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Tiano hopeful about recent issues with transportation

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LUDLOW – On Nov. 4, Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano updated the school committee with a hopeful bus transportation update following the recent ongoing issues like school buses being late and bus route problems. Tiano explained after the committee voted to move forward and ride with Rozki Rides for two of the routes in

Town, Director of Operations and School Business Manager Mickey Buhl followed and updated the committee on how the company is doing after partially taking over. “This is a very early update, but it is a very positive one. Rozki Rides has been providing the routes since last Mon., and they are there every day. They also have tremendous communication, every time I talk with Owner Jessica Rozki or her team, they have great data.

I asked the team, one of the routes that we gave them, the way it’s scheduled, it was hard to get to the street on time. When I first went over it with them, the team said they would do everything they could to make that happen, and I said what’s your early implication and they pulled up the data immediately. They provided the last three days of data of 3 p.m. dismissal of getting the buses there on time, and that was the third or fourth day of

their work. Having that data right at hand is terrific and having some direct feedback from bus drivers to me was terrific. The issue the other day, due to a fire event in Town they had to close part of Fuller St. and that was one of the routes Rozki Rides runs. We contacted them and coordinated with them with no problem; very positive start there,” said Buhl. Due to Rozki Rides taking over two routes in Town, Buhl shared that it had a pos-

itive impact on the number of bus alerts from LPVEC; the routes were not previously run. The two routes that were taken over are now running regularly, and Buhl communicated with families, parents, and guardians, and the transition was well-received. “It hasn’t been long enough to see the data comparison, but I would suspect that not only do we have those two routes, but any other bumping they must do is less because that’s two fewer

routes that they must cover given other shortages. We are very happy with that start and that’s been the biggest start,” said Buhl. A question was asked in regards whether Rozki Rides has had enough drivers, and Buhl answered by stating there have been bus alerts, “I don’t have the data, and we’ve had bus alerts. Just

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5th Annual pig roast supports Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236



Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo serves up a hot pig roast for guests to enjoy. Last Saturday evening, veterans gathered for a pig roast to support the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236. The event was free, but there were numerous raffles to help fundraise. More photos on page 3.

Don’t miss Light Up Ludlow and Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 30!

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LUDLOW – “Come on out to join in the fun and create a new tradition with your family and friends!” Mark your calendars for Nov. 30 which has a full day of fun beginning with Breakfast with Santa and ending with Light Up Ludlow, revealing a 22-foot Christmas tree that residents can view at the Town Hall. Speaking with Linda Collette of the 250th Celebration Committee who wanted to leave a final mark after the yearlong celebrations the previous year, she explained all the festivities in detail for families and residents so when the day arrives, everyone can focus on the fun. Collette began, “The



Submitted photo On Nov. 30 the Christmas Tree Lighting will be at Town Hall with several activities for families of all ages, beginning at 4 p.m.

Select Board updates Town on West St. Bridge closure

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LUDLOW – The last mention of the West St. Bridge was the announcement of the closure on Aug. 18 from the City of Springfield’s website with the following statement, “We hope to complete the inspection and make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. Once the underside inspection is completed, it is anticipated that the repair scenarios will be submitted to MassDOT for their review and ultimate approval. At that point the city will complete the necessary repairs



The West St. Bridge is awaiting a piece of equipment to perform an underside inspection.

Town launches Angel Tree Program on Nov. 1

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LUDLOW – Occurring through Nov. 21, the Town will be hosting an Angel Tree Program that hopes to donate gift cards to families in need, focusing on providing holiday meals during these uncertain times. Suggested gift card donations to purchase groceries and essentials this holiday season are local grocery stores and Amazon. The drop-off location is the Select Board office in the Ludlow Town Hall, and applications are available on the Town website. Proj-

ect Coordinator of the Town Brittany Beaumier, who also kickstarted this program, stated the following after initially launching it. “We’ve recently begun receiving applicants and are hopeful that with community support, we can collect a meaningful number of donated gift cards to assist as many local families as possible. These continue to be challenging and uncertain times, and we’ve heard from many in the community who are looking for ways to help. We believe this initiative offers an ex-

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Library youth room hosts Thanksgiving food drive and story walk

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LUDLOW – From Nov. 3 to the 22, the Youth Room at the Hubbard Memorial Library is collecting Thanksgiving dinner food to donate to the Survival Center located in Indian Orchard. When donating food, patrons can let a librarian know and be presented with a free book to take home.

The Youth Room will be collecting the following foods; stuffing mix, canned soup, canned cranberry sauce, canned corn, canned gravy or gravy mix, instant potatoes, beans, canned pumpkin, corn bread mix, canned sweet potatoes or yams, canned vegetables, cereal, biscuit or muffin mixes,

pasta, and protein items like peanut butter and tuna.

The Community Survival Center's food pantry has three programs helping at-risk individuals in the Town of Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, Indian Orchard, and Sixteen Acres neighborhoods. To donate and help through volunteering, visit the website at community-survivalcenter.org. To donate food at the library, patrons can locate the donation box on the second floor near the elevator.

To learn and read through the story walk, visit the library lawn to view "Keep-unumuk: Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story" by Alexis Bunten, Anthony Perry, Danielle Greendeer and illustrated by Garry Meeches Sr. This picture book hon-



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

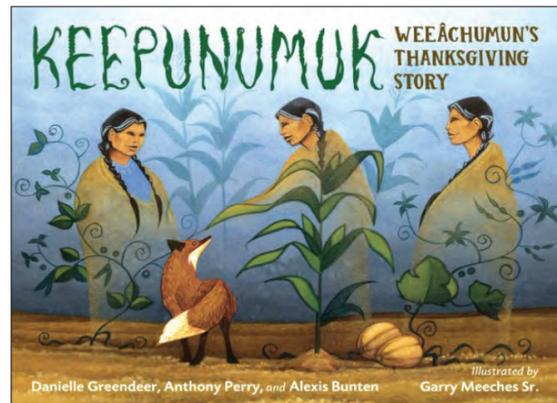
The Thanksgiving food drive by the Hubbard Memorial Youth Room will continue until Nov. 22.

ors the history and tradition surrounding the story of the first Thanksgiving.

Through Wampanoag eyes, the Native Americans

teach the Pilgrims to grow the three sisters for a successful harvest which is corn, beans, and squash.

Found on the library



Submitted photo

The story walk on the library lawn teaches everyone of all ages the history of the first Thanksgiving and teaches everyone about the three sisters.

lawn, patrons are welcomed to walk through the story and learn about the tribe that ultimately helped the Pilgrims survive the first win-

ter. The picture book retells the Thanksgiving story and honors the Native people, celebrating both sides of history.

Fill a tent for Vets food drive Saturday

LUDLOW—Cub Scout Pack 180 is asking the community to support the Pack's annual "Fill our Tent" food drive on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. which will benefit local veterans. The tent will be outside of the Ludlow Veterans Services at 487 Holyoke St, Ludlow.

All food and cash contributions will be used to brighten Thanksgiving for veterans served by the Veterans Food Pantry.

Needed are non-perishable foods of all kinds, but especially for foods that will complete a Thanksgiving dinner for the families of our veterans in need.

The annual food drive is part of Pack 180's participation in the Scouting America's National Good Turn, Scouting for Food.

Pack 180 is chartered to St Elizabeth Parish and accepts members from throughout the community. For information on Scouting e-mail info@scouts180.org.

VFW Post 3236 hosting meatloaf dinner fundraiser on Nov. 20

LUDLOW—The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3236 invites the public to enjoy a delicious Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Ludlow Elks Lodge, 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow, Mass.

This takeout-only event will feature a homemade meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert - all freshly prepared and packaged for convenient

pickup.

Dinners are available for a \$12 donation per person or \$40 for a family of four. Proceeds will directly support local veterans' assistance programs, community outreach efforts, and ongoing initiatives of VFW Post 3236, including scholarships, veteran aid, and ceremonial observances throughout the year.

"Every meal served helps us give back to those

who have sacrificed so much," said Christine Bassett, Commander of VFW Post 3236. "We hope the community will join us for a great meal and an even greater cause."

Advance orders are encouraged, but walk-up takeout will be available while supplies last.

Come enjoy a great meal and help support Ludlow's veterans - because together, we serve those who served.

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.

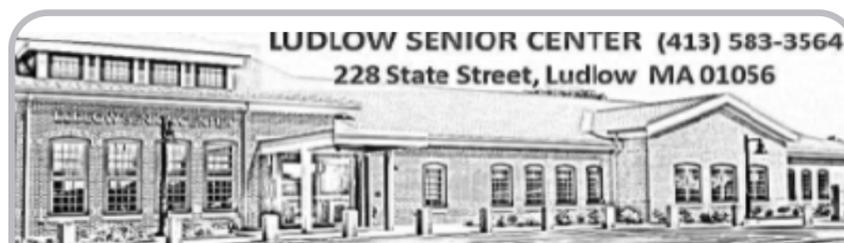
The festivities will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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!



Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

LUDLOW— 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 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

Friday, November 14
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. PVTA Basics
1 p.m. Ceramics
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

Monday, November 17
9 a.m. Knitting
9 a.m. Memory Screening Appointments*
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10:30 a.m. Rep. Saunders Office Hour
1 p.m. Scrabble
1:15 p.m. Pitch
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencils Class*
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, November 18
9 a.m. Quilting
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Cribbage
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up*
1 p.m. Western Dance Class
1:30 p.m. Bingo
4 p.m. Create a Poinsettia Wall Hanging*
5 p.m. Trivia
4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
5 p.m. The Woman in Cabin 10 (2025)

Wednesday, November 19
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Massage Appointments*
10 a.m. Opera Appreciation
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: The Woman in Cabin 10 (2025)
4:30 p.m. COA Board Meeting

Thursday, November 20
8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class*
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
1 p.m. Art of Card Making*
1:30 p.m. Laura Lavoie & Our Dementia Life*
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*
2 p.m. Book Club: The Road to Tender Hearts/Annie Hartness
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 13: Chef Salad
Friday, November 14: Fish & Chips/ Cole Slaw
Monday, November 17: Stuffed Shells/Garlic Bread
Tuesday, November 18: Rueban Caserole/3 Bean Salad
Wednesday, November 19: Lunch & Learn! BLT Grinder/Tater Tots
Thursday, November 20: Birthday Lunch! Chicken Marsala/Egg Noodles/ Vegetable

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.

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St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar

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.

5th Annual pig roast held Saturday



Turley photos by Amanda Munson
Flagger Glenn commented he enjoyed participating in the annual pig roast at the brewery.

The Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236 Kara Smith and Christine Bassett offered a 50/50 raffle with a variety of prizes..



The Army truck donned American flags and parked in the back of the event.



Guests at the annual pig roast were waiting in line to try out new brews, like the Kolsch Style Ale that has a veteran saluting the American flag.



The free event was for veterans and their families to enjoy a pig roast, live music, and raffles that all benefited the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236.

Annual Holiday Bazaar to be held Nov. 22

WILBRAHAM - The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors invite you to enjoy our popular 15th Annual Holiday Bazaar to be held at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Bazaar Chair Dee Mitchell, this popular event will feature favorite crafters for gifts of jewelry, pet products, pottery, greeting cards, metal work and holiday décor! New artisans will also

exhibit with unique art and specialty creations.

Featured will be our large Raffle with a wide array of items to bid on. Homemade freshly baked goodies will be available to purchase for your holiday table or to enjoy with a beverage while shopping.

Children can enjoy Miss Deb's stories in the Senior Center Café from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. And Santa is taking time from his busy schedule to visit with us from 11 a.m.

to 2 p.m.

Be sure to bring special wish lists to share with him! A light lunch will be available for purchase.

All Bazaar proceeds will be used to support the Wilbraham Senior Center's programs and services, and to enhance the lives of our area seniors.

This year, as a special project, The Friends are asking attendees to help STUFF THE SENIOR CENTER'S

VAN with gifts for Veteran's Children, ages birth to 17-years-of-age.

These donations will be given to area Veteran's families who have registered with Project New Hope's Jeepers Christmas program. Donated gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped but need to be labeled by gender and age range. We hope to make their holidays brighter!

For more information, Dee Mitchell, 413-363-1037.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



A healthy orchard begins in the planning phase

It was a lot of fun to take part in a “meeting of the minds” this past week, where we were discussing key maintenance tasks in the young orchard at Old Sturbridge Village.

I left the meeting inspired for my own young orchard, and with renewed interest in heirloom apples altogether.

I must make a trip to Cold Spring Orchard to get some Caville Blanc for the Thanksgiving pies before they are all gone! They are surely the best pie apples, to me at least!

Perhaps indulging in your favorite apple varieties have inspired you to consider a home orchard as part of your landscape. If so, this column, straight from the archives, is for you. Enjoy the re-visit, as you ask yourself some important questions. We all know that the key to successful home apple orchards appears to be forethought. Purchasing fruit trees should not be an “impulse buy.”

What variety do you want to grow? While I like heirlooms, you may prefer some of the newer, disease resistant types.

Or maybe you want apples that span the seasons, say Paula Red to start, Honey Crisp for mid-stream and Gold Rush to finish it off. Perhaps you’d like to make cider or bake lots of pies.

There are apples that are specifically suited to how you’d like to use them. My favorite place to buy trees by mail order is through Fedco in Maine. Call 207-426-0090 or log on to fedcoseeds.com/trees to request their “Trees” catalog.

You will glean lots of useful information within the pages of this catalog. I am thrilled to know that they are grafted on site and accustomed to our climate!

How tall to you want your trees to get? Apple trees are available in dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard size.

Their ultimate size is determined mostly by the rootstock onto which the named variety is grafted.

Each has their pros and cons. Dwarf trees can generally be maintained without a ladder. They come into bearing sooner but because of their size produce fewer apples than larger trees.

Staking and irrigation are often necessary, because of limited root systems. They can be planted relatively close together (six-eight feet) and are generally short-lived.

Semi-dwarf trees are midsized, bear well and are most productive for two or three decades. They are usually spaced 12-14 feet apart

from one another.

Standard, or full-size trees are those beauties of our grandparent’s era. Extremely hardy, many are still around and might even be bearing fruit! Plan on 18 feet or more between trees, with a mature height of 15-20 feet tall!

Where will you plant them? With the size of the trees determined, you can now figure out how many will fit in the space designated for your home orchard.

The best spot is one that receives six-eight hours of full sun per day.

Deep, well-drained soil is ideal; never plant where you know the water table is high. In my opinion, a few trees positioned close to the house will be maintained better because they are in eye-shot as compared to those placed strategically out in the back-forty. They tend to nag you as you walk by: “Time to prune!” “Why are those leaves curled?” What is that orange spot?” You get the idea.

Is my soil any good? Fall is a great time to take a soil test.

First, slice a six-inch core of soil from your intended orchard with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

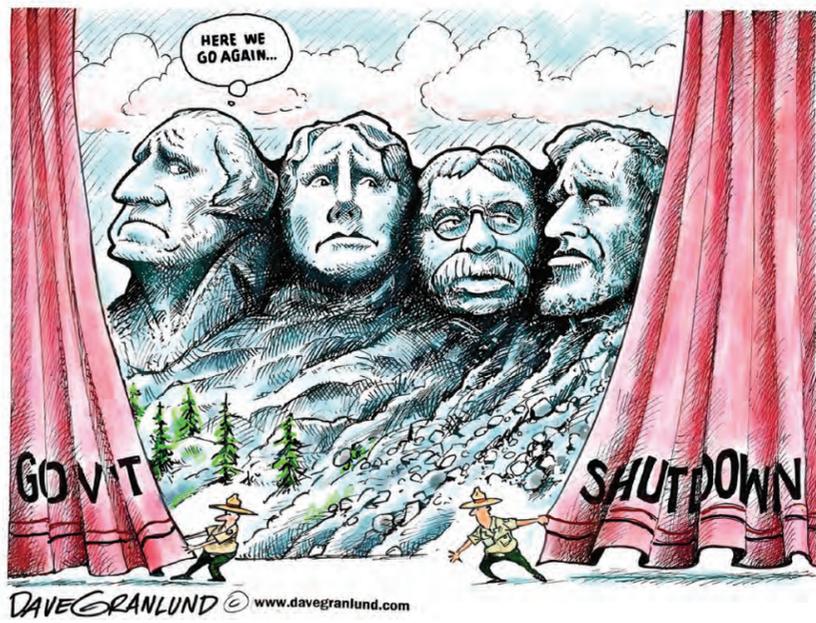
Repeat several times and mix the cores together. Then, measure out a cup of soil to send to the lab. If the locations you plan on planting your apple trees vary considerably, test them separately.

Official directions and an order form are found on <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20. Mention on the test that you are growing apples and pH and fertilizer recommendations will be specific to that crop.

You can do something this fall to make planting easier next spring. Mark out where your trees are to go and dump a generous amount of compost on top of the grass in a circle three feet in diameter. This will start to break down the sod and get the microbes in the soil working.

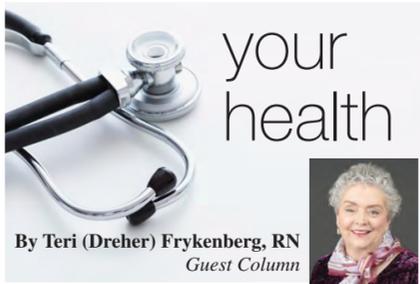
With the planning part behind you, it will be a lot of fun to await the arrival of your trees come springtime.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



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GUEST COLUMN



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

Be aware of your A1C

The people dancing and singing in pharmaceutical commercials brag that “Drug X lowered my A1C!” This seems to make them happy, so you may be wondering what A1C is and why it may be an important number for you to know – especially during November, which is National Diabetes Awareness Month.

It’s important because an elevated A1C is a possible signal that you are at a higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The good news is that if you can catch this disorder while it’s still in its “pre-diabetic” phase, you have a good chance of avoiding Type 2 diabetes altogether.

And avoiding elevated blood glucose means you also lessen the risk of its associated outcomes, such as a higher chance for stroke, heart disease, kidney failure, limb amputation and blindness.

Even if you have regular bloodwork at your doctor’s office, it may not include A1C, which requires a separate testing procedure. There were sometimes hassles with insurance coverage if the test was being used for screening and not diagnosing, but in 2024 Medicare began covering two screening A1C tests a year. If you have commercial insurance, you will want to check with them to see if the test is covered for you.

What does A1C measure?

An A1C test (also known as an HbA1C test) looks at a sample of your hemoglobin to find your average estimated blood glucose level over the previous three months, which is a more useful measure

than a single point in time. While the standard blood glucose test requires fasting, the A1C test does not, making it easier on patients and their providers.

The number that comes back is expressed as a percentage. For example an A1C of 5.7 means that 5.7% of the hemoglobin is “glycated,” or linked to sugar.

What’s a normal A1C?

Typically, an A1C lower than 5.7 is considered “normal”; between 5.7 and less than 6.5 is considered “pre-diabetic.” This is the blinking yellow light that tells you it’s time to make some lifestyle changes to prevent full-blown diabetes. You know what these changes are: a healthier diet and more exercise, probably coupled with medication.

An A1C of 6.5 or higher indicates diabetes. That said, A1C can be affected by other factors, such as blood transfusions, medications, stress and hormone levels, so there’s no “one size fits all” interpretation. That’s why Medicare decided to cover two screening tests a year, in case levels are being affected by something else.

Should you get screened?

The American Medical Association is hopeful that making it easier for patients to get two A1C screenings a year will lead to earlier diagnosis of pre-diabetes and prevention of full-blown diabetes. Some of the symptoms of diabetes can be so subtle you may not even notice them, so if you have a family history of Type 2 diabetes, ask your doctor about getting

screened.

Also let your primary care provider know if you’re experiencing any of these symptoms:

- Extreme thirst and/or hunger
- More frequent urination
- More fatigue
- Slow-healing sores
- Blurry vision

A special offer from the American Red Cross

This November in honor of Diabetes Awareness Month and its theme – “Taking Action to Prevent Diabetes-Related Health Problems” – the American Red Cross is offering free A1C screenings to all blood donors who haven’t received the test in the past 12 months. It has found that about one in every five donors has an A1C in the pre-diabetic or diabetic range.

To receive your free A1C result, make a successful blood, platelet or plasma donation and ensure you haven’t received an A1C test through the Red Cross in the past 12 months. Results will appear within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or at RedCrossBlood.org. If your A1C is elevated, follow up with your health care provider.

Diabetes is recognized as a global public health epidemic, with the number of cases more than quadrupling since 1990. Cases in the U.S. are expected to surge more than 50% by 2030. More worrisome is that, according to 2021 estimates from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8.7 million adults met the criteria for diabetes but were unaware of it.

Awareness is the first step toward controlling blood sugar and perhaps preventing diabetes. Your A1C can point the way.

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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.

Consider the ‘wearing out’ factor while deciding when to claim Social Security

Dear Rusty:
Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits.

I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the “wearing out” factor. Yes, financial need, health and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem, I just turned 83, is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65.

Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65,

many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision, waiting to max out SS, might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed.

I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62 and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that “hill” will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one

best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible.

Signed: Glad I claimed at 62

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62:
Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the “wearing out” factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, how-

ever, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because “it is there,” without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct, enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is import-

ant.

Fulfilling one’s “bucket list” is, indeed, an important consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62, after evaluating all factors, enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being

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Nomination papers available

LUDLOW – Nomination papers for the March 23, 2026, Annual Town Election are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Assessor, 1 seat; 3-year term

Board of Health, 1 seat; 3-year term

Housing Authority, 1 seat; 5-year term

Library Trustee, 1 seat; 3-year term

Planning Board, 1 seat; 5-year term

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Recreation Commission, 1 seat; 3-year term

Select Board, 1 seat; 3-year terms

Town Clerk, 1 seat; 3-year term

Town Moderator, 1 seat; 3-year term

Town-wide office nomination papers must be signed by at least 50 registered voters in Ludlow. Candidates are advised to collect more than 50 signatures to ensure

the requisite number of certified signatures.

Town meeting member nomination papers must be signed by at least ten registered voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides.

Voters in each precinct will elect five town meeting members for three years and elect other members as necessary to fill existing vacancies.

Please call the Town Clerk's office with any questions (413) 583-5600 Ext. 1.

Ludlow Fire Department and partners recover hazardous materials

LUDLOW—On Nov. 3, 2025, the Ludlow Fire Department responded to Fuller Street for a report of possible hazardous materials in a home. The response followed a resident's disclosure that he was unsure how to dispose of old chemicals that he had in storage.

The Department of Fire Services' Hazardous Materials Division and Joint Hazard Incident Response Team, State Police assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Ludlow Police Department, and the Department of Environmental Protection were requested to assist.

During a thorough on-

site assessment, Ludlow FD and partner agencies identified certain reactive and energetic materials at the scene. They were contained and labeled but could have posed a potential danger if not handled properly. As a precautionary measure, Fuller Street was temporarily closed to allow emergency personnel and equipment safe access to the scene.

All materials posing a hazard were safely removed from the property. Some required controlled detonations, which were conducted by the State Police Bomb Squad at a designated gravel pit on Car-

melina's Circle in Ludlow shortly after 11:30 p.m. last night. This step was necessary due to the nature and degraded condition of some substances. Residents in the area may have heard loud noises associated with these controlled detonations.

The Ludlow Fire Department assures residents that all actions were taken out of an abundance of caution, with public safety as our top priority.

The department extends its sincere appreciation to all assisting agencies for their professionalism and coordinated response in ensuring the safety of our community.

TRANSPORTATION

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last week, we had three issues that rose to my level of communication challenges around alerts, so we are not out of the woods on that. On a positive side, we have been pushing for a long time to try to get the data in LPVEC routing software to talk directly to our student information system, which is very possible and that's been progressing. For that, we went through a data cleanup to get the system

to work, and I think we are close. After the cleanup we'll see we may have that sync. If that works, it could be the trigger for a whole lot of improvement in our community routing process, the ability for their side to have all our contact information to do alerts themselves that we've been working towards since I've been in the district. We are making some progress there and some positive movement in the right direction. Once we have that synced data, we will also work with our con-

sultant to go over scenarios. Our big picture challenges are still there for our task force, so hopefully we can start analyzing scenario possibilities once we have that sync data happening," ended Buhl.

Tiano followed by stating that once that happens, it will move forward and be reviewed by the task force and bring the topic back to the School Committee. Tiano and Buhl thanked the committee for their ongoing support with the ongoing transportation process.

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

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.

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SELECT BOARD

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to get the bridge re-opened to traffic. The City of Springfield will work with MassDOT on expediting the repairs as soon as possible, with the hopes of completing the repairs in the next couple of months."

At the Select Board meeting held on Nov. 4, the update that was given was that the bridge

inspection was paused due to the need for a certain piece of equipment to look at the under-side of the bridge. As of The Register press time, the inspec-tion will continue, and repairs afterwards once that specific equipment is obtained.

Town Administrator Marc Strange stated the following on the ongoing West St. Bridge closure, "We don't have any further updates on the bridge, still wait-ing," commented Strange.

ANGEL TREE

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cellent opportunity for those who wish to give back while directly supporting families in need," said Beaumier. For more information, reach out to bbeaumier@ludlow.ma.us

At the Nov. 4 Select Board meeting, Town Administrator Marc Strange addressed the uncertainty of the government shutdown.

"We know many people in our community may be feeling stressed or unsure, so this year the Town has decided to launch an angel tree program to help. Ludlow residents in need can apply for a gift card while residents and busi-nesses who wish to help can donate gift cards to support their neighbors. Our hope is to bring the Town together to support those in need this holi-day season," said Strange.

Following the program announcement, Strange con-tinued by explaining the fiscal year 2027 budget and ensuring the public is aware of the Town's situation. After announcing the FY27 bud-get meeting on Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in the LHS auditorium, Strange stated that after balancing the FY27 budget,

"This is shaping up to be one of the most challenging Lud-low has faced in recent years. We'll be exploring available ways to cut costs and raise revenue, and plan to present multiple budget options for the public and town meeting members. Which will likely include a strategic prop two and a half override proposal that would eliminate the trash fee. In addition, we're look-ing at health insurance plan changes for employees," said Strange.

Alternatively, Strange ex-plaind that if those options are not approved or sufficient to close the anticipated \$3 million budget deficit, the Town will have to consider budget cuts including person-nel and services.

"Once again, the cause of these budget woes is al-most exclusively due to the exponential rise in the cost of health insurance and the limitations on towns to raise revenue to keep up with those rising costs. We are an-ticipating an 18% increase in health insurance premiums for fiscal 27 and we will cer-tainly talk more about that in the coming weeks," stated Strange.



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LUDLOW – After some struggles for the past few weeks, the Ludlow High School football team picked up a win against Taconic High School. The Lions scored touchdowns on both offense and defense, including a fumble recovery touchdown by Wes Sanderson early in the matchup. Ludlow drew a matchup with Mahar Regional for Week 10. It is currently scheduled for Friday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.



Multiple tacklers take down a Taconic player.



Andrew Ray makes a block on the line.



Mason Morace makes a throw on the run.



The Lions get the sack on the quarterback.



Mason Bartolucci holds the ball for the point-after kick.



Wes Sanderson takes off on a carry.

Lions season ends with loss

CHICOPEE – Late last month, it was a tough end to the season for Ludlow High School girls volleyball, despite an attempt at making the state tournament, Ludlow fell well short of the .500 record needed and did not qualify in the top 32 in their division. Ludlow's final matchup was against Chicopee High School, and the Pacers defeated the Lions 3-1. It was the only matchup of the year between the two teams.



Hayden Morin sends a hit over the net.



Olivia Slatton bumps the ball over the net.



Ella Lariviere makes a play to keep the ball in the air.



Madelyn Goncalves-Korny makes a block.



Khloe Davis socks a hit over the net.

College: AIC falls in season finale

WALTHAM - The American International College women's soccer team fell 2-0 to Bentley University in its Northeast 10 Conference and regular season finale on Wednesday, Nov. 5. AIC ends the 2025 campaign at 3-10-2 with a 2-7-0 NE10 record. Sydney DeRoche scored both Bentley goals, assisted in both by Abi Hennessey. The first was at 8:00 in the first half, while the second came after the break at 57:50. Sara Avery made 10 saves in the loss. She ends the season having led the NE10 in saves with 67 in nine conference contests and 87 overall.

AIC women's soccer included Ludlow's Liz Braz and Calleigh Foley.

Falcons alumni invited to take part in game

WILBRAHAM – The Minnechaug Boys Varsity Soccer annual alumni game will be held Friday, Nov. 28, at 10:30 a.m., the day after Thanksgiving, at the Falcon Soccer Club Fields off of Stony Hill Rd.

This will mark the 26th year of the game being played. All former and current varsity players, parents, and friends to the program are encouraged to attend.

Players are responsible for the appropriate gear to play. All are invited to gather at the Taproom Grill following the game. Help keep this great tradition alive.



Caitlyn Peczkka throws the ball up for the serve.

OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Sigmund J. "Ziggy" Dymon
Died Oct. 29, 2025
Services
Nov. 5, 2025
Nowak Funeral Home

Catherine Ann Gatesman
Died Oct. 30, 2025
Services Nov. 4, 2025
Ludlow Funeral Home

Sigmund J. "Ziggy" Dymon

Sigmund J. "Ziggy" Dymon, 96, passed away peacefully on Oct. 29, 2025 at home. Born in Springfield on Oct. 22, 1929, he was one of nine children of the late Thomas and Mary (Majka) Dymon. A lifelong Springfield resident, he was a faithful parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. Ziggy proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Polish American Veterans Club of Wilbraham. He retired in 1996 after 39 dedicated years with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. In his younger days, Ziggy loved to work alongside his brother in the auto body shop, and was a silk screen artist who created many promotional and political materials. Ziggy was proud

of his Polish heritage, was an avid New England sports fan, and enjoyed trying his luck at Bingo and the casino. Above all, he treasured time spent with his family.

Ziggy is survived by his beloved wife Ann (Mastronardo) Dymon and his children AnnMarie Dymon and Thomas Dymon, all of Springfield, as well as other extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Mitchell, Bronislaus, Stanley, John, Edward, and Thaddeus Dymon; his sisters, Stella Cardinal and Angela Dymon and a nephew Joseph Dymon.

Funeral services will be

held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 with a Calling Hour from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield and proceed-



ing to Immaculate Conception Church for a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Aloysius Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard MA 01151 or to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, PO Box 947765 Atlanta, GA 30394 or to. For further details or to offer online condolences, please visit nowakfuneral.com.

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Catherine Ann Gatesman

Catherine Ann Gatesman, age 82, of Ludlow, Massachusetts; passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving husband Paul Gatesman on Oct. 30, 2025.

Born in West Springfield, Massachusetts, Catherine was the daughter of the late Denis F. Mulvihill Sr. and Alice F. Mulvihill. She was also predeceased by her brother Denis F. Mulvihill Jr., sister Mary L. Regan, sister Maryanne Mulvihill, and former husband Mark A. Coffey.

Catherine is survived by her brothers John G. Mulvihill (Pamela), William K. Mulvihill (Karen), and her sister Alice F. Garcia (Joseph).

She leaves behind her loving children Peter A. Gagne (Tracy/TJ), John G. Gagne (Christina) and Pamela A. Fedorko (Joseph); and Paul's children Peg Gatesman, Mary Pastore and Drew Gatesman (Stephanie).

Cathy was the proud

grandmother of Joseph and Kelsey Fedorko; Sean, Andrew and Michael Gagne; Zander and Chloe Pastore; Ben, Graham, Jacqueline and David Gatesman; her beloved late granddaughter Emily C. Fedorko; and the cherished great-grandmother of Myles.

Cathy received her bachelor's degree from WNEC before beginning her career as a devoted educator at the Hampden County Correctional Center.

Cathy will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and deep love for her family. She found joy in spending time with her loved ones, especially her grandchildren, and created countless memories that will be treasured forever.

Cathy was an active and faithful parishioner at St. Elizabeth's in Ludlow MA. She was a past member of Parish Council, an usher/greeter at the 9:15 mass, a member/volunteer of St. Elizabeth's Ladies Auxiliary, the Meat Pie Project as part of the 'Chosen Frozen',

and monthly Spaghetti Dinner nights.

Cathy loved to go for car rides to Vermont and walks at the Quabbin. She also loved cooking 'ad lib', arranging flowers and gardening. She always looked forward to traveling with her husband Paul and their friends from the Ludlow Travel Club. Vacationing in Mexico and Westbrook were two of her favorite places. She enjoyed attending plays at the Majestic with friends. Cathy was an avid fan of the Red Sox and baseball in general.

Visiting hours for Catherine were held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's memory to the Emily Catherine Fedorko (www.emsaway.org) Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org)



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Polish Food Sales are back

INDIAN ORCHARD – Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard, Ma 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
Sales take place in the church cafeteria (lower section of the church)
Credit cards not accepted.

LIGHT UP LUDLOW

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Celebrate Ludlow Committee is so happy to put on a new and exciting event called Light Up Ludlow, a Christmas tree lighting event on Sun., Nov. 30. We are partnering with the Ludlow Rotary who will oversee the Toys for Tots program and will be collecting unwrapped toys at this event. Our other involved groups are the Ludlow Police and Fire Departments, The Ludlow Veterans Department, American Legion Post 52, The United States Marines, Ludlow CARES Coalition, the LBGC. Together we have created a fabulous event for all to enjoy," said Collette.

When asked what the motivation was to put on an event marking the beginning of the holiday season, Collette continued. "The Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee and the Friends of the Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee have worked so hard over the past three years to create memorable events for the townspeople and together we wanted to leave a legacy to the town of Ludlow.

A beautiful 22-foot tree and decorations have been purchased, and it will be displayed in the yard of our Town Hall for all to enjoy. We wanted to share the spirit of Christmas and giving with our town, our civic groups, and to those in need with the Toys for Tots program. The Celebrate Ludlow Committee has been hard at work with the groups mentioned above to create a fabulous event on the Sunday after Thanksgiving," explained Collette.

Earlier on the same day, Nov. 30, Pancake Breakfast with Santa will begin at Harris Brook Elementary School and be put on by the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade Committee. Tickets are available at Playnow toy store at 433 Center St., please refer to the flyer for more details.

"There will be a special visit from Santa, of course, and delicious pancakes and sausages will be served. Fun craft projects for the children to make will be available, and a great raffle table.

All the children and families will have the opportunity to visit Santa to take pictures and have

lots of fun together. Then, later in the day from 4 to 7 p.m., we will continue with the Christmas spirit at the Light Up Ludlow tree lighting event at Town Hall. The LHS Chorus will lead us off by singing holiday carols, and the children from Town organizations will also join in such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Ludlow Hockey Association, Ludlow Youth Soccer Association and more will be gathering for a great sing along around the Christmas tree. The Saloio Family band will also perform for us!" said Collette.

At the tree lighting event, families can expect fun craft projects to make and create, fresh popcorn, hot cocoa from Ludlow CARES Coalition, sugar cookies to decorate and take home, and the magical opportunity of making reindeer food inside the Town Hall. Families can also expect food trucks in the Town Hall parking lot.

When speaking about the holiday season and what we both personally look forward to, Collette shared these meaningful memories, stating that the best gifts of all are our presence.

"My favorite part of the holidays is how people of all faiths come together celebrating with each other, sharing family traditions and favorite recipes, and enjoying spending quality time with friends, neighbors, and family. Some of my favorite holiday memories are baking cookies and preparing the family Christmas dinner at my aunt's house where we'd get together with all the cousins and simply enjoy the spirit of Christmas. We'd all pitch in with setting the table, preparing favorite foods and desserts, eating together, all 20 plus of us, and then we'd open presents, play games, watch home movies on a screen and projector, and laugh until our sides ached. As for Nov. 30, this committee has been hard at work for months making this event as special as we hope it to be! We're excited about this, and we all hope that families will come out and share in this fun!" said Collette.

For further details, please refer to the Light Up Ludlow and Pancake Breakfast with Santa flyers in The Register.

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UPCOMING

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, handmade 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.

Nov. 15, 22, Dec. 13 & 20

FROZEN POLISH FOOD will be sold at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard Ma. on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ;

Nov. 15, 2025, Nov. 22, 2025, Dec. 13, 2025, and Dec. 20, 2025

Golabki (3) \$12---Kapuska (Large) \$10---Pierogi (12) Cabbage, Potato & Cheese \$14

Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15. All are Welcome to come and purchase. Credit cards not accepted.

Nov. 22

Friends of Ludlow Animal Control is hosting their 3rd "Pet Photos with Santa," Saturday, November 22, 12 to 4 p.m., at Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street. Donation \$10 per pet per photo session (\$5 each additional pet). Enter in the back, exit out the side. Merchandise, refreshments, treats, and a drawing. For more info, visit the Facebook page or email friendsofludlowanimalcontrol@gmail.com with questions or special assistance.

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 refresh-

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

AQUACISE AT THE CLUB: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-in-

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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.

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Ambulance subscription reminder for residents of Ludlow

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.

Babes for a cause Nov. 29

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.

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Stuff a Cruiser Dec. 6

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Police Relief Association will be holding its annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Y located at 2035 Boston Road in Wilbraham.

They will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for local families in need. More information to follow.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your "golden years" a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment, had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62, would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we ad-

vocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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Thursday, Nov. 13 –Daily Mass 7:30 AM (C)
Friday, Nov. 14 – Daily Mass 7:30 AM (C)
Saturday, Nov. 15 – Confessions – 2:30 PM (C)
Saturday Mass 4 PM (C)
Christmas Bazaar 9 AM (Hall/E/J/Z/K)

Sunday, Nov. 16 – Daily Masses at 7:30 AM 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C)
Confirmation Class 8 AM (JR)
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Lifeteen 6 PM (JR)

Monday, Nov. 17 - Daily Mass 7:30 AM (C)
Women's Bible Study 6 PM (ER)
Faith Formation 6 PM (ZR)

Tuesday, Nov. 18 – Daily Mass 7:30 AM (C)
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LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P2161GD
In the interests of
Chrisliannyz Aymar
Cruz Calderon
of Ludlow, MA
Minor**

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

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/16/2025 by Yanina Maysonet of Ludlow, MA will be held 11/21/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: 50 State St, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.

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

File the original with the Court; and

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

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

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

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

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

Date: October 24, 2025

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate

11/12/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P0406GD
In the matter of:
Jaelyn E Dias
Of: Ludlow, MA
RESPONDENT**

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Tanya L Laramie** of Ludlow, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jaelyn E Dias** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Tanya L Laramie** of Ludlow, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 11/19/2025.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: October 22, 2025

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Register of Probate

11/12/2025

**Town of Ludlow
LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Select Board has called a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.**, in the Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA on the application of Ludlow Elks Lodge #2448 located at 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow MA for an amendment to change of manager for an all-alcohol liquor license.

11/12, 11/19/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P2312EA**

**Estate of:
William Briggs Hatch, Sr.
Date of Death: 01/11/2025
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Melissa Greene of Wilbraham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised adminis-**

**tration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

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

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

Date: November 05, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

11/12/2025

**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

**Town of Ludlow
Ludlow Annual Town Meeting
of May 12, 2025 – Case #11777**

Warrant Article 28 was approved by the Attorney General's office, "such Bylaws have been posted according to the Bylaws and copies are available at the Town Clerk's Office."

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Precinct 4:

East Street School

Precinct 5:

First Church in Ludlow

Precinct 6:

Paul R. Baird Middle School

11/12, 11/19, 11/26/202

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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!

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.

FOR CHILDREN

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.

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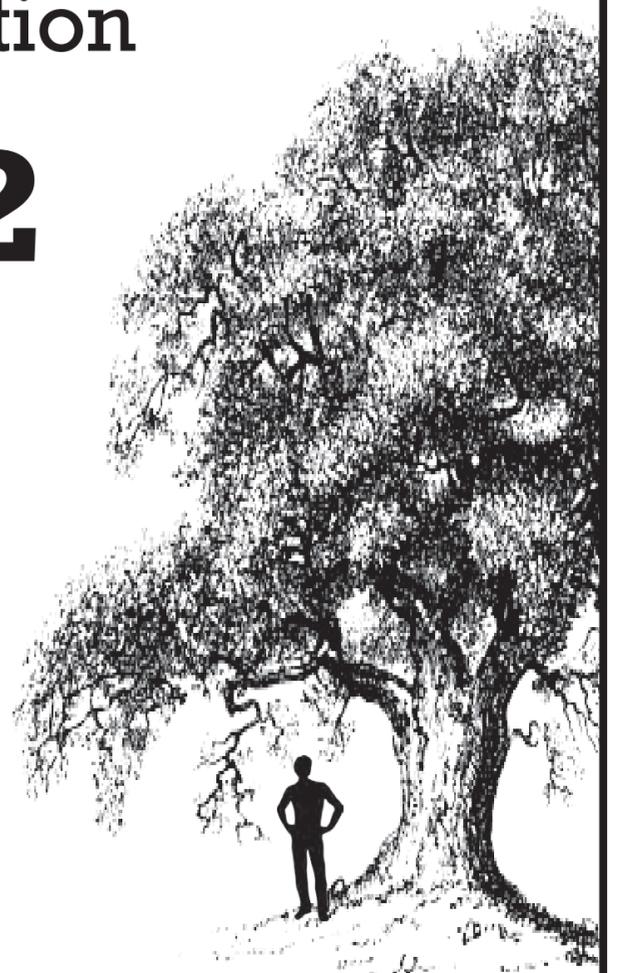
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