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LHS band, cheerleaders accomplish a successful performance at Big E



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The 2025 LHS cheerleaders and band moments before the parade began at the Big E.

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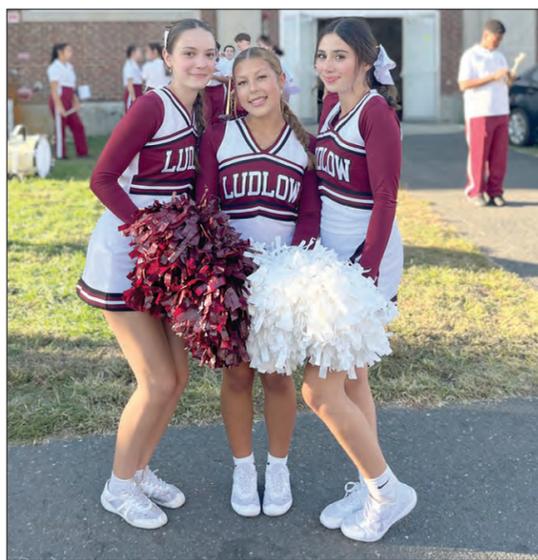
LUDLOW – On Sept. 18 during Massachusetts Day at the Big E, the Ludlow High School were seen performing at the front of the parade, playing songs by Lady Gaga and cheering on the night with the crowds of fairgoers. Before the parade began, the LHS band members and cheerleaders were getting ready for the big performance, and getting excited for the food they’ve been craving all year round.

Cheer Captains and High School Seniors Alexis Rodriguez, Ariana Malave, and Madalyn Marques spoke about their experience at the last Big E cheer performance, why they like

coming to the Big E with their friends, and why the community should continue to support LHS cheer. Performing for 2022, 2024, and now 2025, the cheer captains were excited to be back and cheering on in their last year of high school.

Marques began, “It’s really cool to see other schools from Massachusetts, other cheer teams and bands, it’s a great thing to be a part of. It’s one of my favorite memories during the football season because we all get ready before in a classroom and take pictures, then we get to go eat at the fair afterwards. It’s really fun! I always get the Maine

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LHS Cheer Captains Ariana Malave, Alexis Rodriguez, and Madalyn Marques smiling bright at the fair.



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This family of Mabel Goodreau Charron, Larry Goodreau, Dolly Goodreau, Charlie Goodreau, and Dolly Goodreau were pleased with the performance from Kitchen Jam Live.

Summer concert series comes to a close

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LUDLOW – In the evening of Sept. 14, the Mack Donnelly Gazebo was surrounded by locals with friends

and family, bopping their heads to the beats of Kitchen Jam Live that played classic rock throughout the night. Playing music by Men in Work, Tom Petty, Johnny Cash, Pink Floyd and even more bands, Kitchen Jam Live rocked the evening away while guests were eating treats and good eats by the Wandering Waffles food truck; serving up chicken waffles and ice cream sundaes.

The Ludlow Cultural Council celebrated a successful summer that kicked off on June 15 and ended following a rain delay on Sept. 14, with a variety of music like 60s, 70s, classic rock, alternative, country and blues, and a salsa orchestra. Families brought their own blankets and chairs, with some bringing dinner and snacks. The concert nights were a great excuse to get outside and enjoy the company of



Member Larry Goodreau from the Cultural Council smiles with the Wandering Waffle ice cream sundae.

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Town Administrator reports to Select Board with updates about overdue tax bills

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LUDLOW – On Sept. 16, Town Administrator Marc Strange updated the Select Board on social media conversation concerns about paying interest on overdue tax bills, reporting on what residents can expect in the future and clearing up confusion. The taxes in question were the motor vehicle excise taxes and real estate

taxes, both that fall under the responsibility of Town Collector Ryan McNutt, with quarterly real estate and personal property taxes.

Strange began the report, “A reminder that the trash fee bills will be going out around Oct. 1, residents will have 60 days to pay with a due date of Dec. 1.” Member Anthony Alves questioned Strange about the trash bill targeted to be sent out Oct. 1, “If the bill is sent out three days later on Oct. 4, is it still due on

Dec. 1 or 60 days from when it was sent?” Strange answered, “It’s Dec. 1, they’re going to go out Oct. 1.”

Strange continued speaking about the tax bills, “There’s been a lot of discussion about the wave of tax bill demands that recently went out from the Collector’s Office from the past due 2024 and 2025 motor vehicle excise and 2025 real estate taxes. I believe the 2024 real estate tax demands went out today, Sept. 16, and in gen-

eral the town sends out seven motor vehicle excise tax commitments each year. The first commitment is typically the largest, picks up all the already registered vehicles and then the ensuing six motor vehicle excise tax commitments pick up the new vehicle registrations throughout the year,” explained Strange.

The process for the Town’s bills is as follows; the Town sends a bill, if payments aren’t received in the prescribed window, the Town

sends a demand which includes the interest in penalty. If the amount on the sent demand is not paid, the Town sends out a warrant and at that point, it is out of the Town’s hands and sent to the Deputy Collector (Third party entity) where they handle the collection.

Residents can expect the boat and personal property demands for 2022 through 2025, “If you own a boat and haven’t paid your excise tax, you should be expecting

a demand relatively soon. On the upside of all of this, it will increase our local receipts quite a bit, for example one motor vehicle excise commitment is worth about \$58,000,” said Strange.

Chairperson Manuel Silva added, “It’s important for people to know that these demands, you get marked by the Registry, you’re not getting a car registered and

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MassDOT presents upcoming bridge work

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LUDLOW – The Select Board reviews letter from Mass DOT informing residents of upcoming bridge preservation work on nine bridges carrying I-90. The letter was passed by the Select Board and involves bridges where I-90 crosses Miller St. (I-90 Eastbound and I-90 Westbound over Miller St.), and East St. (I-90 Eastbound and I-90 Westbound over East St.); East St. will be performed in phases. Additionally, the project includes bridge preservation activity at I-90 bridge locations in the City of Chicopee at the I-291 and I-391 interchanges.

As stated in the Mass DOT letter, residents can expect traffic restrictions for the duration of the work. In Town, the work will be performed at two bridge crossings comprising four bridge structures involving I-90, involving bridge preservation activities including, but not limited to, steel repairs and painting and substructure repairs.

Work will be typically performed during weekdays and weeknights, beginning at 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and weeknight hours are 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.; with a note that work requiring traffic closures will be scheduled at night. The phases involving East St. will be performed in

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Common Wealth Murals unveils new mural

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SPRINGFIELD – On Sept. 15, the Common Wealth Murals and Indian Orchard Youth Council held a ribbon cutting for the “Long May She Reign” mural that can be viewed now at 565 Main St. Indian Orchard. In collaboration with the IOYC, an organization created to address the lack of youth voices in the neighborhood who learn leadership skills and plan community activities, the inspired message focused on how Indian Orchard is a place where dreams are made.

The message and inspiration for the mural design was stated as follows, “Indian Orchard is a place where we can achieve our dreams. If we make a place to do



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The mural titled “Long May She Reign” by muralist Chris Seabrooks.

something, the community will help us achieve it.”

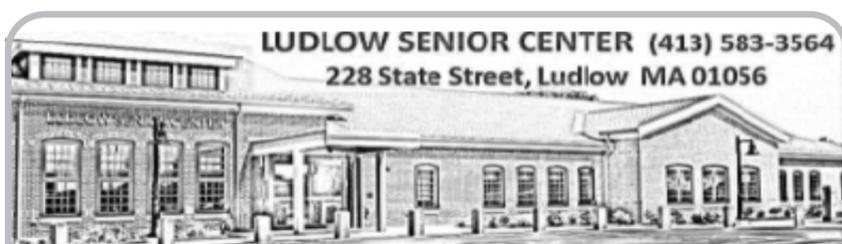
The mural was designed by Springfield native and muralist Chris Seabrooks

and assisted in painting with the youth council and Indian Orchard community. Referring to the mural picture and submitted description,

“The design depicts two strong matriarchal figures emerging from the earth,

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LUDLOW



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

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 on Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions, as well as general information about what a senior center is and does, please visit: 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, September 18

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
10:30 a.m. Rock Painting Class*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers' Block
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, September 19

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Home Care Choices*
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Monday, September 22

9 a.m. Knitting
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
12 p.m. Flu Shots*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Limitless Legions*
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencils*
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, September 23

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1 p.m. Western Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
4:45 p.m. Movie: The Light Between Oceans (2016)

5:30 p.m. Caregivers Compass & Anchor Program*

Wednesday, September 24

8 a.m. Garden Club
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Facials*
10 a.m. Opera Appreciation
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn! Blue Cross/Blue Shield*
1 p.m. Movie: The Light Between Oceans (2016)
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Thursday, September 25

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
10:30 a.m. Home Modification Program
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club: My Incredible Journey: A Memoir by Katherine Johnson
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, September 18: Birthday Lunch! Breaded Pork Chop/Rice Pilaf/Carrots
Friday, September 19: French Toast Bake/Breakfast Sausage
Monday, September 22: Chicken Patty Sand/Lettuce & Tom/Tater Tots
Tuesday, September 23: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Beet Salad
Wednesday, September 24: Lunch & Learn! Shepherd's Pie/Cornbread
Thursday, September 25: Fish & Chips/Cole Slaw
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 inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Ludlow DPW issues parking ban during paving project beginning Sept. 22

LUDLOW-- The Town of Ludlow Department of Public Works shares that a parking ban will be in effect during the Town's upcoming paving project.

The paving project is scheduled to begin on Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 a.m. Affected streets include: State Street (up to Oak Ridge Street), Meadow Street, Hampden Street, Berkshire Street, Bristol Street, Duke Street, Essex Street, Franklin Street, Worcester Street, and Norwood Street.

The parking ban will be in effect during road work

each day from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Traffic will flow as normal during construction. After 4:30 p.m., street parking will be reopened to the public for the night.

The project will take place in three phases. Phase 1 will include milling, Phase 2 will involve structural adjustments, and Phase 3 will involve repaving roads.

Traffic will be flowing as normal, and after 4:30 p.m., street parking will reopen to the public. The project is expected to last about a week and a half to two weeks.

The Ludlow Senior Cen-

ter, which is located at 228 State St., will be open during normal business hours, and participants are asked to park in the designated parking lot instead of the street during the project.

Residents are also reminded to follow posted traffic signage, including no parking signs and detour information. A police detail will be on site assisting with traffic.

The Town of Ludlow and Ludlow DPW would like to thank residents for their cooperation and patience.

Knights sponsor benefit dinner to support Community Survival Center Oct. 18

WILBRAHAM—The Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will sponsor a major fundraising benefit dinner to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard.

The Survival Center helps feed and cloth over 400 individuals each month in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, Indian Orchard and 16 Acres. According to Executive Director, Cristal Turcotte, this year is particularly impacted by the

anticipated federal cuts in SNAP and the less successful Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive by the National Association Letter Carriers.

"Our shelves are very bare" according to Turcotte, "and with the holidays fast approaching we are asking for assistance to help us support those in need."

The benefit dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main Street, Wilbraham and will fea-

ture a delicious homemade chicken parm Italian dinner complete with pasta, salad, bread, coffee and cannolis.

The event will include numerous raffles and musical entertainment with sing-a-longs.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting George Reich at ticketskoc10195@gmail.com or may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Sept. 27.

9th annual Food Truck Festival begins Oct. 10

INDIAN ORCHARD—The 9th Annual Indian Orchard Food Truck Festival will be held Friday, Oct. 10 thru Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be food trucks, live music, beer, vendors games, crafts, dancing and raffles.

On Friday, Oct. 10 there will be a community wide

tag sale all day and a car sound show at 6 p.m.

The event will take place at Myrtle Street Park located at 117 Main St. in Indian Orchard.

This event is hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets. For more information email iocc.council@gmail.com or call 413-301-2533.

MRHS Class of 1975, 50th Class Reunion Oct. 3-5

WILBRAHAM - The Minnechaug Class of 1975 will be gathering to celebrate their 50th Reunion with a weekend of fun activities Friday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Oct. 5.

Classmates will have several opportunities to get together to catch up on the past 50 years. We have planned for golfing, hiking, Home Football Game, tour of high school, lunch at Fern Valley and a parting Breakfast Buffet the morning of Oct. 5.

The main event, dinner and socializing, will be held at Wilbraham Country Club on Oct. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Additional information is available, can be sent to you if you send a request to Jim Chambers at mrhsclassof1975@gmail.com.

We hope you'll be able to join us to celebrate this milestone. If you can't attend in person, you can still have a presence by sending a photo / information for our slide show to Donna Sclafani Parker at donnaparker357@yahoo.com. Please let others in our class know about the reunion.

Fall luncheon, card & game party Sept. 25

WILBRAHAM—Fall into Fun at the Luncheon, Card & Game Party sponsored by the Wilbraham Women's Club, Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Saint Cecilia Parish Center located at 42 Main St. in Wilbraham. Check-in begins at

11:30 a.m. with a delicious luncheon served at noon.

Bring friends and come to play any game of your choice (dominoes, mahjong, bridge, canasta, scrabble, etc.).

Donation is \$10 and there will be a raffle for

cash prizes.

Proceeds help to fund our scholarships and donations to charitable organizations in the area.

For reservations, please call Sue Agnew, 596-9480. Hope you will join us for a fun afternoon.



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Ludlow residents to participate in the 37th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk

LUDLOW—Two residents from Ludlow will participate in the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 5.

Russell Royce and Ethan Provost along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk will aim to raise \$9.5 million this year in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

“For 36 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has been a cornerstone of support for life-saving cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber,” said Caitlin Fink, vice president of The Jimmy Fund. “Every participant contributes directly to advancing lifesaving research and critically important cancer care. Walk Day is more than just an event—it’s a celebration of hope and the shared commitment of the Jimmy Fund community.”

One Walk, Four Distances, For All Cancers
The Jimmy Fund Walk

takes place along the famed Boston Marathon@course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber’s Longwood Medical Campus); 10K walk (from Newton); Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers who prefer to participate virtually can complete their chosen distance from any location.

Whatever route participants choose, they will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Walkers will be motivated by poster-sized photographs of Walk Heroes that appear along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call

866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk day.

About the Jimmy Fund
The Jimmy Fund, established in Boston in 1948, is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s lifesaving mission to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults. The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children’s Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped Dana-Farber save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, X, and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.

About Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dana-Farber Cancer In-

stitute is one of the world’s leading centers of cancer research and treatment. Dana-Farber’s mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. Dana-Farber is a federally designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

Dana-Farber provides the latest treatments in cancer for adults through Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center and for children through Dana-Farber/Boston Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Dana-Farber is the only hospital nationwide with a top 5 U.S. News & World Report Best Cancer Hospital ranking in both adult and pediatric care.

As a global leader in oncology, Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique and equal balance between cancer research and care, translating the results of discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world, offering more than 1,100 clinical trials.

SNHU announces Summer President’s and Dean’s Lists

MANCHESTER, NH—It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2025 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Indian Orchard
Cora Pray and Tyrone Muhammad
Ludlow
Matthew Corbin, Tiffany

Rains, and Jonathan Fortune
SNHU Summer 2025 Dean’s List

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Ludlow
Elizabeth Kazimer and Emily Rua

A hilarious “Divine” comedy show coming to Wilbraham Senior Center Nov. 7

WILBRAHAM—Time to sit back, relax and join us for a fun filled comedy fundraiser hosted by the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors. Get set to enjoy the hilarious “MisGivings” a divine comedy of belly laughs, blessings and bingo.

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good Father’s razor sharp Irish wit!

The show will be held at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, on Friday November 7. Doors open 6:30 pm.

Tickets are \$18 and may be picked up at the Senior Center.

For those who cannot go the Senior Center for tickets, you may order them by sending in a check made payable to Friends of Wilbraham Seniors and mail to Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

Please write your phone number on your check and note it’s for MisGivings Show. Your ticket(s) will be available at the door when you arrive. All open seating. No reservations. Limited seating.

Any questions, call Matt Villamaino 413-896-2206.

(Submitted by Matt Villamaino)

Electric vehicle tax credits expire at the end of September

Prospective buyers should act now if they want to claim the credits

WESTWOOD—Incentives for hybrid or electric cars have been part of the federal tax code for nearly two decades - but they’re coming to an end at the end of this month, so EV buyers should act fast if they want to claim a credit.

As enacted by Congress earlier this year, taxpayers can claim credits only for vehicles purchased by Sept. 30, 2025 - seven years earlier

than the previously scheduled date. To be eligible for the credit (up to \$7,500 for new EVs and up to \$4,000 for used EVs), buyers need to meet income requirements, and the vehicles must meet production requirements. Interested consumers should review federal websites and work with the car dealership to see if they and their vehicle qualify.

Ending the credit will likely put a dent in EV demand: In AAA’s most recent nationwide electric vehicle survey, 12% of respondents said that the elimination of tax credits and rebates would be a barrier to purchasing an EV. Industry

analysts have reported seeing a spike in EV sales over the past month as buyers rush to claim the credit, but the magnitude of the drop-off after Sept. 30 is uncertain.

Despite the changes to the

federal incentives, Massachusetts’s MOR-EV rebate remains in effect, with rebates of \$3,500 for qualifying vehicles and additional rebates available for income-qualifying consumers.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

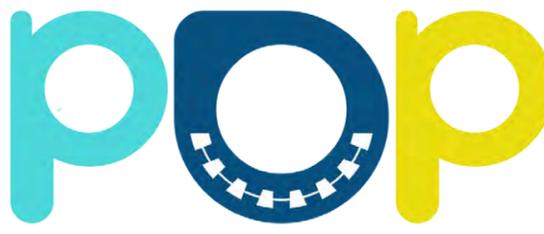
Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.

St. Nick’s Christmas Bazaar

LUDLOW—Saturday, Nov. 15 in the Pastoral Center at St Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow from 9 to 3 p.m. Approximately 40 vendors will sell stained glass, primitive decor, Avon, and Hockey Association items - to name a few. Great way to start your Christmas shopping.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Should I claim Social Security early because it is going bankrupt?

Dear Rusty:
My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately.

Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible?

Signed: Uncertain what to do

Dear Uncertain:
Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon

address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt.

That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need and marital status.

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GUEST COLUMN



Red-eyed vireo

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a red-eyed vireo on Sept. 15 at their Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, located on Massachusetts Road in Worcester.

The red-eyed vireo has an olive green back and wings, white underparts, gray crown and a white eyebrow and a black line through its eyes. It has a yellow wash on the flanks. Adults have red eyes hence this six inch tall songbird's name. Immature birds have brown eyes.

It builds a cup shaped nest of grasses, bark and spider webs suspended in the fork of a tree. It sings almost continuously from dawn to dusk with a series of short note phrases, "Here I am, where are you?"

It is frequently parasitized by the brown-headed cowbird, which lays its eggs in other bird's nests.

It feeds on insects, mainly caterpillars and migrates to the Amazon basin for the winter. Vireos are found in the forest canopy, particularly in woodlands and forests.

Other birds at Broad Meadow

Other birds at Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary included a Nashville warbler on Sept. 16, a great blue heron, a sharp shinned hawk and a broad winged hawk, all on Sept. 15.

Helping birds

Bird friendly windows can prevent collisions, which annually kill millions of birds. Birds can't see glass. Instead, they see whatever happens to be reflected in its mirror-like surface. Often, this is open sky or trees, which, for a bird, are appealing and perfectly safe things to fly towards. It's estimated that between one hundred million and one billion birds die every year in collisions with man-made structures, one of the biggest killers of migratory birds.

Bird-safe glass is specially designed to make glass a visible obstacle to birds. Bird safe glass is visible to birds while transparent enough for humans to look out. People may visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/what-does-bird-safe-glass-even-mean-for-ways-to-keep-birds-safe-from-window-strikes>.

Here are some of the tips they offer. Try placing your bird feeder about 1.5 feet from the window; it will slow them down. Apply a thin film to the outside of

the windows. The glass will become visible to birds, but remain transparent to people. As an added bonus for being so eco-savvy, the film will cut down on incoming infrared radiation, so it will also lower summer cooling costs. Keep curtains or shades drawn during the day to reduce reflection. Place window decals, sun catchers, tape strips, ribbons or anything else in a dense pattern in the "2x4" format, a single decal will not work. Install a screen or net a few inches outside of your windows, to lessen the impact.

Brimfield bird watcher

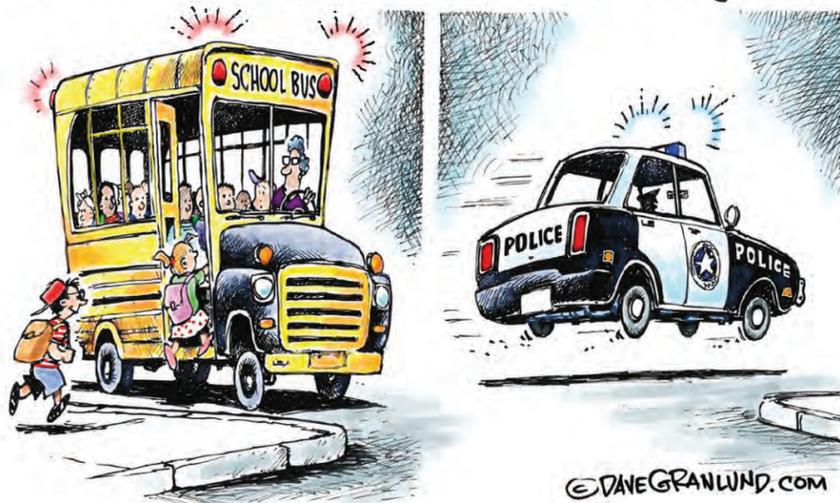
A Brimfield resident continued watching for migrating common night-hawks in August, but did not have any luck. He has seen them in the past. He had three ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on jewelweed, cardinal flower and nicotiana last month. He saw a pair of American Goldfinch drinking from the drip he has in his yard. He also saw a female pileated woodpecker on the top of a mountain ash where it ate berries for while.

Bird calls

A reader sent an email about a free bird call app called Merlin. She thought other readers might be interested. She said, "Just enter your location and press record. I never knew hummingbirds chirp. Now I do."

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.

If you aren't stopping for these flashing lights... Then you'll be stopping for these flashing lights!



GUEST COLUMN

Measles are a serious business

with immunocompromised systems. We've seen three deaths in Texas attributed to measles.

In addition, measles can leave someone with a weakened immune system, making them more susceptible to other infections.

Illinois generally has experienced herd immunity, with vaccination rates at or above 95 percent. The state has seen 10 cases of measles this year, some in Cook County and others in the southern part of the state. There's evidence, however, that vaccination rates are dropping in some Chicago schools and among kindergartners.

Massachusetts hasn't seen a single case - yet - because its citizens maintain a vaccination rate of about 98%. There's evidence, however,

that the vaccination rate is not as strong among incoming kindergartners.

We all play a role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. The best way to keep the measles away from your child is to make sure they've had two doses of the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine, which has been proven safe and is 97% effective at prevention. Even if they do catch the virus, the illness is likely to be mild and short-lived.

That said, it's possible there will be children in your child's class who are unvaccinated and could well bring measles to school along with their homework and lunchbox. It will be easy for them to infect other unvaccinated children, causing an outbreak.

To help stop measles in its tracks:

If you're unsure of your immune status and believe you were exposed to the measles, consult your health-care provider right away. An MMR immunity blood test can show whether you have measles antibodies. (If you were born before 1957, you likely had measles and enjoy "presumptive immunity.")

Consider getting an MMR booster shot, especially if you were immunized between 1963 and 1967. The vaccine used during those years was less effective because it was made from a killed rather than live virus. A booster is a harmless precaution, as long as your doctor says you are eligible to receive a live virus vaccine.

Regularly disinfect surfaces and common touchpoints,

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Campaign news

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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your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

All it takes is one kid with measles to infect up to 18 others in their classroom. With school beginning soon, public health and education officials around the country are concerned about new outbreaks.

In the not too distant past, measles was considered "eliminated" in the U.S. because cases were almost unknown and 95 percent or more of Americans were vaccinated against it or had it in childhood. That herd immunity is slowly eroding, and our children are at greater risk of

illness because of it.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases out there, even more so than COVID and flu virus. It spreads through tiny droplets when people cough or sneeze, and can live in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours (think school desks, cafeteria tables, lab stations).

And while today's measles is no more dangerous than before, it can still result in pneumonia, encephalitis (brain swelling) or even death in very young children or those

What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit 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 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

The library will be resuming regular operating hours on September 1. Please note a change in Saturday operating hours of 10-2 rather than 9-1.

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 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.

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

Mediumship Talk Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 PM. Jacqueline Engel, a local writer, author, and spiritual medium will give a talk on what mediumship is, differentiate between other psychic abilities, and explain how a medium communicates with the spirit world. Please register on our website.

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

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, September 26, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For ages 14-18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. Copies of the current book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Anime Club, every other Tuesday, October 7, 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.

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm. For middle & high schoolers. Meet once a month to play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games, while munching on free pizza & drinks! 16 person limit. Please register. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday September 25, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Ages 9-13. Dis-

cuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month's graphic novel is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, October 1 & 15, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. For ages 9-14. Bring your cards, Nintendo Switch, phone, or tablet for Pokemon Go, handheld gaming, and trading. All trades supervised by staff and trades must be of equal market value. Please register.

Tween D&D Chaos Club, every other Friday, October 3, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. For 10-14 year olds. The group has room for 1 player, experience preferred but not necessary. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, every other Monday, October 6, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. All experience levels welcome; some instruction provided. Bring your chess set if you have one. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, October 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 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, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. For grades 3-8. 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 or other accounts. Please register.

Saturday Online Club, every Saturday, noon to 1:50 p.m. For grades 3-8. See description above. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 0-2, Thursdays, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Targeted for children birth to age 2 and their caregivers. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 2-5, Thursdays, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Targeted for children

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baked potato and Pickle Barrel Steak Tips every time I come," said Marques.

Malave added, "The environment is so fun, the people are cheering us on and we are obviously cheering. The band is with us, we have Band Director Kevin McAvoy, Cheerleading Coach Adelei Bernard, and LHS Principal Lisa Nemeth with us too. My favorite part is the food, I get a baked potato every time," said Malave.

Rodriguez commented, "This year is bittersweet, our last time doing this. My favorite part is my grandma's booth in the Massachusetts Building, it's called Fincakes; Finnish pancakes with pumpkin raisin bran pudding. Our main job as cheerleaders is to get everybody to interact, not just the crowd but the players," said Rodriguez.

When asked why the community should join LHS at a football game, Marques credited the LHS band for playing the music that keeps them cheering on. "People should come to support our cheer team because we put a lot of time and effort into practice, almost every day after school and we do half times. We cheer on the football players but it's nice when people are cheering for us because we work super hard. Shoutout to our



The LHS band marched together in front of the crowds.

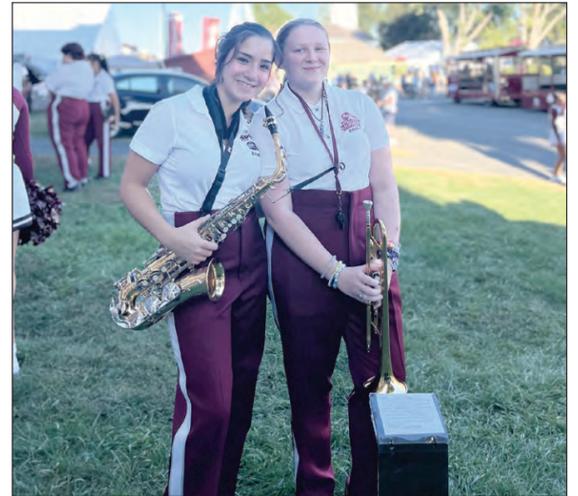
band because we couldn't do it without them," ended Marques.

Catching up with LHS Band Drum Majors Lexi Aniolowski who's a senior and Bea Chalo who's a junior, both drum majors were thrilled to perform again at the fairgrounds.

Aniolowski who's been involved with the band for nine years says the experience has been fun with friends, "It's a great opportunity to make new friends and a great opportunity to learn valuable time commitment skills and dedication. There are a lot of band commitments throughout the year and it's important to learn time-management, showing up to the events and continuing to have free time. Like time to do school work, sports, and free time.

For the Big E, I like coming with the band and my friends. I am working on a photo album to look back on my high school years. Being able to flip to it will be special. Also, performing at the fair is a great way for people to see our band play and see our skills and in the future

boost concert attendance!" Bea Chalo who's been involved with the band for eight years agreed with Lexi and added, "Band for me is the biggest thing in my life, ever since I was little, music has been big growing up in a Portuguese family. A lot of music and singing are in-



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

LHS Drum Majors Bea Chalo and Lexi Aniolowski before playing *Bloody Mary* by Lady Gaga.

involved with my Portuguese culture, I always looked up to bands and it's grown to be a big part of me. My closest friends I met through band, my closest relationships are band people. These events are a great way to distract yourself from life, it's a way to be with people. It's a heartfelt moment."

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Linda Martins launches Innovadora Marketing in Ludlow

By Amanda Munson
Staff Writer
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LUDLOW – Based in Ludlow, Innovadora Marketing strives to help businesses with strategy, creativity, and heart to help grow with purpose. Whether it is a business that is just starting out, rebranding, or planning something big, Founder and Brand Strategist Linda Martins brings 20 years of experience from the marketing and development world to create a studio that goes right to the businesses door.

Martins shared growing up in town and moving away for awhile and then returning, Martins felt her family would appreciate living in a town that is growing, just like Innovadora Marketing. Martins began, “I’ve been in marketing for over 20 years, both in the nonprofit and profit world,

and I really found that our community needed a company that can help small businesses get noticed in the community. It was founded under the premise of helping other businesses find their way within the community and find their voice. We are holistic with being able to offer different types of services, as well as being creative and innovative, to find their niche in their community and where they fit in,” said Martins.

Innovadora Marketing helps businesses with different branches of the marketing, where it helps a variety of small to median businesses start up or in need of a fresh re-design. Whether it’s traditional marketing like paper advertisements, website designs, or social media to a whole rebrand of the



Linda Martins

businesses office space.

“Everything gives your company a voice, we’re telling a story and that’s what we do. We help companies tell their story, so it’s everything that they may need from a logo design to starting off creating that initial tagline, branding the way they want the community to perceive them. All the way up to finding their clients, helping them drive their sales, driving their name; it’s very holistic in that way,” said Martins.

Martins shared that Innovadora Marketing is new as well and wants to get their story out there too. “It’s been amazing, just the reaction of this wonderful

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Allen Cournoyer, Charlie Duncan, Pat Bronson, Sharon Fry, and Sue Cournoyer had a grand view of the summer concert.

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neighbors and townspeople. Walking around the lawn that surrounded the gazebo,

people were seen meeting up with friends, catching up before the week ahead, and reminiscing on the familiar songs played by Kitchen Jam Live. The summer con-

cert series was organized by the Ludlow Cultural Council with support from the Mass Cultural Council by grants and with donations from local businesses.



Town locals, family, and friends gathered together around the gazebo for a last hurrah of summer.

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your driver’s license cannot be renewed. It’s very crucial all of these are paid and also the demands and warrants, the money just keeps mounting up. Before you know it, you may have a \$15 bill now you have over \$200 to pay. There’s no recourse for it,” ended Silva.

Alves questioned Strange

about the excise tax bills and Strange clarified that with the tax excise bills, it’s a cleanup effort on unpaid bills. “In terms of the demand fees and the interest that’s potentially being sent to these individuals, regardless of error whether it was lost in the mail or it wasn’t sent, the recourse in terms of leaving interest or that demand fee from my

understanding is not in the town’s hands?” asked Alves. Strange agreed with Alves stating, “It’s a state law, the collector cannot waive more than \$15 in interest. As an operational matter, residents come in and have good points and stories, but the Collector is bound by state law and cannot make an exception. If you make an exception for one person, you

have to make an exception for everybody. It can be a harsh law,” said Strange.

For clarification, the Town sent out bills on time and the Town cannot forgive more than \$15 in interest by state law. For more information, please visit the Town’s website at ludlow.ma.us/tax-collector/

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two phases, with phase one during the day ensuring travel lanes are maintained but at night, East St. will be closed and detoured. The detour route will follow East St. to Chapin St. to Miller St., back to East St.

Phase two will require a shoulder closure with travel lanes and pedestrian traffic maintained.

The Register will follow up with dates on the upcoming bridge work. As of The Register press time, the initial project schedule wasn’t made available.

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their arms forming a bridge over a glowing river. People of all ages walk together across the bridge, supported by community and hope, as symbolized by the floating blue balloons and radiant sunset. It represents how in Indian Orchard, dreams are realized through collective effort and shared purpose, with every step forward guided by the strength and care of generations.”

Based on the Common Wealth Murals website,

the group collaborates with communities to create powerful public art that honors histories, celebrates local heroes, and inspires bold visions of the future. This summer, Common Wealth Murals added murals to three Springfield neighborhoods in Mason Square, the South End, and Indian Orchard.

Before walking or driving towards the Hubbard Memorial Library, make sure to take a look at the mural on the side of The Nail Place located on Ludlow Ave.

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2-5. See description above. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Storytime Series for 3-5 year olds, Mondays, September 29 - November 10, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and games about firefighters, teachers, doctors, and other community helpers, with a craft and snack at the end. Tailored for 3-5 year olds. Please register. No class October 13.

Storytime Series for 2-3 year olds, Wednesdays, October 1 - November 5, 10 a.m. See description above; tailored for 2-3 year olds, with a free play period at the beginning with a craft and snack at the end. Please register.

Homeschool Storytime: “True Tales”, Wednesdays, October 1 - November 5, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. For ages 5 and up. A fun, gently educational storytime that uses non-fiction picture books to share inspiring stories about real people and historical events, with a craft or activity at the end. Please register.

Massachusetts Children’s Book Award (MCBA) Book Group, monthly, begins Thursday, October 9, 6:00 - 6:45pm.

For 4th to 6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet to play games, discuss the books, which to vote for, and eat snacks. Celebrate at the last meeting in April with an ice cream party sponsored by the Friends of the Library, where we’ll cast our votes and pose for photos for the newspaper!

Please register. **Read to a Poodle, every other Monday, October 27, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.** For beginning readers. Quill the poodle will visit the Youth Room every other Monday and he is a great listener! Sign up for a 10-15 minute session. Bring your own book, or we can help you pick some out. Quill is a registered Bright-spot therapy dog. Please register.

g With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

For 0-5s. Interactive, participatory music for children and their grown-ups with favorite children’s songs. It takes place on the library lawn, but we move inside for bad weather. Drop-in.

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

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Lions offense gets going in win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—Playing on a grass field for the first time this season wasn't a major factor for the Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team.

The Lady Lions scored a season high seven goals en route to a 7-3 non-league victory over the Monson Lady Mustangs at Larry Tassinari Field in Monson, last Wednesday afternoon.

"The girls have been working very hard at practice, and it has carried over to our games," said Ludlow head coach Amanda Nacsin. "We're a well-rounded team offensively, which makes us very difficult to stop."

The non-league road victory improved Ludlow's overall

season record to 4-0-1.

"We played very well as a team in today's game," said Ludlow senior captain Juliana Bartolucci. "We're a very close team and we've been having a lot of fun so far this year. We just want to keep our winning streak going."

The Lady Lions, who pulled out a 2-1 home win against Monson a year ago, scored five goals in a non-league home win against Tantasqua Regional in the season opener.

The Lady Mustangs, who lost at Hampshire Regional, 9-2, less than twenty-four hours earlier, saw their overall record fall to 1-3.

"We had a very difficult game at Hampshire last night," said Monson head coach Larry Pagliaro.



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Catarina Mazza guides the ball up the field.



Geia Guzman looks to send the ball up the field ahead of pressure.



Valentina Molinari focuses on the ball as she heads up the field.



Maeve Carter heads on a run with possession.



Morgan Vala pursues a loose ball.

"I thought we battled hard against a very good Ludlow team for most of today's game. I'm very proud of the girls."

Monson's only victory of

the regular season came at home versus Amherst by the score of 2-0 on September 12.

Monson seventh grader Audrey Gregoire made her first career varsity start as a goalie against the Lady Lions. She was credited with a total of 14 saves.

Gregoire, who played the second half against Hampshire, replaced sophomore Grace Berry, who suffered a right knee injury.

"Grace is out at least two weeks with an injury," Pagliaro said. "Audrey did her best in today's game."

At the other end of the field, Ludlow junior goalie Maddy Riley had to make only one save during the first 40 minutes of the match. Riley was replaced at the start of the second half by senior Kacie Klimek, who also only made one save.

The two teams combined to score three goals during the first ten minutes of the match.

The scoring began two minutes into the opening half with a goal by Ludlow senior captain Ava Friese. Junior Audrey Afonso was credited with the assist.

The Lady Mustangs scored the tying goal two minutes later when senior co-captain Hannah Murphy fired a shot off the left post before deflecting into the back of the net. Murphy has been a member of the varsity soccer team since she was in the eighth grade. She has committed to play Division 1 college soccer at Sacred Heart University and recorded a hat-trick against the Lady Lions.

"Hannah is our leading goal scorer," Pagliaro said. "It's amazing what she's able to do on the soccer field. The other teams always put two or three players on her and she still finds a way to score goals. She's an unbelievable soccer player and is an outstanding person."



Ava Friese is closely pursued by a Monson defender.

The Lady Lions retook the lead when Afonso poked a shot into the back of the net during the ninth minute.

Please see **LUDLOW GIRLS**, Page 10

Boys soccer finally picks up first win

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys soccer team found itself in very unfamiliar territory for the first time in recent years. The Lions reached the middle of September without having won a game.

The Lions finally changed that last Friday evening with a 2-0 shutout of West Springfield.

Ludlow improved to 1-3-1 on the season. Des-

mond Danso and Evan Dias scored the goals for the Lions while Nick Dion scored the shutout.

Ludlow will look to keep the momentum going when they face Amherst Regional at home on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. They also have a game scheduled Saturday morning, Sept. 27 against Algonquin at 11 a.m.

T-Birds make more personnel changes

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds have announced a hire and multiple promotions to their business staff heading into the new season. Sophia Mackin has been hired as Coordinator of Digital and Social Media, Frank Grimaldi has been promoted to Director of Ticket Operations and Retention, and Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Senior Account Executive. Mackin joins the Thunderbirds after serving as a social and digital media intern with the team for the previous two seasons. A native of East Longmeadow, Mass., Mackin graduated from UMass-Amherst in May of 2025. Grimaldi, a Springfield native, is an original staff member of the Thunderbirds front office, having been with the club since the team's inception in 2016. He served as

an Account Executive from 2016 to 2018 before transitioning to his ticket operations & retention role before the 2018-19 season. He is an alumnus of Western New England University. Brousseau joined the Thunderbirds front office full-time during the 2021-22 season after spending two seasons as a game-day intern with the team. A native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau has been recognized for his excellence, having been named a finalist for the Howdy Award this past April for outstanding customer service in the hospitality industry. He is an alumnus of Springfield College. In addition, the Thunderbirds have also brought in Andrew "Guam" McCormic as Retail Office Coordinator and Ethan Vattaso as Gameday Operations Assistant.

Please see **T-BIRDS**, Page 1

Ludlow football falls to 0-2

LUDLOW – In the home opener for Ludlow High School football, the Lions were defeated by Smith Vocational in independent action. The Lions are now 0-2 on the season and will travel close by to Belchertown High School on Friday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.



Lucas Quiterio makes a reception.



Mason Morace looks to make a pass on the run.



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Liam DiVenuto and Jack Marino combine for the sack.



Michael Petrolati emerges with ball on a run.



Jake Marino tries to take down a Smith ball carrier.

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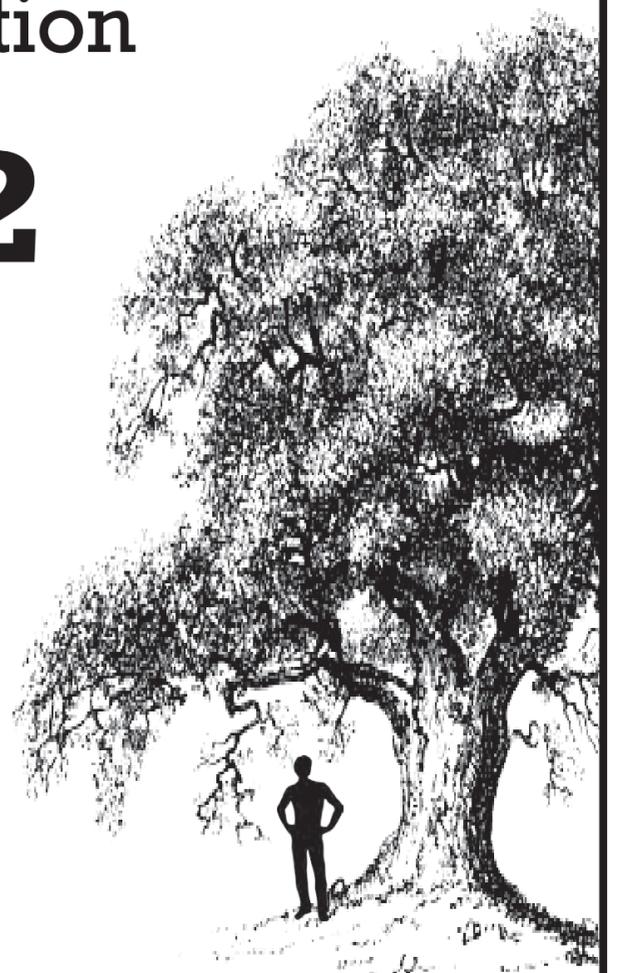
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Tech help at Wilbraham Library

WILBRAHAM— Need help setting up an email account, updating your phone, or figuring out a new device?

Students from the Wilbraham & Monson Academy (WMA) Community Service Team will be at the library to assist with technology-related questions. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis on Fridays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Please bring any relevant devices and/or log-in and password information. Contact the library at 413-596-6141 or visit www.wilbrahamlibrary.org for more information about upcoming dates.

Build a Scarecrow Fundraiser

WILBRAHAM — The Build a Scarecrow Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday Sept. 28. From 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rice Fruit Farm.

1 for \$15
2 for \$25
Sponsored by Minnechaug Student Council.

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

Sept. 26

Please join "Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center" and the FESTA Committee for our first Beer & Wine Tasting. We are looking to bring folks together while raising funds for the "Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center" and the FESTA Committee. The Beer & Wine Tasting will take place on Friday, Sept. 26 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall at 438 Winsor Street from 6 to 9 p.m.

The price for the tickets are \$25 and \$20 for Seniors 60 and over. Please call Kathy Hurley Ouimette at 413-589-7994 for tickets and more information. Looking forward to see you all there.

Sept. 28

33rd Annual square dance workshops are starting up on Sept. 28 at the First Church of Ludlow, 859 Center St. in Ludlow.

This is NOT your grandfather's square dance. Dancing is good for your health and brain power and even good for YOU. Get off the couch and make new friends that you don't know yet. The Quabbin Valley Twirlers have been dancing for 35

years, and we are a friendly welcoming group of dancers. The first 2 lessons are free. Contact Gloria for more information at ladicaller@gogtt.net or call 413-467-3352.

Sept. 30

Ludlow High School will be hosting a Mental Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Check In, a division of the Jordan Porco Foundation's national Fresh Check Day program, is an uplifting mental health promotion program that creates an approachable atmosphere that fosters dialogue about mental health. It includes interactive expo booths, community resources, and prize incentives, with a focus on fun. The Jordan Porco Foundation's mission is to prevent suicide, promote mental health, and create a message of hope for young adults. Learn more at jordanporcofoundation.org.

UPCOMING

Oct. 24

RAG SHAG PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT - Save the date! Parade begins at 6 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall!

Nov. 15 St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 in the Pastoral Center at St Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow from 9 to 3 p.m.

Approximately 40 vendors will sell stained glass, primitive decor, Avon, and Hockey Association items - to name a few. Great way to start your Christmas shopping.

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.

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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 or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

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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.

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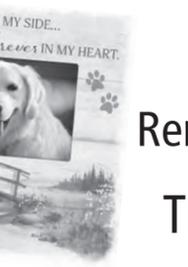
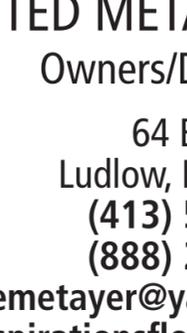
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The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV, in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Select Board's Conference Room, on **Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:55 p.m.** on the **Notice of Intent** application of Paul Adzima, Miller Gap, LLC, for the property located at **Lot 6 Center Street (Assessors' Map 25, Parcel 48D)**. The subject of the hearing is: construction of single-family dwelling with all associated grading and utilities.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair
09/24/2025

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Angela Tierney, Chair
09/24/2025

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE SKETCH

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Cleide Dos Santos, for the property located at **8 White Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15B, Parcel 39)** for the purpose of: **addition of sandwich/ice cream shop.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/24, 10/01/2025

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Angela Tierney, Chair
09/24/2025

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on Thursday, **October 9, 2025, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Marcella McAneany of **107 Stevens Terrace Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 156)** for: **independent contractor of physical therapy.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to October 23, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
09/24, 10/01/2025

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If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair
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Angela Tierney, Chair
09/24/2025

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Angela Tierney, Chair
09/24/2025

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donald R. Cameron, III of Amherst, 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: **Donald R. Cameron, III of Amherst, 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 10/16/2025. 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.

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: September 18, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/24/2025

LUDLOW GIRLS

from Page 7
which was assisted by Bartolucci.

During the 23rd minute, Afonso blasted a shot that deflected into the net off the goalie's hands. Junior Cayden Teixeira was given the assist.

Nine minutes later, junior Emma Maziarz sent a pass to Murphy, who fired a low shot into the right corner slicing the Lady Mustangs deficit to 3-2 at half-time.

T-BIRDS from Page 7

McCormic served as the Gameday Operations Assistant last season before transitioning into this role, where he will assist in gameday merchandise and retail sales. He is a 2025 graduate of Springfield College and will be entering his fourth season with the T-Birds organization.

HEALTH from Page 4

like door handles and light switches.

Keep your unvaccinated child home if any of these symptoms show up. It could be a cold or the flu, but it could also be measles. Symptoms usually appear seven to 14 days after exposure.

High fever
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Wait four days before going to a hospital to reduce the chance that the disease will be transmitted to others.

As a registered nurse and someone who's worked in the medical field for most of my life, I advocate for science, not social media or crackpot theories about cod liver oil. (Cod liver oil, by the way, contains a lot

The Lady Lions retook a two goal lead again in the 58th minute following a goal by sophomore Geia Guzman, who received the ball from senior Rhiley Comeau.

Murphy responded a minute later with an unassisted goal completing her hat-trick.

The Lady Mustangs couldn't get any closer than 5-3, as Barros and Comeau scored the Lady Lions' last two goals during the final 15 minutes of the match.

ing his fourth season with the T-Birds organization. Vattaso, a current undergraduate at Springfield College, is entering his third season as part of the Thunderbirds' gameday staff. He will manage the staff and oversee live entertainment elements throughout home game nights at the Mass-Mutual Center this season.

of Vitamin A, which can be toxic in large doses, particularly with children.) Measles, once someone has it, is incurable – it has to run its course. It is a virus, not a bacteria, so it can't be treated with antibiotics.

Fall is approaching, and with it will come flu season and RSV season. Cases of COVID are already on the rise around the country. We are so lucky to live in an era in which vaccines can keep us and our children safe from some of the most common human diseases. Please take advantage of it.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate and founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com

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Town of Ludlow Department of Public Works Notice of Intent for Routine Road Maintenance

The Department of Public Works is in the process of filing a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the routine maintenance activities of the Department. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:40 p.m. The project consists of the Town of Ludlow Department of Public Works performing routine maintenance projects for roads listed on the 2023 Town of Ludlow Street Map and associated storm water drainage and sewer systems. The projects are near or adjacent to wetland areas that are protected by the Wetlands Protection Act. DPW's responsibility to maintain the roads and infrastructure in good condition requires regular routine maintenance. Employees of the Department of Public Works or contractors working for the Town under the DPW's annual bid will perform the work. If you have any questions, please call the Conservation Commission at 583-5600 ext 1282 or the Department of Public Works at 583-5625.

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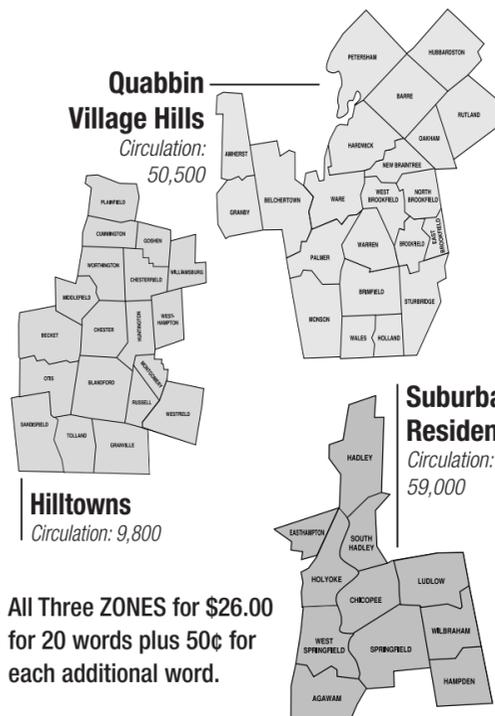


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"We're always amazed by the generosity of our customers," said Rocky's Ace Hardware President and CEO Rocco J. Falcone II. "This fundraiser has been a favorite for years, and it makes a real difference for the shelters that care for so many animals in our communities."

Participating Rocky's locations include the stores on Island Pond Road and Liberty Street in Springfield and the

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Local shelters that will benefit from the year's round up include the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center and Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society in Springfield, Second Chance Animal Services in East Brookfield and Westfield Animal Control and Shelter in Westfield.

"Pets are family, and we're proud to give customers an easy way to make a difference in the lives of animals who need it most," Falcone said.

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community that we live in. Knowing who I am, knowing what I can bring, we've had such a well-received perception of Innovadora," said Martins.

Directly from Martins' Portuguese heritage and roots, the business name innovadora means innovative and was chosen to tell Martins' story. "I try to be innovative and creative, every company is individualized to me. There's nothing that is the same from one company to another. I'm helping them carve out their niche while carving out my niche at the same time. We live in a community that

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long time. It was just the right moment for me," said Martins.

With a third grader and senior in high school, Martins shared that as her family became more independent, she asked herself what the next chapter looks like for her, and Innovadora Marketing came to fruition. Martins ended by expressing her desire to help the community with their marketing needs from big to small, whether it's a business that's contracted on a monthly basis to small projects, Innovadora Marketing may be a fit for you.

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