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The registration table with Hoop Shoot Director Joyce Grabon and Ludlow Elks Members/Volunteers Angel and Sandra, with one of the participants of the event.

## LBGC and the Ludlow Elks host annual Hoop Shoot for kids

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LUDLOW – On Nov. 15, the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club/Community Center and the Elks Lodge collaborated and hosted the annual hoop shoot where every kid was able to compete for a spot in the district contest and have a

chance to shoot all the way up to the National Finals against 72 other participants. Moving up to the national competition, the final six finalists' names would be inscribed in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, as well as competing on the national stage. Lodge members were acting as the referees and assisting the young basketball

shooters to the free throw line, ensuring that each shot was counted for and that everyone in the gymnasium was quiet for the participants to concentrate. The hoop shoot begins by having the boys and girls from the three age groups, ages eight through 13, shoot five practice throws, and then 25 throws with a break in between.

The hoop shoot is the free entry into this free throw competition; the six winners of the six age groups go onto the district contest, state contest, regionals and then finally, nationals. In attendance were Hoop Shoot Director

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## Ludlow Police Dept. hosts food drive



Ludlow Police Department Ofc. Martins, Assistant VP Retail Banking Ofc. of the Country Bank Lorraine Askew, with Sgt. Wielblad.

*Helps support Veteran's Center*

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LUDLOW – On the morning of Nov. 15, the Ludlow Police Department hosted a food drive in front of the Big Y to help support the Veteran's Center, with donations from the grocery store and Country Bank in the local plaza as

well as residents stopping by throughout the morning to drop off food to the officers. Sgt. Jhon Wielblad shared that he's been part of the department for 10 years and began as an intern, "I started off as an intern and was a special police officer, dispatcher, and worked at the jail for around three years and got my chance to be a full-time officer here. I've been full-time for about

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## Select Board addresses business' parking lot, resident complaints

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LUDLOW – In the visitation section of the Select Board meeting on Nov. 18, Resident Richard Flebotte spoke against Sun Splash Pools on 82 Cady St. with complaints about usage of heavy equipment and excessive noise, stating that

the business parking lot is being used as a construction dump site. Sun Splash Pools is a retail store that sells pool and spa equipment and is owned by Bill Pegoraro. "There is constant turnover of trash on a daily basis or a couple of days. Trucks are pulling in and out, bringing in all kinds of debris. The owners are

out there with the Bobcat moving the debris; they have four open panel vans that sit out there with no plates on them, moving their trash back and forth. I am not sure what it really is going on in there. Other than that, it doesn't seem

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Executive Director Jodi Zepke, Activities Director Maria Ardolino, and Assistant Director Heather Jolicoeur holding the MCOA 2025 certifications in the month of October.

## MCOA honors Ludlow Senior Center team members

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LUDLOW – The Massachusetts Council on Aging, known as the MCOA, held its annual conference during the week of Oct. 20, featuring keynote presentations from leaders such as Secretary of the Office of Aging and Independence, Robin Lipson, and offering a wide range of workshops designed to help attendees strengthen the programs and services offered at Councils on Aging and senior centers across the state.

The MCOA is committed to cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness for older adults that makes places like the Ludlow Senior Center, a welcoming place for all. As well as educating team

ers and staff to ensure older adults can age well and live independently, advocating for equal access to resources and opportunities, to ensure everyone can thrive within their communities.

A highlight of this year's conference was the recognition of nine senior center professionals from communities throughout Massachusetts who earned certification through the rigorous MCOA Certification Program. This credential acknowledges program coordinators and activities directors who demonstrate exceptional professionalism, educational achievement and a commitment to delivering high-quality, comprehensive services for older adults.

Among this distinguished group were three members of the Ludlow Senior Cen-

ter Team Executive Director Jodi Zepke, Assistant Director Heather Jolicoeur and Activities Director Maria Ardolino. Each leader was required to submit extensive documentation showcasing their leadership, program development and vision for the future.

From SWOT analyses, a strategic planning tool that identifies business's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; and strategic planning to evidence of successful, innovative programs as well as programs reassessed, adapted, or retired, their achievement reflects both their individual dedication and the center's ongoing commitment to excellence in serving Ludlow's older adults. Special thanks to Zepke, Jolicoeur, and Ardolino for the MCOA information.



The LHS Varsity Cheer Team ended their season by placing third at the State Championships for Game Day.

## LHS Cheerleading Team wins WMASS title and places third in State Championship

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LUDLOW – During the weekend of Nov. 14, the Ludlow High School Varsity Cheer Team attended the Massachusetts State Cham-

pionships for Game Day and placed third after a competitive season. The achievement comes on the heels of the team being crowned Pioneer Valley League Champions just one week earlier.

Shared by parent Sheila Rubin, "Led by strong leader-

ship and a deep commitment to teamwork, the Lions delivered a dynamic and highly synchronized performance that earned them a well-deserved place among the top

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# LUDLOW

## St. Elizabeth Parish hosts St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair

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LUDLOW – On Nov. 15, the St. Elizabeth Parish held the St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair with a variety of homemade gifts, jewelry to woodworking to homegrown honey, and offering delicious food from the kitchen staff of the Knights of Columbus Ludlow Council #3535. Speaking with Co-Chair of St. Nick's Bazaar Pat Flaherty, who shared a brief history of the church and why it was important to offer the craft fair again this year.

"We started before the parishes merged, around 15 years ago or so. We have 52 tables with crafters present, most have two tables, and one woman who is grandfathered in and has four tables. We have four rooms: the Elizabeth Room, Zachariah Room, Jordan Room, and the auditorium. It's a lot of work for John and I but we have our own little thing we do, and it turns out great, we always have a great turnout! I



Jacqueline Stallone was proud of her handknit gifts that offered handmade winter hats in many different colors.

was sitting out front and was surprised to see a van with people coming to stop by the craft fair. It does really well," said Flaherty.

Co-Chair John Dryjowicz, who was also celebrating his 81st birthday that Sat., shared how it was helping in the kitchen with the Knights of Columbus and his involvement within the K of C for 40 to 50 years. Explaining him and his wife's involvement

within the church and moving from marriage preparation to CCD classes, Dryjowicz liked to tell him and his wife are now aging gracefully.

When Flaherty and Dryjowicz were asked how it was to work together to put an event like this together, they both commented they know each other very well throughout the years and have a good sense of humor. Dryjowicz added, "The real beauty of all of this is, all that money goes to feeding the homeless, taking care of the kids at school, CCD, funds other things in the parish like the Christmas baskets; all the funds go into that social committee account and it feeds off to these other ministries. If it was just to make money for the church, it would be a job; now we have people dedicated to the mission. Our mission is to not have another \$200,000 in the church but to disperse that money to people who need it. A good example is the Christmas Baskets that my wife started; we delivered 20 baskets and now have



The Knights of Columbus Ludlow Council #3535 Kitchen Staff was manned by Jim, John, David, Jim, Chris, Richard, Jason, and Richard.

families that are doing better. We call them and they decline the basket saying we're good, give it to somebody who needs it. Praise God, we helped them cross that bridge," said Dryjowicz.

"I always say it's evangelizing us; some people don't agree but I think it is because we're always trying to do good for the parish and for other people. A lot of people have told me that they feel this is the best fair in the area and many were happy with how advertised this one was. We have a lot of repeats and then we have a few new people. We're very fortunate and we have a good reputation! I am thankful for the Knights of Columbus running the kitchen because it would be very hard without them. There are more today than I ever thought there would be, and they gave up there Sat. to come and help," said Flaherty.

Dryjowicz said, "It's part of our mission to service the church."

Flaherty continued sharing that the volunteers who were seen selling raffle tickets and greeting the guests when they arrived within the hall have been helping her for over 15 years.

"We are lucky we've got people that we can count on every year that keep coming back to us," said Flaherty.

Greeting every guest were volunteers Kathy Lawrence, Karen Audette, and Judy Rycenga.



The fair had crafters in a couple of different rooms, offering ample shopping opportunities for attendees and encouraging guests to explore the hall and all the fair had to offer.



Miryam Bannon and Emily Boilard of Bee Fashionable had booths full of jewelry, like earrings, bracelets, and more.



### Please join us for our annual Candlelight Memorial Service

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

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### Correction

In the Nov. 19 issue of The Register, the page 8 photo was incorrect. In the photo caption it read and featured students for the Sgt. Lariviere Memorial Award, "From the left, the first-place winner was Sierra Williams and followed by Faith Keroack, Natalia Houlihan, Samuel Pontes, Katherine Anseimo, and Kelly Heo." We apologize for this error.

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## Nomination papers available for Town Election

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

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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 certified signatures.

Town meeting member nomination papers must be signed by at least ten regis-

tered 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 reminds residents to register for the 2026 Ambulance Subscription Program

LUDLOW - Chief Ryan Pease and the Ludlow Fire Department would like to remind residents of the ambulance subscription program for 2026.

Ludlow Fire will be mailing the 2026 Ambulance Subscription form to all households in Ludlow by the start of November. The annual ambulance subscription fee is \$50 per residence. All residents living in the same residence will be covered under one subscription payment.

The subscription fees will cover any remaining balances for emergency ambulance services provided by Ludlow Fire that insurance does not cover.

Residents should be aware that 2025 subscriptions expire on Wednesday, Dec. 31. To ensure continued coverage for 2026, current subscribers should pay online or in person before Dec. 31.

The fee may be used as a tax deduction to the extent of the law. All donations from

this program are used to help purchase the necessary supplies and equipment for the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

The department also offers online sign-up here on our town website. Residents who do not receive a form by mail can print one online or call the Ludlow Fire Department to request one. New members are also welcome to participate.

Those who wish to drop off payment at the station should deposit it in one of the secure drop boxes locat-

ed 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. Cash and checks will be accepted.

For more information about the ambulance subscription program click here.

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



The Ludlow Elks hoop shoot participants after the annual LBGC hoop shoot.

Submitted photo

### HOOP SHOOT from Page 1

Joyce Grabon and Athletics and Fitness Director of the LBGC Matt Thompson who shared why it was important to offer a free basketball competition for the Town of Ludlow.

Beginning at the club as a counselor and eventually coming back for his current role, Thompson shared why he decided to come back to work at the same club he started as a teenager. "It's because of all we do for the community and being able to do what I love doing as a job. I was super happy to come back and do all the sports in town, working with organizations and networking, talking with people, and meeting with all the families," shared Thompson.

Playing soccer for Springfield College and switching his major to sports management, Thompson never thought of an administrative role he has now and figured out almost instantly that he really enjoys it, describing the director role for the LBGC as



The entire referee section was from the Ludlow Elks, composed of Angel, Gary, Joyce, Meg, Nancy, Allen, Gary, Paul, and Sandy.

Turley photos by Amanda Munson

a high school athletic director for youth sports.

"All of the youth's organizational sports have their own boards like Ludlow Youth Soccer, Ludlow Youth Baseball, Ludlow Youth Cheer and other towns have a recreation department overseeing all that. Ludlow has all those different organizations overseeing it, so the only big sport the LBGC offers is basketball; we are basically the Lud-

low Youth Basketball Organization. Any other sport we offer is an intro and we offer sports that no other organization is doing like youth cross country or youth track and field," said Thompson.

Looking at the club's strategic plan, Thompson shared that it was important to be more involved with community organizations like the Ludlow Elks and the Hubbard Memorial Library, and that the hoop shoot has been going on longer than he's been involved with the club, commenting it used to be a huge event.

"We do our best and do our due diligence to advertise this as much as we can, we want this to be successful and it's such a cool event. This is a free throw compe-

tion where if you win your local competition, you have a chance to move on to bigger venues to bigger audiences. Anyone who asks, it's an awesome opportunity. Competition is important, I love competition and it's fun, it's a great atmosphere for youth especially. One of the biggest things is that there is so much going on in Ludlow, and this is a free event that is readily available for everyone to participate in," said Thompson.

If interested in joining the LBGC Basketball Basics program, visit the club's Facebook and website.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN

### A medical library at your fingertips



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

There's a lot of medical misinformation out there, much of it promulgated by non-medical individuals based on nothing more than assumptions and unwarranted conclusions.

But what if you could find published, peer-reviewed answers to your medical questions, written in everyday language? Good news. You can!

One of the speakers at the recent New England Patient Advocacy Conference I hosted at Assumption University in Worcester was Erika Warren, a partner in a new venture called Inciteful Med ([IncitefulMed.com](http://IncitefulMed.com)), just launched earlier this year. I wanted to share it with you because, as I like to say, knowledge is power. Inciteful Med lets you research a medical question and come to doctors' appointments ready to have a meaningful discussion.

This is a beneficial use of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Inciteful Med is updated weekly with peer-reviewed research that appears in such online sources as PubMed, a service of the National Institutes of Health.

"We provide patients and doctors with the latest literature in an easy-to-understand format, helping doctors and patients make informed choices," Erika says.

Like my patient advocacy practice, Inciteful Med grew out of a personal experience. Erika's partner, Mike Weishuhn, had a family member with a potentially serious health issue. Rather than taking the wait-and-see approach the doctor had advised, he used his skills as a data engineer to find a paper published in the U.K. that gave them new information and a reason to seek a second opinion.

"It showed us two things," Erika says. "First, the importance of advocacy and, second, the difficulty of finding reliable, personalized information. That experience changed everything for their family and sparked our mission to make medical research accessible, so more patients and families can shape their care and change their lives."

And so Inciteful Med was born.

Anyone can use the website anonymously to research up to five questions a day. Creating an account lets you ask an unlimited number of questions.

Users can also upload their medical records to have them analyzed and receive personalized results from the latest research. For their users' peace of mind, the company will soon be HIPAA-compliant.

The website is free to use for now. Wishing it to remain independent, they don't want advertising dollars from pharmaceutical companies. It may one day become donor-supported like Wikipedia or offer subscriptions.

Neither Erika nor Mike has a medical background, and they stress that patients should use the information

on Inciteful Med in collaboration with their health-care providers.

"Mike's and my background is in education technology, providing tools for teachers trying to help students learn and feel confident. In many ways, Inciteful Med is similar to that work, but for patients and doctors," she says. "Inciteful Med inspires confidence. People want to be heard and supported and know their questions aren't dumb."

Inciteful Med can also be consulted by providers, who can't possibly be familiar with all of the latest research and clinical trials. Information can take years to move from the researchers' labs to your bedside.

"Our health-care system makes it hard for even dedicated doctors to keep up," Erika says. "Different priorities, red tape and slow adoption of new technology mean important medical advances take too long to reach patients."

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I often talk about making the most of the time you have with your doctor — coming prepared with written questions and specific concerns. Taking a few minutes to do research on IncitefulMed.com could give you a place to start the conversation with your providers.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### If we both collect Social Security, will our benefits be affected?

Dear Rusty:  
I reached full retirement age back in June, but I have not yet filed to collect Social Security. My husband currently collects SS funds, and he waited until he had reached full retirement age a few years ago. I am considering signing up now to receive my funds, but I am a little confused about whether I will receive my full benefit or is there some kind of adjustment made based on both of us collecting?

We are a simple case. We have been married for 46 years, so there are no other exes involved in this equation. He did everything online when he was ready to start receiving his funds, but we didn't consult with any advisor when my husband claimed. Now I think that adding me as a spouse might trigger some other things I should consider. Thank you for your advice.

Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned:  
Since you and your husband have both reached your respective SS Full Retirement Age, you are both entitled to receive your full benefits without any reduction. And since you haven't yet filed, you are now accumulating Delayed Retirement Credits at the rate of 667% additional benefit for each month you continue to delay. You will get your full SS retirement benefit plus any earned DRCs when you claim. The only ques-

tion you need to consider is whether either you or your husband will be entitled to a "spousal boost," an increase when you claim. If the SS retirement benefit you were entitled to at your FRA is less than 50% the amount your husband was entitled to at his FRA, then you will get a "spousal boost" on top of your own SS retirement amount (the "boost" amount would be the difference between your FRA amount and half of his FRA amount). But if your SS amount at your FRA is more than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then you will only get your own SS retirement benefit based on your own lifetime earnings record. Spouse benefits are always determined from each partner's FRA entitlement and if one partner's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other partner's FRA amount, then a spousal boost will be given. And that also works if your FRA entitlement is higher than your husband's, if your FRA amount is more than twice your husband's FRA amount, then he will get a spousal boost from you. Otherwise, each of you will get only your personally earned SS retirement amount and both of you collecting SS will not negatively affect each other's in-



dividual SS benefit.

FYI, the spousal boost amount stops growing at full retirement age, so if you are el-

igible for a spousal boost from your husband then you should claim your SS benefits now and ask for benefits retroactive to June (your FRA month). However, if you will not get a spousal boost from your husband, you have the option of delaying even further and earning more DRCs (thus a higher monthly benefit). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which time you will get the maximum possible Social Security benefit about 127% of your personal FRA amount if you delay that long.

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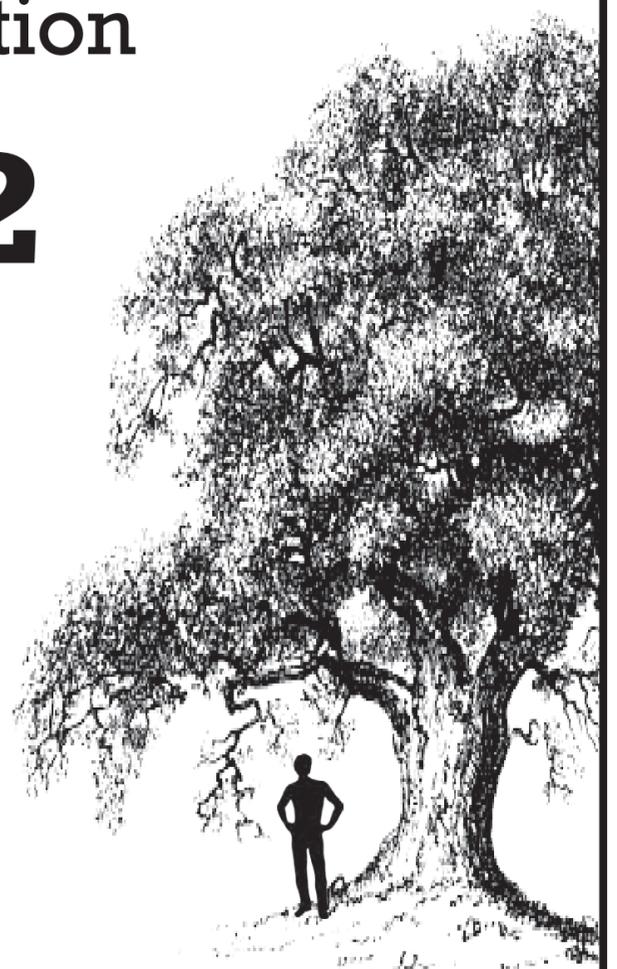
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like it's anything to do with pools. It seems to be more of a construction site. In the beginning when they first opened, it seemed to be pools. I know the owner has construction licenses in Connecticut and owns construction businesses, and I feel that's where the problem lies with that. The second problem is the noise; he's out there at all hours of the day and night. He's out there with the Bobcat. We have tape that he's out there at midnight moving stuff with trailers," explained

Flebotte.

Flebotte mentioned that he filed a complaint the week of Nov. 10 and states that Sun Splash Pools workers were trying to intimidate him after filing that to the Town. Flebotte states that all he wants is for the business to address the noise complaints and clean up the lot for residents and the neighborhood surrounding the business.

Member James Gennette began by stating there is a new noise ordinance in town, which as of The Register press time of Nov. 20 is awaiting approval from the Attorney General's Office, asked if there was a

complaint made to the police department, Flebotte confirmed he has.

"The Ludlow Police Department told me there was no noise ordinance in town and that was last Friday. If nothing else, the recycling center in town doesn't have the type of trash they have. There's no business in town that has this type of trash. There are all kinds of materials out there, not just pool and spa debris," said Flebotte.

Flebotte brought photos of how Teddy Bear Pools and Spa look in Chicopee, Massachusetts for comparison. Flebotte and other residents gathered photo evi-

dence throughout the year and stated how the business will clean up the debris after a complaint has been made and then after a couple of days, will go back to the description of being a dump site.

"There's a lot of metal, a lot of door debris in the lot. Pegoraro was fined by the Town's Building Department from the building inspector, and I spoke to the Board of Health as well," stated Flebotte.

Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum looked through the photos submitted by Flebotte and stated that although parts of the debris look like pool and

spa equipment, the noise and the mess in general were not normal. "There's noise at all hours of the night, the paint cans and things like that, Teddy Bear Pools and Spa have the space for storage; maybe putting a vinyl fence to cover it up? Or if it's going to be out in the open like this, he has pool shock bottles out in the open outside. This stuff should be in canisters," said Rosenblum.

Gennette stated that the Board of Health has a by-law about unkempt properties, defining unkempt property as which debris, junk, or garbage has accumulated on the ground, drive-

way, sidewalk, etcetera for longer than 60 days; Sun Splash Pools was issued this in the past.

Chairperson Manuel Silva stated to Flebotte that he's gone through all the correct channels, and the next step would be going to the Building Commissioner, the zoning enforcer, due to the violations presented at the meeting. Gennette encouraged the Select Board to clarify the noise ordinance for Flebotte and notify the LPD about the potential of intimidation to Flebotte and concerned residents from Sun Splash Pools business.



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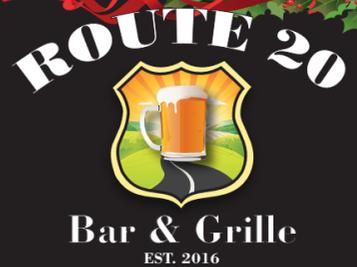
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Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

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

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](http://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.

### 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 Bright-spot 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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## IOCC in collaboration with the HCSD holding toy collection

INDIAN ORCHARD— Donations of new unwrapped toys are being accepted now through December 20th. The toy collection will benefit the Indian Orchard children at the holiday party.

Toys can be dropped off at IOCC, 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Checks can be made payable to the IOCC, and mailed to 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151

The Community Christmas/holiday party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at IOCC 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard. Santa Claus will be available to distribute toys to the children.

### CHEER from Page 1

teams in the state. Their success reflects months of dedication from the athletes and Coach Bernard as well as the enthusiastic support of the Ludlow community. With both a league championship title and a state podium finish, the Ludlow Varsity Cheer Team celebrates one of its most memorable seasons in recent years. Their dedication, teamwork, and school pride have been on full display from the first practice to the final competition. We are so proud of their accomplishments and the way they represent Ludlow High School."

Senior Captain Madalyn Marques shared a few words about the past season.

"Being on the team for the past four years, we have progressed so much, and I couldn't be prouder. We always work so hard, even having four-hour practices sometimes, but something always

happens either we are missing a key teammate, or we have injuries. Although we had some injuries this season, we were able to work around them and still came out third. It was the perfect way to end my fall senior season," said Marques.

Senior Captain Alexis Rodriguez commented how grateful she was to the team, "I couldn't be prouder of the team we have built this year, specifically. Everyone was willing to put in the work to become the best version of themselves as cheerleaders, and it greatly showed. Placing third in the States is such a big accomplishment for us, and I wouldn't want to end the season any other way. I am so beyond grateful to have this team by my side, as I cherish every moment High School and Ludlow Varsity Cheer has to bring," said Rodriguez.

The team also hosted a successful comedy night fundraiser on Nov. 14 at the

Polish American Citizens Club, drawing a packed room of family, friends, and community members in support of the squad. The event, described by Rubin, came on the heels of an exciting milestone for the team, which was recently named Western Mass League Champions in the Game Day division and headed to the States just two days after the fundraiser. The night was spearheaded by cheer parents Heather Chappel and Sheila Rubin, who began planning and organizing a team of parent volunteers back in August to bring the fundraiser to life. Organizers shared that the energy in the room and the visible support for the athletes meant the world to the team and coaching staff.

The evening entertainment was provided by Jess and the FunnyRaising Comedy team, whose creativity and hard work helped make the show a memorable success.

Organizers also expressed

deep appreciation to Coach Bernard for her tireless dedication to the athletes and to all Ludlow Cheer families who helped promote the event, sell tickets, and

support the team behind the scenes. Many raffles were also donated by families and friends of the cheerleaders, further showcasing the strong community support behind

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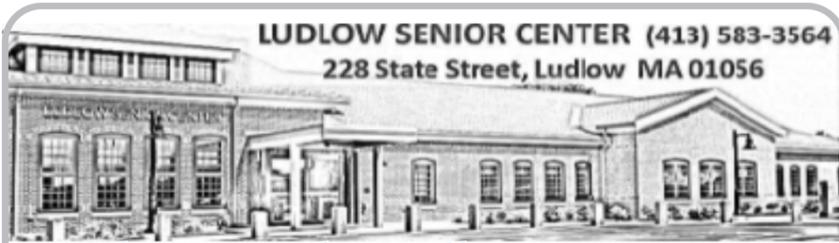
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As the days grow colder and the season turns cozy, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company with you at the Center. Please note that if the Ludlow schools are closed or have a delay due to inclement weather, the Center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

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Center Closed

#### Friday, November 28

Center Closed

#### Monday, December 1

9 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Computer Help  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class\*  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, December 2

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

5 p.m. Merry Little Ex-Mas (2025)

#### Wednesday, December 2

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Jewelry Making Class\*  
10 a.m. Massage Therapy\*  
10 a.m. Opera Appreciation  
10 a.m. Tea with the TA  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Dominos  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Movie: Merry Little Ex-Mas (2025)

#### Thursday, December 4

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Writers Block  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

### Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.  
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.  
Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

### Menu:

Thursday, November 27: Center Closed for Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 28: Center Closed  
Monday, December 1: Corn Chowder/Tuna Finger Sandwich/Onion Rings  
Tuesday, December 2: Cowboy Burger/Macaroni Salad  
Wednesday, December 3: Asian Chicken Salad (Contains Almonds)  
Thursday, December 4: Vegetable Lasagna/Bread Stick

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Ludlow Police Department Ofc. Martins, Ofc. Dantas, Ofc. Blair, Det. Sgt. Ricardi, and Sgt. Wielblad manning the food drive table.

### FOOD DRIVE from Page 1

seven years. Growing up in Ludlow and being able to give back to the community I grew up in is truly special. I really enjoy it. I've had great chiefs that fully support community engagement and that's my niche; I love doing anything that can help the community," said Wielblad.

Wielblad continued sharing that this was the first year they've done the food drive in front of the grocery store, and it's been a noticeable turnout with donations. The past drives have been in front of the police department but being in front of the store gives people the opportunity to go grab something and help the LPD out.

After a couple of hours of the food drive, Wielblad said the feedback from the public was positive and supportive. "They like we're giving back locally to the Veteran's Center in town. We did a post on our social media, and people were coming in after seeing that just to grab food for the drive. We partnered with Big Y, and they've been making announcements for the past few



Sgt. Wielblad's family smiling while visiting the food drive, receiving an LPD sticker, and donating food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

days, and they had a box already brought for us; they've been a big help. Country Bank also reached out because they had 11 Thanksgiving packages that we're going to give out to the veterans too," added Wielblad.

The 11 Thanksgiving kits

are full meals for families in need, with a gift card to the grocery store to purchase a turkey of their own and will be given out later at the center.

"I think it's important for every police department to engage with the community they work in and doing events like this is a perfect way to get that positive relationship with everyone," said Wielblad.

On Nov. 29, the LPD will be collecting unwrapped toys with the Marines for Toys for Tots at the Big Y and on Nov. 30, the LPD will be collecting toys at the Light Up Ludlow event at Town Hall.

**The Ludlow Country Bank donated Thanksgiving kits for families in need this holiday season.**



Residents donating food to the Ludlow Police Department's food drive in front of the Ludlow Big Y. Turley photos by Amanda Munson

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## Ludlow High School inducts new class to Athletic Hall

LUDLOW – On Sunday, Nov. 9, regular sports action took a pause at Ludlow High School as Athletic Director Tim Brillo inducted the latest class in the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The Class of 2025 included 10 individual athletes, two teams, a coach, and a contributor. Athletes inducted at the event were, Jeffrey Christina, Class of 1974, Hector Gomes, Class of 1977, Todd Scyocurka, Class of 1978, Pamela Comeau, Class of 1992, Christina Boyea, Class of 1996, Cindy Mateus, Class of 1996, Jason Abair, Class of 2022, Derek Simpson, Class of 2007, Chris Pereira, Class of 2011, and Alex LaFayette, Class of 2013. Current boys soccer coach Greg Kolodziej was inducted, along with the 1983 baseball team and the 2007 girls track and field team. Butch Regnier was recognized posthumously as a contributor. The ceremony was held in the LHS auditorium. The Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame, founded in 2007 by Bill Kolodziej, celebrates the achievements of athletes, coaches, and contributors who exemplify excellence, dedication, and sportsmanship.



The Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

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Alex LaFayette receives his hall plaque.



Butch Regnier is represented by family members. He was recognized as a contributor.



Greg Kolodziej was inducted in the Hall of Fame as a coach this year. He is still active.



Chris Pereira is now a LHS Hall of Famer.



Christian Boyea stands with LHS Athletic Director Tim Brillo.



Members of the Ludlow High School Girls 2007 track and field team are recognized.



Jeffrey Christina, a graduate in 1974, was inducted to the Hall.



Multi-sport athlete Jason Abair is inducted this year.



Members of the Kolodziej family pose together after two of their family members were recognized in this year's Hall class.

## MIAA makes calendar change to start of fall

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association recently approved a couple of changes in their calendar, including codifying a practice that is already in place. The biggest change will be the start of the fall season for football preseason while two other changes were denied.

The Board of Directors voted to set the official start date of all fall sports, includ-

ing football at two Mondays prior to Labor Day, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. In recent years, football would begin the Friday prior to that Monday with the rest of the sports beginning two Mondays before Labor Day.

A proposal was denied to delay the start of winter preseason to the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Right now, practices immediately begin

on Monday after Thanksgiving. The proposal sought to give an administrative day for schools to prepare for the winter season.

Another proposal denied was for all postseason tournament brackets to be released exclusively on weekdays, with the exception of the football brackets, which are released on the Sunday after Week 8 games conclude.

The final accepted proposal

was establishing a firm date for the end of all spring athletic seasons to be no later than the third Sunday in June, to coincide with the end of the academic year. It ensures that all postseason play and championship would take place on a consistent timeline each year. This is the current practice so no noticeable change will be seen on the current MIAA calendar.

## Lions get momentum heading into holiday game

ORANGE – Last Friday night, the Ludlow High School football team had the second of its nonplayoff games on the road.

The Lions would travel to Mahar Regional High School on Nov. 14 in Week 10 to take on the Senators. For the first

time this season, the Lions had a huge defensive showing on top of some good offense as they shut out Mahar 34-0. The Senators could not break through during the entire contest and Ludlow scored early and often en route to its third win of the season. Ludlow

had been struggling during the regular season, but has caught some momentum in the nonplayoff phase of the season.

In Week 9, on Nov. 6, the Lions handily defeated Taconic 33-8, with touchdowns on both offense and defense, and upped their scoring record to

67-8 over two games.

The momentum was definitely needed for Ludlow heading into their Thanksgiving Day matchup against holiday rival Palmer High School. That game was scheduled to be held in Palmer this year.

## T-Birds fall to Wolf Pack in overtime matinee

HARTFORD, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-10-2-1) could not keep a two-goal lead protected and fell to the Hartford Wolf Pack (4-7-4-0) by a 3-2 final in overtime last Tuesday morning inside PeoplesBank Arena.

For a second straight morning game, the T-Birds got off to a fantastic start, outshooting the Wolf Pack 11-3 in the opening period while holding steady pressure in the Hartford zone. Alek Kaskimaki and Matthew Peca nearly broke the ice with a 2-on-0 in front of Wolf Pack goalie Callum Tung, but the puck wouldn't settle for the T-Birds captain, and the chance came up empty. The T-Birds' efforts

would eventually get rewarded at 13:08 right off a clean draw win by Chris Wagner, who twirled the puck right to a waiting Nikita Alexandrov, who whistled a one-timer over Tung's blocker to give Springfield the 1-0 lead.

3:08 later, the T-Birds' power play unit continued the momentum surge as Logan Mailloux cranked a one-timer past Tung on the glove side off a set-up from Marc-Andre Gaudet, extending the lead to 2-0. Alexandrov got his second point of the stanza with a secondary assist.

Vadim Zherenko barely had to break a sweat in the

# SPORTS

## Monadnock to hold awards banquet

MILFORD, N.H. – Monadnock Speedway is set to close out another thrilling racing season with a night of celebration, recognition, and community. On Saturday, Dec. 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m., the speedway will host its highly anticipated Annual Awards Banquet at the Best Western in Keene, New Hampshire.

The event will spotlight the achievements of the champions and top ten drivers in the regular weekly divisions, while also recognizing the top three in the Six

Shooter Division, Teddy Bear Pools & Spas Triple Crown Champions, and competitors in the Young Gun Division for their dedication and commitment to the sport. In addition, several specialty awards will be presented throughout the evening, honoring stand-out performances and contributions both on and off the track.

Fans, drivers, teams, and families are invited to join the festivities as Monadnock Speedway celebrates the close of a competitive season and the communi-

ty that makes it all possible. This annual tradition brings together the best of the racing family for an evening of camaraderie, reflection, and excitement for the upcoming season.

To purchase a ticket online go to: <https://square.link/u/JHFglOOQf>

Tickets are limited! Event capacity is 200. Seating is 8 to 10 people per table. Requests to be seated with another team may be made by emailing the speedway @ monadnockspeedway@gmail.com.

## Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

WORCESTER – It only took 2,187 games.

Finally, though, one of the city's pro hockey teams played one in which brothers scored goals. It happened Tuesday, Drew and Anthony Callin getting the first two goals of what turned out to be a 4-0 triumph for the Railers over the Maine Mariners.

Lincoln Hatten matched the Callin family total by scoring two of his own as Worcester won its third straight game, second straight shutout. The timing was great, too. It was a School Day game, a crowd of 8,512, and the home team probably created some new hockey fans as the clock passed noon.

It was the fifth-largest attendance in team history. The Railers are perfect when playing before crowds of 8,000 or more at the DCU Center — eight games, eight victories.

The Callins were not the only history makers.

Henrik Tikkanen stopped 29 shots to become the first Railers goalie ever to post consecutive shutouts. Tikkanen is merely the second Worcester pro goalie to do that. It must be a European thing; the other was Austrian Reinhard Divis, who had back-to-back shutouts for the IceCats

nearly 22 years ago in December of 2003.

It marked the first time in Tikkanen's career he had two consecutive shutouts.

"It just feels like, easy now," Tikkanen said. "The pucks are coming in slow, the guys in front are doing a good job creating the lanes and blocking the tough shots, so it's been easy for me the last couple games."

This was Worcester's 12th game of the season, fifth against Maine. By now, everybody has a good idea of everybody else's strength and weaknesses.

"You start to know what the guys are trying to do," Tikkanen said, "and of course if they don't make any changes on their power play and all that stuff, I think the goalie may have a little bit of an advantage."

Tikkanen's best save was one of his first.

The teams played a scoreless first period and the Mariners owned the best chance. Sebastian Vidmar had a shorthanded breakaway at 13:10 and Tikkanen just held his ground until Vidmar got in close and fired the puck into the goalie's torso.

"In every game," Tuzolino said, "you're going to have a Grade A chance

and it if goes in that keeps the game interesting and if you stop it, that kills confidence. The last couple of nights we've done that."

Anthony Callin made it 1-0 24 seconds into the second period with a 25-footer set up by Anthony Repaci. It was Repaci-to-Callin again at 2:42 with Drew Callin beating Luke Cavalin to the top far corner.

Hatten tipped Matt Stief's shot home on a power play at 13:25 and it remained 3-0 until Hatten hit an empty with 1:35 left in the third period.

Hatten has goals in three straight games, points in four in a row. Both are career bests. The two-goal performance was the second of his career.

The victory snapped Maine's four-game winning streak versus Worcester this season. The Mariners had won eight of the previous nine games between the teams going back to last season. The Railers had not beaten the Mariners at the DCU Center since last Dec. 21.

The decision also snapped Cavallin's four-game winning streak against Worcester. It dropped his career record against the Railers to 12-6-0.

The Wolf Pack used a 4-on-4 situation to make their way back into the game at 3:11 of the third as Casey Fitzgerald patiently walked his way past a pair of defenders before setting Justin Dowling for a backdoor finish to cut the margin to 2-1.

After Hartford's power play killed off a Springfield advantage, Brett Berard ended a long scoring drought, beating Zherenko along the ice from the left circle at 6:59 to make it a 2-2 game.

Springfield let another man advantage slip through the cracks in the back half of the third, and the 2-2 tie carried into the extra period.

After both teams traded slashing penalties, with Zherenko making a pair of saves with his team down a man, Fitzgerald ended matters with 33 seconds left in the overtime, slipping to the front of the net to tip a Dowling pass over Zherenko's blocker, completing the comeback for the Wolf Pack.

### T-BIRDS from Page 9

goal crease in the first, turning away just three shots in 20 minutes and keeping his team's two-goal lead in tow.

The T-Birds could not do anything with two power plays in the second period, but the Springfield penalty kill rose to the forefront in the back half of the frame, killing off three separate Hartford power plays, including a lengthy 5-on-3 disadvantage to hold the 2-0 score after 40 minutes.

# DATEBOOK

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

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### ONGOING

**VOLLEYBALL** at E Street School began Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

**SENIOR BINGO:** Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

**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](mailto:indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com)

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.

### UPCOMING

#### Now - Dec. 13

Annual Holiday Coloring Contest - LUSO Federal Credit Union is delighted to sponsor an annual Holiday Coloring Contest. If you would like a chance for your child to win one of our prize-filled holiday gift bags, please have them complete the coloring sheet for their grade level (Pre-K to 8th Grade). Then return the coloring sheet entry to the credit union by Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025. One winner from each of the different grade levels will be selected on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025. Coloring sheets may be picked up at our branch locations in Ludlow or Wilbraham, or online at: [www.lusofederal.com/events](http://www.lusofederal.com/events)

#### Nov. 24 – Dec. 13

Holiday Toy Drive - 'Tis the season of giving. Beginning Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, LUSO Federal Credit Union will be collecting new, unwrapped toy donations for children in need within our community. Drop off your new unwrapped toys at either of our branch locations by Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025. In the spirit of the season, for each toy donated, you will receive an entry to win a gift card wreath valued at \$150.

#### Dec. 13 & 20

**FROZEN POLISH FOOD** will be sold at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St.

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## Polish National Alliance Lodge 711 to host Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

CHICOPEE - Lodge 711 Polish National Alliance of Chicopee will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. followed by the Lodge Christmas party with dinner served promptly at 1 p.m. at the Chicopee Falls Polish Home, 27 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA.

The Christmas party will feature the singing of Polish and English Christmas carols. Refreshments will be available and gifts for mem-

bers, ages 0-12 will be distributed by Santa. Assisting the President and Chairman, Joanne Cebula, are Jeanie Zapala and members of Wilbraham PNA Lodge 3276, dinner and refreshments, Teresa Sherman, publicity, and Cindy Kirejczyk, toys, decorations and entertainment. There will be arts and crafts, games, and a hot cocoa station.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers from the National Honor Society at Minnechaug Regional High

School in Wilbraham, MA to assist the committee in preparing and conducting this fun-filled event.

There is no admission fee. Donations for the raffle are welcome to help defray party costs. Please RSVP by Dec. 1.

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## Dante is waiting for a Fourth Chance

EAST BROOKFIELD—Dante, the beagle who captured hearts in 2020 after spending a full month on the run during her recovery from a broken leg, has returned to Second Chance Animal Services. Now 12 years old, Dante is hoping for a 'fourth chance' after her owner faced a significant life change and could no longer care for her.

Dante's history with Second Chance is long and unforgettable. She first arrived on transport from an overcrowded Tennessee shelter. She returned after being hit by a car and underwent surgery for her injuries. While recuperating in foster care, she escaped and traveled more than 15 miles from Hardwick back to East

Brookfield, an incredible journey that made headlines.

At the time, Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato said, "It was like a story out of a children's book where the heroine overcomes her fear through strength and determination to return to the people and place where she first knew love." A local resident helped identify the frightened stray, and Second Chance quickly set a trap, later adding a second trap with assistance from Missing Dogs Massachusetts. Staff monitored live cameras and watched as Dante finally entered the trap set for her safe return. Despite her ordeal, she was in relatively good shape and had even gained two pounds during her travels.

Today, Dante is a gentle senior girl with a shy disposition. Her adoption bio explains her needs clearly: "I have quite the story. I am an escape artist and I can't help it; I love to explore! One of my adventures in my earlier years landed me with a broken leg. I absolutely must have a home with a fenced yard. I also need someone who will diligently keep my leash on. It is best if I go home to either a single person or to a couple and no young children because I'm afraid that's an easy way for me to slip out the door and take to wandering again."

Because she takes time to warm up, interested adopters will need to make multiple visits to ensure she feels comfortable before heading



Submitted photo

to her new home. Second Chance is committed to helping her find the safe, loving environment she deserves for her golden years.

For more information or

to meet Dante, visit [secondchanceanimals.org/adoptable-dogs](http://secondchanceanimals.org/adoptable-dogs) or stop by the Second Chance Adoption Center at 111 Young Road, East Brookfield to meet her.

## Holiday toy drive lasts until Dec. 13

LUDLOW—"Tis the season of giving. Beginning Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, LUSO Federal Credit Union will be collecting new, unwrapped toy donations for children in need within our community.

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# LEGALS

## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Johnathan Chenier and John Chenier of 335 Munsing Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 18, Parcel 44) for: **office for junk removal business.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman

11/26 12/03/2025

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. HD25A0182AD  
In the matter of:  
Jayleen Daria LeBlanc  
CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, §6

TO:  
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

**Luis Antonio Mejia of Springfield, MA**  
**Yesenia Marie Cruz of Ludlow, MA**

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Jayleen Daria Mejia**  
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO

OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 12/16/2025.**

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

Date: November 18, 2025

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/26/2025

### 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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Harris Brook Elementary School

**Precinct 2:**  
Paul R. Baird Middle School

**Precinct 3:**  
Ludlow High School

**Precinct 4:**  
East Street School

**Precinct 5:**  
First Church in Ludlow

**Precinct 6:**  
Paul R. Baird Middle School

11/12, 11/19, 11/26/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD25P2334GD  
In the matter of:  
Kayla Trembley  
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 **Department of Developmental Serv of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kayla Trembley** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Sandra Viens of Agawam, 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 **12/08/2025.**

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: November 07, 2025

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/26/2025

### Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE:

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, AT 5:45 P.M.**

Upon petition of **EVER-SOURCE** to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways.

**KENDALL STREET:** to install (1) 45' Class I joint owned pole to create a new pole line to a new home being built at 47 Kendall Street. This pole will be located approximately 15' south of the centerline and 65' to the east of pole 114/B3 with guy anchor and sidewalk guy 10' to the south of the proposed pole.

Manuel Silva, Chairperson  
William Rosenblum, Vice Chair  
James Gennette  
Anthony Alves  
Ludlow Select Board  
11/26, 12/03/2025

## Country Bank donates more than \$160,000 to support seniors and food insecurity

REGION — In response to the increasing needs of local families and seniors affected by the recent government shutdown, Country Bank announced donations of \$160,000 to support food insecurity programs across Central and Western Massachusetts.

As the bank kicks off its annual "Season of Difference" campaign, it is donating an additional \$25,000 to both the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and the Worcester County Food Bank. Earlier this year, each of these food banks received \$100,000 as part of a 1 million-dollar pledge. Additionally, another

\$55,000 is being donated to local food pantries and \$55,000 to senior centers throughout the region.

"With so many in our communities facing uncertainty and hardship, it's more important than ever that we stand together," said Mary McGovern, President and CEO of Country Bank. "These donations are one way we can help ensure that our neighbors have access to nutritious meals and the support they need during this challenging time."

The "Season of Difference Campaign" highlights Country Bank's long-standing dedication to strength-

ening local communities through financial support, volunteer efforts, and compassionate leadership. Each year, the Bank donates over \$800,000 to nonprofits that focus on food insecurity, education, housing, and community well-being.

"As a community bank, giving back is at the heart of who we are," said Shelley Regin, Chief Marketing and Community Relations Officer. "This season, we are focused on making a meaningful difference for our neighbors and ensuring that those most affected by current economic challenges receive the help they need."

## Saunders votes to advances bill protecting health care workers from workplace violence

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted unanimously today to pass comprehensive legislation aimed at improving safety for health care workers across the Commonwealth. The bill strengthens protections for frontline staff, establishes new statewide prevention standards, improves reporting practices, and clarifies legal penalties for assaults occurring inside health care facilities.

Representative Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) said the legislation reflects a growing and urgent need to address the rise in violence experienced by nurses, clinicians, and support staff. "Health care workers keep our communities healthy, often under tremendous pressure," Saunders said. "Too many have faced threats or

violence while simply doing their jobs. This bill takes meaningful steps to protect those who care for us, while ensuring facilities have the tools, standards, and accountability needed to keep workers safe."

Under the bill, every health care employer must conduct annual, facility-specific risk assessments developed in partnership with employees and labor representatives. Each facility will adopt a violence-prevention plan that includes hazard mitigation strategies, staff training, crisis response protocols, and post-incident debriefing. Violence-related incidents will be reported annually to the Department of Public Health and district attorneys to ensure accurate statewide data while maintaining confidentiality. The

legislation also imposes civil penalties for employers who fail to comply with these requirements and safeguards workers from retaliation.

The bill codifies penalties for assaults against health care workers and contracted employees performing their duties inside clinical settings. Assaults causing bodily injury may result in up to five years in state prison or two and a half years in a house of correction, along with fines. Assaults causing serious bodily injury may carry penalties of up to ten years in state prison or two and a half years in a house of correction, in addition to fines. These provisions acknowledge the heightened risk in areas such as emergency departments, inpatient units, and psychiatric units.

## MSB Community Giving Initiative is underway

MONSON—There's still time to make your voice heard! Monson Savings Bank's 2026 Community Giving Initiative is in full swing, and they are inviting YOU to help decide which local non-profit organizations will receive donations in the coming year.

Voting is open now and

runs through Dec. 31, 2025 at 3 p.m. Every vote counts, so don't miss your chance to support the organizations that matter most to you and your community.

How to Vote: Visit [www.monsonsavings.bank/CGI](http://www.monsonsavings.bank/CGI) and submit the name of one non-profit organization you'd like Monson

Savings Bank to support in 2026. Organizations must be non-profit and serve within the Bank's geographic area. Each person may vote once.

The top ten organizations with the most votes will receive donations from Monson Savings Bank. Winners will be announced in mid-January 2026.

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

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Classes for Single Adults(18-30)  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon  
Classes for Young Men( 11-18 )  
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Holy Mother Choir 4:30 PM (C),  
Cub Scouts 6:00 (JR)

Thursday, Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Mass 8:30 AM (C)

Friday, Nov. 28 – Daily Mass– 7:30 AM (C)

Saturday, Nov. 29 – Confessions – 2:30 PM (C)  
Saturday Mass – 4 PM (C)

Sunday, Nov. 30 – Daily Masses at 7:30 AM,  
9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C), Lifteen 6 PM (JR)

Monday, Dec. 1 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)  
Faith Formation – 6 PM (JR)  
Women's Bible Study 6 (ER)

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
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