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Senior Center hosts Veterans Day Lunch



Rita and Ted shared they've been together for 66 years and counting!

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LUDLOW – A day before Veterans Day, the Senior Center hosted a lunch with entertainment by Bill Benson and a visit from Veterans Agent Eric Segundo, to ensure veterans understand how appreciated and supported they are within the town of Ludlow. The center served chicken parmesan, pasta, caesar salad, and coffee for a full dining area with music playing early folk classics and patriotic songs.

Speaking with 79-year-old Veteran Thomas Gebo, who shared he was in the Coast Guard from 1967 to 1971, worked as an ET2 known as an electronics technician in the second class. Gebo began by attending boot camp in New Jersey and then attended ET school in Groton, CT and then Governor's Island later. When Gebo was ready to graduate, he explained that the Coast Guard was looking for people with his background, a degree in electronics, and the day he was supposed to pick the

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For the John Kulig Memorial Award, it was presented to Jim Fitzell in honor of the late John Kulig, whose life was defined by service, friendship, and unwavering dedication to veterans and the community.

Town honors veterans at ceremony

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LUDLOW – On Nov. 11, Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo welcomed the crowd in the Ludlow High School auditorium and introduced Senator Jake Oliveira, State Representative Aaron

Saunders, Selectboard Chairman Manuel Silva and Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum, VFW Post Commander Christine Bassett, and many others. Segundo began with opening remarks, "Today we gather to honor a special group of men and women, American Veterans, those in

times of peace and challenges stepped forward to serve. Veterans Day is not about uniform or rank, it's about ordinary people who made an extraordinary commitment to defend the ideas of freedom, duty, and country. As we raised our right hand in oath to serve, we became a part of something bigger than our-

elves. We learned teamwork, resilience, and sacrifice. We discovered that true strength isn't found in power, but in service to others. That same spirit of service continues long after leaving military duty. Veterans come home

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Valadas named 'Veteran of the Year'

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LUDLOW – On Nov. 11, Retired Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas was named the 2025 Veteran of the Year at the LHS Veterans Day Ceremony, led by Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo. In the crowd, Valadas' family was watching while he was on stage donning a sash and holding the award and saying a few words to the audience.



Veteran of the Year Daniel Valadas with Selectboard Chairman Manuel Silva and Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo. See more photos on page 6.

"People need your sense of honor as a police officer, and that sense of honor you must have. You must always feel that what you're doing, you're doing what is right. What is not only

right for the people that you serve, but for the people that you need the most. If you do what you honestly feel is right, most of the time, overwhelmingly you

are going to survive, and a guy will let you in. This is a tremendous honor. Thank you from the bottom of my heart," Valadas ended.

No decision made on rent increase request at West St. Village homes

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LUDLOW – At the Mobile Home Rent Control Board held on Nov. 10, Owner of the West St. Village Mobile Home Park located at 350 West St. was joined by Attorney Robert Kraus, with a room full of tenants and Attorney Joel Feldman who represented three individual tenants. Beginning the meeting, Kraus and Lennon had the floor to present the side of the owner by explaining the almost \$300 monthly rent increase and Feldman followed by highlighting the fair market value, rate of return, and defining what reasonable operating expenses are of an owner like Lennon. As of press time, the decision has not been made by the board and will be determined in future meeting(s).

the rent is \$207, Kraus began. "Without the interlude the increase is static at \$207 for 20 years. The board previously calculated the rent under the bylaw using 4 factors - the fair market value of the property, the rate of return, the expenses, occupancy of the facility." Kraus and Lennon were being questioned by the tenants for the evaluation method, electrical service, question of substantial evidence on the record for the expenses and other elements, improvements made, rate of return, sanitary code violations, etc. Kraus used an example of a decision made by Judge Winnick of the Housing Court on another rent control matter, "This is a principal disagreement or discussion of what the evaluation method is. We are allowed to get a fair net return based on the fair market value of the property. It is an income earning property; it is not a static

piece of property like home or a business. Its income and value are based on the generation of rent and that's what Judge Winnick goes too." Kraus continued, "The appraisal then done, as then and still today, is the most credible argument for determining what the fair market value was and depending on what happens, if there is a renewed one, will always be based on the appraisal. As Judge Winnick indicated, the board cannot ignore the actual evidence, and the opinions expressed in the appraisal report constitute substantial evidence in the record. What does substantial evidence mean? According to the case of law, such evidence as a reasonable mind might be accepted to support a conclusion after hearing contrary arguments. What would

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VFW Patriot's Pen essay finalists top 20 students recognized

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LUDLOW – On Veterans Day, during the LHS ceremony, the VFW Patriot's Pen essay finalists highlighted the top 20 students for the George G. Clark Memorial Scholarship Award. Each student received a citation and a cash prize, with each student walking up to the stage and receiving this recognition.

VFW post locally receives hundreds of essays from across the area. "We want to congratulate each of them on taking part in this program. Today we announce the top 20 students, each will now be recognized," said Segundo. The 20 students that were recognized were Amiyah Sanches-Houle, Brooke Ruzala, Taylor Moran, Lorelai Smith, Leia Begin, Ali Alghabban, Ivan Dong, Natalie, Kowalski, Ava Gallup, Azre Turk, Caitlyn Sylvestre,

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For the VFW Patriot's Pen, the students shown were placed 11 through 20, and were awarded cash and received a citation.

LUDLOW

Immaculate Conception celebrates Polish Independence Day



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Immaculate Conception staff and parish volunteers were busy helping the long lines for brunch, serving up traditional Polish food.



Director of Polish School Marzena Breilich-Ukleja with Pastor of Immaculate Conception Piotr Calik in front of the Polish flag.

to the brunch area, the room was beaming with pride from families enjoying a traditional meal together to young kids singing hymns about the independence of Poland. When Calik was asked about how it feels to see the younger generation grow with a strong Polish heritage, he commented that it fulfills him with promise and hope; hoping to take care of the traditions for years to come.

The brunch served traditional pork, potatoes, salad, with pastries later on which were all homemade by people in the church. "With all the celebrations, when you go to a Polish house, if you leave that house hungry, that is your own mistake! Everyone is welcome, the beauty of our parish here is with Polish heritage but everyone is welcome, all nationalities are welcome because it's one faith and we share those gifts we have altogether. My favorite part about being a pastor is to be with the people and as I said, my home is Poland, to be sure that I am taking care of the salvation of their souls," ended Calik.

opportunity to celebrate not only Veteran's Day, but we can have the opportunity to celebrate the independence of Poland as a country," said Calik.

Calik stated that in 1795, Poland was divided in three different pieces for the countries and did not exist on the map. "It's very important for us as Polish people to remind ourselves of what happened in 1918 that we came back to the map of Europe. That

we exist as a nation and before that was not happening; people were altogether and it was hard for them to keep the spirit of being Polish. That's what the celebration is today. This is sponsored by the Polish Saturday School that has classes with children up to sixth grade, based on the mass because in our tradition, mass is the foundation for everything in our faith," Calik said.

Walking down the stairs

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INDIAN ORCHARD – On the morning of Nov. 9, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church honored Polish Independence Day with an annual brunch, organized by Sobotnia Szkoła Języka Polskiego. Coming together after two sessions of morning mass, one in the English language and an-

other in the Polish language, everyone came together to share their heritage and enjoy a presentation by the youth parish that visited Rome.

Speaking with Pastor Piotr Calik of Immaculate Conception, who shared he's been the pastor in Indian Orchard for four years, stated that the community coming together and seeing the growth in the parish brings him hope. Taking over the parish in a post pandemic

world, Calik began, "Now we are growing, you can see the numbers and see the people of Polish heritage, Americans and other nationalities, blending altogether and it's great to see that. This annual brunch is based on the history of Poland because Poland received independence back after not being on the map of any country's in Europe in 1918. It happened on Nov. 11 and it's working well together because we have an

Nomination papers are 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
Planning Board, 1 seat;

4-year unexpired term
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 certi-

fied 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.

Annual Holiday Bazaar 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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Food Drive for Community Survival Center set for Dec. 1

INDIAN ORCHARD – On Dec. 1 the Community Survival Center will be having a fundraiser at the Local Table N Tap in Wilbraham on Boston Rd. 20% of everyone's bill that goes to

support the nonprofit organization will be given to the Community Survival Center.

There will also have a box to collect non-perishable food for the Community Survival Center.

Santa is coming Nov. 29 and Dec. 7

LUDLOW – Come meet Santa at the Ludlow Fire Department on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies with Santa. Hosted by the Ludlow Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

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Santa will also be helping sell Christmas trees — come pick out your tree while you visit. Trees will be \$60 this year

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Ludlow Police share internet safety tips

LUDLOW - In the wake of a Massachusetts State Police operation that led to the arrest of over 50 individuals in this week, the Ludlow Police Department would like to offer the community Internet safety advice from the U.S. Department of Justice.

On Monday, State Police announced that Operation Firewall led to the arrest of 58 individuals in Massachusetts on charges relating to child pornography. The operation was conducted in just three days.

To help families ensure their children are not being victimized online, Ludlow Police would like to share safety tips from the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division.

"For children and young adults, the internet can be as dangerous as it is helpful," said Provisional Police Chief Michael Brennan. "The

scope of the danger was laid bare by the operation conducted by Massachusetts State Police, and we hope parents will take time to consider the safety advice that we're sharing."

Parents, guardians, caregivers, and teachers can take the following measures to help protect children from becoming victims of online child predators.

- Discuss internet safety and develop an online safety plan with children before they engage in online activity. Establish clear guidelines, teach children to spot red flags, and encourage children to have open communication with you.

- Supervise young children's use of the internet, including periodically checking their profiles and posts. Keep electronic devices in open, common areas of the home and consider setting

time limits for their use.

- Review games, apps, and social media sites before they are downloaded or used by children. Pay particular attention to apps and sites that feature end-to-end encryption, direct messaging, video chats, file uploads, and user anonymity, which are frequently relied upon by online child predators.

- Adjust privacy settings and use parental controls for online games, apps, social media sites, and electronic devices.

- Tell children to avoid sharing personal information, photos, and videos online in public forums or with people they do not know in real life. Explain to your children that images posted online will be permanently on the internet.

- Teach children about body safety and boundaries, including the importance of saying 'no' to inappropriate

requests both in the physical world and the virtual world.

- Be alert to potential signs of abuse, including changes in children's use of electronic devices, attempts to conceal online activity, withdrawn behavior, angry outbursts, anxiety, and depression.

- Encourage children to tell a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult if anyone asks them to engage in sexual activity or other inappropriate behavior.

- Immediately report suspected online enticement or sexual exploitation of a child by calling 911, contacting the FBI at tips.fbi.gov, or filing a report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678 or report.cybertip.org. Concerned parents can also call Ludlow Police at 413-583-8305.

VFW Post 3236 hosting meatloaf dinner fundraiser

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.

Ambulance subscription reminder for Ludlow residents

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

For your convenience, we now offer an easy online subscription payment through the Town of Ludlow's website ludlow.ma.us choose Department then click on Fire.

If you do not receive a form in the mail, you can also print one off from the Town's website or call the Ludlow Fire Department and request one.

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

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

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

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

ber 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 sub-

scription 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.

Looking for a great holiday gift?



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250 Book Chair Brian Bylicki presents a 250 Book to Ken Batista of the Ludlow DPW as a thank you for all the help given by the DPW at the Last Night Celebration on February 22, 2025. Sandra Stanek and Martin Fanning from the 250 Book Committee look on.

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low Big Y (\$32.00 +tax) or in the Town Clerk's Office in the Ludlow Town Hall before they are sold out for good. There are a limited number of Ludlow 250 Books available.

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

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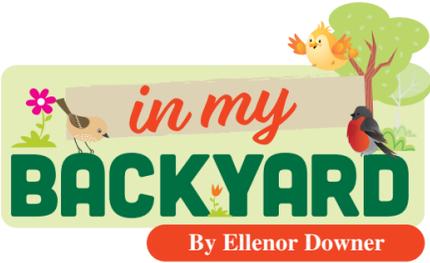
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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Black-billed cuckoo

In October, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a black-billed cuckoo at Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary and another was seen at a different location in Wellfleet.

The black-billed cuckoo is often heard more than seen. They spend a lot of time in densely wooded eastern forests and thickets. It is slender, brown bird with white belly, long tail and as its name implies a black bill. It has a red ring around the eyes and white tips on the underside of its tail. They also have a hunch backed look. It is about the size of a mourning dove 11 to 12 inches without the plump body.

Cuckoos eat lots of spiny caterpillars and can make quick work of tent caterpillars and webworms. The spines of the caterpillars stick to the lining of their stomachs. To rid themselves of the spines they periodically shed the stomach lining and coughing it up in one giant pellet, similar to an owl.

They sing especially at night in midsummer. Their song is a staccato with less of a knocking sound than the yellow-billed cuckoo. They also perch motionless for long periods of time so they can be tricky to find. A good location to look for them are areas with tent caterpillars or fall webworms, a favorite food of these birds.

Audubon bird sightings
On Nov. 9, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the following sightings at Wachusett Reservoir.

Sightings included: nine common loon, two horned grebe, one double-crested cormorant, two great blue heron, 135 Canada geese, four mute swan, one immature gadwall, two black ducks, 63 mallard, five ring-necked duck, 95 greater scaup, eight lesser scaup, 41 bufflehead, 11 hooded merganser, seven common merganser, one ruddy duck, one red-tailed hawk, three wild turkey, 11 ring-billed gull, one belted kingfisher, one northern flicker and one pileated woodpecker. Other birds included on common raven, one winter

wren, one Carolina wren, 46 eastern bluebird, five cedar waxwings, 90 dark-eyed junco and 30 red-winged blackbird.

Black vulture

I received an email from a Palmer resident on Nov. 4. She said, "When I came home, I noticed two birds across from the house. I thought they might be vultures because of their face, but were not turkey vultures." She googled vultures and said, "It was easy to recognize them because of their face white feet and legs. Plus the head appeared to be gray and like a helmet. They were definitely black vultures. They stayed in that one spot for quite awhile. They didn't appear to be scared of anything. Cars going by did not phase them." Since then she has not seen them again. She said, "They are really a beautiful bird."

Helping birds

Bird feeders and feeding platforms are also hotspots for disease. Many wildlife diseases, like mange and avian pox, are spread by physical contact between healthy and sick animals. It is important to clean bird feeders frequently and remove any molding seeds and debris from them especially during the rainy weather. Moving the location of feeders to different locations also helps prevent the spread of disease.

Flocking birds

Birds are migrating. Last week I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead. I also have seen flocks of about a dozen Canada geese flying overhead. Last week, my granddaughter, Lizzie and I saw a flock of geese flying low over her house. We could hear their wings beating. The robins that head south have also been flocking in my field and along the roads. Some robins over winter living in the swamps.

Winter berries

Every year a flock of robins come and make short order of the winterberries on a bush in my yard. I've spotted the bright red winterberries in several spots during my travels. I will keep an eye out for birds at those bushes.

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



GUEST COLUMN



By Barb Turcotte

It was such a joy being introduced, then chatting with Marline Claremont. At first her sleeves were down but soon it got warmer and she pushed them up revealing several tattoos. She admitted she has over 30, each one having very significant meaning, they aren't just haphazard.

She has a rather diverse background. She worked as a truck driver for over 20 years, explaining in the trucking trade most had tattoos which is when she started getting hers. She explained what some of them meant to her, one in particular that I'll clarify later.

After leaving trucking, she did a stint as a real estate broker then moved on to owning her own mortgage brokerage. Soon after that she was offered a job by the President of a bank because he saw what an incredibly hard worker she was. Marline then began her next career; banking. She worked for various banks in the area and wound up obtaining the position of the first Vice President of Retail Lending. With a laugh she explained that she always wore long sleeves for that professional look needed in the banking industry.

When I asked about Random Acts of Kindness she'd done, she said she worked so much supporting herself and her family she never had time to volunteer. Then she explained how she would do things monetarily instead and always put charity in her budget. Rather than giving to a big named charity, she prefers making a difference by giving to someone personally. Perhaps seeing someone buying groceries who's struggling so helps them with their bill. She explained how someone she'd heard about was having a financial difficulty, anonymously, she sent a money order to them for two-hundred dollars. She said she likes to do things quietly knowing

On December 13th they will be placing wreaths on each gravesite in the cemetery and I was truly surprised by the number of wreaths it would take to accomplish this mission. In order to do this, they need 10,800 wreaths, and that's just at the Agawam Veteran's Cemetery. Each wreath costs \$17.00 which means they need a lot of help to accomplish this. Luckily, they do get money from business sponsors and citizen's donations but they still need help to reach their goal of 5,000 wreaths to be able to achieve this feat. To sponsor a wreath you can make a donation at: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0110P and for more information on how to get involved with 'Friends of MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Agawam', the address is PO Box 03, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or www.agawamfriends.org

she is helping an individual in their time of need.

We agreed, people somehow just cross another's paths whether it's you noticing they need help or sometimes it's like this, our meeting so I'm able to tell her story. She also was a foster mom to a young boy who is now thirty-two and is still very much in her life.

Now that Marline is retired, she has time to volunteer and is dedicated to making a difference in honoring our local fallen veterans. She became involved with the 'Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam' when she lost her son in July of 2022. He is one of her tattoos. He was a veteran of the Coast Guard and she is now the guardian of his child. This young person made the comment to Marline, "I lost my dad and that's hard but you lost your son". Quite a comment of maturity and understanding from such a young person.

In order to be on the board of 'Agawam Veteran's Council', which is a separate organization, you have to be a veteran. Not being a veteran herself, Marline became a co-coordinator of 'Wreaths Across America' and is serving her second term in that role along with someone from the 'Veterans Council'.

In 2024 a new organization was formed called 'Friends of the Agawam Veterans Council' so non-military people could help and also hold an office. Marline is on this board. Some of the things they do as 'Friends' is cleaning the headstones and hope to help with a digital sign in the future.

One of the big things as President Marline is responsible for is fundraising for 'Wreaths Across America'.

Another way you can help is getting involved with 'One Call Away', also located in Agawam. Their mission is to support veteran's who suffer from PTSD & also help to prevent suicide. Their website is: www.onecallawayfoundation.org or call 413-301-6026, Local crisis 413-367-8738, National crisis is 988.

Thankfully we have people like Marline who have this type of devotion and dedication willing to give of themselves. As you can see, it's not always monetary but instead a contribution of time & commitment. Thank you Marline!

If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you.

See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness!
~ Barb

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Did the Obama-era Social Security tax cuts hurt the program?

Dear Rusty:
I will be retiring early next year, but my question to you is: During the Obama administration, payroll taxes that employees pay were cut in half from 6.2% to 3.1%, while the employer's part stayed the same at 6.2%. This continued for around a year I think. This was an attempt at giving people a tax cut, which I think was a bad idea or maybe the wrong way to have done it. How much damage do you think this may have caused to Social Security?

Signed: Soon to Retire

Dear Soon to Retire:

FYI, the Obama-era cut in the employee portion of FICA payroll taxes and SECA (self-employment tax) was a temporary measure, which has long since expired. However, the legislation which enabled that cut in employee FICA/SECA taxes also included a provision to replenish the Social Security Trust Funds from the General U.S. Treasury in an amount equal to the estimated loss of tax revenue to the Trust Funds. So, in effect, there was little or no impact on the Social Security Trust Funds.

FYI, the Trustees of Social Security have been projecting for many years



that the Social Security reserves would be fully depleted in the mid-2030s, unless Congress takes action to reform the SS program. Unfortunately, Congress has not yet taken any meaningful action to accomplish that reform and the current projection from the Trustees is that all Social Security reserves will be depleted in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% in

everyone's benefit. Time is running short and we see signs that Congress is finally starting to seriously discuss Social Security reform.

At AMAC, we have developed and submitted to various Congressional Representatives a reform plan, which would restore Social Security to full solvency. People can see AMAC's suggested plan by visiting www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee. And AMAC is working every day in Washington, D.C. to pro-

mote Social Security reform to avoid future cuts in benefits. We believe and hope that Congress will eventually reform the Social Security program to avoid future benefit cuts but, unfortunately, not until they can muster sufficient bipartisanship to make the hard choices needed. To this end, contacting your Congressional Representative to demand Social Security reform now would be a good thing to do. The longer Congress delays reform, the harder the choic-

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location of where he wanted to go was the same day he found out he became an instructor.

Gebo began, "I stayed as an instructor for almost two years, teaching basic electronics and specialized radio, and then transferred to Governor's Island. When I went to class and met the ETs and the staff, every one of them were my ex-students! I had taught every one of them. I had a bunch of good guys, and I couldn't have any better work with me the whole time. I enjoyed the ship," said Gebo.

When asked why Gebo and his wife Maria came to the center, Gebo shared that this is a weekly spot in their routine. "We enjoy it and it's always good to do veteran stuff. For the center, they treat us right here; my wife and I come to a lot of things. My wife is a quilter and belongs to the quilt group. For me personally, I work with the Woodcraft Doors in West Springfield and do something called Turn for the Troops. I'm a penmaker and it's a lot of fun," ended Gebo.

Director of Veterans Services and Veterans Agent for the center Eric Segundo provided a few words before lunch was served. "As we get ready tomorrow to honor our



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The Ludlow Senior Center decorated the dining hall with American flags, Veterans Day place settings, and a welcoming environment.

veterans, here in the Town of Ludlow, we celebrate veterans every day. Every day we take care of veterans; we always do and always will. Thank you all for your service, we are here for you and please come visit us at the Veterans Center! We have our food pantry, lunches, dentist that comes monthly, the VA comes monthly to assist with enrollments; there's

a lot going on at the Veterans Center and it's all for you. The common misconception is that people say to leave the resources for someone who really needs it, but that's a disservice, these programs run on people utilizing them. If you are eligible, use it since you earned it and fought for this country. If you don't use it, they go away," Segundo said.



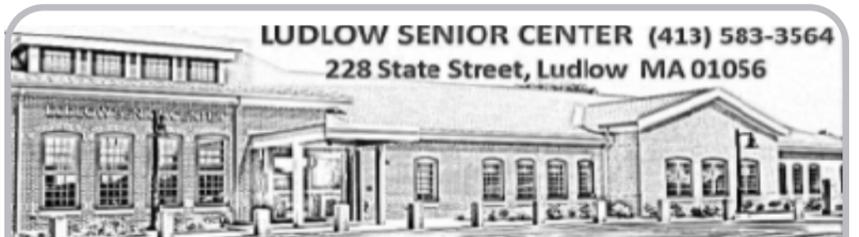
With the help of Veterans Agent Eric Segundo and Activities Director Maria Ardolino, all the veterans in the room came together to the front to honor them properly.



The entire dining hall applauded the veterans in the room for their service right before veterans' day.



From the left, Patty Blanchard, Sylvia Quillette, Donna Andre, T. Sgt. of 21 1/2 years Louisa Gonzalez who was the recipient of the Quilt of Valor, and Barbara Cannon.



LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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

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

As the days grow cooler and the season turns cozy, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company with you at the Center. Please note that if the Ludlow schools are closed or have a delay due to inclement weather, the Center will be closed or have a delayed opening.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, November 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

Friday, November 21

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.*
- 9 a.m. Walmart South Windsor Trip*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support*

Monday, November 24

- 8:15 a.m. Facials by Appointment*
- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help
- 1 p.m. Scrabble

- 1 p.m. Limitless Legends*
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, November 25

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
- 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. Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
- 4:30 p.m. Souper Supper
- 5 p.m. Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987)

Wednesday, November 26

- 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 10:30 a.m. Cider & Muffins
- 1 p.m. Dominos
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
- 1 p.m. Movie: Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987)

Thursday, November 27

Center Closed for Thanksgiving
*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 20: Birthday Lunch! Chicken Marsala/Egg Noodles/Vegetable
Friday, November 21: Big Mac Salad
Monday, November 24: Hot Dog & Beans/Power Salad
Tuesday, November 25: Thanksgiving Lunch
Wednesday, November 26: Chicken Patty Sandwich/Lettuce & Tom/Chips/Pickle
Thursday, November 27: Center Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28: Center Closed
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



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For volunteer of the year, the ceremony recognized Jim Fitzell and David Bassett, stating "Honoring community members who are always first to step up for veterans."

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and continue to give back. As first responders, teachers, public servants, mentors, and community volunteers; we continue to serve not because we have to, but because that's who we are. Today is also about gratitude, gratitude for those who served before us, those who stand at the gates today, and those who will wear the uniform tomorrow. Each generation of veterans carries the torch of living a little further and it's all up to

us to keep that flame burning bright," said Segundo. The ceremony had the VFW and American Legion patriotic awards who presented the voice of democracy, teacher of the year, John Kulig memorial award, community partner of the year, VFW business of the year, and volunteer of the year. Oliveira stated that the Town is the best community for veterans for its education, mental health and food services, among many other resources available. Oliveira ended his

speech by sharing that he is a grateful citizen. "Let's also remember the families of our veterans, the parents, the spouses, the children and loved ones, their strength and support make every sacrifice possible. Veterans Day reminds us that freedom has never been free, it asks us to reflect, remember, and give thanks. The best way to honor our veterans, not just by words, but by actions. By living lives of purpose, serving our neighbors, and standing united as



Sgt. Jhon Wielblad of the LPD, Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas, Selectboard Chairperson Manuel Silva with Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum.

one nation under God. To all my veterans here today and across the country, thank you for your service, integrity, and example. May we all remember your sacrifice, cherish our freedoms, and strive to live in a way that honors it," ended Segundo.

For Law Enforcement Officer of the year, the ceremony recognized Sgt. Jhon Wielblad of the LPD who was recognized for outstanding support to veterans and families.



"Veteran of the Year"



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Veteran of the Year Daniel Valadas with the LPD officers at the LHS ceremony.

Sgt. Jhon Wielblad with Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas on the LHS stage.



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Lions, Panthers set for Turkey Day tilt

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Palmer Panthers wrapped up the 2021 football season with a dominating 34-0 victory over the Ludlow Lions at historic Legion Field in Palmer on Thanksgiving morning.

When the two rivals meet for the 78th time on the same grass field next Thursday morning, the Panthers will be looking to end their three game losing streak in the rivalry series.

“We always look forward to playing Ludlow on Thanksgiving morning, especially whenever the game is played at Legion Field,” said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. “We’re hoping to send our seniors off with at least one win against them.”

The seniors listed on the Panthers football roster are Matt Santos, Dylan Doherty, Hunter White, Kodah Laviolette, Kaleb Hayes, Jared Perry, Gavin Smola, and Landon Couture.

Last year’s game was played on Ludlow’s turf field for the first time. The Lions managed to squeak out a 12-6 victory on a miserable morning weatherwise.

Ludlow enters this year’s contest holding a 43-31-3 overall lead in the series, which began in 1947. The Lions have won 11 of the previous 13 meetings.



The Lions offense huddles up before a play in last year's Thanksgiving matchup with Palmer.

“Our number one goal on Thanksgiving Day is for our seniors to celebrate a win in their final high school football game,” said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. “I’m probably in the minority, but I really enjoy getting up and playing a football game on Thanksgiving morning. We’ve been playing against Palmer for a very long time.”

The Lions seniors are Victor Segarra, Andrew Ray, Liam DiVenturo, Lucas Quiterio, Drayden Keirse, Mason Morace, and Connor Walsh, who suffered a season-ending injury during the preseason.

Ludlow has a 3-7 record this fall. Their lone victory during the regular season

came at home versus Commerce, 48-28, on October 10. They also won two non-playoff games against Taconic, 33-8, and Mahar Regional, 34-0, which is their only road victory.

“It might not show on the scoreboard, but these kids have improved a lot since the beginning of the season,” Saloio. “We have a lot of younger players who have been getting a lot of experience. It should bode well in the future.”

Morace, who’s the Lions starting quarterback, has played a couple of memorable games against Palmer.

“I’ve never lost a football game against Palmer,” said



Ludlow scored a win over Palmer on Thanksgiving morning.

Morace, who started a couple of games as a freshman. “I had four passing touchdowns against them when I was a sophomore. I threw two TD passes at home in the rain last year. We’re hoping to beat them for the fourth time during my high school career.”

Keirse, who joined the football team as a junior, is one of Morace favorite targets. He’s also a defensive back.

A couple of the Ludlow

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Josh Marino nearly tackles the quarterback.

Ludlow, Palmer Stats

Palmer Football (5-5)

Friday, Sept. 12 – Palmer 7, Pathfinder 6
Friday, Sept. 19 – David Prouty 28, Palmer 19
Friday, Sept. 26 – Chicopee 12, Palmer 7
Friday, Oct. 3 – Greenfield 26, Palmer 6
Friday, Oct. 10 – Palmer 30, Athol 0
Friday, Oct. 17 – Franklin Tech 49, Palmer 0
Thursday, Oct. 23 – Palmer 41, Mahar 6
Saturday, Nov. 1 – Palmer 21, Ware 6
Friday, Nov. 7 – Palmer 21, Belchertown 7
Friday, Nov. 14 – SICS 36, Palmer 28
Thanksgiving Game
Thursday, Nov. 27 – vs. Ludlow 10 a.m.

Ludlow Football (3-7)

Friday, Sept. 12 – Seekonk 55, Ludlow 12
Friday, Sept. 19 – Smith Vocational 36, Ludlow 6
Friday, Sept. 26 – Belchertown 48, Ludlow 26
Friday, Oct. 3 – Northampton 36, Ludlow 29
Friday, Oct. 10 – Ludlow 48, Commerce 28
Saturday, Oct. 18 – SICS 35, Ludlow 14
Friday, Oct. 24 – Chicopee 14, Ludlow 7
Thursday, Oct. 30 – Frontier 39, Ludlow 0
Thursday, Nov. 6 – Ludlow 33, Taconic 8
Friday, Nov. 14 – Ludlow 34, Mahar 0
Thanksgiving Game
Thursday, Nov. 27 – at Palmer 10 a.m.

Ludlow vs. Palmer Previous Scores

Ludlow leads series 42-31-3

2024: Ludlow 12-6
2023: Ludlow 28-12
2022: Ludlow 14-0
2021: Palmer 34-0
2020: No game - COVID
2019: Ludlow 41-8
2018: Ludlow 39-0
2017: Ludlow 12-0
2016: Palmer 34-6
2015: Ludlow 28-21
2014: Ludlow 22-6
2013: Ludlow 26-0
2012: Ludlow 26-6
2011: Palmer 19-18
2010: Palmer 19-12
2009: Palmer 21-2
2008: Palmer 14-13
2007: Ludlow 26-6
2006: Ludlow 21-0

2005: Ludlow 27-9
2004: Ludlow 29-7
2003: Ludlow 29-20
2002: Ludlow 12-7
2001: Ludlow 53-0
2000: Ludlow 16-7
1999: Palmer 24-8
1998: Ludlow 12-0
1997: Ludlow 20-6
1996: Palmer 27-0
1995: Palmer 35-2
1994: Palmer 40-8
1993: Ludlow 16-12
1992: Palmer 52-0
1991: Palmer 14-0
1990: Ludlow 21-0
1989: Ludlow 13-7
1988: Ludlow 41-20
1987: Palmer 6-2
1986: Palmer 42-0
1985: Palmer 8-0

1984: Tie 15-15
1983: Ludlow 32-4
1982: Palmer 14-0
1981: Ludlow 21-0
1980: Palmer 24-13
1979: Tie 6-6
1978: Ludlow 35-30
1977: Palmer 14-0
1976: Palmer 18-14
1975: Ludlow 30-26
1974: Palmer 30-12
1973: Ludlow 22-0
1972: Palmer 33-8
1971: Cancelled
1970: Ludlow 30-6
1969: Ludlow 20-0
1968: Ludlow 42-12
1967: Palmer 2-0 (forfeit)
1966: Tie 12-12
1965: Palmer 13-0
1964: Ludlow 20-14

1963: Ludlow 22-18
1962: Ludlow 12-0
1961: Ludlow 20-6
1960: Ludlow 16-6
1959: Ludlow 26-6
1958: Ludlow 7-6
1957: Palmer 13-0
1956: Palmer 31-13
1955: Palmer 31-7
1954: Palmer 18-13
1953: Palmer 13-0
1952: Palmer 13-6
1951: Ludlow 13-6
1950: Palmer 19-12
1949: Ludlow 20-0
1948: Palmer 27-6
1947: Ludlow 14-7



Ludlow girls season ends in state playoffs



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Ava Friese settles the ball and heads up the field.



Maeve Carter tries to keep the ball from going over the sideline.



Chloe DaCosta passes up the field.



Catarina Mazza gets a header in the box.

LUDLOW – Earlier this month, Ludlow High School girls soccer suffered a 4-3 loss in the Round of 32 against Foxborough High School. Ludlow got two goals from Audrey Afonso as well as a goal from Rhiley Comeau in the defeat. Ludlow’s outstanding season ends with a 10-5-4 record.

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running backs are sophomore Jake Marino and Quiterio, who has also returned a couple of fumbles for touchdowns this fall.

The Panthers (5-5) biggest win so far this season was a 21-6 victory at archrival Ware on November 1. They also defeated Pathfinder Tech (7-6), Athol (30-0), Mahar Regional (41-6) and Belchertown (21-7). The Panthers had a three game winning streak before suffering a 36-28 loss in a non-playoff game at Springfield International Charter School on November 14.

Just like Morace, Santos has been Palmer's starting quarterback since he was a freshman.

Another key player offensively for the Panthers is Doherty, who's a running back. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a junior. He didn't play in the first six games of this season due to an injury.

Junior Dylan Holbrook

is a wide receiver and T.J. Smola, who's an eighth grader, is listed as a tight end.

Perry, who's an offensive lineman and defensive end, was selected as the 57th Annual Leonard J. Bailey Award winner at halftime of the Belchertown game.

Perry and Couture, along with sophomore Kayden Harvey, and freshman Dustin Moulton, attend Monson High School. They're able to play football for the Panthers as part of a co-op.

The two head coaches are hoping the weather for this year's game is a lot better than it was a year ago.

Kickoff is scheduled for 10 a.m.

The Lions assistant football coaches are Tod Hallway, Joe Nixon, Adam Kurta, and Mattingly Provost.

The Panthers assistant coaches are Jason Talbot, Jordan Talbot, Jeff Pardo and Maurice Payne.

Provost.



From the left, the first-place winner was Siena Williams and followed by Faith Keroack, Natalia Houlihan, Samuel S. Pontes, Katherine Anseimo, and Kelly Heo; for the Sgt. Lariviere Memorial Award.

ESSAY FINALISTS

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Ava Martins, Addison Murphy, Alexis Dosreis, Lenox Schuko, Maria Premo, Samuel Labrie, Haylee Sullivan, Tierney Stratton, and Viola Phoenix.

Segundo stated that it's the top 20 students against hundreds of submissions, not only from the Town but Wilbraham, Springfield, and Hampden.

"Today we celebrate our remarkable young individuals whose voices resonate through the VFW Patriot's Pen competition. It's my great honor to present these prestigious awards. The patriot pen program is designed to encourage middle school students to express thoughts on democracy and the importance of civil engagement for writing. This year, we received many outstanding essays and this year's theme

was, how are you showing patriotism and support for our country? This year, the patriot pen awards are presented in honor of George G. Clark of Holyoke who joined the army in 1917. Clark was a member of the American Expeditions Force in France and lost his life in a battle in France on Feb. 17, 1918. His remains were never recovered, and he was among the approximately 4,500 service members who are still

missing in action from the war. Clark is memorialized as one of the inhabitants of the missing in a cemetery in France. He was also awarded the purple heart in the World War I victory level.

After mentioning the recent merge of VFW posts; To honor the memory of those namesake posts, we name these awards in their memory and Clark was formally named Post 801 of Holyoke in 1921," Segundo said.

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

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

FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 11:00 a.m. Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment

and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

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

FOR ADULTS

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

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

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

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

Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last

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

FOR TEENS

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Discussion Group, 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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RENT INCREASE

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a reasonable person's opinion about being deemed it substantial?

"I suggest that the appraisal goes into detail, about analyzing this property and comparing it to others. Determining what a capitalization rate is and understanding that it is an income producing property. The assessed value based on the property that has had a static rent for 17 years, (The past assessed value was \$1,820,000 - the prior board determined the value to be a fair evaluation stated Lennon's Atty), is not a credible method for determining fair market value. It just isn't." stated Kraus.

Residents of the mobile home park detailed multiple objections directed at Lennon and Kraus. Kraus reacted to each of the points.

Eliminate all estimates

Atty Kraus, "My client hadn't owned the property for very long; he had just recently bought it. And by all objective standards, a lot of work is to improve the community. A tremendous amount, if you have been around long enough, you know what it was then, and you see the leadership and direction of Tom Lennon as general manager of the LLC."

Cancelled checks for all expenses

Paving hasn't been completed

Atty Kraus, "This is not accurate. And if people want more paving done like amenities, it just goes to increasing the expenses associated."

Concerns from tenants of being charged by individual driveways

Atty Kraus, "There are concerns that some of these went to benefit Lennon personally. He was indiscriminate in his paving. He improved that entire park. He didn't single out a unit that he owned or didn't own; at the time, when he did purchase the park, there were a number of decrepit homes near condemnation and what he did was improve them with his own money, sold them, and now people are living happily."

Concerns that there are now three streets instead of two streets

Atty Kraus, "As far as we know, there are three streets and one of them may be owned by the town, but Lennon takes responsibility for plowing and maintaining it."

Concerns about the management fee Lennon is receiving

Atty Kraus, "We provided substantial evidence, and you'll see an expert evaluation, and we took the middle position. Lennon is here every week with his team to see the park, inquire about the park, and see that it's maintained. The prior owner, dare say, wasn't here very much.

Lennon is on top of it. He got a 9.9% management fee which is very reasonable in the scheme of a professional opinion, but it was based on the old rent."

Cost of the appraisal

Atty Kraus, "In order to meet your regulations, referring to the board, and to allow us to make a fair presentation as to what the fair market value is, we're required to hire a professional; it's the nature of the process."

Replaced mailboxes

Atty Kraus, "They were falling, decrepit, and Lennon, whatever you have to say about him, takes pride in the property. Lennon has made improvements that are not just aesthetic but are fundamental to the functioning of the park."

Tenants couldn't read receipts

Atty Kraus, "The 8 1/2 by 11, 92 pages, since we supplemented the record in the spring of 2023. If I can read it with my glasses, no offense but if the board has any issue reading please let us know we'll magnify or expand it. I don't think anyone has a reasonable concern about reading it."

Concerns about lack of amenities

Atty Kraus, "If people want rooms and pools, at \$207, the hardship you will hear is that my client is not making any money. Lennon is at that rate providing housing at a near break level or loss magnitude."

Concern about 30 or 40 amps

Atty Kraus, "If you have an electrical box in your home, that we are not responsible for; we don't go inside the homes, we don't own them and we don't control them."

Increased rent by a total of \$300

Atty Kraus, "It's \$207 a month, now going on for 20 years. If anyone can tell you that it's fair and equitable, I will ask them to come forward because your bylaws (referring to the board) states that the board made by order, "...such individual or general adjustments of the maximum rent either upward or downward as may be necessary to remove hardships or correct inequities for both the owner and the tenant to yield owner a fair net operating income for mobile home park accommodations". Ultimately, that's what you, referring to the board, are deciding."

Closing argument by Atty Kraus

"Now I don't have to explain to anyone about the board's opinions, your experience, and knowledge are going to be applied here. That in 17 or 20 years depending on where you sit, that nothing went up and the rent should stay the same, I argue to an inequity that cannot be

ignored. I have not seen any records submitted here that suggest there are any sanitary issues, any concerns about electrical services, or that the improvements made by Lennon for this community were not beneficial to the residents. Lennon did not put the mailboxes or the paving for himself. He did it for the benefit of the community," Kraus stated. Kraus and Lennon are basing their presentation on the judges' decision, Judge Winnick, referenced earlier. "Based on the inequities, based on a rent control board that does not acknowledge that this owner is entitled to a fair net operating income, based upon all the factors," said Kraus.

Lennon spoke, starting his losing money at the mobile park, necessitating the large increase in rent.

"I am not breaking even; I am losing \$11,000 a month on that park to keep it going. I am losing \$11,000; I am a good taxpayer; I am being a good landlord. I come in with my heart in my hand, and I take really good care of the park. Right now, it's \$207 a month, and that comes to about \$6.90 a day for someone living there. You can think about your home if you own a home, I am paying your taxes on the home, paying taxes on the land, I am paying the water, I am paying the sewer, the trash removal, the snow plow removal; it's almost embarrassingly ridiculous to say that it's only \$6.90 a day. If there is any inequity, that's where it is. I think they are all great people, and I feel bad we are going through this

process, but it puts me in a bad position because everyone is looking at me like I am the bad guy when we are just taking all the expenses from the town. I am trying to break even at that point. Believe me, I can't believe I am saying breakeven but even if I can do that, I'll be happy. Referring to tenants, anyone that calls me, I call them back quickly and take care of the park. I live an hour and a half away and I come every week to come take care of that park, sometimes twice a week. That's all I really have to say," said Lennon.

During open discussion amongst the board, several questions and answers were made, continuing to clarify the position of both sides.

Is West St. Village Mobile Home Park considered low-income housing?

West St. Village Mobile Home Park is considered manufactured housing and Lennon defines it as being an incredibly affordable way for people to own a home. Kraus went on to clarify the board's question on the classification of the park and stated nobody subsidizes Lennon. "Lennon doesn't get any money from the state, from the Town, from the county, or from anybody. Under regulations of the law, Lennon is charged with maintaining the community, welfare, and the safety of them and that is exactly what he's done at some peril of himself," said Kraus. Lennon went on to clarify that he pays the full bills for taxes, sewers, and trash and doesn't get any

discounts for those. "I am not subsidized by anyone except my wallet," said Lennon.

The rent is \$207 now, and the request is \$507?

Kraus stated the rent would be \$491.06 plus the Town's fee.

What would the break-even point be Mr. Lennon?

The monthly rent to have Lennon break even would be \$503 a month, with the \$12 fee.

Do most of the tenants own their trailers?

All 44 homes are occupied by tenants in the West St. Village Mobile Home Park is considered resident-owned by Lennon, stating he doesn't own any of the homes.

Attorney Joel Feldman, who was there representing three of the tenants at the complex, clarified that this isn't the park's owner, and he represents the park's tenants; Feldman represents only three tenants. Feldman's beginning argument that the comparison that Kraus brought up of different mobile home park rents is interesting, but not relevant to this specific case.

"Whether it's fair or equitable to raise the rent after 17 years has nothing to do with what you are deciding today. The last thing any of us wants to have is to have the board make a decision based on some of the information that has nothing to do with your job and end up back in court and in front of the board again. I am imploring you to focus on just those things that are relevant to those things we are making tonight," Feldman stated.

Feldman went on to bring

up the fact that rent control is illegal in Massachusetts except for mobile home parks, and it was passed by legislature to make sure that mobile home park tenants don't have abnormally high and excessive rent, stated by Feldman. The legislature passed this for the Town to ask for it recognizing the emergency of the situation.

Feldman explained the decision would ensure Lennon would receive fair net operating income, an income that yields a return after reasonable operating expenses, not all expenses, just reasonable expenses. "The board can refuse upward adjustments of rent if the board decides the park is not in compliance with state or local law; or if the board determines the owner has failed to provide normal and adequate repairs and maintenance," stated Feldman. The three issues Feldman highlighted were fair market value, rate of return, and reasonable operating expenses that the board will be deciding on. Feldman stated that the assessment made before doing a bad job on determining the fair market value after Lennon took ownership.

"Remember why rent control exists," stated Feldman.

The meeting went on to highlight tenant's living experiences at the mobile home park and why they are against the rent increase Lennon and Kraus are pursuing. The Register will continue to follow this ongoing issue in future meeting(s).

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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.

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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-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

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

QUABBIN VALLEY

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

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

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

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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!

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, monthly, Thursday, November 20, 5:00-5:45 pm. Meet with other graphic novel lovers to discuss and share books, laugh, and eat snacks. Copies of this month's book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Ugly Sweater Coloring Contest, November 22 to December 3. Design an ugly sweater for the Ugly Sweater Scavenger Hunt in December. Drop-in.

Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, earlier time on November 26, 1:30-3:00pm. For ages 9-14. Bring your Pokemon cards, Nintendo Switch, phone, or tablet for Pokemon Go, handheld gaming, dueling, and (supervised) trading. Please register.

KPop Demon Hunter Trivia, Saturday, November 29, 11:00am. For older children, tweens and teens. If you're obsessed, come win prizes for your knowledge! 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

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.

Read to a Poodle, Monday, November 24 and December 8, 4:00-4:45 pm. For beginning readers. Sign up to treat Brightspot therapy dog Quill and his trainer to 10 minutes of solo reading by you! 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.

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

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

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More information and forms are available in the Gift Shop or by our tree on the 1st floor.

46th Annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Nov. 29, 30

MONSON—The Monson Arts Council 46th Annual Holiday Craft Fair is a major fundraiser for the Monson Arts Council as well as several other non-profit groups. The Fair opens on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. and then reopens on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 11:30 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

The fair features 65+ crafters located in four buildings all within a short walking distance. The buildings are Memorial Hall, the United Methodist Church, the Universalist Church, and the House of Art. Luncheon is served in the Methodist Church.

This fair distinguishes itself from other fairs, by featuring only hand-crafted items. All locations offer a wide variety of gifts, decorations, and collectibles, including stained glass, pottery, bath products, books, candles, clothing, holiday decorations, jewelry, quilts, soft sculpture, hand crafted greeting cards, and much more.

Starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday a Holiday Carol Sing will begin in front of Memorial Hall.

Jordyn Doyle will be leading the sing along this year. We encourage everyone to come out and help us ring in the holiday season by participating in the Monson Community Carol Sing along.

The singing will precede Santa's arrival on a fire truck at about 4:30 p.m. and the town holiday lights will be turned on. All of the Children gathered can follow Santa into Memorial Hall to meet him and enjoy some refreshments.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to join this annual craft fair and our Monson Community Carol Sing and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

For information or directions please contact Wendy Murakami at 413-896-8666 or email info@monsonartscouncil.org

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Friday, Nov. 21 - School Book Fair 7 AM (JR), Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)
Saturday, Nov. 22 - School Book Fair 7 AM (JR), Confessions - 2:30 PM (C), Saturday Mass - 4 PM (C)
Sunday, Nov. 23 - Daily Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C), Confirmation Class - 8 AM (JR), Faith Formation - 10:15 AM (FLBH/ER/JR/ZR/ST), Take & Eat 8 AM (FLBH/K), Lifeteen - 6 PM (JR)
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Docket No. HD25P2354EA
Estate of: Gerald R Young
Date of Death: 10/03/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Edivania DaSilva of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/08/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must

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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 10, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
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. HD25P2354EA
Estate of: Gerald R Young
Date of Death: 10/03/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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

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

Date: November 13, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
11/19/2025

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 Division
Docket No. HD25P2307EA
Estate of:

Lynsey Nicole Majka
Date of Death: 08/21/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Doreen M Majka of Ludlow, MA.

Doreen M Majka of Ludlow, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Represent-

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11/19/2025

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

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On Monday, Dec. 1, the Kids' Gingerbread House Workshop for Grades 3-5 will be from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, and the Teen Gingerbread House Workshop for Grades 6-12

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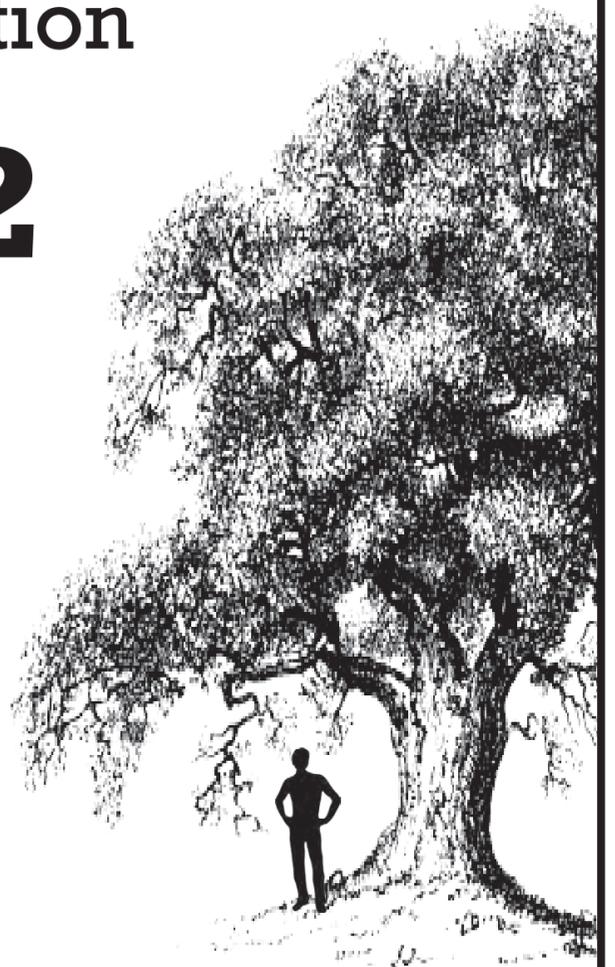
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