued. "It's a little bit hectic, we are having a tri-meet and normally it's 2 teams but there were some scheduling issues within the league, so we offered to host the third team. Westside has approximately 50 to 60 swimmers today, Amherst and Ludlow has about 30 swim-

mers. We will start with the medley relays which are all four strokes, butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle, and then we go into individual events. At the end, we'll have the freestyle relays."

Goncalves as a kid began at the Club in the water babies' sessions and then when she turned 5 years old, she joined the team at the old LBGC in town. "I swam through my entire high school and was on the LBGC USA swim team, and then when my oldest daughter started getting interested in swimming is when I came back. For those who don't know how to swim, we have a great learn to swim program and those are the swim lessons we have that are levels one through four, and then they graduate

to the swim team. For our swim team, the only requirement I have is that for the age group that you're swimming, you must swim that length of the pool. For eight and under, they just need to swim one lap and for nine and above, they need to swim the minimum of two laps without touching the side of the pool. Then we do the rest, we teach all four strokes, the turns, the dives, and more."

When asked about the importance of swimming safely, Goncalves highlight-

ed the significance of learning how to swim. "It's in case accidents happen; accidents always happen. Infants can learn to flip themselves over if that happens. Water safety is extremely important, especially at homes and beaches where lifeguards aren't as available as a facility like ours."

If interested in learning more about the LBGC Sea Lions swim team, call the Club or email [ludlowbgc.org](mailto:ludlowbgc.org)

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Western bluebird

I received an email in May from a woman, who had a couple of Western bluebirds nest in her backyard birdhouse.

Western bluebirds are small thrushes, who usually perch upright. They are 6 to 7 inches long, larger than a sparrow and smaller than a robin. These bluebirds have thin, straight bills and short tails. The male Western bluebird is shiny blue above with rust orange on the breast and back. The throat is blue in males and the lower belly is whitish. Females are gray-buff with pale orange on the breast. Their throat is gray-buff. They have a blue tint on the wings and tail.

They inhabit open woodlands, both coniferous and deciduous and burned areas. They commonly use bird baths. The female lays two to eight pale to bluish white eggs per clutch. They pounce on the ground when looking for worms and berries. They also catch insects. Their primary diet is insects and berries and will come to feeders for mealworms.

Compared to the Eastern bluebird, the male Western bluebird has a blue rather than the bright white belly like the Eastern bluebird. The orange also extends to the shoulders. Western bluebirds are not typically found in Massachusetts.

### Eastern bluebirds

A Barre resident puts out mealworms for the Eastern bluebirds. He has a pair coming to feast on the mealworms.

### Mute swans and cranes

A Barre woman reported seeing a pair of mute swans on Long Pond in Rutland. I saw one of the swans this week on the same pond. She also reported seeing a sandhill crane. An Oakham resident thinks a pair of sandhill cranes have nested. He now only sees one in his field or flying overhead between Adams Pond and the Wolf Swamp area of Oakham. The last time I saw a sandhill crane in my hayfield, there was only one. Earlier this spring I saw a two cranes in the field, which is near Wolf Swamp.

### Titmouse and robin

An Oakham resident reported, "There was a lot of commotion at the robin nest and I went to the window to see what was going on. A titmouse was gathering the soft fuzzy from under the three eggs. Dad robin came along and drove the titmouse off." She said, "I put out lots of nesting materials, but as always, some-

one else's looks better."

### Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee offer loon facts in their newsletter. The newsletter said, "Generally, loons will remain on the ocean until they reach adulthood at age three. This is not always the case, each year here in New Hampshire, the committee volunteers observe the presence of five to ten immature loons on the lakes during the breeding season. Upon their return as adults, these loons begin to look for a breeding territory of their own."

They will acquire their first territory in one of three ways: by passively replacing a territory owner that has died or is otherwise missing, by establishing a new territory on a lake that is not currently occupied by loons or by fighting and evicting another loon from its territory and taking its place.

One of the ways a loon can acquire a breeding territory is to intrude upon an already-occupied territory and engage in territorial battles with the member of the pair that is the same sex. If the intruder wins, it will evict the resident loon and take its place as a pair member on that territory.

The article said, "Research has shown that while selecting their first breeding territory, loons tend to look for lakes and ponds that are similar, at least in terms of size and pH, to the lake they hatched on. This may be a result of increased chance of survival due to familiarity, if, as a chick, a loon learned to forage and evade predators on a lake with certain characteristics, it makes sense that it would seek out those same characteristics, to which their skills are well suited, to breed on."

Another factor that has been shown to influence territory selection is previous chick production. Territorial intrusions tend to increase following successful hatches, indicating that loons without a territory of their own may use the production of chicks as an indicator of territory quality and target those successful territories for takeover.

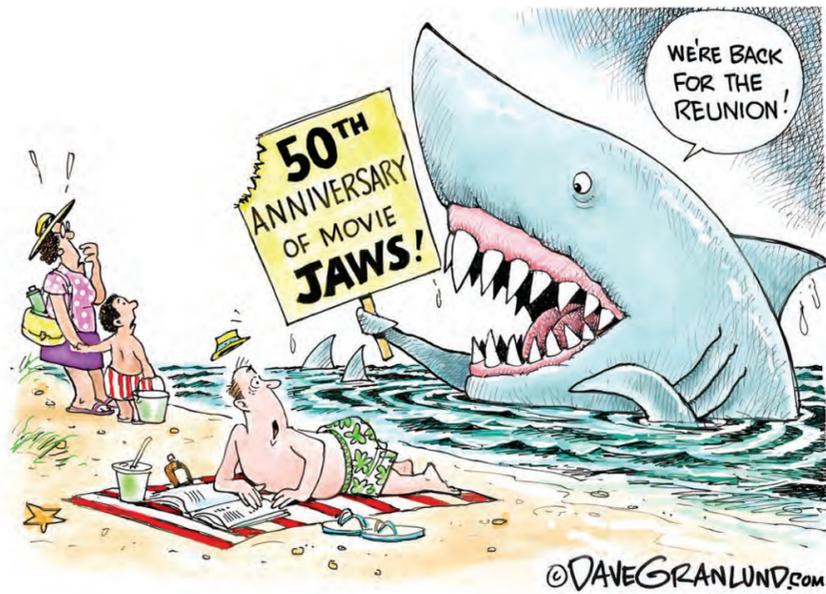
Because they stay on the ocean for the first years of their lives and then must spend time, sometimes many years, acquiring a breeding territory of their own, most loons will not hatch chicks of their own until they are six-seven years old.

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

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Can my husband work part time and collect Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband. His intentions are to go part time as of Jan. 1, 2026, working 30 hours a week and take Social Security benefits as supplemental income. How can we determine what his Social Security benefit would be with him still working part time? He will be 63 and 7 months old next January and has not yet applied for benefits. We look forward to hearing from someone very soon.

Signed: Anxious for Information

Dear Anxious:

If he claims Social Security at age 63 and 7 months, your husband's benefit will be about 78% of what it would be if he waited until age 67 to claim.

And, since your husband will not yet have reached his SS Full Retirement Age, he will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earning Test, which limits how much he can earn while working and collecting early Social Security retirement benefits. The amount he can earn without paying a penalty changes yearly but, for reference, the earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 per year.

If his work earnings exceeded the annual limit, Social Security will take away some of his benefits. Using the 2025 limit as an example, if your husband's annual 2025 earnings were \$40,000, then he would owe about \$8,300 (half of the amount he exceeded the limit by).

Social Security would withhold his monthly benefits for enough months to recover what he owes for exceeding the earnings limit. How many months they withhold would be determined by his monthly SS benefit amount.

FYI, the earnings test lasts until your husband reaches his Full Retirement Age (his FRA is age 67), but in the year he attains his FRA the penalty for exceeding the limit is less, \$1 for every \$3 over the limit and the limit is much higher. The annual earnings test no longer applies once your husband reaches his FRA.

When your husband applies for his SS retirement benefit, Social Security will ask about his work plans and how much he expects to earn each year. Based upon that information, if he expects to exceed the annual limit they will pay his benefits for some months of the year depending on his projected earnings and withhold his benefits for the remaining months. They will also monitor his annual earnings as reported to the IRS and make any appropriate benefit adjustment afterwards.

If SS benefits are withheld because your husband exceeded the annual earnings limit, when he reaches his full retirement age (67), Social Security will give him time-credit for all months that benefits were withheld. Essentially, they will advance his actual claim date by the number of months benefits were withheld, which will make his

monthly benefit higher at his FRA. The higher amount he receives after reaching his FRA will help him recover some of the money withheld as a result of exceeding the earnings limit before his FRA.

Please note that it is always best to inform Social Security up front if your husband plans to work and earn even part time prior to reaching his FRA. The IRS will provide the SSA with your husband's earnings information and SSA will (if his projected earnings weren't disclosed when he applied) issue an Overpayment Notice if he earns more than allowed. He will then be required to repay SS everything owed or have his benefits withheld until Social Security recovers what he owes.

One final point: by claiming his benefits in January 2026, your husband's monthly amount will be reduced by about 22% from the amount he would get at his FRA of 67. Claiming early before FRA always results in a benefit reduction, whereas waiting longer than FRA to claim always results in a higher monthly amount (maximum benefit is reached at age 70).

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## GUEST COLUMN



### your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column



### Summer safety for kids 101

Childhood has certainly changed since today's grandparents were kids. We rode in the car without seat belts. We roamed our neighborhoods until after dark. And bike helmets? Forget it.

The rules of summer safety have obviously changed, along with our world. What's your plan for when the school bell rings for the last time in

a week or two? Here are seven tips for a safer summer for kids of all ages.

1. Have a well-stocked first-aid kit, or maybe two

The American Red Cross recommends being prepared to treat wounds, minor illnesses, skin irritations and bug bites. Essential items include adhesive bandages, gauze pads, adhesive tape,

antiseptic wipes, antibiotic ointment, scissors, tweezers, a thermometer, and pain relievers like ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Consider adding latex gloves and face masks.

Why two? One for the house and one for the car. In the house, keep the first aid kit easily accessible in a kitchen cabinet, not in a steamy bathroom, which can degrade the effectiveness of some medications.

2. Be on tick alert.

Tick season is here! In New England, you should watch out for black-legged ticks and lone star ticks. An infected tick bite can lead to a variety of illnesses, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and even red meat allergies.

If your kid is playing in a forest, field or park, make sure they're well protected

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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# Baystate Health appoints Clara Guixa Chief Information and Digital Officer

SPRINGFIELD - Baystate Health is pleased to announce that Clara Guixa has been appointed Chief Information and Digital Officer (CIO) effective Monday, June 2.

In her role as CIO, Guixa will serve as the strategic and operational information and technology leader for the health system and affiliate entities. This position is essential to Baystate Health in driving a comprehensive, innovative IT agenda across a complex operating organization. She will use her strong strategic and transformational skills to drive a comprehensive, innovative IT agenda for Baystate Health.

"We are excited to have Clara joining as a member of the Baystate Health team," said Dean Sanpei, Chief

Administrative Officer and Chief Strategy Officer. "Clara's transformational leadership in operational excellence and optimizing IT solutions to enhance patient care will serve as an asset to Baystate as we work to build a clinically driven, physician-led health system serving our neighbors and communities."

Guixa brings more than 25 years of experience in healthcare IT and technology management, with a specialized understanding of organization-wide technology investments, platforms roadmaps, and facilitating and developing data governance strategies. She joins Baystate Health from Boston Children's Hospital, a nationally ranked acute care children's hospital and the main pediatric program of Harvard Medical School, where she served as Vice President of Applications and Deputy Chief Information Officer.

Guixa's decades of progressive leadership roles within academic healthcare systems, including the University of Chicago Medicine and the University of Illinois at Chicago, will guide Baystate Health in using information and technology to engage consumers, optimize and transform health system operations, and deliver high quality and high-value care.

Guixa earned a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and has completed an Executive Program for Emerging Leadership at the University of Chicago Booth.



## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Our 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 19**  
Center Closed for Juneteenth

**Friday, June 20**  
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
9 a.m. Reiki Appointments\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
10:30 a.m. Slow Strollers  
10:30 a.m. Trivia  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*  
1 p.m. Guidance by Li\*

**Monday, June 23**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appt.\*  
9 a.m. Knitting  
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 24**  
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. Timeless Beauty Makeup\*  
1 p.m. Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Hot Diggity Dog Tuesday!  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class  
5 p.m. Movie: *American Graffiti*

(1973)  
**Wednesday, June 25**  
8 a.m. Facials by Appointment\*  
8 a.m. Garden Club  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Zumba Gold  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
10:30 a.m. Strawberry Shortcake  
p.m. Movie: *American Graffiti* (1973)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. TED Talk

**Thursday, June 26**  
8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments\*  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
1 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Writer's Block  
2 p.m. Book Club: Remarkably Bright Creatures  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

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

**Menu:**  
Thursday, June 19: **Center Closed for Juneteenth**  
Friday, June 20: Tuna Noodle Casserole/Corn Bread  
Monday, June 23: Beef & Broccoli/Rice/Egg Roll  
Tuesday, June 24: Strawberry Spinach Salad with Grilled Chicken  
Wednesday, June 25: Ziti/Meat Sauce/Garlic Bread  
Thursday, June 26: French Toast Casserole/Breakfast Sausage

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.



**Youth Assistant Amy Brown shows off the summer reading prizes and sponsors at the table set to promote the summer reading program theme, "Color our World."**

### SUMMER READING

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Library will raffle off over 15 grand prize baskets for various ages with themes including summer fun, Starbucks, PlayNow Toys, Fine Art Supplies, and more. Everyone who completes at least 6 weeks of readings wins a prize!

This event was sponsored by the Ludlow Cultural Council and Hubbard Memorial Library, music by The Fever Band, and a food truck option of the Wandering Waffles.

Beanstack is the online reading log that helps pa-



**The Keaton family smiled together after curiously looking over the Wandering Waffle food truck menu.**

trons' track what they read throughout the months, whether you must re-use the same account from last year or if you are new, sign up with the following link. For more information about the summer reading program, Beanstack reading log, and events/programming, visit [hubbardlibrary.beanstack.org](http://hubbardlibrary.beanstack.org)

Turley photos by Amanda Munson

**Elaine Karalekas was involved with the library in the past, now enjoying the outdoor events held and belonging to the book club.**



**Couples and families gathered with snacks, drinks, and Wandering Waffle food truck treats to enjoy the Fever Band music on Thursday evening.**

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the before/after school programs weren't in session.

When asked why she wanted to go back to school age children, "I loved doing aquatics and developed great friendships with the folks that came into the building, a lot with our seniors because I used to also teach aquacise class three times a day. And so, I really developed a relationship with many of those folks, taught people that were doing triathlons and they're just learning how to swim or to swim better. I also taught swimming lessons to children, parent and me lessons and would teach six- to seven-year-olds. But I think what made me want to come back to school was I missed interacting with those kids, although I had great opportunities with a lot of adults. I missed being a bigger part of something, I wanted to make more of a difference, and I knew I could do that. With being around kids and I knew that I could be that person for them, good days or bad days, they're laughing or they're sad, I also wanted to create a culture in the Club that everybody could embrace."

Santos continued speaking about her daughter, "The more and more that I saw my daughter who started out at five, the more and more I saw her enjoy being here and knowing that she developed close friendships, trusted her counselors, that shaped her and she didn't leave here until she was twenty-two years old. She too became a junior counselor, a counselor in training, and then was a group leader. She also wanted to make a difference. We're here for a greater purpose and we have kids of all different walks of life; we don't know everybody's story. We're supposed to be those people that they can count on, the person that they can confide in and trust, and the people that can mentor and guide them and get through the good/tough times."

Director of Programs and Administration Katie Mitus has been at the Club if Santos since 1996, who has been there for Santos since the beginning and has been a mentor to her. "She's easy to talk to, gives great advice, a good mentor, supports you, and has guided me through every aspect of my time here in whatever position I've held; she's

been here. It's a friendship that I hope to keep even after I leave."

Throughout her last week, she handwritten and gave out letters tailored to each staff member, "It allows me to tell them how much I appreciate them and how I've seen them grow and what I wish for them

## Male actors sought for "The Wisdom of Eve"

HAMPDEN - The Theatre Guild of Hampden is looking for male actors for their spring production of "The Wisdom of Eve." Auditions are Sunday, June 22 at the Hampden Town Hall at 2 p.m. promptly. For more information, contact Mark Giza at 413-204-5333.

in the future." Santos is happy to be spending more time with her children Sarah, Deirdre, and her grandchildren. In July, Santos will be married to her husband of 35 years and is excited to join him on motorcycle rides on their tour bike.

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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, June 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

**Adult Summer Kick-off with Fever, Thursday, June 12, 5-8 p.m.** Everyone is invited to join us for our Summer Kickoff on the lawn from 5-8 PM! We'll have music, games, and food! The band, Fever, will be playing all the hits, new and old. The Wandering Waffles food truck will be serving up delicious food including chicken, waffles, and ice cream. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for this evening of fun for all ages!

**Tuesday Movie Club: Wicked, Tuesday, June 17, 12:30 p.m.** Follow Elphaba, the misunderstood green-skinned girl who will one day become the Wicked Witch, and Glinda, the popular ambitious blonde who becomes the Good Witch. Directed by Jon M. Chu (*Crazy Rich Asians*) and starring Cynthia Erivo (*Harriet*) and Ariana Grande. 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 [mass-book.org/readingchallenge](http://mass-book.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

**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.

**Anime Club, every other Tuesday, June 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.

**3D Fashion Paper Art, Friday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.** For teens 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 17, July 1, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

**Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, June 25, July 2, 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.

**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 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 Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox account.

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## FCU collecting cash, food donations for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

REGION- Food insecurity continues to affect families across western Massachusetts, with inflation driving up the cost of everyday essentials. That's why Freedom Credit Union is again rallying support for its summer campaign benefiting the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. From June 1 through August 31, the community is invited to contribute to a stronger community by donating nonperishable food, personal care items or monetary gifts at any Freedom

branch. "Thanks to the generosity of our members, staff and entire community, this campaign has grown annually, and so has its impact," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Last summer, we collected more than \$3,350 in donations, along with nearly 1,435 pounds of food and personal care items. This year, we're aiming even higher. By simply adding an extra item or two to your grocery cart each week, you can make a lasting

difference-without stretching your budget." Suggested donations of non-perishable food and personal care items include:

- Baby formula
- Beans in cans or dried in bags
- Bread mixes
- Canned chicken, fish and meat
- Cereals
- Coffee and tea
- Cooking oils and spices
- Diapers, wipes and toilet paper

- Dried or canned fruit
- Evaporated/powdered milk
- Granola bars and crackers
- Feminine sanitary products
- Instant potatoes
- Pasta and noodles
- Peanut butter and nuts
- Rice and grains
- Sauces
- Shampoo and body wash/soap

## LPS TRANSPORTATION

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kids go out and the buses are gone in ten to twelve minutes routinely. That time goes from 3 o'clock to elementary to 3:30 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. With the arrival piece, where there's a half-hour window where students are dropped off, school starts at 8:50 a.m. and for our elementary for example. For students coming in late, missing breakfast and instructional time, missing time in the classroom is not ideal."

On May 27, Tiano presented options for the committee to vote on like the start times, dismissal times, length of the school day, routing and number of buses. Tiano recommended option zero, which is to do nothing, further explained by Director of Operations/School Business Manager Mickey Buhl of LPS.

Buhl continued, "With frustration and clarity, we think option zero is the way to go. As Tiano mentioned, the structural challenges of our start times and the varying length of our days, like the middle school, is ten minutes shorter than our high school, elementary is twenty minutes less, creating challenges to create routes that can run on time. The only two options are changing the start times to create a big enough window for routes to run or increase the amount of buses that run that we pay for, one bus route would cost \$78,000 a year. We've had a lot of conversations internally and with routing experts, none of these options are permanent best

option solutions, it would be patching solutions that would improve the on time of buses next year. This is not ideal, these are the only options at our disposal that we had at this time to be able to start on this without being able to analyze all the options to be put into play. We are recommending that we don't change the start times for next year and we can inherently maintain the challenges we have right now. We would pivot our work with Jill at LPVEC and with Rebecca our consultant, to try to see if there are any ways with those tiny windows for those tiers to run that we can improve things. I'm not in favor of adding a bus, but would adding a bus allow them to not be late to the elementary school as they run now? The drivers know better than anything, they can't run the route even if the route went perfectly."

Buhl presented the options to the committee, option 0 being no change, with option 1 posing the idea of shifting the start time of the high school earlier and the elementary school later. Option 2 is having 21 buses, the timing issue would be better with no change to the high school start time, and the elementary school shift would be much less. The caveat is the addition of 2 buses which would cost \$160,000. Tiano commented that if they had to build that into the budget for next year, it would be considered if needed.

"Option 0, (the no change option), the whole community is used to this, and we are more aware of the factors of

challenges of on time buses, where a few months ago I couldn't explain this. We are poised with writing an approach on analyzing this next year early, with all the factors that need to be dealt with, along with community, staff, committee, LPVEC, administration input. Everybody that needs to be considered to try to analyze all these options and deal with this for the following school year," said Buhl.

Tiano suggested putting together a committee or a task force to be on top of this issue. Buhl said that the LPS can get on time buses without having to expand the number of buses, it's possible and not in this time frame. Tiano added, "Changes may be policy driven, budget driven, protocol driven, but our number one goal is service to our kids and our families. We are going to do what it takes but we don't want to move too quickly and have a partial solution."

Visitors to the meeting disagreed with adding 2 buses due to the driver shortage, but Buhl mentioned that even when LPS has 19 buses running routes, the buses aren't running on time. The problem with the number of drivers is on top of the routing issue in the town, "We don't know exactly but if we had a task force, there are many more variables than we brought up so far. Start time and buses are the options we could bring up at this time."

At one point, the LPS district had more buses in route but were reduced, which some of the school committee members agreed that this issue may

stem from. Vice Chair of the School Committee Sarah F. Bowler brought up the point of addressing the transportation issue with LPVEC, "We shouldn't have to change our school schedule to make that bus route run on time. Two things that I took, including public comment, is changing the elementary school times will have a huge impact on parents. Because most jobs are nine to five, parents are going to have a hard time getting to work on time. The other issue is buses having to stop, bus drivers having to pull over multiple times on a route because we are not enforcing our own policies as a district due to student behavior on buses. We shouldn't have bus drivers pull over multiple times, address the same student who has been written up twenty times and there has been no consequence. If that student is still on the bus, for poor behavior and affecting other students on the bus, I question why that student is still on the bus, and we should re-look at our policy. That's something that we should look at and enforce our own policy, and make sure that they are safe."

The conservation continued within the committee is instilling good bus behavior throughout the year to avoid bus drivers having to stop in route to address bad behavior of kids. The school committee plans to have bus drivers involved and moving forward with a task force to address these ongoing transportation concerns.

# Church DIRECTORY

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

584 West St., Ludlow  
413-583-8454  
S Sunday services  
Sacrament Meeting 10-11 A.M.  
Sunday school for adults,  
Young single adults (18-30) and teens (11-18)  
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon  
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon  
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon  
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon  
Classes for Young Men (11-18)  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11-12 noon  
Classes for Young Women (11-18)  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon  
Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time every Sunday(3-10) 11- 12 noon  
Nursery providedfor ages 18 month- 3 yr

### CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow  
413-583-2630  
Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys  
Saturday Vigil Masses - 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Masses - 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish); 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Mass - 5:30 p.m.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

25 Parker St, Indian Orchard,  
413-543-3627  
Very Rev. Piotr Calik  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday 8:00am  
Wednesday No Mass  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 6:00pm  
Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am (English) 10:15am (Polish)  
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15-4 p.m.

### ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

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413-583-3467  
Pastor - Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin  
In Residence - Rev. Norman Bolton  
Deacons: Normand Grondin, Thomas Rickson, Keith Davies  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Visit our website at [www.stelizabethludlow.org](http://www.stelizabethludlow.org)  
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Wed., June 18 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Holy Mother Choir - 5:15 p.m. (C)  
Thurs., June 19 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Marriage Ministries Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (JR)  
Fri., June 20 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
Sat., June 21 - Corpus Christi Lunch Prep 11 a.m. (K), Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4 p.m.  
Sun., June 22 - Daily Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (C), Take and Eat Program 8:00 am (FLBH)  
Mon., June 23 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)  
Tues., June 24 - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita's Choir, 2:30 p.m. (C), Spaghetti Supper Meeting 7:00 p.m. (ER)

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

438 Winsor St., Ludlow  
413-583-2312  
Father Pedro DeOlivera  
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses - 9 a.m. (Portuguese); 11 a.m. (English)  
Monday and Wednesday Morning Masses - 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)  
Tuesday and Friday Masses - 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 p.m. (English)  
First Saturday of the Month - 8:30 a.m.  
For more information, visit [ourladyoffatimaparish.org](http://ourladyoffatimaparish.org).

### FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW

859 Center St. Ludlow  
413-583-3339  
Reverend Darcy Borden, Pastor  
Office hours Monday & Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm  
Available by appointment at other times  
Sunday worship at 10 am alternating weekly with Grace Union Church, Wilbraham  
Call or check Facebook or the website for the schedule of worship and events  
Service live-streamed at 10 am on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow>  
Website: [www.ludlowfirst.com](http://www.ludlowfirst.com)

### ORCHARD COVENANT CHURCH

95 Berkshire Street  
Indian Orchard, MA 01151  
413-543-4204  
Revs. Karen and Nick Munn, pastors  
Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship in person, 11 a.m.  
Or watch our livestream.  
See our website for more information: [orchardcovenant.org](http://orchardcovenant.org).

### FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL

A Church of the Nazarene  
485 East Street, Ludlow  
(413) 583-7875  
Email: [FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com](mailto:FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com)  
Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison  
Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs  
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups meet at 9:45am  
Worship service meets at 11am  
OTHER MEETINGS  
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm  
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm  
AA Group 7pm

### STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

45 Newbury St.  
Ludlow, MA 01056  
Phone: 413-583-2140  
Pastor: Father Andriy Krip  
Liturgy schedule:  
Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.  
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesday at 6 p.m.



# SPORTS

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## Pioneers battle to draw with Black Rock

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While the Western Mass. Pioneers haven't lost a home match this season, their faithful supporters have celebrated just one victory at historic Lusitano Stadium.

The only meeting of the regular season between Black Rock FC and the Pioneers ended in a 1-1 draw before a large crowd, last Friday night.

"We do have a lot of quality players, and we always try to strive for excellence," said Pioneers defender Aidan Kelly, who's also the team's first year captain. "It's always disappointing whenever we drop points, especially at home. Hopefully, we can get a result in our next match at Vermont. We just need to keep working hard."

The soccer teams in the USL League Two earn three points for a victory and one point for a tie.

The Pioneers (5-0-2) had a total of 17 points after their first seven matches. They're battling Vermont Green FC (5-0-1, 16 points) for first place in the Northeast Division standings.

The first meeting of the 2025 regular season between the two rivals was scheduled to take place at Virtue Field in Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday night. The Western Mass.

squad will be hosting Vermont in their final match of the regular season on July 11.

The Pioneers also played a 1-1 tie in the home opener on May 23 against Seacoast United Phantoms, who are the defending USL League Two champions. Their only home win came against New England FC, 4-1, on June 6.

"We dominated tonight's game, but we couldn't put away our chances," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Sometimes you can score a goal on four or five shots. Sometimes you take many shots and don't score any goals. It's just part of the game."

Black Rock hasn't celebrated a victory at Lusitano Stadium since the 2018 regular season. The two squads did play a scoreless draw at the old stadium in 2023.

Kelly, who joined the Pioneers a year ago, is from Belfast, Northern Ireland. He'll be a senior on the UMass men's soccer team in the fall. The Minutemen men's soccer coach is Fran O'Leary, who's a native of Dublin, Ireland.

"My college coach is from Ireland," Kelly said. "He's the main reason why I decided to play soccer at

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## Lions edge Tigers in PVSSL action



Chloe Dacosta makes her way up the field.

Turley photos by David Henry  
www.sweetdogphotos.com

Payton Dersarkisian clears the ball away.



SOUTH HADLEY — Neighboring towns were in action in the opening week of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League play. Ludlow girls defeated South Hadley in the A Division last Friday evening 2-1 on the turf at South Hadley High School. Both teams will return to action this week.



Payton Dersarkisian tries to clear the ball past an opponent.



Rhiley Comeau watches her pass move up the field.

## Mutiny gets shutout of Racing Power FC

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Sole possession of first place in the U.S. East Conference standings was at stake entering the first ever meeting on the soccer pitch between Racing Power FC USA and the New England Mutiny.

After a scoreless opening half, the Mutiny scored three second half goals en route to a 3-0 shutout victory at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"We played very well for the entire game," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "We finally scored a few goals in the second half."

The Mutiny had a perfect 5-0-0 record following their third shutout win of the season. They only allowed two goals in their first five regular season matches.

The Mutiny are hoping to finish in first place for the fourth time since 2019. They lost to the Santa Clarita Blue Heat in the United Women's Soccer Championship match a year ago in a shootout. It

was their only loss of 2024.

Racing Power FC (4-1-0) outscored their first four opponents, 19-0. They only had four subs for the road match, including the back-up goalie.

Cat Perez, who was born in Bogotá, Colombia, was the Mutiny's starting goalie for the first time this season. She was also a member of her country's soccer team which competed in the 2024 Summer Olympics games in Paris, France. She has also played for Team Boca Blast of the WPSL.

Chloe Laizer, who recently graduated from West Springfield High School, replaced Perez 15 minutes into the second half.

The duo didn't have to make very many saves against Racing Power, who's an affiliate of the Portugal's Pro women's team.

The Mutiny starting defenders were Rachel Marchini, Aida Name, Anna Carson, and Laci Lewis, who's the team captain.

Name, who graduated from Belchertown High School, will be a junior on the University of Rhode Island women's soccer team this fall.

Another defender listed on the Mutiny roster is Kylie Ray. She played soccer at Minnechaug Regional for legendary head coach Nundi Goncalves. Ray is currently a member of the women's soccer team at Seton Hall University.

Tennessee Murphy, who lives in Monson, scored her first goal in a Mutiny home match



Laci Lewis dribbles toward the goal.



Anna Carson sends a kick home.



Aida Name of Chicopee gets in action for the Mutiny last weekend.

during the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute.

The scoring play began when Lewis launched a crossing pass into the box from the right touchline. After the ball took a high bounce, Murphy headed it into the back of the net past goalie Riley Melendez.

"We knew that tonight's opponent was a very good team," said Murphy, who scored her first two goals of the season on the road. "It was a perfect cross from Laci. When I saw the ball go over the defender, I was a little bit nervous because I didn't want to miss a scoring chance. After I headed the ball into the net, it was a very good feeling."

Three minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Chioma Okafor, who's a member of the UConn women's soccer team, blasted a shot into the lower left corner of the net giving the home

team a 2-0 advantage.

Murphy, who's a first-year member of the Mutiny, assisted on the third goal in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute.

After dribbling around a couple of defenders, Murphy made a short pass to Avery Klingensmith, who finished off the play by putting a shot into the right corner.

"I used to play against Avery when we played in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League," Murphy said. "It's been a lot of fun being teammates with her on this soccer team. She's an outstanding player."

Klingensmith, who's from Belchertown, will be a senior on the American University women's soccer team. During her outstanding high school career, Klingensmith was selected to the All-American team by the United Soccer Coaches.

Murphy, who transferred to the Loomis-Chaffee School four years ago, re-

ceived the same honor last fall.

"My older sister, Brooke, was also an All-American and it was a very special honor for me. I really didn't expect it, but it was a lot of fun celebrating the accomplishment with my family," said Murphy, who's entering her senior year at Loomis. "I've also committed to play

soccer at Bucknell University. It's a small school and I really like the soccer team. I think it's a very good fit for me."

The Mutiny are scheduled to play a road match against the Maine Footy on Saturday night before facing the NJ Alliance in the regular season home finale at 5pm on June 29.



Bella Meadows traps the ball on defense.



Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, navigates through traffic.

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

## ONGOING

### 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, 2025.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and raffle on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an 8-ft. table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshment will be available.

## SAVE THE DATES

Ludlow High School "Class of 1975" 50th Class Reunion - Sept. 12, 13 and 14, 2025. Our committee is searching for classmates. If you have any info, please call Denise at 413-735-3751 or Celeste at 413-583-6041.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** Ludlow Public Schools Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026 is underway. If you are a Ludlow resident and have a child(ren) who will be 5 years old on or

before September 1, 2025, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Registration is currently online at [www.ludlowps.org](http://www.ludlowps.org). Questions can be directed to Mrs. Foye at [registration@ludlowps.org](mailto:registration@ludlowps.org) or call 413-583-5695 ext. 6.

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**FREE CLOTHING.** Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing

from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

**SENIOR BINGO:** Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

**CHESS CLUB:** Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St. For more information, contact the IOCC at 413- 209-8240 or [indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com) or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

**AQUACISE AT THE CLUB:** The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the

week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS:** The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

**QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS** If you missed

the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

**BIBLE STUDY:** A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at 485 East St., Ludlow. Call 413-348-6487 for more information.

**SHARE YOUR SIGHT:** Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

## 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

**Soccer Clinics – Session 1 & 2**  
Ages: 5-12  
Coach: Greg Kolodiezny  
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 to 6 p.m.  
Fee: \$200

**Beach Volleyball**  
Grades: 10-12

**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.

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UMass. It has been a great three years there and I have one more left. I'm really looking forward to it."

Kelly replaced Nicholas Oberrauch as the Pioneers captain.

"I learned a lot from Nicholas last year," Kelly added. "I was honored when Federico told me that I was going to be the captain of this year's team. I'm very glad to be leading this group of players."

Kelly is also a starting defender, along with Jared Smith, Jaiden Willems, and Juan Hermoso.

Kelly and Smith combined to score what turned out to be the only Pioneers goal against Black Rock following a corner kick two minutes into the opening half.

Israel Neto booted the ball into the box from the

left corner. Kelly tapped the ball over to Smith, who fired a wide open shot into the back of the net for his first career goal with the Pioneers.

"We've been working on set pieces at practice," Kelly said. "I got my foot on the ball and luckily Jared was there to take a shot. I'm very glad that he scored his first career goal in tonight's match."

Black Rock scored the equalizer on a header by Koki Hamada in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute.

Western Mass. goalie Cam Hall didn't have to make very many saves during the final 80 minutes of the match.

At the other end of the field, the Pioneers had seven more corner kicks during the final 35 minutes of the opening half, but they were unable to score.

With 15 minutes re-

maining in the half, Mamadi Jiana, who's a former member of the Chicopee High School boys' varsity soccer team, stole the ball away from a Black Rock player. He then took a shot from inside the box, which sailed high over the crossbar.

The score was deadlocked 1-1 at halftime.

The Pioneers had several more scoring chances in the second half, but they could put the ball into the net past goalie Benjamin Diffley.

With less than two minutes remaining in the contest, Kelly made a sliding tackle breaking up a break-away opportunity for Black Rock.

The visiting team didn't have any other shots on goal, and the score was still tied when referee Fabio Cardoso blew his whistle for the final time.



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# 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 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Kevin Bradley of 6 Rosewood Drive Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 17, Parcel 3H) for: **small batch bottling of wine.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 10, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

06/11, 06/18/2025

## Town of Ludlow Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 13 8 of the General Laws, the Selectboard has called a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectboard's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Dinesh B. Patel, Jai Umiya Ma, Inc., dba Ludlow Shell Convenience Plus located at 227 Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 for an alteration of premises and change of hours for an all-alcohol liquor store. Premises described as follows: A gas station/convenience store on one floor with retail space, storage and office rooms. The retail space has a beer cooler and wine stands. Further shelving will be added for liquor. A total of 3,600 square feet with two entrances and two exits.

Manuel Silva, Chairman  
Ludlow Selectboard  
06/18, 06/25/2025

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Palmer District Court 235 Sykes Street Palmer, MA 01069 (413)263-8916 SUMMONS

Civil No. 2543CV172  
Town of Ludlow  
by and through its  
Director of Public Health  
PLAINTIFF(S)

v.  
Trippy's LLC  
DEFENDANT(S)

## THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO TRIPPY'S LLC

1. **This Notice is to inform you that you are being sued.** The person or business suing you is known as the Plaintiff. A copy of the Plaintiffs Complaint against you is attached and the original has been filed in the Palmer Division of the District Court Department. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing. If you do not respond the Plaintiff may obtain a court order requiring you to pay money or provide other relief.

2. **You must respond within 20 days to protect your rights.** In order to protect your right to defend yourself in this lawsuit, you must deliver or mail a written response called an "Answer" to both the "Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Palmer District Court, 235 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA 01069" and to the individual below:

Stephen J. Chaplin, Esq., at Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC, 730 Main Street, Suite 1F, Millis, Massachusetts 02054.

Your Answer must be delivered or mailed within 20 days from the date the Summons was delivered to you. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension of time in writing from the Court.

3. **Your Answer must respond to each claim made by the Plaintiff.** Your Answer is your written response to the statements made by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. You may agree with some of the things the Plaintiff says and disagree with other things. You may also say that you do not know whether one (or more) of the statements made in the Plaintiffs Complaint is true. If you want to have your case heard by a jury, you must specifically request a jury trial in your Answer. Even if you agree that you owe what is claimed, sending an Answer will provide you with an opportunity to participate and explain your circumstances.

4. **You must list any reason why you should not have to pay the Plaintiff what the Plaintiff**

asks for. If you have any reason(s) why the Plaintiff should not get what the Plaintiff asks for in the Complaint, you must write those reasons (or "defenses") in your Answer.  
06/18, 06/25, 07/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD25P1249EA  
Estate of:  
Vitor M. Oliveira  
Date of Death: 03/22/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maria Ines Malaquias of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Maria Ines Malaquias of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 12, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
06/18/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD24P2064EA  
Estate of:  
Maria Celicina Varandas  
Date of Death: 05/28/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **Paul M Varandas of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**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 07/16/2025.**

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, **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 10, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
06/18/2025

## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE:

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:35 p.m.**

Upon petition of **VERIZON** to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways.

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Manuel Silva, Chairperson  
William Rosenblum  
James Gennette  
Anthony Alves  
06/18, 06/25/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD25P0539EA  
Estate of:  
Dolores Krawczyk  
Date of Death: 10/02/2024  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine M. Ostoyich of Germantown, NY.**

**Catherine M. Ostoyich of Germantown, NY** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
6/18/2025

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling).**

**Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

# OBITUARIES

## Frederick Gamache, III

Frederick Gamache, III, 71, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2025. Fred was born in Springfield on Dec. 9, 1953 to Frederick Gamache Jr.



and Stephanie Pyzocha. He moved to Ludlow as a child and was a 1972 graduate of Springfield Technical/Vocational School. Fred was a United States Army Veteran proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War, and upon his honorable discharge in 1977, he went on to serve 27 years in the reserves retiring in 2005. Fred worked for 7 years at Chapman Valve/Crane Co. and in 1982 began a dedicated 30 year career with the Ludlow Fire Department. In his spare time, he also ran his own welding company and upon his retirement from LFD in 2010, he worked for Ludlow Funeral Home and Gemco. Fred was very active within the Ludlow community, especially as a faithful and devoted member of Christ the King Parish where he was a eucharistic minister, CCD director since 1992, a 5th grade CCD teacher, and spent much of his time vol-

unteering in the Chapel of Adoration. He was also a member and volunteer at the Polish American Citizens Club and enjoyed working its Wednesday night bingos.

Fred leaves his beloved son Frederick J. Gamache and wife Amanda, of Florida; his cherished grandchildren Madison, Gabriel, Greysen, and Magnolia; his sisters Sandra Wesolowski and husband Paul, and Linda Munson and husband George; nieces Geneva and Katie; grand-niece Annabelle; and grand-nephews Gauge, Trenton and Bode; as well as many loving extended family members, friends, and colleagues. Visiting hours for Fred were held on Monday, June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Tuesday, June 17 at 9 a.m. from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Christ the King Church followed by burial with Military Honors in St. Brigid's Cemetery in Easthampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's memory to Christ the King CCD Program.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Frederick Gamache, III**  
Died: March 8, 2025  
Services:  
June 17, 2025  
Ludlow Funeral Home

**Richard Donald Methot**  
Died: March 5, 2025  
**Jean Ann Methot (Squires)**  
Died:  
January 25, 2024  
Services: June 21, 2025 at 10 a.m.  
St. Elizabeth Church  
Ludlow

## The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

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## Richard D. and Jean S. Methot



In loving memory of Richard D. and Jean S. Methot, we celebrate their life and commemorate their passing from this world. They enjoyed 71 years of marriage and are survived by five children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jean was born Jean Ann Squires in Belchertown, MA on Jan 29, 1933. Richard (Dick) was born Richard Donald Methot in Indian Orchard, MA on March 30, 1933. Jean passed on Jan 25, 2024 and Dick on March 5, 2025 at the same hospice in Auburn, ME.

They met while working together in a greenhouse and married on Apr 18, 1953. Jean, who earned a degree in horticulture from UMass Amherst continued to work in plant propagation for many years. She and Dick had their own business, Stonewall Greenhouse, at their home in Ludlow MA in the 1980s. In his youth, Dick was the 1949 MA State award winning bugler in the Indian Orchard Drum and Bugle Corps. He served in the Korean conflict during 1953-1954 as a corporal in the US Army Communication Corps. They bought a new house in Ludlow in 1956 where they raised their 5 children. Dick worked at the Monsanto plastics plant in Indian Orchard until retiring in 1989. After he retired, they moved to Industry, Maine where they lived out

their lives.

Their passion and fun began in the early 1960s when they bought a tent trailer and got the travel bug. 1966 was their first of many cross-country trips with 5 kids in the station wagon and a list of National Parks and other sites to visit. Family memories from those trips are cherished. They continued such trips into their 80s after graduating to a small motorhome and even spent a winter in Utah where they could visit rocky canyons. Dick had an outstanding memory and could tell detailed stories of their travels until his final year. At home, Jean's passion for gardening and quilting was matched by Dick's love for collecting rocks on their trips and building rock walls in their yard. Jean's quilts continue to provide winter warmth and cheery colors for many. They were a skilled team at solving any construction project or challenge they faced. Jean and Dick will be remembered as an inspirational family-building couple.

Services will take place at St. Elizabeth Church, Hubbard St., Ludlow on June 21, 2025 at 10 a.m., burial immediately following at Island Pond Cemetery, Center St., Ludlow followed by a memorial gathering at the home of Mary at 135 Packardville Rd., Pelham MA 01002.

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blox 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.

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**First Words for 0-12 mo olds, Fridays, 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

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**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers, Thursdays, through June 26 (not 6/19), 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.** For 0-2s. Playgroup led by early child-

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**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 yr olds, Thursdays, through June 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.

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with insect repellent. Going on a hike? Have them wear a long-sleeved shirt tucked into long pants (despite their protestations), shoes and socks. Most importantly, check for ticks when they come inside and learn how to safely remove them before trouble sets in.

3. Check their vaccination record.

Measles, once considered eradicated in the U.S., is back, and it's one of the most virulent diseases out there. Protect your child with

a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, and ask their pediatrician whether a booster might be in order. This is particularly important if you're going to be traveling outside the country, and it will likely be required by summer camps.

Another vaccine to check is tetanus, which comes along with a diphtheria shot (TD vaccine). If your child is injured, an EMT or ER doc is likely to ask, "When was their last tetanus shot?" Have the answer handy.

4. Protect them from heat-related illnesses, as you would yourself.

Smaller bodies need to work harder to stay hydrated and cool down, so make sure the kids have a water bottle with them at all times. If their urine is bright yellow and has an odor, they're not getting enough fluids. Remind them that even if they don't feel thirsty, they still need to drink.

Also, one word: sunscreen.

5. Practice water safety. Approximately 900 children between the ages of 0 and 19 die from drowning each year. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children, particularly

those aged 1-4, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Most importantly, no one should swim unsupervised. Nonswimmers should always wear flotation of some sort. Swimming lessons can help your child feel comfortable in the water and learn some rudimentary strokes and how to breathe, even if they're never going to be a competitive swimmer.

If your summer plans include going to a lake, don't let your child in the water if they have an open sore or wound, as bacteria can enter and cause an infection. Final-

ly, avoid swimmer's ear by using ear plugs. You can also instill a few drops of over-the-counter ear-drying solution, or make your own from equal parts white vinegar and rubbing alcohol.

6. Encourage hand hygiene.

Kids in close quarters may be susceptible to hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD), which is a viral infection common among young children, particularly in settings like summer camps. HFMD is characterized by fever, mouth sores and a rash on the hands and feet. It can be a miserable experience – sometimes the

mouth sores become so painful that children might refuse to eat or drink, leading to dehydration and discomfort.

Encourage frequent and thorough hand washing and avoid close contact with infected individuals to prevent the spread of HFMD.

7. Keep some structure. Don't let your child overdose on TV screens or video games. Watching movies together, playing video games and enjoying board games and puzzles are fun activities the family can do together.

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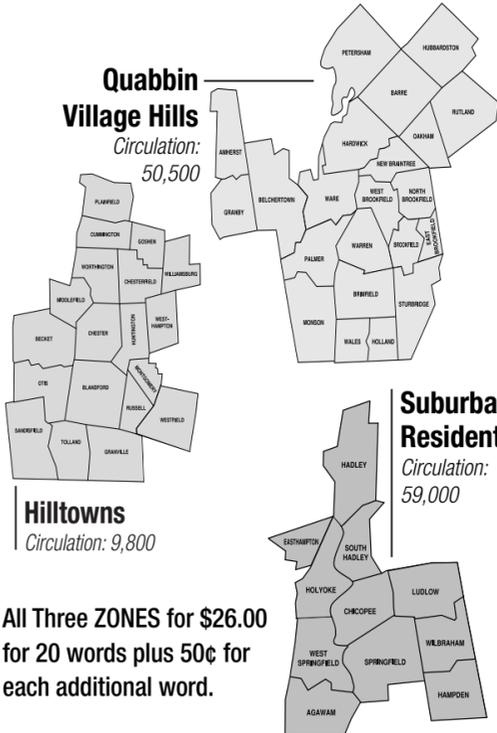
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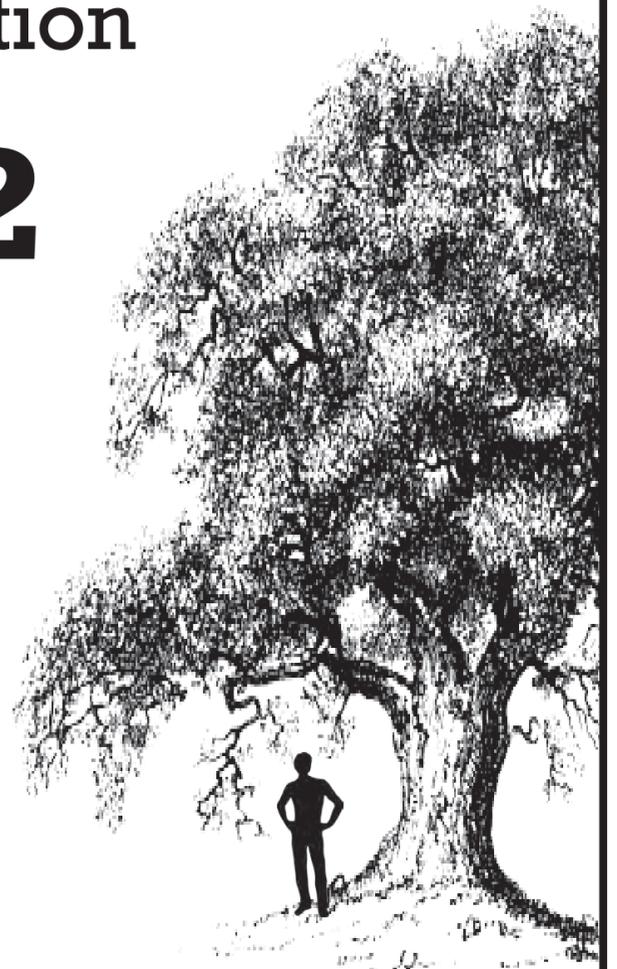
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