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Jestive items sold at . Nick's Bazaar

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

LOCAL NEWS

LUDLOW - To kick off the Christmas season, St. Elizabeth Parish held its annual St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar on a Saturday afternoon.

The Bazaar was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. across four rooms at the Pastoral Center. Local vendors set up tables with their own specialty items, ranging from pottery, stained glass, jewelry, and decorations.

"These are a one-of-a-kind gift for weddings, anniversaries and memorials," said co-chair of the bazaar Pat Flaherty, "definitely not a cookie-cutter item"

For more information about St. Elizabeth's Parish, visit their website at StElizabethLudlow.org.



Ana Capela and Stephanie Smola had a table full of festive decorations.



Mother/daughter duo Theresa and Mimi Whalen sold festive statuettes and decorations at the bazaar.



Cindy and Rich Patrom had a table full of seasonal decorations at the bazaar. See more photos on page 7.

Iona's Kitchen hands out 2,700 meals to the needy



Kelly Dobbins stood behind Kevin Green, surrounded by members from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

INDIAN ORCHARD - This year, Iona's Kitchen was able to give out more meals for Thanksgiving than previously as part of its annual program.

Kelly Dobbins started this program with his restaurant about five years ago, seeking to help feed veterans, seniors, and the homeless.

"When we did it last year, our goal was to put out 2,500 meals," Dobbins said. "But this year, we put out 2,700."

"After dinner is done, we go over to Springfield [and] we have a sit-in dinner," Dobbins said. "We go into the Orchard Covenant Church; we sit people down and feed them there."

Dobbins started this pro-

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Charter Committee deciding between mayor, town manager systems

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

Charter Committee meeting, members went over questions to ask local mayors and town counselors that have been invited to share their experience to help the Committee decide on what form of town government the new town charter should adopt.

"We should prioritize asking questions that we can't find the answers to elsewhere, questions that are more focused on their real-life per-Commitspective," said tee Chair Marissa Ribeiro Dahan. "Rather than some of the things that we could do our own research to find out, if we needed to."

The meeting started with the Committee members taking a few minutes to read through the questions that Ribeiro Dahan had emailed earlier in the day.

"I've heard, definitely, an interest in talking about how the executive will interact with LUDLOW - At the recent departments and with boards, we could probably even make

those into one question," Ribeiro Dahan said.

think it would be valuable to get information about their backgrounds, and see... what the difference is in the background

of somebody who is a mayor versus somebody who's a manager."

Towards town manager, they're going to be looking for people with procurement background, grant writing," said Selectman Bill Rosenblum. "Public administration, college, things of that nature, where in some instances, a mayor could be a businessman in town."

"When we interviewed for

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LUDLOW

Selectmen approve snow plowing at Faith Community Chapel

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

LUDLOW – Last week's Board of Selectmen meeting saw the town's representatives discussing and voting on a number of issues, from plowing a church parking lot to holding an Employee Wellness Day for town employees.

East St. Parking

At the start of the meeting, Town Administrator Marc Strange refreshed the Board on the previous request by Faith Community Chapel to have the Department of Public Works clear its parking lot during snowstorms.

"There are parents, during drop-off and pick-up, who park in those parking lots, creating kind of an informal quid pro quo of the Chapel allowing parents to park there and the Chapel asking the town to help them out with snow events," Strange said.

"You all requested us to go back to Town Council and see if this was possible," Strange said. "Town Council said it is possible, they wrote up an agreement which was sent to the church, and then the church wanted to get in some of the gritty details, and we told them that the Board hasn't voted on it yet."

Strange said that one of the outstanding questions from the church was whether the DPW would honor this agreement during snowstorms on Sundays, when there was no school.

"Any time we can get any type of assistance, or any type of a break, to take cars off the main drag and make it a little

bit safer with less commotion, I'm definitely all in," said Selectman Tony Goncalves.

"It's a big problem over there on East St.," said Selectman Manuel Silva. "To me it seems fine, even, for them to [plow] it on a Sunday and just keep the parking lot plowed. It's not going to cost the town a heck of a lot of money, maybe half an hour's work for one of the drivers. If the attorneys don't see an issue, I don't see an issue."

Goncalves added, "if it's a weekend storm, it's got to be clean for Monday, why wouldn't they go and clean...just as normal course?"

"The only sticking point for me is to make sure that the language that the attorneys put in there keeps it closed-ended, so that we don't open up Pandora's Box of everywhere in town saying 'hey, you did this for the schools," Selectman Bill Rosenblum said.

"I have faith in the attorneys to do that, I don't have a problem with this at all," Rosenblum said.

Shared Services Initiative

The Board discussed the Board of Health Shared Services Initiative, reading an email from Kelly Lamas about the Mill Towns Public Health Coalition, made up of Ludlow, Palmer, Warren, and West Brookfield.

The Coalition was approved by the Department of Public Health to fund four shared positions, paid for by the grant budget. These positions include a full-time Services Coordinator, a full-time Environmental Health Inspector, a full-time Social Worker, what the Board identified

as a part-time Public Health Nurse.

"The DPH's goal is to build capacity within health departments participating in the Shared Services Municipalities, and to create a sustainability under DPH guidance post-grant cycles," Lamas's email read.

As the grant would fund these positions for a nine-year period, there was some concern about what would happen once the grant money ran out.

"These positions are coming in funded by the state, they're not funded by any particular town budget, so I think everybody's going to know that they are funded by this grant," Strange said. "There's no obligation, at the end of that, that the town retain these employees. That's my understanding."

Building Infrastructure Funds

The Board was approached with a request from the Hubbard Memorial Library for \$16,916.16 from the Building Infrastructure Fund for repairs associated with the restoration of the historic window.

"We had the roof inspected," said Library Board of Trustees Chair Linda Colette. "Because, as we all know, everything starts from the roof down."

Strange said that in the Capital Improvement Planning Committee meeting, it was suggested these repairs be funded through the Building Infrastructure Fund, as they did not rise to the level that would qualify them for Capital Improvement.

"We know that isn't going to cost the whole project, that's coming out of Capital expenses," Gennette said.

Silva mentioned that at a recent meeting, he noticed many of the problems

Collette described. The Selectmen voted unanimously to release the funds.

Employee Wellness Day

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Employee Wellness Agenda that was drafted by the Town Administrator's office with the Board of Health.

"Carrie [Ribeiro], Paulina [Matusik], and I...came up with a draft agenda for [what] we're calling an Employee Wellness Day," Strange said. "It's really focused on team-building and employee appreciation, which I think...employers in a lot of towns are lacking. Certainly, here, we have a lot of departments that exist in their own silos, so we're trying to figure out a way to bring everybody together and team-build."

"I appreciate the work you've done on this, and I think it's a great idea," said Select Board Chair James Gennette, before holding the motion to approve the agenda.

Other business

The Board voted to charge off medical expenses to the Police and Fire Departments for injuries sustained by a police officer on Nov. 8 and a firefighter or paramedic on Nov. 5.

The Selectmen voted to accept Pamela Hayes to the Cultural Council, and to appoint Valdemar Rodrigues as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board also accepted Frank Krzanik's resignation from the Council of Aging, and Michael Engel's resignation from the Charter Committee. The Board voted to appoint Christopher Pelletier to Engel's seat on the Charter Committee.

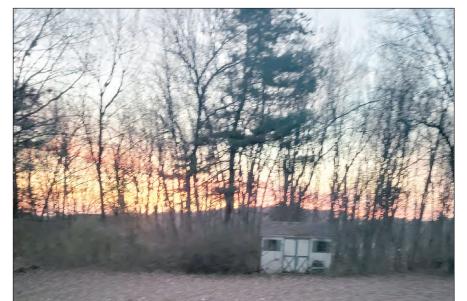
The Board of Selectmen will hold its next meeting on Dec. 5.

Ludlow Lions Club Santa letters are back for 2023

LUDLOW – Imagine the look of joy on a child's face as they open up a letter from Santa that is addressed to them and mentions the people and things that they love. Thanks to its affiliation with Santa, the Ludlow Lions are offering a personalized letter from Santa with the recipient's name and customization that the parent or adult provides. The child (or adult) will receive a personalized letter from Santa in an envelope stamped from the North Pole, along with a small bag of reindeer food and a sticker. The cost is only \$5.

Please fill out the form here https://www.cognitoforms.com/LudlowLions-Club/SantaLetter. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 5. Santa will be mailing letters the second week of December.

Sunset in Ludlow



Courtesy photo

Mike and Jeannie O'Rourke, of Miller Street, captured this Ludlow sunset on Thursday Nov. 16.

Meatloaf dinner will be held December 7

LUDLOW - In conjunction with the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund, the Ludlow Lodge of Elks will prepare a delicious meatloaf dinner that will be available for pick-up, drive up, or take out on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and salad. The price of the meal is \$10 per person or a family meal for four is available for \$35. All proceeds will benefit the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund and Elks Veterans programs.

For tickets or reservations call 413-636-1527 or 413-893-8800. Meals may be picked up at the Lodge of Elks, 69 Chapin St., Ludlow.





New eSports Lab to open Dec. 5

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its brand new eSports Lab, a long-awaited addition to the Club's offerings designed to engage and inspire local teenagers.

The inaugural Open Game Night is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.at the club located at 91 Claudia's Wav.

The eSports Lab is set to become a hub for technology and providgaming enthusiasts, ing a dynamic space equipped with top-tier gaming consoles, high-performance PCs, and the latest gaming peripherals. This innovative space, led by STEAM

Coordinator John Regan, aims to offer teenagers from 13 to 18 an exciting environment to explore their passion for gaming, foster camaraderie and develop valuable skills in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Attendees of the grand opening event can expect an immersive experience, including a tour of the eSports Lab, live gaming on a variety of systems and the opportunity to provide input for upcoming additions to the programmatic schedule.

The club is proud to provide a safe and inclusive space for teens to connect, learn, and compete in the world of eSports. Much of its efforts are supported by the Chicopee Savings Charitable Foundation and the Joseph & Anna C Dias Jr. Family Foundation.

"We're excited to open the doors to our eSports Lab and provide a space where teens can explore their interest in gaming while building important life skills," said Jodie Lambeau, director of programs. "This eSports Lab represents our commitment to staying at the forefront of youth development by meeting young people where they are and providing opportunities for growth and mentorship."

For more information about the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club's eSports Lab grand opening, please contact John Regan at 413-583-2072 x108 or STEAMCoordinator@ludlowbgc.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



PENNY LANE

This is Jessica Bonavita-Fisher's Puggle, Penny Lane, from Ludlow.

Wilbraham **Garden Club to** meet Dec. 7

WILBRAHAM -- The December meeting of the Wilbraham Garden Club will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at noon, at St. Cecelia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham. A special Christmas luncheon will be served.

Once again, we will be entertained by the wit and wisdom of floral designer, Matt Flatow. from Flowers, Flowers on 758 Sumner Ave., Springfield. Matt will demonstrate and discuss his floral arranging techniques. He will be designing some beautiful arrangements for the holidays that will be raffled at the end of the presenta-

We will be extending invitations to area garden clubs, so come early, get a good seat, sit back and enjoy this wonderful program.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Breakfast With Santa



2 Seatings:

8am-9:30am • 10am-11:30am

Cost:

Children 2-12 years old - \$5 pp Age 13 - Adult - \$7 pp

Location:

Harris Brook Elementary School, 209 Fuller St.

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa and his elves. There will be picture time with Santa, fun activities & a raffle basket fundraiser.

For tickets contact Kathy at 413-589-7994 or pick up at Outside The Box Gift Shop, 314 Sewall St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee in partnership with the Ludlow Rotary invites you and your family to the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Time & Location:

3pm - The children's parade will kick off at the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club and travel to the Ludlow Town Hall.

4:30pm - Tree Lighting Ceremony with Christmas Caroling and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

There will be activities for the children and refreshments will be served. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" program.

Also, in support of our Military Veterans, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Ludlow Veterans Services Food Pantry.

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Christmas House Decorating Contest

To participate register your home address in the Christmas

Contest on the Ludlow 250th website
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Judging for open class designs will take place December 10th-16th.
1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners will receive prizes.
For more information call

For more information call Cindy Saleh @ 413-210-2750

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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Even amid the holiday season, our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room complete with coffee, tea, and dessert by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, Nov. 30

9 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Dominoes

10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class* 1 p.m. Mahjong

1 p.m. Wanjong 1 p.m. Writers Block*

2 p.m. Book Club: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, Dec. 1

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp* 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

1 p.m. Ceramics

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*

1 p.m. Magic

Monday, Dec. 4

9 a.m. Knitting 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*

10 a.m. Computer Help

1 p.m. Scrabble

1:15 p.m. Pitch 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. Quilting

9 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Cribbage 10 a.m. Mindful Meditation*

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga

12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check

1 p.m. Western Dance Lessons

1:30 p.m. Bingo

5 p.m. Movie: Christmas in Connecticut

5:30 p.m. Power Pump Class* 5:30 p.m. Volleyball at East Street

School Wednesday, Dec. 6

9 a.m. Ceramics

9 a.m. Zumba Gold

10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

12 p.m. Lunch & Learn*

1 p.m. Movie: Christmas in Connecticut

1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, Dec. 7

9 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Dominoes 1 p.m. Mahjong

2:30 p.m. Active yoga

*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, Meditation, and other programs as noted by calling 413-583-

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:

3564

Thursday, Nov. 30: Asian Chicken Salad (contains almonds)

Friday, Dec. 1: Vegetable Lasagna Monday, Dec. 4: Swedish Meatballs

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Seafood Newburg Wednesday, Dec. 6: Southwest Sal-

Thursday, Dec. 7: Stuffed Sausage Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. Call Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to ask about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

Oliveira and Saunders present Ludlow Boys & Girls Club with check for bleachers

LUDLOW -- On Monday at 10 a.m., Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders presented a ceremonial check of \$35,000 to celebrate funds secured for new bleachers in the

gymnasium.

Oliveira and Saunders were joined by Representatives from the Boys & Girls Club and students from the Club's Pre-School Program.



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FOR TEENS

Nintendo Switch Night, every other Tuesday (11/28), 6:00-8:00 p.m. Play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Nintendo Switch games. For 6th-12th graders, space is limited to 16 people, please register.

Anime Club, every Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 **p.m.** Meet each week to watch & talk about anime, eat snacks, & try out your cosplay. Please register.

The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Tween **Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group,**

Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to discuss graphic novels, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading "Apple Crush" by Lucy Knisley, copies of which are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Dungeons & Dragons High School Adventure Ensemble, Fridays 2:30-4:30 **p.m**. This group is for experienced high school players and has room for 1 more player this fall. Please register.

The Read Between the Lines YA Book Group discusses "The Wrath & The Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh, Friday November 4th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Book chat and snacks for ages 14 & up. Copies of each month's book are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

Drop-In Holiday Card Making, Holiday card making supplies will be set up in the Youth Room until Christmas.

Pokemon Club, Mondays 3:30-5:00 **p.m.** For 7 & up. Trading, dueling, & gaming on handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Easy Gifts For Grandparents, Tuesday, December 5, 4:00-7:45 p.m. Get a jump on holiday gift-giving and show your love for your grandparents by hand-making gifts for them. Make a thumbprint magnet, a yarn-wrapped heart ornament, hand print window art, and a glittering votive holder, plus a collaged gift bag and a personalized gift tag.

Minecraft Club, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 p.m. Minecraft players of all skill levels can bring their own devices, or may use one of the library's eight computers to build, play & create. For upper elementary & up.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award Book Group for 4th-6th Grade, Thursday December 14th, 5:45pm - 6:30 p.m. 4th-6th graders across the state are the ones to decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 of the nominated books. Meet with Youth Services Librarian July each month for 45 fun minutes to discuss, decide, play games, and share snacks. Everyone who has read at least 5 of the books by April 15th will cast their vote, celebrate with an ice cream party, and be featured in an article in the Register! Please register.

Duckie Soap Making, Thursday, December 7, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Make soap out of safe, non-toxic ingredients with a rubber duckie on top! Due to insurance reasons, this program is strictly for ages 8 & up. Since the soap can get hot, a parent or guardian must be present for children under the age of 10 to lend a helping hand. Please register.

Roblox Club, Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m. Meet new friends or play with old ones while playing Roblox; the library will help match kids up according to age and game types. For ages 8+.

"Our Favorites" Scavenger Hunt, Friday, December 8, 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m., Which children's books do your library staff love? Find them all on display throughout the Youth Room and win a prize - and maybe check out a few books as well!

FOR CHILDREN

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

Preschool Yoga, Monday, November 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For Ages 2+ and caregivers. Simple yoga poses & stories are woven together to create a fun, interactive, program! Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Little Picassos, Tuesdays, December starting December 5 & 12 & 19, 3:30p.m. Ages 3-6 will make recycled art projects that support skills needed for school readiness; fine motor, imagination, following directions, tuning into language, & early math concepts. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register.

Sing With Me, Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 **a.m.** For ages 0-5. Join Youth Services Librarian July for 30 minutes of favorite children's songs & movement. Drop-in.

Lego Build Challenge, Wednesdays 12:00-5:00 p.m. 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.

Marble Run Race Car Track Activity, Wednesday, November 29, 4:00-4:45 p.m. For ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Join us for a virtual STEAM program with educator Jennifer Bilodeau. This group offers an activity that will incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Children will work together in small groups (likely 2 groups of 4) to plan, draw and build creations using a Marble Run Race Car Track Activity. Stories will be incorporated to spark creativity. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

November Grow, Play and Learn, Thursdays in November, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5. Come join us for stories, songs and skill building, led by Kelly Castor, Early Childhood Developmental specialist, who will guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Please register. Registration for the December group is also

Heritage 'Pops' Orchestra Christmas Party Dinner and Dance December 15

LUDLOW – Celebrate the Christmas season with the big band sounds of the 19-piece Heritage "Pops" Orchestra with vocals by Ann Maggs on Dec. 15 at the Polish American Citizens Club on 355

The event includes hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30 p.m., a grand buffet dinner by John Diotalevi at 6:30 p.m. and dessert. Music and dancing will occur from 7-10 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$25 per person and are available at the PACC bar or by calling Bob at 413-636-7588 or calling Paul at 413-800-4164.

There will be a giant wood dance floor, a cash bar and a 50/50 raffle.

Wilbraham Community Chorus to present winter concerts Dec. 3 and 9

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham folk songs, pop tunes, broadway classics Community Chorus will present its annual winter concerts on Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 at First p.m.

The 70-voice Chorus is accompanied by both Marcia Jackson and Todd Rovelli and conducted by Raymond Drury. Drury has selected an intriguing and varied program consisting of choral masterpieces from yesterday and today,

and seasonal numbers from composers such as Vivaldi, Forrest, Gjeilo, Bernon, Blake, Berlin and others.

- hand piano music, and a small cham-The concerts are open to the public and admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken. Both concerts are partially supported by The Longmeadow and Wilbraham Arts Councils.

Of particular interest will be per-Church of Christ, Longmeadow at 2 formances by Jackson and Rovelli of 4

ber choir selected from the larger group.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Christmas-time questions for the **Garden Lady**

A reader from Palmer wrote in with this holiday question for the Garden Lady: "I enjoyed your wreath-making column last week. I thought it was interesting that you advised scouring the landscape for suitable greenery. Overgrown boxwood shrubs are plentiful at home. Can I harvest the tips for making my own holiday wreaths and swags? If so, how do I ensure that the shrubs look good come spring?"

Yes, you can certainly harvest boxwood, especially since your plants are considered "overgrown." A haircut doesn't sound as if it will do much harm, even though it's the off

Rather than snip just the tips, however, insert your clippers further into the plant where the growth has become woody. Cutting deeper in several random spots will make "windows" for new growth, at a reduced size!

The addition of boxwoods to your wreaths, planter boxes and swags will offer a nice variation in texture to coarser green-

Tabletop "trees" made almost entirely out of boxwood make great Christmas centerpieces.

Here is how you do it, straight from the archives: Cut a piece of wet floral foam into an elongated triangle and secure it in your container of choice. I prefer to use a plastic centerpiece base available from the florist the bottom of the foam fits in perfectly.

From your collection of boxwood or other greens, choose a nice, pointed piece for the top of the tree and place it into the foam an inch or so; three or four inches will be left sticking out the top. If leaves or other stems along the branch are in the way of insertion, remove them first so that the smallest hole possible will be made in the foam.

Now, gauge the size of the rest of your tree by inserting pieces of greenery at the halfway point as well as at the very bottom.

After that, fill in between the top and middle and middle and bottom, turning the foam as you go, so that a multidimensional tree results. Once greenery completely covers the foam, you can decorate it any way you like.

Tiny glass balls, battery-powered lights, dried cranberries or cinnamon sticks are just a few options. Don't forget to water the tree at the base - the foam will absorb moisture and keep the greens hydrated for weeks of enjoyment.

Marissa, who reads the Ware River News, posed this timely question concerning flowering gifts. "I purchased an amaryllis kit as a gift for my sister. Do you have any tips for to make sure it grows and flowers

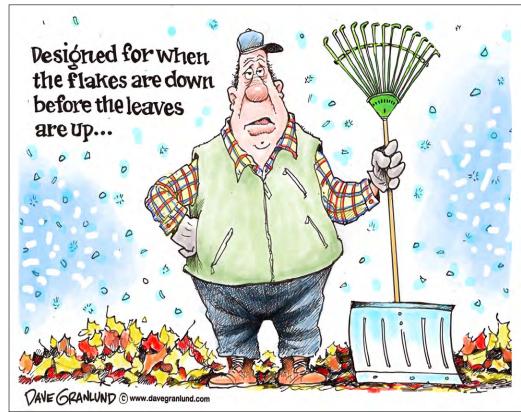
Sure! As long as the amaryllis bulb is dry and free of soft spots it should bloom just fine. Like other flowering bulbs, the amaryllis is a self-contained unit ready to do its

Just follow these simple planting instructions: fill the container with moistened growing medium to about one-half to twothirds full. Position the bulb on top and add the rest of the potting soil- the upper portion and the neck should rest just above the rim of the pot.

The bulb may rot if it stays too wet, so add water only when the soil dries out. Temperatures should be kept around 60 degrees.

Once the sprouting occurs, fertilizer can

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GUEST COLUMN

Hiking





By Julie Midura Correspondent

"This hike has stripped away everything that doesn't matter and shown me what does."

"I never fully processed the death of my

"My dad passed away."

"I've finally been able to work through my

"I was a Green Beret, Special Ops."

"More than anything else, I'm finding spirituality out here"

"As hard as this has been, I'm grateful to be

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For four days, complete strangers from every walk of life told us their stories. Details and intimacies that are often reserved for the ears of a trusted friend or loved one. Each story was as unique as the person telling it, but shared one common thread- a willingness to torture their bodies and torment their minds in order to take on the most difficult feat of their lives.

They came from everywhere- Japan, France, Russia, Australia. Texas, Colorado, Ohio, Florida. They arrived with a single-minded purpose... a desire to take a 2,200-mile walk through the wilderness from Georgia to Maine. Nurses, engineers, paramedics, retirees, recent college graduates. They left homes and families behind to chase a dream.

For four days, Tom and I set up canopies at trailheads on the Appalachian Trailhead in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We supplied close to one hundred thru-hikers with food and drinks and rides into town and shelter from the rain and chairs to sit in so that they could rest their weary bodies. Hot dogs overflowing with cheese and onions were consumed by

the dozens and sugary sodas were guzzled by the gallons. Oranges and bananas were peeled with what bordered on reverence. Phones were charged, stories were shared and connections

Each hiker had a story to tell. A reason for choosing to hike 2,200 miles through some of the most rugged terrain in the eastern United States. Each story was unique, but also similar- a desire to escape from the mundane, to shed what doesn't matter in order to chase what does and to stop assigning value to things that are meaningless

By the time they arrived in Massachusetts, the hikers had been walking for over 1,500 miles. They had hiked through snow and thunderstorms and calf-deep mud. Many had spent several nights in their tents in freezing temperatures. Along the way, they suffered with numerous injuries and ailments- broken bones, stress fractures, torn ligaments, knee problems, trench foot, giardia. One hiker in particular showed us an X-ray of a tent stake that was lodged 3 inches into his foot. He was forced to crawl out of the woods on his hands and knees in order to get a cell signal to call 911.

The path that these tenacious individuals walked upon is raw and rugged and unforgiving. And the wilderness has a way of filtering out those who aren't strong or determined enough to stay. Those who remained were acutely aware of how lucky they were to still be walking north.

In spite of the challenges that they faced on their journey from Georgia to Maine, the message that came out of their stories was one of thanksgiving. They expressed gratitude for the simple things- like warm sunshine after a rain, a flowing stream to soak aching feet, sunsets and sunrises. And most importantly, trail magic provided by strangers.

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St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar



Photos by Marcelo Gusma

Terri Myette, Mary Petrolati, and Pat Flaherty worked the front table.



Mary Sakowski sold painted goods at St. Elizabeth Parish.



Seated behind a table full of pottery for sale, (from left) Bonnie Bandolin and Suzanne Shays.



The Bazaar was held on a sunny day in St. Elizabeth's Parish.



Lisa Pio was photographed selling her wares at the bazaar.



Lynn Moskewicz and Josh Morrison stand behind their table..

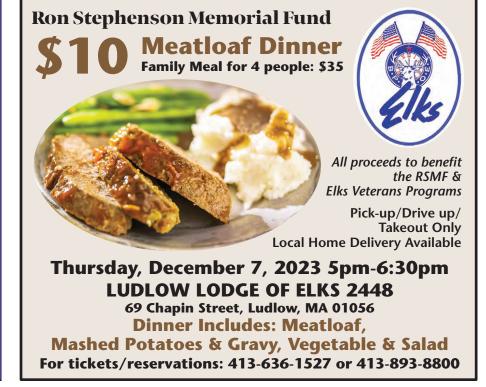


The bazaar featured many festive displays, like the table manned by (from left) Gail LaFleur and Tina Colucci.



Standing behind their table of stuffed snowmen, (from left) Lynn Alves and Ann





Bright Nights at Forest Park open through Jan. 1

Nights at Forest Park opened Nov. 22 and will be open through Jan. 1, 2024. It includes a spectacular three-mile drive with more than 700,000 lights. The displays surround the holiday revelers as they travel the three-mile route through arches and tunnels and larger-than-life displays. These include Seuss Land, Toy Land, Victorian Village, Jurassic World, a replica of the Springfield Municipal Group with Santa flying over, towering candles, nativity, menorah, Kwanzaa displays and

The 29th season, which opened on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, features more activities than ever before so that visitors can extend their experience out-

SPRINGFIELD — Bright side of the car. At Santa's Magical Forest, which is located just after Seuss Land, the Jolly Ol' Elf himself will greet visitors and pose for photographs through Christmas Eve. There will be a grand carousel to ride, snacks to munch on, souvenirs to take home and selfies to take to remember the experience.

> There will also be a host of activities that include musical performances by high school choruses, and special appearances by the Snow Queen and Ice Princess, the Grinches Granddaughter, and Elf on the Shelf. On Tuesday, Dec. 4 and 11, there will be free face painting. On Wednesday, Dec. 5 and 12, there will be Zoo Nights with special activities at the Zoo at Forest Park.

Because every member of the family should enjoy Bright Nights, be sure to bring the pets along for the ride. On Friday, Dec. 1 and 15, the furry family members can have their picture taken with Santa.

For those planning ahead, reservations are being accepted for horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides, and Supper with Santa at the Barney Carriage House.

General admission tickets. valid for any night of the event, are \$23. Discounted tickets for specific dates are also available in limited quantities. Also, \$10 Tuesday admission tickets are valid for Tuesday, Dec 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 12. Limousine admission tickets are available for \$35 each. Big Y World Class Markets has general admission tickets for sale for \$18 with Big Y Membership.

Buses have been making reservations all year. Admission for a bus with seating capacity of 30+ passengers is \$175. Mini buses with seating between 17 and 30 passengers is \$80.

The lights will be lit nightly at 5 p.m., and glow through 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 10 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays that include Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Bright Nights at Forest Park is generously supported by American Medical Response, Balise, Baystate Health, Big Y World Class Markets, Charlie Arment Trucking, Comcast, Eastman-Indian Orchard, Eversource Energy, Gleason Johndrow Landscaping, Health New England, iHeart Media, MassLive, MassMutual, Mercy Medical Center, MGM Springfield, MP CPA's, PeoplesBank, Sarat Ford, Sheraton Springfield, Springfield Thunderbirds, The Republican, The CW Springfield, WWLP-22 News and Yankee Candle.

The Spirit of Springfield has been producing Bright Nights at Forest with the Springfield Department of Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management Park since its inception in 1995. To date, it has entertained more than 7 million visitors.

For more information and all of the activities, visit brightnights.org.

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gram when he grew concerned about the accessibility to the Commerce High food drive for Springfield residents.

"I used to volunteer every year at Commerce High School,' Dobbins said. "I thought, 'we have to do something on the other side,' because people couldn't get from that side of town to [their event].

Dobbins decided to use his business to get meals to people with limited access to transportation who couldn't make it out of the Orchard.

"There are no buses running on Thanksgiving, how are they

going to get to the opposite side of town? I'm going to do something over here," Dobbins said. "It grew over time, getting meals out and partnering with these agencies that get food into the hands of people that really need them."

Dobbins said the program has grown thanks to collaboration with a number of other agencies, such as the New North Citizens' Council, which takes the meals made at Iona's and distributes it to patrons who visit their address on Main St.

The Citizens' Council's stated mission is to "provide advocacy, public and human services to Hampden County residents," according to its website. "For the purpose of enhancing the preservation and support of the family resulting in the improvement of quality of life.'

The event was opened to South Hadley as well, through collaboration with Michael Slat-

"The Boy Scouts came by and delivered meals to seniors in South Hadley," Dobbins said.

Other local organizations that have helped to make this program a success include Follow My Steps, Orchard Covenant Church, Just Love Ministries, Seeds of a Father, the Vox Church, and Tapestry Health.

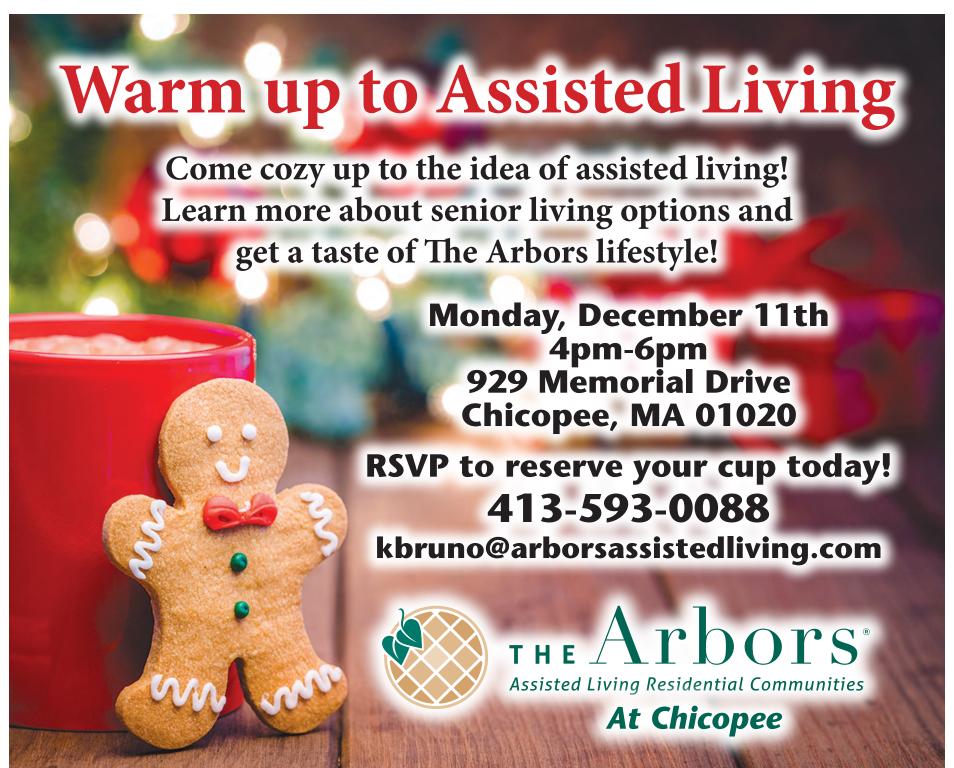
The Indian Orchard restaurant has moved to South Hadley due to rising rent costs, but continues to service the area of Springfield and Indian Orchard.



Kelly Dobbins serves food to people at his restaurant's Thanksgiving food drive.

Iona's next food drive will be a meal for veterans and seniors to be held on New Year's Day, which will be their third year.

For more information about Iona's Kitchen, call them at 413-322-8045, or visit their website at ionaskitchen.com.



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Lions prevail on Thanksgiving

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER-One of the seven seniors listed on the Ludlow varsity football roster is Dan McKenney Jr., who's a wide receiver and defensive back.

Sophomore quarterback Mason Morace will probably miss throwing the ball to McKenney a lot next year.

McKenney caught four touchdown passes, as the Lions defeated the Palmer Panthers, 28-12, in the 76th meeting between the rivals on Thanksgiving morning at historic Legion Field in Palmer.

"Dan and I have a very good connection, and it has been a lot of fun throwing him the football this year," Morace said. "It's going to be difficult without him next year, but I'm very glad that we won our final game together."

Morace also completed four TD passes to McKenney in a 35-20 non-playoff win at Mahar Regional on November 9.

At the beginning of the regular season, senior Anthonie Emco was the Lions starting quarterback.

Emco suffered a season ending injury in the second game against Smith Vocational. He was replaced by Morace, who also missed a couple of games with an injury.

The Lions (3-8), who now have a 42-31-3 overall lead in the series with the Panthers, closed out the 2023 campaign



Josh Marino takes down a Panther runner.



Tristin Stevens lunges for the loose ball.

with a three-game winning streak. They also defeated Mc-Cann Tech, 41-12 in another non-playoff game at home on November 3.

"We've had an up and down season, but we've been able to put everything together in our last three games," McKenney said. "It just feels great to finish our season with a win."

Just like most kids in Lud-

low, McKenney grew up playing soccer. He was a member of the Ludlow Boys' J.V. soccer team as a freshman and sophomore before joining the football team as a junior.

"My father, Dan, played football at Ludlow High School and he talked me into joining the football team. Football is

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Daniel McKenney, Jr. greets this awesome pass with an awesome reception.



Thomas Graham clears a path for his running mate.



Josh Marino barrels through the Palmer defense.

Braz represents Lions girls soccer at all-star event



Elizabeth Braz makes her way up the field.

SPRINGFIELD – Last games took place, with Class Monday evening at Pope Fran-C and D playing in one game cis High School, the Senior and Class A and B playing in All-Star Games were held. Two another



Elizabeth Braz gets past an opponent as she tries to clear the ball.

The games featured the best senior players from all Western Mass. High School girls soccer programs.

Lions cap season at Ft. Devens

LUDLOW - Ludlow's cross country season concluded on a high note at the Ft. Devens state meet, marking the team's best finish ever with all the support of their teammates. The athletes showcased exceptional skill and determination, earning them a well-deserved second place, with Danvers narrowly securing the top spot.

According to coach Rebecca Gauvin, individual standout performances contributed to Ludlow's success, with Joe Keroack leading the pack by claiming 3rd place with an impressive time of 16:10. Not far behind, Logan Walsh secured the 15th position with a time of 16:37, both athletes earning medals for their outstanding achievements.

The team's depth was evident as additional Ludlow runners delivered strong performances. Kyle Martin crossed the finish line in 18th place, clocking in at 16:46, while Lucas Franco claimed the 32nd spot with a time of 17:05. Tyler Tatro demonstrated his talent as the fifth-best freshman in the state, finishing at 17:43. Eli Lipson and Ryan Mateus completed

the team's lineup with respectable times of 18:44 and 19:07, respectively. Ben Silveira, Nathan St. Cyr and Mason Little were our outstanding alternates that all have played a role in the success of our season.

Not to be overshadowed phia Quiterio represented Ludlow's girls' team with a stellar performance. Placing 54th, she demonstrated exceptional skill on a challenging course, achieving a time close to her personal best.

The collective efforts of Ludlow's cross country team reflect not only individual talent but also a strong sense of teamwork and dedication. The second-place finish and the impressive performances of Joe Keroack, Logan Walsh, and Sophia Quiterio underscore Ludlow's commitment to excellence in cross country.

As the season concludes, Ludlow can take pride in their historic accomplishments and look forward to building on this success in future competitions. The athletes' dedication and achievements will undoubtedly inspire future generations of Ludlow cross country runners.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER - The second round of the 2023-2024 league season began for the Commercial Elks at Diamond Junction.

As of Nov. 14, Compression is the first-round winner and is still the #1 seed with the best season record of 27-13. By winning the first round, Compression receives a playoff spot at the end of the season.

With two rounds left, six other teams are seeking to join Compression in the playoffs.

In one match, Team BK bowled against the Champs R Here. In game one, BK was victorious over the Champs by a score of 402-392. Mark Fitzpatrick of BK was the anchor of the team finishing up with a 118 game. John Colkos of the Champs started off the night with a 113.

In game two, BK won again by a score of 382-366. Paul Nothe of BK lead the team by scoring 104.

In game three, the Champs R Here turned it around with a dominant finish. The father and son duo of Taylor and John Colkos pulled for the team with Taylor finishing with a 124, 32 pins over his current league average (92).

John Colkos finished strong by scoring 116 and had a three-game series of

The team's scores for game three was Champs R Here at 415, BK with 382. The Champs R Here won total pinfall by a final score of 1173-1166.

Another match during league night was Compression bowling against the Blue B's. In game one, Compression started off with a win by a score of 359-355. In game two, Compression won again by a score of 398-385.

In game three, Blue B's won the last game of the night by a score of 404-

Blue B's managed to take total pinfall over Compression by a final score of 1144-1132. Each team started off the new round with two points each.

Acres bowled against Last in Line to start off round two. Acres finished off the first round in second place and was just one point behind Compression.

In game one, Acres defeated Last in Line by a score of 384-351. In game two, Last in Line bounced back by taking the second game 407-367. Jermey Laduke of Last in Line came out firing with a double strike in his 116 second

In game three, Last in Line won over Acres by a score of 375-336. Last in Line took total pinfall by a final score of 1133-1087.

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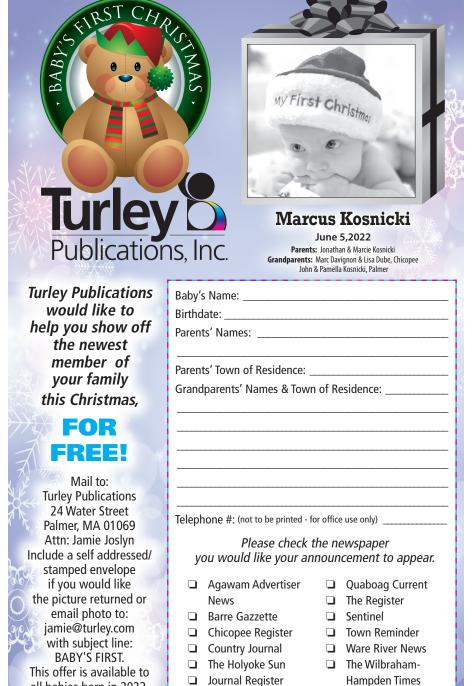
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Friday, December 6, 2023

Team effort results in big shutout of Utica

THUNDERBIRDS

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-8-1-0) put together a total team effort and dominated the Utica Comets (6-6-3-0) in a 7-0 shutout win inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night in the team's Hockey Fights Cancer

Vadim Zherenko got the start in the net for the T-Birds and had a perfect performance, stopping all 33 saves he faced on the night for his first career AHL shutout. In the opposite crease, Utica goaltender Isaac Poulter surrendered

seven goals on 29 T-Birds shots in the loss. It was a special night for the Bitten family, as the team donned lavender jerseys for the game to support Will and Sam Bitten and the Bitsy's Army

cause. Bitsy's Army was created by the brothers to raise awareness for those battling cancer and to honor their late cousin Martin Piche. Piche tragically passed away from brain cancer back in 2021.

Springfield had several prime scoring opportunities in the opening minutes. Nathan Walker saw linemate Adam Gaudette sneak behind the Utica defense on the left side, threading the team's top scorer a perfect breakaway pass.

Unfortunately, Gaudette's was stopped by the left pad of Poulter. The work of the Springfield penalty killers got their team on the board first. While creating pressure in Utica's zone,

Walker found Matthew Peca for a one-timer in the high slot after stripping a Utica skater of the puck in the left-wing corner. The captain fired home a perfect one-timer for a shorthanded goal, his fifth goal of the year, which gave the T-Birds a 1-0 lead at 13:16.

The score would remain 1-0 as the teams entered their dressing rooms for the first intermission. Exactly halfway through the second period, the T-Birds struck once again.

Defenseman Matthew Kessel con-

trolled the puck at the blue line before firing a low shot toward Poulter. Although Poulter made the initial stop, MacKenzie MacEachern was there to backhand the rebound home for his fourth goal of the season to make it 2-0 Springfield. The scoring did not stop after MacEachern's goal. On a power play, Will Bitten snapped a shot on goal from the hash marks. Poulter made the initial stop, but T-Birds forward Mikhail Abramov was there to clean up the rebound with a snapper from the left side. Abramov's goal made it 3-0 with 6:32 to go in the period. As the period drew to a close, defenseman Dylan Coghlan was taken down from behind by Comets forward Kyle Criscu-

In response, Wyatt Kalynuk stood up for his teammate and engaged in a fight with Criscuolo. Kalynuk's fight fired up his teammates and the crowd,

> but there would be mayhem that would follow. After a scrum ensued with multiple players going at it, Gaudette and Utica defenseman Cal Foote were given fighting majors with just

13 seconds left in the period. The T-Birds held on to the 3-0 lead, setting the stage for a third period out of the

The T-Birds added to their 3-0 lead in the third, as Zach Dean ripped a shot home for his first professional goal of his career to make it 4-0 at 4:09 off a 2-on-1

The scoring party would continue after Dean's goal, as Bolduc capitalized for Springfield's ond power play marker of the night at 9:54, beating Poulter on the stick side with a perfectly placed wrister. It was a poetic night for the Bitten family.

With 7:02 to go in the game, Will took the puck and raced up ice before dancing around a Utica defender to go in alone on Poulter. Bitten faked a slapper before slipping a fivehole shot into the twine before pointing skyward in celebration. The poetic script got better just a few minutes later when Will tipped in a Coghlan shot for his second of the night. Sam also recorded a milestone on his brother's second tally, as he notched his first AHL point on the secondary assist. After having just three points in his first 14 games of the season, Will tallied two goals and two assists on this night alone. It was one of five multi-point performances by Springfield skaters on the evening

The T-Birds return home next Friday, December 1 for another Deuces Wild Friday to take on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Railers sweep Thunder

GLENS FALLS, NY – The Worcester Railers HC (7-6-2-1, 17pts) took down the Adirondack Thunder (7-4-2-0, 16pts) on Saturday night by the final score of 4-2 in front of a crowd of 4,297 at Cool Insuring Arena. The Railers are back at home against the Kansas City Mavericks this Wednesday, November 29th at 10:05

Neither team scored in the first period as Tristan Lennox was excellent in net for Worcester in the first. He made 15 saves on 15 shots to open the game. Scoring opened in the second as Worcester's Anthony Callin (1-0-1) put Worcester ahead 1-0. Adirondack responded with two straight goals from Travis Broughman (1-0-1) and Yushiroh Hirano (1-0-1) to give the Thunder the 2-1 lead heading into the third. Worcester scored three unanswered in the third from Ashton Calder (1-0-1), Jake Pivonka (1-1-2), and Zach White (1-0-1) to seal the win and the weekend sweep, 4-2.

Both goalies were solid in the first period for Worcester and Adirondack as Tristan Lennox turned away 15 shots for the Railers, while Jeremy Brodeur made 7 saves for the Thunder. Two of Lennox's saves came in the dying seconds of the first as the Thunder headed down ice on an odd-man rush. Lennox sprawled across the ice and denied Trvis Broughman with an outstretched right leg to keep the game level going into the sec-

Anthony Callin (4th) unleashed a perfect wrist shot from atop the right circle on a spinning feed from Todd Goehring to give the Railers the first goal of the game. Both Callin and Goehring now have points in four straight games. The Thunder struck back with two straight goals to wrap up the second. Travis Broughman (2nd) picked up a Grant Jozefek rebound and deked around Lennox to tie the game 1-1. Four minutes later, Yushiroh Hirano (6th) scored on the power play in his third straight game, putting the Thunder ahead 2-1 going into the third.

Ashton Calder (8th) extended his team lead in goals thanks to a great forecheck from Worcester. Keeghan Howdeshell and Jake Pivonka forced the Thunder defense to turn over the puck. As Howdeshell found it beneath the goal line, he passed it to Calder in front who beat Brodeur five-hole to tie the game 2-2. Jake Pivonka (7th) found the puck alone in the slot about a minute later and beat Brodeur clean glove side to make it a 3-2 Railers lead. Zach White would finish things off with an empty-net goal with just 6.9 seconds left to give Worcester the 4-2 win, picking up all four points this weekend and sweeping the Thunder in Glens Falls.

Papermen to join Union Hockey League

HOLYOKE –Brian Pratt, president of the Holyoke Papermen Hockey Club, recently announced his team's participation in the newly-formed Union Hockey League. The UHL consists of 16 teams in the northeast and Midwest and is a senior level semi professional league. Pratt said the Papermen are putting together their roster at this point.

'We have 14 skaters and two goalies signed, looking to add about 8 more players," Pratt said. "We have four preseason games in December and 20 regular season games starting Jan 5."

The schedule for the league has not been released yet and Pratt did not say where the Papermen would be playing their home games. Closest to Holyoke are Fitzpatrick Rink, state-run facility right in Holyoke next to Holyoke High School's Roberts Sports Complex, and nearby is Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield. More information will be forthcoming about the team and the new league as the Papermen prepare to participate in the new league. For more information, go to: https://www.unionhockey-league.com/.

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now a big part of my life," McKenney said. "The seniors on last year's team really helped me a lot. I have a lot more confidence in myself this season."

The elder McKenney was a member of the Lions 1988 football team, which lost to Drury, 27-12, in the Division 2 Western Mass. Super Bowl game.

The younger McKenney was a captain of this year's squad, along with senior's Dan Krutka, Alex Freitas, and Emco.

Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio probably wishes that McKenney played football for more than two years.

"Danny came to us in his junior year," Saloio said. "He has become a very good route runner, and he has great hands. He's a special kid."

Another offensive standout for the Lions on Thanksgiving was senior running back Josh Marino, who rushed for 145 yards on 26 carries.

"Josh scored four rushing touchdowns against McCann. We were hoping to get him at least one more rushing touchdown in today's game," Saloio said. "He also came very close to rushing for 1,000 yards. I'm just glad the seniors won their final game."

The other two Ludlow seniors are Mason Marques, and James Ferrara.

The Panthers also entered the Turkey Day contest with a 2-8 overall record.

"We faced a lot of adversity this season and I'm happy with the way we fought in today's game," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniec. "We did get into the redzone a couple of times, but I think we tried to do too much rather than just play football."

It was the final high school football game for Palmer seniors Andrew Menard, Tanner Kirk, Osvaldo Nieves Jr., Karter Benoit, Peiwhiet Tim, and Andrew Haley, who was named as the 55th annual Leonard J. Bailey Award winner during a ceremony at halftime.

"The six seniors held our team together," Marciniec said. "They showed the younger players how to play the game. I just can't say enough good things about those guys."

The Panthers, who won the coin toss and elected to receive ball, almost took an

early lead.

Nieves received the kickoff at the Panthers 20 before handing the ball off to sophomore Dylan Doherty on a reverse play. Doherty sprinted down the sideline in front of the Ludlow bench into the end zone, but a block in the back penalty nullified the touchdown.

The Panthers offense, which was led by sophomore quarterback Matt Santos, began their first series at the Lions 47. The home team turned the ball over on downs following a fourth down incompletion, which was broken up by McKenney.

Marino, whose grandfather, Steve, is the all-time winningest football coach at Westfield State University, ended the opening quarter with five straight rushes. On the first play of the second quarter, Morace completed a 38-yard pass down the left sideline to McKenney, who made a juggling catch, before going into the end-zone.

McKenney also added the extra point.

With 8:02 remaining in the second quarter, Palmer got on the scoreboard for the first time following a two-yard TD run by sophomore running back Hunter White.

Ludlow managed to hang onto the lead after blocking the extra point attempt.

The Lions offense then put-together a 12-play scoring drive covering 57 yards. It came to an end when McKenney made an over-the-head catch before crossing the goal-line with 12 seconds left in the first half. He also made his second PAT, which gave the visiting team a 14-6 advantage.

Doherty returned the ensuing kickoff for an 85-yard touchdown closing the gap to two points at halftime.

A pass attempt on the two-point play was broken up by Ludlow sophomore Cruz Guzman in the end zone.

The home team wouldn't get any closer than that during the second half.

The duo of Morace and McKenney hooked up for a 25-yard touchdown with 6:48 remaining in the third quarter.

After picking off a fourth down pass in the endzone, McKenney had another 25-yard touchdown reception with 5:34 left in regulation, which sealed the deal for the Lions.

Ludlow has now won 10 of the past 12 games in the series against Palmer, which began in 1947.

UMass hosting Pioneer Valley Tip-Off

AMHERST – The Pioneer Valley Tip-Off is a student-run high school basketball showcase featuring some of the best talent in Central and Western Massachusetts. The PVTO was started in 2011 by Scott Moses and Pat Salle, both students at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and it continues to be entirely student-run by the McCormack Student Leaders Club today. The PVTO is held each December on the

University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, where we strive to create a professional environment for fans and players alike.

This year's event will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 and will feature teams from throughout the region. A schedule is online at www.pioneervalleytip-off. com. All games will be held at the Mullins Center on the UMass-Amherst campus.

CHARTER COMMISSION

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our...town administrator here, it was important to us that they not only knew about Ludlow—not necessarily history, but knew about the Mills projects, and stuff that was going on in town," said Selectman Derek DeBarge. "But also where their vision was to take it forward, and that was very important to us. I think we all could think of 25 questions to break off of that as well, so I think it's a good place to go to."

Ribeiro Dahan said that it would be valuable to know who they're looking for, and how to make sure they find somebody with the necessary skills for those different positions.

The Committee discussed the benefits of having a mayor on the School Committee, and how another town's mayor was removed from office for missing School Committee meetings.

"If we go to a Mayor System, the mayor's tied in with the School Committee," said Bryan Bylicki. "How do we tie them in? Are they automatically the Chair? Are they just a voting member? We have to think about those options, but again, that's a big part of the budget, a big part of planning."

"Especially for a mayor coming in," Bylicki said. "Managers have a role to play for budget creation, but the Council will have a big role in that. But a mayor sitting on the School Committee is huge."

"Being that the Collins Center is pretty much saying that whichever form we choose, we can construct it any way we want," Rosenblum said. "You could still probably construct a Town Manager being on the School Committee, and you could make it be that they're the chair, also."

Bylicki said that because the School Committee requires that members live in town, this might restrict the Town Manager from sitting on the Committee

"It's a question I would have to ask, I don't know what the restrictions are,"

Ribeiro Dahan said. "I don't know that we should bank on that right now."

One question the Committee had was whether to adopt a two-year or four-year term for a potential mayor.

"I'm thinking every mayor's going to say it should be four years, just because you can't see through the footprint you want to make," Rosenblum said.

The Committee discussed ways to get the word out to the public, such as starting a Facebook page for the Committee. Judy Breault said that the page would also be a useful way for the Committee to help educate the public on the process.

"If you start dripping some of this information out to them, it will create that buzz and people will start to learn the differences," Breault said. "Then, when it comes time to make a decision, I think they will have a little bit more information."

"The way I envision it is we would be posting our agendas to that page regularly," Ribeiro Dahan said. "We have the email address set up for people to submit public comments to, so they may see those agendas and say 'I want to give them my thoughts on this topic that I saw is coming up on their next agenda."

Kathy Green added that this information should also be disseminated to the other avenues that the Committee is using.

"We have an alternate seat that we can fill; is there a student that's in student government that would like to come in and help us out with Snapchat and all that other stuff that makes me want to throw my phone across the room?" DeBarge asked. "I would love to have a high school student in here to be able to help us market to the younger community on the change of government."

The Charter Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of every month, and meetings are streamed on LCTV. The next meeting will be on Dec. 7.



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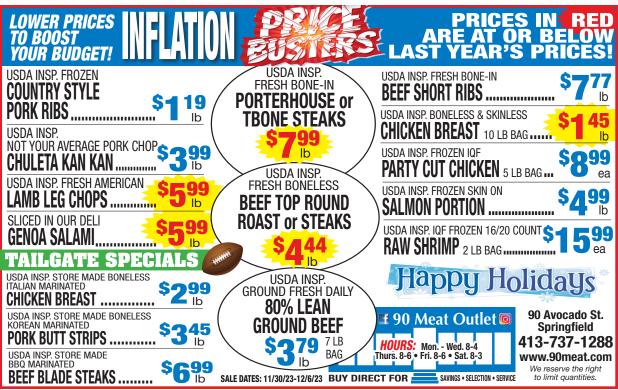
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Hartsprings Bin receives extended stay at Hampden Senior Center

HAMPDEN -- The Hartsprings Bin will stay at the Hampden Senior Center at 104 Allen St. We have been allowed an extended stay of the bin and will gladly accept your donations. As you begin your Fall Cleaning, please consider donating your unwanted clothing, purses, shoes, jewelry, bedding (no pillows or rugs) small kitchen supplies, dishes, glassware, suitcases in good working order, duffle bags or tote bags. Books are also accepted, however, NO Encyclopedias.

If items are placed in The White Tall Kitchen plastic size bags, they will easily fit in the drop-down door of the bin. If you have large bags or boxes of items or anything breakable to donate, please feel free to contact Joan Shea at 413-566-8224 to arrange a special drop off

Items left at the senior center are also accepted, and Joan will pick up from there for the truck. However, please refrain from leaving bags next to the bin. Please call Joan for help with any questions in regard to what you can donate if you are unsure. Thank you for your continuing support of this fundraiser, which supports The Building Fund of the Hampden Senior Center.

Wilbraham Girl Scout Troops 11714, 65269 welcome new girls

WILBRAHAM -- Girls in grades 2-12 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 11714.

The troop meets monthly on Mondays, from 6-8 p.m. in Wilbraham.

Register now to claim her spot as troops fill fast. Annual membership cost is \$35 and financial assistance is available. You can register for a spot in the troop at https://bit.ly/troop11714.

Girls in grades 1-3 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 65269.

The troop meets every other week on Thursday, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Wilbra-

ham.

Annual membership cost is \$35 and financial assistance is available. You can register for a spot in the troop at https://bit.ly/troop65269.

See for yourself what Girl Scouts have to offer. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, science and technology, the outdoors, and community service. Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

Questions? Email info@gscwm.org or call 413-584-2602.]

Enjoy Holiday Pops with Old Post Road Orchestra December 1 and 3

Enjoy an evening of Holiday Pops with the Old Post Road Orchestra. Featured will be traditional holiday favorites such as Sleigh Ride, themes from the Polar Express, and selections from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, complete with rock band Dead Fiction, back by popular demand!!!

There are two opportunities to hear OPRO in concert -

Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church, Main Street, in Wilbra-

ham and Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Hope Church, Page Blvd, in Springfield. Concerts are always free and family-friendly!

Support for these concerts is provided by Berkshire Facial Surgery, Inc., RMG Wealth Management Group, a grant from the Wilbraham Community Association, and a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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be added, but the amaryllis will likely bloom well without it. Stake heavy flower stalks as they form to prevent them from snapping.

Keep blooms looking their best for the greatest amount of time by pinching away anthers before they form pollen, and by housing the plant in a cool room of the house.

Pet owners be forewarned, toxic alkaloids present in these tennis ball-sized bulbs can cause vomiting and diarrhea in animals who have consumed them. Dogs, who are more likely to play with and chew objects this size, are at greater risk.

Purdue University states that the stomach upset will likely cure itself within a few hours, but that special medical attention should be given to weak, old, or otherwise in-firmed dogs who have come in contact with amaryllis bulbs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



HIKING from Page 6

For Tom and I, providing trail magic to thru hikers was a way to not only give back to the hiking community, but also an opportunity to be a part of something greater than ourselves. Because the hiking community has a magic all of its own. To be surrounded by people who are enduring monumental challenges and suffering, yet at the same time, radiating such joy is simply inspiring. The delight that we witnessed among people who

were grateful for something as simple as having a chair to sit in was a wonderful reminder of what gratitude really embodies.

Thankfulness is an emotion that stirs us to action. It forces us to take stock of what we have and to share it with those around us. We chose to provide trail magic because we wanted to be a blessing to others. But I'm reality, at the end of the day, we are the ones who have been blessed.

Happy holidays, my friends. See you in the wild places!

Have Something to Share? Send your stories and photos to Marcelo Gusmão

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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 formating) 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 pressreleases@turley.com.

COMING SOON

LUDLOW LIONS CLUB Santa letters are back for Christmas 2023.Imagine the look of joy on a child's face as they open up a letter from Santa that is addressed to them and mentions the people and things that they love. Thanks to its affiliation with Santa, the Ludlow Lions are offering a personalized letter from Santa with the recipient's name and customization the purchaser provides. The child (or adult) will receive a personalized letter from Santa in an envelope stamped from the North Pole, along with a small bag of reindeer food, and a sticker. The cost is \$5.

Please fill out the form here: https://www.cognitoforms.com/LudlowLionsClub/SantaLetter.Deadline for submissions is Dec. 5. Santa will be mailing letters the second week of December.

ONGOING

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open

for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling

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.

THRIFT SHOP: Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently- used clothing and accessories, household items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

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.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-3564.

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.

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Pathways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recov-

ery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based on basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413-519-4591.

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.

Federated Community Church to hold Winterfest Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 9

HAMPDEN – The Federated Community Church, located at 590 Main Street, is holding a Winterfest Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa will occur from 8-10 a.m.

Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry ends for rest of year

HAMPDEN – Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry at the Federated Community Church in Hampden has ended for the rest of 2023. It will begin again in January on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, one can contact 413-566-3711 or hampdenfederated@gmail.com.

St. Cecilia Women's Club's to meet Dec. 12

WILBRAHAM – The St. Cecilia Women's Club's December meeting takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 12 beginning with Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. followed by a catered dinner accompanied by season music from one of our favorite performers, Freddie Marion! Reservations are required. For more information, please contact co-chair Dottie Paluck at (413) 596.8000. We are asking if you could please bring a sweater or sweat-shirt to this meeting for children or adults in need. We greatly appreciate it!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SITE SKETCH

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Paulo M. Dos Santos for the property located at 314-330 Sewall Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15B, Parcel 4-1) for the purpose of: Update site plan for tattoo shop and relocate dumpster.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to January 11, 2024.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman 11/29, 12/06/2023

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE

SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:05 p.m. on the application of Taylor Trask of 732 Fuller Street Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 8, Parcel 16) for: cottage bakery.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, January 11, 2023.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

11/29, 12/06/2023

Town of Ludlow Procurement Office 488 Chapin Street, Second Floor Ludlow, MA 01056

413-583-5600 x1298 Request for Proposals 2023-015

Appraisal Services

The Town of Ludlow through its's Board of Assessor's is requestingproposals from professional appraisal services to conduct an update all residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, exempt and business personal property values in Ludlow for fiscal years 2025, 2026 & 2027. Proposals will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer at Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Second Floor Ludlow, MA 01056 until 2:00 PM on 12/21/23. Documents will be available by email request after 10:00 AM on 12/4/23 at lbelanger@ludlow. ma.us. The Town of Ludlow reserves the right to reject any and or all proposals. 11/29/2023

> Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2402EA

Estate of:
Lila R Moodie Negron
Also known as:
Lila R Negron
Date of Death: 09/14/2018
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL

ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and
Limited Formal Testacy
and/or Appointment has
been filed by Mary Ann
Webster of West Suffield,
CT requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and

as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Mary Ann Webster of West Suffield, CT be appointed as Personal

Order and for such other relief

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 12/26/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: November 27, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani

Register of Probate

11/29/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD22P2247EA Estate of:

Caroline A Walulak
Date of Death: 11/29/2003
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

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

in the Petition.

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 12/12/2023 . This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: November 21, 2023 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate











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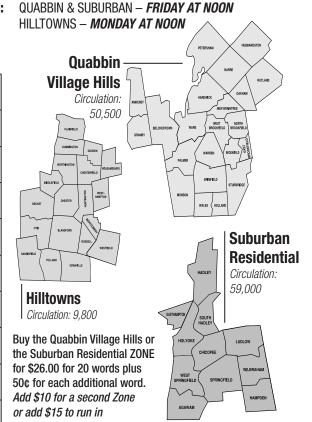
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