



Fall festival

brings family fun

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer
kflanders@turley.com

LUDLOW – Guests attending the Falling Into Fun festival were treated to crisp, sunny conditions at the annual community celebration.

Held on Oct. 3 at Veterans Memorial Park, the event included dozens of local craft vendors, live music acts throughout the day, and activities for the entire family.

Presented by the Celebrate Ludlow Committee, the event continues to draw large crowds eager for autumn shopping and entertainment.

“Each year, our goal is to have something for everyone,” said Celebrate Ludlow Committee Chair Linda Collette, who discussed the careful preparations made to ensure a strong lineup of crafters and musical performers. “We always try to offer something a little different for community members to enjoy.”

The festival provided the perfect opportunity to get an early start on holiday shopping, as well as purchases for Halloween displays.

Additionally, guests were able to enjoy the offerings of food vendors like Matt’s Backyard BBQ; Cindy’s Drive-In for ice cream treats; a kettle corn vendor; and Ludlow Coffee.

The event also featured several local organizations, departments, and civic groups, including Ludlow Rotary, Ludlow Lions, Ludlow CARES, Ludlow Hockey Association, Friends of Ludlow Senior Center, local church groups, first responders, Scouting members, and more.

For Girl Scout Troop 11714 member Madelynne Dodd, the festival provided an opportunity to share her community project with guests. In addition to offering

Please see **FALL FESTIVAL**, Page 3

Public safety open house set for Oct. 18

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer
kflanders@turley.com

LUDLOW – Police and fire officials invite area residents and families to attend their annual open house this month.

The program will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1-4 p.m. at the Ludlow Public Safety Complex (612 Chapin Street).

Held rain or shine, the event will enable guests to meet first responders, members of community organizations, and local health leaders.

Guests will also have the opportunity to take part in special activities and learn about emergency vehicles and equipment.

“The Public Safety Open House is a great opportunity for the town’s residents to meet our first responders and learn more about what we do for the town,” said Ludlow Fire Chief Ryan Pease.

The event will feature a variety of demonstrations, games, photo opportunities, and educational information for community members.

The fire department will offer the following programs and activities: vehicle displays, thermal imaging cameras, popcorn and balloons, a fire prevention Jeopardy game, and an escape maze learning tool.

Additionally, a Jaws of Life demonstration will take place at 2 p.m. Also, a cold-water rescue display will be offered to showcase how responders handle icy conditions on frozen water bodies.

Fire prevention information will also be distributed to guests, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation District 11 Fire Control will be represented.

“Smokey Bear” is also expected to make an appearance at the program, helping youngsters learn about fire safety.

On the police side, offerings will include vehicle displays, a Special Response Team display, a K9 demonstration, an ap

Please see **PUBLIC SAFETY**, Page 2

Town votes to raise rates for snowplow contractors

By Marcelo Gusmão
Staff Writer
mgusmao@turley.com

LUDLOW – At last week’s Select Board meeting, the town began to make plans for winter snow removal, as well as approving contracts for various improvements in town.

Chief Procurement Officer

At its Sept. 29 meeting, the Select Board was asked to appoint the Business Administrator for the Department of Public Works, Rhonda Burelle, as the town’s Chief Procurement Officer.

Board member James Gennette noted that the position has been open, and that the town has not had “much luck” in filling it.

Previous Town Administrator Marc Strange had handled the duties of the Chief Procurement Officer, but since his leaving the position, there has not been another staff member with the necessary certification to do so. Member Manuel Silva made sure Burelle had been trained in the duties of the Chief Procurement Officer, and the board asserted that she is certified for the position.

“She holds a current (Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official) certification through the Inspector General’s office, valid through February 2027,” said board member Tony Sanches. “So having her certified as a Procurement Officer strengthens our purchasing process and helps protect the town as we move forward.”

Gennette said that Rochelle will continue to act in her position with the DPW while taking on the additional duties of the Procurement Officer.

“Right now, we have nobody that’s certified to be able to handle the procurement process,” Gennette said. “So it’s important to have her be able to look at things and sign off on some stuff.”

The board voted unanimously to appoint Burelle to the position.

Snowplow driver rates

The board received a letter from DPW Director Jamie Tomas, who requested an increase for snowplow rates for hired contractors.

“I believe the increase is about \$35,” said Select Board Chair Bill Rosenblum. “I know that, for years, we’ve been underpay-

ing.”

Gennette said the board has been put in the position to require increases to its plowing budget annually, in order to have enough in its budget each year.

“If we could ever get to a point where we do not have to do that,” Gennette said. “It gives us wiggle room with our budgeting around snow.”

Rosenblum expressed concern regarding how the town might fare if hit by another big snowstorm like it saw last winter. Gennette took the opportunity to praise the plowing done by the DPW.

“I thought the DPW did a phenomenal job with that last big storm that we had,” Gennette said. “People from out of town said as soon as they entered Ludlow, it was beautiful and it was clear.”

Silva said the DPW has been struggling with a low number of applicants to participate in snow removal.

“If we don’t increase this rate and get some more applicants, it would be detrimental,” Silva said. “It’s getting late for people to apply, so if we do not get a

Please see **SNOW REMOVAL**, Page 5



State Senator Jake Oliveira congratulates his 2026 Latino Excellence Award recipient, Stephanie Perez.

Ludlow resident honored for service

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer
kflanders@turley.com

LUDLOW – State Senator Jake Oliveira recently recognized Ludlow resident Stephanie Perez as his 2026 Latino Excellence Award honoree for the Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester District.

Perez has delivered nearly two decades of service to children and families across western Massachusetts. Local officials commend her dedication to community betterment and youth services.

“Presented annually by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, the Latino Excellence Awards celebrate Latino leaders from across the Commonwealth whose service, leadership, and contributions make a difference in their communities,” read a statement released by Sen. Oliveira’s office.

For 16 years, Perez worked as a service coordinator overseeing contracted services with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families and its providers.

In 2023, she accepted a position with the Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee, where she now serves as Director of Programs and oversees the development and implementation of youth and teen programming.

“Stephanie has dedicated her life to serving others, and that commitment can be seen in the countless children, young people, and families whose lives she has touched,” Oliveira said.

Perez’s connection to the Boys and Girls Club extends beyond her professional role. As a Club alumni member, she credits the organization with providing experiences that were integral to her development. Today, she helps create those same opportunities for a new generation of young people.

“For nearly two decades, she has made supporting others the focus of her career,” Oliveira added. “As a Boys and Girls Club alumna herself, she now has the opportunity to provide young people with the same support and opportunities that were so important in her own life.”

With each service project and community-building initiative, Perez has continued to give back while inspiring the next generation to get involved.

Looking ahead, officials hope younger residents will use her story as a springboard into their own service projects and community involvement.

“I am proud to recognize Stephanie and celebrate the difference she continues to make throughout western

Please see **LUDLOW RESIDENT**, Page 5

Annual meeting and celebration

LUDLOW – On Sept. 24, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club held its annual meeting and appreciation dinner at Ludlow Country Club.

The meeting was an opportunity to share the Club's highlights and priorities for the coming year, and to celebrate the hard work and impact volunteers and staff have had on the Club.

This year, the Board of Directors thanked long-time board members Susan Teixeira and Justin Calheno for their leadership and service as they stepped down from the board. The board also renewed the following members for three-year terms: Mark Germain, Kate Roy, Keith Tatlock, and Jhon Wielblad.

The board also elected three new board members: Michael Coddington, Sharon Cournoyer, and Jenny Malave.

In addition to the Board, the Club elected three new Ambassadors for three-year terms, who serve as community leaders to promote the Club, its values, and to be active champions of youth: Nelson Duarte, Courtney Robbins, and Tony Tavares.

Club parent Rebecca Mathisen spoke about the Club and how its staff, programs, and experiences have shaped and supported her family.

Board Chair Keith Tatlock and Club President Josue Irizarry both spoke about the Club's priorities and goals, both in terms of strategic vision and tangible projects. Highlights and photos of Club programs were shared.

Awards were presented to Club staff to recognize exceptional leadership, commitment, and teamwork. Congratulations to Preschool Senior Lead Teacher Erin Thibault for receiving the peer-nominated Staff of the Year award; Group



Board Chair Keith Tatlock with Volunteer of the Year Ryan Devine and Club President/CEO Josue Irizarry.



The Club's newly elected board members: Sharon Cournoyer, Mike Coddington, and Jenny Malave.

Leader Lexie Moran for receiving an Honorary Award; and the entire Aquatics Department for winning the Program of the Year award, recognizing the expansion of swim lessons, the Sea Lions swim team, aqua-based fitness classes, and the successful way their team works together.

The Club recognized Case Mackintosh as the 2026 Youth of the Year, to celebrate his leadership,

academic success, civic responsibility, and engagement. Case spoke about the importance of stepping out of one's comfort zone to help inspire youth to grow, learn, and try new things.

The Club was pleased to celebrate Ryan Devine with the Darlene Rae Helping Hand Award for his volunteerism and leadership, particularly in helping to organize the Ludlow Clocktower Classic 5K and other races

to connect the Club to the running community. This award is named in memory of Darlene Rae, a former board member, Club alum, and passionate volunteer who passed away in 2021.

The meeting concluded with a final expression of appreciation for the donors, volunteers, and staff who all continue to come together year after year to support the Club and the programs that benefit youth and adults.

French Canadian meat pies are coming Oct. 5

LUDLOW – St. Elizabeth Parish began 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.

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.

Knights to sponsor benefit dinner on 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, starting on Sept. 26.

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

Freedom Credit Union offers free Fall Shred Days

LUDLOW – Freedom Credit Union is giving area residents a free way to safely dispose of sensitive documents this fall as identity theft and financial fraud remain serious concerns across Massachusetts.

The Ludlow branch, 645 Center St., will hold a shred day on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9-11 a.m.

Residents can bring unwanted paperwork containing personal or financial information, including bills, bank statements, tax returns and other sensitive documents.

The shred days are open to the public and free of charge. Each vehicle may bring up to five file boxes or paper shopping bags of documents.

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

from Page 1

pearance from the School Resource Officer and Detective Bureau, and information on fraud prevention.

Dispatch Center personnel will also provide information to guests, and the Ludlow Cares Coalition will be in attendance as well.

Residents and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend the family-friendly event.

"The Public Safety Open House is always a great

event for families and children – and anyone interested in meeting some of their town's public safety personnel," said Ludlow Police Chief Michael Brennan.

Representatives from the Ludlow Health Department will also be in attendance to present information on public health and emergency preparedness strategies.

To learn more about activities taking place at this year's event, please call the fire department at 413-583-8332, or the police department at 413-583-8305.



Wilbraham Dental Associates, LLC



LUDLOW & WILBRAHAM EYE ASSOCIATES
DR. KASIA BABINSKI

Our Offices Are

MOVING

to a New Location

Brand New Space, Same Great Service

JUST DOWN THE ROAD!

2632 Boston Road
Wilbraham, MA 01095

COMING THIS FALL!



Contact information remains the same

WILBRAHAM DENTAL ASSOC.
Phone: 413-279-2016
Email: info@wilbrahamdentalassociates.com
Website: www.wilbrahamdentalassociates.com

LUDLOW & WILBRAHAM EYE ASSOC.
Dr. Kasia Babinski
Phone: 413-583-3600
Email: info@ludloweyeassociates.com
Website: www.ludlowandwilbrahameye.com

Financed by





Madelynne Dodd, of Girl Scout Troop 11714, introduces her project.

FALL FESTIVAL from Page 1
ing educational materials on the important roles of pollinators, Dodd also distributed packets of seeds for wildflower gardens that will promote healthy habitats.

“Small actions can make a big difference,” Dodd said of assisting the vital pollinators, many species of which have seen significant declines over recent decades due to pesticide use and other factors.

Additionally, local first responders told The Register they enjoy connecting with residents each year at the festival. Community outreach booths were set up by both the police and fire departments.

Event leaders thank all vendors, organizations, departments, and supporters who came together to make this year’s festival a success.

Looking ahead, the Celebrate Ludlow Committee is already busy making preparations for its next big event. The annual tree lighting and Breakfast with Santa programs 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 success. These include Ludlow CARES, Scouting groups, the Ludlow High School band and choir, first responders, and DPW members, among several others.

The Celebrate Ludlow Committee is thanked for its hard work in organizing fun community programs throughout the year.

“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.”



Members of Paws 4 Blue K-9 greet guests.

Turley photos by Kevin Flanders



The Ludlow CARES Coalition offers plenty of fun activities for guests.



Brenda Narvaez, of Chicopee, shares her creativity.



Erica Pollard, of Longmeadow, spends the day with her six-year-old son Matthew.



Local vendor Jessica Leonczyk welcomes fairgoers to her booth.

TOP DOLLAR PAID CARS, TRUCKS & SUVs
GOOD OR JUNK
“WE COME WITH THE CASH”
Nate (413) 636-2929
D AND M AUTO
1422 Park St.
Palmer, MA 01069

Oldies from The Estate
WE BUY & SELL ALL TYPES OF STUFF FROM A TO Z.
COSTUME JEWELRY, FURNITURE, COINS, COLLECTIONS, WATCHES, TOYS, SILVER, ETC.
Contact Bill or Beth 413-543-6065
OVER 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS!
email: oldiesfrom@aol.com
45 Parker Street, Indian Orchard
Wed.-Fri. 10-4:30, Sat. 10-2:30, Closed Sun. - Tues.

THE BEST FRESH FOR FALL FUN!

Randall's Best Ever Scarecrow Contest
October 17th & 18th
\$3,000 In Cash Prizes
Every Entry Receives A Gift
YOUTH & ADULT
FIVE WINNING CATEGORIES
Best Overall, Most Traditional, Scariest, Most Creative & Funniest
TWENTY CASH PRIZES PLUS TEN CHARITY MATCHES!
Bring Your Entry To The Greenhouse By End Of Day
~ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH** ~

October Fall Fun Weekends!
In The Garden Center
Saturdays, Sundays & Columbus Day
11AM – 4PM

Scarecrow Workshops
Make Your Own Scarecrow
We Provide All The Materials
“Make It Here” Or Buy A Kit To Make At Home

Pumpkin Decorating Workshop
We Provide The Pumpkins & Decorations
“Make It Here” Or Buy A Kit To Make At Home

Free Family Fun!
Chuck The Chicken • Mini Hay Maze
“Funny Bone” Game • Bean Bag Toss
Duck Racing & MORE!

Beautiful HARDY MUMS
In Fabulous Fall Colors

Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Specialty Pumpkins!
GOURDS, STRAW BALES, CORN STALKS
Witches, Ghosts, Spiders & Scarecrows!

FALL FLAVORS
LOCAL MAC & CORTLAND APPLES
5 lb Tote Bags **\$5.99**

APPLE CIDER DONUTS
Fresh Sweet Cider
Fresh Baked Pumpkin Pies
Pumpkin Muffins • Pumpkin Beer

Elsie's Creamery
The Best Homemade Ice Cream
Open Window Service
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Columbus Day
Last Day October 18th

ALWAYS FRESH AT

RANDALL'S FARM & GREENHOUSE

631 CENTER ST., Route 21, Mass Tpke Exit 54
LUDLOW • 589-7071 • www.randallsfarm.net
OPEN EVERY DAY 7AM – 8PM
Find us on [facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Madhukar R Medipally, DMD
534 Center Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 583-2070 T (413) 583-6027 F

FAMILY DENTAL PRACTICE
Accepting New Patients
Including Commonwealth Care Alliance
Mass Health (Under 21)
And Nearly All Dental Insurance Plans.
info@drmedipally.com

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Friends with more questions

The threat of night time temperatures in the 30s sure have us gardeners on the move.

I had a few questions from friends this week that pertained to the change in seasons. Read on; maybe you can relate!

One of my friends asked if she should harvest all of her unripe peppers, and if they would continue to ripen indoors.

Peppers will only continue to fully ripen (i.e. change from green to their ripe color) if they are showing a hint of their ripe color. They definitely won't be as sweet as if they ripened on the vine, and they will lose a little of their mass as they sit, but they would still be a great addition to a stir fry or sauce.

I generally harvest all of my unripe peppers and keep them one layer deep in my cool mudroom, using or discarding as I go.

Another question came in about the use of Neem as an insecticide. My friend put her houseplants outdoors for the summer months and is concerned about bringing hitch-hikers inside where plants will be in close quarters.

We always spray tender plants such as Rosemary or Bay with Safer's Soap or a Sun oil before returning them to the greenhouse for the winter.

Neem works a bit differently but like the others is also a less toxic approach. Neem oil comes from the Neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*), which grows naturally in India and Southeast Asia.

It is an effective pesticide, miticide and fungicide for both indoor and outdoor plants. You can buy it ready to use or in oil form which needs to be mixed with water and a small amount of dish detergent right before use. This will help it blend nicely and disperse evenly.

Neem is effective against spider mite, white flies, scale, mealybug and aphids – all of which are typical houseplant pests. It kills them by disrupting their reproductive cycles and feeding patterns.

My advice would be to spray in the shade or when skies are overcast since sometimes neem can cause a phytotoxic effect and it can kill bees if sprayed directly. Always spray a small area of the plant first as a test, and if no damage is visible a day later, coat the surface and undersides of the leaves as well as the stem.

Using this approach, clean plants will delight my friend's window sills this fall and winter.

My coworker kept joking with me that a plant that she was gifted would never, ever bloom. Well, I kept watch over the neighbor's, checking in on its progress.

About two weeks ago I informed her that flowers were on the way. She finally sent me a picture of her plant and it was following suit.

First buds and then flowers! Yay!

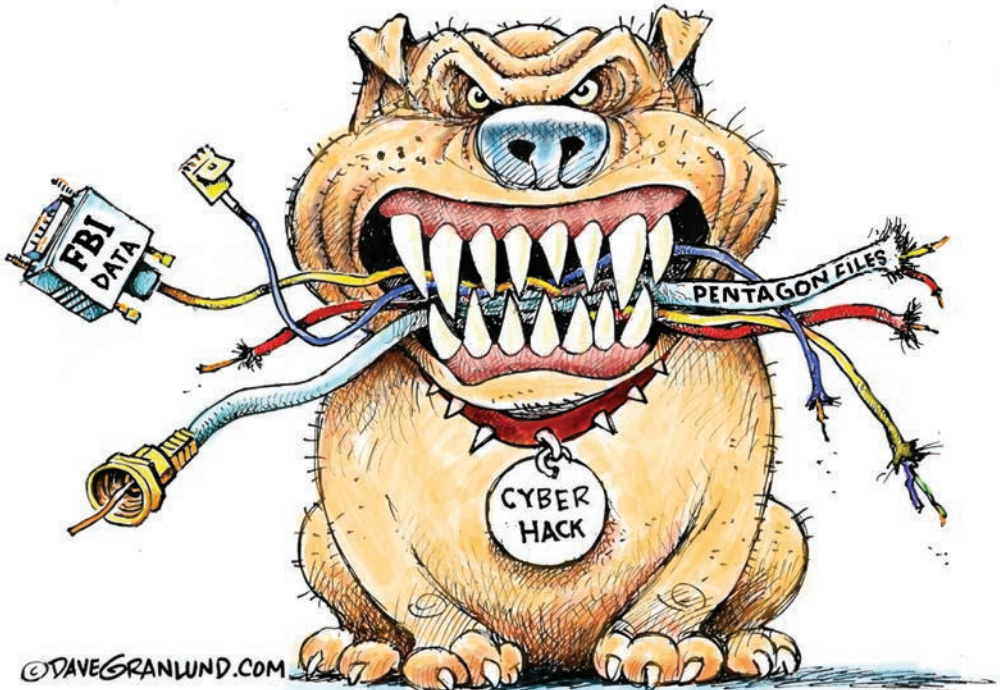
The plant in question is The Nippon Daisy, better known as the Montauk Daisy (*Nipponanthemum nipponicum*). When most flowers are calling it quits, this late season perennial is just getting started.

The plant is shrub-like, so it blends in well in the landscape with bushes or other specimen perennials, growing 1.5-3 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide. It looks like a regular white daisy, only more robust.

Enjoy them now through the first heavy frost. Plant in full sun; cut back a bit in the spring to keep them growing upright. It is both deer and rabbit resistant.

I hope that you enjoy these timely, friendly questions.

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



GUEST COLUMN



Common Nighthawk

eBird reported recent sightings of common nighthawks at the Rutland Prison Camps in Rutland and in Worcester.

The common nighthawk is a medium sized (8.7 to 9.8 inches long) nocturnal bird of the nightjar family found in both the Americas. It is typically dark colored: gray, black or brown with intricate patterns providing camouflage and making them difficult to spot during daytime.

They are mostly observed in flight. The slender body, long wings (wing span 20 to 24 inches) and white wing patches on the wings make them easy to identify.

Although they have a small beak, there mouth is large. They have noticeable barring on their sides and abdomen and short legs.

Its life span is about four to five years. The males of this species may roost together, but the bird is primarily solitary.

The common nighthawk is the only nighthawk occurring over the majority of northern North America. During migration common nighthawks may travel 1,600 to 4,200 miles, one of North America's longer migrations.

They migrate by day or night in loose flocks, frequently numbering in the thousands. An aerial insectivore, the migrants will feed en route and congregate in marshes, rivers and lakeshores.

The best time to see them during migration is in late afternoon into the evening.

During flight, their vocalization is a nasal "peent" or "beernt." Peak vocalizations are reported 30 to 45 minutes after sunset. The male makes a croaking "auk auk auk" in the presence of a female during courtship.

Night time feeding is rare. The most common insects in their diets are butterflies and moths. They actively avoid eating flies.

Artificial light sources such as parking lots attracts them in an effort to forage for insects enticed by the light. They even fly extremely low over the surface of water to drink.

Nighthawks preferred breeding and nesting habitat is forested regions with rocky outcrops, clearings, burned areas or spots with small patches of sand gravel.

The female lays six to seven eggs on a bare rock, gravel or even in lichens. Both male and female feed the young are by regurgitation usually before sunrise and after sunset. The male also feeds the female during nesting.

Sandhill crane

After writing about sandhill cranes, in the most recent bird column, I saw a sandhill crane in a field in Hardwick near the New Braintree line by the Ware River.

On my return, I saw a crane in a different location of the same field. I was not sure it was the same one or a different one.

Flocking Canada geese

In my travels, I saw several flocks of Canada geese. There was a small flock in New Braintree and a larger flock in a harvested corn field in Spencer. The large flock were migrating south for the winter. I'm not sure if the smaller group summered here or not.

Wild turkeys

Wild turkeys are a familiar sight. This week I saw a hen turkey with her slightly smaller poults on a lawn in Barre. Last week I saw a small flock of Tom turkeys.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

The REGISTER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language.

All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources.

Send letters to: The Register, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or email theregister@turley.com. The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon.

SUBMISSIONS POLICY

Readers, local merchants, institutions, municipalities, non-profit groups, and civic organizations are strongly encouraged to send The Register your hometown news and photos. News items and press releases should be sent via email to mharrison@turley.com as an attachment AND pasted directly into the email message screen.

Please send photo captions identifying all subjects in your image(s) from left to right.

We need first and last name, hometown, title if applicable, and a brief description of what subjects are doing in the photo. Email uncorrected, raw, RGB color digital photos at highest resolution directly off your camera to mharrison@turley.com.

Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fundraising or other calendar events at least three weeks before the event.

If you are having difficulty with a press release or need help, please call (413) 283-8393.

To send submissions by regular post, mail to: The Register, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

The REGISTER

We Want to Hear From You

EDITOR

theregister@turley.com

ADVERTISING SALES

Jordan Conrad
jconrad@turley.com

SPORTS EDITOR

Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

The Register is published every Wednesday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.



WEB
register.turley.com



PHONE
(413) 283-8393



ADDRESS
24 Water Street
Palmer, MA 01069



www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

ELECTION LETTERS POLICY

The Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to theregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

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.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Register.

When Will Congress Repay Social Security Money Taken Years Ago?

Dear Rusty:

I seem to remember that Congress borrowed a total of 4 trillion dollars from SS back in the 1980s and 1990s. When will this be repaid with interest?

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I'm afraid your recollection is not correct – no politicians (Congress or Presidents) have ever taken money from the Social Security Trust Funds – not in the 1980s, nor 1990s, not ever.

Congress and Presidents are prevented by law from using Social Security money for any purpose other than paying SS benefits to beneficiaries and for paying the operating costs of administering the program.

Some significant changes to the Social Security pro-

gram were, indeed, made in the years you mention, but those changes essentially saved Social Security from defaulting on monthly SS payment obligations.

In 1983, Congress and President Reagan enacted some income tax on received SS benefits for those with higher incomes and which added to Social Security's revenue, thus avoiding a benefit cut.

Then in 1993, Congress and President Clinton expanded that legislation to increase the taxation of received Social Security benefits to provide additional SS revenue.

What you may be remembering is the political rhetoric from those days, which



opined that Congress had stolen, squandered or borrowed (and should repay) Social Security money used for other purposes.

And that rhetoric originated because of the way received SS revenue from payroll FICA tax is invested.

Social Security revenue, when received, is immediately invested in special-issue government bonds, which pay interest (just like normal government "T-bills").

The difference is that these SS bonds are redeemable, with interest, upon demand and as needed by SSA to pay monthly benefits. This

means that SS gets additional interest income from these investments accounting for about \$69 billion in extra SS income in 2025.

Some folks, however, feel that because the U.S. Treasury gets the actual cash received for those SS investments, that the money is used by the Treasury for other purposes. Which is, of course, true – just as the government uses all income received from all revenue sources to pay for government programs.

So, rather than viewing those SS bonds as investments, some view them as "money borrowed" and sometimes call the bonds "worthless IOUs." This, of course, is not at all the case, because every dollar invested in those special issue gov-

ernment bonds has been (and still is) used only for valid Social Security purposes and results in extra SS revenue from interest.

Nevertheless, those accusations were prevalent in the 1980s and 1990s when the changes to tax SS benefits were enacted. Indeed, we still regularly hear and refute similar rhetoric these days in our capacity as Social Security Advisors.

We've written many articles on this topic, all of which are available at the AMAC Foundation's two main websites at www.amacfoundation.org, and www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

To answer your specific question "when will this (money) be repaid with inter-

Please see **SOCIAL SECURITY**, Page 11

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.

FOR ADULTS

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.

Creative Writing Group: Nov. 3 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.

History Talk – The Trial of Susan B. Anthony: Voting Rights for Women: Nov. 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In 1873, Susan B. Anthony was indicted by a grand jury for voting. The trial that followed became one of the most famous of the 19th century. The Honorable Dennis J. Curran, Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court (Ret.) joins us to provide a fascinating look at this case, highlighting how Anthony shrewdly used the trial to rally people to the cause of women’s suffrage. 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.

SNOW REMOVAL

from Page 1

lot, people are going to have to have a little bit of patience with the snow removal.”

The board moved to approve the request to increase rates for snow plow contractors.

Contract approval

The Select Board signed a contract for the installation of playground equipment at Whitney Park, amounting to \$152,300, which will be paid from the Free Cash fund, and was approved at the Town meeting in May.

The board members said work that was previously observed in that area is not related to this contract.

“All the prep work was either through a contractor or through the town,” said Select Board member Anthony Alves. “This is just the installation of the equipment.”

The board voted unanimously to sign the contract, and then moved to sign a contract for a Supplemental Heating Installation at the Safety Complex with Alves Fuels, Inc., to the amount of \$38,200 to be paid from the Building Infrastructure Fund.

Alves said there was no conflict of interest involved in his vote on the contract, given the name of the company,

“I have no familial relationship with this company,” Alves said.

The board voted unanimously to sign the contract.

The next item that the board approved was the Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant extension, in the amount of \$5,987. The grant is from the Community Oriented Policing Services Office, and was unanimously approved by the board, which gave Chief Michael Brennan authorization to sign it as well.

LUDLOW RESIDENT

from Page 1

Massachusetts,” Oliveira said.

Perez’s commitment to youth development also extends across the Commonwealth through her service on the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs. As a member of the Alliance’s Youth of the Year Committee, she helps ensure meaningful experiences for youngsters from across the state.

State legislators oppose requested Quabbin water increase

REGION – Last month, four state legislators sent a letter to the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission outlining several issues.

Most notably, the letter expressed officials’ concerns over an application from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for an additional 20 million gallons per day

to be siphoned off the Quabbin Reservoir.

The letter was written by State Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown), with support from Rep. Susannah Whipps (I-Athol), as well as Senators Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) and Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow).

“We write to urge the Water Resources Commission

to reject the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority’s application for advance donor-basin approval of an additional 20 million gallons per day,” the letter read in part.

A public hearing on the matter was scheduled to take place last week in Belchertown.

Real Estate Transactions



- Refinances
- Equities
- Purchase
- Sales
- Short Sales

MARTALAW OFFICES

(413) 610-1122 • Fax: (413) 610-1126
77 Winsor St., Suite 202, Ludlow
pmarta@martalawoffices.com

Financial strategies. One-on-one advice.



Steven A. Crespo
Financial Advisor

- Individual Retirement Accounts
- Business Retirement Plans
- 401k Rollovers
- Educational Savings Plans
- CDs, Mutual Funds, Stocks
- Fixed Income Investments
- Annuities and Life Insurance

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

658 Center St., Ludlow, MA 01056
413-547-6048

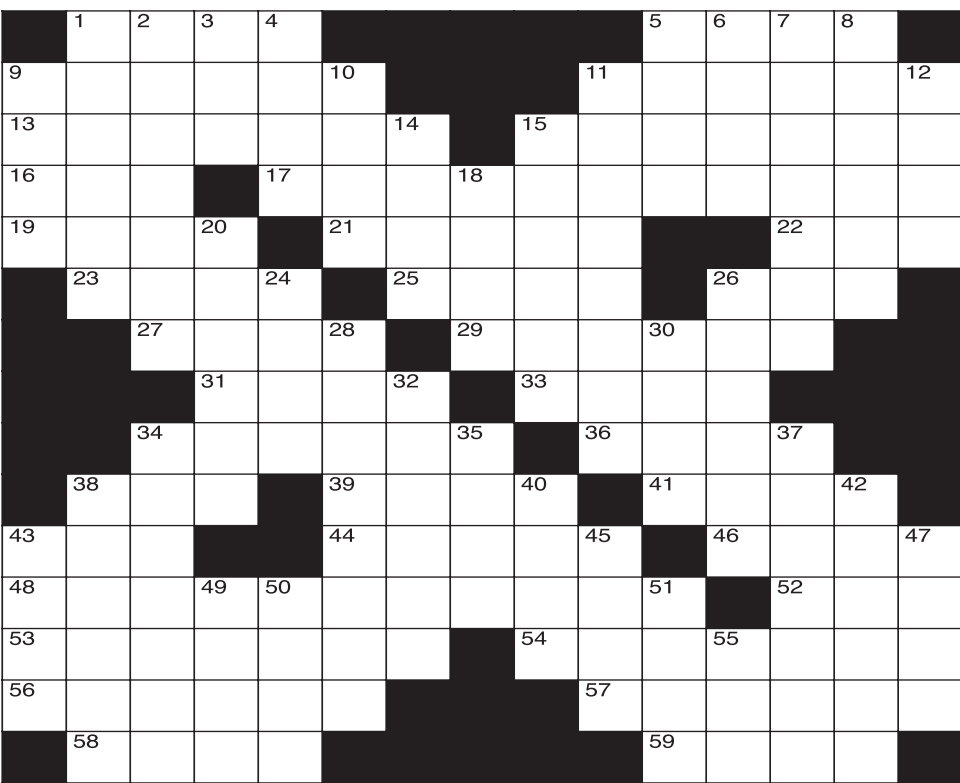
Member SIPC

Are you or a loved one struggling with an addiction to Opiates, Fentanyl, or prescription painkillers?



Everest is here and can help.
Call 413-268-6525.

MASSHEALTH
ACCEPTED



CLUES ACROSS

- Difficult
- Coarsely ground corn
- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Loved Romeo
- Something to solve
- Pelvic areas
- Informal debt instrument
- Ineffective
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"
- Astronomer Sagan
- C. Utah city
- Turkey
- Informal terms for money

29. Awakens

- Those who favored Prohibition
- Blabbed
- Looked through
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A type of "cast"
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Removed someone's head
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- "Dennis" is a notable one
- Ointments
- Examination
- Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

- Brave
- A state of excitement
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted from a horse
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- A disreputable man
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A list of woes
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Broadway legend
- Bernadette
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions

- Students seek one
- Hydrophilic amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- Branch of U.S. Congress
- Swinish
- Russian assembly
- Grant an exemption to
- Set up in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Witnesses
- Strong insects
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unhealthy

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

DATEBOOK

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

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 vendors 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 Tuesdays 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.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Temporary school records to be destroyed

Former students can get records from Counseling Dept.

LUDLOW – Ludlow High School Class of 2019, temporary school records will be destroyed on or about Dec. 31 unless claimed by individual for-

mer students.

The temporary record consists of all information in the student record, which is not contained in the transcript.

Such information may include standardized test results, class rank, school sponsored extra-curricular activities, discipline records, immunization-health records and evaluations by teachers,

counselors and other school staff.

Persons wishing to claim their temporary school records may request them in writing to: Ludlow High School, Counseling Department, 500 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, please call 413-589-9001 extension 2407.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Dickinson Farms & Greenhouse

Fall Favorites: Mums, Pumpkins, Gourds, Indian Corn, Straw Bales, Cornstalks, Fall Decorations,

Our Own: Large Cabbages, Beans, Carrots, Corn, Radishes, Tomatoes, Yellow & Green Squashes, Pickles, Leaf Lettuce, Beets, Scallions, Cucumbers, Apples, Honey Nut, Delicata, Acorn, Butternut Squash, Cauliflower

10 & 50 lb bags of Potatoes, 10 lb bags of Onions

Route 202, 309 East State St., Granby *Family Owned & Operated*

413-467-3794 • www.dickinsonsfarm.com

Open: Mon.-Sat. 8am-7pm • Sun. 8am-6pm

****HEALTHY DOUGH!****
Sourdough Delivery Every Friday!

Most Major Credit Cards Accepted
Sorry No Checks
Gift Certificates Available

NEW RATES for upcoming SEASON

Snowplowing Registration

The Town of Ludlow is accepting applications for trucks, loaders, and backhoes for the 2026-2027 winter season. Applications are available at:

Dept. of Public Works
198 Sportsmen's Road
Ludlow, MA 01056
Email: dpw@ludlow.ma.us
Call: 413-583-5625

Must have current registration and insurance certificate at the time of application.

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

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*

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:
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.

State Sen. Oliveira leads effort to protect Head Start standards

REGION – State Senator Jake Oliveira is leading an effort in the Massachusetts Senate to urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to withdraw proposed changes to Head Start Program performance standards.

Officials warn that the proposed changes could undermine services relied upon by thousands of children and families across the Commonwealth.

In a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Oliveira and two dozen senators raised concerns about proposed changes affecting classroom standards, health and developmental screenings, services for children with disabilities, educator qualifications, program hours, and opportunities for parent involvement.

"For more than 60 years, Head Start has been about more than preparing children for the classroom. It recognizes that a child's ability to learn is connected to their health, their development, their family, and the support system around them," said Oliveira. "We should be

strengthening that model, not rolling back standards that help ensure children receive consistent, high-quality care."

Massachusetts is home to 28 Head Start agencies serving more than 10,000 children and their families. Head Start combines early education with health, dental, nutrition, and family support services, including assistance for children whose needs may not be met through other programs.

The proposed federal rule would substantially revise the Head Start Program performance standards. The changes identified in the senators' letter include removing or reducing federal requirements governing teacher-child ratios and group sizes, program operating hours, vision and hearing screenings, developmental screenings, staff qualifications and supports, services for children with disabilities and developmental delays, and practices supporting dual-language learners and their families.

The letter argues that while individual changes could have significant consequences, senators are particularly concerned about their

cumulative impact on the comprehensive model that has defined Head Start for generations.

"When you start pulling away health screenings, classroom standards, supports for educators and protections for children with greater needs, you risk changing the very foundation of what has made Head Start successful," Oliveira said. "These are children at a critical point in their development, and the federal government should not be lowering the floor beneath them."

The senators also pointed to the Head Start Act, which requires the HHS Secretary to ensure revisions to program standards do not reduce the quality, scope, or types of services Head Start programs provide.

"Head Start has served generations of Massachusetts families, and we have a responsibility to make sure it is there for the next generation," Oliveira said. "I'm asking HHS to listen to the educators, families, and providers who know this program firsthand and preserve strong standards for the children who depend on it."

Tech Help available 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.

Start your smile journey today!
Scan to book a complimentary consult.

ORTHODONTICS

75 Post Office Park
Wilbraham
413-675-7570
www.mypoportho.com

Dr. Ana Serrenho
100% locally owned and operated

NO REFERRAL NEEDED

SPORTS



Darien Lambert sends a free kick away



Desmond Danso is pressured near the sideline.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Evan Dias looks to clear the ball ahead of pressure.

Ludlow boys tie with West Springfield

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Four of the past seven meetings on the soccer pitch between the West Springfield and Ludlow boys’ varsity teams have ended in ties.

After the Lions edged the Terriers, 1-0, on the road in the season opener on Sept. 11, the Smith Division rivals settled for a 1-1 draw in last Thursday afternoon’s rematch at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

“West Side has always been a very good soccer team,” said longtime Ludlow boys’ varsity soccer coach Greg Kolodziej. “They have some talented players and are well coached. We’ve played several close games against them during the past

few years.” Ludlow had a 5-2-2 overall record and a 2-2-2 league mark following the second meeting of the regular season against West Side (5-4-1, 2-3-1), who are the defending Division 2 state champions.

It was a similar story a year ago, as the Lions posted a 2-0 shutout in the first meeting before battling to a scoreless tie in the second match. The two regular-season matchups in 2024 also ended in ties.

The two squads also faced each other in the 2024 Western Mass. Class A finals with the Terriers celebrating a 2-1 victory in that contest.

The Lions, who suffered back-to-back losses to league rivals Pope Francis (3-2) and Longmeadow (1-0) in the

middle of September, entered last Thursday’s match riding a three-match winning streak. They also tied East Longmeadow (3-3) and were ranked 10th in the MIAA Division 1 state power rankings which was released on Oct. 2.

“We’ve always been a Division 1 team,” Kolodziej said. “We just want to play against the best teams in the Division 1 state tournament.”

A year ago, the Lions lost 2-1 at Minnechaug Regional in the Class A quarterfinals and failed to qualify for the Division 1 state tournament for the first time since the postseason tournament format was changed prior to the start of the 2021 regular season.

The last time that the Lions captured the state cham-

pionship title was in 2018 when they defeated Wellsley, 1-0, in overtime.

Ludlow has also captured the Western Mass. Class A title three times during the past five years.

The only other Division 1 boys soccer team from Western Mass. is Springfield Central, who was ranked 41st. The top 32 teams in each of the five divisions automatically qualify for the state tournament.

The Lions, who have been playing soccer for nearly 100 years, only have four seniors listed on this year’s varsity roster.

“This might be one of the smallest senior classes in the history of the Ludlow boys’ soccer program,” Kolodziej said. “We have several very talented younger players.

The seniors are very good leaders.”

The two Lions senior co-captains are Nick Dion, who’s the starting goalie, and Evan Dias, who netted the only goal in the first meeting against the Terriers. Dias leads the Lions with seven goals this fall.

Ludlow’s other two seniors are Mehmet Bayoglu, who’s a reserve striker, and Luke Stejna, who’s a starting defender.

In last Thursday’s match, the Lions had three straight corner kicks during the first twenty minutes of the open-

ing half, but the contest remained scoreless.

The home team did take a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute.

The play began with Stejna delivering a forward pass to junior co-captain Anthony Schuko, who weaved around junior goal Mason Hamel (9 saves) before firing a low shot into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, West Side tied the score at 1-1 when junior Lucas Boulika poked a shot past Dion (9 saves) following a free kick

Please see **LUDLOW BOYS**, Page 8

Girls volleyball wins seventh straight

LUDLOW – Last week, the Ludlow High School girls volleyball team tacked on three more wins. First, the Lions were able to come away with a 3-1 win over Easthampton. The Lions then outlasted East Longmeadow 3-2, followed by a sweep at Belchertown last Thursday evening. Ludlow is now 9-3 on the regular season and has qualified for the state tournament. The Lions also have a good chance of qualifying for this year’s Western Mass. tournament. Coming up, the Lions will face West Springfield on the road Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.



Caitlyn Peczka gets a one-hand bump to keep the ball in play.



Isabella Leutsch bumps the ball over the net.



Olivia Slatton sets the ball back to the net.



Madelyn Goncalves-Korny sets the ball up near the net.



Hadyen Morin sends a spike away.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Lions draw with South Hadley

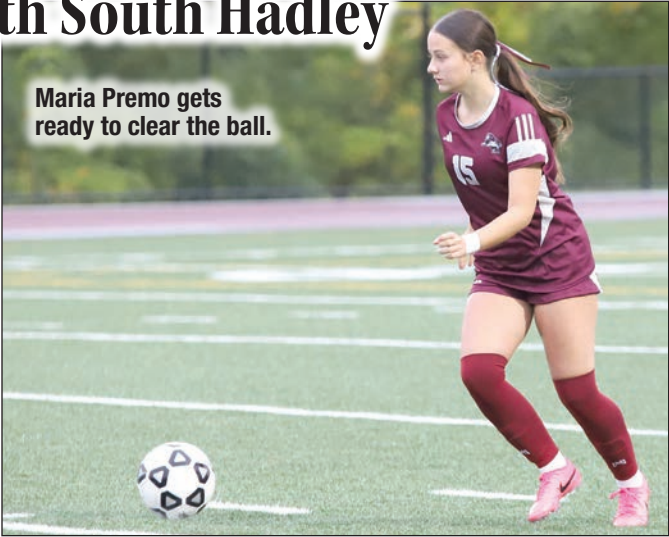
LUDLOW – Over the past few years, the Ludlow High School girls soccer team has developed a good rivalry with neighboring school South Hadley. This year, the team had a pair of games scheduled against one another. After a 2-0 win for Ludlow in the first match-up, the two teams battled to a 2-2 draw in Ludlow last Monday night. Hannah Hae-seart scored for South Hadley while Geiz Guzman and Audrey Afonso had goals for Ludlow. The Lions are now 5-3-2 on the season. The Lions will travel to Agawam on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.



Audrey Afonso makes a throw-in.



Cayden Teixeira tries to get around an opponent.



Maria Premo gets ready to clear the ball.



Rhiley Comeau sends the ball away ahead of pressure.



Payton Dersarkisian makes a stop on defense.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

INDIAN ORCHARD

Indian Orchard Citizens Council Meeting

INDIAN ORCHARD - The Indian Orchard Citizens Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings take place at the office located at 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard. The Council empowers residents to influence local decisions by providing a platform for voicing concerns and connecting with city departments. It keeps you informed about neighborhood projects and resources while encouraging community involvement through volunteer opportunities. By organizing events and meetings, the council builds community bonds and advocates for residents in city planning and policy discussions, enhancing neighborhood safety and resilience. Office hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Questions? Call the office at 413-209-8240 or email indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com

Community program available in October

INDIAN ORCHARD - The tenth annual Indian Orchard Food Truck Festival will take place on Oct. 10-11. The event will run from 12-7 p.m. on both days. The location is Myrtle Street Park (117 Main Street, Indian Orchard). The program will include food trucks, live music, beer, vendors, games, crafts, and raffles. Meanwhile, a community clothing swap will take place on Oct. 17. The location is 117 Main Street. The Indian Orchard Citizens Council will hold a Halloween party on Oct. 30 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. (117 Main Street).

BUSINESS



Submitted photo

After more than six decades in business, Pieroway's Furniture is closing its doors.

Pieroway's Furniture to close permanently

Final liquidation
underway at
both locations

By Kevin Flanders
Staff Writer
kflanders@turley.com

LUDLOW - After more than 60 years in business, family-owned Pieroway's Furniture will close its stores in Ludlow and West Springfield. The retailer has begun the final liquidation process, with once-in-a-lifetime prices available at both locations. "Pieroway's Furniture has been part of the local business community for generations, with origins reaching back to the 1940s," read a statement released by the business. "Founded as Pieroway Electrical & Mechanical, the company sold and repaired household appliances." In 1966, Walter Wood purchased the business and expanded it into the sales of furniture, bedding and accessories, and other products, transforming it into Pieroway's Furniture. Current owner Michael Ouimette began working at Pieroway's in 1964 as a high

school student. His early responsibilities ranged from maintaining the property to repairing radios and televisions, but what began as a student job eventually transformed into a lifelong career at a community staple. "Mentored by Walter Wood, Mike moved into sales and management positions until he purchased Pieroway's Furniture from Wood in 1992," the statement read. "The business became a family endeavor when Mike's wife, Germaine, joined the company in the early 1970s, handling payroll and ordering." Over the years, their children also contributed to the business in various roles, ranging from repairs and sales to office support. Now in his early eighties, Mike Ouimette is retiring after 62 years with Pieroway's - and countless memories his family made with generations of customers along the way. "After many wonderful years, it's time for me to retire - and above all, I want to say thank you to western Massachusetts," Ouimette said. "Thank you for your trust, your loyalty, and for making Pieroway's Furniture part of your homes and your

lives." Added Ouimette, "Over the years, you've welcomed us into your homes, shared your stories, and allowed us to help make your houses feel like home. It has truly been my privilege to serve this community." The liquidation sales for Pieroway's Furniture are now open to the public at the following locations: 20 East Street in Ludlow, as well as 139 Myron Street in West Springfield. Across both stores, deep discounts will be offered on a wide variety of furniture for every room in the home, including American-made living room, dining room, and bedroom sets. Home accessories, floor clocks, and heirloom rugs from around the world will be priced to move quickly. Famous name brands include Barcalounger, Bassett, Best Home Furnishings, Flexsteel, Sealy, Stearns and Foster, Tempur-Pedic, and Vaughan-Bassett. The management team encourages early shopping for the best selection of items. For more information about the final liquidation, visit www.pierowayfurniture.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P2066EA
Estate of:
Walter Anthony Lorenz
Also known as:
Walter Lorenz,
Walter A. Lorenz
Date of Death: 07/09/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jeannine Smith of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Jeannine Smith of Ludlow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/26/2026. 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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 25, 2026 Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 10/07/2026

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P2038EA
Estate of:
Dorothy M Glista
Also known as:
Dorothy Mary Glista
Date of Death: 08/19/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael D Glista of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michael D Glista of Ludlow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/28/2026. 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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 22, 2026 Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 10/07/2026

LUDLOW BOYS

from Page 7

from senior James Diciocco. Both teams had scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the opening half, but the score was still tied at halftime. Dion received plenty of support from the defensive unit led by junior Ivan Cruz, sophomore Darien Lambert, sophomore Can Friese, and Stejna. At the start of the second half, a free kick taken by Stejna near midfield was saved in the air by the Terriers keeper. With less than twenty minutes remaining in regulation, a shot attempt by sophomore Lukas Mateus deflected over the endline off Hamel resulting in a corner kick. Hamel made another save on a free kick taken by Schuko with less than five minutes left. Dion made a save on a long shot attempt before the referee blew his whistle for the final time in the match. If the two rivals face each other again in the Western Mass. Class A tournament, there will be a winning and losing team.



Luke Stejna
heads the ball
away.



TJ Oakley clashes with an opposing player.

PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Friday at 3 p.m.

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com

LOWER PRICES
TO BOOST
YOUR BUDGET!

INFLATION

**PRICE
BUSTERS**

PRICES IN RED
ARE AT OR BELOW
LAST YEAR'S PRICES!

USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN PORK LOIN LOIN END or RIB END ROAST..... \$1.99 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF TENDERLOINS CUT FREE \$11.99 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN TENDERLOIN 10 LB BAG... \$1.85 lb
USDA INSP. FRESH PORK SPARE RIBS TWIN PAK... \$2.49 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN BEEF SHORT RIBS \$8.59 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN WHOLE CHICKEN..... 99¢ lb
USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK LOIN CHOPS or ROAST \$2.96 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN BEEF GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF 7 LB BAG \$4.28 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN PILLSBURY GRANDS CINNAMON ROLLS 30.5 OZ BAG.... \$2.49 ea
SLICED IN OUR DELI USDA INSP. PASTRAMI..... \$6.99 lb	USDA INSP. SWISS CHEESE..... \$4.44 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN SAVORY SEAS PANKO BREADED SHRIMP 2 LB BAG..... \$15.99 ea
TAILGATE SPECIALS NATHAN'S ALL BEEF HOT DOGS 12 OZ., 2/\$5	USDA INSP. STOREMADE TERIYAKI MARINATED CHICKEN TENDERLOINS.... \$2.99 lb	USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN BLUE SEA SWIMMING BLUE CRAB RAW 2 LB BOX..... \$12.99 ea

90 Meat Outlet

90 Avocado St. Springfield 413-737-1288 www.90meat.com

HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4 Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3

SALE DATES: 10/8/26-10/14/26

BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

DL&G TREE

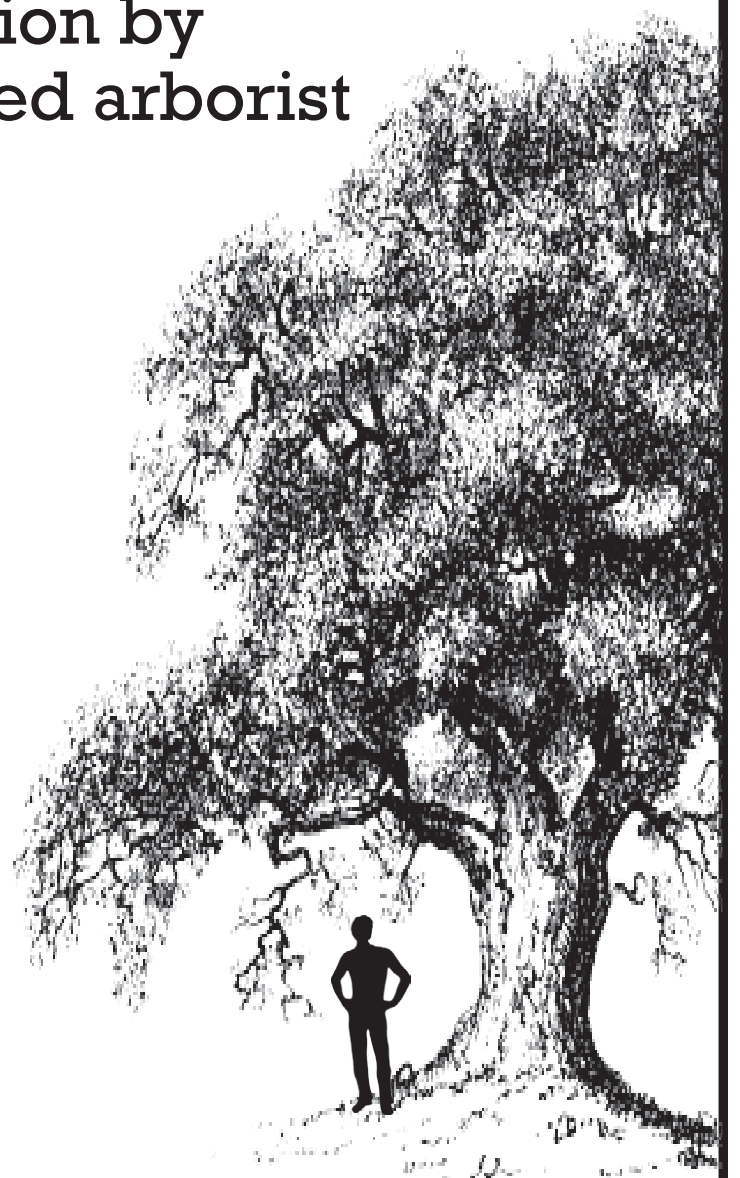


- Tree Removal
- Structural Pruning
- Crane Service
- Storm Damage
- Stump Grinding
- Lot Clearing

Give us a call today
for your free estimate and
tree evaluation by
a ISA certified arborist

DL&G TREE

413-478-4212
dlandgtree.com



INSURED AND CERTIFIED

OBITUARIES

Maria C. (Fernandes daCruz) Bellucci

Maria C. (Fernandes daCruz) Bellucci, 98, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2026 with her loving family by her side.

Maria was born in Lisbon, Portugal where she was educated as a seamstress before immigrating to the United States in 1958 where she continued using her talents while working at the Indian Orchard Mills, Ludlow Bridal, and Steigers.

She settled in Ludlow where she was an active member of the community as a devoted communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Gremio Lusitano Club, the former Portuguese American Citizen's Club, and active at the Ludlow Senior Center. She had many passions including singing Fados, but above all, Maria was a devoted

wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Maria was the beloved wife of the late Anso Bellucci, who predeceased her in 1976; a loving mother to Christina Alves and husband Joao, and John Bellucci and wife Robin, all of Ludlow; a devoted grandmother to Cole Alves and wife Catarina, Jake Alves, Lizette Alves, Neil Alves, Joao Joshua Alves who predeceased her in 2019, Jose Gonzalez and wife Jessica, Erika, Gary Reed; and great-grandchildren Adeline, Owen, and Gabriella; dear sister to the late Jose F. daCruz; and also to her nieces Celinha and Elizabeth Goncalves who were always there to support her; many extended family



members, and dear friends including Anna Kozizki at the Ludlow Senior Center.

Maria's family also wishes to extend their gratitude to the entire staff of Victory Home Health and Hampden Post Acute Care in Wilbraham for their exceptional care and compassion.

Funeral services for Maria were held on Saturday, October 3. Visiting hours were from 9-10:15 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish followed by burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Maria's memory to The Ludlow Senior Center.

Norma C. Riordan (Jacobsen)

Norma C. Riordan (Jacobsen), 82, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on September 27, 2026, with her loving family by her side.

Born in Brockton and raised in Randolph, MA to Norman and Hope Jacobsen, she was a longtime resident of Ludlow where she and her husband John raised their family.

Norma was the beloved wife of 61 years to John D. Riordan. A loving mother to Debbie Poirier and her husband Bill, John Riordan and his wife Roseanne. A devoted grandmother to Amanda Poirier, Billy Poirier, Kayla Wawruck and her husband Dylan, and Johnny Riordan. A dear sister to the late Patsy Rozen and leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Norma worked for many years and retired from Paychex. She earned many Customer Service Awards when she worked for Tambrands in Palmer as a Customer Service Specialist.

Norma's passions throughout the years included playing Rummikub, Uno, reading, doing puzzles, playing bingo, gardening, crocheting, collecting seashells and shark teeth, and never missing an opportunity to watch General Hospital.



Norma enjoyed their family's timeshare traveling to many resorts, with the favorite being Atlantic Beach. Her home away from home was spending time at the Cape, especially at Old Silver Beach.

After Norma retired, they spent their winters in Florida, and enjoyed the company of Patsy, John, Diane and Ken for many years.

Norma's greatest joy was being a devoted wife, Mom and Nanner. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she never missed a chance to cheer them on at a game, a recital, or a quiet afternoon at home. They were her greatest joy. She was very proud when they started to graduate from college.

Norma made the holidays very special for our family and we'll never forget. Norma will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

Funeral services for Norma will be held on Friday, October 9. Visiting hours are from 10-11:30 a.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home, concluding with a funeral home chapel service at 11:45 a.m. followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ludlow Lions Club at 74 Ray Street, Ludlow, MA 01056-2920.

DEATH NOTICES

(Fernandes daCruz) Bellucci Maria C.
Died Sept. 27, 2026
Services were Oct. 3
Ludlow Funeral Home

Riordan (Jacobsen) Norma C.
Died Sept. 27, 2026
Services Oct. 9, 2026
Ludlow Funeral Home

The Ludlow Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

SOCIAL SECURITY

from Page 4

est?" The answer is - there is nothing to repay. All monies ever received for Social Security purposes have been invested in special interest-bearing government bonds, which are redeemed (with interest paid) weekly as needed to pay Social Security benefits to those who have earned and are entitled to them.

These bonds are secured by the "full faith and credit of the U.S. government," a financial designation which is globally considered to be "exceptionally low risk."

FYI, the SS Trust Fund reserves held about \$2.5

trillion in investments as of the end of 2025, down from about \$2.9 trillion in 2020. The Trust Fund total is now being regularly depleted because incoming SS revenue has not been sufficient to pay 100% of SS benefit obligations since 2021, so Trust Fund reserves are now being used to pay full benefits.

And therein lies the crux of the Social Security solvency issue, which is why the program so urgently needs Congressional reform before the SS reserves in the Trust Funds run dry in 2032, after which everyone would see a cut in their monthly SS benefits. Congress must enact SS reform now.

The Association Mature

Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

St. Nicholas Craft Fair 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.



Our advertisers make this publication possible.

Let them know you saw their ad in the

The Register

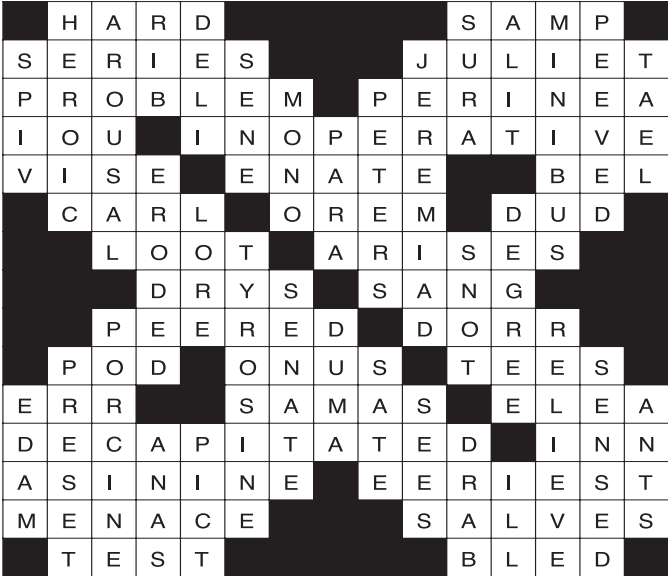
The Ludlow Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



Church DIRECTORY

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
584 West St., Ludlow
413-583-8454

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

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow
413-583-2630

Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltyś
Saturday Vigil Masses – 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish);
10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
25 Parker St, Indian Orchard,
413-543-3627

Very Rev. Piotr Calik
**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m.**

**CLOSED FRIDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**
Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am (English) 10:15am (Polish)
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH
191 Hubbard St., Ludlow
413-583-3467

Pastor – Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin
In Residence – Rev. Norman Bolton
Deacons: Normand Grondin, Keith Davies

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Visit our website at www.stelizabethludlow.org
Like us on Facebook Check out our Parish App

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C),
Holy Mother Choir – 4:30 p.m. (C), Bible Study –
6:30 p.m. (JR)

Thursday, Oct. 8: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Strategic
Realignment Meeting – 6 p.m. (FLBH)

Friday, Oct. 9: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Marriage
Enrichment Program – 6:30 p.m. (FLBH/K)

Saturday, Oct. 10: Men's Ministry - 7:30 a.m. (JR),
Dust & Pray Brigade – 10 a.m. (C), Confessions –
2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Vigil Mass 4 p.m. (C)

Sunday, Oct. 11: Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15
a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (C), Faith Formation Pre K-Gr.
2 - 10:15 a.m. (JR/ER/ZR/F)

Monday, Oct. 12: Columbus Day - Daily Mass
– 7:30 a.m. (C), Ladies Auxiliary of Kof C – 1
p.m. (JR), Women's Bible Study – 6:15 (ER), Pre
Baptism Class – 6:30 p.m. (C)

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Middle
School Youth Ministry 3:30 p.m. (JR), Pasta Supper
– 4:30 p.m. (FLBH/K/S/F), Bereavement Support
Group – 6:15 (ER), St. Rita Choir Rehearsal 6:30
p.m. (C), Pack 180 Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (FLBH/K)

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
438 Winsor St., Ludlow
413-583-2312

Father Pedro DeOlivera

**Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m., closed 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**
Sunday Masses – 9 a.m. (Portuguese);
11 a.m. (English)
Monday and Wednesday Morning
Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m.
(Portuguese)
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 a.m.
For more information, visit
ourladyoffatimaparish.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL
A Church of the Nazarene
485 East Street, Ludlow
(413) 583-7875

Email: FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com
Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison
Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups
meet at 9:45am
Worship service meets at 11am
OTHER MEETINGS
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm
AA Group 7pm

FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW
859 Center St. Ludlow
413-583-3339 office

Office hours Monday & Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm
Reverend Darcy Borden, Pastor
413-285-3069

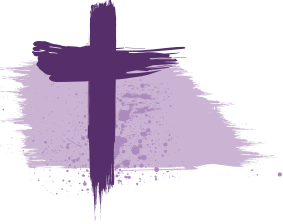
Call her at other times to make an appointment
Sunday Worship at 10 am alternating weekly with
Grace Union Church, Wilbraham
Check our Facebook page or website for the
schedule of worship and events
<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow>
Website: www.ludlowfirst.com

ORCHARD COVENANT CHURCH
95 Berkshire Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
413-543-4204

Revs. Karen and Nick Munn, pastors
Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
Worship in person, 11 a.m.
Or watch our livestream.
See our website for more information:
orchardcovenant.org.

**STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
45 Newbury St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-583-2140

Pastor: Father Andriy Krip
Liturgy schedule:
Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine
on Wednesday at 6 p.m.



REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Cemetery Memorials ♦ Markers
Granite Benches
Religious Statuary ♦ Outdoor Display

RAY HALUCH INC.
1014 Center St | Ludlow, MA | 583-6508

LUDLOW MEMORIAL COMPANY INC.
Celebrating over 60 Years in Business ~ The Trusz Family

♦ Benches ♦ Statues ♦ Monuments ♦ Custom Design Work
♦ Plot Maintenance ♦ Bronze Plaques ♦ Cleaning ♦ Markers ♦ Vases
♦ On-Site Lettering ♦ Restorations ♦ Cemetery Signage ♦ Granite Signs

201 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056
www.ludlowmemorialcompany.com ♦ 413-589-7564

Zonta Service Grants applications available

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at www.zontaqv.org/service-grant/ or requested by contacting info@zontaqv.org. Grants are awarded biannually, in November (Nov. 1 deadline) and May (April 1, 2027 deadline).

Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds. In reviewing completed applications the committee will

give preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians (and supporters, if appropriate).

As a community-driven organization, Zonta's grant capacity is tied directly to the success of its fundraising efforts. While it reviews and awards service grants twice a year, the total amount distributed each cycle fluctuates based on the funds raised during the annual golf tournament, calendar raffle, etc.

Two-thirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with

partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women.

Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has contributed over \$150,000 in cash and in-kind donations to local nonprofits.

Recent local grant recipients included: Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA to help fund the Council's Community-Based Programming outreach; YWCA of Western MA to stock their emergency food pantry; Girls on the Run Western MA to help support youth programming and train

coaches; Girls Inc. of the Valley to support a youth-led community educational event focused on human rights; Safe Passage of Northampton to offset printing of a program booklet for Say Something – eight-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense; and Alianza DV Services, Inc. in support of the Clothesline Project – a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored.

Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

Book Launch and Author Talk with Suzanne Strempek Shea

HAMPDEN – The library will be hosting a book launch and author talk with Suzanne Strempek Shea on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us to see Suzanne Strempek Shea talk about her new book, "Compositions: A Memoir in 42 Essays by 1 Kid on her 8 Years in Catholic School, Handed in 60 Years Late."

In this extraordinary memoir, Suzanne writes about her early years in a close-knit 60's and 70's

Polish-American community of Three Rivers and Palmer, MA. Books will be available for purchase.

Polish-themed refreshments will also be provided by the Friends of the Hampden Free Public Library.

There will also be a non-perishable food drive taking place before, during and after the talk where donations will be collected in whichever community the author is in at the time and will support a food pantry.

PET PAGE

PET OF THE MONTH Meet JJ

He's a rescue and has adopted Rob, Aileen and Samantha Terzi as his forever family. He loves us and we love him right back! JJ loves his green ball, his yellow duck and walks in the neighborhood. He does NOT like anyone touching his feet, don't do it!



ATTENTION READERS!

Send in your pet picture for our "Pet of the Month" and receive a FREE weekend get-away or spa package for your pet courtesy of Porter Road Pet Care. Email your photos to: jwalker@turley.com. Please include your name and your pet's name.



Porter Road Pet Care
141 Porter Road
East Longmeadow MA
413-525-3532

www.porterroadpetcare.com

- **Day Care**
 - **Boarding**
 - Web Cams
 - Heated
 - Large
 - Indoor/Outdoor
 - Accommodations
 - Playtime Available -
 - Fenced in
 - 1/4 Acre Lot
- **SPA Services Available**
 - Bathing
 - Haircuts
 - Maincures

**Save \$5
on Daycare,
Grooming
or Boarding
Services**

Limit 1 coupon per pet.
Expires 10/31/26



ELDOTC
East Longmeadow Dog
Obedience Training Club
Classes held at

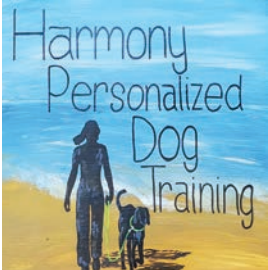
546 Main Street, Hampden, MA
Classes held every Monday-Thursday evenings



**Start Your
Puppy or Rescue
Off Right With
Obedience Training
at ELDOTC!**

**Obedience Training -
Beginner to Utility**

Facebook.com/eastlongmeadowdogobedience
For Information or to Register
Call (413) 355-0553
eastlongmeadowdogobedience.com
We Teach You How to Train Your Dog!



**EVERY SUNDAY
BELCHERTOWN
PACK WALKS!**

behind the Police Dept. at 10 a.m.

**All Ages And Breeds
Welcome - \$20 Each -
Weather Permitting**

Every Wednesday Night at 5:30 p.m.

Non-Committal Obedience Socialization Group.
Find us at Belchertown State School in front of
Christopher Heights and Belchertown Day School.

WILBRAHAM GROUP HIKES!
Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

All Ages and Breeds Welcome.
\$20 Each - Weather Permitting.
Weekly locations will be announced
on our Facebook page.

413-246-0859 • AKC Certified

**WILBRAHAM
Animal Hospital**

Andrew R. Hersman, DVM
William D. Anderson, DVM
Hannah Belcher-Timme, DVM
Nicholas Schipper, DVM
Madison Harris, DVM
Lynn Dgetluck, DVM
Leah Guidry, DVM
Caitlin Vaughn, DVM



Wilbraham Animal Hospital
2424 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA
413.596.8395
wilbrahamanimalhospital.com
East Springfield Veterinary Hospital
525 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA
413.739.6389 • esvhospital.com
(Less than 1 mile from Rt. 291)
Open Evenings & Saturdays

Pets and Halloween

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets it can be a nightmare.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets!

All forms of chocolate can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Black cats

are especially at risk. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution. Make sure your pets are safely housed indoors around Halloween.

3. Keep glow sticks away from pets.

While glow sticks can help keep people safe on Halloween night, they can be a problem for pets. The liquid inside glow sticks is non-toxic, but it does taste awful. Pets who get into a glow stick may drool, paw at their mouth, become agitated, and sometimes even

vomit. If your pet does chew on a glow stick, offer some fresh water or a small meal to help clear the material out of the mouth.

4. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

If you are using candles to light your jack-o-lanterns or other Halloween decorations, make sure to place them well out of reach of your pets. If they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or causing a fire.

5. Use caution & common sense with pet costumes.

If you do decide to dress your pet in a costume, make

sure it isn't dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe. Consider just tying on a festive bandana.

6. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that he or she will be returned. Collars and tags are ideal if a Good Samaritan is able to

collect your escaped pet, but microchips offer permanent identification should the collar or tag fall off.

