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Community eager for fall festival

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LUDLOW – Following a stormy stretch of weather last weekend, residents are hoping for sunny skies this Saturday at the annual Fall-into Fun festival.

Set for Oct. 3 at Veterans Memorial Park (11 East Street), the free event will include several local craft vendors, food and drink, music, and amusements.

Presented by the Celebrate Ludlow Committee, the event has drawn large crowds in previous years. Held rain or shine, the festival will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We’re a town committee made up of seven hard-work-

ing volunteers dedicated to creating events that bring our community together,” said Celebrate Ludlow Committee Chair Linda Collette.

Community members are looking forward to another strong event this year, with dozens of crafters signed up. The festival will provide the perfect opportunity to get an early start on your holiday shopping.

“We have an amazing variety of crafters and artisans (over 65 of them), food trucks, the Ludlow Scout Troop 1774 (cooks up hamburgers and hotdogs), and live music all day long in the gazebo,” Collette added.

Food vendors will include Matt’s Backyard BBQ; Cindy’s Drive-In for ice cream treats; a kettle corn vendor;

and Ludlow Coffee.

The event will also feature several local organizations and civic groups, including Ludlow Rotary, Ludlow Lions, Ludlow CARES, Ludlow Hockey Association, Friends of Ludlow Senior Center, local church groups, and more.

“Ludlow Police and Ludlow Fire Departments will also be with us. The children love to visit with them, and both departments really enjoy interacting with the kids and families,” Collette said.

An inflatable obstacle course will also provide plenty of entertainment (free of charge).

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The festival provides great opportunities to pick up seasonal crafts.



A tasty town tradition

The trunk-or-treat portion of the event will bring plenty of excitement.

Community to help sweeten annual event

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LUDLOW – Local residents are invited to assist the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club in its mission to achieve a

special goal for an annual event.

In honor of America’s 250th birthday celebration, the Club asks community members to help collect 250 bags of Halloween candy for the annual Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat.

“Last year, in celebrating the Club’s 75th birthday, we collected over 75 pounds (300 bags) of candy for the kids to enjoy,” read a statement released by the Club.

“The challenge was very successful and put a lot of smiles on the children’s faces.”

The popular community event typically draws more than 800 local kids and their families. The Ludlow Fire Department and the Ludlow Police Department donate the Halloween bags in which to place the candy.

“It’s a great way to bring the community together, and we get lots of people from all over the area,” said Kathy

Ouimette, who volunteers with the Club.

Please deliver your bags of candy to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club (located at 91 Claudias Way).

“Don’t forget, when you are out purchasing your bags of candy, remember the Club and pick up a few extra bags of candy to donate,” the

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A walk to fight cancer

Ludlow residents set for Jimmy Fund Walk

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LUDLOW – Katie Chelo and Melissa Stokowski will join thousands of other participants at the annual Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber.

The 38th annual event, presented by Hyundai, will support the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s mission of advancing cancer care and research.

The walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4, along the world-famous Boston Marathon course. Chelo and Stokowski will join fellow participants from across the region and the country, helping to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

“Each year, the walk brings our community together in a powerful way, with people of all ages supporting Dana-Farber’s groundbreaking research and patient care,” said Jessica Abbott, the assistant vice president of The Jimmy Fund.

Last year marked a historic milestone for the event, with the walk raising more than \$11.2 million for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Officials are hoping the 2026 event sets the stage for the next decade of life-changing community support.

“For more than three decades, this event has been a celebration of hope, where every step helps fuel breakthroughs, support patients, and inspire progress,” Abbott said.

Jimmy Fund Walk participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options, ranging from a 5K to a full marathon. Walkers can also participate virtually at a time and location that works for them.

“Whatever route participants choose, they will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course,” read a statement released by event organizers. “Walkers will be motivated by posters of heroes – the walk’s adult and pediatric patient partners – that appear along the course as inspiration.”

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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW – Welcome the cooler weather of autumn while you gather with friends in the Center’s dining room and enjoy a restaurant-style lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To reserve your \$2 lunch, please call 413-583-3564 at least 24 hours in advance (call Friday for Monday reservations).

October is here and our calendar is packed with many autumnal events, activities and programs. Trish Pilon is back with a seasonal painting class, and our café treat will be warm apple crisp.

For complete program and activity details and to find out which Tuesday nights Jodi is cooking \$2 suppers, visit our Facebook page, go to ludlow.ma.us/coa, or pick up The Senior Scene, our monthly newsletter, at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items marked with*

Thursday, Oct. 1

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Oct. 2

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Trivia
1 p.m. Ceramics
1:00 p.m. Decorating Meeting
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, Oct. 5

9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressures
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Flex & Core

Tuesday, Oct. 6

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage

Wednesday, Oct. 7

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9:00 a.m. Jewelry
9:00 a.m. Massage*
10:00 a.m. Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: The Coat of Many Colors

Thursday, Oct. 8

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
10:30 a.m. Friends Meeting
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
Exercise Room: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
Open Billiards: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Menu:

Thursday, Oct. 1: Sweet & Sour Chicken/Rice/Veggies
Friday, Oct. 2: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles
Monday, Oct. 5: Roasted Shrimp/Caesar Salad/Pita Chip
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Chicken Parm/Pasta/Roll
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Bacon Bleu Burger/Chips/Pickle
Thursday, Oct. 8: Hamp & Broccoli Casserole/Biscuit

Reserve a \$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.

French Canadian meat pies are coming

LUDLOW – St. Elizabeth Parish will begin taking orders for French Canadian meat pies on Oct. 5, with pies being made from Oct. 19 to Nov. 5 while supplies last.

Individual pies are \$5 each and must be ordered by calling the Rectory at 583-3467, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please specify your pickup date when calling. Pickups are scheduled between 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as well as 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Full payment is due at the time of pickup by cash or check, made out to St. Elizabeth Parish.

Please note that online and voicemail orders are not accepted.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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The Register will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to jamie@turley.com or drop off a photo to

The Register,
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 27, 2026.

There is no cost to submit a photo.
No photos will be accepted after deadline.



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Play Ball

LUDLOW – Senator Jake Oliveira recently threw one of the first pitches at the opening ceremony for the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club’s softball field.

The program was held as part of the Club’s annual Day for Kids celebration.

“For generations, the Boys and Girls Club has been an important part of the Ludlow community, giving young people a place to learn, play, build friendships, and know they belong,” read a statement released by Oliveira.

“This new field is another investment in that mission – and in the kids and families who count on the Club every day.” Oliveira was joined at the ceremony by State Representative Aaron Saunders and several other local officials.

Senator Jake Oliveira, left, joins local officials at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club’s softball field.

Knights to sponsor benefit dinner Oct. 17

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

The benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center (42 Main Street in Wilbraham).

The meal will feature homemade chicken parm and a pasta Italian dinner, complete with a salad, bread, coffee, and cannoli.

The event will include several raffles and musical entertainment, with sing-alongs and a strolling violinist.

Tickets are limited and cost \$20 per person. They may be purchased by contacting George Reich at: ticketskoc10195@gmail.com.

Tickets may be picked up after Mass in the Saint Cecilia rotunda.

The Community Survival Center helps feed and clothe over 400 individuals each month in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, and Indian Orchard.

St. Nicholas Craft Fair will be held on Nov. 14

LUDLOW – Christ the King Rosary Sodality’s will be holding it’s annual St. Nicholas Craft Fair at Christ the King, 41 Warsaw Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be talented craft vendors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles. Light luncheon, drinks and desserts will be available for sale.

All are welcome to join the festivities.

Designer Bag Bingo, Oct. 15

LUDLOW – The Wilbraham Junior Women’s Club will host a Designer Bag Bingo event.

The program will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Gremio Lusitano Club (385 Winsor Street, Ludlow).

“It’s an evening of fun Bingo and a chance to win all the designer bags you want in your closet,” read a statement released by organizers.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.

Admission tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Purchase a table of 10 for \$300 (a discounted rate of \$30 per ticket when purchased in advance).

Tickets include 10 Bingo games, a dauber, and a special lucky charm.

A cash bar will be available, and attendees can bring their own snacks or order off of the club’s menu.

Extra Bingo cards will be available for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for a bag-themed raffle of over 30 handbags.

All proceeds will benefit charitable projects in the community.

To secure your tickets, visit WilbrahamJuniorWomens.org.

You may also contact Brenda Willard at 413-279-1394.

Flu clinics are available

REGION – Mill Towns Public Health will provide several flu clinics in local communities this fall.

Palmer Public Library will host a clinic on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ludlow Veterans Services will host a pair of clinics (Oct. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., as well as Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The facility is located at 487 Holyoke Street in Ludlow.

The West Brookfield Senior Center will offer a clinic on Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Palmer Public Library will hold another clinic on Oct. 22 from 1-4 p.m. The library is located at 1455 North Main Street. To schedule your appointment, call Erin McMurray at 413-750-8386.

Lastly, Ludlow Town Hall (488 Chapin Street) will be the site of a clinic on Nov. 2 from 12-3 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 3
ALL MAKES & MODELS CAR SHOW will be presented by the Corvette Club of Western MA on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Moose Club (244 Fuller Road, Chicopee). There will be food, beverages, raffles, trophies and live music provided by The Blue Groove Band. There is a \$20 car entry fee, and spectators are free.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14
CRAFT FAIR: Christ the King Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Christ the King Church (41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow). The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be hosting talented craft ven-

dors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles. A light luncheon, drinks, and desserts will be available for sale. All are welcome to join the festivities.

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

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

BI-MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE On the first Saturday of each even month (February, April, June, August, October and 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 and bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

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 Monday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Tuesday – Aquajazz, 9-9:30 a.m.; Aquacise, 10-10:45 a.m.; Wednesday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Thursday – Aquacise, 10-10:45 a.m. and Friday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 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 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. Call for information about the schedule. 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 888-613-2777 for details.

Healey-Driscoll Administration announces \$2M in fire safety funding

STOW – The Healey-Driscoll Administration is making nearly \$2 million available to local fire departments in support of fire and life safety efforts that protect Massachusetts' most vulnerable residents. The annual Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE grants fund trained firefighter-educators who deliver age-appropriate safety education to school-aged children and older adults, as well as the associated costs of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, teaching equipment, and other expenses. "Consistent, statewide fire and life safety education has helped make Massachusetts one of the most fire-safe states in the nation," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine in a

press release. "The SAFE and Senior SAFE grants are a vital part of that educational strategy. I strongly encourage every local fire department to apply." The SAFE grants contributed to the steepest decline in child fire deaths in Massachusetts history. In 1994, there were more than two dozen child fire fatalities; the SAFE grants were launched the following year and child fire deaths never again reached even half that number, declining at a rate about 30% steeper than fire deaths overall. The Senior SAFE grants were launched to provide education, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation, and other services to reduce fire-related fatalities among older adults, who now represent the age group most

likely to die in a fire. As Massachusetts' older adult population increased by about 28% since 2017, per capita fire deaths have fallen by nearly 29%. Fire departments of every city, town, fire district, and eligible state authority can apply to share \$1.8 million in funding for SAFE and/or Senior SAFE expenditures. Departments must meet certain requirements, including mandatory fire data reporting, to be considered. The Notice of Funding Opportunity, grant application, and eligibility requirements are available on the Department of Fire Services' website, www.mass.gov/info-details/student-awareness-of-fire-education-safe.

WALK FOR CANCER

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All routes will conclude at The Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber Finish Line at Boston Common, sponsored by Schneider Electric. The event will feature several post-walk programs, including a celebration with food, entertainment, special activities, and more. All registered walkers will receive a bib, a medal, and an event T-shirt. To learn more about the event and how you can join the fight against cancer, visit JimmyFund.org/Walk. Further information can be obtained by calling 866-531-9255. Event organizers thank all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for their continued support of the program. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is home to groundbreaking cancer discoveries. Since its founding in 1948, The Jimmy Fund has raised millions of dollars through community efforts to advance Dana-Farber's lifesaving mission.

FALL FESTIVAL

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Parking can be found on side streets near the festival. There will be no parking available on Chestnut Street. Ludlow Police Chief Michael Brennan said officers will be on site to block off lower Chestnut Street, in addition to assisting pedestrians in crossing East Street. Looking ahead, the Celebrate Ludlow Committee is already busy making preparations for its next big event. The annual tree lighting and Breakfast with Santa will both be held on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The tree lighting event – "Light Up Ludlow" – takes place at Town Hall. This event is held in conjunction with the Toys for Tots program, where the Celebrate Ludlow Committee partners with the Ludlow Rotary to collect toys for children in need. Additional local organizations and community partners also help make the tree lighting event a suc-



Local first responders will once again support the festival.

cess. These include Ludlow CARES, Scouting groups, the Ludlow High School band and choir, first responders, and DPW members, among several others. Local residents, businesses, and organizations

are thanked for their ongoing support of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee. "We have a very dedicated group of seven volunteer committee members, and we work hard to create memorable events for our town

and its surrounding communities," Collette added. "We depend on donations and sponsors to continue these wonderful events, and we truly appreciate the donations and support we receive."

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs at the library, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library’s Facebook page on the morning of the program.

Library Hours are Monday (9–5), Tuesday (9–8), Wednesday (9–5), Thursday (9–8), Friday (9–5), and Saturday (10–2).

The library is closed on Saturdays during the summer, as well as on Sundays and holidays.

The Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

FORADULTS

Creative Writing Group: Oct. 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done. The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Share what you’ve written if you like. Please register.

Chair Yoga for Adults: Oct. 10 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga is an accessible and inclusive movement practice that uses standard chairs to support gentle stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Yoga mats are welcome. Please register.

Bats of Massachusetts: Oct. 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Halie Larkin, of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, will present a fascinating introduction to the bats in our state. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they echolocate, and the mythology surrounding them, as well as challenges they currently face. A great way to mark Bat Appreciation Month. Please register.

Basic Seed Saving: Oct. 17 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to collect and use seeds from your own garden at this informative session given by Paulina Borrego, of the Mass Aggie Seed Library. A question-and-answer period will follow. Please register.

Tech 101 – Consumer Reports Database: Oct. 20 from 6-7 p.m. Learn how to make smarter purchasing decisions with the library’s Consumer Reports database. This beginner-friendly lecture will introduce the database, show you what types of product ratings and reviews are available, and share tips for getting the most out of this valuable resource. No device is needed for this presentation. Please register.

Adult Craft Workshop – Day of the Dead Glass Painting: Oct. 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Use a pre-drawn template and glass paint to trace a Day of the Dead skull

image onto a framed piece of glass. Workshop taught by Mary Beth Silva. All supplies provided. Please register.

Please DO Eat the Daisies – The Comestible Virtues of Non-Native Weeds and Invasives in and around Ludlow: Oct. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. Join local wild edibles enthusiast and author Russ Cohen for a presentation covering over two dozen of the tastiest non-native plant species lurking in plain sight in and around Ludlow. Will include several goodies made with locally foraged weeds and invasive ingredients for folks to sample. Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors: every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. No running or jumping required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Technology appointments are available at the library. Do you have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling 413-583-3408 (extension 114).

Additionally, the library is seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library’s display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call 413-583-3408 (extension 113).

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

Who picked this book? Book Club meeting: first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club meeting: last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Pick up a copy of this month’s book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Tween Graphic Novel Group, Thursdays (monthly) at 5 p.m. For ages 10-14. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club: Tuesdays (biweekly). Sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. Intended for ages 10-17. Please register.

Anime Club: Tuesdays (biweekly). Sessions are held at 3:30 p.m. Intended for middle and high school students. Registration recommended.

Pokemon Club: Wednesdays (biweekly). Sessions run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. For students in grades 3-8. Please register.

Little Sprouts: (weekly on Thursdays). Sessions take place from 9:45-10:30 a.m. For ages 0-2. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Grow, Play, and Learn: (weekly on Thursdays). Sessions run from 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Sing With Me sessions are held every Tuesday from 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 0-5. Feel free to drop in.

Lego Build Challenge: every Wednesday from 12-5 p.m. Feel free to drop in.

Online Gaming/Minecraft Club for young adults: every Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 10-15. Drop in, first come first served.

Daily Drop-In Crafts: all ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room daily. A new craft is offered each week.

Young Adult Volunteer Program: ongoing. For students in grades 6-12. Volunteer one hour per week in the Youth Room. Please see the library’s website calendar for more information.

Quill the Therapy Dog meet and greet: Friday, Oct. 23 at 3:45 p.m. For ages 3-8. Please register.

Mini Makers: Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Pool Noodle Monsters, Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 at 12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Drop in.

Spooky Jack o’ Lantern jars: Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11:30-12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Drop in.

Haunted House Making: Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11-12:30 p.m. For ages 5-17. Drop-in.

Youth chess: Mondays (biweekly). For ages 9-17. Please register.

MCBA Book Group: Thursdays (monthly). Next event is Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. For youth in grades 4-6. Read, play, snack, and vote. Join us October through March to read MCBA (Massachusetts Children’s Book Award) book nominations and vote for your favorite with all the other youth in the state. Please register.

Epic Engineers: Thursdays (monthly). Next event is Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. For grades 2-5. Hands on STEM challenges. Please register.

Big Games Day: Monday, Oct. 26, at 3:45 p.m. For ages 5-17 and families. Please register.

Pumpkin Decorating for Kids: Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5:30-7 p.m. For ages 2-10. Please register.

Movie – Hotel Transylvania: Friday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. For youth of all ages and families. Drop in.

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club-issued statement read.

Donations of candy bags will be accepted until Saturday, Oct. 24.

This year’s Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club.

The costume parade begins at 6 p.m. at Ludlow Town Hall, and children will march to the Club along with the Baird Middle School Band. The parade will be es-

corted by the police and fire departments.

Following the parade, youngsters can make their way to the trunk-or-treat area sponsored by local businesses and town organizations.

“Rag Shag is a great way for families and neighbors to come together and enjoy Halloween,” said Haylie Calver, the Club’s membership and outreach director. “We have the parade, trunk-or-treat, games, activities, and spooky stories, so there’s something for everyone. It’s really about having fun, meeting people

in the community, and giving families a safe and welcoming place to celebrate Halloween together.”

After gathering their treats, kids and their families can proceed into the Club for some fun-filled activities and snacks. The Ludlow Lions will be on hand to help with the event, and a staff member from Hubbard Memorial Library will read scary stories.

“The Rag Shag is an amazing tradition that the library is so happy to be a part of. We can’t wait to share some spooky and seasonal

stories with the community – and of course hand out some treats,” said Youth Services Librarian Kirsten Rasmussen. “What an amazing way to celebrate not only the time of year, but also the Boys and Girls Club for all they do in Ludlow.”

The event will conclude at 8 p.m.

Local residents, businesses, and organizations are thanked in advance for helping to make this Halloween season unforgettable for families.

All Makes and Models Car show to be held on Oct. 3

CHICOPEE – The All Makes and Models Car Show will take place on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chicopee Moose Club (244 Fuller Road, Chicopee).

Come on out and bring your classic to the annual

show presented by the Corvette Club of Western MA.

The event will include food, beverages, raffles, trophies, and live music provided by The Blue Groove Band. The entry fee is \$20 per car. Spectators may attend for free.

GARDEN from Page 4

pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Once the potatoes were out of the ground, I applied a two-three inch layer of composted manure and lime to the plot, then worked it in to the soil.

I won’t be planting potatoes there next year other wise I would have stayed away from both amendments.

After that, I got to task number two, planting a cover crop in the empty ground. I figured with rain coming over the course of three days it would be off to a great start. In the big garden, where I can use my tiller, I sow winter rye.

It will start growing now, hold the soil in place over the winter, then, as spring ensues, it will grow tall and go to seed. Typically you

mow it down or incorporate it into the soil before it gets too big.

Winter rye adds so much organic matter to the garden. Be sure to give the grass time to break down before planting into it; chopping it up/in about three weeks to a month before planting is a good plan.

Another thing that occurred to me while I was sowing the rye was seed saving. I purposely left what was left of my first sowing of green beans to go to seed.

I harvested all of the dried pods and will shuck them later, once I am sure that they are fully dry.

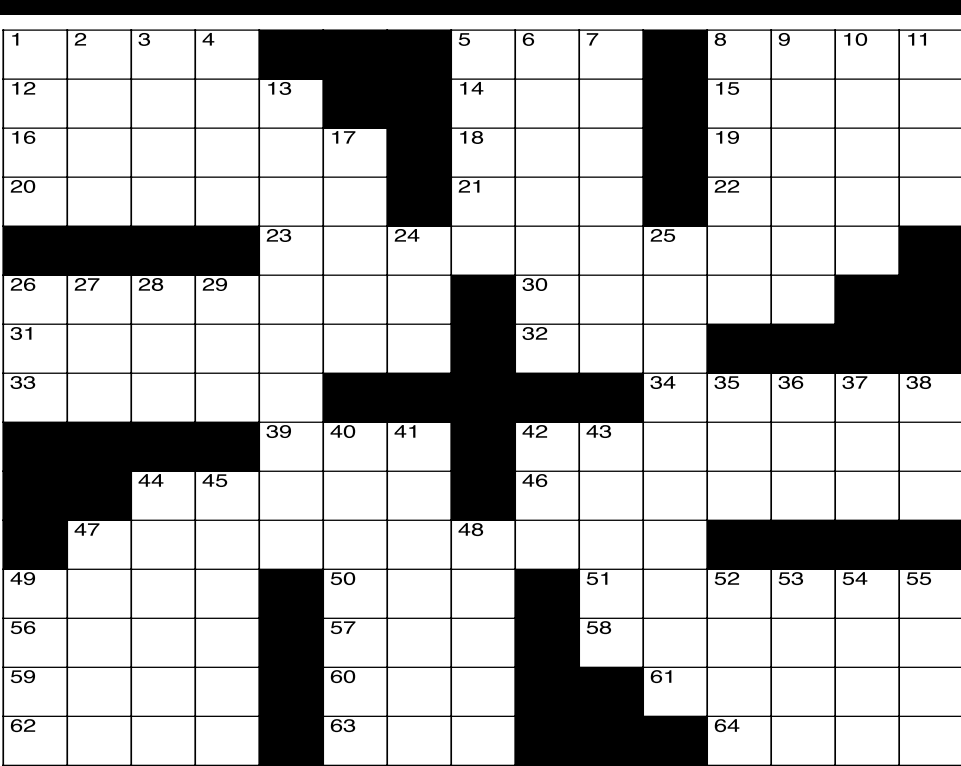
Finally, a bit of house-keeping to finish out my scurrying around. I collected my black plastic mulch, row covers and insects netting. I will hose off the black plastic, cinch up holes in the netting, and assess what I can salvage of my aging row

covers .

I’ve smartened up and finally labeled what I use for what crop. For example, my number of cantaloupe/watermelon hills will likely remain the same, so reusing the same plastic mulch in that spot next year is a good plan.

With the storm behind us now, I can go back to a less frantic approach to garden clean up. Enjoy the fall foliage as you embark on your own work.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. “Wicker Man” actor Nic
5. Protection
8. Cloth worn over a shoulder
12. Ceramic jars
14. Midway between northeast and east
15. South American hummingbird
16. Platforms
18. Taxi
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
20. A citizen of Yemen
21. Military mailbox
22. Nuclear near reach weapon
23. Clears
26. Broken
30. Actress Lathan
31. Avid fan
32. One and only
33. Proceeding
34. River in Portugal and Spain
39. Doctor of Education
42. Defeat handily
44. Less complicated
46. Handyman tools
47. Written works
49. Castle dweller’s safety net
50. Honorable title (Turkish)
51. Greatest
56. Can do
57. A place to sleep on the road
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. 24-hour units of time
60. Actor Horsley
61. In a way, sounds off
62. Formerly (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

1. William __, Buffalo Bill
2. Wings
3. Candle or lantern
4. Freedom from difficulty
5. A type of pie
6. Metrical foot
7. __ Kerr, actress
8. Nap
9. Popular singer Bocelli
10. Immune responses
11. “Mad Men” leading man
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Philly basketball player
24. Not even
25. Measures wind speed
26. Insecticide
27. Jordan glided through it
28. Bird-like dinosaur genus
29. Expression of satisfaction
35. Big Blue
36. One point east (clockwise) of due north
37. Of she
38. Oral rehydration solution
40. Knocks off course
41. Popular cop show of yesteryear
42. Zhou dynasty state
43. Genus of gulls
44. Onion flatbreads
45. Declare as true
47. Of a lobe
48. Missouri county
49. Produced
52. Volcanic crater
53. Off-Broadway theater award
54. KU hoops coach Bill
55. Check for

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Lions football suffers third loss, falling to Orioles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Belchertown football coach Keith LeBeau was expecting his team to perform well in last Thursday night’s non-league game at Ludlow. It wound up being the type of performance that every coach dreams about.

The Orioles offense scored six touchdowns, and the defense posted its second shutout of the season leading to a 53-0 victory over the Lions at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

“We had a short week of practice, but everything just clicked for us in tonight’s game,” said LeBeau following the game. “We just need to continue to keep improving each week.”

The Orioles (3-0), who have outscored their first three opponents, 135-12, posted a 48-26 home win against the Lions (0-3) a year ago.

“We have a swarming defense this year,” LeBeau added. “Last year, our defense gave up a lot of big plays, which we’re trying not to do this year. Ludlow likes to throw the ball a lot, but we didn’t allow them to get very many yards.”

Belchertown won the pre-



Mason Bartolucci makes a tackle.

game coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.

The Orioles opening series lasted just five plays. The drive, which covered 70 yards, ended when senior quarterback Coleman Longley completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to junior Grayden Kendall, who made a diving catch in the right corner of the endzone with

7:56 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt by junior Killian Olszewski was blocked.

Olszewski recovered a fumble at midfield on the ensuing kickoff leading to a seven play scoring drive,

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The Ludlow defense rushes forward.



Dakota Williams blocks on the line.



Connor Sylvestre takes the snap.

Lions pick up two wins

LUDLOW – It was a busy week for Ludlow High School boys soccer as the Lions suffered a 3-2 loss at Pope Francis, but rebounded to edge Belchertown 3-2 and Chicopee 2-1 in a close contest. Ludlow boys soccer is now up to 4-2-1 on the regular season. Coming up, the Lions are hosting West Springfield on Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
TJ Oakley tries to keep his feet going after the ball.



Evan Dias tries to work out of the defensive end of the field.



Desmond Danso guides the ball forward.



Ivan Cruz gets a knee on the ball to keep it inbounds.



Dylan Southall defends against Pope Francis forward

Girls soccer suffers setback against Spartans

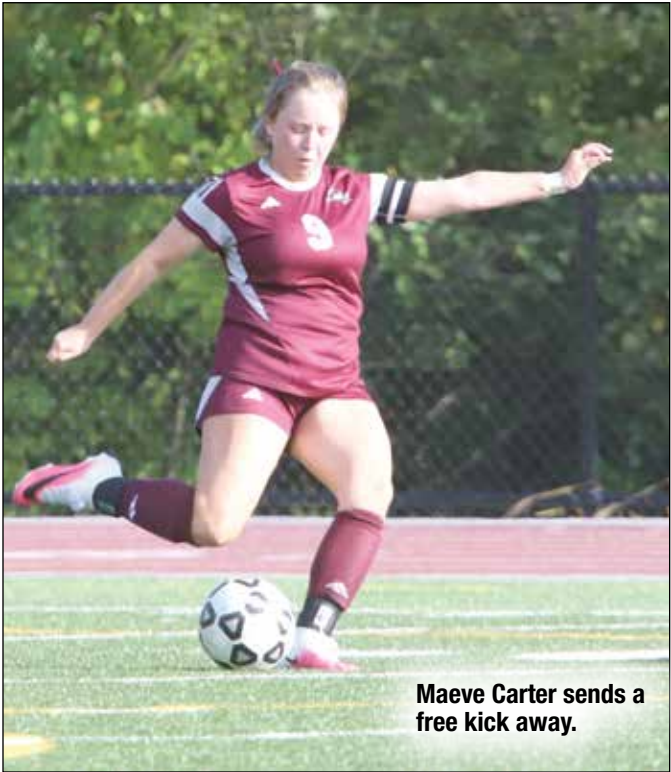
LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School girls soccer team was defeated on a sunny afternoon last Thursday against East Longmeadow 2-0. The Lions would rebound the very next day and picked up a 1-0 shutout win over Monson High School. Ludlow girls soccer is now 5-2 on the regular season, already nearing a playoff spot in the state tournament. The Lions will host West Springfield on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.



Payton Dersarkisian heads up the field.



Goalie Madelyn Riley punts the ball away.



Maeve Carter sends a free kick away.



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Maria Premo makes a throw-in.

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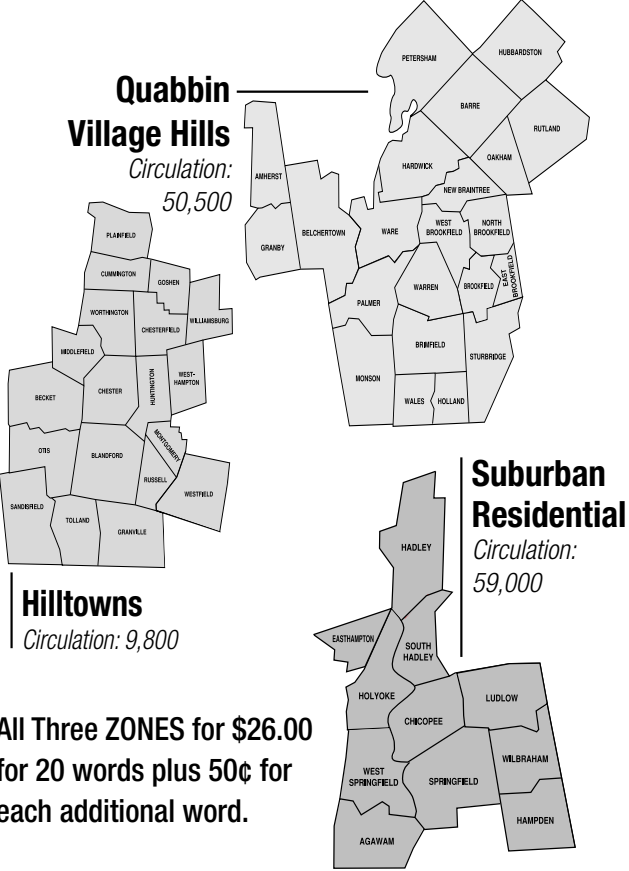
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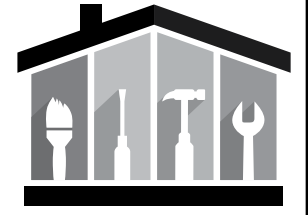
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