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Race Directors Ryan and Teresa Czepiel-Devine of the Red Bridge Run Club before the race.

Ludlow Clocktower Classic 5K race took place Oct. 25

Over 200 runners competed

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LUDLOW – On Oct. 25, the Ludlow Clocktower Classic 5K had over 200 runners race throughout the Town. Race Directors Ryan and Teresa of the Red Bridge Running Club began rallying the crowd in front of Sole

Syndicate Brewery next to the Riverwalk by thanking everyone for their support and directing everyone to the start line.

The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Brooke Lamothe, and a speech was given by Czepiel-Devine, thanking the sponsors of the race and continuing to say, “This is benefiting the Lud-

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Annual Rag Shag parade brings out Baird MS music talent

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LUDLOW – On Oct. 23, the annual Rag Shag parade in honor of the Ludlow Boys and Girls/Randall’s Community Center 75th anniversary was hopping with new costumes, popular music songs by the Baird Middle School band, and one of the biggest crowds the Town has ever seen for the parade and trunk or treat event. Last year’s event pulled in over 6,800 people, and this year the LBGC was expected to pass out over 600 bags of candy at the beginning of the night.

Gathering at the Town Hall with families, friends, and residents the parade and crowd were scattered with unique costumes ranging from Spongebob, Sonic, witches, to zombie hikers; with the bonus of having the entire marching band dressed up whilst playing spooky classics.

Speaking with President and CEO of the LBGC Jos-



President/CEO of the LBGC Josue Irizarry leading the Baird Middle School band at the Town Hall.

ue Irizarry, who was dressed up as Captain America, shared his thoughts on the annual event and the importance of continuing to bring the community together.

“The Rag Shag event has been going on for a long time at the club; it’s

a great community event which brings in a variety of different organizations and builds relationships with the community. As you can see today, everybody is walking in the parade, and all the kids are excited. To be able to come in and enjoy

a fun event in a safe place for kids to come to trick or treat. The staff are amazing; they’ve done a great job putting and helping put the event together. It’s not just

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Pumpkin decorating at Hubbard Library was a spooky success



Jessica and Charlie were happy to be painting pumpkins together.

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LUDLOW – In the evening of Oct. 30, the Hubbard Memorial Library welcomed families in the youth room upstairs to partake in pumpkin decorating with paints, glitter, buttons, decorative grass, and much more! The variety of different decor options had every child design their own special pumpkin that parents were surprised to see. From minions from Despicable Me, crazy painted faces with stickers, to patterns like stripes and dots, every kid was free to decorate the pumpkin however they wanted.

Looking ahead for the library, occurring Nov. 3

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Disability Commission honored Beverly Barry on her birthday

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LUDLOW – On Oct. 25, the Commission on Disability held a dedication ceremony in honor of the recent

passing in 2024 of Beverly Barry, who was well-known within the Town’s Assessors Office and an active member of the commission. Meeting at Whitney Park at the end of

the paved driveway, members of the commission with Barry’s daughters joined together to acknowledge her significance within the Town and present the plaque that can be found on an accessible picnic table overlooking the fields.

The town appointed group has since purchased a pool accessible chair, roll-out mats for wheelchairs and walkers, a drop-off handicap sign for a parking spot at Whitney Park, and the accessible picnic table that has Barry’s plaque on the surface.

Speaking with Secretary Joanne Odato-Staeb of the Commission on Disability, who’s been involved within the board since 1999, shared that Barry joined in 2003 and was working in the Assessor’s Office since 2001.

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Beverly Barry’s daughters, Cheryl Barker and Elizabeth Crawford, cut their mother’s birthday cake for everyone at the ceremony to enjoy.

Ludlow Dream Team competed against Harlem Triksterz for Red Ribbon Week

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LUDLOW – On Oct. 28, the Ludlow Dream Team competed against the Harlem Triksterz for hoops and high fives for the annual Red Ribbon Week signature event. Going head-to-head with the famous team from New York, the family friendly event was unforgettable for everyone who attended last week, with all leaving with a Ludlow CARES rally towel and an important and long-lasting message.

Occurring at the Ludlow High School gymnasium, the building was bursting with energy from volunteers of the coalition to LHS CARES signing guests in, concessions by the LHS Basketball Boosters serving piping hot



The youth and LHS Cheer teams smiling before their big performance at half time.

food, group singing by the LPS Chorus, to the entire youth and LHS cheer teams

performing an impressive halftime show for all to see. Speaking with LCC

Member Peter Leonczyk and how it felt to be in that gymnasium filled with over

500 attendees, “We exceeded our total! It makes me so happy that families came

out to support Red Ribbon Week, but also supporting the teachers and being here as a community. We’re really excited. When we were planning for this, we usually go for a speaker whether it’s motivational or educational, but this year we took a different route. We wanted to bring people together, and everyone tonight signed the pledge to grow up safe, healthy, and drug free. We really want to resonate, not with the students and the kids, but the families and use tonight as a motivation to have an important conversation when they get home. It’s about making healthy and smart choices. This is our fourteenth year as Ludlow CARES and seeing the turnout tonight shows

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LUDLOW

Meet LHS Student Rep. Samuel Pontes, Class of 2026

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LUDLOW – Student Representative Samuel Pontes from the Class of 2026 represents the Ludlow Public Schools on the school committee. He recently shared his student perspective during school committee meetings and encourages all students to reach out for advice on how to get involved.

To get to know Pontes, The Register asked several questions revolving around his interests, future aspirations, and perspective as a senior gearing up for higher education. Pontes began sharing a bit about his year so far and his family, “Being a student at Ludlow High is something I truly love, I have a little bit of a bias since my mom is a teacher at the high school. Throughout the entirety of my high school career, I’ve known a lot of the teachers and made connections which propelled me in my studies within school and extracurricular activities. For me, I enjoy learning whether there’s a grade attached to it. I would much rather learn than do anything else; learning is my passion. In regard to the year, I am enjoying it and its bittersweet knowing that I am going to college next year, but my classes are

challenging me well. I am grateful for the rigor within the classrooms and grateful for the support system I have and my teachers,” said Pontes.

Pontes went on to share that he hopes to leave everyone he meets with a positive experience, like leaving them with a smile and accomplishing the highest level of rigor at the high school. Being involved within the high school, Pontes belongs to the soccer team, the Best Buddy program, the Portuguese Club, the school committee, and is a youth preacher in South Hadley.

When asked about the role of student representative within the school committee, Pontes shared how comfortable he feels to be the voice of the student population. “My role doesn’t entail a huge responsibility that I feel other than being the pipeline of communication for the elected officials to our students at LHS and more specifically, the entirety of LPS. So, if I can bring up concerns and voice opinions and fight for someone who can’t fight for themselves, that would



Student Representative Samuel Pontes



Submitted photos

Student Representative Samuel Pontes with LPS Teacher and Mom Joanne Santos-Pontes.

be a moment of accomplishment that I would have. On the day that I began at the committee, I was welcomed by smiling faces and it’s so nice, they’re great resources. Chairman Jeff Laing of the School Committee frequently asks for my opinion as well as Member Christopher Manfredi who chats with me on the side to see if I don’t want to talk about something aloud and offers to voice my opinion if I feel uncomfortable. Going back to my mom as a teacher, being able to thank everyone for giving me so much that I am so grateful for. All the wonderful faculty that we have at this school in this district; singing their praises, I am grateful for what they’ve done for me,”

said Pontes.

For all Ludlow High School students, Pontes wanted to share a special message that he hopes those unsure about joining a club, a team, or maybe are shy and anxious about trying something new.

“Being involved is so important and taking advantage of the opportunities we have in high school is so crucial to your high school experience. If you see an opportunity you want, go get it,” said Pontes.

Pontes shared his email, stu035.spontes@ludlowps.org, for LPS students who are searching for insight on becoming involved within the schools and want to speak with someone who’s gone through the process.

Annual Holiday Fair at First Church in Ludlow

LUDLOW—The holidays are fast approaching, always a hectic time for shoppers who decide to procrastinate.

Now is the time to start shopping and enjoy a relaxing day. The First Church in Ludlow is already in the holiday spirit. The church is located at 859 Center Street, the Annual

Holiday Fair Fundraiser is just around the corner.

The festivities will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Available for shoppers are Holiday/Cemetery logs—using fresh greenery

and other decorative materials, Santa’s workshop—handmade items from the elves, raffles in Fellowship Hall with baskets galore, Bakeshop with fantastic homemade goodies.

As always, the Church’s bookstore and a yarn/fabric shop will be open.

Come to the Snack Bar to rejuvenate during your shopping excursion. Menu includes homemade soups and sandwiches served cafeteria style.

Come on in—browse/shop at your leisure, enjoy a lunch with friends and family!

Evangel Assembly hosts Open Door Open Mic Night

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 communi-

ty 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 unforgettable 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.

Ambulance subscription reminder for Ludlow residents

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Fire Department will be mailing out the 2026 Ambulance Subscription Form to all households in Ludlow. You should receive them by early November.

For your convenience, we now offer an easy online subscription payment through the Town of Ludlow’s website ludlow.ma.us choose Department 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 Ludlow Fire Department and request one.

If you are dropping off a payment, be sure to leave it in

one of our secure drop boxes located either outside the Fire Dispatch area (on the Center Street side), or inside the main vestibule of the Public Safety Complex (on the Chapin Street side).

For questions or assistance, please call the Ludlow Fire Department at 413-583-8332, ext. 2309, Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The 2025 subscriptions will expire on December 31, 2025, to ensure continued coverage for 2026, anyone who is a current subscriber should send in their payment or pay online before December 31.

We encourage and welcome new members to participate.

The ambulance subscription fee is \$50.00 per household.

The \$50.00 subscription fee will cover any remaining balances that an insurance company does not cover for emergency ambulance services provided by the Ludlow Fire Department for residents enrolled in the program.

Currently, the out-of-pocket cost for Advance Life Saving transport is \$1,844.27 plus mileage. 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, primarily these funds have been spent on capital expenditures such as ambulance purchases.

This program is a great opportunity for all Ludlow residents.

We thank all of you who have supported this program in the past and hope that we will continue to have your support in this extremely beneficial program.

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LPD arrest man and charge with receiving stolen vehicle and drug and firearm offenses

LUDLOW - An alert Ludlow Police officer located a stolen vehicle in town on Friday evening, and subsequently arrested a Springfield man on numerous offenses, including drug and firearms charges.

RAFAEL RIVERA-VAZQUEZ, age 37, of SPRINGFIELD, was arrested and charged with:

- Receiving a Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Failure to Stop for Police
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with License Suspended (Subsequent Offense)
- Resisting Arrest
- Disorderly Conduct
- Possession of a Class A

substance (Subsequent Offense)

- Possession of a Class B Substance (Subsequent Offense)
- Possession of a Firearm in a Felony
- Firearm Violation with Three Prior Violent/Drug Crimes
- Carrying Dangerous Weapon (Machete)
- Possession of Ammunition without an FID Card
- Warrant

On Friday, Oct. 24, in the evening, Ludlow Police Officer Geovanny Da Costa was on patrol in the area of East Street when he located a ve-

hicle that was reported stolen. Officer Da Costa stopped the vehicle nearby, and both the driver and a passenger fled on foot from the vehicle.

Following a brief foot pursuit, Officer Da Costa was able to apprehend the driver, who was identified as RIVERA-VAZQUEZ, with assistance from an off-duty Hampden County Sheriff's Officer.

A subsequent search of RIVERA-VAZQUEZ located a loaded firearm in his waistband, as well as amounts of heroin and crack cocaine.

A subsequent search of the vehicle RIVERA-VAZQUEZ had been

driving located a crack pipe, three rounds of ammunition and a machete hidden underneath the passenger's seat.

Ludlow Police Officer Mike Whitney and his K-9 partner Max attempted to track the passenger who fled the vehicle, but they were unable to locate that individual.

RIVERA-VAZQUEZ was arraigned on Monday in Palmer District Court, where he was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing.

These are allegations. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
Community Outreach Manager Katherine Ferri of PVPC and President/CEO Josue Irizarry of the LBG before beginning the race.



These ladies cheered with the crowd cheering for them



Ending the run with a celebratory jump, runners were able to eat food catered by Tandem Bagel and have a free drink from Sole Syndicate.



Participants running off to go around the clocktower and follow the route ending in front of Sole Syndicate Brewery.

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low Boys and Girls Club for the 75th anniversary, and we are almost about to start! Thank you to everyone for supporting us."

The race began on Riverside Dr., continued onto State St. and looped back around. The runners were led by a bicycle guide, and the Ludlow Police Department were on bike patrol to help assist with traffic control.

To learn more about Red Bridge Run Club, visit them on social media.



The first three runners of the first annual Ludlow Clocktower Classic 5k were Benjamin Farias, Linda Spocuer, and Marek Bashaw.



Singer Brooke Lamothe sang the National Anthem before the race kicked off.



Ludlow School Committee Secretary and Runner Amanda Coddling with State Senator Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow) at the finish line.

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GUEST COLUMN



Garden Lady follow up

Martha wrote in after my column on Stinging Nettle. As you may recall, a reader had reached out about this plant and how it had begun to grow rampant in her field.

She was nervous about coming in contact with it, and nervous for her dog, as well, who likes to run in the tall grass. Her main concern was eradicating it, and although I gave her some advice on how to do that, I should have also given the plant a little more well-deserved recognition.

Herbalists and others interested in the nutritional value of nettle often plant it "on purpose."

This is what Martha had to say: "I did, indeed, plant nettles; they are in a part of the yard where their growth will be somewhat controlled. But are they not an excellent source of calcium, and have plenty of other health benefits, besides? It seems we are quick to 'eradicate' the less tame plants, which, upon investigation, can prove to be beneficial."

Martha, your point is well-taken! I guess it goes along with the old saying, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." Or better yet, how about "one person's weed is another person's medicine?"

Along similar lines, this question came in from Steven, who lives in Becket. He wrote to the Garden Lady curious about the late blooming perennial, Monkshood.

First he provides some background; "My wife was starting to clear a small flower area we have next to the driveway two weeks ago. She was cutting down daisies that we didn't even plant there. I saw a flower next to the daisies, which I had never seen before and asked her what it was. She said she had no idea, that she'd never seen it before either. I took some pictures, and every search I did on them said that they're Monkshood. I told her that the search said they're poisonous."

I walked away and then read a little more and found out that they're poisonous to the touch. I went back to tell her and she had cut

them down without touching them because she was scared our dog would get into them. We just left them where they're lying. The stems are still sticking out of the ground. What are your thoughts? Is that what you think they are too? My research didn't show them growing in this area. Also, thoughts about how we should handle them if they are indeed poisonous?"

Monkshood (Aconitum) is a pretty perennial that has blue "hooded" flowers along two-four foot spikes. It is a cottage garden favorite because it is one of a few flowers that do bloom in blue shades, and it blooms towards the end of summer, when few others plants are in their glory.

Due to the unique flower shape, the plant is mainly pollinated by "long tongued" bumble bees, who pry open the flower to get at the pollen. With all this said, the plant sounds great!

Now here comes the "but..." Caution should indeed be exercised around Monkshood. It goes by other common names that are more telling of its true nature, Wolfsbane and Devil's Helmet among others.

The plant contains a deadly toxins, aconitine and diterpene alkaloids that can result in death if ingested. It is even advised to use gloves when handling the plant, even its roots if you were to dig it up, because of absorption that can occur through the skin.

Most experts recommend not growing it in gardens that pets or children may frequent.

I hope this answers your question, Steven. I do think that you were on target to be concerned, especially because of your dog.

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.



GUEST COLUMN



Horned lark

Recently, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a horned lark on the summit of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

Only the male horned larks have "horns." They are tiny and hard to see. Males are sandy to rusty brown above with a black chest band and a curving black mask. The face and throat are either yellow or white. The female lacks the horns and face mask. She is brown with darker streaks and has a white eyebrow and white below.

They are about the size of a robin and the only lark species in North America. The female lays three to four pale gray to greenish white, blotched and spotted with brown eggs in a slight depression in the ground. Incubation is by the female and young are fed by both parents. Young may leave the nest after nine to 12 days. They are not able to fly for about another week.

Larks forage entirely by walking and running on the ground. Except when nesting, they usually forage in flocks.

They eat seeds and insects. They also eat berries. They are present all year in most areas from southern Canada south. They are strictly migratory in the far north.

Mass Audubon bird sightings
On Oct. 25 Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, hawk watchers reported sighting from the summit two northern harriers, ten sharp-shinned hawks, nine Cooper's hawks, 18 red-shouldered hawks, four red-tailed hawks, two American kestrels and one merlin. In addition, people saw two bald eagles, 37 turkey vultures and one horned lark.

Helping birds
With more than 40 million acres of lawn in the U.S. alone, there's huge potential to support wildlife by replacing lawns with native plantings. People will have less grass to mow by adding native plants. They then will be able to watch the birds come into their yard. They also provide shelter and nesting areas for birds. The nectar, seeds and berries help feed the birds.

Brimfield birds
A Brimfield resident emailed on Oct. 17 that he went to the Brimfield State Forest a few days ago and checked three ponds. He said, "Not much about, one pond had eight Canada Geese and another had a group of wood ducks. Maybe a couple dozen

in a beaver pond, it was difficult to get a count with all the stumps and branches in the water."

He said, "In the yard the Eastern Towhee and Northern Catbird were last seen the second week of October. Besides the usual suspect there have been white-throated Sparrows (most were the tan-striped color form), common yellowthroat (female). An unusual sighting was a male northern flicker taking a drink at the bird bath. That is the first time that I have seen a woodpecker take a drink" He also saw two dark-eyed juncos, the first of the year in his yard. One took a bath.

Sunflower seed heads
The Brimfield resident reported the tufted titmouse and northern cardinal really like the sunflower seed heads that he has been hanging on one of my feeder stations. Because of the black bears, he has no bird feeders out yet.

Warren ponds
The Brimfield resident drove past the ponds in Warren. At the one on New Reed Street, there

was an adult bald eagle, three mallards and two double-crested cormorants.

Canada geese
I saw a flock of about two dozen Canada geese land in a harvested cornfield in Barre this past Saturday. I do not know if they were local geese or some migrating south from the north.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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GUEST COLUMN

Should I ask for retroactive benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turn 70 next month, Oct. 3 and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026.

I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026?

Signed: Turning 70

Dear Turning 70:

I must ask why claim your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until



January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits, which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section of your application that "I

do not wish to receive retroactive benefits. I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks" section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier

than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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ELECTION LETTERS POLICY

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

Campaign news
As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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

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 PM. 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

Tween D & D Chaos Club, every other Friday, November 14, 3:15-4:45pm. For ages 9-13. Some experience is preferred. Please register.

Anime Club, every other Tuesday, November 18, 3:30-5 pm. For middle and high schoolers. The group chooses what to watch each week - join us to geek out on anime, try out your cosplay, and eat yummy snacks. Registration recommended.

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Discussion Group, monthly, Friday, November 21, 3-4 pm. For high schoolers. Books are chosen by the group each month and can be found in the Youth Room. Please register.

Online Gaming Club for YAs, every Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Play Roblox, Minecraft, & more. Roblox players must have their own accounts; Minecraft players can bring their own devices or use one of the library's 8 computers and/or Minecraft accounts. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Youth Room Thanksgiving Food Drive, through November 22. All ages. Donate Thanksgiving food for the Survival Center and get a free book!

Massachusetts Children's Book Award (MCBA)

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candy; we have different activities going on for kids to engage in like arts and crafts, and also for the whole family. There's something for everybody, from youngest to middle school, to be able to do different things here at the club," said Irizarry.

Irizarry complimented the Ludlow Police and Fire Departments, along with 18 organizations and families who all wanted to decorate their own trucks and give out candy to everyone for the night. The Ludlow Lions Club was helping with arts and crafts and passing out glow sticks, and the Youth Soccer and Football organizations were near their trucks handing out candy.

Irizarry highlighted all the participants at the event, kids to adults, who were all having a great time and dressed up before Halloween



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The McDonald family went all out with their Pacman family themed costume.

night. When asked why he chose Captain America as the costume this year, Irizarry laughed and shared he tries to switch it up every year, saying that last year he dressed up as Woody from Toy Story.



Captain America and the Hulk met with Peter Leonczyk from Ludlow CARES at the Rag Shag parade!



This graveyard themed trunk stunned trunk-or-treaters at the end of the parade with its creativity.



Cory Rodrigues, Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan, and Sgt. Jhon Wielblad with a dragon!



The Ludlow Youth Football program represented and donned costumes from the popular movie Hocus Pocus.



THANKSGIVING REVIEW

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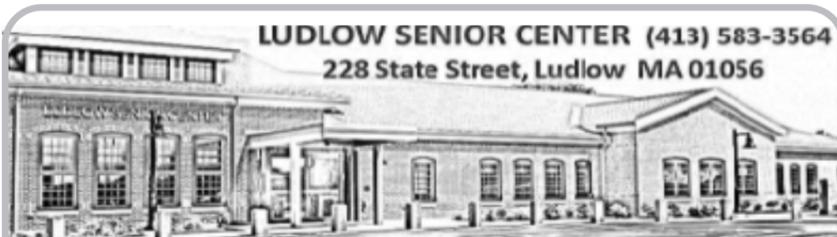
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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/coa/. 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. Please note that if the Ludlow schools are closed or have a delay due to inclement weather, the Center will be closed or have a delayed opening.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, November 6

9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
1:30 p.m. Baking Together*
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, November 7

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Elections 101 with Kim Batista*
1 p.m. Decorating Committee Meeting
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, November 10

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Knitting
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Computer Help
11 a.m. Veterans Day Lunch! *
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, November 11

Center Closed - Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Dental Hygiene Appointments*
10 a.m. Tea with the Town Administrator
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
12:30 p.m. Hearing Clinic Appointments*
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: *They Were Expendable* (1945)

Thursday, November 13

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Senator Oliveira Office Hour
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
10:30 p.m. Friends of the Center Meeting
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
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, November 6: Vegetable Frittata/Roasted Pot.
Friday, November 7: Pepperoni Pizza/Side Salad
Monday, November 10: Chicken Parm Over Pasta/Caesar Salad
Tuesday, November 11: Center Closed - Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 12: Hamburg Chow Mein/Rice/Vegetable
Thursday, November 13: Chef 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.

Mental health youth first aid

LUDLOW—Ludlow Cares Coalition holds Mental Health Youth, adults helping youth first aid on Wednesday, Nov. 12 and 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Two hours of self-paced, pre-work plus for two virtual classes with 3 year certification. No cost training for those working and living in

Ludlow. Important for parents, grandparents, caregivers, employers and anyone working with or supporting youth. Compassion, awareness, respect, education and safety.

For more information contact Ludlow Cares Coalition at ludlowcares@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Babes for a Cause

WILBRAHAM—Shop for a reason! The holiday tour to be held Saturday, Nov. 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. at The Starting Gate at Great Horse.

10% of sales from vendors and 50% of ticket sales will be

donated to Shriners Children's New England.

Featuring 35+ women owned businesses, acoustic music featuring Project 267, free spa services and mediumship readings.

Craft fair to be held Nov. 8

THREE RIVERS—Annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by the SS Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality of Divine Mercy Parish at 2267

Main Street in Three Rivers. Beautiful craft items by talented local artists.

Refreshments and lunch available for purchase. Free parking and admission.

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.

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to 22, the Youth Room will be hosting a Thanksgiving food drive with items like stuffing mix, canned soup, corn bread mix, and more. When a donation is given, the donor will be gifted with a free book! The collected food will be then donated to the Survival Center, and the full list can be found upstairs in front of the elevator.

On Nov. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., the Board of Library Trustees invites everyone to join the library in their open house with live music by The Storytellers, Portuguese cooking demonstration by Maria Dias, meet and greet the library trustees and staff, and beer tasting provided by Vanished Valley Brewing for 21 years and older.

For further information, visit the library website.



This family was dressed up as Boo Squad with matching spooky shirts.



One of the kids created the Button Monster Pumpkin that had a variety of different buttons.



Youth Room Assistant Kristin Santos with Natalie was happy painting Bob the Minion pumpkin.



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The Ludlow Commission on Disability with Beverly Barry's daughters and past co-workers and friends of the Assessor's Office.

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Odato-Staeb commented that Barry was active within the Town and was well-connected. "She was professional and inclusive, she had good energy and networking. She was a good person. Two of her daughters are here, they live out of the area, so they came and tomorrow's Beverly's birthday so that's why we have a birthday cake. We wanted to dedicate this to her because she often wanted to make sure things were really accessible for individuals in the Town. Getting to know her through my work with her at the commission, she was a strong advocate, and we did a lot to set up guidelines and formal parts of the group. Before this group came along, it was just Beverly and me for a really long time," said Odato-Staeb.

When asked about the idea of the plaque and why it was important to recognize her, Odato-Staeb continued. "It was to recognize that she was committed to people with disabilities in the Town and we wanted to do something to look at her passing and recognize the work she's done; her efforts and her energy and who she was as a person and the commitment. We talked about wanting at the same time to look at what could be assessable and what the committee could do. The Town picked this park since it was used more and because of the summer youth program here, that maybe even for children with disabilities can access the environment and sit here with their friends," ended Odato-Staeb.

Sharing memories of their mom and further insight of how she viewed the Town, Cheryl Barker and Elizabeth Crawford shared how it was to come back to their hometown and see the efforts in honoring their family. Barker began, "It's so heartwarming to see how many people

came out to honor our mom; she was passionate about the commission and people in general. She was always thinking of everyone before herself; she had such a great heart and always said she was never done working. Always had more to give; she was such a great person," said Barker.

Crawford added, "The Town was so incredibly important to our mom, particularly the Commission of Disability. Our mom struggled at a young age from muscular dystrophy, a group of inherited genetic disorders that cause progressive muscle weakness and loss, and it is something that many don't know about her. Accessibility was her passion and to have this accessible table for everyone to enjoy in her honor is incredible," said Crawford.

Associate Assessor Maria Fernandes in the Town spoke about working with her over the years. "She was a friend and a pal, someone you could talk to about work and personal life, and about anything. She was always there to pick up the phone, someone who you could trust. Even when she was sick, she would make a point to come in. She was so dedicated to her work and passionate about being there. It was unbelievable," said Fernandes.

Friend Alyce Abdow shared the pair were friends since they were both eight years old and commented, "She was quite an amazing woman, I knew her since the third grade, she was my oldest and dearest friend."

The Register wishes a happy birthday to Beverly Barry whose birthday oc-

curred a day after the dedication ceremony on Oct. 26. Ludlow Resident Mike O'Rourke added a few words about Barry, "Beverly was a long-time resident of Ludlow and took immense pride in serving her community. I worked with her on the Ludlow Board of Assessors for 10 years. She had a wealth



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

In honor of Beverly Barry, the Commission on Disability bought a birthday cake, a photo of Barry, and a photo of the plaque that can be found on the accessible table at Whitney Park.

of knowledge serving as our chairperson and as our mentor. Beverly also served on the ADA Commission for more than 20 years. She was also a licensed Real Estate Broker for over 30 years and became an educator helping first time home buyers achieve their dream of owning a home. The Town of Ludlow will truly miss Beverly Barry," ended O'Rourke.

The plaque in honor of Beverly Barry read as follows, "In Memory of Beverly Barry, 1957 to 2024, a long-time resident of Ludlow, who served Town Community Members for 29 years, Commission on Disability for 21 years, and the Board of Assessors for 23 years. Her passion to serve and support others will always be remembered."

To learn more about the Commission on Disability, visit the town website.

Button Show to be held Nov. 8

THREE RIVERS—Massachusetts State Button Society's annual meeting and show will be hosted by the Crescent Button Club on Saturday,

Nov. 8, 2025, at the Amvets Post 74 on Main St. in Three Rivers, MA. from 9 am to 3:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend the day's activities and to purchase buttons and button related items from 9 am to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There will be no button sales during the break from noon to 1:30 p.m. as lunch, a business meeting, and button program "Owls,

Magic, and Superstitions" will take place.

Morning visitors will be treated to coffee and refreshments provided by the hosting clubs; bring your own brown bag lunch, and desserts will be provided. There is no admission fee, and all are welcome.

Mah Jongg Club open to all levels

PALMER - Have you ever wanted to learn Mah Jongg? Haven't played in years and would like to? Drop in and join us at the Palmer Public Library for this newly formed, weekly club! Beginners will get help from Joyce, a local Mah Jongg enthusiast and teacher.

The club will primarily meet in the Community Room on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. If the Community Room has an-

other event, the club will relocate for that day to another area of the library. This club will play the American version of Mah Jongg and follow the National Mah Jongg League (NMJL) rules.

Mah Jongg is a 4-person game of strategy and skill that originated in China. There are many versions of this game, with the American version enjoying popularity in the U.S. today. Learning to

play involves getting familiar with the tiles, learning the specifics of dealing & play, and especially learning to decipher and become familiar with the official card of playable hands released annually by the NMJL.

Please bring your own Mah Jongg set and current NMJL card if you have them. The library is located at 1455 North Main Street. Questions? Call Amy at 413-283-3330, ext. 121.

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/>

Immaculate Conception Church food sales

INDIAN ORCHARD - Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard will be holding five Polish Food Sales on these Saturdays:

Nov. 15 --- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 22 ---- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 13 ---- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 20 ---- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Golabki (3) \$12---Kapuska (Large) \$10---Pierogi

{12}---Cabbage--Potato & Cheese \$14--Sweet Cheese, Blueberry \$15

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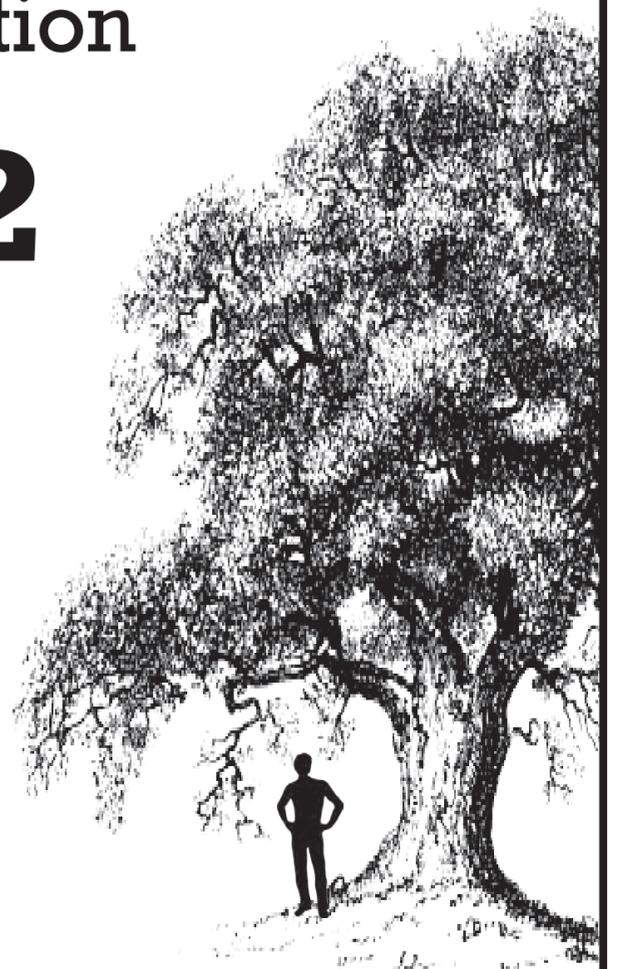
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Lions fall to Agawam in final game



Alexander Coehlo traps the ball after receiving a pass.

LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Ludlow High School boys soccer was defeated in non-playoff action 1-0 against Agawam. The Lions fell to 4-8-6 on the regular season and did not qualify for the state tournament for the first time since the new format began. Ludlow had previously been competing, by request, in Division 1 to face a higher competition level.



Gabriel DiRosa sends a pass away.



Luke Slatton makes a quick pass.



Darren Lambert sends the ball across the field.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Evan Dias goes after the loose ball.



Anthony Schuko eyes a teammate up the field.

LHS to induct ninth class in Athletic Hall of Fame

LUDLOW – Ludlow High School is proud to announce the induction of its ninth class into the Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Wrinn Auditorium at Ludlow High School.

This year's ceremony will honor an impressive group of athletes, coaches, teams, and contributors who have left a lasting mark on Ludlow athletics and the community. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to the ceremony. Tickets for the event may be purchased online through GOFan.

2025 Inductees

Athletes: Jeffrey Christina '74 (Hockey, Baseball), Hector Gomes '77 (Soccer), Todd Scyocurka '78 (Football, Wrestling), Pamela Comeau '92 (Soccer, Basketball), Christina M. Boyea '96 (Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field), Cindy Mateus '96 (Soccer, Basketball), Jason Abair '02 (Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Track & Field), Derek Simpson '07 (Soccer, Track & Field), Chris Pereira '11 (Soccer, Volleyball), Alexander LaFayette '13 (Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball)

Coach: Greg Kolodziej – Boys Soccer

Teams: 1983 Baseball Team, 2007 Girls' Track and Field Team

Bill Kolodziej, Contributor Award Recipient: Butch Regnier (posthumously)

2025 Inductee Highlights
Jeffrey Christina '74 –

Hockey and baseball standout who went on to captain the Springfield Olympics Junior A National Championship team and helped Elmira College capture the 1978-79 Division II National Championship.

Hector Gomes '77 – State Champion and All-State soccer player who went on to an All-New England collegiate career at Westfield State and decades of coaching contributions to Ludlow soccer.

Todd Scyocurka '78 – All-League football player and 1978 State Wrestling Champion who earned Academic All-American honors at AIC.

Pamela Comeau '92 – Four-year varsity soccer and basketball athlete, All-Western Mass honoree, and 1991 Western Mass Soccer Champion.

Christina M. Boyea '96 – Record-setting three-sport athlete with Western Mass titles in track & field and key roles in soccer and basketball.

Cindy Mateus '96 – All-State soccer player and Hall of Fame collegiate goalkeeper who led AIC to its first NCAA Tournament appearance.

Jason Abair '02 – Four-sport standout with 1,000+ yard football seasons, a Western Mass wrestling title, and college football honors.

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T-Birds pick up point against Islanders

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-6-1-1) rode a terrific afternoon from their starting goaltender into a shootout before falling 2-1 to the Bridgeport Islanders (2-5-1-0) on Sunday afternoon inside Total Mortgage Arena.

Bridgeport entered the game as one of the league's most potent first-period offenses with 14 tallies in its first eight opening frames of the season. That trend continued at 8:54 of the first when rookie Joey Larson deflected a Sean Day point shot through Vadim Zherenko, giving the Islanders the 1-0 advantage.

The T-Birds once again showed good resilience and

timely power play success at 17:03 to tie the score. Matthew Peca won the opening draw of the advantage, allowing Samuel Johansson to get a shot into the blue paint. Marcus Hogberg made the first stop, but Matt Luff was on the scene to jab a backhand rebound home to tie the game, 1-1. The goal, Luff's team-leading fourth of the season, was also his fourth point in the last two games.

Zherenko and Hogberg rose into the spotlight in the second period, as neither team could take advantage on a plethora of power play

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Railers fall against Reading Royals 5-1

WORCESTER – The Railers fell Saturday night with a 5-1 loss to the Reading Royals.

Worcester's lone goal was scored by Drew Callin to make it 3-1 in the third period. There was a little bit of history there, since it had been 1,411 calendar days since his last goal for the Railers on Dec. 8, 2021.

Callin spent almost all of that span in the American Hockey League.

Reading got two goals from Carson Golder. Massimo Rizzo, Brandon Saigeon, and Sawyer Boulton each had one apiece.

Vinnie Purpura got the win in net with 25 saves. Tristan Lennox took the

loss and stopped 27 shots.

The game ended in messy fashion with altercations all over the place late as the teams totaled 103 PIM in the third period. The 117 PIM overall were the third most in team history, the most ever at the DCU Center.

Including two video reviews, the game time was 2:51, second most in team history for a regulation game and tied for the longest at the DCU Center.

The Railers seek to regroup next weekend as they play their first three-in-three of the season. All

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Lucas Quiterio attempts to strip the ball from an opponent.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Ludlow football shut out

LUDLOW – Last Thursday night in misty, rainy, and windy conditions, Ludlow was defeated by Frontier Regional High School 39-0. It was the

final Intercounty South Conference matchup for the Lions. Ludlow fell to 1-4 in the conference and 1-7 overall on the season. Ludlow was placed in nonplay-

off action for the remainder of the season and their first matchup was scheduled to be against Taconic High School either Nov. 6 or 7.



Mason Morace scrambles around looking to pass.



Jake Marino tries to force the ball through the middle.



Dakota Williams and Drayden Keirse try to make a tackle.



Jonatta Teles DeSousa leads the blocking.

Hundreds turn out for Out of the Darkness Community Walk

By Kristin Rivers
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AGAWAM – Hundreds gathered at School Street Park on Oct. 25 for the 2025 Out of the Darkness Community Walk in support of raising awareness for suicide prevention.

The annual event featured a Honor Bead Ceremony with community members sharing their stories and wearing a color sharing their connection to the cause whether the loss of a child or spouse to a personal struggle or attempt, remarks from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), community resource tents including free hugs and information on the 988 hotline, raffle prizes, music overseen by a DJ at Sigel Productions, hope seeds given out by youth volunteers during the walk itself and more.

As each honor bead was presented, participants also lifted their own to show their personal connection to



State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and youth volunteers pose for a group photo with this year's Out of the Darkness Community Walk t-shirt.

the cause.

In 2024, Fundraising from this walk has helped support mental health first aid training in schools including in Ludlow, South Hadley, Chicopee, Monson, Palmer and Ware, local colleges including Elms College and the University of

Massachusetts – Amherst—who did a Talk Saves Live event and a Campus Walk—presenting and sponsoring a portion of the Western Mass Veterans Conference and other programming in schools and communities throughout Western Massachusetts.

The top five fundraising teams were Team Nathan, Rusty's Free in the Wind, Randy's Rainbow, Team Edwards/First Churches and Whalen 3:16, while the top five individual fundraisers were Carol Beal, Karen Carreira, Michael Carreira, Kristin Rivers and Denise



Participants gather at the Free Hugs tent.

Lemenager.

The walk was sponsored by Easthampton Savings Bank (bankESB), Elm Electrical, Westfield Gas & Electric, Pioneer Behavioral Health, Color for Resilience, the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Helpline and Westek Architectural.

To learn more, visit afsp.org/chapter/Massachusetts.



Stanley the Squirrel, the mascot for the Westfield Starfires, also stopped by for a visit.

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Derek Simpson '07 – Multi-sport champion who led Ludlow to soccer state titles and held multiple track & field records.

Chris Pereira '11 – Two-time state champion and All-New England soccer star who later won an NCAA National Championship at SNHU.

Alexander LaFayette '13 – Record-holding baseball catcher, All-New England col-

legiate player, and NCAA Academic All-American.

Coach Greg Kolodziej – Legendary boys soccer coach with over 200 career wins, 8 Western Mass and 4 State Championships, and multiple Coach of the Year awards.

Butch Regnier – Lifelong supporter of Ludlow youth athletics, founding member of the Ludlow Youth Baseball Association, and longtime community leader.

1983 Baseball Team – Western Mass Division II Champions under Coach Bill

Kolodziej, remembered for clutch postseason performances.

2007 Girls' Track & Field Team – Western Mass Division I Champions who dominated the competition with six school records and multiple event titles.

The Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame, founded in 2007 by Bill Kolodziej, celebrates the achievements of athletes, coaches, and contributors who exemplify excellence, dedication, and sportsmanship.

T-BIRDS

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opportunities. Bridgeport went 0-for-4 on man advantages in the first 40 minutes, including an 0-for-3 spell in period two. Springfield, meanwhile, was unable to break the 1-1 tie on their one chance in the middle stanza.

Zherenko and the T-Birds' penalty kill continued to rise to the occasion in the third, stonewalling the Bridgeport power play once more in the final period to

complete a perfect 5-for-5 day. Zherenko went the final 51:06 of regulation without allowing a tally.

As the 1-1 tie carried into overtime, the netminder only raised his game further, as Zherenko came up with high-danger saves on both Marshall Warren and Alex Jefferies in the 3-on-3 proceedings, allowing the T-Birds a chance to win in the shootout. After Chris Terry and Luff traded shootout goals through

the first two rounds, the game came down to the third round. After Hogberg turned away Nikita Alexandrov, former T-Bird Matthew Highmore stepped up and whistled a perfect forehand off the inside of the post to ice the game for Bridgeport.

The T-Birds and Islanders renew acquaintances as the two clubs meet at the Thunderdome on Friday, Nov. 7 for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

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three games are with Maine. Friday night the teams are in Portland, the next two at the DCU Center.

Worcester was outshot by two and outscored by two in the first period.

Rizzo scored from between the circles at 9:12.

There was a lot of traffic in front of Lennox and the officials looked at possible goalie interference, but the score was still 1-0 after the review.

The Royals increased their lead to 2-0 at 15:37 on a goal by Saigeon. He got the puck against the far left board, perhaps 40 feet from

the net, and sent a wrist shot inside the far post.

In between the goals, Railers forward Lincoln Hatten took on Reading's Boulton in a quick, intense fight. How time flies. Boulton is the son of Eric Boulton, a legendary battler whose career pro PIM totals were in four figures.

Eric Boulton spent part of 1998-99 with the AHL Kentucky Thoroughblades. On Jan. 29, 1999 in Kentucky he and IceCats forward Reed Low engaged in arguably the best fight in Worcester hockey history, a Rocky vs. Apollo Creed battle.

Coincidentally, or may-

be not, Kentucky's coach that season was Roy Sommer.

Golder finished off the odd-man rush that made it a 3-0 game in the second period. Reading played the break perfectly as Golder converted Cam Cook's pass with a re-direct that Lennox had no chance on.

Callin scored from in close with Worcester on a power play at 4:51 but Boulton blunted any chance at a comeback by popping home a rebound at 7:40. Reading got a 5 on 3 chance later in the period and took 11 seconds to convert it for the game's final goal.



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Deadline for photos and forms is Friday, December 12, 2025



Ludlow CARES Coalition handed out rally towels that encouraged everyone in the gymnasium to cheer on the Ludlow Dream Team, composed of LPS faculty.



Harlem Triksterz dunking on the dream team while the community watches anxiously.



Ludlow CARES Coalition offers a variety of items for children to adults, hoping to spread the message of life is a puzzle, solve it drug free.

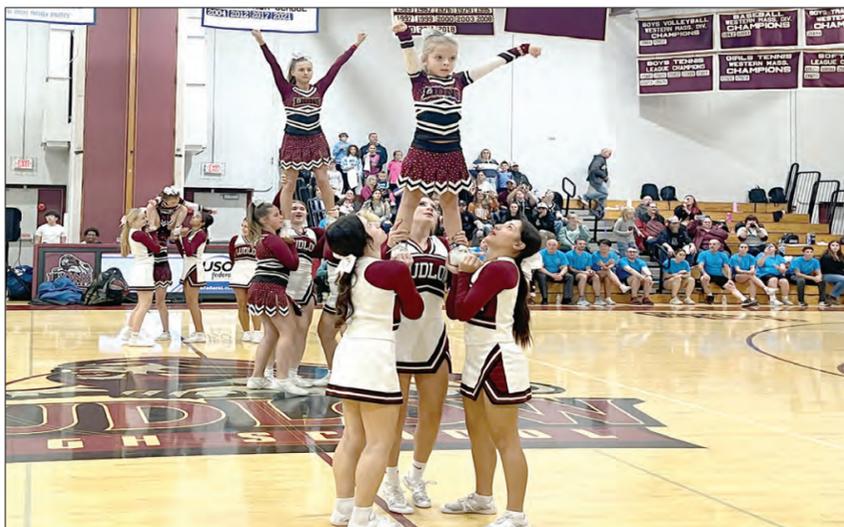
DREAM TEAM from Page 1

it's working, our message is getting across, and it's adopted into the schools. No puzzle is complete without every piece. It only took one individual to cause a movement," said Leonczyk. Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano expressed his gratitude for the community and stated the Town has always taken Red Ribbon Week seriously, and this event and future community events will continue to bring awareness to mental health.

The Ludlow Dream Team featured Ludlow Public Schools' own Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano as the head coach with staff from each school in the Town participating with in the dream team. At East St. Elementary, the facul-

ty featured was Para Michael Marshall, Custodian Telmo Costa, Teacher Michelle Savoie, Counselor Maura Ricardi, and Principal Christine Limoges. At Harris Brook Elementary, Physical Education Teachers Jill Yarkey-Judd and Emily Taylor, Student Teacher Haley Marino, Teacher Megan Sweet, Vice Principal Ashley Antonine, with Principal Nikki Reed were representing. Paul R. Baird Middle School featured Teachers Jen Donovan and Kevin DaSilva with Principal Jay Taylor. Ending at the LHS, Athletic Director Tim Brillo, School Resource Officer Nate Goudreau, PE Teacher Lindsey Gauthier, Teacher Danielle Skorka, with Assistant Principal Mike Reagan made up the Town's dream team.

LHS Cares President Abby Coelho added that



The youth cheer team showed off their skills half time.

the group oversaw getting volunteers for the event, "Everyone contributed this year and it's great to see ev-

eryone together. My friends are the ones that support me a lot because they will always pull through when I need volunteers or people

to support me. When we have community, that's all we really need and that's what Ludlow needs," ended Coelho.



Referees to the signature event were LHS Tyler Tatro and Ava Friese.

The Red Ribbon Week signature event was sponsored by the Ludlow CARES Coalition. To learn more, visit the ludlowcares-coalition.org

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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.

Open House Tech Toy Petting Zoo, Thursday, November 13, 3-5pm. All ages. Drop into the Youth Room during our Open House to try some of our cool, circulating tech toys!

Thanksgiving Gratitude Jars, Saturday, November 15, 11am-1pm. All ages. Make a decorated jar for your dinner table for family and friends to share notes of gratitude. Drop-in.

Youth Chess Club, every other Monday, November 17, 3:30-4:30pm. 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, November 18, 5:30-6:30 pm. Ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 pm. 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.

Story Walk: Keepunumuk (Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story), through November. Enjoy the story as you follow the signs on the lawn. Drop-in.

FOR CHILDREN

Sesame Street Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, November 8, all day. All ages. Search the Youth Room for pictures of your favorite Sesame Street character - win a prize if you find them all. Drop-in.

Read to a Poodle, every other Monday, November 10, 4 - 4:45pm. For beginning readers. Sign up for a 10 minute reading session with Quill, a Bright-spot therapy dog and his trainer. Please register.

Storytime Series for 3-5 year

olds, Mondays, through November 17, 10 am. 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.

Mickey & Minnie's Birthday Celebration, Tuesday, November 18, all day. All ages. The very first Mickey Mouse movie was released on this day in 1923, so we're celebrating Mickey & Minnie's birthday with a scavenger hunt, a craft, and fun paper games. Drop-in.

Music and Movement, Wednesdays November 19 and 26, 11am-12pm. Ages 2-5. We'll start with an interactive book, then use props while dancing and moving to songs that focus on imitation, following directions, using the five senses, and exploring the space around the body. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 0-2, Thursdays (not 11/13), 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 (not 11/13), 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Targeted for children 2-5. See description above. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Minecraft Club, every Saturday, noon to 1:50 pm. For ages 7-11. Bring your own device or use one of the library's eight computers & Minecraft accounts to build, play, & create. Please register.

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

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UPCOMING

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. 14 & 15

HOLIDAY FAIR at the First Church in Ludlow located at 859 Center Street, Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Raffles, hand-

made crafts, shopping, bake shoppe, decorative holiday logs and a soup and sandwich lunch.

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 at First Church LUDLOW—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.

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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.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF LUDLOW LEGAL NOTICE

The Select Board of the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 18 at 5:45 p.m.** in the Select Board's Conference Room, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA. The hearing has been scheduled for the proposed adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for the taxable year ending June 30, 2026.

The Board of Assessors will

be available at this hearing to provide information and data relevant to the fiscal effect of "Classification and Taxation of the Property According to Use" Manuel Silva, Chair Ludlow Select Board 11/05, 11/12/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P2011EA Estate of: Grace E. Maciolek Also Known As: Grace Ellen Maciolek Date of Death: August 27, 2025

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petitioner Anne Lessenger of Columbia, CT a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Yani Baez de Marichal of 61 Homestretch Drive, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 10, Parcel 73) for: **facials & lashes.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman 10/29 11/05/2025

Teen Canvas Tote Bags with Paint Sip Fun

WILBRAHAM - The Teen Department at the Wilbraham Public Library announces a tote bag painting workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Erin Boughamer, owner of Paint Sip Fun, will lead grades 6-12 through creating their own unique painted tote bag.

"We are excited to be painting on tote bags for a change, and teens will have a choice of images, either 'Citrus Fruit' or 'Colorful Fish,'" said Teen Services Librarian Rachel Haggood. "Erin of Paint Sip Fun created both images specifically for our teens, and will be offering step-by-step instructions on

each design at the event. Art and painting programs are some of our most popular teen programs."

All supplies will be provided; each teen will receive 1 tote bag. No experience necessary. Lemonade and water will be available. This program is free to attend and sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Registration is required as space is limited. Both painting choices can be seen on our website when registering. Register at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, "Teens", "Event Calendar", or call the library at 413-596-6141.

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- Equipment Hydraulic License 2A (required)
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- Effective communication skills.
- Two years of supervisory experience in the construction field or municipal.
- Proficiency in operating all DPW equipment, including but not limited to: grader, loader, roadside mower, excavator, backhoe, and street sweeper.

Application Details:

- Application and job description are available on the Town of Sturbridge website under job opportunities <https://www.sturbridge.gov/your-government/pages/job-opportunities>
- Interviews will begin on November 4, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

Additional Information:

- The DPW operates as a union shop.
 - The Town of Sturbridge is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).
- For more information, please refer to the job description or contact the Sturbridge DPW directly at **508-347-2515** or **dpw@sturbridge.gov**.

Job Posting: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Town of Sturbridge, MA

The Town of Sturbridge is seeking a dynamic, experienced, and highly qualified professional for the position of Assistant Director of Public Works. This is a senior-level, management position that will support the Director of Public Works in overseeing the planning, administration, and daily operations of the Public Works Department.

About our community

Sturbridge is a welcoming community known for its picturesque landscapes, historic charm, and vibrant local attractions. As Assistant DPW Director, you will play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the Town's infrastructure, ensuring a high quality of life for our residents.

Key responsibilities

The Assistant Director will provide a variety of engineering and administrative services under the guidance of the DPW Director, with a primary focus on:

- Conducting plan reviews for subdivisions, site plans, roadways, water, sewer, and stormwater designs.
- Managing all stormwater permitting activities associated with the NPDES MS4 General Permit.
- Supervising and overseeing the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS).
- Coordinating snow and ice removal activities.
- Addressing resident inquiries related to town projects, utilities, and permitting.
- Presenting engineering reports to and responding to inquiries from town boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission.

Qualifications

- Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree in civil/environmental engineering or a related field from an accredited four-year college or university is required. Candidates must have two to five years of related public works experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of •
- Technical Knowledge: Knowledge of public construction bidding and Massachusetts procurement laws is essential.
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“Move Over” law to protect workers and stranded motorists across Massachusetts

BOSTON — On Thursday, Oct. 16, State Senator Jake Oliveira (Ludlow-D) and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that strengthens roadside safety protections for drivers, utility crews, and others who must work or stop along state highways and local roads.

The bill, An Act relative to the Move Over Law, expands existing protections

for emergency vehicles to include utility trucks and any disabled vehicle displaying hazard or flashing lights. It requires motorists to slow down and, when possible, move over a lane when approaching a stationary utility vehicle or car stopped on the shoulder. The goal is to prevent more crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Massachusetts roads.

Senator Oliveira stated

that the measure has particular importance for the safety of workers and drivers in rural Western Massachusetts, where many roadways have limited shoulders and visibility.

“Whether it’s a line-man restoring power after a storm or a driver stuck on Route 202 in Belchertown, everyone deserves to feel safe when they’re pulled over,” said Senator Olivei-

ra. “This bill is a common-sense step that will save lives, especially on our rural roads where there’s little room for error.”

Under the legislation, fines for violating the Move Over law will increase to \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for third and subsequent violations. Repeat offenders will also be required to complete a driver education program to rein-

force safe driving practices.

The original Move Over law already covers police, fire, EMS, tow trucks, and highway maintenance crews. This expansion ensures that utility workers, who often face the same roadside dangers, and stranded motorists receive the same level of protection.

“In communities like Granby, Palmer, and Lud-

low, our utility workers are out in all conditions fixing downed lines, restoring heat, and keeping people connected,” Oliveira added. “We owe it to them and to every driver on the road to build a culture of caution and respect behind the wheel.”

Having passed the Senate unanimously, the bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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One Word to Instantly Calm Your Dog

From Dr. Marty Goldstein
Integrative Veterinarian

Dogs can stress out over many things — storms, fireworks, even kids running nearby. And seeing your dog so scared can be heartbreaking, especially when nothing seems to calm them down. However, there's one word that can relax a dog instantly. I call it their “Safety Sound.”

The science behind it goes back 100 years ago. You may have heard of a scientist named Pavlov, who made a simple discovery, he would ring a bell right before feeding his dogs; after repeating this many times, the dogs began

to react to the sound of the bell on their own. They would drool and get excited, even if no food appeared.

Your dog's brain works the same way. A gentle word, paired with calm moments, can teach them to feel safe whenever they hear it. That's because a dog's brain is wired to form “emotional shortcuts.” When something scary happens, their body floods with stress hormones, and logic goes out the window. But when you teach their brain that one special word means calm, it overrides the fear. Your dog instantly relaxes, as if a weight is lifted off them.

In other words, you can train your

dog's brain to feel peace when they hear one word — no matter what's happening outside. It's simple, but incredibly powerful. Here's the easiest way to teach your dog their “Safety Sound”:

Step #1: Pick one gentle, unique word (such as... “safe,” “peace,” or “snuggle”).

Step #2: Say it softly only when your dog is completely relaxed — during cuddles, naps, or quiet moments.

Step #3: Repeat it consistently until that word becomes linked with calm.

Step #4: Then, in a storm or stressful moment, whisper it again — and watch your dog reconnect with that safe state.

All it takes is a few seconds here and there, during the moments you and your dog already share. It could be belly rubs, snuggling on the couch or quiet mornings together. Over time, your “Safety Sound” becomes like a lifeline they can always count on. And when you pair the “Safety Sound” with gentle touch, the effect is even stronger. A hand resting softly on their chest or behind the ears tells their body, “You're safe,” while the word reinforces the message. Over time, these two cues blend together, creating a powerful sense of calm your dog can rely on — even in the scariest moments.