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## Year In Review *A look back on the events and stories of 2025*

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LUDLOW – Here is a look back at some of the many things covered in the 2025 editions of The Register.

It was indeed a very big year as the town concluded celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town and continued on with many other great traditions and activities.

You'll be able to look back on great events such as the Hubbard Library Easter Egg Hunt, graduation for the LHS Class of 2025, the annual Festa, and some great arts and crafts and creative events.

Also included is a look back at some of the great charitable contributions made, such as the VFW supply drive or the Ludlow Cleans where volunteers make the community look brighter.

The Register is committed to doing as much in the community as possible and we hope you will continue to keep us informed of what you have going on and look forward to exciting 2026!

Jan. 8

### Four students head to All-State music competition



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Members of the High School Band will compete to qualify for the all-state district festival.

LUDLOW – Four students from the school's music department are headed to audition for the All-State music competition next weekend.

Music Director Kevin McAvoy has been a teacher for the district since 2008 and took over teaching band and chorus at the High School about two years ago. He reflected on the music program's performances over the last month, as well as looking ahead to shows and accolades coming this semester.

The band and chorus held its annual Holiday Concert on

Wednesday, Dec. 18, as a free concert for the public in the high school auditorium.

"The holiday concert was a lot of fun," McAvoy said. "The band and chorus do a combined number at the end that they really had fun with. They always look forward to this concert."

McAvoy praised the "really great solos" from the holiday concert, which were performed by Peyton Brennan, Caitlyn Day, Madison Koske, and Jade Scheafer-Cunha.

Preparation for the annual concert involves bal-

ancing rehearsals with other performances the department does, such as the annual Tree-Lighting at Town Hall. McAvoy said that his students started preparing for the concert as far back as November.

"I try not to start it too early because it's holiday music and it's hard to get into holiday spirit in October," McAvoy said.

This year's concert included some more challenging performances, including a piece with jazz voicings that McAvoy said the students weren't familiar with.

Jan. 15



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Members of the Fire Department stood by the sign thanking the sponsors for at the First Responders Appreciation Dinner.

Jan. 22

### Board of Health holds hearing for tobacco retail regulations

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW – Last Thursday, Jan. 16, the Board of Health held a public hearing to review and hear comments to propose amendments to the regulation of retail tobacco sales.

Board of Health Chair Kelly Lamas began the meeting by laying out the process and rules for the meeting.

"This public hearing is

to discuss proposed tobacco control regulations for the town," Lamas said. "The copies of the proposal have been made available at the Board of Health office, online, and at (Town Hall.)"

Lamas explained that the duty of the board is to promote and protect the public health of the town residents.

"With the exception of Title V regulations, it is not le-

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## Override on the table for FY2027 budget

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LUDLOW – At the Dec. 16 Select Board meeting, Town Administrator Marc Strange announced proposed changes following the FY2027 budget that residents should be aware of. The Select Board would like to make it clear that this is just a discussion on proposed decisions the Town will have to vote on in the Town Meeting, not an endorsement or personal choices of any kind from the board members or TA.

"Even with those large savings from the plan design changes, we will still need to bridge an estimated \$1.5 to \$1.75 million budget deficit. Those are rough numbers and subject to change but a deficit that large cannot be closed by reducing line items. It will either require an override or staff program cuts and/or increased fees," said Strange.

Strange has previously brought up requesting a \$3 million override at Town Meeting in May 2026. If the override is authorized by Town Meeting, a special election on the override question in early June will follow for the whole town to vote on it.

The \$3 million override would increase the FY27 tax bill for the median assessed value property, about \$369,000, by approximately \$325 a year. Strange also announced that this would eliminate the \$200 trash fee for all residents, "Meaning the net increase relative to the \$3 million override would be approximately \$125 a year for the median assessed property," said Strange.

This approach has two advantages explained Strange, one less payment that residents need to make, and the Town needs to administer. "And two, it creates a more equitable costing structure with, for example, seniors living in smaller, less expensive homes and generating less trash. Paying less for their trash service than others who may generate more trash and live in larger homes," said Strange.

Strange went on to explain that if the override request is not approved by Town meeting or Town voters, then the Town will be left with difficult decisions on what services, programs, or staff to cut and/or how to raise revenue from other limited resources. The possibilities of the decisions are below.

•Not funding or fully funding trash and recycling service, "This would be difficult for a few reasons, including we would probably need to fund the service for some time into FY27 to allow residents to secure their own service provider which would mitigate the cost savings from eliminating the service. It also creates the question of whether to send a trash bill to residents in FY27 for partial service for the year and if so, by how much? If, for example, the Town were to send out a \$100 bill for half of the year, then the Town would be losing approximately \$700,000 in revenue, which would mitigate the FY27 cost savings from eliminating the trash service," said Strange.

- Reduce the trash service, for example, bi-weekly pickups.
- Explore transition-

ing the golf course into the Town budget and eliminate the enterprise fund; an enterprise fund establishes a separate accounting and financial reporting mechanism for a municipal service for which a fee is charged in exchange for good and services, based on the ma.gov website. Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum asked for clarification regarding the transfer of funds and stated, "It's not anything we can transfer out from enterprise to general fund or free cash by state law in Massachusetts," stated Rosenblum. Strange commented, "We'd have to do more research on it, I think we'd have to at the Town meeting, rescind the enterprise fund. The golf course is doing a great job, they're very busy and they clear about \$900,000 or so every year. That would theoretically become free cash or add \$900,000 to the Town's local receipts or revenue," said Strange. Rosenblum stated that for this fund, "You're allowed capital improvements out of this enterprise fund, reading up on it. I know we are going to get the question soon about the pumphouse, something new that goes into the pond so that it doesn't suck up all the junk that's in there. And then also irrigation and lines and everything because it's getting old. Enterprise funds are never going to be able to fund that whole project. We just did one new pumphouse; it was \$5 million. On the low end, just replacing part of the pump house, that's a tough one," said Rosenblum.

- Cutting staff, both

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The Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library with Youth Services Assistant Kristin Santos

### 'The Night Before Christmas' at Hubbard Memorial brings in a merry guest

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LUDLOW – Occurring on the evening of Dec. 18, the Hubbard Memorial Library hosted a "Night

Before Christmas" pajama story time, filled with festive carols, hot cocoa, chocolate milk, and Christmas cookies. From Youth Services Assistant Kristin Santos to the Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library

members announcing the winners of the annual holiday basket raffle, the night was filled with cheer and good memories.

While the raffle was in full swing, with children and families winning themed baskets like "Merry Brick-mas" that had a variety of Lego sets, "North Pole Cruisers" that was full of toy vehicles, and a basket for the adults that was "Keeping Spirits Bright", President of the Friends Alex De Gobbi shared how the 2025 year has been for the group, the ongoing involvement in supporting the library, and what his favorite part of the Christmas event was.

De Gobbi began by sharing it's been an ongoing annual event for years, with the main initiative being to raise funds in support of the library and find different ways to make it fun for the patrons and residents of Ludlow.

"This event works out



Photos by Amanda Munson

Emily and her Parent Catie were happy to receive a book from Santa right before Christmas.

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# LUDLOW



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## Sharing the Bethlehem Peace Light

LUDLOW—Subdeacon Michael Trekker of St Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church shared the Bethlehem Peace Light flame on Thursday, Jan. 18 with Scouts 180 leader Deacon Keith Davies of St Elizabeth Catholic Community. St Peter and Paul Church keeps the flame burning continuously.

The flame of the Bethlehem Peace Light comes directly from oil lamps that for 1,000 years have continuously burned at the grotto of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, venerated as the place Jesus was born.

Started in Austria as a charitable project in 1986 the Bethlehem Peace Light is dis-

tributed though out Europe and North America by Scouts passing the flame on in a kind of relay.

The flame first came to the United States in 2000 when Canadian Scouts brought it to New York City's St. Patrick Cathedral as a sign of peace after 9/11.

St Elizabeth's Troop 180 and Pack 180 brought the Peace Flame to Ludlow for the first time in 2018 and has acquired it every year since, usually receiving it from a central or eastern Massachusetts Scout unit. Because of the conflicts in the Middle East the flame cannot be transported but remains available

from "keepers of the flame" like St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church.

Scouts from Pack 180 and Troop 180 presented the peace flame to St. Elizabeth parish at Saturday's 4 o'clock Mass.

The Bethlehem Peace Light that emanated at the birthplace of the Prince of Peace: Jesus, will remain at the church's altar through the Christmas season.

Troop 180 and Pack 180 are chartered to St. Elizabeth Parish and accept members from though out the community.

For information on Scouting e-mail info@scouts180.org.



## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Holiday cheer and excitement is in the air as well as entertainment, activities, new programs and a chance to meet and mingle. Gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, just call 413-583-3564 a day in advance to reserve your spot (Call Friday for Monday lunch).

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

As the days grow 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, January 1**  
CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Friday, January 2**  
CLOSED

**Monday, January 5**  
9 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 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, January 6**  
9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
9 a.m. Foot Care\*  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo

### Wednesday, January 7

Massage Therapy by Appointment  
8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
9 a.m. Jewelry Making\*  
10 a.m. Tea with Town Administrator  
10 a.m. Opera Fun  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Dominos  
1 p.m. Movie: *King Creole* (1958)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

### Thursday, January 8

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
10:30 a.m. Friends of the Center Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Sen. Oliveira Office Hour  
12:45 pm. Mahjong  
1:30 p.m. Ray of Elvis Concert  
2 p.m. Writers Block  
2:30 p.m. Active Yogurt  
\*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, January 1: Center Closed  
Friday, January 2: Center Closed  
Monday, January 5: Macaroni & Cheese/Stewed Tomatoes  
Tuesday, January 6: Hamburg Chow Mein/White Rice/Asian Vegetables  
Wednesday, January 7: Baked Cod/Scalloped Pot/Green Beans  
Thursday, January 8: Lazy Pot Pie  
Friday, January 9: Stuffed Cabbage/Buttered Egg Noodles  
Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. all on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.  
For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## MMWEC food drive to support Survival Center



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In honor of the holiday season, employees of the Ludlow-based Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company supported the local community by holding a food drive to benefit the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard. L to R: MMWEC employees Ryan Martin, Madison Czerniawski, Nico Sarkis.

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## What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

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

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

### FOR ALL AGES

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 circula-

tion 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

Anime Club, Tuesday, December 30 (biweekly), 3:30-5:00 pm. For middle and high schoolers. The group chooses what to watch each week. Join us to geek out on Anime, try out your cosplay, and eat yummy snacks. Registration recommended.

JJK Animarathon, Tuesday, December 30, 3:30-7:30 pm. For middle and high schoolers. Join the Anime Club and wear your cosplay for half a season of a fan fave, with free pizza and drinks sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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 Chess Club, Monday, December 29 (biweekly), 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 9-17. All experience levels are welcome for an hour of chess, some instruction provided. No matter what level you start at, you'll be better after playing with the club! Please register.

New Year's Sticker Making, Monday, December 29, all day. All ages. Drop in to

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gally required for the Board of Health to hold a public hearing on proposed regulations," Lamas said, "even though all proposed regulations are addressed at meetings to which the public is always invited."

"However, because of the broad interest in tobacco control, every effort has been made to provide a public forum," Lamas said. "The board will determine, after the public hearing, if they will be voting

on the proposed regulations at the end of this public hearing or at our next scheduled meeting."

Lamas explained that the drafted regulations are to align with the requirements put forth by the state. She listed changes specific to the town regulations as:

Changing the maximum number of tobacco sales permits from 20 to 16

Banning smoking bars, which the town does not have

Proposing a limit on oral nicotine pouches to 16 milli-

grams

Changing the fining structure to align with the state

Changing the suspension and violation period

Adding retail density, which will limit permits for future tobacco retailers

"The town updated our tobacco regulations in 2018; since 2018, the state has updated their tobacco regulations, so a good portion of what we have listed in the draft is to align with the state," Lamas said.



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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department provided school supplies to local teachers through a Supply Giveaway.

Jan. 29

## VFW, PV Financial Group collaborate to host Teacher Supply Giveaway

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3236 held a special Teacher Supply Giveaway event to help equip the district's teaching staff with essential classroom supplies so they can continue to inspire and educate our community's students.

"Teachers are the backbone of our community, and we know many spend their own money to create enriching environments for their students," said Post Commander Eric Segundo. "This is our way of saying thank you and giving back to those who give so much."

The event was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Ludlow Veterans Center in

recognition of the dedication of the district's teachers. In collaboration with Pioneer Valley Financial Group and Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge, the VFW stepped up to ensure that the teachers have the tools they need to succeed for the remainder of the school year.

"During the beginning of the school year, everyone donates," noted Segundo. "The second half of year is what makes it hard, when all the supplies are gone, so this was a good way to give back to the teachers."

From notebooks and pens to classroom decorations and other essentials, the giveaway served to provide much-needed support to alleviate the financial burden that educators often face.

"We thought it would be nice to try and organize a collection of classroom supplies for our schoolteachers," said Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge. "Everyone is well aware that oftentimes teachers spend their own hard-earned money on various supplies throughout the year, like cleaning or disinfecting products, tissue, paper towels, colored paper, glue, colored pencils, and more. Many of them are forced to post requests for supplies before the school year starts. We thought trying a supply drive mid-way through the year would help, seeing as many of their supplies from the beginning of the year have run out."

Feb. 5



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmão

The High School Drama Club put on a production of the Mean Girls musical during the past weekend.

Feb. 12

## Purple Cane presented to Betty Steadford

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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INDIAN ORCHARD – The Citizens Council and State Representative Orlando Ramos recently recognized Betty Steadford with the Purple Cane.

The Purple Cane is awarded to the eldest citizen in the community. The neighborhood began to recognize its senior residents in this way in 2014, thanks to the initiative of Pat Voisine.

"In 2013, I always used to see these articles in different papers and on TV about how they honor the eldest of their town, so I thought we should do that," Voisine said. "I brought it to the Citizens Council and they agreed on it."

Voisine said that the city has recognized five residents with the Purple Cane since it started, including Steadford. State Representative Ramos has been closely involved with the process since it started, including donating the canes themselves.

"He wasn't state representative back then, but he agreed to buy the Purple Canes," Voisine said.

The canes then become property of the individual being recognized. There is also a plaque in the Citizens Council's community room



Submitted photo

Betty Steadford (left) received the Purple Cane, an award that was created by Pat Voisine and State Representative Orlando Ramos to recognize the neighborhood's eldest resident.

that displays the names of all the Purple Cane recipients.

The ceremony to award Steadford the Purple Cane was held on Jan. 28 at the Covenant Church. Voisine invited Steadford's parish to attend the presentation, and said there was a great turnout.

"I notified the Covenant Church on Berkshire Ave," Voisine said. "I left a mes-

sage that we were going to have a presentation, and we had a great turn-out from her parish."

This is fairly typical of the Purple Cane presentations, according to Voisine, who compared it to the previous presentation to Stella Soja that was held in her backyard, and the first ceremony for Mary Popko, which was well-attended by her large family.

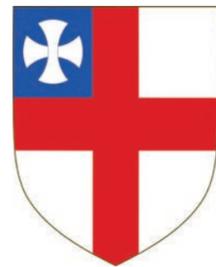
Feb. 19



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Members of the Ludlow CARES Coalition gathered at the Boys & Girls Club and stuffed bags for the Valentine's Day Gift Bags program

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March 5

## Selectmen commend resident for act of heroism during January house fire

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LUDLOW – At a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, the board presented a citation for a local resident who, through quick action in the face of a house fire, was able to get the house evacuated and make it easier for the Fire Department to contain the damage.

The Feb. 18 meeting began with a visitation with Zach Nichols, who witnessed a house fire and went to the house to try to help people get out.

“We’ve been lucky enough this year to make it a habit of opening some of our meetings with some fun stuff, rather than just regular business,” said Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge. “Some awards we’ve been

able to give people for some great things that they do, and tonight is no exception.”

Nichols described driving by to visit a friend who lived in the neighborhood and noticed smoke while he was on Ventura Street.

“I thought someone was just burning in the backyard,” Nichols said. “At the time, it was just heavy white smoke, it wasn’t too dark yet, so I thought it was just a backyard fire or something.”

When Nichols got closer, however, he saw fire through the open garage doors. Nichols described parking in his friend’s driveway and rushing to the house to bang on the doors and get someone to call 9-1-1.

Nichols also alerted the neighbors, worried that they

were likely to be home at that time on a weekend and may not have noticed the fire.

“When she came to the door, she was on the phone with the dispatch at the Fire Department,” Nichols said. “She said that she wanted to fight the fire, but I wouldn’t let her. She turned away from me and I had to grab her and pull her out so she wouldn’t go back in, as the house was already filled with black smoke.”

Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Lavoie and Captain Ellison also attended the meeting. DeBarge said that in conversations with Lavoie, they had discussed the unique challenges of this fire, with no nearby fire hydrants, requiring tanker trucks from multiple agencies to help out.

March 12

## Boys & Girls Club celebrates 75th anniversary with kick-off party

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LUDLOW – This Saturday, the Boys & Girls’ Club kicked off its 75th anniversary celebration with an eclectic showcase of everything the club has to offer, and was able to hit 25% of its fundraising goal.

The Boys and Girls’ Club has been operating in town since March 1, 1950. With March 1 landing on a Saturday this year, the club took the opportunity to arrange a celebration to showcase the various opportunities for families to gather at the club and build community.

The free event involved food trucks, open swim, crafts and activities, fitness challenges, a performance by after school students, a presentation of animals by Lupa Zoo, storytimes with the Hubbard Memorial Library, fitness class demonstrations, and many other activities as an overview of all the different things that happen at the club on an ongoing basis.

“We want to create a fun day for families; for youth, but also for adults,” Jardine



Submitted photo

The High School’s Portuguese Club brought matching shirts to celebrate the anniversary event.

said. “A lot of people think of the club primarily as an organization for kids, but we offer so much for adults and seniors, we want to make sure people come to get a fuller understanding of the things we offer. We want to make sure people know how the club benefits the whole community.”

Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders will be at the club at 12:30 for opening remarks, and Jardine invited residents to spend the rest of the time exploring the club and the different games and

activities that will be going on.

Over 75 years, the Boys and Girls Club has made improvements to keep up with the needs of the modern family. Jardine had a lot of praise for the club’s ability to adapt to better offer its services to the community.

In addition, the club will be holding multiple events throughout the year in the hopes of raising \$75,000 to support projects the club will be undertaking, including tournaments of basketball and pickleball.

March 19

## Town officials and local veterans celebrate VFW Post’s 90th anniversary



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmão

The Selectmen shared a table with their wives, (from left) Bill Rosenblum, Derek and Glenda DeBarge, Angela and James Gennette, and Fernanda and Manuel Silva.

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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LUDLOW – This Saturday, the Country Club hosted a ceremonial dinner to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the town’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Department.

On March 15 at the Ludlow Country Club, local residents gathered to honor the Sergeant Joshua D. DesForgest VFW Post’s nine decades of “service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our veterans, their families, and

the community,” according to a post on Post #3236’s social media.

“90 years ago, a group of brave and selfless veterans in town came together to form this VFW Post,” said Veterans Department Director Eric Segundo. “Their mission was clear; to support one another, to advocate for veterans’ rights, and to serve their community.”

“Since that day back in 1935, Post #3236 has stood as a pillar of honor, duty, and patriotism. Today, we celebrate

their vision and recommit ourselves to their cause,” Segundo said.

The event also acknowledged distinguished guests, including local veterans, Gold Star families, honored guests, and town officials, including several members of the Board of Selectmen. The event was also attended by local legislators Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders, who presented official citations from the state for the post.

Apr. 2

## Holocaust survivor Abraham Rodstein shares harrowing story of resilience

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LUDLOW — A captivating and emotional evening unfolded at Hubbard Library last Thursday, as Holocaust survivor Abraham Rodstein, facilitated by local writer Tom Slawiak, shared his harrowing life story with an engaged audience of approximately 50 attendees. The event, which featured a detailed account of Rodstein’s experiences in the Kovno Ghetto and Dachau Concentration Camp, served as a sobering reminder of the atrocities of the Holocaust while also highlighting the extraordinary resilience of the human spirit.

Slawiak, who has spent over two years interviewing Rodstein and chronicling his life, introduced the event by recounting how he and the survivor first met. The serendipitous encounter occurred when Slawiak and his wife, while walking their dog at Ludlow’s Riverwalk, crossed paths with Rodstein. In casual conversation, Rodstein revealed his status as a Holocaust survivor, sparking Slawiak’s deep interest in documenting his story.

The connection between the two quickly grew. Sla-



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

Abraham Rodstein (left) and Tom Slawiak (right) after their two-hour presentation on Rodstein’s life

viak’s wife, who works in education, later spoke with a history professor about Rodstein’s incredible life story, which led to the idea of presenting his experiences to a wider audience. The March 27 talk marked the 15th public presentation of Rodstein’s testimony, an ongoing effort that seeks to preserve the personal history of a man whose life has been marked by unimaginable tragedy and survival.

Abraham Rodstein was born in 1928 in Siauliai, Lithuania, into a family of considerable means. His

father owned two movie theaters, a bakery, and several cafes, and the family enjoyed a comfortable, even luxurious, lifestyle. Rodstein recalls his childhood as “spoiled,” living in a large, modern home with staff and vacationing every summer at the Baltic Sea in Palanga, Lithuania. The family was not particularly religious, yet they valued education and culture. Rodstein was raised in a secular Hebrew school and was trained in music, playing the violin after starting with the viola at age six.

Apr. 9

## Kornacki reflects on 31-year career

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LUDLOW - “Your career is what you make of it.” Detective Lieutenant David Kornacki of the Ludlow Police Department plans to retire this July. Following a career of growth, leadership, and recent honoree as the Richard Werenski Officer of the Year in 2025 and a variety of titles throughout the years, Chief of Police Daniel J. Valadas sat down with Kornacki to reminisce on the lieutenant’s career and reflect on his work within the department on Apr. 3.

Beginning his career as a corrections officer, Kornacki discussed how he started and why he’s thankful for his job at the prison in Somers.

“I did that for a year right out of college and I don’t know that I could have done the job of a police officer without that experience as a corrections officer. It really prepared me for dealing with a lot of the negative side of life and I kind of grew confident through that job. I’ve been a lieutenant for about 3 years, I spent a little over



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On the left, Detective Lieutenant David Kornacki stands proudly with Chief of Police Daniel J. Valadas who swapped memories and laughs while talking about Kornacki’s plan to retire.

a year doing it as a provisional and the chief fought hard to get the detective lieutenant position. We had only 2 lieutenants at that time. An operational lieutenant and an administrative lieutenant, it was the chief’s idea to add a detective lieutenant as the third branch of how a police department of this size functions. Around that time, I was promoted as a sergeant where I spent 3 years, and I continued to study.”

Kornacki continued, “I came on a year after the

chief, I came on in July of 1994 and in 1997, Chief James McGowan put me in the Detective Bureau, which in some ways was a trailblazing thing. I was the first young officer, with just over two years experience, to be put into the Detective Bureau, which was a pretty daunting thing. I think being put into a position that I felt insecure about made me work harder, you know? That’s probably why I grasped on and held on as long as I have.”

May 7

## Dog Park dedicated to former planner

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LUDLOW - On April 18, former Town Planner Doug Stefancik’s family members and town employees dedicated the dog park in the town, Bark and Recreation Dog Park at Camp White, to Stefancik after his unexpected passing in January of this year. Stefancik was significant in making the dog park a reality, with now a dedicated sign in honor of him stating, “The Ludlow Dog Park is dedicated to the memory of former Town Planner Doug Stefancik, who turned a dream into this reality for dog lovers in Ludlow and beyond.”

Planning and Conservation Administration

Assistant Susan Urban spoke about the dog park that’s been open since the summer of 2022 and Stefancik’s role in creating this into reality. “Doug was the first town planner here, he started in 2007, so he was here almost 18 years. He was the one who was instrumental in creating the dog park, along with conservation and through the Stanton Foundation. He worked with them and took charge of the guidelines that needed to be followed. The park is at Camp White and that land there was dedeed to conservation years back for recreational work only, so they felt that it was a good place to put the dog park,” said Urban.

Referring to the group photo in front of the paw-print sign, Urban said Ste-

fancik’s family members like his sister, mother, brother, niece and nephew, and others were there to support the ceremony and dedication. “Doug always baked a lot and every Easter, he’d bake these cookies like little nest cookies, so his sister used his recipe and made his cookies for everyone to enjoy at the ceremony. I worked with him in planning for around 15 years, he was a great guy and everybody liked him. When he passed, I was trying to think of a way to memorialize him in town somewhere and then I thought of the dog park, and I thought it was perfect! He was the one who was instrumental and getting this done, he would’ve loved that.” said Urban.

# Year In Review

May 14

## Community Cleanup Day held at Island Pond Cemetery

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LUDLOW -The Community Cleanup Day in town was spread out to multiple locations, with one being the Island Pond Cemetery where volunteers and community members assisted in cleaning up graves, replacing flags, and general lawn maintenance on May 3. Around town, volunteers picked up trash, cleaned up the side-

walks, and refreshed the flowerbeds and treebelts.

The Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) posts across the country conduct community service projects on the same day with a variety of events/activities to better the community. Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo spoke about why he believes it's important to give back to veterans and what began the day of service.

Segundo continued. "It's cemeteries flagging, blood

drives, food drives, VFW members in Boston are cleaning the naval ships. It's a day of community of service to give back, led by veterans. Here in Ludlow, we started with the town wide cleanup and in earlier years, we did landscaping around the veterans memorials. This year, we decided to do cemeteries. It's just in time for Memorial Day to honor those that served them, those who never made it home and their relatives who are buried here."

June 4

## LBGC hosts first preschool art show



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Barbara Glanville with President/CEO Josue Irizarry of LBGC posing for a group picture with the preschool artists, proudly showing off their work.

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LUDLOW - "You're really making a change; it's your opportunity to make the world a better place." On May 15, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club hosted their first preschool art show for students, families, and friends to showcase the kid's work they've been doing in the classrooms. With over 58 families and fundraising efforts in support of the 75th anniversary of the club, the kids were excited to show off their art, while the staff were thrilled to open their doors to family members and friendly faces of their classrooms.

Preschool Director Bar-

bara Glanville was in attendance with President/CEO Josue Irizarry, who were both walking around with preschool teachers and LBGC staff and greeting everyone who came into support. Offering light refreshments, snacks, and a little bit of candy, the kids were happy exploring the different spaces and enjoying the attention their art was receiving.

Speaking with Glanville, she highlighted her favorite parts about working as the preschool director, the importance of hosting an art show for the children, and the dedication of the club's staff.

"When it was the 75th and planning the events with the rest of the staff, I said I'd like to do an art show. One

way to get parents here is to highlight the kid's work or have something that involves the kids. We decided to do an art show in January and have been planning ever since, the idea was to have one project a month and then we'd highlight them. In each classroom, they used inspiration photos like Monet paintings, still-life, Eric Carle, or stuff for their own creations with their own blocks. We introduced them to different mediums, like acrylic, watercolors, and clay so they learned a lot about why they did it and they had fun. This was a great combination of it and getting parents together, it's good to promote the program. I've always had this great idea to turn our classrooms into little galleries."

June 11

## Ludlow graduates Class of 2025 at Mullins Center

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LUDLOW - Ludlow High School Class of 2025 had a total of 181 graduating seniors and was celebrated at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, inside the Mullins Center, on the evening of June 5. The ceremony began with the processional, salutatorian and valedictorian recipient awards, graduation message from Senior Class President Jack Favata, presentation of class and awards from Principal Lisa Nemeth, an address from Superintendent Frank Tiano, an address from the School Committee Chairperson Jeffrey A. Laing, and then Principal Lisa Nemeth awarded diplomas.

Nemeth began by addressing the Class of 2025 and recognizing their accomplishments, the class itself, and her appreciation towards numerous faculty members and staff.

"First, there are 181 graduating seniors. 45 of those seniors are members of NHS which is represented by their blue hood and blue and gold tassel. 79 seniors are wearing a gold cord which represents the achievement of pro-merito, which means their grade point average was high honors or promerito upon graduation. 10 seniors are sitting in the



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The Class Officers were President Jack Favata, Vice President Esther Coelho, Secretary Madison Tereso, and Treasurer Taylor Colberg.

front row and wearing double gold cords which represent they are the top ten in their class. 7 seniors are wearing a pink cord which represents their membership in the National Tri-M Music Honor Society. They are exemplary students who represent true modern-music-masters. We have 3 seniors wearing a multi color cord which represents the Commonwealth's Seal of Bilitery. These students have demonstrated proficiency in both English, and a foreign language which they have pursued for 5 years along with the understanding of multiple cultures. 49

seniors received a John and Abigail Adams scholarship. This is a scholarship that provides the graduating senior with free tuition to any state college in Massachusetts. Another testament to the success of the Class of 2025 is at class night 110 scholarships were awarded to individuals in the class, totaling 247,000 dollars. The walls of Ludlow high school have served its purpose for you and now you have to figure out your purpose. Live each day to its fullest, be humble, kind and always remember...you are always a Lion. Congratulations Class of 2025."

July 2

## Summer reading kick-off for kids was full of color



The theme 'Color Your World' inspired colorful face painting and crafts for the kids, adults and guardians.

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LUDLOW - On June 17, the Hubbard Memorial Library held its kid summer reading kick-off party that had face painting, balloon animals, glitter tattoos, crafts, cookie decorating, spin art and much more. Although the weather moved the party inside, that didn't stop the library staff from creating a fun time for the community who all love to read.

The summer reading

program theme is 'Color Your World', a theme to encourage everyone to explore art, creativity, and the world around them through reading. Along with the variety of library events held during the summer months and beyond.

Throughout the summer, all libraries encourage everyone to read and listen whilst going through your summer activities. This is the time, if you haven't visited the library in a while, to visit and see what's new, there is some-

thing for everyone. If you are struggling to find fun and engaging activities for yourself or your family, stop by the library and see what's going on that day.

Beanstack is a web and mobile app designed to encourage reading through how many books kids read to how many hours do adults read every day. Whether you listen to an audiobook on your way to work, read your local newspaper during breaks in the day, or just finished a book series... every form of reading counts.

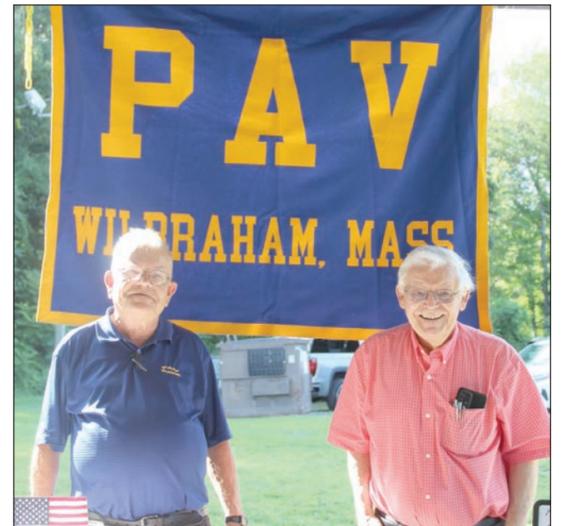
July 30

## Elks Lodge honors Polish American Veterans

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LUDLOW - On July 22, the weekly cruise nights at the Elks Lodge honored Polish American Veterans and Commander of the Polish American Veterans Paul Chrzan of the Elks spoke about the significance and importance of the night. After commenting about the great weather, the Elks had to host the cruise night, after a couple of weeks with bad weather, Chrzan continued.

"Tonight, the sponsor is the Polish American Veterans Club of Wilbraham, Indian Orchard, and Ludlow. We've been in existence 78 years, and we had our own post, but now we don't anymore. It was a World War II organization when that started and many of the members are no longer with us, but the ones that are left, we try to keep it going. One of the highlights that we do from the post is we have a scholarship fund which benefits the young high school and college kids in the area. We award four \$1,000 scholarships every year, we do this around Memorial Day and the biggest thing over the last 15



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Commander of the Polish American Veterans Club Paul Chrzan of the Elks alongside Past President of the Ludlow Elks and Member of the PAV of Wilbraham Stanley Halgas.

years is we have donated in the vicinity \$75,000 to the youth of this area. The scholarships come out in the spring, and you may be a recipient if you're a graduating senior or an incoming college freshman. We're thrilled to do this!"

Under the pavilion with the crowd of people in line ordering food and drinks, Chrzan was set up with Past President of the Ludlow Elks and Member of the

PAV of Wilbraham Stanley Halgas, offering a raffle that is part of the scholarship with gift certificates, lottery tickets, and more.

When asked about why it was important for the club to support the youth and to continue to do so over the years, Chrzan commented on the importance of helping them get the education they want, while acknowledging the rising cost of education.

Aug. 6

## Homemade paper turns to notebooks at Hubbard Memorial Library

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LUDLOW - Part two of the paper-making series comes back to the Hubbard Memorial for a notebook making workshop, after the kids two weeks ago made their own paper from scratch. The calm, informative, and creative library workshop helped kids of all ages make and decorate their own notebook and cover to draw and write whatever they desire on the inside and out.

Instructor Samantha, who conducted the previous paper-making class, was at the library once again showing how simple it is to create a

notebook. If you're wondering how to make a notebook, this is what you need. Paper, yarn, a sewing needle, cover material, scissors and awl, ruler, and a pencil.

The kids started by measuring the size of their notebooks and folded the paper, matching the cover material to the size of the paper created, they were able to use a bone crease to make a flat and clean edge. By using a ruler to mark the dots for the holes needed to sew the notebook together, the awl was used to punch the holes out in the paper and with the help of the instructor and volunteers, the kids sewed the needle with the yarn creating the notebook.

After creating the notebook, the kids were able to decorate them however they wanted, one attendee drew waves on her cover. Speaking with the parents and guardians waiting in the room, everyone had grand things to say about the library and the programming the staff put on.

One family shared that they traveled from West Springfield and another traveled from Sixteen Acres because they both loved the classes and kid programs for their kids.

The kids shared that they all loved making the paper and making the notebooks.

# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



By Barb Turcotte

### Tony & Chrissy Fazio

When they say a family that plays together stays together, they must have been talking about Tony and Chrissy Fazio and their five children. This family is full of creative talent. They literally play together as this family is full of musical abilities and can be seen at various venues throughout the area. They also do a lot of laughing in this household which comes pretty easily in this family as mom performed as a 'stand up' comic in L.A. Of course, that was before they had their kids who are now 23, 22, 20, 18 & 15. WHEW, I'm tired just thinking what that must have been like when they were all younger! Imagine the comedic material she must have now with that crew! Tony said when someone in their house takes themselves too seriously, they don't stand a chance because of the family's humor.

Tony and Chrissy have been examples for their children by giving back and being involved with their community in various ways. Chrissy has always participated with the kid's schools and volunteered for projects within their town. Tony as a proud dad shared some things about the kids and their aspirations saying they are all gearing toward something that will be of service to others. Their oldest son has chosen his vocation, is learning much about the profession and has already purchased a home! One of his daughters has been a Paraprofessional for students with disabilities for a few years now, and though exhausting, loves what she does. Another is in college with the goal of being an Adjustment Councilor for high school students, while yet another hopes to become a History Teacher. The youngest is watching all her sibling's accomplishments and has a few years before she needs to make a decision in which direction she wants to go.

Tony along with his friend Ed, voluntarily entertained the thousands of walkers at the Rays of Hope Walk-a-Thon from 2013 to 2020 and then passed the torch to his kids who now volunteer at the same spot. However, last year the walkers got a special treat as the whole family sang at that location! Tony said they like to use their talents to bring joy and in doing so volunteer four or five times a year such as at the Longmeadow Library and have also performed for Relay for Life. In January he will be entertaining the residents at Keystone Commons, offering his first performance there for free. So as you can see, their children have been nurtured by very giving parents.

Tony went to school for physical therapy then soon realized he liked the teaching aspect better so wound up working with special education students. He's advanced his career and now holds the position of Director of Special Education Programs for the state of MA. The mission is to help these youngsters get the resources they need and are entitled to with hopes of keeping them from ever going down the wrong path and landing in jail.

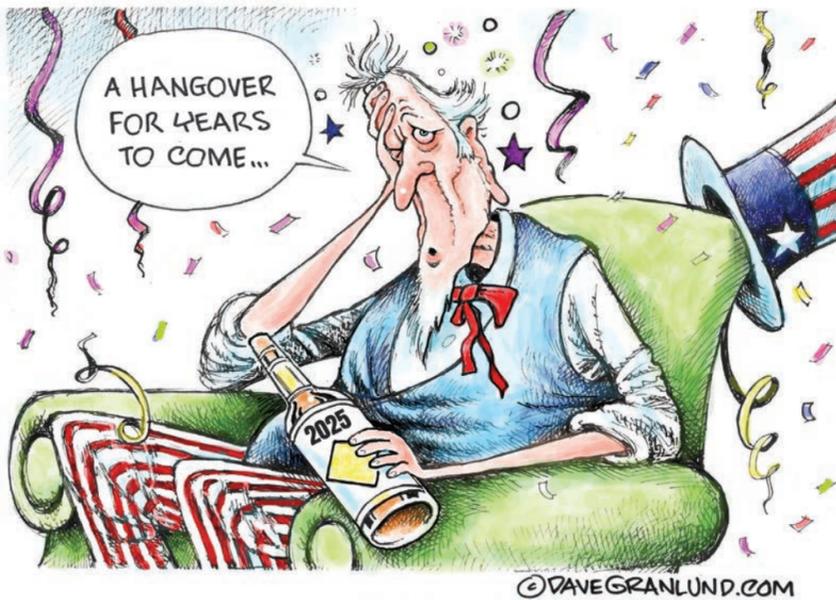
Chrissy was a stay-at-home mom for years, (hmm, wonder why with 5 little ones!) but since they are older now, she's ventured into the entrepreneurial world by opening a store called the 'The Living Room'. She had a dream of opening a store that looks like a fully furnished home but with everything in it for sale. After acquiring numerous things from finding treasures at estate & tag sales, she had built up quite an inventory over the years and was ready to make her dream come true. In fact it's been so successful, it's outgrown its current spot and will be moving to a larger location soon, still in East Longmeadow.

Tony said that Chrissy is really the 'rock of the house' and keeps it all together. He was emphatic by saying he picked a fantastic partner! He chuckled as he explained the kids go to Chrissy for tangible things and if they need to get something done, she'll know exactly how to accomplish the task. Whereas they come to him for the emotional support because as he describes himself, he's just a big softy.

Tony was very humbled in 2005 when he was voted, 'Teacher of the Year'. And all these years later is still a very humble guy and isn't really into talking about himself, but did agree hesitantly to let me write this story about he and his family. I worked with Tony about 30 years ago and he's never changed, not from his great charismatic personality to his huge smile that makes his eyes glisten.

I'm wishing you all wonderful holidays! Create your own magic by doing a Random Act of Kindness, it will definitely brighten your season as well.

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



### Games seniors play may help them stay sharp

*"But they didn't devote the whole evening to music. After a while they played at forfeits; for it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."*

In "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens shows us a roomful of Christmas revelers playing games and testing their brains against one another, as Ebenezer Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present stand invisibly by.

The holidays are certainly a good time for games, and they may help keep brain those synapses firing. Admittedly, the research isn't definitive, but some of the results have been tantalizing.

A 2022 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found that people with mild memory problems who did web-based crossword puzzles showed improvement in cognition and experienced less brain shrinkage, compared to those who played web-based cognitive (brain training) games. The improvement was equivalent to what the FDA requires medications to show.

A lot of the research involves people playing digital games because those are easier to measure. But researchers are also finding that board-game players not only experience better brain health, they also get a serotonin boost from the social aspects of playing. I find that true when I play my favorite games, Sequence, Farkle and Spinner.

Another benefit is that game pieces (like Scrabble tiles, dominoes and Monopoly tokens) strengthen touching sensation and hand flexibility, Chinese researchers found.

Backgammon, a game that's been around since time immemorial, is played everywhere in the world -- and here in Massachusetts. The New England Backgammon Club (nebackgammon.org) meets regularly in Burlington, about an hour up the road.

Jack Schacht, an 80+ aged entrepreneur, partially credits the mental challenge of backgammon for his ability to stay sharp and keep finding new business ideas. He and a part-



your health

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ner are starting up the Chicago Backgammon League (chicagobackgammon.com) in 2026.

"Board games, such as backgammon and chess, help people of all ages improve their memory and practice basic cognitive skills such as strategy and problem solving," Jack says. "It's also a two-player game, which encourages social interaction."

And as we do know, isolation is one of the factors that can accelerate cognitive loss because the brain isn't being stimulated by those feel-good chemicals, like serotonin and endorphins.

Jack also points out that backgammon and games like it are helpful in bridging generations. Think about sitting down with your teens, parents or grandparents for a game of backgammon, Scrabble or checkers while you're together for the holidays.

These games also have the benefit of being relatively easy for beginners while offering complexity for more advanced players. One thing that doesn't help, however, is cut-throat competition. The player who delights in building hotels on Park Place and bankrupting their opponents -- not as much fun.

It's been observed that different types of games and activities seem to offer different benefits:

- Bingo: Enhanced mood, reduced stress and emotional well-being through shared experience.
- Jigsaw puzzles: Visual-spatial acuity, hand dexterity
- Crosswords and anagrams: Faster processing speed, better attention to detail and enhanced verbal learning

• Checkers and backgammon: executive functioning, problem-solving and quality of life

When sitting down with seniors to play games, there are some accessibility considerations to ensure that everyone has a good time. For example, the lighting should be good, the seating arrangements comfortable and distractions (noise, music, TV) minimal.

I think it would also be important to limit game sessions to no more than 30 to 40 minutes. You can complete a game of checkers or backgammon in 15 to 20 minutes. The rate of cognitive return on marathon games won't be as beneficial.

It's great to not only use your mind, but also laugh together with others! Laughter is one of the main benefits of board games, and it does a lot to generate those feel-good chemicals.

Games people play can also be the games that keep us sharper through our senior years. Play a game or two this holiday season.

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We're counting down and don't you know, that as the final minutes go, we're filled with joy and gratitude too, for friends and readers like all of you!

# Year In Review

Aug. 20

## Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas performs last call

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 8, the Ludlow Police Department held a last radio call ceremony for now Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas who officially hung up his chief title. On the LPD Facebook page, it posted, “Today, Chief Daniel Valadas ends his watch after 35 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ludlow. His final radio call was answered by the people who mean the most to him, his daughters Bella, Amelia, Julia, and his son, Daniel II. Chief Valadas, your unwavering perseverance, steadfast integrity, and remarkable fortitude have inspired all who had the honor to serve alongside you.”

Valadas was presented a plaque from the LPD and had a summary of Valadas’ achievements, reading, “Your dedication and devotion to both the town of



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas embracing his wife Sue after completing his last call.

Ludlow and your country goes unmatched as shown by your years of continued service and accomplishments, you have made the safety of Ludlow and the Ludlow Police Department a top priority and for that, we are all thankful. You’ve

been a role model, teacher, leader, and father figure not only to your beautiful family but also to everyone that has worked with you. It’s time to enjoy your retirement with your family and friends.”

Sept. 10

## FESTA 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish a success



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

Along with food and music, the annual Festa had a variety of rides and games for everyone to enjoy.

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LUDLOW – Beginning on Aug. 28 through Sep. 1, Our Lady of Fatima Parish hosted Festa 2025 for the annual Labor Day weekend celebrating the anniversary and dedication to Our Lady of Fatima. With five days of food, music, and thousands of people gathering for a candle light procession, the town was full of love and energy.

Held on the grounds of the parish across from the Senior Center, the Festa began on Thurs. evening and held shows throughout the start of the weekend,

with Sat. offering the holy rosary, a vigil mass, and fireworks to end the night. On Sun. morning around the outdoor chapel, the parish held a holy rosary, an open air holy mass, and the candlelight procession and rosary presided by Auxiliary Bishop of Boston Most Reverend Cristiano Barbo-

sa. Offering an ample amount of activities, games, food and drinks, and definitely music for the masses, Festa held a calming essence on the morning of Sun. Aug. 31 when Department Heads for Religious Articles at Festa and cousins Aelena Ganhao and Judy Ribeiro shared how

special this festival is to their faith and traditions.

Underneath the religious articles tent with curious onlookers and buyers, Ribeiro shared that their duties as department heads is to get the volunteers, stock and order the religious articles, and communicate with the surrounding religious places for inventory in the area. Ganhao explained that everyone at Festa has their own station and tent they are in charge of.

For Festa, Ganhao shared that for the Labor Day weekend it takes over 250 volunteers to make this event as smooth as possible.

Sept. 24

## LHS band, cheerleaders accomplish a successful performance at Big E



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The 2025 LHS cheerleaders and band moments before the parade began at the Big E.

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LUDLOW – On Sept. 18 during Massachusetts Day at the Big E, the Ludlow High School were seen performing at the front of the parade, playing songs by Lady Gaga and cheering on the night with the crowds of fairgoers. Before the parade began, the LHS band members and cheerleaders were getting ready for the big performance, and getting excited for the food they’ve been craving all year round.

Cheer Captains and High School Seniors Alexis Ro-

driguez, Ariana Malave, and Madalyn Marques spoke about their experience at the last Big E cheer performance, why they like coming to the Big E with their friends, and why the community should continue to support LHS cheer. Performing for 2022, 2024, and now 2025, the cheer captains were excited to be back and cheering on in their last year of high school.

Marques began, “It’s really cool to see other schools from Massachusetts, other cheer teams and bands, it’s a great thing to be a part of. It’s one of my favorite memories during the football sea-

son because we all get ready before in a classroom and take pictures, then we get to go eat at the fair afterwards. It’s really fun! I always get the Maine baked potato and Pickle Barrel Steak Tips every time I come,” said Marques.

Malave added, “The environment is so fun, the people are cheering us on and we are obviously cheering. The band is with us, we have Band Director Kevin McAvoy, Cheerleading Coach Adelei Bernard, and LHS Principal Lisa Nemeth with us too. My favorite part is the food, I get a baked potato every time,” said Malave.

Oct. 1

## Congressman Neal visits LHS, highlighting funds used for athletic complex

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – Congressman Richard E. Neal joined Town Administrator Marc Strange and Select Board Member Anthony Alves, and state and local officials to highlight the impact of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in the First Congressional District of Massachusetts. Signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, the ARPA injected \$1.9 trillion into the American economy, and also delivered \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$130 billion to elementary, middle, and high schools.

Neal stated how the funding awarded municipalities enabled local officials to invest in projects they otherwise would not have had the means to pursue. “I am pleased to join the Town of Ludlow in highlighting the impact this funding has had on their community and the investments that have been made to strengthen our local economy and improve the quality of life for resi-

dents. The ARPA provided approximately \$8.7 billion to Massachusetts through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, with cities and towns throughout the First District receiving more than \$390 million. The Town of Ludlow received more than \$6.3 million, allowing the town to invest in a number of projects, including the redevelopment of the sports complex at Ludlow High School,” said Neal.

Neal continued stating, “What we try to do is now begin the process of connecting the tax payer to the expenditure, of what actually was done with the ARPA money. We were genuinely interested afterwards to have local offi-

cials explain what was done with that money, again this was long term investments. I call attention to this because sometimes there’s a groundbreaking, people say this was done and then tend not talk about it again, and what we intend to do now is to ask local elected officials across the First Congressional District of Massachusetts, we know how much money they all received from the Rescue package and we’re asking them now to talk about what they did with the money. This facility alone, referring to the LHS sports complex, was \$4.7 million that was utilized. This was exactly what we had in mind.”

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# Year In Review

Oct. 29

## Faith Community Chapel hosts second annual Trunk or Treat



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Board Member of the Church Lucila Palmeira poses with the great pumpkin trunk, ready for kids to pick the best-looking candy.

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – Faith Community Chapter on East St. held their second annual trunk or treat on Oct. 18, with facepainting, crafts, games, burgers and hotdogs, and of course truckloads of candy! Several cars were parked in the lot, blocked off with cones safe for kids to walk freely, with themes ranging from the season of fall, hot wheels cars, spooky graveyards, the hungry caterpillar, and much more.

Held in the early afternoon, easy for families to attend before evening events or obligations, kids in attendance were proud to wear

their costumes out and show their friends before the big night. Talking with Pastor Lisa Morrison of FCC, who's favorite candy is peanut butter M&M's, Morrison shared why it was important to host a trunk or treat for the community and the advantages of hosting an event that puts kid's safety first.

Morrison began, "The weather is beautiful today, and we have more trunks this year! We have someone who came from Boston to do face painting. We have crafts, free hamburgers and hotdogs, and its fun seeing the kids playing the games together and hanging out. We love to block off the parking lot, so it feels safe, you're not running out into the street and

it's kind of a family afraid in the sense that you could sit at the tables while the kids play. It's fun with the kids in their costumes, they love dressing up and then of course, we adults are having fun dressing up too. It's a great event and it's nice to have an event for the neighborhood that's safe, fun, and friendly," said Morrison.

In the middle of the lot, lawn games were spread out for families and kids to enjoy, but the crowd's favorite was the obstacle course that the kids enjoyed balancing on. Speaking with Lindsay Santana, wife of Isaac Santana of the LPD, shared her insight as a mom attending this event with her kids who both attend East St. Elementary.

Nov. 26

## 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 Championships for Game Day and placed third after a competitive season. The achievement comes on the heels of the team being crowned Pioneer Valley League Champi-

ons just one week earlier.

Shared by parent Sheila Rubin, "Led by strong leadership 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 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."

Dec. 3



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The freshmen team, also known as the class of 2029 and the purple team, were proud to represent LHS.

## LHS classes compete for the Turkey Bowl

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School classes competed in a friendly game of flag football in the second annual Turkey Bowl Championship. Beginning with competition against the seniors and the sophomores, then the freshmen and the juniors, the night was full of excitement and student pride before the Thanksgiving holiday. The fundraiser di-

rectly supported the class of 2026 and in attendance were LHS Principal Lisa Nemeth, referees like Track and Field Coach Brian Walsh, Student Advisors, and student and staff volunteers who helped make the event possible. The Turkey Bowl games began by announcing the players of each team individually and having those players run out onto the field, after running through their teammate's arms celebrating them before the competition. The night had three

games total, with a championship game at the end, but everyone on the field and onlookers experiencing the game looked like they were having a blast cheering on their fellow classmates. Whether they were bundled up in their blankets or were parents yelling in support of their kids on the field, the Turkey Bowl flag football event is an event that is here to stay at LHS. For more information on student-led events, visit the Ludlow High School website.

Nov. 5

## Disability Commission honors Beverly Barry at Whitney Park

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – On Oct. 25, the Commission on Disability held a dedication ceremony in honor of the recent passing in 2024 of Beverly Barry, who was well-known within the Town's Assessors Office and an active member of the commission. Meeting at Whitney Park at the end of the paved driveway, members of the commission with Barry's daughters joined together to acknowledge her significance within the Town and present the plaque that can be found on an accessible picnic table overlooking the fields.

The town appointed group has since purchased a pool accessible chair, roll-out mats for wheelchairs and walkers, a drop-off handicap sign for a parking spot at Whitney Park, and the accessible picnic table that has Barry's plaque on the surface.

Speaking with Secretary Joanne Odato-Staeb of the Commission on Disability, who's been involved within the board since 1999, shared that Barry joined in 2003 and was working in the Asses-



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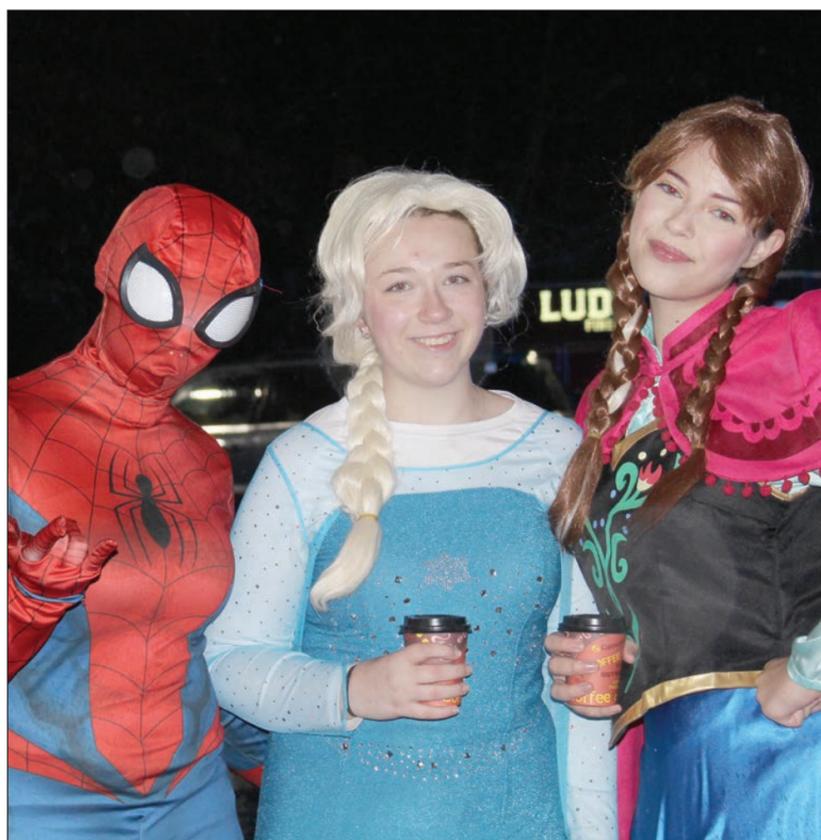
In honor of Beverly Barry, the Commission on Disability bought a birthday cake, a photo of Barry, and a photo of the plaque that can be found on the accessible table at Whitney Park.

sor's Office since 2001. Odato-Staeb commented that Barry was active within the Town and was well-connected, "She was professional and inclusive, she had good energy and networking. She was a good person. Two of her daughters are here, they live out of the area, so they came and tomorrow's Beverly's birthday so that's why we have a birthday cake. We wanted to dedicate

this to her because she often wanted to make sure things were really accessible for individuals in the Town. Getting to know her through my work with her at the commission, she was a strong advocate, and we did a lot to set up guidelines and formal parts of the group. Before this group came along, it was just Beverly and me for a really long time," said Odato-Staeb.

Dec. 10

## Town celebrates 'Light Up Ludlow!'



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Spiderman, Elsa, and Anna were greeting children and searching if they were on Santa's nice or naughty list.

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LUDLOW – "May the beautiful spirit of Christmas be with you all!" On the evening of Nov. 30, the day after Sun. after Thanksgiving, the Celebrate Ludlow

Committee hosted a successful Light Up Ludlow event at Town Hall that surrounded the 22-foot Christmas tree made available by Celebrate Ludlow and the Friends of the 250th Committee.

Speaking with Sue Corjay of the Celebrate Ludlow

Committee, who manned the table to buy and decorate ornaments to put on the tree on the lawn, shared what residents were writing on their decorations to be featured on the tree in the future for years to come.

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## Ludlow hockey gets second win over Greenfield

WEST SPRINGFIELD – On Saturday, Dec. 20, Ludlow ice hockey, which co-ops with Belchertown, improved to 2-1 on the season with a 6-4 win over Greenfield. Greenfield would take a 2-0 lead early, but Ludlow exploded for four goals in the second period and added two more in the third to grab the win. Tannar Severyn had two goals while four others added single goals for the Lions. Ludlow returns to action in the new year against Blackstone Valley on the road at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.



Evan Dias goes for the loose puck.



Connor Kokosa gets a stick on the puck near the corner.



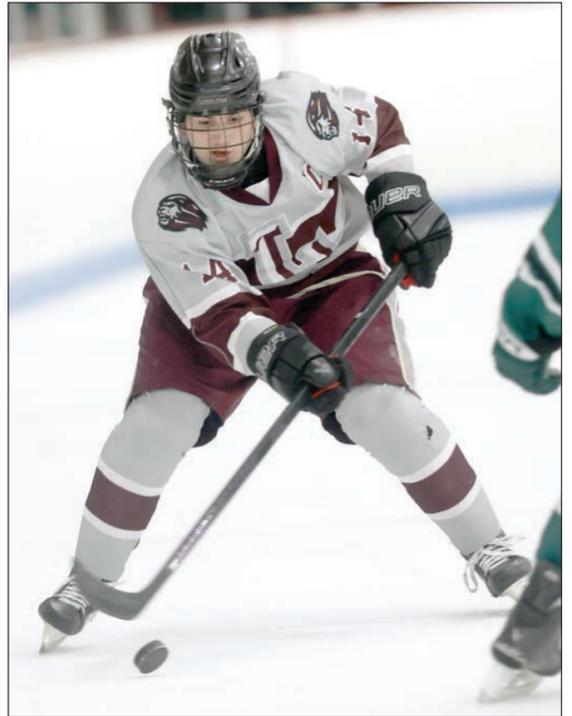
Teddy Iwasinski continues to control the puck.



Will Mitus moves up the right side.



Sean Kefalas makes his way up the ice.



Nick Deroin tries to settle the puck before making a pass.  
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## Lions come up short

PALMER – Last Tuesday evening, Ludlow made the short trip to neighboring Palmer High School. Offense was at a premium for both teams, but Palmer was able to come up with just a bit more as the Lions fell 32-28.

In the defeat, Aneysa Donais led the Lions with seven points. Madelyn Riley would finish with six points, and Ava Friese and Reese Carroll scored five points each.

The Lions fell to 1-3 on the season and had a match-up earlier this week against Monson. Coming up, the Lions travel to nearby Sci-Tech for a 6 p.m. game, then return home on Tuesday, Jan. 6 to face Ware at 7 p.m.

## Thunderbirds get big comeback for win over Islanders

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-12-4-2) overcame a two-goal deficit with less than eight minutes remaining en route to a stunning 4-3 overtime win over the Bridgeport Islanders (11-14-2-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

In desperate need of a pick-me-up, the Springfield power play drew first blood just seven seconds into their first opportunity, as Samuel Johannesson whistled a one-timer over Henrik Tikkanen's blocker arm at 6:33 of the first. Johannesson's second goal of the season, set up by Alek Kaskimaki, was just Springfield's second power-play goal in its last 36

man advantages.

After a relatively quiet opening half of the period, T-Birds netminder Georgi Romanov was far busier in the closing six minutes of the frame, denying all 11 shots that came his way in the first 20 minutes.

Bridgeport's rugged pressure paid dividends at 4:30 of the second as Joey Larson chopped a net front shot past Romanov, tying the game at 1 apiece on Larson's fifth goal in six games against Springfield.

In a period that saw the Isles outshoot Springfield 15-3, the visitors vaulted to the lead at 15:35 as Cam Thiesing intercepted a pass deep in the T-Birds end and whistled a wristler over Romanov's blocker to

send the game to the intermission with Bridgeport in front, 2-1.

Sean Day further buoyed the Islanders' lead at 3:57 of the third, as he picked up a loose puck in the slot off a Thiesing faceoff win and snapped a forehandler through Romanov's stick side, ballooning the Bridgeport lead to 3-1.

With the T-Birds in dire need of a jolt, the power play provided just that at 13:03 as Marc-Andre Gaudet gathered a puck inside the right-wing circle and wired home his first AHL goal under the crossbar behind Tikkanen, making it a one-

goal game with 6:57 remaining.

With Romanov on the bench for an extra skater, the T-Birds got payback



on the Islanders, who tied a game last month under similar circumstances. Luff cradled the puck along the right-wing circle and funneled

a pass across the crease, where Dillon Dube steered it behind Tikkanen, tying the score with just 1:05 remaining.

As a result, the game went to overtime, and after coming up short in each of their prior six games that extended past regulation, the T-Birds did not allow a similar outcome this time. Just 43 seconds into overtime, Luff gathered the puck and scooted around a defender down the left wing, drove to his forehand side, and lifted a wristler past Tikkanen, picking up his third point and third game-winning goal to secure the come-from-behind victory.

# Lions make it 3-0 with win over Spartans

LUDLOW – On Monday, Dec. 22, Ludlow High School boys basketball headed into the Christmas holiday break with a perfect 3-0 record after defeating East Longmeadow 54-46.

In the win, Cameron Lyman led all scorers with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers.

Jackson Mateus would add 16 points, eight on made free throws. Mason Morace had eight points.

Ludlow will make a quick trip to Hampden Charter in Chicopee on Friday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m.



Spencer Huntley tries to keep the ball from going out of bounds.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Jackson Mateus considers his next move just outside the arc.



Mason Morace heads past an opponent.



Filipe Fernandes tries to fake out his opponent.



Cameron Lyman sends a pass toward the corner.



Tyler Tatro gets ready to attempt a three-pointer.

## Candidates for 2026 HoopHall announced

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of eligible candidates for the Class of 2026, featuring several high-profile first-time nominees.

Notable new candidates for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2026 include the 1996 USA Basketball Women's National Team, Mike D'Antoni, Jamal Crawford, Elena Delle Donne, Blake Griffin, Joe Johnson, Candace Parker, Bruce Pearl, and Kelvin Sampson. Marv Albert, Mark Few, Doc Rivers, and Amar'e Stoudemire are among returning eligible candidates.

"The candidates for the Class of 2026 have each left an indelible impact on the game of basketball," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Through defining

performances, influential leadership, and achievements that helped elevate the sport on the national and international stage, this year's ballot recognizes those whose legacy continues to shape how the game is played, coached, and celebrated."

The first look at the list of eligible nominees was provided by "NBA Today" on ESPN, hosted by Malika Andrews, with Ramona Shelburne, Tim Bonemps, Kendrick Perkins, and Shams Charania in studio. A complete list of eligible candidates can be found below.

Finalists chosen from the applicable Category Screening Committees for the Class of 2026 will be announced at a later date. The entire Class of 2026 will be unveiled during a nationally televised broadcast on Saturday, April 4,

during Final Four Weekend.

The Finalist and Class Announcement times and broadcast networks will be announced by Monday, Feb. 9.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at the Mohegan Sun on Friday, Aug. 14, with the Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala, followed by the Enshrinement Ceremony the next day at Springfield's historic Symphony Hall.

All VIP Packages, single-event tickets to the Ceremony, Tip-Off Celebration, and Awards Gala, as well as other ancillary events, will go on sale on Saturday, Apr. 4. All packages and tickets will be available for purchase at [hoophall.com](http://hoophall.com).

The complete listing of events and pricing will be released on Monday, Feb. 9.

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# OBITUARIES

## Ellen T. Goncalves

LUDLOW – Ellen T. (Tanoury) Goncalves, 75, of Ludlow, passed away on December 17, 2025. Daughter of the late Anthony and Betty (Blair) Tanoury, she was born on May 26, 1950 and raised in Utica, NY. She moved to Ludlow, MA with her husband Albino Goncalves and children in 1980. She worked for many years as a pharmacy tech, where she was known for her kindness and strong work ethic. Ellen was beyond exceptional at everything she did. She did all with perfection, taking pride in every detail. An incredibly unique mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she showered her family with unconditional love, affection and support. Ellen found joy in the simple things that made a house a home. She loved cooking and keeping

her house spotless and organized. She especially loved her daily face time calls. She adapted to new technologies that would keep her connected, especially to her teenage great-grandchildren. She will be remembered for her beautiful face, sharp mind, her funny, non-intentional wit and charm. She was always a strong, loving presence in her family's lives.



Ellen is survived by her children Alexander Goncalves (Kelly Murphy) and Elizabeth "BJ" Sady (Donald); her loving partner of 40 years James Nowakowski; her favorite brothers Joseph, Anthony, Lawrence and Jeffrey Tanoury; her adored sisters Maryann Tanoury-Loy and

Laura Cross. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren Desiree, Tanoury, Kaitlyn, Brittany and Jake, as well as her treasured great-grandchildren Brad, Lexi, Joshua, Milana, Allie, Leila and Bryan; her cherished godchildren Christopher Tanoury and Victoria Azzarito and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her favorite brother Chris

Tanoury who was always in her heart. All services are private. Memorial donations in Ellen's memory may be made to a breast cancer charity of one's choice. For more information, please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).

"Our Mother made her mark on the world."

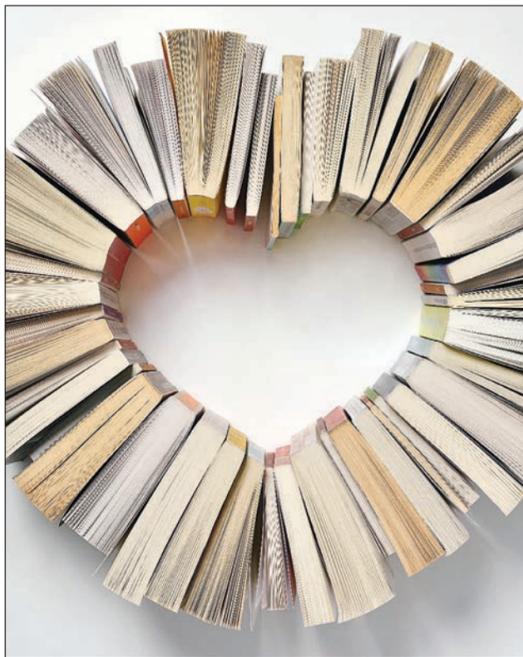
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**Marcyanna Theresa (Haluch) (Place) Mascaro**  
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**Claire T. Natario**  
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Youth Crochet Club, Tuesday, December 30 (biweekly), 5:30-6:30 pm. For ages 10-17. For beginners through experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Sports Bingo, Friday, January 2, 9:30-10:30 am. For children, teens, and families. LHS student volunteer and sports enthusiast Christian Kochanek will co-host a fun sports themed game of bingo with lots of cool prizes to win. Please register.

Cupcake Liner Fireworks Craft, Saturday, January 3, 10:30 - 12:30 am. Make cool fireworks-themed paper art—out of cupcake liners! Best for children who can use scissors. Drop-in.

Drop-in Holiday Card Making, for the month of December. All ages. Pre-cut designer papers, stickers, glitter, and more!

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

Labubu Scavenger Hunt, Friday & Saturday, December 26 & 27, all day. All ages. Pictures of Labubus will be hidden around the Youth Room - find them all to win a prize! Drop-in.

Gingerbread Slime, Tuesday, December 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. For ages 6-10. Make sparkly, cookie-brown, gingerbread-scented slime! Please register.

Movie: Lilo & Stitch, Wednesday, December 31, Noon - 1:45pm. Join us for the new live-action version of Lilo & stitch, with free popcorn and drinks and a craft. Drop-in.

Storytime Series for ages 3-5; There's Magic in the Library, Mondays, January 5 - February 24 (not Jan. 19 and Feb. 16) 10:00 am. 6 weeks of stories, songs, & games about dragons, fairies, giants, and other magical beings, tailored for 3-5 year olds, with a craft & snack at the end. Space is limited, please register.

True Tales Storytime for Homeschooled 5-8 year olds, Wednesdays, January 7 - February 12, 1:00 pm. A fun, gently educational storytime that uses picture book biographies and non-fiction picture books to share inspiring stories about real people and historical events, with a craft or activity at the end. Please register.

Storytime Series for ages 2-3; There's Magic in the Library, Fridays, January 9 - February 14, 10:00 am. 6 weeks of stories, songs, & games about dragons, fairies, giants, and other magical beings. This program, which is tailored for 2-3 year olds, begins with a free play period, followed by 15 minutes of stories, songs and games, and finishes up with a craft & snack. Space is limited, please register.

MCBA Book Group for 4th-6th Graders, Thursday, January 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm. It's not too late to join the Massachusetts Children's Book Award Book Group for 4th-6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet once a month to play games, discuss the books, which to vote for, and eat snacks. Celebrate at the last meeting in April with an ice cream party sponsored by the Friends of the Library, where we'll cast our votes and pose for photos for the newspaper! 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.

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.

## Marcyanna Theresa (Haluch) (Place) Mascaro

Marcyanna Theresa (Haluch) (Place) Mascaro, 83, passed away on Dec. 19, 2025, at Mercy Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ludlow on June 10, 1942, she was one of 8 children of the late Theodore and Sophie (Malkinski) Haluch and was a lifelong Ludlow resident.



Marcy dedicated her life to her family, choosing jobs that allowed her to be present while raising her children. In her earlier years, she worked as a waitress at several local restaurants and later served the community as a Ludlow crossing guard. For more than 25 years, she was a school bus driver with First Student, retiring in 2012.

A talented and creative artist, Marcy taught painting from her home and was a member of the Yankee Tolers Artist Club (Santa Mouse). She also shared her skills by teaching sewing at the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club. She enjoyed monthly breakfast gatherings

with her fellow retired bus drivers, trying her luck at the casino, and spending countless hours working in her yard. Through sheer determination, she cleared two acres of overgrown land by hand, transforming it into a beautiful space that welcomed wild-life into her yard. Marcy will be remembered for her strength, independence, and selflessness, and most importantly, her sense of humor. She lived life on her own terms and remained fiercely independent to the very end.

She leaves her beloved children, Susan Nickerson and her husband Robert of Holt, FL and Keith Place and his wife Teresa of Springfield; a brother Daniel Haluch (Joan) and a sister Theo Johnson (Derek). She was a doting grandmother and great-grandmother to the following, grandchildren: David Nickerson, Grace Nickerson, Joe Nickerson, Scott Mahoney (Gina), Bryan Mahoney (Cody), Matthew Fontaine,

Madeleine Manley (Kevin), and Janine Yawson (Sam); and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Kaelyn Manley, Andrew, Albert and Hannalyn Yawson. She also leaves to cherish her memory, many nieces and nephews, cherished sisters-in-law, and many friends. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Peter Mascaro, her former husband and kindred spirit Carl Place, and her siblings Stanley, Raymond, Theodore, Vincent and Bernadette Haluch.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. Calling hours from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., immediately followed by a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. Family and friends are invited to Ludlow Country Club, East Street, Ludlow to be greeted by family. A luncheon will be served.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Marcy's memory by performing a random act of kindness for someone in need or donating to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left at [www.nowakfuneral.com](http://www.nowakfuneral.com).

## Claire T. Natario

LUDLOW – Claire T. (Paulhus) Natario, 93, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 19, 2025. Daughter of the late Jules and Anna (Trottier) Paulhus, she was born in Ludlow on April 25, 1932. A graduate of Ludlow High School, Claire worked as a benefits manager at Baystate Medical Center for decades, retiring in 1995. A devout and active communicant of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow, Claire was a director of the Heralds of the Lord Choir, a member of the Ladies of St. Anne, the parish Social Committee, and the Meat Pie project. During the holiday season, her house was filled to the brim with bows and other decorations she made for the church. Claire also served as a Eucharistic Minister, bring-

ing Communion to home-bound parishioners.

Claire was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose happiest times were those spent with her family.

Claire is survived by her sons, Thomas Natario (Karen) and Mark Natario (Ann). She also leaves her five beloved grandchildren, Joseph Metcalfe IV (Shazana); Elaina Natario (Eric); Laura Natario (Patrick); Kristen Natario (Jeffrey) and Kara Natario (Bryan), as well as her six great-grandchildren Violet, Willa, Gabriella, Olivia, Theodore, and Juliette. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband Amer-



ico "Doug" Natario in 1986, her daughter Cynthia Whitney in 2015, and her sister Jeannette Kubik in 2013.

Visiting hours for Claire will be Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall Street, Ludlow, MA, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish on Hubbard St. in Ludlow, MA. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery. Donations in Claire's memory may be made to St. Elizabeth's Parish, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA 01056. For more information, please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).

## Donald P. Yelle, Jr.



WEST WARREN – Donald P. Yelle, Jr., 66, of West Warren, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025 surrounded by his loved ones. Donald was the beloved son of Gail (Rice) Yelle and her late husband Donald P. Yelle, Sr. and grew up in Ludlow where he was a graduate of Ludlow High School and communicant of the former St. Mary of Assumption Church. Donald was a proud United States Coast Guard Veteran and upon his honorable dis-

charge, he received his Associate Degree from STCC and entered the workforce working for Monsanto/Solutia/Eastman from where he recently retired. In his free time, he enjoyed tractor pulling, fishing, camping, lighthouses, and spending time with family and friends.

Besides his mother, Donald leaves his two loving daughters, Heather Yelle and



fiance Evan Towle of Dover, NH, and Melissa Yelle and husband Shane Teriele of Alcoville, NY; his sister Bonny Monkiewicz and husband Steve of Montgomery, his niece and nephew Colin and Chelsie and their families; as well as many loving extended family members and dear friends.

Funeral services for Donald will be held on Wednes-

day, Jan. 7, 2026. Visiting hours are from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home concluding with a funeral home chapel service and followed by procession to Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam for a 2 p.m. committal service with military honors. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made in Donald's memory to the Ludlow Veterans' Assistance Fund, c/o Ludlow Veterans' Services, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

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**BI-MONTHLY** 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

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great because we can use the raffle to generate funds for the library and it's a lot

of fun for the kids. We gear the basket surprises mostly towards the kids. There's a handful of adult themed surprises; it's fun for ev-

erybody! But the focus is always the children. They read the story for the kids, they have Santa come by and it's always been a really

fun event for the community. We try to get what kids like, Legos are always popular and in our meetings, we try to figure out what's go-

ing to get a lot of interest," explained De Gobbi.

From themes that focus on New England seasonal items that are more Christmas or winter themed, "We try to mix it up and appeal to more people that way," said De Gobbi.

The raffle baskets were a mix of donations from groups like the Senior Center, and others were compiled by the Friends members. When asked why residents should continue to support the libraries, De Gobbi commented that this time of year is tailored perfectly to stop by and pick up

a new book to read or attend a library event.

"The big thing for us is to go support the library, there's always a need for funding and they only get so much through the town. The local community and the people from the town have always been very generous and eager to help us. Whatever the events might be, that's always the theme and we always drum up interest in the library," ended De Gobbi.

This event was sponsored by the Friends of the Library, visit the Friends Facebook page for more.



Volunteers Andre Lopes and Sadie Leatherman were serving cookies, chocolate milk, hot cocoa, and little toys for every young patron on Thurs. evening.



Youth Services Assistant Kristin Santos with Santa and friends.



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Meg Keaton with Jackie were excited to be spending a festive evening together.

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**Friday, Jan. 2** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)  
**Saturday, Jan. 3** - Confessions - 2:30 PM (C), Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 PM (C)  
**Sunday, Jan. 4** - Daily Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C), Lifeteen - 6 PM (JR)  
**Monday, Jan. 5** - Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Faith Formation 6 PM (JR)  
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on the Town side and the school side, potentially cutting back on hours for Town offices, including Town Hall, Hubbard Memorial Library, Senior Center, and the Veteran's Center.

- Increase the trash fee.
- Bonding for the amount of the deficit.

Strange continued, "As a practical matter and our approach to the budget proposals, we would plan to create and present two different FY27 budget proposals for the board's consideration. One that assumes the override passes and one that assumes that it does not. Both budgets would be presented to the Select Board, the Finance Committee, then eventually Town meeting. In the meantime, we need to start thinking about and discussing what the Town's preferences are for staffing cuts and service reductions in the event that the override does not pass. Obviously, that's not a great report to give to people but happy to answer any questions," ended Strange with his TA report.

"My team and I are going to have to do a really good job on messaging on this, and part of that, to your point Chairperson Manuel Silva, the health insurance cost increases over \$2

million. We can only raise \$1.3 from the two and a half. Our state aid is probably going to be a 1% increase; the only place we can really make a difference is increasing in local receipts. We can probably adjust that a little bit but not enough to overcome the issue. With our splits at 78/22. The Town has to take on so much of that financial burden. \$2 million just for health insurance before we pay a contractual salary increase, utility increases, retirement assessment increases, and we can only raise \$1.3 million," explained Strange.

"The two and a half increase was for the increases throughout the year for everything, insurance and all the other things, and just the insurance is over that. That means we can't increase anything else, zero and plus, we have to find more money. And if it's each and every year, how are communities going to...it's not going to be possible. It's not possible unless the state, hopefully the legislature, is working on this," said Silva.

"It's everywhere, it's not just Ludlow, it's not just Massachusetts, it's not just municipalities, the whole system is broken. There are no good answers for it right now," said Strange.

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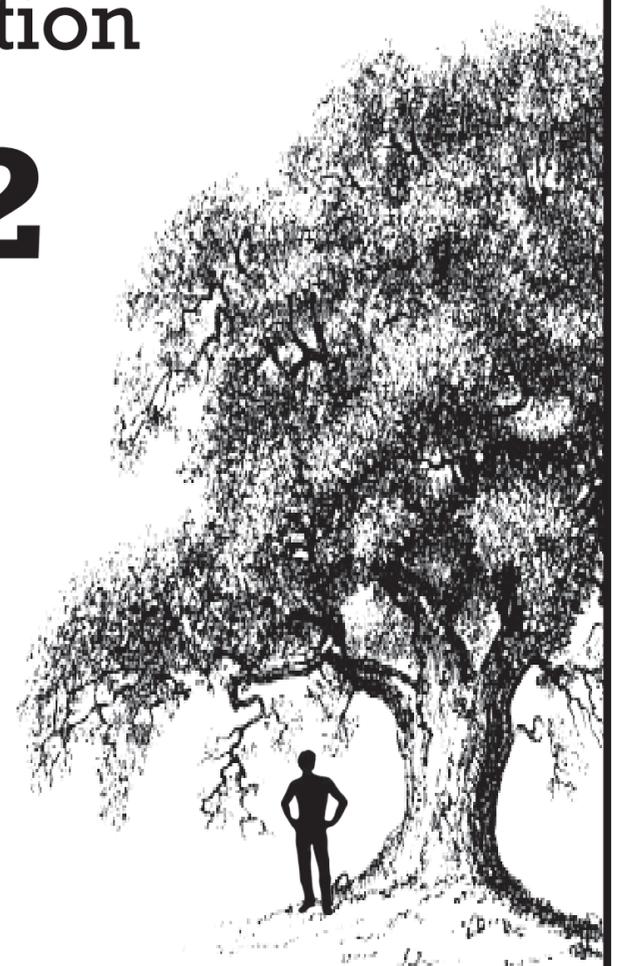
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