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Wreaths Across America returns next month

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LUDLOW – In an expanding annual tradition, community members will once again gather to celebrate National Wreaths Across America Day.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, guests will attend a ceremony at Island Pond Cemetery in town (499 Center Street).

Remembrance wreaths will be placed atop the graves of fallen heroes, with each veteran's name announced aloud to honor their service and sacrifice.

Across the country on Dec. 19, additional programs celebrating National Wreaths Across America Day will be held at more than 5,200 other participating locations in all 50 states.

"Wreaths Across America is much more than placing a wreath on a veteran's grave. It is about honoring their service, remembering their sacrifices, and ensuring that their legacy is never forgotten," said Eric Segundo, the Director of Veterans Services for Ludlow and Palmer. "Every wreath placed represents a life of service, a family who has sacrificed, and a story that deserves to be told."



Submitted photo

Several area residents took part in last year's Wreaths Across America Day program in town.

The three-pronged mission of the annual Wreaths Across America program is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach children the value of freedom.

At the Ludlow program, a 12 p.m. ceremony will be immediately followed by wreath placements.

"The mission to remember, honor, and teach reminds us that freedom is not free, and that we have a responsibility to educate future generations about the men and women who defended it," Segundo added. "As a veteran and Director of Veterans Services, I believe one of our greatest responsibilities is to ensure that those who served our nation are never forgotten."

To learn more about the event, or to find out how you can support the mission by sponsoring a wreath or volunteering, visit www.ludlowveterans.us.

"Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services extends our heartfelt gratitude to the businesses, organizations, families, and individuals who generously supported our Wreaths Across America – Ludlow campaign," read a statement released by the department. "Your kindness and generos-

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Ludlow High School set to honor veterans

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LUDLOW – After months of preparations, the Ludlow High School community is celebrating Veterans Day with a special event today.

The 9 a.m. program, taking place inside the LHS auditorium, features a packed schedule of activities. The event is being hosted by Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services.

"Veterans Day is an opportunity for our community to come together and honor the men and women who have served our nation," said Eric Segundo, the Director of Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services. "Attending a ceremony or lining the streets during a parade is a simple but powerful way to show our veterans that their service and sacrifices have not been forgotten."

Today's program at LHS includes several special activities and honors, including the announcement of Veteran of the Year; student essay winners; VFW awards; and American Legion awards.

"I think it is wonderful that Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services hosts this event each year," said Ludlow Public Schools Superintendent Sharon Cournoyer. "This will be my first time attending as Superintendent, and I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize our local veterans for their sacrifice and their commitment to protecting our freedoms."

For members of the school community whose family and friends have served their country, it means a lot to give back and express gratitude at local programs.

Several additional activities at today's LHS event will honor the veterans who made freedom possible. Officials were eager to celebrate multiple generations of veterans.

"My father is a Navy veteran, both of my grandfathers served, and my nephew is currently serving in the Navy. I understand

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Ludlow Select Board receives notice of safety concerns

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LUDLOW – At its meeting last week, the Select Board received notice of dangerous conditions on Loopley Street and approved its new entertainment license application.

Prior to the Select Board's joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the School Committee, the Nov. 3 meeting began with the board's correspondence, which included a notification of routine inspections on the National Gas Pipeline Right of Way, a Participating Municipality Statement of Commitment Annual Notification from the Shared Services Coordinator for Mill Towns Public Health, and a Bridge Inspection Report from the Department of Transportation. The board also voted to appoint Andrew Loin to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Entertainment license

The board then returned to the matter of the updated entertainment license. Select Board member Tony Sanches read some minor changes to the language, and the board voted unanimously to accept the new application for an entertainment license as presented, to take effect with the 2027 licenses.

"We've done this between two articles at town meeting," Select Board Chair Bill Rosenblum said. "We brought this application to the point of almost being three, four, or five pages, back down to where it's really just the application, and we can go ahead and be case-by-case on anything that is outdoors or indoors."

Safety concerns

One item of correspondence came from resident Thomas Foye, who made a request for an immediate intervention, proper road repair and a comprehensive safety assessment of a segment of Loopley Street from Blanchard Street to the CVS corridor. Select Board member James Gennette read the letter, which was addressed to the Department of Public Works as well as the board.

"Currently, the corridor completely lacks sidewalk infrastructure, forcing all pedestrians to travel along the shoulder of the roadway," Gennette read. "Compounding the risk, the existing asphalt contains poorly paved potholes and uneven patch jobs."

Foye's letter described the street as "excessively bumpy," and creating "severe handling hazards for residents using assistive mobility devices," and making it difficult for vulnerable residents to keep a steady path alongside moving vehicles.

"We understand the town's historical justification for delaying or refusing full road resurfacing on this stretch has been a desire to slow down passing traffic," Foye's letter continued. "However, utilizing a deteriorated, dangerous road surface as an informal traffic calming mechanism is unacceptable and legally problematic. Allowing hazardous road defects to persist to slow traffic is fundamentally misguided."

Foye ended the letter by establishing formal notice regarding unsafe and non-accessible conditions under Massachusetts General Law. Gennette thanked Foye for the notice and added that the board should notify the Safety Committee.

"I know that the DPW has a schedule for streets, and I'm unsure of where Loopley falls on that," Genette said. "But I'm sure that something could probably be done down

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Fundraiser supports local events

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LUDLOW – The Friends of Celebrate Ludlow hosted a fundraiser last week to benefit community programs held throughout the year.

On Nov. 6, acclaimed hypnotist and entertainer Frank Santos, Jr., visited the Polish American Citizens Club to deliver a show for guests.

Sponsored by the Ludlow Polish American Bingo Committee, the event also included a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar.

"There's nothing better than bringing people together for a good laugh and a good cause," said Santos, who holds shows at venues across New England. "It was a pleasure to be part of the Friends of Celebrate Ludlow fundraiser, and I'm grateful to everyone who came out to support it. Also, a big thank you to the Polish American Bingo Committee for sponsoring the show."

Proceeds from the event will help fund community programs organized year-round by the Celebrate Ludlow Committee. These include the upcoming tree lighting ceremony set for Sunday, Nov. 29, from 3-7 p.m. outside Ludlow Town Hall.

Held rain or shine, this event will include crafts, hot cocoa, popcorn, visits with Santa, photo opportunities, appearances from superheroes, and plenty of other family activities.

"We'll have a couple of food trucks on hand, and fresh kettle corn will be made and sold," said Celebrate Ludlow Committee Chair Linda Collette. "Boomer, the mascot from the Springfield Thunderbirds, will be having fun with the kids."

The program will also include a Ludlow Hockey Association shootout; local Scouts selling wreaths and overseeing burn barrels to keep guests warm; Christmas caroling from several youth groups; and a performance from the Saloio Family Band.

Additionally, the Ludlow High School chorus will lead children in a wide selection of Christmas carols.

Guests will also have an opportunity to buy an ornament for the Christmas tree ($5 each). The ornament will be hand-painted with your name on it, or in memory of a loved one. It will then be placed on the tree for all to see.

"We are also very pleased to partner with the Ludlow Rotary, where they will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program," Collette said. "There will be many locations for dropoffs in town, and the U.S. Marines will be on hand with their 7-ton truck to gather the toys collected."

Please bring your unwrapped toys with you to the event. Everyone who brings a toy for the Toys for Tots collection will receive

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Turley Photo by Richard Murphy

Filmmaker Geno McGahee and his team members are shown at the premiere of "Blood Harvest: Night of the Scarecrows".

Filmmaker McGahee brings 'Blood Harvest' to Agawam Cinemas

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Oct. 24, Western Massachusetts filmmaker Geno McGahee came out with his latest work of film horror.

"Blood Harvest: Night of the Scarecrows" is, what one could say, a story from the dark side of life's street.

The event took place at Agawam Cinemas, obviously in the town of that name. These theaters are an intimate venue and an asset to town and region.

Theaters, once ubiquitous, are vanishing, so a place to watch films with others is a pleasure.

Around 7 p.m. fans arrived and the discussions among them were lively.

One of the scarecrows was there to shake the hand of your correspondent. Rick Caride, one of the movie's team set us up for a picture.

The genre is where McGahee has more than a little expertise. "Blood Harvest:

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DATEBOOK

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

CRAFT FAIR: Christ the King Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Christ the King Church (41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow). The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be hosting talented craft vendors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles. A light luncheon, drinks, and desserts will be available for sale. All are welcome to join the festivities.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: St Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, will hold its annual St Nick's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pastoral Center. Approximately 40 vendors will be selling stained glass, holiday primitive décor, and hockey memorabilia. We will also have a raffle of 10 baskets. St Nick's Cafe will also be open for lunch for a nominal fee. Admission and parking are free. Come join us for a fun day.

ONGOING

SQUARE DANCE for exercise, health, social activities, and mostly for fun. We all need to enjoy the creativity of mental and physical activity. We need 24 people who want to meet and greet on the dance floor and enjoy the Quabbin Valley Twirlers Square Dance club. Dance is for everyone – two left feet, singles, teens, and families. Moving to music is one of the best ways to stay healthy with balance and coordination. Join us on Sundays in Ludlow or Thursdays in Belchertown at 6-8 p.m. Two free dances and $6 per person afterward. For locations, times, and more information, contact Gloria at 413-467-3352 or by email at: ladicaller@gogtt.net.

PLAY CRIBBAGE IN INDIAN ORCHARD Cribbage players of all ages and ability are welcome to enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Join us at Club #72, "Pegging Fools", Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

VOLLEYBALL at E Street School began Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Play is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information at: 413-583-3564.

BI-MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE. On the first Saturday of each even month (February, April, June, August, October and December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car and bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

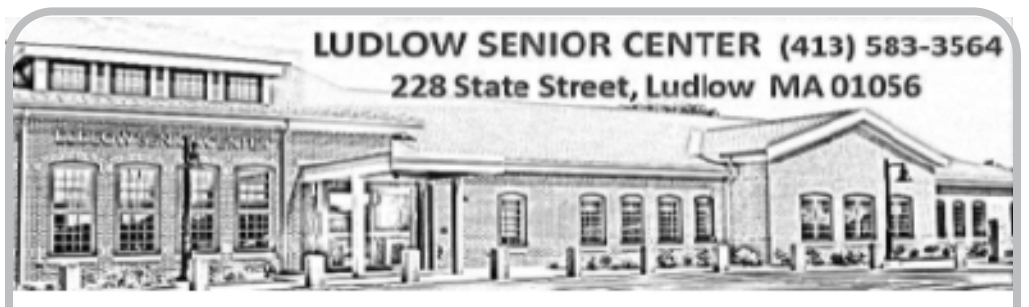
AQUACISE AT THE CLUB The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held Monday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Tuesday – Aquajazz, 9-9:30 a.m.; Aquacise,10-10:45 a.m.; Wednesday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m.; Thursday – Aquacise, 10-10:45 a.m. and Friday – Aquacise, 9-9:45 a.m. For questions, call 413-583-2072, extension 124.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow. Call for information about the schedule. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

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

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



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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November brings special events, great entertainment, and your favorite fitness classes. Several November events have specific registration requirements, so please be sure to review the details carefully. For complete information, consult the November Senior Scene newsletter, available on our Facebook page, online at ludlow.ma.us/coa, or in print at the Center.

Beers & Story will be here with a presentation about advance funeral planning and how to start a conversation about this intimate topic. Chief Brennan joins us on the 17th for the annual Coffee with a Cop program. This is a great opportunity to get to meet the Chief and share community connections with him and his department.

Our popular Thanksgiving lunch is fully booked. It's amazing to see that hundreds of people look forward to dining together to celebrate, share, and show their gratitude for each other and for this incredible building and all it has to offer.

Chris works hard to cook for you! Join friends for a delicious, restaurant-style lunch in the Center's dining room, Monday through Friday. Coffee, tea, and dessert are included for just $2! Please call 413-583-3564 at least 24 hours in advance to reserve your meal. Reservations for Monday must be made by Friday.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Nov. 12
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
10:30am Friends Meeting
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Nov. 13
8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
9 a.m. Dental Hygiene*
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones*
1:30 p.m. Flex & Core

Monday, Nov. 16
9 a.m. Knitting Club
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Peace of Mind Funeral
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10 a.m. Computer Help*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch

Tuesday, Nov. 17
9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10 a.m. Coffee w/a Cop
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
2:30 p.m. Computer Help*
4:30 p.m. Power Pump
5 p.m. Movie: Animals

Wednesday, Nov. 18
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
10 a.m. Opera
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: Animals
4:30 p.m. COA Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 19
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting
10:15 a.m. Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Writers Block
2 p.m. Book Club
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Daily Events:

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Open Billiards: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Menu:

Thursday, Nov. 12: Crab Cake/Rice/Veggies

Friday, Nov. 13: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Let & Tom/Mac Salad

Monday, Nov. 16: Baked Cod/Pot/Veggies

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Stuffed Sausage/PMO/Steak Fries

Wednesday, Nov.18: Hot Dog/Baked Beans/Cuke Salad

Thursday, Nov. 19: Ckn Picatta/Rice/Veggies

We do our best to accommodate some but not all allergies. Please check the menu and call us regarding your allergy concerns at 413-583-3564.

Visit us on the web www.turley.com

St. Nicholas Craft Fair is Nov. 14

LUDLOW – Christ the King Rosary Sodality's will be holding it's annual St. Nicholas Craft Fair at Christ the King, 41 Warsaw Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be talented craft vendors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles.

Light luncheon, drinks and desserts will be available for sale.

All are welcome to join the festivities.

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ity help us honor the brave men and women who served our nation and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten."

For more information about the national event and how you can get involved, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org. The website also features information on donations, sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities.

Locally, officials are eager to keep the tradition rolling ahead next month.

"On December 19, as our community gathers at Island Pond Cemetery, we will not simply be placing wreaths. We will be reaffirming our promise that their service, sacrifice, and legacy will live on for generations to come," Segundo said.

Officials thank community members for their strong support of veterans and servicemembers at events throughout the year.

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Westfield Bank donation supports Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

WESTFIELD – Westfield Bank has donated $10,000 to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, reaffirming its longtime commitment to helping ensure individuals and families throughout the region have reliable access to nutritious food.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts works with local food pantries, meal sites and community partners to address food insecurity while advancing long-term solutions that help build healthier, more resilient communities. Westfield Bank's contribution is part of a multi-year pledge used by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to build its new facility which opened in 2023.

"No one should wonder where their next meal is coming from, or if it's coming at all," said James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank. "The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts connects people with the food and resources they need. We're proud to support their work and the positive impact they have throughout our communities."

"At a time when the high cost of food, fuel, housing and other basic needs is making it harder for families to afford the basics, many more people are turning to the Food Bank and their local food pantries for food assistance," said Andrew Morehouse, Chief Executive Officer of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. "We're grateful for Westfield Bank's investment in our mission to build lasting food security by providing nutritious food and partnering with communities to end hunger."



Submitted Photo

Shown from left are Dan Marini, SVP/Director of Marketing; Kelly Pignatare, SVP/Director of Retail Banking and Business & Government Deposit Services; Cheyenne Burnham, Public Engagement Manager, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts; Andrew Morehouse, Executive Director, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Supporting organizations that improve the quality of life across Western Massachusetts and Connecticut is a longstanding part of Westfield Bank's commitment to the communities it serves. Through charitable giving, employee volunteerism, and local partnerships, the Bank continues to invest in programs that help neighbors and communities thrive.

You can learn more about the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts at foodbankwma.org.

About Westfield Bank

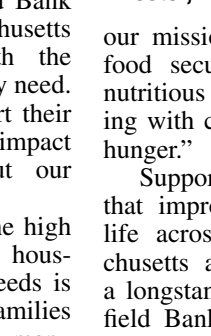
Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts.

The bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the bank has 25 branch offices, 49 ATMs, and an additional 30 seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and the Capitol Region in Connecticut. To learn more, visit the Bank's website at www.westfieldbank.com.

About Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is the region's leading organization dedicated to ending hunger. Serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, the Food Bank distributes nutritious food through a network of local food pantries, meal sites, and community partners while advocating for long-term solutions that address the causes of food insecurity.

Brian Gibson joins LUSO team



Brian R. Gibson

WILBRAHAM – LUSO Federal Credit Union, serving members and communities in Hampden County since 1971, is excited to announce that Brian R. Gibson, of Wilbraham, has joined the team as the Wilbraham Branch Manager.

A Wilbraham native and resident of 29 years, Gibson brings 12 years of banking experience and a strong connection to the community he now serves in his new role. He attended Wilbraham schools before earning an associate degree in Business Administration from Springfield Technical Community College.

For Gibson, joining LUSO represents an opportunity to combine his professional experience with his passion for the community he calls home.

"Having grown up in Wilbraham and lived here for so many years, it's exciting to have the opportunity to serve the community in this role," said Gibson. "It's especially meaningful to join an organization like LUSO that is so actively involved in supporting our local communities."

Jennifer M.G. Calheno, President and Chief Executive Officer of LUSO Federal Credit Union, welcomed Gibson to the team, emphasizing the importance of local leadership and community connections.

"We're thrilled to welcome Brian to LUSO," said Calheno. "His banking experience, combined with his deep roots in Wilbraham, makes him a wonderful fit for our team. As a community-focused credit union, we value leaders who understand the people and neighborhoods we serve. Brian brings that firsthand perspective, and we're confident he'll be a tremendous asset to our members and the Wilbraham community."

Gibson also looks forward to expanding his involvement in the community, including plans to join the Wilbraham Rotary Club.

Members and community residents are invited to visit Gibson at LUSO's Wilbraham branch located in Crane Park Commons, or contact him directly at 413-589-9966, Ext. 211, or bgibson@lusofederal.com.

To learn more about LUSO Federal Credit Union or to become a member, contact 844-LUSO-FCU or visit lusofederal.com.

Ludlow student excels

LUDLOW – Edgar Moratinos, of Ludlow, earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from University of Maryland Global Campus in summer 2026.

Moratinos was one of more than 4,300 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the summer 2026 term.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland, in addition to its global tradition of online and hybrid courses.

For more information, visit umgc.edu.

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a ticket for a chance to win a gift basket.

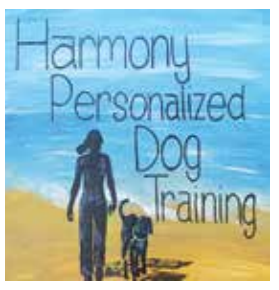
At approximately 4 p.m., Santa will arrive on a Ludlow Fire Department truck, led by the Ludlow Police Department.

At 6 p.m., the tree lighting will take place.

Local officials thank Santos for providing a fundraiser show that will support several events over the upcoming year. Additionally, all guests in attendance at the show are thanked for their support of community programming.

To learn more about entertainment options provided by Frank Santos, Jr., please visit www.franksantosjr.com.

The entertainer offers shows for a range of audiences, including high schools, colleges, and corporate functions, among others.



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GUEST COLUMN

in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Hairy woodpecker

I received an email this week from a reader, who shared a photo of a white-breasted nuthatch he took. He said he has not seen a hairy woodpecker in three years.

The hairy woodpecker is a medium-sized woodpecker found across North America, characterized by its black-and-white plumage. Males have a red patch on their head; females do not.

They typically inhabits forests and is known for its energetic climbing behavior while foraging for insects in tree bark.

The hairy woodpecker is the larger of two look a likes – the hairy woodpecker and the downy woodpecker. Although they both possess the same black and white feather pattern color and the red patch on the back of head (males only), the hairy woodpecker has a much longer bill than the downy woodpecker.

The hairy woodpecker measures approximately 9.8 inches in length and has a wingspan of about 15 inches. Its diet mainly consists of insects particularly wood-boring beetles, which it extracts from tree bark.

They also excavate their own nesting cavities often in the dead stub of a living tree. The entrance to the nest is about 2 inches tall and 1.5 inches wide, leading to a cavity 8-12 inches deep.

The inside widens at the bottom to make room for the eggs and the incubating bird. It's typically bare except for a bed of wood chips at the bottom.

They are known for their distinctive drumming sounds, which they use to communicate and establish territory.

The hairy woodpecker's call is a short, sharp peek and is similar to downy woodpeckers, but slightly lower pitched and often sounding more emphatic. They also make a rattle or whinny. This call is also similar to the downy, but does not descend in pitch at the end.

Ravens

The man, who sent the photo of the white-breasted nuthatch said where he lives, the supermarkets are "raven territory." He recommended reading the book "Ravens in Winter" by Bernd Heinrich..

Bald eagles

A Petersham resident spotted four bald eagles, two in a tree and two flying above, on Saturday, Oct. 31 around 10 a.m. on Popple Camp Road, Petersham. He said, "Perhaps the unlucky rabbit road kill caught their attention or they were a reminder to us all to vote on Nov. 3."

Large flock of blackbirds

Three of my grandchildren and I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead in Spencer on Friday, Oct. 30. I guessed there were at least 200 birds, maybe more, in the flock.

Other birds

I spotted a flock of about a dozen robins along the road side recently. I wondered if they were gathering to migrate south or if they were some of the robins that over winter in this area.

I spotted a red-tailed hawk fly across the road on election day, Nov. 3. I have seen a red tailed hawk three different days and in different locations recently.

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GUEST COLUMN

Carrots beckon to be harvested

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

My youngest daughter loves cooked carrots with a little drizzle of maple syrup, whereby my older one likes them raw with peanut butter on the side.

It's funny that these incentives that we started back when they were little kids and we wanted them to eat their vegetables stuck through the years!

Regardless of what the girls like to eat their carrots with, I am so glad they eat them. Carrots are a nutritious root vegetable, containing beta-carotene which our bodies convert to Vitamin A, potassium and other vitamins, dietary fiber and antioxidants which vary according to the color of the carrot.

For years I struggled to grow carrots when my friends seemed to have an easy time of it. Either the seeds didn't germinate well, or if they did, bugs ate the seedlings when they were just an inch tall.

One year I got past that only to have the roots taste so bitter at harvest that I ended up throwing them all out. All that work for nothing!

The last few years I've done much better, and as we speak my carrots beckon me to finish the harvest. So far I've been in a "pick as needed" mode, but since I don't want to deal with insulating them under layers of straw, time is running out and I better get them out of the ground.

Here are some tips for growing great carrots.

Ideally your soil should be deep, loose and free of stones. Carrots grow well in raised beds for this reason.

Regular garden beds should have the soil loosened to about a foot deep. Be wary of using fresh manure or other sources of fertilizer that are super high in nitrogen. While it's true that carrots like some nitrogen, having ultra rich soil will make for fibrous, hairy roots.

Experts say that if you are going to amend it should be done the fall prior.

It can take a long time for carrot seeds to sprout. Gardeners have tried all sorts of extraneous measures to get them to germinate more quickly and with greater consistency.

Here are some things I have read about and some I have tried.

The old radish trick – try sowing radish seed interspersed among your carrot seed. The radishes will sprout first, marking the row and providing some shade for the developing carrot seedlings. Some people pre-sprout. Place seed in a moist paper towel and set it in a warm spot in the house and it will sprout.

Immediately after sprouting it is sown in place in the garden. The rows are kept moist and ideally the seedlings take hold.

Sadly, I have read that sometimes this causes roots that end up misshapen. Sometimes gardeners use wood, shade cloth or burlap to keep the seedbed moist.

If you miss when the seeds sprout, they could be smothered under these coverings or worse yet, get tangled up in the fabric. Check daily and remove coverings on the first notice of germination. Continue to keep the bed watered or seedlings will perish.

I planted my carrot seeds in shallow furrows just after Memorial Day and kept the plot watered until they were up and growing. Although carrot seed can germinate in early spring – even when soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, I have had better luck with later sowings.

Another concern gardeners have has to do with sowing the tiny seeds and/or thinning the seedlings.

Carrots mature to the right size when given at least two inches between plants. I usually try to sow my seed a half-inch apart and then thin to two inches.

Thinning is a pain to do, especially in bigger plantings, but it can be done. In order not to damage nearby seedlings, I often use a tiny pair of scissors to cut away the crowding seedlings.

A thumb and index finger can also be used to pinch away the excess plants right at the soil line. Sometimes gardeners mix carrot seed with sand or dry coffee grounds to make sowing the small seed easier; using seed tape or pelletized seed are other, albeit expensive, options to ensure more equidistant seedlings.

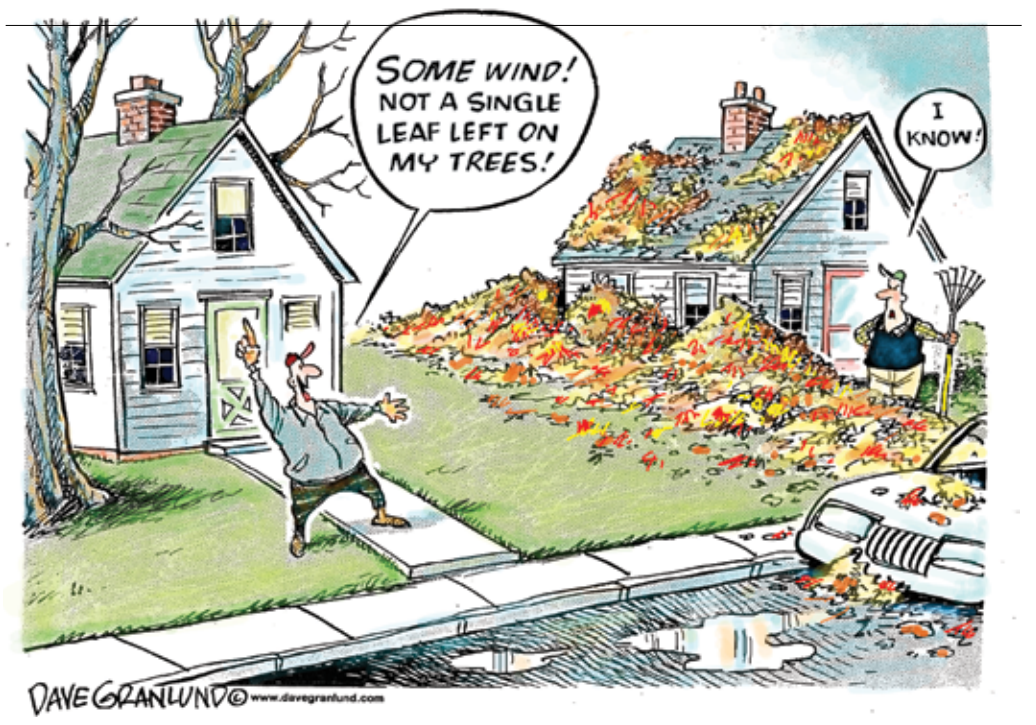
Regular carrot seeds are viable for two-three years whereas pelletized seed is viable for a year. Tape and coated seeds do still need to be kept as moist as regular sowings – maybe even more so, due to the additional layers.

This past year I thinned early on but probably should have done it again when the plants were bigger. I do have clusters of roots within my rows where some carrots look like "baby" carrots and others are full size.

Ah, such it life. The small ones will take a little more work to deal with, but will taste just as good, I imagine.

It'll be fun to serve carrots at our Christmas dinner. After harvest I'll store them unwashed in perforated bags in the fridge until I am ready to use them. And maybe I'll serve them with a drizzle of maple syrup.

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



How can I find out what I've contributed to Social Security?

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty:

I have a simple question (I think).

How do I find out how much I have paid into Social Security over the years?

Signed: Curious Senior Citizen

Dear Curious Senior:

I expect you might rightfully believe you have contributed quite a lot and, fortunately, there are a couple of convenient ways for you to find out how much you have actually paid into Social Security over your lifetime:

1. If you have an online Social Security account (www.ssa.gov/myaccount) you can simply go to your online "my Social Security" account and click on the link for "Social Security Statement."

In that online Social Security statement, you will see a listing of your lifetime earnings, and at the bottom of that listing you will see how much you and your employers on your behalf have paid in Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or SECA self-employment taxes) over your lifetime.

2. If you do not have your online Social Security account set up, you can also contact the Social Security Administration, either your local SS field office get the local office contact information at www.ssa.gov/locator or call 1-800-772-1213 to ask that a copy of your personal "Social Security Statement" be mailed to you.

Obviously, getting this information online is the most efficient method, so you may wish to create your online account if you don't yet have one. Instructions for doing so can be found at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Having this online account will open the door for you to access all the information Social Security has for you, including details of your monthly benefit and your lifetime earnings history.

FYI, many who seek this information are looking to understand when (or if) they might get back all their contributions once they start collecting Social Security benefits. Of course, much depends on the age at which you claim your benefits, but as a general guide, it usually takes about 5 years or less for you to get back in SS benefits all that you have personally contributed to Social Security. However, the length of time to "breakeven" is longer for self-employed individuals, who must pay both the employee and employer portion of Social Security payroll taxes.

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

LUDLOW – To register for programs or find out more information, visit ludlow.cwmars.org, or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: Mon 9–5, Tue 9–8, Wed 9–5, Thu 9–8, Fri 9–5, Sat 10–2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6 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

Chair Yoga for Adults, November 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair yoga uses standard chairs to support gentle stretching, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats are welcome, and water is encouraged! Sessions taught by Mystic Willow. Please register.

Tech 101: Getting Started in Libby, November 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Get started with Libby and learn how to access the library's digital collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Learn how to sign in with your library card, browse and borrow titles, and start enjoying our exciting collection of digital library materials. Please bring your mobile device and your library card so you can follow along. Please register.

Creative Writing Group, December 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts and a quiet space for writing. Share what you've written if you like! Please register.

Beaded Holiday Jewelry Workshop, December 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join Sandy Merrill for a fun-filled evening making colorful beaded holiday jewelry. All supplies provided! Please register.

Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Monday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball. No running or jumping required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Technology Appointments, Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

Seeking Local Artists and Collectors, Seeking local artists, craftspeople, and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge, Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2

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! Pick up a copy of this month's 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! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

FOR YOUTH

Youth Room Food Drive: now through Nov. 21, Upstairs in the Youth Room Let's come together to help our community this holiday season! The Youth We are collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard. With the holidays approaching, support is especially needed. Every donation, big or small, can help make a difference for local families.

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

Young Adult Volunteer Program, ongoing. For 6th grade through high school. Volunteer one hour a week in the youth room. Please see our website calendar for more information and to submit an application.

Recurring Programs

Grow, Play, and Learn, Thursdays (weekly), Nov. 12, 19 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Epic Engineers, (monthly) November 12, 5:00-6:00 p.m. For grades 2-5. Please register.

Farmyard Tales Storytime for 3-5s, Fridays (weekly), Nov. 13, 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-5. Stories, songs, crafts, and snacks! Farm animal theme. Please register.

Wild Cards, (biweekly) Friday, November 13, 3:00-4:45 p.m. For ages 13-18. Please register.

Youth Chess, Mondays (biweekly), Nov. 16, 30, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. Please register.

Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), Nov. 17, 3:30 p.m. For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. Please register.

Pokemon Club, (biweekly) Wednesdays, Nov. 18, 3:30-4:45 p.m. For grades 3-8. Please register.

Music & Movement, Wednesdays, November 18, 10:00 am. For ages 2-5. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for

Tween Graphic Novel Group, Thursdays (monthly), November 19, 5:00 p.m. For ages 10-14. Please register.

Read and Play with Quill the Therapy Dog, Friday, November 20, 3:45 p.m. For youth of all ages. Please register.

Tinker Playgroup, Mondays, November 23, 30, 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-6. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Big Games Day, Monday, November 23, 3:45 p.m. For ages 5-17 and families. Please register.

Mini Makers, Tuesday, November 24, 1:00 p.m. For ages 3-5. Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night, Tuesday, November 24, 6:00-7:45 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Please register.

MCBA Bookgroup, Thursdays (monthly) December 3, 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 4-6. Read, play, snack, and vote! Read MCBA (Massachusetts Children's Book Award) book nominations and vote for your favorite with all the other youth in the state! Please register.

Sing with Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00-5:00 p.m. Drop-in.

Online Gaming/Minecraft Club for YAs, every Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m. For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

One-Time Programs

Favorite Children's Books Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, Nov. 12 & 13, all day. For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

Paper Bag Turkey Luminaries, Saturday, Nov. 14, 11:00 a.m. For ages 3-17. Drop-in.

Music with Mr. Liam, Friday, Nov. 20, 10:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE

Make a Thankful Jar, Saturday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m. For ages 5-18. Drop-in.

Movie! Ratatouille, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1:00 p.m. For youth of all ages and families. Drop-in.

Bingo! Saturday, Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. For ages 5-18 and families. Please register.

Church hold Polish Food Sales

INDIAN ORCHARD – Immaculate Conception Church (25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard) will hold frozen Polish food sales (Golabki, Pierogi, Kapusta) on the following dates:

Before Thanksgiving: Saturdays, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Before Christmas: Saturdays, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SELECT BOARD

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there."

Select Board member Anthony Alves had spoken with DPW Director Jamie Tomas earlier that day and reported that Loopley is on the schedule for repair for spring and summer of 2027.

"The reason it wasn't done this year is there was a question of some potential infrastructure work in regard to sewer extension," Alves said. "They wanted to wait until the decision there, instead of paving the road and digging it up again to extend the sewer."

Alves said that, though there wasn't contact information included in the letter, he is in contact with Foye, and that he and Tomas will keep Foye updated. Rosenblum said that Safety would review the notice at its meeting on Nov. 12.

VETERANS

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firsthand the respect and honor that the men and women of our military deserve, and I am proud to support them," Cournoyer added.

Area residents are thanked for their strong support of veterans each year, not only at celebratory events but also through volunteering at various programs.

The Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services Department looks forward to celebrating veterans in both towns during programs this month. After state approval was received over the summer, Ludlow and Palmer officially joined forces to expand services for veterans.

"I encourage everyone in Ludlow and Palmer to take a little time out of their day to participate," Segundo added. "Your presence means more to our veterans than words can express. Honoring those who served is a responsibility we all share."

The Ludlow Veterans Center is located at 487 Holyoke Street in town.

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announces retirement

STOW – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the retirement of State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine after a career of nearly 30 years in the Massachusetts fire service.

He will step down as Massachusetts' 19th state fire marshal on Jan. 22, 2027.

"State Fire Marshal Davine's leadership and collaboration have helped Massachusetts lead the way in firefighter health, safety, and training," said Governor Maura Healey. "His calm and steady guidance have been invaluable to our crisis planning and response. I am deeply grateful for his service and wish him and his family the very best after so many years protecting public safety."

"From major fires and emergencies to collecting and reporting the data that drives our fire safety strategies, State Fire Marshal Davine has been a trusted leader and a valued partner," said Public Safety & Security Secretary Gina K. Kwon. "His passion and commitment to fire protection at every level of government have helped make Massachusetts one of the most fire-safe states in the nation."

"Serving as State Fire Marshal and leading the Department of Fire Services has been my greatest professional honor and privilege," Davine said. "I especially want to recognize the dedicated staff at DFS, who work tirelessly in support of our firefighters and our Commonwealth. They deliver the highest standards of training, operational support, and fire protection expertise every single day."

Davine was sworn in on Aug. 16, 2023. Under his



Submitted Photo

After nearly three decades in the fire service, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that he will retire early next year.

leadership, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services undertook a series of initiatives, responses, and modernizations to improve fire protection, firefighter training, emergency preparedness, and hazard awareness in the Commonwealth, including:

Coordinating Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive preparation and staffing for the 2026 World Cup games in Foxborough;

Assigning State Police fire investigators, code compliance officers, and support personnel to the Gabriel House fire response and investigation in 2025;

Deploying hundreds of missions to assist local and state agencies battling Massachusetts' unprecedented 2024 brush fire season;

Expanding the fire service's understanding of the risk posed by lithium-ion battery fires by hosting a symposium of subject matter experts and launching new

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Night of the Scarecrows" is also not the first time he has investigated the dark lives of scarecrows.

Most of us think of the suits of straw in gardens and fields as just silent figures to keep unwanted birds from feeding on grains. Ah, but maybe they can become malevolent beings that themselves feed on our species.

McGahee looks at those ungodly beings going back to his "Rise of the Scarecrows: Hell on Earth" many years ago.

Our good man is, however, able to go far afield in looking at mystery and horror.

McGahee works with a talented retinue that appear in many of his films. Also, though working in horror, he can go off that reservation as his "Christmas Invitation" was as close as he will ever get to the Hallmark style, though it is a tad rougher than normal Hallmark.



Geno McGahee and the cast answer questions.

McGahee and the retinue went out west to make a couple of movies that were a departure. "Deadly Western" saw the team mount up and ride.

While out west, McGahee et al would make "Fatal Justice". This movie would be a homage to his favorite film, "Twelve Angry Men".



The Scarecrows arrived in "Blood Harvest: Night of the Scarecrows".

In late winter of this year, McGahee released "Dark Places", a story of a college student who fights her own battle with horror in a local New England venue. "Dark Places" also premiered at Agawam Cinemas.

October 2026, it was time to do the classic horror that is "Blood Harvest: Night of the Scarecrows".

The movie begins with Mitch, played by Eric Michaelian, coming home from the city to visit with his dad, Ben, played by Brent Northrup. They sit together and discuss their lives.

The son, a writer is not moving forward at speed with his latest project. Dad, a widower is himself not doing well. It seems domestic but is not really.

Stacy, Lorrie Bacon, comes by. Stacy works at a market and is supportive of Ben.

Neither Mitch nor Stacy can be said to be lucky in love, but they hit it off and begin a relationship.

Mitch and Stacy ramble in the woods and meet up with a party of campers and they are invited to party with them in an evening. The couple returns and the soiree proceeds.

Camping and partying in the woods? This cannot end well.

Another character, Cooper, appears. He has had a run in with evil in the woods. The local sheriff can hardly be described as someone serving justice.

Dear old dad, Ben, has his own secrets involved with his wife's end of life.

The Scarecrows attack, of course, and it will be a close run thing, as the Duke of Wellington put it.

The last scene is a comedy in itself.

So, "Blood Harvest: Night of the Scarecrows" ended to applause and McGahee, and team stood to the front to answer questions of which there were many and then it was out into the world to count the days to the release of his next oeuvre.



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Correspondent Richard Murphy is shown with one of the scarecrows



Cast members visited with audience members.

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Ludlow girls volleyball falls in WMass finals

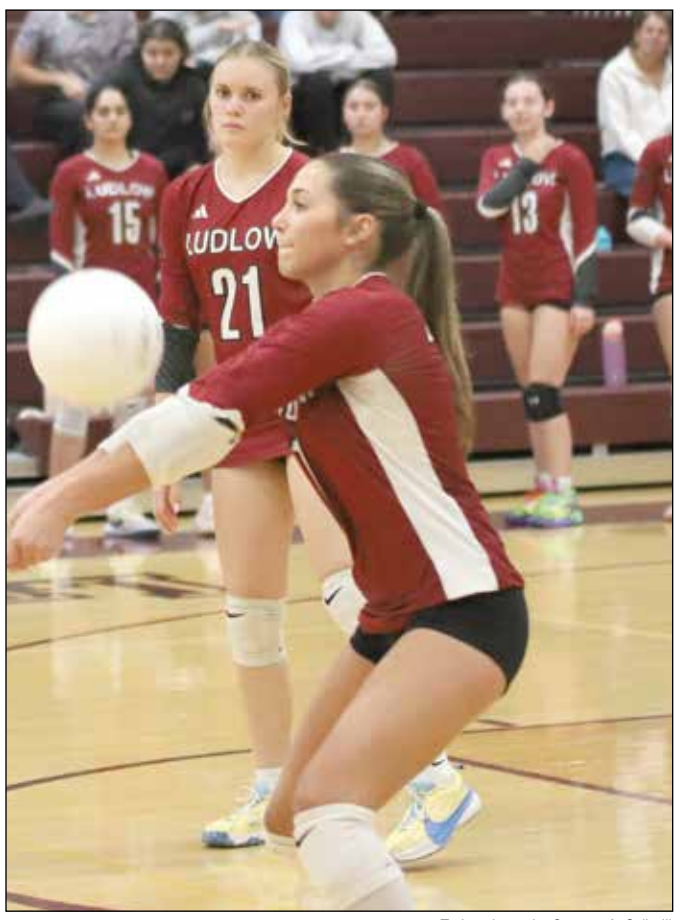


Kamryn Murphy bumps the ball back over the net.

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School girls volleyball team had a very impressive run in the Western Mass. Class B Tournament. Ludlow went all the way to the finals this year, defeating Wahconah 3-0, followed by Belchertown 3-1 in the semifinals held Thursday, Oct. 29. The Lions then faced off with East Longmeadow in the finals, losing 3-2. The matchup, held at Chicopee Comprehensive, went all five sets. Ludlow would win the first and third sets, but could not close it out. They were defeated in the fifth set 15-10. Ludlow entered the state tournament last week and faced Fontbonne Academy in the opening round. Highlights from that matchup will be in a future edition.



Hayden Morin keeps the ball in play with a spike from the sideline.



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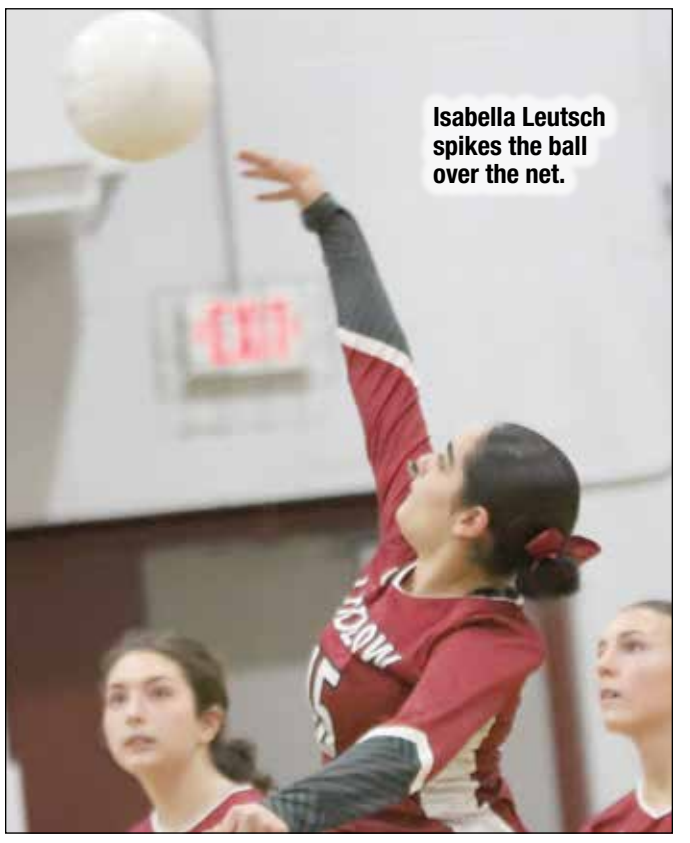
Olivia Slatton starts play with a bump.



Ella Lariviere goes for a diving bump.



Madelyn Goncalves-Korny bumps the ball straight up.



Isabella Leutsch spikes the ball over the net.

Boys soccer WMass run ends in semifinals



TJ Oakley goes for a header.

LUDLOW – On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Ludlow High School boys soccer team found itself on the rare end of a 1-0 shutout, falling to Agawam in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class A Tournament. Agawam got its lone goal in the first half and it stuck as Ludlow's sectional run came to an end along with the regional season at 8-6-4. Ludlow entered the Division 1 State Tournament earlier this week, as they were scheduled to host Bishop Feehan on Monday night. The Lions would likely be scheduled for another game later in the week if they are successful in the Round of 32.

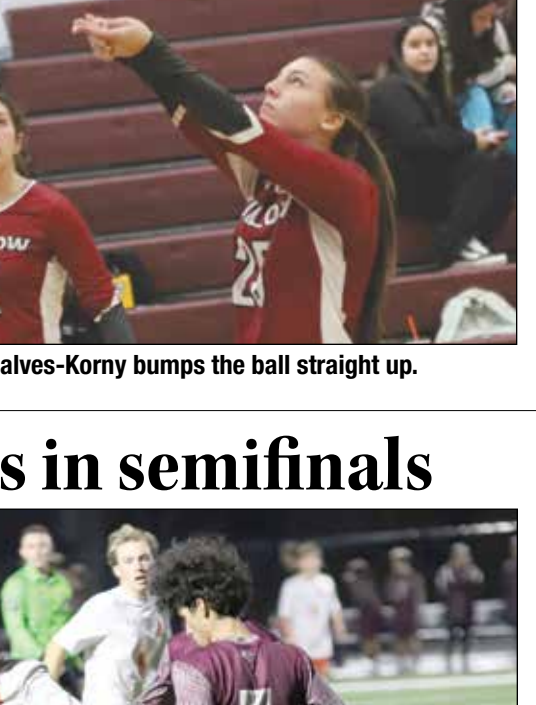


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Ivan Cruz goes after a loose ball.



Nicholas Falcetti fields the ball for the Lions



Alexander Linna attempts to steal the ball.

Ludlow Lions get state tournament going with win

LUDLOW – Last Saturday afternoon, the Ludlow High School girls soccer team got their state tournament run off to a great start with a victory in the preliminary round. Ludlow, which plays in Division 3 for girls soccer at states, scored a 2-0 win over Martha's Vineyard. In the win, Geia Guzman and Maeve Carter scored the goals while Stacy Barros added an assist. Madelyn Riley would get a shutout with a nine-save performance.

For the Round of 32, Ludlow, which will be on the road, drew the benefit of a very close trip as Ludlow, the No. 27 seed, will now head to No. 6 Belchertown.

The game was scheduled for Tuesday evening. The winner will face the winner of No. 11 Dedham and No. 22 Scituate.

WSU falls in penultimate game

WESTFIELD – UMass Dartmouth running back Mekhi Wilson ran for 183 yards and three touchdowns to lead a potent Corsairs' offensive attack in a 45-14 win over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at Alumni Field on Saturday.

UMass Dartmouth evens its record at 4-4, 4-3 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

Dartmouth jumped out to a 24-0 lead in the first half, getting a 40-yard scoring strike from QB JC Petrongelo to Jayden Francois on their first offensive possession.

From there Wilson did the lions share of the damage, scoring on runs of 12 and 8 yards to boost the lead to 21-0, and the Corsairs led 24-0 at the intermission after a Connor McManus 23-yard field goal late in the half.

Wilsn added his third TD on a 2-yard plunge midway through the third quarter.

Westfield got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter when QB Dom Curtis lofted a 40 yard TD pass down the middle to Drayden Keirsey. The Owls added a special teams TD in the fourth quarter when Cal Coughlin blocked McManus' punt from his own end zone, and Westfield Charles Lewis scooped it up before it rolled over the end line for the touchdown. Andrew Currier booted his second extra point of the day for the 45-14 final.

UMD outgained Westfield 495-226 and had a 34:33 to 25:27 advantage in time of possession.

Petrongelo finished 10-17

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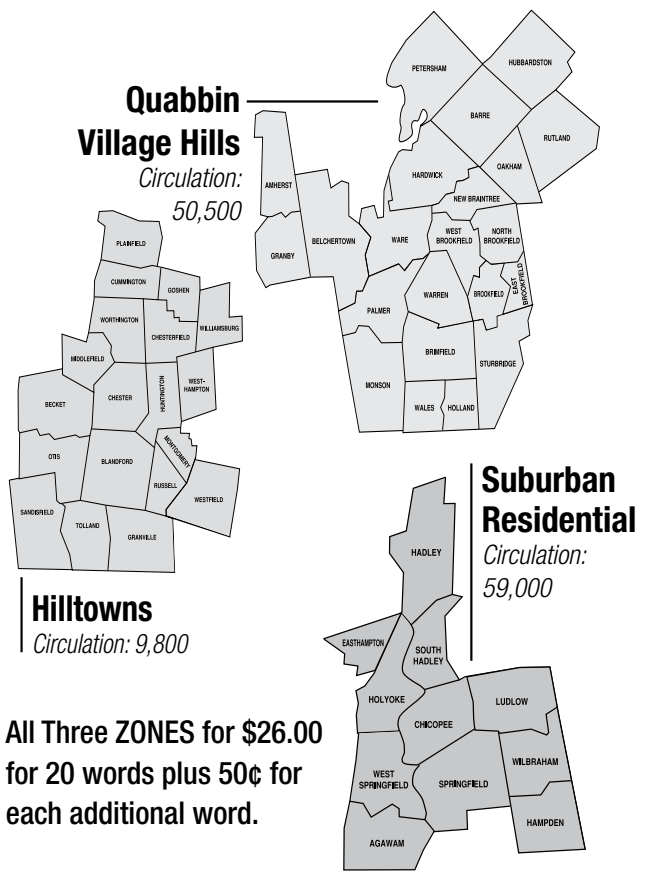
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The Foundation has also announced Charles D'Amour, Executive Chairman of Big Y Foods, as its new board chair, formerly vice-chair of the board, succeeding outgoing Chair Karin George. Dr. Nikki Burnett, Executive Director of Educare Springfield, is now vice-chair.

These appointments were unanimously approved by the CFWM Board of Directors and Trustees at CFWM's Annual Meeting held on Sept. 23.

According to Megan Burke, president and CEO of CFWM, "Since its founding 35 years ago, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has been served by great leadership and stewardship by its board. The investment of time and talent by members of the community represents a legacy that has served both the Community Foundation and the community at large. We are pleased to welcome Attorney Seunghee Cha, Dr. George Timmons and Dr. Martin Wohl to the CFWM Board of Directors. We look forward to their contributions to the organization. I also want to recognize Charlie D'Amour who will assume the position of board chair. The board and the community will benefit from Charlie's leadership and the breadth of experience he has in the private sector and in numerous volunteer positions. We also thank outgoing Chair Karin George for her service and the valuable contributions she has made to our board and the Community Foundation."

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Cha is active in community engagement, currently serving on the boards of directors of the Center for Human Development and Community Legal Aid. She is a past board member of the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County, The United Arc and NAMI Western Massachusetts.

Timmons is the fifth president of Holyoke Community College. Prior to HCC, Timmons served as the provost and senior vice president for academic and student affairs at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, New York, and as dean for the School of Liberal Arts at Excelsior College in Albany, New York.



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Committed to community service, Timmons serves on the Education Sector Working Group of Governor Maura Healey's Artificial Intelligence Taskforce. He also currently serves on the boards of Holyoke Hospital, MassHire Hampden County Workforce, The Tech Foundry, and the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council.

Timmons earned a Bachelor of Science in financial management from Norfolk State University, a Master of Science in higher education from Old Dominion University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University.

Prior to retirement in 2016, Wohl established what is now Wohl Family Dentistry, LLC and before that directed the dental practices of the Hilltown Health Centers. Prior to settling in Western Massachusetts, he was a federal dentist in a Maternal and Child Health Clinic in Washington, D.C., and subsequently dental director with the National Health Service Corps at Hope Medical Center in New Mexico.

After retiring, Wohl was a consultant and adjunct clinical instructor in the Dental Hygiene Department at Springfield Technical Community College. In 2017, he initiated Community Dental Day, an ongoing annual effort to provide free dental exams and treatment for those with minimal access.

Wohl is a lifetime member of the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Valley District Dental Society, and has served on the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation Board since 2018. Additionally, he's served on boards, councils, advisory committees, and capital campaigns for Mass Audubon, Center for New Americans, the Iron Horse Music Hall, Grow Food Northampton, the Pioneer Valley Workers Center and co-founded the Northampton Education Foundation Endowment Fund.

He also founded and was the longtime coach of the Northampton High School Fencing Team. Wohl and his wife, who live in Northampton, established a Donor Advised Family Fund with CFWM in 2008, and in his words, "is dedicated to leaving things better than how he finds them."

As a second-generation member of his family, D'Amour previously served as Big Y's CEO before transitioning to his current role as Executive Chairman. Today Big Y operates 79 supermarkets across Massachusetts and Connecticut, along with 17 gas and convenience stores, 33 pharmacies and the Table & Vine flagship store. D'Amour's ties to the Springfield and Western Massachusetts region run deep personally, professionally and philanthropically. He has chaired the boards of Baystate Health, the Western Mass Economic Development Council, Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation, and the former Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Pioneer Valley.

At the statewide and regional level, D'Amour has co-chaired the Massachusetts Grocery Access task force and chaired the New England Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He also currently serves as a member of Governor Maura Healey's Anti-Hunger Task Force.

He holds degrees from Boston College and New England School of Law, and is admitted to the Massachusetts and Federal Courts. D'Amour resides in Longmeadow with his wife, Elizabeth.

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passing for 149 yards with a TD and an interception. Wilson carried 25 times for 183 yards and three TDs, with Chris Soto adding 79 yards on 12 carries. Francios finished with four catches for 96 yards.

Curtis was 5-8 through the air for 101 yards with a TD and an interception. Cole Ingham carried 7 times for 57 yards, while Manny Mengata added 36 yards on 17 carries. Keirsey had two catches for 67 yards, with Lweis added three catches for 34 yards.

Westfield's defense got 11 tackles from Andrew Lovell, 10 from Aydan Verba, and nine stops and an 18-yard INT return from Josh Marino.

UMD's Matteo Pina led with seven tackles and forced a fumble. Bryant Lopes had five tackles and an interception.will complete it's season at home next Saturday, hosting Fitchburg State at 12:00 noon on what will be the Owls' senior day.

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Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 11: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Holy Mother Choir – 4:30 p.m. (C), Pack 180 Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (FLBH/K)
Thursday, Nov. 12: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), 2nd Strategic Listening Session – 6 p.m. (FLBH), Wreath Bow Making – 6:30 p.m. (JR)
Friday, Nov. 13: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Box of Joy – 8 a.m. (Foyer), Christmas Bingo – 5 p.m. (FLBH/K)
Saturday, Nov. 14: Men's Ministry - 7:30 a.m. (JR), Box of Joy – 8 a.m. (Foyer), Dust & Pray Brigade – 10 a.m. (C), Confessions – 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (C)
Sunday, Nov. 15: Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (C), Faith Formation Pre K-Gr. 2 - 10:15 a.m. (FLBH), Lifeteen – 6 p.m. (ER)
Monday, Nov. 16: Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. (C), Faith Formation Gr 3-5 – 4:30 p.m. (ER), Faith Formation Gr 6-8 – 6:30 p.m. (ER), Women's Bible Study – 6:15 p.m. (ER)
Tuesday, Nov. 17: Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry – 3:30 p.m. (ER), Pastoral Council – 6 p.m. (JR) St. Rita Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. (C), Bereavement Support Group – 6:30 p.m. (ER), Pack 180 Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (FLBH)

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Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
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FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL
A Church of the Nazarene
485 East Street, Ludlow
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Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison
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Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups
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OTHER MEETINGS
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm
AA Group 7pm

FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW
859 Center St. Ludlow
413-583-3339 office
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Reverend Darcy Borden, Pastor
413-285-3069
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95 Berkshire Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
413-543-4204
Revs. Karen and Nick Munn, pastors
Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
Worship in person, 11 a.m.
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45 Newbury St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
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