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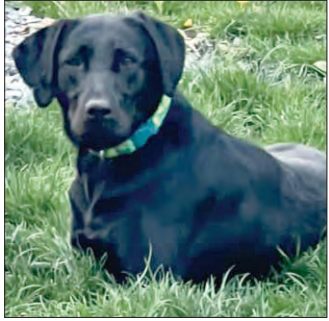
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THE LUDLOW LIONS AND SIXTEEN ACRES LIONS CLUB will sponsor a sock hop on Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Church of the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road., from 6 to 10 p.m.

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## Charter committee reviews options for a new form of town government

By Rebecca Wehner  
 Correspondent

LUDLOW – Representatives from UMass Boston’s Collins Center met with the Charter Committee last week to discuss the town’s transition to another government layout, and considered the benefits of implementing either a mayor or town manager.

Project Manager Patricia Lloyd and Associate Mel Kleckner presented a slideshow reviewing the different forms of town government in Massachusetts. This presentation aimed to highlight alternative choices from the Open Town Meeting

format Ludlow has previously used, and the Representative Town Meeting format it is currently using.

By potentially using the town charter to switch to a city form of government, a new leadership role would need to be established, according to Lloyd.

“There’s really two city forms that are options in Massachusetts,” Lloyd said. “In the Council-Manager Form, the City Manager is the Executive Officer of the City appointed by the Council, typically for three-year terms.”

Lloyd said the city’s legislative body that would support the City Manager would be the City

Council, who would meet weekly or twice a month with the power to approve or reject budget proposals and elect the City Manager, Auditor, and Clerk.

In comparison, Lloyd said that Mayoral Form would give the mayor the majority of power, with the ability to appoint all city employees and volunteers. The Council in this form has little appointment power, and the mayor would be expected to serve two- to four-year terms.

Committee members expressed concerns over potential confusion from the town if it were to change to a city form, and the possibility of increased government involvement. Lloyd

and Kleckner said that Ludlow can retain the town title while using a city government format, and that population does not determine whether an area is classified as a town or city.

Lloyd said that the City Manager position is generally not limited to town residents, but that mayoral candidates are required to live in the town they seek to work in. Kleckner reviewed strengths and weaknesses of MA government forms to better inform the Committee about the benefits and drawbacks of each.

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## Myrtle Street closed for Food Truck Festival



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Myrtle Street was blocked off so that the Citizens’ Council could hold the event.

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INDIAN ORCHARD – This Saturday, the Citizens’ Council held a Food Truck Festival that took up much of the street in front of Myrtle Street Park.

“This is our biggest one,” said Terry Mitchell, who helped to organize the event. “We usually just have it in a parking lot, but this year, the street will be shut down between Myrtle Street and Oak Street.”

Though rain was predicted for the afternoon, it held off long enough that residents were able to enjoy the food and festivities provided by the various local businesses.

Various tables and booths were held by local organiza-

tions, such as the Sheriff’s Department, which provided information for the community while officers brought their kennel crew and mounted division.

“It’s a time for families to come out and enjoy themselves, the community organizations, the small businesses that come out, and to support the Citizens Council on a regular basis. It’s a chance for us to give back,” said Mitchell.

From noon until the event wrapped up at 6 p.m., live music was performed on a stage by musical acts such as MC Miss Moyah and DJ KLS, Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra, Youthful Expressions Dance School, Amanda Meli, Brian

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Working the event at the Lusitano Club, (from left) Jen Nowak, Cate Duquette, Brenda Willard, and Jillmarie Decarolis.

## Designer Bag Bingo raises money at Lusitano Club

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW – Last week, the Wilbraham Women’s Club gave out designer bags as prizes at a bingo night held at the Gremio Lusitano Club.

“We started this last year and just, we had gone to some bingos and they were so boring,” said Brenda Willard, vice president of the executive board. “We needed to step this up, so we decided to have a fun night.”

“We’re a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, which is a national organization,” said Jen Nowak,

who worked the front table for the event. “Our club is out of Wilbraham. We’ve got about 30 members right now, and it’s kind of all hands on deck.”

Tickets to the event cost \$35 to pre-register, or \$40 at the door, which qualified attendees for 10 games, along with additional raffles and a cash bar.

As stated on their website, gfwc.org, the Women’s Clubs are the heart of the Federation, and the communities they work in.

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## Selectmen discuss budget and sewer rate with DPW

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LUDLOW – The Board of Selectmen met last Tuesday with the Department of Public Works to discuss the department’s budget and upcoming projects.

The meeting began with a discussion of the sewer rate with Jamie Tomas and James Goodreau, respectively the director and engineer for the DPW.

Tomas said that things at the DPW “couldn’t be better,” and that he hasn’t heard of any “hiccups” aside from weather concerns.

“We’re forging ahead,” Tomas said. “We did get some Chapter 90 money approved, so we’re going to have Justina Circle and Elizabeth Drive, from Longview Circle to the first cul-de-sac, paved this year.

“What we need to do to set the sewer rate is we get estimates from Springfield of all the money we’re going to have to pay them for the year,” said Goodreau.

“One million nine hundred thirty-seven thousand and one hundred and twenty-two dollars is what we need to fund our sewer budget for the year. Our total cubic feet of volume was six hundred and one thousand nine hundred and nineteen dollars, and that’s 100 cubic feet, because we bill per 100 cubic feet.”

The DPW recommended that the tow keep the current rates at \$4.10 per 100 cubic feet, and \$90 per person for the well account.

“That will cover our bill, plus give us about 10 to 15% extra in case those estimates from Springfield are low,” Go-

odreau said.

The selectmen voted unanimously in favor of keeping the rates as the DPW recommended.

“Palmer Paving was already out staking the road and stuff, so I think we’re looking towards the middle to the end of this month for the paving reclamation project to begin,” Tomas said.

Selectman Manuel Silva asked Tomas how the DPW is doing with staffing, as the department has reported being under-staffed since before the Board of Public Works was dissolved.

“We are still short-handed, I’d like to be at 18 [employees],” Tomas said. “We have 14 currently.”

“We were down to 11 or 12, we just hired three,” Goodreau said. “We have two (positions) currently on the books that we’re advertising for that will get us up to 16.”

He said that the positions that are being advertised are for a laborer and an equipment operator.

“For those of you that don’t know, our mechanic actually just resigned and Friday is his last day. I spoke to Rich, one of the foreman, who was our mechanic a few years ago, and then he decided to go back out into the field. He is actually stepping up to the plate, and he’s going to go back to being our mechanic. I wouldn’t say full-time mechanic, but he’s going to help out in the shop until we can line somebody up. I believe that job will be posted very shortly.”

In other business, the selectmen voted unanimously to accept \$4.8 million in ARPA funds for a sports complex for the high school.

## Polish Plate Dinner to be held Oct. 21

INDIAN ORCHARD -- A Polish Plate Dinner (Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi (4), Kapusta, Bread) and Frozen Polish Food Sale will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, Ma (Eat in or Take Out) on Oct. 21, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets at \$20 please call: Maria Kowalski

413-222-6229 or Maria Bukowski 413-427-9464.

Also: on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Altar Servers will have a Mini Penny Sale with Door Prize of a Salt & Pepper Set from Poland (worth \$150) donated by Father Piotr. Prizes will be drawn at 4 p.m.

## PET OF THE WEEK



LUNA

This is Jodi Koske-Nunes’s one-year-old black Labrador, Luna.

## Ludlow Cultural Council to award \$19,000 in grants

LUDLOW – Local artists, musicians and other performers and creators are encouraged to submit grant applications to the Ludlow Cultural Council as part of the council’s annual grant competition. The grant application deadline is Oct. 17.

The Ludlow Cultural Council is one of more than 300 local cultural councils funded by the state’s Mass Cultural Council to enrich the cultural life of towns and cities across the commonwealth. The local cultural council program is the largest grassroots cultural funding program in the nation.

“With more than \$19,000 to award, we look forward to funding a variety of applications,” said Michelle Goncalves, chair of the Ludlow Cultural Council. “Since our grantees rightly get all the attention for their work, many people in town don’t realize the breadth of what we do. That concert you enjoy at the gazebo, the painting session at the senior center, the dance at the Boys and Girls Club, the music at the library, all

of these have received funding from us in the past.”

The council, which organizes the town’s annual summer concert series as well as the recent Ludlow Community Market, is led entirely by volunteers. “We are a small, but might group,” said Goncalves. “But we’d love to be bigger. With only seven members, we are limited in how much we can do. There are also state mandated term limits that will force several of us to rotate off of the council this year, which could put future funding in jeopardy.”

The state requires a minimum of five members in order to receive funding each year, but membership can go as high as 22 members, so there are several vacancies to fill. Residents interested in joining the Council should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Grant applications and more information about the application process are available online at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/Ludlow/>.

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# Signatures collected to remove MCAS graduation requirement

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LUDLOW – Last Thursday, local organizer Kelly DeGobbi was spotted soliciting signatures to remove the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test as a graduation requirement for Ludlow High School.

“There are a lot of kids who just don’t test well, and it’s a barrier to graduation,” DeGobbi said.

Massachusetts is one of only eight states to feature a standardized test requirement to graduate from high school. The Massachusetts Teachers Association reached out to DeGobbi to ask that she collect 75,000 signatures by Nov. 22.

“It doesn’t remove MCAS at all,” DeGobbi said. “The data is important, and knowing where the kids stand is still important. But linking it to graduation is a problem.”

DeGobbi said that today, teachers feel they have to teach for the test, rather than having a more fluid curriculum that will give the students a more valuable education.

“I put my son in private school in eighth grade, and the teaching



Kelly DeGobbi sat at Dunkin’ Donuts to collect signatures to remove the MCAS as a graduation requirement.

style was widely different. It’s so much more unstructured,” DeGobbi said. “They are allowed so much more freedom in their teaching.”

“In terms of the quality of education,” DeGobbi said, “I’ve read that certain communities were checking a box to make sure that kids graduate.”

“Local communities can set their own graduation requirements,” DeGobbi said. “So it’s not going to be

like now, where you have to meet this test’s predetermined scale, you have to get a certain percentage of points. The schools can go back to just saying you have to pass your finals and you have to meet your attendance record, and then you can graduate.”

“I think that might help a lot of kids, especially kids that don’t know how to test well or aren’t comfortable testing,” DeGobbi said.

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## CARES Coalition looks to upcoming events this month

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LUDLOW – This fall, the CARES Coalition has a number of events planned, including Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 23-30, the Walk to Remember on Oct. 29, and participating in other town-wide events.

Red Ribbon Week was started by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration as a national event, which the coalition has been doing in conjunction with the public schools and St. John Baptist for the last few years.

“CARES has been doing Red Ribbon Week for about 12 to 13 years to promote awareness and encourage conversations among community residents, parents and children, about the dangers of illegal substance use, said Laura Rooney, president of the coalition.

The participating schools participate in Red Ribbon Week differently, depending on the level. The theme of lower grades is to keep children safe and encourage them to make good choices, while higher grades focus on more of an anti-drug type message. For example, East Street School will have crafts to make bookmarks for high school seniors to remind them to take care of themselves.

“Each school has different

themes for the day and different things that they’re doing, so that the conversations happen,” said Rooney. “The most important thing is that we talk about it, that families have the conversation about staying away from drugs and alcohol.”

The CARES Coalition and Michael J. Dias Foundation are also pleased to once again sponsor the Walk to Remember on Oct. 29. Rooney described it as “an opportunity for people in Ludlow and surrounding communities to commemorate those who have lost their battle with addiction and to support those who are still in that battle.”

Ben Bovee, vice president of CARES, said “The Walk to Remember is part of Red Ribbon Week, a candlelight vigil intended for folks to remember those who have lost loved ones due to substance use disorder.”

“We’ve all lost somebody,” Bovee said. “I’ve sat in rooms and I’ve asked for a show of hands from those who don’t know somebody who’s lost their life to an overdose, and I’ve never seen somebody say they don’t know anybody. It affects all of us.”

“I would think that the biggest thing right now is that kids have easy access to substances

through social media and Snap-Chat,” said Rooney. “Things are lot more accessible. Many people don’t think that it’s here, but certainly at CARES and the work that we do, we often hear about drug overdoses, whether it’s someone in recovery who’s relapsed and then lose their life. Sometimes it’s very young people.”

“I talk often about recovering within the light and not needing to die alone in the dark anymore,” Bovee said. “There’s still a pretty big stigma associated with substance use disorder, and that’s another thing we’re trying to combat. More folks see this and see who’s being affected by this; it’s everyone, we’re all just human beings doing the best that we can.”

The Walk to Remember will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29, with no signup necessary. People will gather at 6 p.m. and then start the ceremony at 6:40.

Anyone with questions about Red Ribbon Week, the Walk to Remember, or anything about the CARES Coalition, can send an email to ludlowcares@gmail.com or go to their website at ludlowcares-coalition.org.



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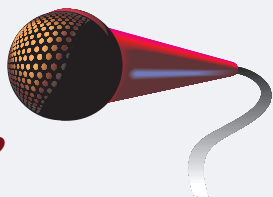
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## Oliveira and Kushmerek offer invite to Polish ambassador



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The Polish ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski, visited the Polish American Caucus of the State House, which included an informal lunch seen here.

BOSTON – Recently, the Polish American caucus welcomed the Polish ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski, to the State House. The visit was orchestrated by the chairs of the Polish American Caucus, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow, and State Rep. Mike Kushmerek, D-Fitchburg, to forge closer ties between the government of Poland and Massachusetts, and discuss working together to promote Polish cultural heritage in the United States.

During his visit, Magierowski spent time addressing the House and Senate chambers and spoke about the importance of the collaboration between Poland and the commonwealth. The visit also included meetings with the Speaker of the House Ron Mariano, and Senate President Karen Spilka, whose grandfather immigrated from Poland to the United States in the early 20th century.

"Having the opportunity to sit with President Spilka and Ambassador Magierowski and go from chatting about the villages where our grandparents and great-grandparents were born to how our nations can work together for shared prosperity reaffirmed the importance of the ambassador's visit," said Oliveira. "When we can come together face to face and reflect on our shared heritage with our allies and discuss all that we have in common, we strengthen the bond between us, which is something that can't be measured."

Oliveira and Kushmerek began arranging the visit after meeting with representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in June. Kushmerek was grateful to Magierowski for his visit and

reflected on his family history and the opportunities the visit presented.

"My father always dreamed about visiting his ancestral homeland, but geopolitics, poverty, and health denied him the opportunity in his lifetime," Kushmerek said. "This week, however, I know that my father would have been proud that, as House Chair of the Polish American Caucus, I had the amazing privilege of welcoming the Polish Ambassador to the United States as my guest at the State House to celebrate our shared Polish heritage, and promote the opportunities for further cultural, economic, political and tourism collaboration."

Magierowski's final stop at the State House was having lunch with members of the Polish American Caucus. During the casual lunch, he shared past and present photos of Poland he had on his cell phone to exhibit how far the historic nation had come. He encouraged the members to visit the nation of their descendants, where they would be pleasantly surprised by the new "modern Poland."

Before being appointed Polish ambassador to the United States, Magierowski worked as a reporter, editor and columnist, mainly covering international relations for over 20 years. He has also worked for the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland as an expert on public diplomacy, and the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Israel. He began his service as an ambassador to the United States in November 2021.

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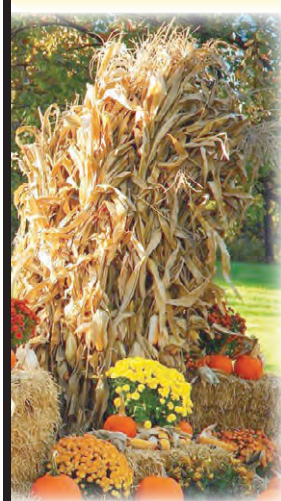


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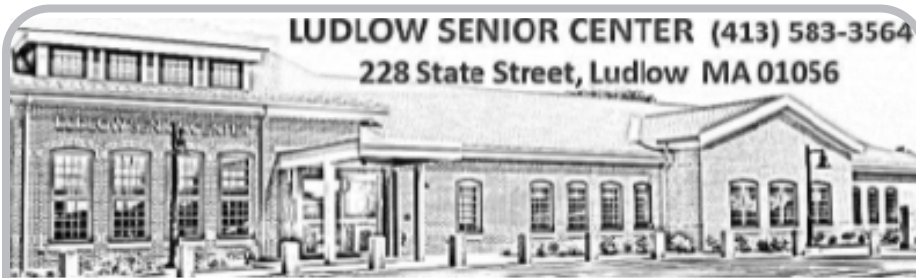
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For full program and activity descriptions and for general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

### Activities Calendar:

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#### Thursday, Oct. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care\*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Senior Center meeting
- 10:30 a.m. State Sen. Jake Oliveira's office Hour
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

#### Friday, Oct. 13

- 8:30 a.m. Fitness Advisor Personal Trainer\*
- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 2:15 p.m. Ageless Grace® Brain Fitness\*

#### Monday, Oct. 16

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9 a.m. Wrentham Trip\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
- 1 p.m. Better Together\*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class\*
- 1:15 Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing

- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10 a.m. Mindful Meditation
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up\*
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5 p.m. Movie: Book Club 2018
- 5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

- 8 a.m. Gardening Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 4:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Center Closing at 1 p.m.

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care\*
  - 9 a.m. Tai Chi
  - 9:30 a.m. Dominos
  - 10 a.m. Veteran's Agent\*
  - 10 a.m. Crafts w/Sunshine Village\*
  - 1 p.m. Mahjong
  - 1 p.m. Writer's Block\*
  - 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
- \*PLEASE register for Ageless Grace, Fitness Advisor, Boomer Boot Camp, Veteran's Agent, Hearing Clinic, Healthy Bones & Balance, The Writers Block, and Foot Care by calling 413-583-3564

#### Daily Events:

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

#### Menu:

- Thursday, Oct. 12: French toast casserole/breakfast sausage
  - Friday, Oct. 13: Swedish meatballs/egg noodles/peas
  - Monday, Oct. 16: Fish and chips
  - Tuesday, Oct. 17: Veggie frittata/hash brown potatoes
  - Wednesday, Oct. 18: Chicken Louisa/brown rice/mixed veggies
  - Thursday, Oct. 19: Birthday lunch: Salisbury steak/scalloped potatoes/green beans
- Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
- For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## Celebrate Ludlow returns on Oct. 14



Submitted photo

**Celebrate Ludlow returns to Memorial Park, at 15 East St., in the town gazebo area on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 7 p.m.**

LUDLOW – Celebrate Ludlow is back this year for another fun-filled day. It will be held at Memorial Park, at 15 East St., in the town gazebo area on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 7 p.m. The first band hits the stage at 1 p.m.

Nonprofits in town will be hosting their tables to raise money and awareness for their organizations. Guests will be able to choose from a variety of delicious foods. The food choices will include individual pies served by Ludlow VFW; hamburgers and hot dogs served by Ludlow Lions; taco in a bag by First Church in Ludlow; pierogies by St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church; kielbasa by Knights of Columbus 3535; meatball grinders by Ludlow Education Association; fresh popped popcorn by Ludlow High Ski Team; loaded baked potatoes by BSA Troops 180; French fries, chicken fingers, fried dough, and chili by BSA Troops 1774; baked goods by Ludlow Football boosters; beverages by the VFW Auxiliary; and water by the 250th Anniversary Committee.

Many thanks to the event sponsors especially the town of Ludlow, PeoplesBank, Pioneer Valley Financial Group and Luso Federal Credit Union

There will be many fabulous prizes to award with two ways to win them. First is the Decorated Pumpkin Contest and the other is the Attendance Raffle. We have Thunderbird tickets, Bright Nights passes, Lupa Zoo passes, a Crazy Jake's gift card and other fun prizes.

Bring a carved or decorated pumpkins and submit them in the Decorated Pumpkin Contest. The pumpkins will be lit for a festive Jack O'Lantern display at dusk. The deadline is 6:30 p.m. for anyone wishing to submit

their pumpkin for the contest. The winners will be announced just before 7 p.m. Pumpkins can then be picked up and brought home.

There will also be an attendance raffle. Stop by the pumpkin registration table and fill in an attendance slip for a chance to win.

There will be three great local bands playing throughout the event. The band line up is Livio Gravini Acoustic at 1 p.m., AcousticA at 3 p.m. and 7 Bridges Road (Eagles Tribute) at 5 p.m. The beer garden featuring Vanished Valley and Iron Duke will be open from noon to 7 p.m.

Children and families can enjoy the multiple inflatables, rides and carnival games run by Manuel Amusements. Hubbard Memorial Library will host a children's corner with craft time and pop-up library. Lupa Zoo will be bringing some of its interesting residents to check out from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 1774 will have sand art and novelty toy and glow items. Local dance schools will perform on the lawn between bands.

Please follow @CelebrateLudlow on Facebook for updates and additional information. Questions can be emailed to Celebrateludlow@yahoo.com.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty  
I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind  
No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Planning ahead for raised beds!

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

"For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?"

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively, meaning fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the

beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.



Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much.

On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.*

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## FOR ADULTS

**Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight, Thursday, October 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Some of the most imaginative and original writers in the 20th century have been women. In their ghost stories, they have probed the possibilities of other dimensions in time and human consciousness. They've mixed old fashioned ghosts and science fiction to create the modern ghost story. High-

lighted in this presentation, will be stories, spanning from early 20th century to mid-century, from Rose MacCaulay, Agatha Christie, and Virginia Layefsky. This event is generously provided by the Ludlow Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Please register.

**Cooking In Seasons, Tuesday, October 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Do you like to cook? Do you know how? Do you want to learn? Learn to make dishes from foods available for the season and sample what is made! You will learn a variety of techniques on how to make seasonal foods for any occasion. This event is generously provided by the Ludlow Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Please register.

## FOR TEENS

**Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (10/3, 10/17, 10/31), 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. Free pizza is generously donated by Domino's of Wilbraham. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

**Anime Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. Please register.

**The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Tween Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Meet each week to discuss graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading "Apple Crush" by Lucy Knisley, copies of which are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

**Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-**

**4:30 p.m.** This group is for experienced high school players and has room for 2 new players this fall. Please register.

**The Read Between the Lines YA Book Group discusses "The Wrath & The Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh, Friday October 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Copies of each month's book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

## FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

October Storywalk: The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything, Come to the library grounds any time during the month of October to walk through Linda William's fun story "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything!"

**Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 p.m.** For 7 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

**E.T the Extra-Terrestrial, Tuesday, October 10, 5:45-7:45 p.m.** Rated PG. Popcorn and drinks sold by the Friends of the Library. In the program room.

**Minecraft Club, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 p.m.** Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up. Drop-in.

**Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m.** Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

**Banned Books Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, October 5, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** October 1st-7th is National

Banned Books Week, which fights censorship and celebrates the freedom to read. Search the Youth Room for books that have been censored, learn about some of the crazy reasons why, and win a prize!

## FOR CHILDREN

**Daily Drop-In Crafts, All ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room Daily. New craft each week.** 3-5s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Monday October 2, weekly for six weeks except 10/9, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. A six week session about parents, siblings, grandparents and even pets! 30 minutes of stories, finger-plays, songs and games followed by a snack and craft. Please register.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Outdoors and drop-in in good weather (please bring chairs or a blanket), indoors with an attendance limit when raining so please register. Weather announcements will be posted on our Facebook page the morning of the program.

2-3s: Storytime "All About Families", Beginning Wednesday October 4, weekly for six weeks, 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. The fun, easy-going 45 minute storytime includes 15 minutes for free play, 15 minutes of stories, fingerplays & songs, and 15 minutes of craft and snack time. Please register.

**You and Me in Music For Babies & Toddlers, Wednesdays in September, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** For 0-36 months. Join us for this dynamic pro-

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## Sock hop to be held Oct. 21

LUDLOW— The Ludlow Lions and Sixteen Acres Lions Club will sponsor a sock hop on Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Church of the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road., from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children. \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more. Tickets include pizza, root beer floats, Kool-Aid, dessert and Classic Rock and Roll by DJ Dennis.

There will be Hula Hoop, Limbo and

Best Costume contests, along with games and prizes. The event is a family friendly event. No alcohol will be served or permitted on premises.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the Clubs' members, or by calling 413-219-4994, 413-783-4929 or 754-900-ROAR (leave message). Advance ticket sales only. No walk-ins.

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"For towns that are looking for mayors, they are not only looking for a person in charge at the center, but also some real political skills," Kleckner said. "In some communities they're looking for more competence and consistency, so they'll go for the manager."

"They both have that centralized place where decisions are being made in a more traditional and organized structure."

The Collins Center representatives advised the Committee to speak with the State Representative for input, and put forth the decision at the next Town Meeting.

Charter Committee meetings can be streamed at [ludlowtv.org](http://ludlowtv.org).

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Diane Weston, Marva Walting, Maria Ardolino, Megan Weiss, and Lorie Bonavita worked in the hall at the Lusitano Club for the event.



Tables full of ladies got tables together to play Bingo.



A long table in the center of the room displayed the prizes.

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simply with monetary donations, but with hands-on tangible projects that provide immediate impact," the website states.

The Federation has a grassroots approach, with local efforts that have global impact, according to the website. The affiliation boasts more than

60,000 members in every state in America and more than a dozen other countries, with members working in their own communities to advance education, preserve natural resources, support the arts and work toward world peace and understanding.

"This is our second year doing it," said Nowak. "We're

the local group around here, and all of the proceeds will go back to the community – donations or scholarships and all of that. With the holidays coming, there's a lot that we can support and fund that way. It's always a great, give-back, feel-good event."

"All the proceeds, 100%, go to community organizations in

and around Wilbraham, Ludlow, Springfield," Willard said.

"I hate to say who the money is going to specifically, because there are so many," Willard said. "Right now we're targeting Christina's House, which is a shelter for homeless women. It's a great shelter, where they live there and they have to have a job and have responsibilities, and then they graduate. Even their director is a graduate. They just opened a house in Hampden, which is the Freedom House, and we really want to support that because it's right in our own backyard."

"We're just a great women's orga-

nization; we just like to volunteer and have fun while we do it."

Willard got involved with the Women's Club after her son left college, and she decided to stop working and look for volunteer opportunities. While she's been with the Women's Club for about 20 years now, she also volunteers at the Wilbraham Senior Center and a local animal shelter.

"When I volunteer for something, I like to look at their mission statement, and if they agree with what I feel is important, then I give them my time," Willard said.

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"Everyone loved it. Absolutely perfect. I was planning on stopping by between now and Christmas to thank you. You beat me to it. We'll definitely see you next year."  
 — Greg from West Springfield

"It was absolutely AMAZING! This was the first time ever bringing a turkey and then I followed your cooking directions on your website. It was perfect cooking it low and slow."  
 — Kelly from Ludlow

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Brenda Willard told jokes as she announced the rules of the Bingo game.



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The staff from JT Delicious Fine Foods, (from left) Dailen Garner, William Garner, Jaritza Torres, and Willie Garner, worked a booth at the event.

**FOOD TRUCKS** from Page 1

Chicoine's Acoustic Freedom, Beast Mode, and the Salsa Brava Band.

The event was funded by the Markham-Nathan Fund, the Springfield Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and Peter Pan Bus Lines, among other sponsors.



Patrolman Dan Moynahan, State Representative Orlando Ramos, Areliz Barbosa, Zaida Govan, Ayanna Crawford, Kendra Shaver, and Patrolman Tommie Hart all worked the event on Saturday.



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## Falcons shut out Lions in another great matchup



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Calleigh Foley dribbles up the field.



Kacie Klimek makes a play on a high shot

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Minnechaug senior Kylie Ray, who's a midfielder, entered last Monday's Coombs Division soccer match against rival Ludlow with 19 career varsity goals.

Ray netted her 20th goal late in the second half which turned out to be the game-winner, as the Lady Falcons celebrated a 1-0 shutout victory over the Lady Lions at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

"I'm very happy that we were able to win today's game," Ray said. "We did have a lot of scoring opportunities, especially during the second half, and fortunately one went in. Everyone played very well."

Ray will be signing her National Letter of Intent to play college soccer at Seton Hall University in November. She's also one of the three girls' varsity soccer players from Western Massachusetts, who are



Catarina Mazza clears the ball away.

candidates for the All-American team, which is chosen by the United Soccer Coaches.

"There are about 150 soccer players throughout the United States, who are candidates for the All-American award. Three of them are from Western Massachusetts, which is awesome" said Minnechaug head coach Nundi Goncalves. "Kylie is a

very talented soccer player."

The other two All-American candidates from Western Mass. are Monson senior Kendall Bodak and South Hadley senior Lauren Marjanski.

It was the final meeting between the two squads on the grass football field located be-

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## Lions grab win

LUDLOW – During a season with a lot of struggles, Ludlow girls volleyball grabbed their second win last Tuesday evening against Pittsfield 3-1. The Lions would lose the first set, but then sweep the next three for the win. Peyton Brennan had nine kills and six aces while Hannah Goncalves had two girls and 17 digs for Ludlow. The Lions are just 2-1 this season.

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Ava Peczka goes for the spike.



Gabriella Pires takes a set.



Ashley Moquin sends the ball back over the net



Peyton Brennan stays on her feet as she makes a low bump.

## Undefeated Lions defeat Chaug, Hamp

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School boys soccer team is having another great year in 2023, and still has yet to be defeated.

In a makeup game held on Sunday afternoon, Ludlow defeated Northampton 2-1 thanks to a pair of second half goals. Owen Wurszt and Thomas Wadas had the scores while Dan Pires had four saves in goal for the Lions.

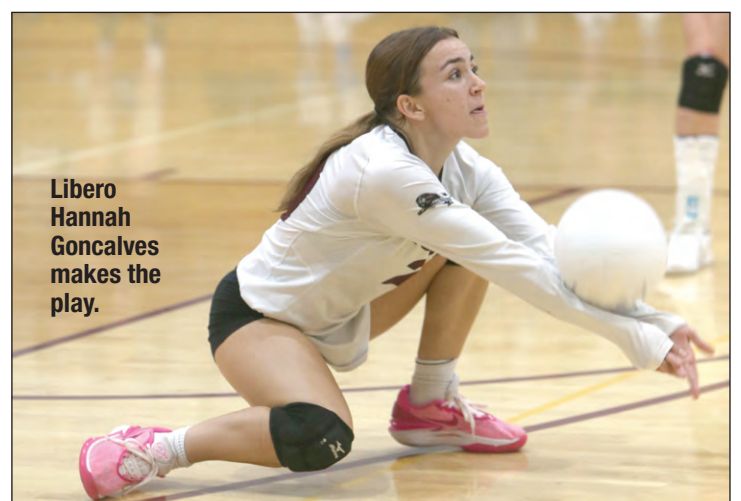
Last Friday afternoon, Ludlow faced off with rival Minnechaug, and scored a 3-0 victory on the road. It was the second win over their neighbors this season. Sam Pontes, Chris Goncalves, and Enzo Botta had the goals for the Lions while Cole Bamford provided a pair of assists. Anthony Shea had eight saves in goal for the shut-out.

Last Tuesday, the Lions

would tie Amherst 1-1 in what could be a Western Mass. tournament matchup later on this season.

The Lions have qualified for the state tournament with an 8-0-2 record and are likely a lock for the Western Mass tournament as well.

The Lions have a big rematch with East Longmeadow on Oct. 12 at 6:15 p.m. The Lions tied the Spartans back on



Libero Hannah Goncalves makes the play.

# Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the 2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up

shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic. When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted from fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way

to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they diced through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but over and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speed-

way, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.

## Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE - Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter

zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

## T-Birds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and

Hugh McGing each tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was deadlocked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win.

The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.



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Mia Carvalho socks a pass away.

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hind Ludlow High School. The school is expected to start installing a new turf field before the end of the regular season.

"Anytime that you can come here and win a game, it's very special," said Goncalves, who graduated from Ludlow High School in 1978. "We're also the top ranked team in the state power rankings for the first time. All the players have worked very hard and they're a lot of fun to be around."

Minnechaug was the top ranked team in the MIAA Division 2 power rankings before moving down a spot at the end of last week.

After beginning the regular season by posting three consecutive shutouts, Minnechaug (7-2, 6-2) hit a little bump in the road. Following back-to-back road losses to West Springfield and Longmeadow, who's currently the top ranked team in Division 2, the Lady Falcons posted four more straight shutouts.

"We've been getting back into the groove again during the last few games," Ray said. "We're now ready for the second half of the regular season, which is the most important part of the season for us."

Ludlow (1-4-4, 1-4-3), who also lost to Minnechaug, 1-0, at the beginning of the regular season, was ranked sixth in the latest Division 2 power rankings.

"This is a tough loss for us," said first-year Lady Lions head coach Amanda Nacsin, who graduated from Ludlow High School in 2006. "Minnechaug has always been a very good team and I thought we challenged them today."

The Lady Lions were looking to get into the win column for the first time since they defeated West Springfield, 2-0, in the season opener.

Both teams had a couple of scoring chances during the first 40 minutes, but the contest was still scoreless at the break.

The Lady Falcons first half shot attempts were from sophomore midfielder Ava Kearney, junior defender Nora Kennedy, senior forward McKenzie Murray, senior forward Gianna Sakowski, and senior midfielder Zoey Cardano.

Minnechaug junior goalkeeper Makenzi Pastreck, who was looking into the bright setting sun during the first half, only had to make five saves in recording her sixth shutout of the regular season.

Senior Lylah Jeannotte anchors the Lady Falcons defensive unit, along with freshman Ainsley Holden, sophomore Zorah Wray, and Kennedy.

Three of the Lady Lions shots in the first half were taken by junior striker Sophia Scyocurka. Junior midfield-



Payton Dersarkisian plays the ball off her shin.

er Ryleigh Remillard also had a shot on goal for the home team.

Ludlow sophomore keeper Kacie Klimek, who's one of the top goalies in Western Mass., made eight of her 12 saves during the first twenty minutes of the second half, which kept the match scoreless a little bit longer.

"I'm very glad that Kacie will be a member of the varsity soccer team for the next couple of years," Nacsin said. "She always does everything that I ask her to do. We also have a very young defense."

The members of the Lady Lions defensive unit are senior Emma Ellis, junior Mia Carvalho, junior Calleigh Foley, and freshman Payton Dersarkisian.

The visitors from Wilbraham took the lead during the 73rd minute.

After receiving a pass from Kearney, Ray lofted a shot with her left foot from about 25 yards out. The perfectly placed shot sailed into the back of the net just out of Klimek's reach.

"After I received a pass in the attacking third of the field, I made a move around a defender and I took a shot with my left foot," Ray said. "I normally take most of my shots with my right foot, but I'm very glad that my floater went into the net."

The Lady Falcons managed to hold onto the lead during the final seven minutes of the match.

The two rivals could face each other twice more this fall in the Western Mass. Class A tournament and the Division 2 tournament.

# OBITUARIES

## Paul W. Ganieany, 70

LUDLOW — Paul W. Ganieany, 70 passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Friday Oct. 6, 2023. Born on May 20, 1953 he was the son of Victor and Louise (Dineen) Ganieany. Paul was employed by the Town of Ludlow Department of Public Works for 32 years. Serving as a foreman before his retirement in 2019. He enjoyed his family and loved working on his aluminum as a hobby. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 41 years, Lois (Butler), and son Paul Ganieany Jr. and future wife Jess Taloumis. Paul leaves behind brothers Victor Ganieany Jr. and wife Barbara of Three Rivers, MA, Lawrence Ganieany of Fort Pierce, FL and Walter Ganieany of Holyoke. Paul was predeceased by his son Christopher Ganieany, brothers Harold, Timothy, twin sister Christine Ganieany and his parents. Paul leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Calling hours are Tuesday Oct. 10th from 4:00-6:30 pm followed by a closing remembrance service at 6:30pm at the Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 am at East Wilbraham Cemetery in Wilbraham.



In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory may be made to Shriners Hospital Carew St. Springfield, MA. or to the ASPCA.

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## Hampden's Fall Fest scheduled for Oct. 21 at TWB

**HAMPDEN --** Hampden's Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 21 with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 22 held at Thornton W. Burgess School grounds at 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden.

The Festival begins at noon and will encompass a large craft fair, trunk or treating, Minnechaug Regional High School band and "Thriller" dance. There will be a S'mores pit and chili competition from our towns Fire and Police Departments. Plenty of food and food trucks with music and finally our fireworks display.

You can visit our Facebook page for more information, activities and times at "Hampden Fall Fest". We are seeking volunteers for small shifts and carved pumpkins for our illumination. Contact Laura with any questions at [leqsalerno@gmail.com](mailto:leqsalerno@gmail.com).

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## St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale, Nov. 3-4

**WILBRAHAM --** The Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club is holding its annual rummage sale in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., on Friday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Saturday is bag day. Gently-used clothing for men, women, and children, toys, puzzles, household items, curtains, towels, sheets and other linens, jewelry, scarves, purses and much more will be sold at very reasonable prices.

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## Big Y providing free updated COVID-19 vaccinations

SPRINGFIELD – Big Y Pharmacies are now providing free COVID-19 vaccines for adults 18 years and older without insurance or whose insurance requires a copay.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC is dedicated to protecting access to free COVID-19 vaccines for all. The updated COVID-19 vaccines are covered by insurance. Uninsured children have their vaccines covered by Vaccines for Children.

There are also 25 to 30 million adults, however, without health insurance, and additional adults whose insurance will not cover COVID-19 vaccination without a copay. CDC's Bridge Access Program is partnering with select pharmacies to offer no-cost

COVID-19 vaccines to adults who are uninsured or underinsured.

Big Y Pharmacy is partnering with eTrueNorth, a United States-based healthcare services company, to offer this program in the community. eTrueNorth partners with pharmacies nationwide to make basic health and wellness services more accessible. Big Y Pharmacy locations in the area may be found here: <https://www.bigy.com/Pharmacy>

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved and authorized an updated COVID-19 vaccine as of Sept. 11. The vaccine is formulated to provide better protection against the most recently circulating COVID variants. The mRNA vaccines are manufactured by Moderna US, Inc. and Pfizer Inc. Individuals covered in full by insurance are not eligible for this program.

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## COLLEGE NOTES

### Liam Florence graduates from the University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Liam Florence, of Ludlow, graduated from the University of Hartford in May with a bachelor of music degree in composition.

The University of Hartford sits on a 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, with approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students from 48 states and 45 countries.

### Carly Masse graduates from Elms College

CHICOPEE – Carly Masse, of Ludlow, graduated with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education from Elms College following the conclusion of the summer semester. Masse was among 75 students who received their degrees this summer.

## Saint Cecilia Knights of Columbus Italian Night Dinner Oct. 14

WILBRAHAM -- The Knights of Columbus of the Saint Cecilia Council will be holding an Italian Night Dinner as a fundraiser for the Community Survival Center on Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, MA.

The dinner will include a traditional Italian meal with musical entertainment and raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$20 and are available before and after masses Sept. 23 through Oct. 8.

For more information, or to get tickets, email [TicketsKoC10195@gmail.com](mailto:TicketsKoC10195@gmail.com).

## Hampden Garden Club celebrates 92nd year

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Garden Club is celebrating its 92nd year by hosting guest speaker/member Ginny Blake to present "The Tulip: Not Just Another Pretty Face".

Learn the fascinating history of this beloved spring bulb as well as view the many stunning varieties in bloom at the Keukenhof in Holland at the height of the tulip season.

The presentation will occur Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Academy Hall at 625 Main St., Hampden. The guest fee is \$5. Please contact Lil Fedora at 566-1137 with any questions. Thank you!

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Heather Chateaufeu of **89 Grimard Street Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 1C, Parcel 134) for: **mental health counseling via telehealth.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman  
10/11, 10/18/2023

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on the application of Jeremy Valentin for the property located at **346-348 West Avenue, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 12C, Parcel 158) for the purpose of: **update site plan for change in business use.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman  
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## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV in Ludlow Town Hall, 1st floor, Hearing Room #1 on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.** on the **Request for Determination**

**Application of Mark Lyon** for the property located at **552 Alden St., Ludlow (Assessors Map 40, Parcel 15)** The subject of the meeting is: **Repair failing septic system with a 2000-gallon light tank.**

Angela Tierney  
Chair  
10/11/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P2032GD In the interests of Adeline Michelle Cruz Of Ludlow, MA**

**Minor NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **10/02/2023** by **Melody Lee Fontaine** of Ludlow, MA will be held **10/30/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.** Located: **50 State St, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**

**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot

afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: October 2, 2023

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/11/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P2039GD In the matter of:**

**Orlando Opio Flores Of: Indian Orchard, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Dept of Developmental Services** of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Orlando Opio Flores** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Samuel L Charron** of Easthampton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/01/2023.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your

attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 03, 2023

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
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## Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Board of Selectmen has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:35 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Ludlow Country Club 1 Tony Lema Drive, Ludlow, MA for Change of Manager to Antonio Tavares.

James Gennette, Chairman  
Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
10/04, 10/11/2023

## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV in Ludlow Town Hall, 1st floor, Hearing Room #1 on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** on the **Notice of Intent Application** of **A.J.Crane** for the property located at **Ludlow Mills, Lot B-1, Lot B-2, Ludlow, MA (Assessors Map 14B, Parcel 130)** The subject of the hearing is: **Modify Building 44 with associated site improvements.**

Angela Tierney, Chair  
10/11/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD08P0612GR1 In the Interests of: Orlando O Flores Of: Indian Orchard, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person**

## CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: **Terminate the Guardianship of the Respondent.**

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 03, 2023

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## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Vicas Properties Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company, to Latitude Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated October 25, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden

County Registry of Deeds in Book 24784, Page 342, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage from Latitude Capital LLC to the Latitude Capital, LLC, Trustee of the Latitude Capital Lending Trust u/d/t dated August 1, 2018, dated October 25, 2022 and being recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24789, Page 492 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **November 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.** at 1385 Lyon Street, Ludlow MA all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:  
The land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at 1385 Lyon Street, Town of Ludlow, Hampden County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, said premises being further described as follows:

A certain lot of land in Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, with all the building thereon lot number 1 on a plan belonging to Chester Kielbasa Trustee, The Lyons Street Trust, dated 9-29-2022, prepared by RLA, Westfield, MA, registered land surveyor, scale 1"= 100'. Plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds as Plan 396, Page 75.

Containing 40,001 square feet according to said plan.

Subject to a proposal 10' wide driveway easement as shown on Plan 396.

For title see Deed recorded prior hereto.

In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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**Terms of sale:** A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Hadlock Law Offices P.C. within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

Latitude Capital, LLC,  
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Present holder of said mortgage.

By Its Attorneys,  
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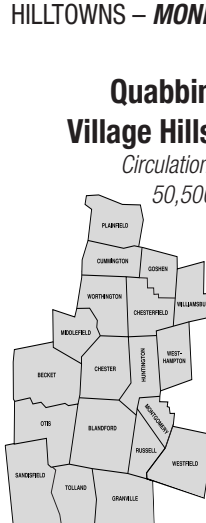
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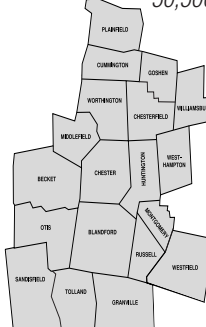
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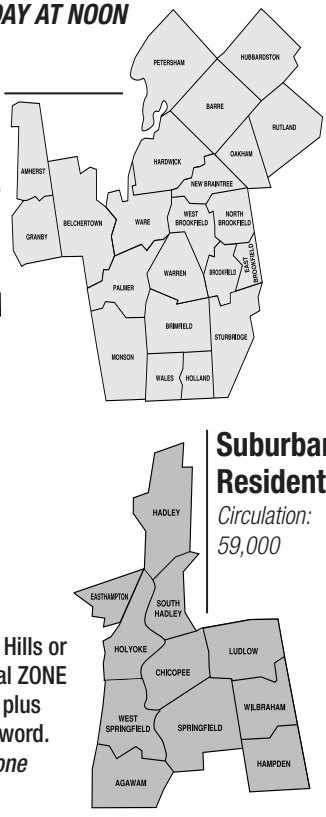
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## Wilbraham Friends of the Library's Clothing and Household Textile Drive to benefit all

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham Friends of the Library, a non-profit committed to raising funds for the Wilbraham Public Library, is holding a clothing drive on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With millions of pounds of clothing and household textiles ending up in U.S. landfills each year, the Friends are working to raise awareness of waste and inspire consumers to take responsi-

ble action through donations and upcycling.

The Friends will receive a per pound payment for these items, which will go directly to the library for programs, museum passes, equipment and other needed items. The donated items will be given a second life with new owners – at an affordable price - instead of adding to the already overwhelming landfill situation.

Join us with your clothing drive donations on Oct. 14, learn more about the Friends and receive a coupon for a free book at our Annual Book Sale, which is scheduled to take place in May 1-4, 2024.

For more information on the Wilbraham Friends of the Library visit them on the web at <http://wilbrahamlibrary.org/friends.asp>, on Facebook or via email at [friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org).

## FPA announces 'Cooking safety starts with YOU - pay attention to fire prevention'

Official theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14

The National Fire Protection Association® - the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 100 years - has announced "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention. TM" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14, 2023. This year's focus on cooking safety comes in response to NFPA's latest cooking fire data, which shows that cooking remains by far the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49%) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; cooking is also the leading cause of home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths.

While other leading causes of home fires, such as smoking, have continued to decline since 1980, home cooking fires have not.

"These numbers tell us that more public awareness is needed around when and where cooking fires happen, along with ways to prevent them," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week theme presents a powerful opportunity to better educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to reduce their risk to home cooking fires, keeping themselves and those around them safe."

Additional statistics from NFPA's latest Home Cooking Fires report include the following:

- Between 2017 and 2021, an average of 158,400 home cooking fires occurred in U.S. homes each year, resulting in 470 civilian deaths, 4,150 civilian injuries, and \$1.15 billion in direct property damage.

- In 2021, the number of reported cooking fires dropped to the lowest level seen since 2005. However, reported home cooking fires hit consecutive new highs in 2012-2015. In 2016-2018, these fires fell below the 2014 and 2015 levels, but remained historically high.

- Unattended cooking was by far the leading factor in cooking fires and cooking fire deaths.

- More than two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires began with the ignition of cooking materials, including food, fat, and grease.

Following are cooking safety messages that support this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.™":

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.

- Clear the cooking area of combustible items, keeping anything that can burn - such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels - at least three feet away from cooking equipment.

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

"Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions that take your focus away from what's on the stove are among the key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign," said Carli.


Fire Prevention Week is celebrated throughout North American every October and is the oldest public health observance on record in the U.S. For 101 years, Fire Prevention Week has worked to educate people about the leading risks to home fires and ways they can better protect themselves and their loved ones. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.™" visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org). Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org) and [www.sparkyschoolhouse.org](http://www.sparkyschoolhouse.org).

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.




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