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## Police and fire hold Open House to get to know the community

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LUDLOW – Last Sunday, the Safety Complex held its annual Open House, affording police officers and firefighters the opportunity to hold demonstrations and socialize with the community.

Every year, the police and fire Departments hold the Open House to invite the community to see the facilities, check out their new equipment, and provide important information about safety and emergency preparedness.

“We love seeing the children,” said Police Chief Dan Valadas. “It’s very nice to watch the parents come by, and the children light up, and it makes us light up.”

The police department had displays of their cruisers and vehicles, the Special Response Team, the dispatch center, demonstrations by the K-9 unit, the School Resource Officer, the patrol division, and the detective bureau, which provided in-



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to demonstrate how they would pry open a car in the case of an emergency.

formation for internet and fraud prevention.

“We’ve been doing the Open House for many years,” Valadas said. “We consider it a wonderful way to open our police department to the public so that they can see what we do.”

The fire department had displays of their vehicles as well,

a demonstration of the Jaws of Life, an ice and cold water rescue display, information on public health and emergency preparedness, and a visit from Smokey the Bear.

The Department of Health had a table set up to hand out information about preparing an emergency kit for one’s home.

“The Health Department does emergency preparedness,” said Health Director Paulina Matusik. “If anybody has any health-related questions, our nurse Angela [Kramer] is here as well, so we answer ques-

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## Selectmen discuss Veterans Center and Red Ribbon Week

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LUDLOW – At last week’s meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the CARES Coalition and Michael J. Dias Foundation requested access to the Opioid Relief Funds, and the Director of Veteran Affairs provided updates on the Veterans’ Center.

CARES Coalition  
A group of representatives from the CARES Coalition approached the Board of Selectmen, accompanied by members of the Michael J. Dias Foundation. The first order of business was to request access to Opioid Relief Funds that were coming to the town from the state.

“CARES has been on the prevention side of the opioid epidemic as well as other things that put our youth at risk,” said the President of the Coalition Laura Rooney.

“One of the biggest impacts I think a small community like ours could have on this opioid epidemic was just to start the work,” Rooney said. “And that’s what we’ve been doing for the last 12 years.”

Rooney said that the Coalition has been able to raise \$20,000 for next year; she said that members of the organi-

zation “really feel conflicted” about fundraising from individuals, “knowing that the town has received such a substantial amount of money to do basically the work that we do.”

Rooney introduced Karen Carreira, who introduced a Youth Mental Health First Aid program to the CARES Coalition.

Carreira said that Mental Health First Aid is a research and evidence-based program that provides an overview of common mental health struggles, signs and symptoms, and risk factors. She cited 626 deaths by suicide in Massachusetts in 2022, and that this is a three percent increase from the previous year.

“We know that we still have a lot of work to do, that the crisis continues,” Carreira said. “Entities like Ludlow CARES and their prevention-focused work helps to move folks towards wellness. We also know that there is a clear intersection between mental health, substance use and misuse, and suicide.”

Police Chief Dan Valadas also spoke in favor of the CARES Coalition, saying it would be an excellent use of funds to support “a proactive program that helps people in

need of any age.”

“A lot of the monies that are donated are by board members, and then by a lot of other people that come together and give money to make this happen,” Rooney said.

“You guys have been doing this,” said Selectman Tony Goncalves. “It doesn’t make sense to me to try to create a department within town with any of that money.”

Selectman Derek DeBarge said that although he was in favor of giving the CARES Coalition up to 75-80 percent of the funds, it first has to go to Town Meeting.

Rooney said that thanks to the Coalition’s successful fundraising, it can wait for May’s Town Meeting, but that the members wanted to request access to these funds early on.

The Board was in favor of providing the funding to the Coalition, they were unable to make any decisions on it. They did, however, vote to declare Oct. 23-31 Red Ribbon Week, as per the Coalition’s request.

Veterans Center  
The town’s Director of Veterans Affairs Eric Segundo gave updates on the new Veterans’

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## Annual town budget process moving along

By Nick Boonstra  
Correspondent

LUDLOW – The Finance Committee moved forward with its fiscal year 2025 budget process during a recent meeting.

The meeting lasted less than 15 total, and the Finance Committee reported that town department heads have all been provided with preliminary budget guidelines. These will be examined by the department heads and will be due back to the Finance Committee with any anticipated adjustments or requests on Nov. 15.

In Massachusetts towns, annual budget approvals are voted on in town meeting. However, the procedure to prepare the recommended budget on which a town votes begins months in advance and involves collaboration between the departments of the municipal government, especially among the Finance Committee, School Committee, and Board of Selectmen.

In addition to working within its own various departments, the town also receives funds directly from the state for a number of uses. The amounts that the Commonwealth will be providing for

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# LUDLOW

## Halloween decorating contests held at Randall's Farm

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LUDLOW – Last weekend, Randall's Farm held a pumpkin decorating contest, as well as a scarecrow decorating contest the weekend before that.

Karen Randall said that the farm has been holding the pumpkin contest for about twenty years, and their scarecrow contest for longer than that.

"We were in our original building, which is now the creamery," Randall said. "So, we've been doing [the scarecrow contest] for close to 30 years."

Every year, the farm holds the scarecrow decorating contest the weekend after Indigenous Peoples' Day, and the pumpkin decorating contest the week after that.

Last weekend's contest included carved, painted, and decorated pumpkins,

including some unique designs. Participants brought in their entries on Saturday, with the public choosing the winners of the eight categories on Sunday.

"We haven't counted all those ballots yet, but we'll announce the winners by Wednesday," Randall said.

The categories for the pumpkin contest include: Best Overall, Funniest, Scariest, and Most Original, with entries split between an adult and youth division.

"For the scarecrow contest we have some VIP judges," Randall said; the contest was judged by former State Representative Tom Petrolati, the CEO of the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Jen Aldworth, and Chris Pisano, a news anchor for WGGB.

"The scarecrows were amazing," Randall said. "We had princess barbie, and we had Mothman, we had a skeleton made out of wood, and a skeleton Woody, which

was great. We had witches, and clowns, and zombies, and a lot of things with interesting materials. People are very creative."

"There are so many great entries that it's hard to choose," Randall said. "We give out additional prizes for Special Mentions, for people that didn't get the popular vote."

This year, the farm's pumpkin contest received 39 entries, with Randall describing traditionally carved pumpkins, scary ones with ghouls, musical instruments, and a number of Barbie and princess ones, which she said was a popular theme this year.

"We had a pumpkin that was painted on with a picture of 'Elsie's Screamer' for the ice cream store," Randall said. "It was adorable, very unique."

In addition to the contest, the Farm had activities for kids, including a "pumpkin

toss," which is similar to a ring toss where people throw rings at pumpkins, "Chicken Chucking," which involved throwing rubber chickens through a hole, and a corn table with kernel corn in place of a sandbox.

The contest gave out \$3,000 in prizes, with judges traditionally matching the prize with donations to the charity of their choice. This year, Randall said, the charity matches all went to the 250th Celebration Committee.

For people who want to practice for future contests, Randall's Farm holds workshops on the weekends for scarecrow making and pumpkin decorating.

"We provide everything and you make your own scarecrow," Randall said. "You can decorate a pumpkin here, or buy a kit and take it home."

Randall's Farm is located at 631 Center St., and can be reached by phone at 413-589-7071.

## Trunk or Treat to be held on Oct. 27

LUDLOW— A community favorite, the Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club will take place on Friday, Oct. 27.

To begin the evening, neighbors near and far are invited to meet at the Ludlow Town Hall to participate in a costume parade that kicks off at 6 p.m. The Baird Middle School Marching Band will lead the way with this year's Grand Marshall and new Club CEO/President, Josue Irizarry. As always, our friends at the Ludlow Fire Department will follow with the fire engine hot on our heels. The 0.8-mile parade concludes at the Club where Trunk

or Treat and an assortment of games and activities await all who dare to attend.

The Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee joins us this year in bringing monstrous amounts of fun to all, supporting the event through a call to donate 250 bags of candy for the event. That call was answered so don't forget to pick up your candy bag from them at the entrance to the Trunk or Treat lot. Twenty other organizations/groups will be ready to fill those bags with goodies.

Indoors, attendees will find a variety of games and activities, including a monster puppet workshop, pin the eye on the zombie, jack o' lantern basketball, music, pho-

to opportunities, and more. None of our community events could happen without the ongoing support of our partners. This year's festivities are sponsored by Randall's Farm & Greenhouse, the Ludlow Cultural Council, LUSO Federal Credit Union, and the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee.

This event is rain or shine and we ask the public to park in the lots at the Ludlow Town Hall, Ludlow High School, and Baird Middle School. Check the Facebook event page for updates. Director of Programs, Jodie Lambeau, can be reached with any questions at [jlambeau@ludlowbgc.org](mailto:jlambeau@ludlowbgc.org).

## Women's club hosts meeting on Nov. 14

WILBRAHAM – The St. Cecilia Women's Club's November meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. I

t's time to start thinking about holiday shopping and what better way than with So Cool Gifts & Accessories with Ana Capela. Capela will have lots of ideas for gifts and decorations to help make the season bright.



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# Friends of the Library raise funds in collaboration with Vanished Valley

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LUDLOW – The Friends of the Library held a recent fundraiser brunch at Vanished Valley Brewery, where they were able to raise \$300 to support the local library.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support public library programming. The third week of October is National Friends of Public Libraries week, and so the President of the Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, Kelly De Gobbi, set out to hold a brunch at the local brewery.

“I was trying to find other ways to promote the Friends, since we do so much fundraising for the library to help with programming and things, and just trying to find what other friends groups do,” De Gobbi said. “And it popped up there was a national week, so we took advantage of that and planned fundraising opportunities to build off of it.”

De Gobbi said that the brunch was “really well attended,” and that the Friends were able to raise approximately \$300 for library programming.

“It was really easy,” De Gobbi said about organizing the event. “I was trying to set up fundraising opportunities to celebrate National Friends of Public Libraries week, so I had reached out to Vanished Valley to see if they could help with a brunch fundraiser, they were super willing to do that.”

According to De Gobbi, Vanished Valley donated 20 percent of their food sales for the day, from when they opened at 10 a.m. to closing at 2 p.m.

“It was our very first brunch fundraiser,” De Gobbi said. “We did a bit of marketing, and reached out to Vanished Valley. They were super great about accommodating our requests.”

Marketing was done primarily via Facebook and through the library itself, with flyers put up around the Hubbard Memorial Li-

brary. De Gobbi mentioned that there were also fundraisers at Texas Roadhouse and at Uno’s.

“I’m super grateful for Mike Rodrigues and Vanished Valley and to the community for coming out and supporting the Friends,” De Gobbi said. “It directly impacts and benefits the library and that’s always necessary.”

De Gobbi said the funds raised by the brunch will go towards next year’s Summer Reading Program.

“The prizes that come along with that are usually funded by the Friends,” De Gobbi said. “And then we help with staffing for things like the movie nights, and we do additional fundraising like providing food for some of the programs.”

De Gobbi also mentioned that requests have been put through to the Cultural Council for events that would go on at the library.

“Hopefully this brings the library some visibility, so the community will want to get involved more,” De Gobbi said. “We could always use more volunteers.”

## PET OF THE WEEK



**SADIE**

This is June Lombardi’s girl, Sadie. She’s a bagel, which is a basset/beagle mix. Sadie does what June calls “zoomies” around the house when someone new comes over.

## Wilbraham Garden Club hosts meeting on Oct. 30

WILBRAHAM— The Nov. 6 meeting of the Wilbraham Garden Club will take place on Monday Oct. 30, at noon, at St. Cecelia’s Parish Center on Main St. A luncheon of sandwiches and dessert will be served. Please note the change of meeting date is on a Monday.

The speaker for this meeting will be Robin Desrochers who will give a talk on bird watching in Wilbraham. Desrochers will discuss the different birds in our neighborhoods and we will view some beautiful photos. Desrochers will inform us how we can help them survive, as many bird populations are becoming endangered. This is a presentation that will be enjoyed by all!

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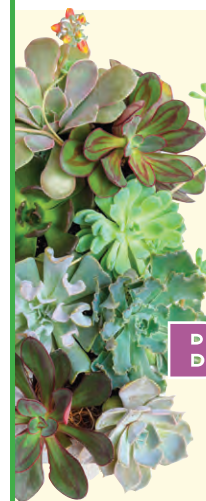
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## Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club to hold Rummage Sale Nov. 3

WILBRAHAM -- The Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club is holding its annual RUMMAGE SALE in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, on Friday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. until noon.

(Saturday is Bag Day!) Gently used clothing for men, women, and children, toys, puzzles, household items, curtains, towels, sheets, and other linens, jewelry, scarves, purses and much more will be sold at very reasonable prices.



## CELEBRATION CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

[Ludlowma250.org](http://Ludlowma250.org)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 • 6-8:30PM

### Rag Shag Parade & Trunk or Treat

Open to all Ludlow children & families. Begins at the Ludlow Town Hall then "parade" to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club.

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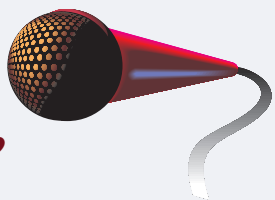


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

### Ludlow Legends, "in their own minds"

Ludlow Country Club

Featuring a live show with 3 of Ludlow's own performers - Jimmy Mazz, Lisa Carter (as Cher!) and Joe Pereira. Includes buffet dinner by Creative Cuisine (Villa Rose). Tickets are \$60 each or a table of 8 for \$450. Call 413-374-5890 to purchase tickets.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • 7PM

### Thunderbirds Hockey Ludlow Night



Mass Mutual Center downtown Springfield

A portion of all tickets sold will be donated to the Ludlow 250th Committee. Call 413-417-2289, mention Ludlow 250th. Tickets are \$23 per person.

[Ludlowma250.org](http://Ludlowma250.org)

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## Valley Conjurers to host open house

LUDLOW— Mingle with magicians. Shop for tricks. Watch local stars perform at their inner sanctum. Find out what magic is all about at the Valley Conjurer's Open House on November 3 at RP Magic. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the evening ends at 9 p.m.

RP Magic, 69 East St., is New England's only brick-and-mortar magic shop and the hub of magic in the Pioneer Valley. It also serves as the club house of the Valley Conjurers, the Springfield affiliate of the Society of American Magicians.

The evening begins with a social hour when magicians will greet guests and perform closeup magic. At 8 p.m., some of the Valley's most accomplished per-

formers, Rich Gilbert, Deanna Congo, and Jake Dufour, take the stage.

Magic shops hold a significant place in the history and culture of the magic community. They serve as hubs for magicians to acquire props, tricks, and the latest magical innovations, as well as places to gather, share ideas, and learn from experienced magicians. They are cultural institutions that have played a crucial role in the development and preservation of the art of magic. They continue to be essential for fostering the growth of new talent and the sharing of magical knowledge within the magic community.

For more information, contact Tom Gentile at [tdgmagic@gmail.com](mailto:tdgmagic@gmail.com) or (413) 210-0847.

## Zonta club hosts Women's Fund

LUDLOW— On Monday, November 13 the Zonta club of Quaboag Valley will host the Women's Fund of Western MA at the Ludlow Country Club from 5:30 to 6 p.m. socialize, at 6 p.m. there will be a buffet dinner, followed by the program. There will be time for Q&A and maybe some brainstorming on how to move forward. Buffet dinner \$28 is payable by cash, check, or credit card the night of the event, but require an RSVP to [info@ZontaQV.org](mailto:info@ZontaQV.org).

org by Nov. 8 for the caterers, details at [www.ZontaQV.org/special-event](http://www.ZontaQV.org/special-event).

The public is invited to hear key findings from their latest research report on Gender Equity in Western Massachusetts: The Status of Women, Girls, Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender-Diverse Adults and Youth, from Amihan Jennifer Matias, senior director of Community Partnerships, and Sarah Monson, senior director of Philanthropy. Joining them will be Lisa Ranghelli from the Public Health Institute of Western MA, a lead researcher of the Gender Equity Report.

The extensive data synthesized in this report shed light on strengths, progress and areas of continued or emerging gender inequities in the four counties and provide actionable insights for advancing gender-equitable policies and practices. Individuals involved with inclusion and equity from community-based organizations, for-profit and not-for-profit companies, schools, higher educational institutions and more will benefit from this conversation.

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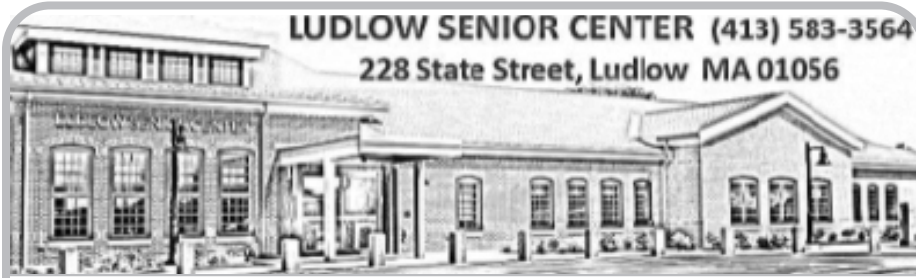
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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW — The calendar is packed with many events, activities, programs, and entertainment. Reserve a lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

The Center has added more programs including fitness, nutrition education, and art. There is something here for everyone aged 60-plus.

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

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:30 a.m. Louis & Clark
- 12:30 Hearing Clinic\*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Paris by Edmond Rutherford
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, Oct. 27

- 8:30 a.m. Fitness Advisor Personal Trainer\*
- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle\*

#### Monday, Oct. 30

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10:30 a.m. Carmel Apples in the Café
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 1:30 Watercolor Pencil Class\*
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, Oct. 31

- 9 a.m. Quilting

- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10 a.m. Mindful Meditation
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street School

#### Wednesday, Nov. 1

- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class\*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Hocus Pocus
- 1 p.m. Health Bones & Balance Class\*

#### Thursday, Nov. 2

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 1:00 p.m. Mahjong
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Fitness Advisor, Boomer Boot Camp, Hearing Clinic, Healthy Bones and Balance, and Foot Care 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, Oct. 26: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Lettuce & Tom/French Fries
- Friday, Oct. 27: Pork & Apple Stew
- Monday, Oct. 30: Korean Ground Beef/Rice
- Tuesday, Oct. 31: Halloween! Baked Bats/Roasted Eyeballs/Mashed Brains
- Wednesday, Nov. 1: Stuffed Shells
- Thursday, Nov. 2: BBQ Salmon/Rice Pilaf/Veggies

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## Ambulance subscription reminder



LUDLOW – The Fire Department will soon be mailing out the 2024 Ambulance Subscription Form, so all households in Ludlow should receive them by early November.

For your convenience, the department now offers an easy online subscription payment through the town's website at ludlow.ma.us; choose the Department tab, and then click on Fire. If you do not receive a form in the mail, you can also print one off from the town's website or call the Fire Department and request one.

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All residents living in the same household are covered under one subscription payment, and your donation may be used as a tax deduction to the extent of the law.

The donation from this program is used to help in purchasing the necessary supplies and equipment for the Ludlow Ambulance Service. In the past, these funds have primarily been spent on capital expenditures, such as ambulance purchases.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Can my wife claim her benefit now and switch to a spouse benefit from me later?

Dear Rusty

Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount? She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career, but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire.

Signed: Seeking Information

Dear Seeking

Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your Full Retirement Age amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA.

Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63. Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by about 25%. When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.

The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded automatically before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.

When you claim, your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost, the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, will be reduced. The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her own FRA at 67 to claim Social Security, but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim.

It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living.

When to claim is always a personal choice and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is - yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### The questions keep coming

I continue to receive a number of questions each week.

It's encouraging that there is so much interest in gardening even as this season is coming to an end. Here are the quandaries we have for this week:

Myrtle still has an abundance of green tomatoes left on the plants in her small gardening plot. "Are my tomatoes still OK to be outside? When I've picked them green in the past I remember putting them in a paper bag to ripen. Is that better than just leaving them on the counter? Mine are mostly cherries and I have quite a few! I looked online and it says to put them in a bag with an apple, but I don't recall using an apple the last time I did this. I sometimes find that advice from the internet gets confusing - too many options! Also, I was wondering what you thought of trying to root the tomato branches that have flowers. Maybe I could grow them inside for the winter."

Lucky you to still have tomato branches with flowers, let alone those with tomatoes on them! I am impressed.

With frost imminent, I typically allow green tomatoes to ripen single layer in trays or cardboard boxes - something that can "breathe," unlike plastic bags or containers. A paper bag sounds like a fine option too.

The reason for the apple is so that it will emit ethylene gas and hasten the ripening process. Bananas can be used in place of the apple.

There is some controversy about what temperature tomatoes should be kept at to ripen, but it would make sense that ripening would occur at warmer temperatures versus cooler - tomatoes are tropical plants. Typical household temps around 70 degrees are just right.

As far as rooting flowering branches, it would be a fun experiment and tomato stems do root readily. Usually when we take cuttings, we prefer them not to be in flower, though, as it hinders rooting to some degree.

Try it; I'd love to hear how it works out.

If they root, keep in mind that winter light is not as bright as summer light. It might be hard to keep the plants growing well inside.

Sylvia, who gardens in Ware, wrote in with this question:

"My beautiful lush morning glory vine doesn't have any buds, let alone blossoms! I fear we will have frost soon. Do you have any idea why this failed? I started four little plants in June, lots of rain, no fertilizer, soil so-so with some compost added during growth and that's it for care."

My first thought is that your soil is too rich. You said no fertilizer, but maybe the compost was enough to increase fertility, and nitrogen especially, in such a way that you ended up with all that lush foliage but no flowers.

Morning glories are related to bind weed - that pesky weed that tangles around my garden fence and just about anything else it can get its tendrils on. Try to pull it up and the thick white roots break and new plants pop up.

How does this relate? Well, it sort of proves that morning glories prefer soil that isn't so rich.

Another thought is that you have a late flowering variety! Honest!

Some varieties take a long time to flower. One variety that I know grows well and flowers on the early side is an heirloom by the name of Grandpa Ott's.

Give it a try and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the dark purple flowers with reddish centers.

One thing you didn't mention in your note was exposure; morning glories do need to be planted in full sun in order to flower. I do hope this helps!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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**Fire Chief Ryan Pease (center) posed for a picture with the Melendez family, Kristen Racine-Melendez, with Kira, age four (left), and Carlos Melendez with Jason, age four.**



**Smokey the Bear took a picture with twins Colton and Maverick.**



**Jan Thornton (right) handed out hats and pamphlets to the McAvoy family, (from left) Collin, age six, Geoff, Shelley, and Cooper, age four.**

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tions for kids or help people get emergency kits ready.”

“We’re also in charge of volunteers, if we ever needed to open up a shelter or anything,” Matusik said, referring to storm shelters or dispersing water in cases of emergency.

“We’re proud to show what we do for the town through our equipment and our firefighters,” said Deputy Chief Jeffrey Lavoie. “Oftentimes we meet the public at an emergency, so it’s nice to be outside of an emergency to actually meet people

and discuss what we do, and show them what we do.”

“We’ve done this every year for I don’t even know how many years,” said Detective David Kornacki. “It’s great community outreach, just to open up the place and talk to families and let them know what we do.”

“Kids tend to like the cruisers outside and the fire trucks next door,” Kornacki said. “We find a lot of kids who say, ‘I want to be a firefighter, I want to be a police officer,’ so it’s a good time.”

Members of the cross country team from the high school

volunteered by handing out popcorn.

The CARES Coalition also had volunteers at the police station, providing activities and information for younger kids about Red Ribbon Week, which started this Monday.

“I’m definitely glad I joined [the CARES Coalition],” said volunteer Bella Pagan. “I didn’t think it would be the experience that I’ve had.”

The Safety Complex is located on Chapin Street, and can be reached by phone at 413-583-8305. In case of emergency, call 911.



**Officer Ryan Churchill demonstrates how to pilot police equipment to Liz Fuda and her children, Miela, age six, and Eli, age three.**

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Center, as this week marks six months since it was opened.

“The biggest bulk of what’s happening at the Veterans’ Center is the food pantry,” said Segundo, adding that nearly 15,000 pounds of food have been put

out by the Veterans’ Center, with 1,423 service visits throughout the month of September, and October already slated to have comparable numbers.

“As of this morning, we have 329 registered participants in the pantry,” Segundo said.

While based out of Ludlow,

the Center services veterans from various surrounding communities. However, Segundo said that nearly half of the participants, 149 of them, are from Ludlow.

“There are veterans that don’t socialize with anybody until they come to the pantry,” Segundo

said. “They’re home all week waiting—some folks don’t even shop or anything, they just want to be there to interact and converse with folks.”

Segundo mentioned that, through conversations with DeBarge, the Veterans’ Center is arranging to open on a Sunday for

a football game.

“It’s another way to bring someone out of their house and just hang out with friends and veterans and whatnot,” Segundo said.

The Board approved the Veterans’ office’s request to hang banners for Veterans’ Day.



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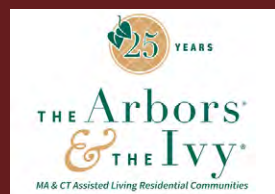
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## Ludlow falls to B-Town in league match



Kacie Klimek sends a punt away.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back in September, the Belchertown girls varsity soccer team celebrated a 3-1 home win versus Coombs Division rival Ludlow.

When the two neighboring high schools faced each other for a second time this fall at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow last Tuesday afternoon, the contest ended in a 1-1 draw.

It was the seventh tie of the regular season for the Lady Lions.

“I’ve never had a season either as a player or as a coach where we’ve had so many ties,” said first-year Ludlow head



Madelyn tries to make a play near the goal.

coach Amanda Nacsin. “We do play a very difficult schedule and I’m very proud of my players.”

Before becoming the varsity soccer coach, Nacsin, who graduated from Ludlow High School, had coached the Lady Lions j.v. team for several years.

The Lady Lions, who entered the Western Mass. Class A tournament with a 3-6-7 overall record, finished in fourth place in the league standings with a 2-4-6 mark. They finished the regular season with 13-1 non-league home win over Chicopee two days later.

The Lady Orioles (7-4-3, 6-3-3), who finished in third

place in the league standings, were scheduled to play a couple of non-league games before taking part in the Western Mass. Class B. tournament.

“All of our league games are hard fought battles. Most of the scores are 1-0 or 2-1. There aren’t very many 8-0 final scores in our league,” said Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault. “These types of games help you prepare for the post-season tournament.”

Both teams will also be playing in the state tournament, which starts next week.

Ludlow, who was ranked

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## Boys soccer finishes regular season with 13 wins



Owen Wurszt works near the sideline.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— The Ludlow boys’ varsity soccer team lost the first two games that they played on the grass field located behind Ludlow High School during the 2021 regular season. Since that time, the Lions have won every other match that they’ve played on that field.

The Lions wrapped up the regular season home slate by shutting out Agawam, 3-0, in a non-league match last Wednesday afternoon.

“I was a sophomore the last time that we lost a game on this field,” said Ludlow senior captain Enzo Botta, who joined the varsity soccer team as a freshman. “We work very hard and we’re



Lucas Alvan looks upfield prior to making a long pass.

like one big family. I’m very happy to be a member of this team.”

The Lions, who have lost a couple of matches at historic Lusitano Stadium during the past three seasons, had a 13-0-2 overall record following the shutout win against the Brownies.

“This was a solid win for us, and you always want to win your home games,” said Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziej. “We were able get everyone into today’s game, which is always a very good thing.”

It was most likely the Lions final game ever played on the grass field, which is also used by the Lions football team. Con-

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## Lions complete regular season

LUDLOW – Last Friday night, the Ludlow High School girls volleyball was defeated by Frontier 3-0.

The Lions finished the regular season 2-16 and face Monument Mountain in non-playoff action and will have one final game on Oct. 26.



Kylie Roach socks a spike over the net.



Libero Hannah Goncalves gets the low hit.



Delores Calvao sends the ball over the net.



Ashlyn Moquin guides a bump back over the net.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

# Candlepin League News

By **Ryan Drago**  
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## Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The top three teams of Tuesday night are only within a few points from each other to secure the first round of the season.

As of Oct. 10, Compression is in first place with a 17-7 record. Acres are in second place with a 16-8 record, and The Champs R Here stand in third place at 14-10.

The first round of the league ends in early November and the team to secure first place will win the round.

The close match of the night was between the #2 seed Acres and the #3 seed Champs R Here. In game one, The Champs were victorious in game one by a score of 403-384.

John Colkos of the Champs lead the team with an opening game of 112.

In game two, Acres won by a score of 422-377. Matt Bertelli lead Acres by scoring 113 in game two.

In game three, The Champs defeated Acres by a score of 390-372. Steve Manolakis and Dino Tessicini of the Champs both broke the century mark in game three by score 104 and 103.

Dave Cobleigh of Acres finished strong in the third game by scoring a 114.

For total pinfall, Acres edged out the Champs by a final score of 1178-1170. Therefore, each team received two points.

In another match, Team BK played against Last in Line. In game one, BK was victorious over Last in Line by a score of 356-324.

In game two, BK won by a score of 353-340. In game three, Last in Line won by a score of 351-316.

BK won total pinfall by a final score of 1025-1015.

The #1 seed Compression played against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good was victorious by a score of 351-313.

In game two, Compression won by a

score of 366-333. In game three, Compression finished up the night by winning the final game by a score of 337-323.

For total pinfall, Compression was victorious by a final score of 1016-1007.

Thursday Night Mixed League  
PALMER – The Thursday Night Mixed League rolls on through the month of October.

In one match, Team Five went up against team six. In game one, Team Six one in a close game by a score of 390-383. In game two, Team Five won by a score of 416-382.

In game three, Team Five won by a score of 400-374.

Team Five won total pinfall by a score of 1199-1146.

The #1 seeded Team One went up against Team Two for the night. In game one, Team Two won by a score of 414-390.

In game two, Team One bounced back by winning 421-406. In game three, Team Two won the final game by a score of 396-386.

Danny Fennyery of Team Two broke

the century mark by scoring a 105 game.

Team Two won total pinfall by a final score of 1216-1197.

Team Three faced off against Team Four for the night. In game one, Team Four won over Team Three by a score of 427-415.

In game two, Team Three won over Team Four by a score of 384-380. In game three, Team Three won the final game by a score of 421-397.

Tyler Moore of Team Three finished strong with a 108 game; 21 pins over his league average. Total pinfall went to Team Three by a final score of 1220-1204.

As of Oct. 12, Team One is the #1 seed with a record 16.5 wins and 7.5 losses. In second place, Team Three has a record of 14.5 wins and 9.5 losses.

Tied for third place is Team Two and Team Six with a record of 12-12. Team Five is in fifth place at 11-13, and Team Four is in sixth place at 6-18.

The first round of the Thursday Night Mixed League will conclude sometime in December.

## Monadnock 2024 schedule

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Monadnock Speedway and JDV Productions announced this evening the full 2024 event schedule for the Winchester, New Hampshire oval.

The schedule begins with the JDV Open on Saturday, April 20, 2024 and ends with the return of the Winchester Fair event on Saturday, Sept. 21. The schedule includes 20 events spanning from April through September, including house divisions, touring series dates, special events and more.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to Monadnock Speedway for three dates in 2024: the third annual Granite State Derby on May 4, the third annual Duel at the Dog on July 20 and the second annual Winchester Fair on Sept. 21.

The first competition laps on the brand new track pavement will be on April 20 with Monadnock's house divisions in action. The Mad Dog Modifieds, Super Streets, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Six Shooters and Mad Pups will be racing. The Mad Dog Modifieds were previously named NHSTRA Modifieds, while the Super Streets were previously NHSTRA Late Models and the Young Guns have been renamed to the Mad Pups.

The house divisions will each have special events throughout the year - headlined by a Triple Crown Series, a Monadnock Salutes Pure Stock special (May 18), 15th annual Firecracker 100 (June 29), the inaugural Six Shooters Showdown (July 13), Mini Stock Meet (August 3), Mad Dog Masters Challenge (August 10) and Super Street Summer Shootout (August 17).

A full 2024 Monadnock event schedule can be found by visiting [MonadnockSpeedway.com](http://MonadnockSpeedway.com) and [JDVProductions.com](http://JDVProductions.com).

"We're excited to work with the great teams that make up the Monadnock Speedway house divisions, multiple touring series divisions and others to be sure the 2024 season at Monadnock is one to remember," Josh Vanada, owner of JDV Productions, said. "Our team will look forward to releasing more and more information as the season draws closer. The new pavement at Monadnock Speedway is going to make the racing better than it has ever been and we look forward to showcasing it to dedicated, loyal race fans in 2024."

Additional special events during the season will include the 53rd annual weekly racing opener on May 11, the second annual Winchester Open Modified 100 for the JDV Open Modifieds on June 8, the inaugural 350 Super Thunder in the Mountains on June 15 and the 53rd annual championship Saturday on September 14, where all house division champions will be crowned.

The only two-day show of the season will be the finale weekend on September 20 and 21. On Friday night, Sept. 20, a new winners night for house divisions will require drivers who enter the races to have never won a Monadnock event before in that division. The season officially concludes on Sept. 21, with the NASCAR Whelen Modifieds.

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## COMING SOON

**ST. ELIZABETH** is now taking orders and pies will be available Oct. 11 to Nov. 3 while supplies last. Each individual size pie is \$5.00. Place online orders at [www.stelizabethludlow.org](http://www.stelizabethludlow.org) or by calling the Rectory Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 413-583-3467. Please pay in full at the time of pickup with cash or a check made out to St. Elizabeth Parish.

**FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW** - Harvest Supper Nov. 4, Drive through to pick up meals 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dinner includes roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, butternut squash, applesauce, rolls and dessert. Each meal is \$16. Call for reservations Ann 413-547-8720.

**FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW** - Holiday Fair Friday Nov. 17 and Saturday Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa's Workshop will offer unique handcrafted items for holiday decorating and gifting. The Bake Shoppe will be filled with delicious treats for all. The Bits & Pieces room and bookstore offer something for every-

one. Beautifully decorated cemetery logs will be available for sale. Fantastic theme baskets and raffles will be sure to have something for everyone.

## ONGOING

**JIMMY FUND WALK:** Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at [JimmyFundWalk.org](http://JimmyFundWalk.org) or by calling 866-531-9255.

**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.

**THRIFT SHOP:** Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

**CHESS CLUB:** Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main

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**LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE:** At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at [activity@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:activity@ludlow.ma.us) or call 413-583-3564.

**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.

**H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP:** Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those

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**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.

## BUDGET from Page 1

the coming fiscal year will likely not be known until at least February, according to the Committee.

The annual budget has been growing steadily in Ludlow for some time, with year-over-year increases in every budget since FY 2013, and with increases of four percent or more in six of the budgets passed from FY 2013 to FY 2023.

In fact, FY 2013 was the last time Ludlow saw an annual decrease in its budget, a 2.2 percent drop from \$54.9 million to \$53.7 million.

In total, Ludlow's annual budget stood at over \$77 million for FY 2023, up from \$74 million in FY 2022. The largest sum within the budget is directed to the School Department, which was approved for over \$34 million in FY 2023, over double the next largest amount of \$16 million for Employee Benefits.

The Committee did not state any specific figures regarding their anticipated final budget for FY 2025 in their meeting.

Aside from discussing the budget, the Finance Committee briefly touched on a letter from the Association of Town Finance Committees, part of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, regarding a small increase in membership dues. This increase was met without any opposition from committee members.

The Finance Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, the same date as the reports are due back from town department heads. Committee members anticipate needing until the December meeting to properly go over and discuss these preliminary amounts.

## RACING from Page 10

fied Tour's Winchester Fair and more.

For touring series classes, on top of the Whelen Modified Tour in town three times, the NEMA Midgets will visit once, the NEMA Lites three times, the Evolve Pro Truck Challenge twice and the Pro 4 Modifieds five times. Additional touring series divisions include the R&R Street Stock Open, Little Webb's Super Series and the Senior Tour Auto Racers.

Open Late Models, Open Mini Stock, Big Wheel events and more are also on the calendar. JDV Productions and Monadnock Speedway will release additional information throughout the winter months about the 2024 racing season.

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Thursday, Oct. 26, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Eucharistic Adoration - 6:30 p.m. (C), Meat pie Orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 27, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Meat pie orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 28, - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Mass - 4 p.m. (C)  
Sunday, - Oct. 29, - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Mass - 9:15 a.m. (C), Mass - 11 a.m. (C), Mass - 5 p.m. (C), Confirmation Class - 8 a.m. (ER), Faith Formation - 10:15 a.m.  
Monday, Oct. 30, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Faith Formation - 6 p.m. (ER), Bible Study - 6 p.m. (ER)  
Meat pie orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 31, - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita Choir - 6:30 p.m. (C), Meat pie orders - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Tuesday and Friday Masses - 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 p.m. (English)  
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# OBITUARIES

## DEATH NOTICES

**Jose Afonso Alves**  
Died  
October 16, 2023  
Services  
October 19, 2023

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## Jose Afonso Alves, 61

LUDLOW - Jose Afonso Alves, 61, of Ludlow, passed away unexpectedly on October 16, 2023. Born in Vilar de Porro, Tras-os-Montes, Portugal, he was the son of the late Antonio and Maria (Morais) Alves. As a child, Joe immigrated to Ludlow with his family where he graduated from Ludlow High School in 1980 and worked for over 16 years as a custodian for the Ludlow Public Schools. He was a Benfica enthusiast and a soccer player for many years, a member of the Gremio Lusitano Club, and enjoyed hunting with his canine companions, Rambo and Charlie. Joe was the devoted husband of 35 years to Rosa (Dias) Alves; a loving father to Joshua Alves and Jeffrey Alves (Jenna); a dear brother to Aida Sanches and husband Aires; cherished son-in-law to Maria Dias and late husband Joao; and also leaves his brother-in-law Antonio Dias and wife Maria; niece and Goddaughter Christina; nephews and Godsons Joe Sanchez and Jared Dias, nephews Justin, Jacob, and James, and great nephews. He also leaves several aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends. Family and friends are asked to gather for a Liturgy of Christian Burial to be held on Thursday, October 19th in Our Lady of Fatima Parish at 10:00am. There will be no visiting hours, and additional funeral services will be held privately by his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.



## HUBBARD from Page 7

Please register.

**Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 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.

**STEAM Program: Build with Magnetic Building Blocks, Wednesday November 1, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** For ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Children will work together in small groups to plan, draw and build creations using magnetic building blocks. Stories will be incorporated to spark creativity. Space is limited to 8 children, please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

**Pumpkin Decorating for Kids, Thursday October 26, 6:00 p.m. For ages 2-10.** Decorate a pumpkin with paints, pom-poms, glitter and more. Pumpkins are generously donated by Randall's Farm. Space is limited to 30, please register.

## LUDLOW GIRLS from Page 9

17th in the MIAA Division 2 power rankings, had several scoring chances during the first 25 minutes of the contest.

Belchertown junior starting goalie Jillian DeBarge made a diving save on a shot attempt by freshman Valentina Molinari during the 15th minute. Another shot by Molinari deflected off the post.



**Aneysa Donais dribbles up the field.**

DeBarge also made saves on shots by senior's Emma Ellis and Elizabeth Braz.

The Lady Orioles, who are ranked eighth in the Division 3 power rankings, also had a couple of scoring chances before taking a 1-0 lead with four minutes remaining in the opening half.

The unassisted goal was scored by sophomore Morghan Litz, whose shot attempt deflected off the left post before crossing over the goal line. It was Litz's fourth goal of the regular season.

Despite holding a 1-0 halftime lead, Thibeault wasn't very happy with how his team performed during the first 40 minutes of the contest.

"We held a 1-0 lead at halftime, but we didn't play very well in the first half," Thibeault said. "We did have several other scoring chances in the first half."

DeBarge was replaced by senior Michaela Dubey at halftime.

During the second half, Ludlow junior's Calleigh Foley, and Mia Carvalho, who are starting defenders, managed to break up two scoring chances by the Lady Orioles.

"Our defense plays well in every game," Nacsin said. "Calleigh and Mia are very reliable players back there. They communicate very well, and they always do everything that I ask them to do. They just keep getting better and better in every game."

The other two Lady Lions starting defenders are senior Emma Ellis and freshman Payton Dersarkisian.

Ludlow also used two goalkeepers.

Sophomore Kacie Klimek, who was the Lady Lions starting goalie, was replaced in goal by freshman Madelyn Riley at the start of the second half.

"Both of them are excellent young goalkeepers," Nacsin said. "They work very hard, and they deserve playing time. They support each other very well."

Eight minutes into the second half, Ludlow junior Ryleigh Remillard dribbled the ball down the right sideline. After weaving around a defender, Remillard poked a shot into the net tying the score at 1-1.

It was Remillard's first goal of the season and the second of her varsity career.

"We've been down 1-0 a couple of times in the past and we always battle back," Nacsin said. "It was awesome to see Ryleigh score her first goal of the season."

Riley made a couple of outstanding saves which prevented Belchertown from retaking the lead.

With less than two minutes remaining in regulation, Belchertown senior captain Madysen LePage blasted a shot off that crossbar. The ball went straight down and landed on the line.

The Lady Orioles supporters sitting in the bleachers thought it should've been ruled a goal, but the referee didn't see it that way.

"I really didn't see it very well from my angle," Thibeault said. "The referee said it wasn't a goal, but we did have several other scoring opportunities."

It was the final meeting of the season between the two girls' soccer teams and they won't be playing anymore ties during the postseason tournament.

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struction of a brand new turf field is expected to begin in early November.

The Lions, who captured the Smith Division title, were the top-ranked team in the Western Mass. Class A rankings. They were also ranked ninth team in the latest MIAA Division 1 power rankings.

The Lions wrapped up the regular season with a 3-0 loss at Leominster, who's a Division 1 team, last Saturday afternoon.

The Brownies (7-5-3) are ranked fourth in the Class A rankings and 20th in the Division 2 statewide power rankings.

Since the two teams played a scoreless draw in their first meeting of the 2017 regular season, the Lions have outscored the Brownies, 23-1.

Longtime Agawam boys' varsity soccer coach Tom Smith was unavailable for comment following last Wednesday's match.

It was also the Lions tenth shutout of the 2023 regular season.

Ludlow controlled possession during the first ten minutes of the opening half.

During the first minute, Ludlow junior James Dias sent a pass into the box from the right side. The ball was headed off the crossbar by Botta.

Junior Owen Wurszt followed with a low shot attempt which was saved by Agawam junior goalie Ben Lang (8 saves).

A couple of minutes later, Lang deflected a free kick taken by Botta over the crossbar.

Ludlow took a 1-0 lead during the 17th minute.

The Lions had another free kick after Botta was fouled just outside the top of the penalty box.

Botta, who's planning on playing college soccer next year, fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Lang.

"I just want to thank my teammates for allowing me to take the free kick," Botta said. "That was my second free kick goal of the season. I did get a little bit lucky. I hit a low shot at the wall and the Agawam

players jumped up. The ball went into the net. It felt very good taking a 1-0 lead, but we always want to score more goals."

Down at the other end of the field, Ludlow senior goalie Anthony Shea (3 saves) only had to make a couple of saves during the first 40 minutes of the contest.

Shea made a save on a long shot attempt by senior Colby Dietrich.

Five minutes into the second half, the Lions scored a corner kick goal.

Senior Tommy Quitero sent a short pass to Botta from the left corner. Then Botta made a pass to junior James Dias scored his first goal of the season by firing a shot past a couple of defenders into the net giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

"I was going to pass the ball back to Tommy, but then I found James," said Botta, who finished the regular season with a team-leading ten goals. "James is a start-



**Matthew Ganhao fights for the ball on defense.**

ing defender and it was his first goal of the season. He's been talking about scoring a goal all season. I'm very glad that I was able to help him get one."

Shea made saves on shot attempts by junior Joe Culhane and sophomore Pat Keating.

With twenty minutes remaining in regulation, a tap in goal by sophomore Luke Slatton sealed the deal for the home team.

Wurszt was credited with the assist.

At that point, Kolodziey started to take out his starters.

Agawam junior Jonah Higby replaced Lang in goal during the 63rd minute.

The two boys' soccer teams could meet for the second time in the Western Mass. Class A tournament, which starts this week.

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Docket No. HD23P1616GD  
In the interests of  
Leanis Marie Negron Ortiz  
of Indian Orchard, MA  
Minor

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

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/27/2023 by

Ida Narvaez of Indian Orchard, MA  
Angel R Negron of Indian Orchard, MA  
will be held 11/14/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: 4th Floor 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103

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

File the original with the Court; and

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

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

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.  
Date: October 10, 2023

Rosemary A Saccomani  
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10/25/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23P2133EA  
Estate of:

Paul G Bourque  
Also known as:  
Paul Bourque  
Date of Death: 05/15/2014  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Joan Bourque Archambault of West Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Joan Bourque Archambault of West

Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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**UNSUPERVISED  
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UNDER THE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)**

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 17, 2023  
Rosemary A. Saccomani  
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10/25/2023

**Notice of Public Meeting  
EPA Brownfields Cleanup  
Grant Application  
for ACM and Hazardous  
Materials Removal /  
Remediation**

Ludlow Mills, Ludlow, Massachusetts  
Applicant: Westmass Area Development Corporation  
Westmass Area Development Corporation (Westmass) is applying for a FY2024 US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant for Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Abatement at two sites at the Ludlow Mills. A Public Meeting to solicit and accept public input, as well as review the proposed cleanup project and grant application, is scheduled to be held remote-

ly via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Anyone wishing to participate shall, as soon as reasonably possible prior to the meeting, provide notice to Sarah la Cour, VP of Operations at (413)386-3124 Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 4:30AM or by email at s.lacour@westmassdevelopment.com. Those giving such notice will be provided a link to the meeting. At the start of the meeting, the Westmass representative shall announce those persons participating remotely and the information will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Anyone from the public is invited and welcome to attend. In addition to the draft grant application, a draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for each site will be available, by request, for review and

comment.

Westmass will accept comments on the US EPA FY2024 Brownfield Cleanup Grant application and proposed cleanup project prior to the scheduled submittal of the grant application on November 13, 2023. Comments should be submitted in writing to Sarah la Cour, Westmass Area Development Corporation, One Monarch Place, Suite 1120, Springfield, MA 01144 or via email at the address above.

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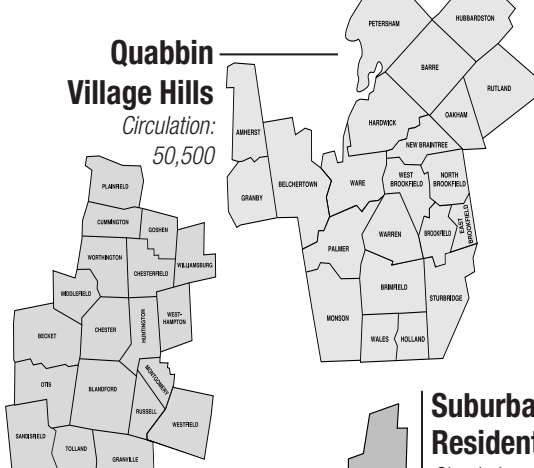
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Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. HD12P1214GD

In the interests of  
Leaniz M Negrón-Ortiz  
of Indian Orchard, MA  
Minor  
**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation  
or Petition for Removal of  
Guardianship of a Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Ida Narvaez on 09/05/2023 p.m. will be held 11/14/2023 08:30 AM Motion. Located 4th Floor 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103

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Thomas Santucci  
Date of Death: 09/23/2023  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Annmarie Santos of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Annmarie Santos of Ludlow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of

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Estate of:

Jeffrey M Davis  
Also known as:  
Jeffrey Michael Davis  
Date of Death: 08/30/2023  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christine S. Davis of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Christine S. Davis of Ludlow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/17/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 19, 2023  
Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
10/25/2023

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Vicas Properties Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company, to Latitude Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated October 25, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24784, Page 342, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage from Latitude Capital LLC to the Latitude Capital, LLC, Trustee of the Latitude Capital Lending Trust u/d/t dated August 1, 2018, dated October 25, 2022 and being recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24789, Page 492 of which mortgage

the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **November 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.** at 1385 Lyon Street, Ludlow MA all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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

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

Containing 40,001 square feet according to said plan.  
Subject to a proposal 10' wide driveway easement as shown on Plan 396.

For title see Deed recorded prior hereto.

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

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or

claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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

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

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

Latitude Capital, LLC,  
Trustee  
Latitude Capital Lending  
Trust  
Present holder of said mortgage.

By Its Attorneys,  
Hadlock Law Offices P.C.  
111 Speen Street, Suite 200  
Framingham, MA 01701  
10/11, 10/18, 10/25/2023

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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