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Special Town Meeting vote on 11 articles

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LUDLOW – The Town of Ludlow reviewed and voted on 11 articles during the special town meeting held on Oct. 6 in the Ludlow High School auditorium. Please see below the decision on each article and an explanation on each one.

Article 1: Motion passed unanimously by more than nine tenths on the appropriate funds for unpaid bills from previous fiscal years. This bill reviewed unpaid bills in prior years: Chapter 44, Section 64 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes towns to pay unpaid or over-extended bills from a prior fiscal year as presented at the time for warrant posting. These bills reviewed bills from the 250th Commit-

tee of holiday outdoor decorations, legal services for the Treasurer/Collector, engineering services for DPW, public communications services for the Select Board, and more. The unpaid bills totaled to \$54,324.93

Article 2: Motion passed on the acceptance of Millside Drive as a public way. In 2023, the Town in partnership with Westmass Area Development was awarded a

\$3,000,000 MassWorks grant to construct a new right of way access to the proposed Millside Drive Business Park. Construction of Millside Drive was completed earlier this calendar year and created four new parcels to be sold and developed. Those parcels have all been sold and for construction to begin, in earnest, the town must accept Millside Drive as a public way to create

the requisite frontage for the new parcels.

Article 3: Motion passed on the acceptance of the donation of land, 319 West St. The owners of 319 West St. in recognition of the Town's ongoing obligations under its Landfill Closure Plan, have offered to give the Town of Ludlow the 6.39-acre parcel of land. This piece of property is assessed at \$2,204 per acre, which equates to

\$263.89 in tax revenues for FY26. The current owners are now offering to donate a portion of their land to the Town to facilitate the Town's compliance with state and local environmental closure mandates.

Article 4: Motion passed on the establishment of the

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Falling into Fun!



The Ludlow Health Department was in attendance promoting wellness for a brighter future. Submitted photos

Linda Collette shares her grandchildren's experiences from Falling into Fun!

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LUDLOW – On Oct. 4, Falling into Fun was held in town following the previous year's success and Lead Committee Member of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee

Linda Collette shared the behind the scenes of the event and reflected afterwards on how the event ultimately played out. Former chairwoman of the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee, chairwoman of the Hubbard Memorial Library Board of Trustees for over five years, member of the Ludlow Cares Coalition for the past four years, and member of the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade Committee, Collette is known by many to be part of the community in one way or

another.

For Falling into Fun, there were around 60 crafters in attendance, local non-profit organizations, nine food trucks and vendors, Scout Troop 1774 selling food, with choices of baked items as well. The library held a balloon event for the kids to enjoy with live music by AcousticCA and the Kingdom of Jones Band, with also Manuel Amusements for

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Motion on establishment of municipal finance passed

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LUDLOW – In the Special Town Meeting held on Oct. 6, the article that stirred up questions and concerns was article 4, the establishment of the department of municipal finance with a finance director which ultimately passed.

During public comment, Jim Constantino from Precinct 6 questioned why the Finance Director was not in favor of article 4. Alleviating confusion, the finance committee clarified that there's currently no finance director and explained that the committee discussed in a past meeting in Sept. that the Town was in a deficit for two years in a row. The finance committee was told they were looking at another deficit this year, the committee reviewed article 4, and the committee's vote was not to recommend it.

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Tony Sanches stated, "We don't feel it's fiscally responsible to make this position."

Eleanor Kelleher from Precinct 1 stated, "You say we are going to promote from within, but we wouldn't be eliminating the

position that got vacated right?" The answer was no. Kelleher commented, "It would still be an increased payroll."

Town Administrator Marc Strange clarified that if this motion passes, it would be the Select Board's decision on who to make the finance director. Strange continued, "I would recommend our town accountant for that position, and there would have to be a salary adjustment during contract negotiations. We've done this in the past and there's been a slight increase, but I don't really want to talk about dollar amounts. If this passes, we've going to have to negotiate with Town Accountant Cheryl Allen. It won't impact the budget, but not in a material way," stated Strange.

Kelleher questioned whether this finance director position would be rolled in with an existing position and Strange confirmed. Kelleher stated that they just don't know the dollar amount at this time.

Chris Pelletier from Precinct Five stated the finance committee does not recommend this because this will be two years in a row the Town's running a deficit. "This was recommended by

the state twice that we consolidate to this form, is this something that would be better next year or the year after? Is it just because this is the second year in a row of running a deficit? Just trying to think in terms of future impact. I think it's a good idea, I'm just looking at the finance committee for a little bit more explanation," questioned Pelletier.

Sanches answered on behalf of the finance committee stating, "Again, we discussed it at our meeting, and we felt based on the criteria and the material we had and everything else, it just wasn't the appropriate time. Yes DLS, Division of Local Services, is making a recommendation but that's just a recommendation. You know, it's not fit for us right now. It's a new position in our vision, I know it's not a new hire but you're still not eliminating any of the positions. So, as people move up, somebody's still going to fill the bottom of the position. That's the way we looked at it, who's going to fill in her seat? You're still going to have all these positions in there, so it might

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Celebrate Ludlow Committee reveals plans

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LUDLOW – From Lead Committee Member of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee Linda Collette, "The Celebrate Ludlow Committee is excited to announce details about our annual tree lighting event, called "Light Up Ludlow" which will take place on Sunday, Nov. 30th at the Town Hall. We have so much fun planned for this amazing event. We'll be setting up a giant tree, over 22 feet tall, and have some great fun activities planned for that day. We start with a Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Harris Brook Elementary School in the morning, tickets on sale soon, and later in the day we'll be hosting this wonderful tree lighting event on the

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Little libraries in disrepair

Friends raise awareness within community

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LUDLOW – "The positive aftermath is what really exemplifies the people of Ludlow." The Register was contacted by a member of the Friends of the Ludlow Public Library who raised concerns on an issue regarding the little free purple libraries around town being potentially vandalized or being misused for the wrong reasons other than a take one, leave one little library. The little free libraries referenced is based on the non-profit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Based on the website, the Little Free Library's mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led book-exchange boxes.

Speaking with Presi-

dent of the Friends Alex De Gobbi, the disrepairs have impacted two out of the four libraries around town, located at Electric Avenue Park and at the corner of West and Chapin. Gobbi hopes to raise awareness that will encourage residents to take care of special projects like this one in the town and motivate others to utilize what Eagle Scout Project in 2023, like the Take One Leave One Library by Thomas Caproni, has left for the community to enjoy.

Gobbi introduced himself and began sharing how many years he's been involved within the group, "I've been involved with the Friends of the Library for close to three years, first as a volunteer and eventually I got more involved as the treasurer of the group, and eventually as president. Recently we've had some of the little libraries fall into disrepair. There are four in all in town, one at the East St. School, at an

entrance to Whitney Park, at Electric Ave. Park, and the park at the corner of West and Chapin. We noticed recently that the last two, Electric Ave. Park and the corner of West and Chapin, were in bad shape. The one at West and Chapin simply looked worn down by the elements, but the one at Electric Park was in particularly rough shape," said Gobbi.

Gobbi continued, "We are not 100% sure that it's due to vandalism. That particular library, referring to West and Chapin, was in much worse shape, and we had been told in the past that neighborhood kids have been caught using the books in the little library as bike ramps. But we just don't know for sure if someone actually damaged the structure itself," explained Gobbi.

Talking with Committee Chair for Pack and Troop 180 Tom Barbeau spoke about the Eagle Scout Project in 2023, little free li-

"We are not 100% sure that it's due to vandalism."

Alex De Gobbi



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The little free library outside of East St. Elementary School, filled with a couple of books for school-age children.

braries by Thomas Caproni, Barbeau shared his concerns with Gobbi and what he hopes the Town takes away from this awareness.

"Troop 180 has been around since 1939, serving the youth in Ludlow, and we are kind of the last of the original scout troops. Pack 180 has been around for 40 years or so, I was associated with the troop since I was a boy until I was a teen and went off to college, life, and the military. When I came

back, I got involved when my son transitioned to the troop in 2005, so the last 20 years I've been involved. Sharing this experience with my son was great, the scouting program is one of the few programs that is youth led, it gives the kids the opportunities to do general purpose leadership tasks and, in this case, the service project

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LUDLOW

Hubbard Memorial hosts Banned Books Week scavenger hunt

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LUDLOW – During this past week of Oct. 5 to 11, 2025, libraries like the Hubbard Memorial recognized Banned Books Week with a scavenger hunt held in the youth room to educate them in why certain books were banned, encouraging them to do their own research, and switching it into a teaching tool with a parent or guardian. Searching around the youth room, signs that were titled “I’ve been BANNED!” were posted educating young patrons on what book was banned, why it was banned, and offering the book to take out of the library if they wanted to learn more.

Banned Books Week in general was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. This annual event highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas; based on the website.

Titles varied from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, *Where the Wild Things Are* by Mau-



On the main floor, the adult section had a variety of books that were banned or challenged and on display, available for patrons to take home and read.

rice Sendak, to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keat and had the youth walk around and explore the different rea-

sons why they were banned or challenged at some point in time. It also encouraged the younger patrons to explore new areas of the library

they’ve never seen before and take home books that they may have never even considered. For more information, visit bannedbooksweek.org



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

An example of a banned book is *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, a local author that everyone is familiar with.



With “I’ve been BANNED!” signs scattered around the youth room, families learned the reasons why the stories they read as a child were challenged or banned.

Notice from Special Town Meeting

LUDLOW—In accordance with Section 24, Chapter 1 of the Town of Ludlow Bylaws, the following is a list of Representative Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence with the Town Clerk at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025.

Precinct 1: William John Archambeau, Fernando Aleixo Barros, David Matthew Kornacki, Michelle Anecchiarico, Walter Edward Craven, Roland F. Gregoire, William J. Jolivet, Jr.

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Precinct 3: Jason R. Pease, Lisa J. Szlosek, Ar-

thur Joseph Lourenco, John Francis Moll, Nicole Rene Parker, Margaret E. Szlosek, John M. Diotalevi

Precinct 4: Jason J. Codding, Timothy Shawn Donnelly, Mary Celeste Evangelista

Precinct 5: Michael William Lavelle, Mark Alan Witowski, Francis Chester Krzanik, Joseph Michael Drobot, Thomas P. Haluch, Brian Michael Mannix

Precinct 6: Rosa Maria Chelo, Michele Mangano-Thompson, Jerome D. Mayou

Members at Large: Antonio Rosa, Linda J. Collette, Susan E. Stanek, Sean Michael McBride, John Archambeau, Kelly Lamas, Jeffrey A. Laing

Join our community

LUDLOW—Are you searching? Are you searching for a loving community? Then please come to the First Church in Ludlow, United Church of Christ, 859 Center Street, Ludlow, Mass on Thursday, October 23rd from 5 pm to 7 pm.

The First Church in Ludlow is having an Open House on that date with an opportunity to visit the church, to see what it offers and to offer up fellowship.

Offered that evening, will

be tours of the church, along with a history of the congregation, there will also be refreshments to enjoy and fellowship to be had.

The Church’s Hummingbird Shop and Bookstore will also be open.

Everyone is welcome. For whoever you are, and where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome with us. For more information, feel free to contact the minister, Reverend Darcy Borden by email at revdarcyborden@gmail.com.

Comedy show coming to Wilbraham Senior Center

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

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

The show will be held at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, on Friday Novem-

ber 7. Doors open 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 and may be picked up at the Senior Center.

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

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

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

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Ludlow Police encourage the community to take steps to protect property, prevent motor vehicle break-ins

LUDLOW - Ludlow Police are encouraging community members to lock their vehicle doors and to take precautions to protect their property amid an uptick in reports of motor vehicle break-ins and thefts in recent weeks.

The vast majority of motor vehicle break ins both in Ludlow and statewide occur in vehicles that are left unlocked. Thieves are also known to target vehicles in which valuables can be seen.

"A few easy, common-sense measures can make it far less likely that your vehicle will be broken into or stolen," said Acting Chief Michael Brennan. "We're asking the community take these steps so we can reduce crime in Ludlow."

Ludlow Police would

also like to alert residents to security vulnerabilities in some Kia and Hyundai vehicles, which have been targeted by thieves nationwide. Certain Kia and Hyundai vehicles have vulnerabilities in their ignition systems, and manufacturers have offered software updates and even reimbursement for anti-theft devices to consumers. Owners of Kia and Hyundai vehicles should check with the vehicle manufacturers for recalls and more information to ensure their vehicles are secure.

Ludlow Police are boosting patrols in areas where motor vehicles break-ins and thefts have been reported, and are also encouraging community members to take the following steps to protect themselves and their property.

When parking your vehicle:

- Take your keys. Don't leave them in your vehicle.
- Close all windows and lock all doors.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, and if you do, make sure they are out of sight.
- Never leave credit cards/debit cards, cash or your wallet or purse inside of your vehicle overnight.
- Park in well-lit areas or preferably inside a garage, if possible. Install lights with motion sensors near where you park your vehicle.
- Get in the routine of double-checking that your vehicle is locked and secure each night around 9 p.m. This is known as the "9 p.m. Routine."

If your vehicle has been

stolen or broken into, follow these steps:

- Call Ludlow Police at 413-583-8305 to report a past vehicle theft or break-in. Only call 911 to report an ongoing emergency.
- You may be asked to provide the license plate number, make, model and color of the car, the VIN number and any identifying characteristics.
- Contact your insurance company to file a claim within 24 hours of when you discover your vehicle was stolen or broken into. A copy of the police report and/or a case number will be needed to provide to your insurance company.
- If you find your vehicle before authorities, contact the police immediately and then your insurance company.

Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 18

LUDLOW—We are having a Trunk or Treat Event at Faith Community Chapel at 485 East Street in Ludlow on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. We will have trunks full of candy, face painting, crafts, games, and hot dogs and hamburgers.

St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar set for Nov. 15

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

Meat pies are back

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Crafters wanted

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available.

Candy Collection for Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event

Honoring the Boys and Girls Club's 75 Year Anniversary

LUDLOW—In honor of the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club's 75th year anniversary, the Club is putting out a challenge to the town's people to help collect 75 pounds of Halloween candy for their Halloween Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event. Last year, in partnership with the Ludlow 250th Committee, over 300 large bags of candy were collected for the kids to enjoy. It was very successful and put a lot of smiles on the children's faces. Due to the Ludlow

250th celebration concluding, the Club is doing this challenge on their own. This event is very popular and draws over 800+ children and their families. It is a safe environment for kids to have fun.

The Ludlow Fire Department's SAFE Education program donates the Halloween bags to be passed out with the donated candy. Please deliver your bags of candy to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club at 91 Claudia's Way. When you're out purchasing bags of candy, please remember the Club and pick up a few extra bags to donate. Donations will be accepted until October 18th.

The Halloween Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club is on Friday, October 24th. The parade begins at 6:00 pm at the Ludlow Town Hall and the children will march to the Club with the Baird Middle School Band.

Following the parade, the children can make their way to the Trunk of Treat area sponsored by local businesses and town organizations to collect their treats. Then, children and families can proceed into the Club for some fun-filled activities and snacks.

The event ends at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

from Page 1
department of municipal finance. This creation of a consolidated department would streamline communications between personnel and better coordinate the town's financial activity, develop annual and capital budgets, forecast long-range fiscal health, and coordinate financial policies and strategies with policymakers. Please note that this new department would include the town's accounting, assessing, treasurer and collector functions and the finance director would be an existing employee promoted from within and not a new hire.

Article 5: Motion passes by two-thirds on the creation of a capital stabilization fund. Historically, the Town has funded capital projects with Free Cash and by creating a special stabilization fund for capital purchases would enhance transparency and predictability for short and long-term capital planning purposes. This would also help the Town more clearly define the amount of funds to be allocated for and spent on capital projects. The town administration would request the first deposit/allocation into this fund in the Annual Town Meeting in May 2026.

Article 6: Motion passed by two-thirds on the creation of a parks and recreation capital stabilization fund. The Town's parks and open spaces need additional capital investment so that residents can enjoy them safely and this fund would segregate capital funds for that purpose. This will increase transparency and predictability for investing in the town's parks and recreational spaces. The town administration would request the first deposit/allocation into this fund at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2026.

Article 7: Motion passed on the creation of the DIF (District Improvement Fi-

ancing) development program fund. Beginning in 2020, the Town Meeting approved the creation of a DIF district in and around the Ludlow Mills Complex and later in 2023, the Town Meeting voted to expand the district to include the East St. Corridor and parcels near the Hubbard Memorial Library. In 2024, the Town Meeting approved a DIF financing program and now, the parcels included in the DIF district have appreciated in value enough to warrant consideration of the town's first DIF-funded infrastructure project. Before that can happen, the Town needs to create this fund to segregate the additional property tax revenue associated with growth within the DIF district since Jan. 1, 2023.

Article 8: Motion passed by a standing count on the unreasonable noise bylaw. The Town routinely received complaints of excessive noise related to loud music, trash pickups, construction, yard work, etc. but the Town does not currently have any bylaw that regulates unreasonably loud noise. The LPD relies on state laws to enforce these types of infractions, and this bylaw would create standards for the purpose of protecting the quiet enjoyment of Ludlow residents.

Article 9: Motion passed on the local option to convert beer and wine on-premises licenses to full on-premises. The FY2026 State Budget Bill inserted a new section concerning alcoholic beverage licensing. Subject to local acceptance, this new provision allows a local licensing authority to approve the conversion of an on-premises license to sell wine and malt beverages only to an on-premises license to sell alcoholic beverages, even if the municipality does not have any all-alcoholic beverages licenses available. This is a significant change in local licensing procedures allowing

the conversion to be accomplished without action of the General Court and regardless of whether such license available under an otherwise applicable quota.

Article 10: The motion passed on the accessory dwelling unities (ADU) update. This comes after the Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning Bylaw passed in the Annual Town Meeting in May 2025, the new table needs to reflect the updated changes.

Article 11: The motion passed by more than two-thirds on the zoning bylaw reference changes from "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board". Following the approval at the Annual Town Meeting 2025 to update the Town's General Bylaws, the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw aims to ensure consistency across all Town documents. This update will align the language in the Zoning Bylaw with the terminology now used in the General Bylaws.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Jack Frost has come and gone; time to review

Usually we have a few nights that teeter around the freezing mark each fall, giving us an advanced warning of sorts, before a real deal killer frost strikes. Not so this year.

I tuned into the weather last Tuesday night and to my shock, we were expecting temperatures to dip into the mid to high 20s Thursday night into Friday morning! That meant going into extreme harvest mode to get everything indoors that needed to be and trying to cover what I couldn't get to.

I was trying to hold off on harvesting my Butternut winter squash, hoping for the green tinges of the skin to fade to a warm buff color, but by the time Wednesday rolled around I had to give in and pick them. I think they are mostly ripe.

I grew three total hills this year, two of a variety Mom had saved the seeds of and one of a highly touted, powdery mildew resistant F1 hybrid by the name of "Little Dipper." I was lured in by the catalog description that promised seven plus fruits per plant.

From my two plants in that one hill, I harvested 15. Pretty good, I'll say! They range in weight from just about a pound and a half to over five pounds, with most around the 3.5 pound mark.

I already cut into one, and roasted it. Not being used to such a dry texture, I added a little water when I whipped it up and it was flavorful enough. And true to its description in the Fedco catalog (fedcoseeds.com) it was indeed powdery mildew resistant.

The leaves were incredibly green and still pumping out flowers until they were struck by frost. Will I grow it again? Yes.

One mention: the seeds took forever to germinate. I start mine indoors in early May. They were easily a week or 10 days behind the open pollinated squash and pumpkins I germinated indoors.

Another squash that was new to my garden this year was an Acorn squash by the name of "Festival" from Renee's Garden (renewsgarden.com). I typically don't veer from growing butternuts due

to a heavy load of squash vine borers on all other species, but the seed packet was so pretty that I succumbed to an "impulse buy."

I figured I could grow them to eat, and also use them for autumn decorations. The cream-colored squash are splashed with orange, yellow and/or green and reportedly will keep up to three months.

From four plants I harvested 21 squash; not too shabby for vines that are semi bush. I tried two plants in one of my raised beds as an experiment, and they did great there, as did the two in the main garden.

I cut one in half, removed the seeds and roasted it cut side down until fork tender. To me, acorns are on the blah side but all that changes with the addition of some maple syrup.

As far as the vine borers go, the plants were early to bear and quick to ripen. By the time the borers discovered them most fruits were curing right on the plants. I'll definitely be growing them again.

Mouse Melon, also known as Cucamelon was a newbie as well, and one that I was not sad to see go when the frost hit. I sowed the seeds indoors and planted the transplants along one side of an A-frame trellis. By August I had the cutest mini-watermelons, think the size that would be perfect Barbie Doll food!

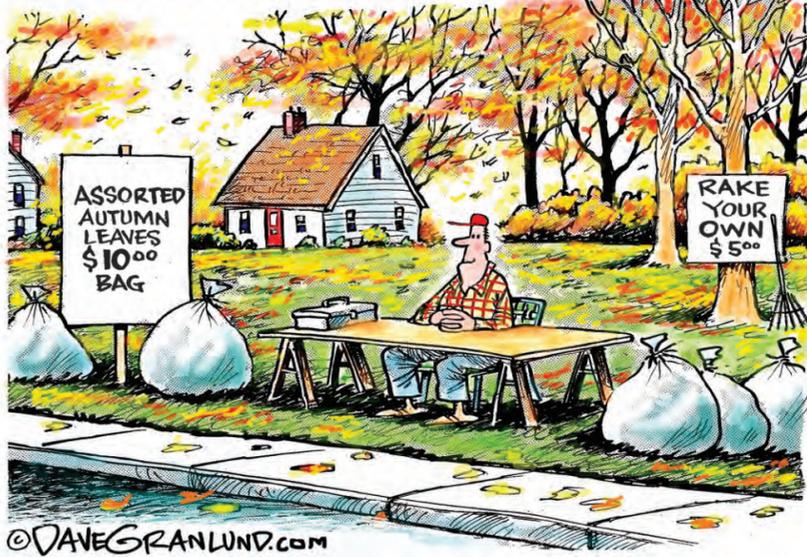
My appreciation for this trial ended with its cuteness, however. To me it tasted like a bitter cucumber, with a little bit of a kick to it. Not a fan.

I did enter them in the Ware Grange fair, however, and won first place in the "any other" category!

Stay tuned next week for more reviews and also what strategies worked and what didn't!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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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GUEST COLUMN

A different kind of concierge medicine

The rise of concierge medicine shows no signs of slowing down. Frustrated with long wait times for appointments, waiting room delays and only brief conversations with their doctor, those who can afford it are shelling out hundreds of dollars each month for faster care and attention, 24-hour access and personalized health programs.

It's understandable that, in our fractured health-care system, people would start looking for alternatives. There are some drawbacks to concierge care, however.

Many don't accept insurance, in order to keep their own costs low. You will still need to pay for insurance in case a serious illness or injury requires hospitalization or a specialist. And not all concierge docs have hospital privileges, which may complicate care coordination – especially important for someone with multiple chronic illnesses.

It's that coordination, or "wraparound care," that sets private patient advocates apart from concierge doctors. Both offer concierge-style service, but a patient advocate goes above and beyond. When you pay for a patient advocate, you can expect them to be there when you need them, anticipate your needs, cut through red tape and run interference with hospitals and insurance companies.

Here are some scenarios where I think the concierge services of a nurse patient advocate may exceed those of concierge doctors.

When an aging loved one is on their own: Very often, patient advocates are hired by family members trying to care for an elder who lives far away and may not have family close by. We are their boots on the ground, their eyes and ears, and their go-between



with the medical professions caring for their loved one.

When you feel the hospital medical staff isn't hearing you: It's not uncommon for patients and patients' families to feel like their concerns are being overlooked or, worse, dismissed. A medically trained patient advocate speaks the language and can build bridges, mediate conflict and dial back the drama.

When your insurance claim is denied: Insurance documents can be wildly confusing. It helps to have someone on your side who can read through the mumbo-jumbo and explain whether an appeal may be successful. A patient advocate can also help prepare an appeal.

When a "simple" medical procedure turns into a nightmare: One of my clients was a 75-year-old gentleman who developed complications after a procedure. Unfortunately, the hospital and his physicians didn't meet the standard of care, leading him to have a stroke, internal bleeding, dehydration and a host of problems. He became delusional after days in the hospital and was given antipsychotic drugs. I was able to intervene with the care team, and his condition improved.

When a patient isn't ready for discharge: Hospitals very often want to get chronically ill patients out of their beds and into a nursing facility. Sometimes this is the right thing to do, but sometimes it isn't. A nurse patient advocate can evaluate a patient

and work with the care team to make sure it's the proper course, and then help with the transition.

When a college student with a medical condition is away from home: It's unlikely that the typical 18- or 19-year-old has the maturity to advocate for themselves in a medical crisis. Parents may not be there to give their student the personal attention they may need to understand their treatment, speak with medical staff and schedule tests and appointments. A patient advocate in the student's location can help.

When there's no one to go with you to a doctor appointment: Doctor appointments these days can feel rushed, and often patients are confused about what they're supposed to do next, what medications are changing and what prescriptions need to be filled. Anyone can accompany you to an appointment to take notes, but if you're on your own, a patient advocate can explain the details.

The most important aspect of a patient advocate's "concierge service" is that they work for the patient, their client – not the hospital, not the insurance company. If you need help, find a board-certified patient advocate in your area by visiting Greater National Advocates (gnanow.org) or the National Association of Healthcare Advocacy (nahac.com).

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

GUEST COLUMN

Should I take Social Security now or at age 70?

Dear Rusty:
I was born in April 1958 and my plan has been to take my Social Security at age 70.

However, my sister-in-law says that it is smarter to take it now while I am still working. I will be 70 in 2.5 years. Her husband collects his SS and has kept working. She believes their strategy will net more money than mine due to the fact he has continued to pay into the system and she believes it has super boosted his monthly benefit. What say you? BTW, Lord willing and the creek don't rise I plan on living at least till 87.

Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning:
You have already reached your SS Full Retirement Age,



months plus you'll also get all COLA increases which occur between now and then. So your life expectancy is key.

It usually takes about 12 years to break even money wise by claiming at age 70 vs. at FRA. In other words, if you claim at 70 instead of FRA, you'll have received the same amount of SS money after you are 82. Thus, if your life expectancy is greater than age 82, you'll get more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until 70 to claim. Of course, no one really knows how long they will live, so it is a judgement you need to make. "Average"

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Thank you for the coverage

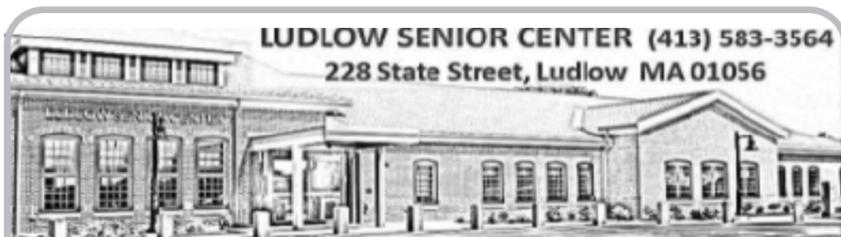
To the editor,
Thank you to Amanda Munson for reaching out to me requesting an interview regarding my talk at the library on spiritual communication on Sept. 25th and for her article that followed. I appreciated the presence of those who attended and asked thoughtful questions as well as the discussion that ensued. As a lifelong Christian with deep faith I am humbled to have received this spiritual gift. There was no need for the

group of "soul savers" who gathered on the lawn of the library holding a banner, chanting and praying for me and the attendees. It would behoove them to pray for their own souls and not be concerned with mine. To those who have quoted Bible verses I would like to add: Matthew 7:1. After 30 years I am fully secure in my truth and confident that I will remain safe on the guided path of my spiritual journey.

Jacqueline Engel
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LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Fall is in the air, and just like the leaves, our calendar is full of color and variety! Gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, just call 413-583-3564 a day in advance to reserve your spot (Call Friday for Monday lunch).

Don't miss out on what's happening. Pick up our monthly Newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered straight to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what a Senior Center has to offer at ludlow.ma.us/coal/. And for the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow cooler and the season turns cozy, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company with you at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

WEAR PINK DAY!

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. SENIOR STRONG CELEBRATION 2.0
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Guidance by Li
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, October 20

9 a.m. Knitting
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp
10:30 a.m. Rep Saunders visit
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencils (AC)
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, October 21

9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
10:30 a.m. Apples in the Café!

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1 p.m. Western Dance Class
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick-up
1:30 p.m. Bingo
2:30 p.m. Computer Help
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
5 p.m. Movie: *The Pick Up*

Wednesday, October 22

8 a.m. Garden Club
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10 a.m. Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*
1 p.m. Movie: *The Pick Up*
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Thursday, October 23

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga
*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

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

Menu:

Thursday, October 16: Birthday Lunch/Salisbury Steak/Pot/Veggies
Friday, October 17: Stuffed Sausage/Onions, Peppers/Pasta Salad
Monday, October 20: Eggplant Parm/Pasta/Roll
Tuesday, October 21: Seafood Salad Croissant/Lettuce, Tomato/Chips
Wednesday, October 22: Chicken Piccata/Noodles/Veggies
Thursday, October 23: Ham & Broccoli Casserole/Salad
Friday, October 24: Loaded Pulled Pork Tater Tots/3 Bean Salad
Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Knights sponsor Benefit Dinner to support Community Survival Center

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

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

ed by the anticipated federal cuts in SNAP and the less successful Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive by the National Association Letter Carriers. "Our shelves are very bare" according to Turcotte, "and with the holidays fast approaching we are asking for assistance to help us support those in need."

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

Wilbraham and will feature a delicious homemade chicken parm Italian dinner complete with pasta, salad, bread, coffee and cannolis. The event will include numerous raffles and musical entertainment with sing-a-longs. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting George Reich at ticketkoc10195@gmail.com or may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Sept. 27.

Evangel Assembly to hold Open Door Open Mic Night on Nov. 8

WILBRAHAM—Evangel Assembly is excited to announce our Open Door Open Mic Night, a vibrant community event taking place on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Evangel Assembly, located at 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham in the East Wing.

This event is open to all, inviting guests to enjoy a night of diverse performances or take the stage themselves for a 5-minute performance of their choice. Whether you're a singer, poet, comedian, or storyteller, this is your chance to shine!

Open Mic participants can

sign up to perform by visiting <https://evangelassembly.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054840>.

Spectators are welcome to come, relax, and enjoy an evening of local talent and entertainment in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. "We're thrilled to open our doors to the community for a night of creativity and connection," said Steve Devereaux, the Open Mic Organizer at Evangel Assembly.

"This event is all about celebrating the diverse talents of our neighbors and fostering a sense of togetherness." Join us for an unforget-

table evening filled with laughter, music, and inspiration.

Admission is free, there will be coffee and treats for donations, and all are welcome. For more information or to register for a performance slot, visit <https://evangelassembly.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054840>.

About Evangel Assembly

Evangel Assembly is a vibrant community church in Wilbraham, MA, dedicated to fostering connection, creativity, and faith. We are committed to serving our community through events and programs that inspire and uplift.

Vendors Wanted for Christmas Craft Fair

FISKDALE—St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish and Shrine will host its 1st Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Center, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale. Local artisans, makers, and crafters are invited to reserve vendor spaces, which include tables and chairs. The event will

feature crafts, jewelry, home décor, food, and more. Applications are available at <https://stannestpatrickparish.com/>.

"The Christmas Craft Fair is about more than shopping—it's about gathering as neighbors to share joy, creativity, and community as we prepare for the Christmas season," said Fr. Salvator

Musande. "We encourage all members of the community to join in these meaningful opportunities for prayer, healing, and celebration."

For more information about these opportunities and St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish and Shrine, please visit: <https://stannestpatrickparish.com/>

Holiday Craft Fair to be held on Nov. 8

THREE RIVERS—The Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is sponsored by the SS

Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality of Divine Mercy Parish located at 2267 Main Street in Three Rivers. Come see what makes us special.

Beautiful craft items by talented local artists. Refreshments and lunch available for purchase. Free parking and admission.

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Lusitano Red's season ends in semifinals



Connor Policarpio shuffles the ball away.



Ian Belles heads up the field.

WILBRAHAM – The Lusitano Red Adult Men's soccer team defeated CF Arbor in the quarterfinals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League playoffs. The defeated Arbor 2-0. But their season came to an end in the semifinals, held at the end of July to Villa FC 6-2 at Minnechaug Regional High School. Lusitano went 6-3-1 on the season and tied for fifth place. They received the No. 7 seed through the tiebreaker process.



Joe Albano looks to clear the ball away.



Andrew Hibbert sends a pass away.

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Submitted photo

The JLS U14 Champion Ludlow Millers. Pictured are: Head coach Brian Steigmeyer and assistant coaches David Ribeiro, Jody Toomey, Jeremy Hartbarger, and Tony Stevenson, along with players Cayden Burns, Nick Del Negro, Joey Toomey, Kellan Steigmeyer, Parker Stevenson, Mason Bartolucci, Rhett Ribeiro, Jake Tatro, Mason Shute, Jovani Acevedo, Mason Hartbarger, Jacoby Voyik, Xzevio Rivera, Blake Stevenson, and bat boy Caden Hartbarger.

Millers take second straight JLS title

LUDLOW – Ludlow Baseball's U14 JLS Team defeated the Western MA Invaders to win their second championship this past Saturday, July 12, at School Street Park in Agawam. The Ludlow Millers held the previously undefeated Western MA Invaders to three runs scored in the third inning, with the final score being 10-3 after seven innings.

During the regular season, the Ludlow Millers had a record of 8-4-1 which placed them at the third seed during the playoffs. Their journey to the championship

game began on Monday, July 7, where they defeated NxtLvl Beast 8-6 to move on to the semi-finals game. The Ludlow Millers then went on to beat the second seed, West Side Wildcats, 9-7, punching their ticket to the U14 JLS championship game.

The Ludlow Millers coaching staff consists of head coach Brian Steigmeyer and assistant coaches David Ribeiro, Jody Toomey, Tony Stevenson, and Jeremy Hartbarger.

"The future of Ludlow Baseball is bright with the success of our U14 JLS team over the past two years, and

the strength of our younger teams," said Ribeiro.

The Ludlow Baseball Association would like to thank all of the parents, families, friends, and fans who rallied behind our athletes during the 2025 season. The association would also like to thank everyone who supported the players, especially the coaches, volunteers, and parents who made this season possible.

To learn more about Ludlow Baseball and how to get involved, visit ludlow-baseball.org or follow us on Facebook at Ludlow Baseball Association.

Lions great season comes to end

WILBRAHAM – In the opening round of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League playoffs, Ludlow 7-8 boys was defeated by the Palme Blue Devils 29-27. Palmer was only one of two teams to beat Ludlow this season. The Lions went 8-2 in the regular season.



Zach Jedrzyk takes the long jump shot.



Chris Pitsinger takes the foul shot.



Nick Del Negro goes for the layup.



Peter Szewczyk takes a shot.

HoopHall announces enshrinement presenters

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced the list of Hall of Famers who will present the Class of 2025 at the Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." Over 50 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony.

Each member of the Class of 2025 was asked to select previously inducted Hall of Famers to serve as their presenter. The decision is made solely by the incoming Hall of Famers or, in the case of posthumous honorees, by

their family.

The 2008 USA Men's National Team will be presented by members of the team who have been previously inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters:

Carmelo Anthony - Allen Iverson (Class of 2016), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Micky Arison - Alonzo Mourning ('14), Pat Riley ('08), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Sue Bird - Geno Auriemma ('06), Swin Cash ('22)

Danny Crawford - Tim Hardaway ('22), Isiah Thomas ('00)

Billy Donovan - Maurice

Cheeks ('18), Rick Pitino ('13)

Sylvia Fowles - Katie Smith ('18), Lindsay Whalen ('22)

Dwight Howard - Patrick Ewing ('08), Robert Parish ('03), Dennis Rodman ('11), Dominique Wilkins ('06)

Maya Moore - Seimone Augustus ('24), Geno Auriemma ('06), Swin Cash ('22), Tamika Catchings ('20), Lindsay Whalen ('22)

2008 USA Men's National Team - Jim Boeheim ('05), Chris Bosh ('21), Jerry Colangelo ('04), Jason Kidd ('18), Mike Krzyzewski ('01), Dwyane Wade ('23)



Mason Shute drives toward the hoop.



Jett Whitney tries shoot over an opponent.

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Kendall wins Mini 40, Leary tops Mods, Saturday at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Defending track 604 Modified champion Tyler Leary wired the night's main event Saturday, blasting to his second win of the summer on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway.

On the same card, Julia Kendall, she of the famed Bernardston, Mass. Raymond racing family, roared to victory in a special 40-lap Mini Stock feature. Points leader Dylan Zullo won a thriller in the Super Streets, four-holer ace Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Pure Stocks, and 15-year-old Hunter Duquette won his fifth Young Guns event of the summer.

The New England Dwarf Car Series was in town, and Andrew Harmon had a huge night, dominating both ends of a 25-lap twinbill to earn two victory laps around the high banks, but also picking up a cool \$250 SERVRO bonus for sweeping the feature event pair.

Leary and Joey Jarvis sat up front as the Allstates Materials Group 604 Modifieds went into battle. Leary, whose earlier victory was scored on July 5, would never look back.

Veteran ace Todd Patnode, of Swanze, who'd won a week earlier, blasted into second on lap nine and would then run the rest of the race in Leary's shadow, settling for his second strong outing in as many weeks as he tries to claw his way to the top of the 2025 leaderboard.

The best battle in this one was for third. Back from a pit side engine change a week earlier, Trevor Bleau was up to third early but soon had divisional points leader draped all over him. Robie, though, frantically trying high and low, could never find a path to the three spot, as Bleau joined Leary and Patnode in

trophy row.

It is said that a full moon over a race track spells pure chaos. If that's true, what do you get with a half moon on a clear August night? On this one, you got three ultra-focused Twin State Truck Services Super Streets frantically dicing through a wall of noncooperative lapped cars, with a large crowd at the edge of its seats from green to checkers.

JD Stockwell got to the front first, with his buddy Zach Zilinski riding in his shadow. Top points man Dylan Zullo was quickly up to second and closing fast, and the sea of lappers was getting closer and closer.

Zilinski took the top spot in heavy traffic on lap eight, bringing Zullo with him. On lap 16, it was Zullo to the point, Stockwell following forward and looking for a path to the lead. But the final 14 laps would belong to Zullo, as the potent trio made its way to victory lane. Zullo hit the stripe four lengths quicker than Stockwell, with Zilinski in tow too, Wesley Stedt fourth. Hillary Renaud rounded the top five.

Hot shoe Louie Maher led early in the Fabian Fudels Mini Stock 40-lap main event, pulling away easily. Julia Kendall, blasting from row four, was up to second on lap six but still way behind Maher.

A lap-19 caution, though, brought both Kendall and high-flying John Fultz to Maher's bumper, with the trio then racing under a blanket until Fultz took the top spot on lap 28. Kendall wasn't done though, rocketing into the lead on lap 32 and then soaring off to win by a comfortable eight lengths, Tim Paquette impressed with a season-best third, just ahead of Cameron Sontag and Maher.

Kyle Begos led early in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature. Four-holer super star Gordon Farnum - he of the double-digit-victory Mini Stock champ seasons - was on a mission though. Dirt tracking most of the way a week ago, Farnum had the Patnode ride dialed in perfectly Saturday. Taking charge on lap 13, Farnum sailed off to his first win of the season, five lengths ahead of Dominick Stafford, who rocketed from scratch on the starting grid after struggling woefully in his earlier heat race. Pure Stock points leader Kyle Kenny, victorious the night before at Claremont, finished at Stafford's bumper in third. In a post race inspection, fifth place finisher, Jimmy Zellman was penalized for a camber rule infraction.

Doug's Auto Body Young Gun top gun Hunter Duquette took the lead from Ella Grabowski on lap three of the youth division feature and dashed off to his fifth win of the summer. Maya Bell was strong in second, and Grabowski came home third.

Andrew Harmon twice took the lead on lap three in the two New England Dwarf Car 25-lap features, and each time he rocketed off into a different time zone to win easily and pocket the \$250 SERVPRO bonus cash.

Top Dwarf Car points man Tom Harwood sent a scare through the stands during qualifying, when contact with another car launched him into a violent up-and-over multiple flip in turn one. Uninjured, he returned for the features aboard a loner but finished out of the money. Cody Hodgdon was second in each of the 25-lappers, and Chris Sullivan third.

What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

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

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 11:00 a.m. Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

FOR ADULTS

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

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

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

FOR TEENS

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, October 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. For ages 14 -18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. This month's book, *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco, is available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Melted Crayon Pumpkin Decorating for YAs, Tuesday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. For middle and high school age. Melted crayons and white pumpkins donated by Randall's Farm make a unique, no-carving variation on pumpkin decorating. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Youth Chess Club, every other Mon-

day, October 20, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. All experience levels welcome; some instruction provided. Bring your chess set if you have one. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, October 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday, October 23, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Ages 9-13. Discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month's graphic novel is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award (MCBA) Book Group, monthly, Thursday, November 6, 6:00 - 6:45pm. For 4th to 6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet to play games, discuss the books, which to vote for, and eat snacks. Celebrate at the last meeting in April with an ice cream party sponsored by the Friends of the Library, where we'll cast our votes and pose for photos for the newspaper! Please register.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. For grades 3-8. Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. Please register.

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

FOR CHILDREN

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

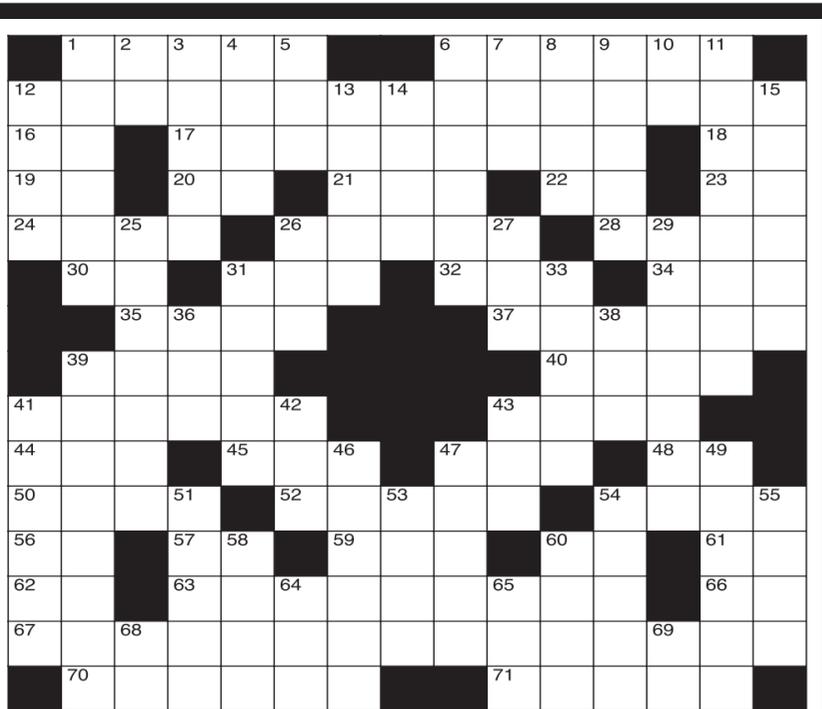
Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 2-5, Thursdays, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Targeted for children 2-5. See description above. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Storytime Series for 3-5 year olds, Mondays, through November 17, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and games about firefighters, teachers, doctors, and other community helpers, with a craft and snack at the end. Tailored for 3-5 year olds. Please register.

Storytime Series for 2-3 year olds, Wednesdays, through November 12, 10 a.m. See description above; tailored for 2-3 year olds, with a free play period at the beginning with a craft and snack at the end. Please register.

Homeschool Storytime: "True Tales", Wednesdays, through November 12, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. For ages 5 and up. A fun, gently educational storytime that uses non-fiction picture books to share inspiring stories about real people and historical events.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Martial arts in China
6. The butt of jokes
12. Nevertheless
16. Sportscaster Michaels
17. A firm believer
18. Atomic #18
19. One's bestie
20. Of I
21. Hamburger accessory
22. Thus
23. Partner to Pa
24. Scottish tax
26. Cuts away
28. Require
30. Government lawyer
31. Own (Scottish)
32. Body cavity
34. Brew
35. Young woman (French)
37. Platforms
39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly

CLUES DOWN

1. Ate quickly
41. Aviators
43. Make perfect
44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
45. Neither
47. The center of a city
48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
50. Singer Redding
52. Dragged forcibly
54. Puncture with a knife
56. Belonging to me
57. Expresses surprise
59. Haul
60. The Golden State
61. Biblical Sumerian city
62. Integrated circuit
63. Opposed to certain principles
66. Sodium
67. Qualities
70. Walk
71. It awaits us all

CLUES ACROSS

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater
3. Moves through water
4. Run away from
5. Utah resident
6. Natural objects
7. Children's game
8. Obligation to prove
9. Ancient Greek building for performances
10. Soldier
11. Decorated
12. Catches
13. Russell __, author
14. Speak indistinctly
15. Students get them
25. Japanese warrior
26. Dessert
27. Doleful
29. Most cushy
31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

CLUES DOWN

36. Something fugitives are "on"
38. 007's creator
39. Paintings on hinged panels
41. Type of bomb
42. Japanese classical theater
43. U.S. gov't department
46. Flightless bird
47. One who cuts wood or stone
49. Buttock and thigh together
51. A way to gather
53. Body part
54. Argentinian city
55. Undergarments
58. Jai __, sport
60. Container for shipping
64. Type of screen
65. Get free of
68. Indicates position
69. Business department

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OBITUARIES

Douglas "Doug" Jaciow 1950-2025

Douglas Jaciow, 75, of adventurous spirit and infectious joy, passed away, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, innovation, and boundless enthusiasm for life's grandest experiences.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Lin (Boulrice) Jaciow; his son, Brent; and his sisters, Carol and Tina, all of whom were blessed by his irrepressible zest for living and his unique ability to transform any ordinary moment into something memorable.

A man who believed life was meant to be lived boldly, Doug was equally at home on the rugged trails of the Appalachian Mountains as he was carving down the majestic slopes of the European Alps.

For over 40 years, he dedicated himself to the Pan Mass Challenge as a rider and volunteer, conquering the 200-mile bike ride across Massachusetts in support of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; a cause close to his heart and a testament to his enduring commitment to making a difference.

His love for adventure was matched only by his commitment to bringing joy to those around him. Whether arriving at a gath-

ering in outrageous hats or colorful tights that would make others think twice, Doug never missed an opportunity to spark laughter and lift spirits. He was, quite simply, the life of every party he graced.

Behind his playful exterior lay a man of remarkable discipline and achievement. A black belt in Judo, Doug embodied the balance of strength and grace, always approaching challenges with focus and determination. This same precision defined his professional life, where he became a pioneering leader in laboratory services, instrumental in introducing robotics to the field and forever changing the landscape of diagnostic medicine.

Yet for all his accomplishments, Doug's greatest gift was his presence—the way he made everyone feel welcome, valued, and alive. He could be found with his signature Diet Coke, always accompanied by a full glass of ice (the only proper way, in his view), or occasionally raising a rum and Coke in celebration of life's

simple pleasures.

Doug Jaciow was a man who wore wild hats and lived an even wilder life in the very best sense. He climbed mountains, conquered slopes, and elevated everyone he met. His smile was a constant, his spirit indomitable, and his impact immeasurable.



In a world that often takes itself too seriously, Doug reminded us all to embrace adventure, to dress with abandon, to laugh without reservation, and to live with heart wide open. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered as someone who truly knew how to live.

Funeral services for Doug will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 12 p.m. with Monsignor Homer Goselin presiding.

In lieu of flowers, Donations can be made to the Pan Mass Challenge, the Jimmy Fund <https://donate.pmc.org/>

Gerald R. "Gerry" Young

LUDLOW— Gerald R. "Gerry" Young, 75, passed away October 3, 2025 at his home. He was born on January 23, 1950 in Springfield, MA, to the late Dwight and Marie (Flanagan) Young, and graduated Ludlow High School in 1968. Shortly after graduating high school, Gerry served in the US Navy. Following his honorable discharge, he began a long-time career as a truck driver driving for both H.P. Hood and Cardinal.



Gerry was an avid golfer and appreciated being in the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening alongside his late wife, Robin.

Besides his parents, Gerry was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Young in 1955 and Dwight Young in 2017. In 2014, Gerry was preceded in death by the love of his life, Robin (Stone) Young.

He is survived by his siblings, David Young of Auburn, and Kathleen Pease and husband Roy of Ludlow. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Services will be held privately. For those wishing, donations in Gerry's name can be made to Susan G. Komen by visiting komen.org.

DEATH NOTICES

Douglas Jaciow
Services
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Services
Oct. 15, 2025
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Robin L. (Gover) Sessoms
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Town of Wilbraham Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 8

WILBRAHAM – The town of Wilbraham will hold their annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 6.

This event is open to all Wilbraham Veterans or Surviving Spouses and one guest.

When: Thursday, Novem-

ber 6th at 8 a.m.

Where: Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street
Breakfast is Sponsored by the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club.

Please register by Nov. 3. Call (413)596-8379.

João Silva Marques 1951-2025

João Silva Marques, 74 of Ludlow, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Lamegal, Penalva do Castelo, Portugal, he was the son of the late Antonio Marques and Maria Balbina da Silva, he spent many years in construction, working for F+J Construction, Alves Construction and most recently Ludlow Construction from where he retired. He enjoyed gardening and most of all spending time with his granddaughter Scarlett. João was the beloved husband of nearly 50 years to Grace Marques. A loving father to Daniel Marques and wife

Kristi Marques and beloved grandfather to his menina linda Scarlett Marques. A dear brother to Fernando Marques and wife Aida and the late Jose Marques. He leaves behind sister-in-law Aurora Marques of Portugal and also leaves brother-in-law Manuel A. Rodrigues of Portugal, Jay and Irene Kane of Ludlow and Jon and Lori Cummings of Florida as well as his god children and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services for João will be held



on Wednesday, Oct.15 from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visitation is in the morning from 9 to 10:15 a.m., with a Liturgy of Christian Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Our Lady of Fatima Church, 438 Windsor Street Ludlow or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org. For additional information, please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

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Education

Meghan Dumas named to Goodwin University's Dean's List

EAST HARTFORD, CT —Meghan Dumas has earned a spot on Goodwin University's Dean's List for the summer 2025 semester.

Meghan, a student from Indian Orchard, is one of 408 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for

those who demonstrate exemplary academic performance. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session.

The student must also be

enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University congratulates Meghan on making the Dean's List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

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with a craft or activity at the end. Please register.

Saturday Morning Scooby-Doo Sleepover, October 18th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Rated G. Wear your pjs and bring your stuffie, pillow, & blanket for spooky Scooby-Doo cartoons, including breakfast munchies! Please register.

Read to a Poodle, every other Monday, October 27, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. For beginning readers. Quill the poodle will visit the Youth Room

every other Monday and he is a great listener! Sign up for a 10-15 minute session. Bring your own book, or we can help you pick some out. Quill is a registered Brightspot therapy dog. Please register.

Pumpkin Decorating for Kids, Thursday, October 30, 4:00 p.m. For ages 2-10. Decorate pumpkins donated by Randall's Farm with paints, pom-poms, glitter and more! Please register.

Trick or Treat & Scavenger Hunt, Friday, October 31, all day. All ages. Come to the

Youth Room in costume on Halloween to trick-or-treat, and do a fun scavenger hunt for candy or a prize!

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

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

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

SOCIAL SECURITY

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life expectancy for a man your current age is about age 84, but if you'd like to get a more personalized longevity estimate you can use this tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>

Another thing to keep in mind is whether your wife will get a widow's benefit if you die first. A widow will get the higher of either her own SS retirement benefit or the husband's benefit amount when he died. So, if you claim at age 70, your surviving spouse will benefit if her own SS is smaller because you waited until 70 for your higher SS amount. Just something else to keep in mind.

Yet another is whether your wife will be entitled to a higher benefit as your spouse while you are both living. FYI, a spouse will get a "spousal boost" if her own SS retirement benefit at FRA is less than 50% of her

spouse's FRA entitlement. If so, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit until you take your own SS retirement benefit. If your wife will be entitled to more as your spouse while you are both living, then delaying until age 70 means your wife cannot collect her higher spousal amount until you claim. Depending on your financial needs as a couple, that may affect your decision as well.

When to claim is always a judgement call which should consider your life expectancy, your financial needs and your marital status. If you don't need the SS money now while you are working and believe you will, indeed, live "at least till 87," then waiting would likely be your best long-term decision. If you have doubts about your life expectancy, and/or if your wife will substantially benefit from a "spousal boost" if you claim earlier, then claiming now would also be a wise choice.

Finally, it's also important to understand that your SS benefits may be taxable

by the IRS and, if you are still working, your IRS tax rate will likely be higher now than it would be after you retire from working. Note: The so-called "one big, beautiful bill" provides only temporary tax relief (thru 2028) on SS benefits - the IRS will still tax SS benefits but also allow a separate tax deduction to offset those SS taxes you pay.

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Women entrepreneurs who have helped to shape the world

The business landscape is continually evolving, shaped by the relentless determination and innovative spirit of visionary leaders of industry. Entrepreneurs come in many types, and a significant percentage of trailblazers are women. Women entrepreneurs have built global empires and inspired many young girls and women to follow in their footsteps.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor says one in three high-growth entrepreneurs and nearly two in five export-oriented startups were led by women, according to its latest report of women's progress in entrepreneurship over the past 25 years. Forty-two percent of all American firms are women-owned businesses, according to Ecommerce-tips.org. In many regions, women are driving forces behind new business creation. Here's a deeper look at some of the women entrepreneurs that have made their mark.

• **Oprah Winfrey:** It wouldn't be a complete list of women entrepreneurs without Oprah Winfrey. Despite a challenging childhood, Winfrey built a multimedia empire from the ground up, becoming a self-made entrepreneur. From her talk show to the founding of Harpo Productions and the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), Winfrey became the first Black woman to achieve billionaire status.

• **Melanie Perkins:** Perkins is the co-founder of the popular graphic design platform Canva. At around age 19, Perkins had the idea to make graphic design accessible to everyone, even those without many design skills. She persevered despite facing numerous rejections from investors. Now Canva is a multi-billion dollar global success story.

• **Whitney Wolfe Herd:** Online dating has helped pair many successful couples. Many have Herd to thank, as she is the CEO of the dating app Bumble. The concept of the app is unique from other platforms, as it requires women to make the first move, a concept that has helped empower women. At 31, Herd became the youngest woman to take a

U.S. company public.

• **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:** Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, and the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited. These are biotechnology companies based in Bangalore, India. Shaw is known for being India's first woman entrepreneur and the country's richest self-made woman.

• **Arianna Huffington:** Huffington is a digital journalism pioneer. She is the co-founder of The Huffington Post and founder and CEO of Thrive Global, a wellness and health platform.

This is just a short list of the many women entrepreneurs that have helped shape the world.



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Brianna started as a bather dryer apprentice. Paying close attention to a mentor and the ability to pick it up naturally, she quickly



because a solo groomer. Then came the opportunity to take over ownership. One-year later Fluff N Mutt has maintained regular happy clients and a full schedule. We continue to learn in the evolving industry, like by recently attending seminars from the best groomers in the US. Goals are set to expand the small business and participate in show competitions.

From a young age, Brianna has always been passionate about dogs, horses, and wildlife. She is on track to becoming a certified master groomer and already has a degree in Business. Grooming is the perfect fit because it requires a creative eye, patience, and trust towards the dogs.

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Tips on how to balance work and family life

Constant connectivity due to the bevy of digital devices at one's fingertips continues to blur the lines between individuals' professional and personal lives. For many individuals, the challenge of balancing family and work is a notable challenge.

Rather than a strict split of half of time spent at work and half on family matters, many people are embracing a more fluid concept of work-life integration. But work can encroach on per-

sonal time if professionals are not careful. Nowadays, it is more about creating a rhythm where both aspects of life can thrive. Here are some ways to achieve that.

- **Flexible scheduling:** Rather than the traditional 9 to 5 work schedule, flexible hours can enable employees to work the hours that best suit them. This situation recognizes that often family schedules do not fit a rigid mold, and sometimes workers may need to be home during traditional business

hours. Flexibility enables taking a break to attend a school event, or working later hours to catch up on emails.

- **Setting boundaries:** This is a critical step in finding work-life balance. Remote work, which reached a peak during the COVID-19 pandemic, still is a popular option for many people. Boundaries for remote workers can include creating a dedicated workspace that one "leaves" at the end of the day. Family as well as co-

workers should be aware of working hours so they know an appropriate time to contact an employee. Unplugging from technology during family time also is essential.

- **Prioritize tasks:** It is key to identify top priorities both at work and at home. At work, one can focus on high-impact tasks and learn to delegate lesser tasks whenever possible. At home, the entire family should be involved in assigning and handling age-appropriate chores. Enlisting kids in

home tasks helps teach them valuable life skills and also lessens the load on parents.

- **Support system:** A support system at work and at home can be beneficial. Leaning on a colleague or a partner at home to share responsibilities lessens stress on one person. Connecting with other parents in the area also can facilitate the sharing of ideas, responsibilities and advice.

- **Self-care:** It may seem counterintuitive to take time for oneself when you're al-

ready stretched thin, but self care is vital for those trying to balance work and home life. By scheduling time for activities that help a person recharge, including exercise, meditation, a hobby, or taking a walk, it's possible to maintain mental and physical health. Stress can wreak havoc on the body, and self-care can alleviate that stress.

Individuals are pulled in many directions at home and at work. Luckily there are strategies to help professionals find a middle ground.

How to master successful remote work from home

Remote working might not be as common as it was during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when a significant percentage of working professionals were required to work from home as a safety precaution. A 2025 report from Wow Remote Teams estimated that 22 percent of American workers would spend the year working remotely, while the staffing and recruitment experts at Robert Half anticipated four in 10 workers being afforded some amount of remote work opportunities in 2025.

Those figures might be a far cry from remote work statistics earlier in the decade, but they still indicate that a significant percentage of professionals are spending at least some, if not all, of their workday working from home. Working from home poses some unique challenges that are not necessarily present when commuting to an office each day. A few simple strategies

can help remote workers overcome the unique issues that may arise when working from home.

- **Schedule each day.** A work calendar that includes daily tasks and meetings can help remote workers

stay the course and avoid succumbing to distractions present at home that are not around in a typical office. In addition to listing tasks and meetings, add goals to a daily schedule, which can keep remote workers moti-

vated to continue working during lulls in the workday.

- **Minimize in-office distractions.** Remote workers who spend enough time working from home to merit a separate home office space should do

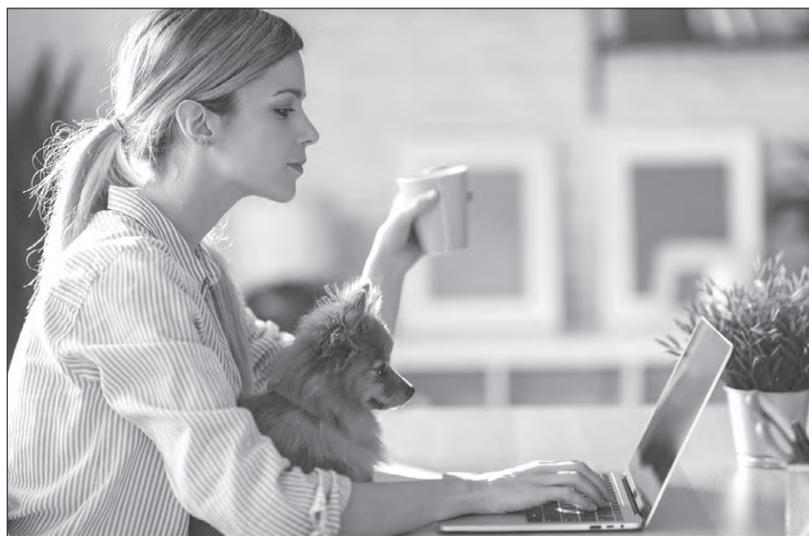
what's necessary to minimize in-office distractions. For instance, a television in a home office can be a needless distraction that remote workers may turn on even when they have a full day's work on their plate. Additional creature comforts also can be nice but distracting. Minimizing such distractions in a home office can ensure remote workers are as productive at home as they were when they commuted to an office each day.

- **Stay in touch.** One of the hurdles companies face when allowing workers to work from home is maintaining open lines of communication between staff members. Remote workers should prioritize communication with colleagues and coworkers even if they no longer see them each day. Identify ways to remain in touch so productivity does not suffer and projects are completed on time and up to par. Utilize communication channels such as

email, messaging apps, text messaging, and Zoom to remain connected with colleagues. Management personnel can consider daily or weekly meetings with necessary personnel to ensure workflow is not suffering and confirm everyone is on the same page with projects and expectations.

- **Remain flexible.** Flexibility is often cited as part of the appeal of remote work, but remote workers must recognize that's a two-way street. If employers and supervisors allow remote workers flex hours and other perks exclusive to working from home, then that flexibility must be reciprocated when the need arises. A willingness to work some late nights or even weekend hours is a good tradeoff for the benefits of working from home.

Remote working remains a fact of life for millions of workers, who can employ various strategies to remain productive when working from home.



A few simple strategies can help remote workers overcome the unique issues that may arise when working from home.

The Dance Studio



The Dance Studio, celebrating over 25 years of dance education, is a large state-of-the-art facility equipped with 2 large dance studios, sprung floors for injury prevention, a large waiting area, viewing windows and TV/WiFi access. All of its instructors are masters of their craft, having professional dance experience and B.F.A.s, Masters & Ph.D.s in dance, education and physical therapy.

Angela Vital-Martowski, artistic director of the studio, has an extensive resume. She has danced with the Boston Ballet, Ballet South, American Repertory Ballet, Albany Berkshire Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet and has auditioned with MTV, Disney and Universal Studios, just to name a few. Currently, she is also on the faculty at Springfield College in the dance department, where she has taught for the past 16 years. Vital-Martowski is a certified Early Childhood educator specializing in movement for preschool and toddlers. She opened the studio to serve a need for quality dance education for recreational through preprofessional dancers.

As the studio grew, more of the student body became serious dancers. Now in addition to the recreational dance classes, the studio now has a pre-professional program and a competition team. Many of their students have gone on to dance careers and to colleges like Emerson College, UMass Amherst and Lowell, Westfield State, Western New England, Brown and Harvard. The studio's competitive team uses local competitions as performance venues for their students to get more stage time. The studio offers over a dozen styles of dance classes for toddler through adult. The Dance Studio also offers Barre Fitness classes, dance and Pilates to achieve a long lean dancer's body.

In 2021, Vital-Martowski, with asst. director Paige Fortier-Boyle, took the foundations and principles of the studio's mission to expand to a second location and opened the doors of The Dance Studio of Windsor Locks, CT as co-directors.



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Jennifer's background in education makes her the perfect guide for anyone looking to enter the real estate market. Whether you're looking to purchase your first home, build your investment portfolio, or downsize your current home, she takes the time to guarantee that you will understand and be comfortable with every step from start to finish.

As a member of the William Raveis family, Jen is a licensed Realtor in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She is a member of the Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley, Massachusetts Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. She is an active member of the Western Massachusetts Track & Field Officials Association, serving on the Executive Board as the Vice President Executive Board.

Jen takes pride in community involvement through a variety of outlets, sponsoring local events like the Annual Gone But Not Forgotten Golf Tournament, The Jack Rome Memorial 5k, and the Springfield Rifles Rugby Club Robert Mastroianni Memorial Golf Tournament. She also volunteers weekly at the Thomas J O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center.

In her downtime, Jen enjoys running local road races, walking the neighborhood with her dog Ellie, and diving into a good book. Reach out to her today to see how Jen will Go the Extra Mile for You!



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Beyond their roles within the firm, many of PV's women professionals are actively involved in local organizations and causes. Their contributions extend well beyond the office — reflecting the same values of service and commitment that define their work with clients.



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Dr. Ana Serrenho is the owner of POP Orthodontics, located in Post Office Park in Wilbraham. Dr. Ana is a Wilbraham resident and grew up in Ludlow. She completed her dental training and orthodontic residency at Boston University. In addition to her private practice, she is a faculty member at NYU Langone, where she teaches pediatric dental residents. She has been recognized by the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Massachusetts Association of Orthodontists.

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UPCOMING

Oct. 24

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

Nov. 8

St. Nicholas Craft Fair at Christ the King Parish, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow on Nov. 8, 2025. We have many talented crafters along with Gift Raffles and of course 50/50 Raffle. This year we will be offering a new menu. Please come and join us.

Nov. 15

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

Approximately 40 vendors will sell stained glass, primitive decor, Avon, and

Hockey Association items - to name a few. Great way to start your Christmas shopping.

ONGOING

VOLLEYBALL at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays.

Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

FOOD DRIVE BI-MONTHLY On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need. Bring all food items to drop off at our next Food Drive on June 7, 2025.

CRAFTERS WANTED for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and raffle on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an 8-ft.

table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658. Light refreshment will be available.

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FREE CLOTHING. Every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

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

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

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family

members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

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

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

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

OCTOBER 18

Ludlow High Class of 1980 Reunion. Saturday, Oct. 18 from noon - 4:30 p.m. at Vanished Valley, 782 Center St., Ludlow. Tickets are \$40 per person. Deadline is Oct. 8. For tickets email: 01056classof1980@gmail.com More information on Facebook page: Ludlow High School, Class of 1980.

OCTOBER 20

Meat Pies Are Back! St. Elizabeth Parish is taking orders for their famous meat pies that will be available Oct. 20 to Nov. 6 while supplies last. Each individual size pie is \$5. To place an order, call the Rectory, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., 583-3467. No online or voice mail orders will be

Step into the Barking '20s at Second Chance's Cocktails for Tails event on Nov. 8

Roaring '20s-Themed Benefit to Support Pets in Need

SPENCER—Second Chance Animal Services invites the community to join the fun at the 4th Annual Cocktails for Tails on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at the Spencer Country Inn. The evening begins at 4 p.m. with cocktails, raffles, and a silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing at 5:30

p.m. This year's theme, the Barking '20s, celebrates the spirit of the Roaring 20s with a modern twist. Guests are invited to have fun with the theme by dressing in 1920s-inspired fashion such as flapper dresses, pearls, or fedoras, but it is completely optional. The evening will be filled with sparkle, celebration, and a rumored visit from a special four-legged guest. Guests will also enjoy dinner and plenty of

dancing to music from every era, courtesy of a live DJ.

"All the fun of the Roaring 20s will be right here in Spencer, and every ticket purchased helps pets in need," said Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray. "It is an evening filled with great food, music, and celebration, all while supporting Second Chance's mission to provide lifesaving care for pets and the people who love them."

Tickets are available now at www.secondchanceanimals.org/cocktails. Prices are \$65 per person, \$120 per couple, or \$575 for a reserved table of 10.

Second Chance is also welcoming sponsors and donations of raffle and auction items to help make this benefit a success. Proceeds will directly support veterinary care, adoption, community outreach, and programs that keep pets in loving homes.

Wilbraham United Church holds Annual Pumpkin Patch

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham United Church Annual Pumpkin Patch opens Sunday Oct. 5 and they will be selling pumpkins daily through Oct. 31.

Shoppers can pick their perfect pumpkins or decorative gourds Monday through Saturday between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays between Noon to 6 p.m. A wide variety of large and small pumpkins and specialty gourds will be available.

The pumpkins were picked from a Native

American reservation in New Mexico and trucked straight to the church in time for the patch to open. Pumpkins are fresh! This fund raiser benefits both the farmers on the reservation as well as the mission of the church.

Pumpkin sales benefit the missions and programs of the Wilbraham United Church. Cash or Credit Cards will be accepted.

Wilbraham United Church is located at 500 Main Street in Wilbraham.

Legals

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 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Joshua Edward Picard of 23 Adams Street

Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 24) for: online book sales.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 10/08, 10/15/2025

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Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible - 6 PM (FLBH)
Thurs., October 16 - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Fri., October 17 - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Sat., October 18 - Confessions - 2:30 PM (C), Saturday Mass - 4 PM (C)

Sun., October 19 - Daily Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C), Take & Eat - 8 AM (FLBH/K), Confirmation Class - 8 AM (ZR), Faith Formation - 10:15 AM (ER/ZR), Lifeteen - 6 PM (JR)

Mon., October 20 - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Faith Formation - 6 (ZR), Women's Bible Study - 6 (ER)

Tues., October 21 - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 PM (JR), St Rita Choir - 4 PM (C), Pacific Trip Informational Mtg - 6 PM (ER), Pastoral Council - 6:30 PM (FLBH)

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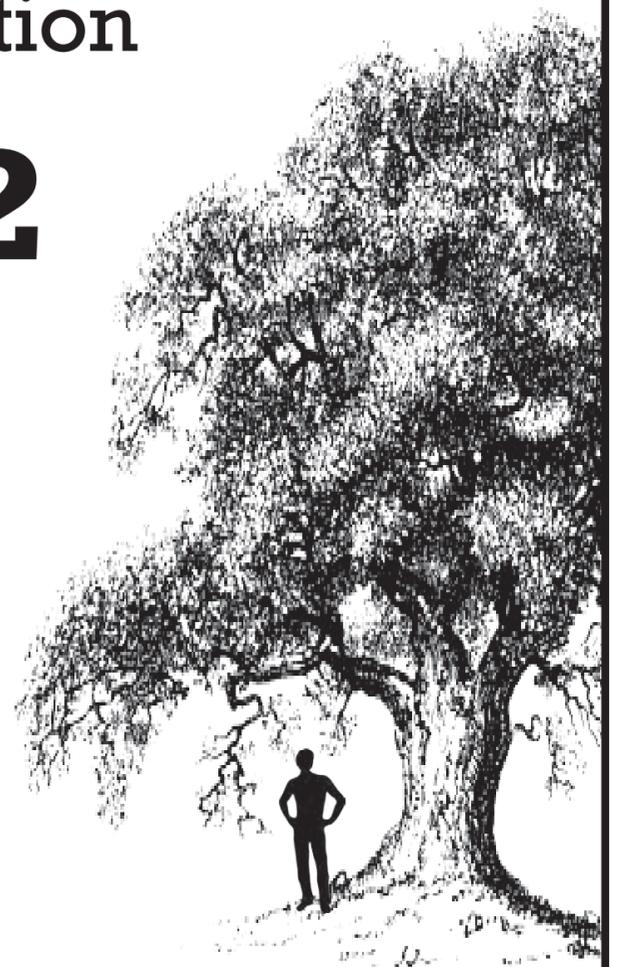
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