

## CARES Forum message aims to improve parents' listening skills

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – Compassion, awareness, listening, respect, education, secrets and safety were the key elements shared by Jon Mattleman, MS, during his presentation of “The Secret Life of a Massachusetts Teen” during the Ludlow CARES Coalition Spring Forum held Monday night inside the Ludlow High School auditorium.

Ludlow CARES Coalition President Laura Rooney welcomed the estimated crowd of 275 adults in attendance.

Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club President and CEO Jenn Aldworth introduced Mattleman. With over 30 years of experience in the counseling field, Mattleman created his own consulting firm “Youth/Family Resources,”

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Ludlow resident Jennifer Fafard (second from left) receives the Ludlow CARES Coalition “Citizen of the Year” award for 2015 during the Ludlow CARES Coalition Spring Forum held Monday night inside the Ludlow High School auditorium. Also pictured are (l-r) CARES Coalition member Deb Paixao, Youth member Emily Fafard, 12, daughter of Jennifer Fafard, and Treasurer Maxine Mazur.

## East Street Bridge closed indefinitely

By Paula Killough  
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LUDLOW – The East Street Bridge, which connects Wilbraham and Ludlow, has been closed until further notice.

The decision to close the bridge came Monday, March 23, following an inspection by Wilbraham Department of Public Work (DPW) Director Edmond Miga, Jr. He, along with inspectors from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) made the decision to close the bridge to all vehicle traffic.

According to Ludlow Director of Public Works/Town Engineer JT Gaucher, P.E., the inspection revealed damage to the bridge's abutments.

“The abutments that hold the stringers up and the deck are deteriorating,” he said. “The

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## Ludlow native continues migrant worker project

By Paula Killough  
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In a documentary called “Guest,” Ludlow native and Fulbright Fellow Lindsay Van Dyke is exploring the experiences of migrant workers from Mexico and employees and employers in the U.S. who uti-

lize the “U.S. Guestworker Program.”

According to her webpage, Van Dyke said the goal of the documentary is “to create a cross cultural understanding experienced by people on both sides of the border.”

A member of the Ludlow High School Class of 2006, Van

Dyke graduated with honors from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2011, earning a degree in sociology with a concentration in film studies. Last year, Van Dyke was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student program grant in sociology and traveled to Mexico in September to begin

work on the research project and documentary.

In the first part of her work on the “Guest” documentary, Van Dyke has been in Mexico, interviewing workers who participate in the U.S. Guestworker program, “to learn about how one of the only legal means for people in Mexico to work in the

U.S. actually functions,” she said.

Van Dyke said her research thus far has revealed that many migrant workers have had good experiences with the Guestworker program, which

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## Portable classroom eyed for Chapin Street School

By Rich Wirth  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – The School Department has placed an article on the Special Town

Meeting warrant seeking an appropriation not to exceed \$250,000 to purchase a portable classroom for Chapin Street School.

“Chapin Street is packed,” said Darlene “Dolly” Cincone, director of operations for the Ludlow Public Schools Business Office and assistant business manager. “We need this to be in place by the start of school (in September).”

Cincone said the two-room portable classroom would be sited in an open area of the parking lot near the cafeteria.

“It becomes part of the school,” she said.

“The upside is it’s not a trailer,” added Superintendent of Schools Todd H. Gazda. “It’s a real classroom.”

Worsening space issues at Chapin Street School triggered a civil rights violation upon an ongoing Coordinated Program Review conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. DESE uses the Coordinated Program Review to oversee local compliance with education requirements in the areas of Special Education, Civil Rights, English Language Education, and Title I.

Housing special education students and/or English as a Second Language learners in

non-traditional classrooms, including repurposed storage closets, or sharing traditional classroom space among said students, was found to be non-compliant under the Civil Rights category. As a result, the district was required to formulate a corrective action plan to address its space issues.

“(A portable classroom) was the most cost effective way to go about it,” Gazda said.

School Committee member Michael Kelliher agreed.

“It underscores the need for a new building and underscores that the (existing) building is being taxed at the moment,” he said.

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## B-I-N-G-O!



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Emma Sousa, 7, and Catia Chaves, 8, show off the “dog-gie” good luck charm pencils they brought to East Street School’s “Family Night,” in the hopes of becoming a “Bingo for Books” winner. For the story and additional photos, please turn to this week’s Schools section.



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**Recreation Department to host ‘Easter Egg Hunt’ April 4**

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Recreation Department will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Whitney Park. This event is held rain or shine. The Recreation Department invites all Ludlow children ages 2-8 to come and participate in this event. All children are asked to bring a basket, bag, bucket, etc., to collect their eggs. When arriving at the park, organizers ask that the children enter the clubhouse and put their name and address on an entry slip for the Easter basket drawing, which will take place

immediately following the hunt. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early, as the event begins precisely at 11:30 a.m., and it does not take long for those eggs to be found. During this waiting period, organizers ask that children not play in or around the playscape areas, as that is where some of the eggs are hidden. At the end of the hunt everyone is invited back inside the clubhouse for the drawing and refreshments. To sign up your children with name, address and age, or for more information, contact the Recreation Department at 413-583-8856.

**Cemetery holiday decorations must be removed**

LUDLOW – The Department of Public Works is asking that anyone who wishes to save their Christmas decorations at Island Pond Cemetery or any other town cemeteries must pick them up by today, Wednesday, April 1, per the regulations. Please also remove any items that are on the grass. Any items not picked up by April 1 will be removed and discarded.

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## School Committee briefs

By Rich Wirth  
Register Correspondent

### School Committee reorganizes

LUDLOW – On the heels of the March 23 Annual Town Election, which saw unchallenged incumbent School Committee member Jacob Oliveira re-elected with 877 votes, the School Committee has reorganized.

At a meeting on March 25, outgoing chairman Michael Kelliher nominated Charles “Chad” Mullin to serve as chairman and member James “Chip” Harrington to serve as vice-chairman. Harrington, in turn, nominated Patricia Gregoire to serve as secretary. All votes were unanimous.

### Club Preschool program has openings for spring and summer

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club Preschool Program has Tuesday/Thursday part-time spaces available for spring and summer 2015.

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### Committee approves 2015-16 academic calendar

LUDLOW – The School Committee last week approved a final draft of the academic calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. School will start on Wednesday, Aug. 26, and end on Thursday, June 16, with five snow days built into the calendar.

Although the Aug. 26 start date is two weeks before Labor Day, calendar-wise, it is technically just one day earlier than school started this academic year. Labor Day is exceptionally late this year, falling on Monday, Sept. 7. The board voted 4-0 to approve the calendar, with School Committee member Jacob Oliveira absent.

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Pictured (l-r) are Karen Hudyka, Arlene Desforges, mother of the late U.S. Marine Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges, and Dana Madera, organizer of the fourth annual “Scrapbooking for Scholarships” fundraiser held last Saturday, March 28. The fundraiser saw a record-breaking turnout of roughly 60 attendees.



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A 2015 t-shirt bearing a photo of the late U.S. Marine Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges is displayed at the “Scrapbooking for Scholarships” fundraiser held at the Polish American Citizens Club. Proceeds from t-shirt sales and tumblers, as well as the annual “Fitness Challenge” event, are combined with donations and profits from the scrapbooking event to fund the U.S. Marine Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges Memorial Scholarship Fund. Last year, the fund gave out \$20,000 in scholarships to Ludlow High School students.



Many attendees of the all-day event, which was divided into two sessions and featured numerous raffle prizes, chose to stay for both sessions. Pictured (l-r, back to front) are Dotty Canavan, Suzanne Hangasky, Roxanne Hicks and Ferne Garceau. The four women regularly scrapbook and say they love the social aspect of the fundraiser.



Attendees of the “Scrapbooking for Scholarships” fundraiser work on projects with a scrapbooking vendor during one of the day’s many presentations. Vendors at the event included Kiwi Lane Designs, Willowberry Designs, Legacy Republic, Creative Memories and Close to My Heart.



Working on scrapbooks for the third year are (l-r) Sherry Burns, Chris Blair and Emily Marchacos. The three friends believe that “Scrapbooking for Scholarships” is not only a great cause, but a good excuse to haul out all of their scrapbooking materials for an entire day.

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## Community Center to host ‘Hip-Hop In-the-Dark’

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club is offering “Hip-Hop In-the-Dark” for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in four class sessions to be held on Thursdays from 7:15-8 p.m. from April 9-30.

“Hip-Hop In-the-Dark” is a fun, high-energy cardio hip-hop dance party workout! This class will have you dancing, moving and shaking in the dark with flashing strobe lights and glow sticks. You will learn fun dance combinations while getting a great workout! This class is appropriate for all fitness levels and requires no prior dance experience.

Register for Hip-Hop classes at the club’s membership desk. Classes are free for fitness members. Non-members may attend for \$12 for this four-class session or drop-in for \$3 per class. Space is limited, so sign up early! Drop-ins allowed only if space is available.

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club is located at 91 Claudia’s Way in Ludlow.

For additional information, please contact Fitness & Wellness Director Donna Boydston at [dboydston@ludlow-bgc.org](mailto:dboydston@ludlow-bgc.org) or 413-583-2072, ext. 212 or visit [www.ludlowbgc.org](http://www.ludlowbgc.org).

## Region

### STCC to offer free MCAS preparatory class in April

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), in partnership with Future Works, will once again offer free Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) preparatory classes to students from the class of 2003-2016 who did not pass the MCAS test in biology.

The “Pathways to Success” program is made possible by an \$80,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

“The program is for those who need academic remediation to pass the MCAS, obtain a high school diploma, obtain employment, and transition to post-secondary education,” said STCC Director of Returning Adult Services Sue Soffen.

The next “Pathways to Success” session will begin Thursday, April 2, and run through May 28. Classes will be held at STCC in the Adult Education Center (Building 27) from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. All classes and curriculum materials are free for students enrolled in the “Pathways to Success” program.

Those interested in enrolling in the program should visit the STCC Adult Education Center in Building 27 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For additional information, please call 413-755-4300.



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## LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER

### EVENTS

• **Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m.** – Decorating Meeting. It’s time to plan for the upcoming events and how to decorate for them. If you would like to help us, come to the meeting.

• **Tuesday, April 7, at 2:30 p.m.** – Evening Movie “Olive Kitteridge,” starring Frances McDormand and Richard Jenkins (not rated; 233 minutes). Since this movie is so long we are going to be starting it earlier and taking an intermission break. Check out the Ludlow Senior Center Facebook page to see the trailer.

• **Thursday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m.** – State Sen. Eric Lesser Office Hours. Sen. Lesser’s District Director Mary Lee Walsh will be conducting office hours and is eager to hear from Ludlow residents. She will be at the Senior Center the second Thursday of every month.

### Weekly lunch menu


**Monday, April 6**  
Chicken Louisa  
**Tuesday, April 7**  
Ham & Cheese Frittata  
**Wednesday, April 8**  
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**Thursday, April 9**  
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# Indian Orchard

## A ‘monumental’ fundraiser . . .



(L-R) Indian Orchard American Legion Post 277 Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Seiffert receives a House citation from State Rep. Thomas Petrolati (D – Ludlow). Petrolati commended Seiffert and her fellow Auxiliary members for the hard work and dedication they show to the Indian Orchard community. “I am honored and very touched to receive this citation from Representative Petrolati,” said Seiffert.



(L-R) Ludlow resident Nancy Richter and her daughter Elizabeth, 8, share a laugh during the “I.O. Godfrey Triangle Project” fundraiser, held at the Indian Orchard American Legion Post 277 and hosted by the American Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. The fundraiser, held Saturday, March 28, raised close to \$1,000 to fund the project.



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(L-R) Taylor Neveu, 12, Nicole Breslin, 12, Juliette Theriault, 13, Nicole Audet, 11, and Megan Lyonnaise, 11, members of Ludlow Girl Scout Troop 11139, decorate the Indian Orchard American Legion Post 277 banquet hall prior to the “I.O. Godfrey Triangle Project” fundraiser, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, March 28. The project is a collaborative effort by the I.O. American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Indian Orchard Citizens Council and the City of Springfield Parks & Recreation Department. The project’s goal is to beautify the Godfrey Triangle land, restore the World War I monument and replace the eagle that sat atop the monument.



Pictured are (l-r) Indian Orchard American Legion Post 277 Cdr. Dennis Harkins, of Springfield, American Legion Post 277 Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Vice-President Belinda Comette, of Enfield, Conn., Springfield City Councilor Orlando Ramos, of Springfield, and American Legion Post 277 Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Seiffert, of Springfield. “I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success,” said Seiffert. “I would especially like to thank everyone who took the time to attend this worthy event.”



(L-R) Lance Mills, of Fairlee, Vt., and Buddy St. Jacques, Jeff Braz and Ray Zorin, all of Ludlow, entertain the crowd gathered at the Indian Orchard American Legion Post 277 Ladies Auxiliary’s “I.O. Godfrey Triangle” fundraiser. A total of 12 musicians entertained the estimated crowd of 100 at the fundraising event.



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## Fenton, Welch to speak at Council meeting April 8

INDIAN ORCHARD – Springfield City Council President Michael Fenton and Sen. James Welch will be guest speakers at the Indian Orchard Citizen’s Council meeting set for Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

Prior to that, Jesse Lederman, a candidate for the Springfield City Council, will make a presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dan Desare will attend the meeting to request a change of license from Nick’s Auto Body to Collision Plus.

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council meets at Myrtle Street Park, 117 Main St., Indian Orchard.



# BRIDGE

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concrete is deteriorating to the point where it is crumbling, and chunks of concrete are falling onto the riverbank.”

The bridge was narrowed to one lane of traffic in May 2014 following an inspection by MassDOT, which found damage on the backwall and seat on the east abutment. This produced scaling that undermined the bearings of beams one and six, according to inspectors. Reducing the bridge to one lane took half of the total weight off the bridge to decrease stress on support structures.

At that time, Miga and former Ludlow town Engineer Paul Dzubeck filed a “Critical Deficiency Activity” report with the DOT saying they need “immediate corrective action” to speed up repairs.

Gaucher said that a design for improvements has been in the works for quite some time.

“Over the last six years, the towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham have been participating and paying for a design for the improvements for upgrading the bridge, and in 2012, the state took over the design to complete it, and it is now at 90 percent designed,” he said.



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**The badly damaged East Street Bridge connecting Wilbraham and Ludlow, reduced to one lane in 2014, has been closed indefinitely.**

“Funding was pulled for that, and there is still some effort left in finishing the design.”

“We have been in contact with the design consultant

who was working on it, and he is looking to upgrade the design costs to resubmit to the state for them to consider funding and completing the design,” Gaucher continued. “Once the design is done, the state would take over and finish the improvements to get the bridge back to 100 percent.”

Gaucher said there is no timeline in place for the bridge reopening. Both he and Miga have been in contact with state officials – State Rep. Thomas Petrolati (D – Ludlow) and State Sen. Eric Lesser (D – Longmeadow) – for their assistance in expediting the process with MassDOT and working to secure funding for the bridge in the upcoming Transportation Bond Bill. According to 2013 estimates, the cost to repair the bridge is just over \$1 million.

East Street Bridge lies about 500 feet below Red Bridge, which closed for reconstruction in 2009 and reopened in 2010. It was constructed in 1937 and passes over water received from the hydro dam of the Chicopee River. The bridge was rehabbed in 1985.

*Editor’s Note: Wilbraham-Hampden Times Staff Writer Tyler Witkop contributed to this report.*

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# Viewpoints



## Long story short

By Paula Killough



### A reminder from Ludlow Police Department

Ludlow Police Officer Jerome Mayou wants to remind residents about programs that are currently offered in Ludlow for the safe disposal of unwanted or unneeded prescription medication and syringes.



Thanks to a grant provided by CVS/pharmacy, in conjunction with the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, the Ludlow Police Department, located at 612 Chapin St., now has a “Drug Collection Unit” located in the lobby. Residents can dispose of their unneeded and/or expired prescription medication at the Ludlow Police Department – anytime, day or night, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

This unit replaces the “Prescription Drug Take Back” program.

All prescription drugs can be deposited in the unit free of charge. To remain anonymous, participants can remove, erase or cover prescription labels. Medications that will not be accepted include liquids and inhalers.

Syringes cannot be disposed of in the “Drug Collection Unit”; however, the Ludlow Board of Health does provide residents with a safe way to dispose of needles, syringes and lancets, referred to as “sharps.”

The Board of Health provides “sharps” containers in multiple sizes. The first quart-size container is provided free of charge. After that, the quart size costs \$5 each. Other sizes are available, including a 1 gallon size for \$10, and larger size are available by special order. Once the sharps container is full, it can be returned to the Board of Health for safe disposal for the same purchase fee.

In July of 2012, a statewide ban went into effect making it illegal to discard needles, syringes and lancets in household trash. The law was designed to reduce the spread of HIV and other infectious diseases and to protect solid waste collection employees. Penalties can include loss of trash collection service indefinitely.

### Be part of the ‘Brick Campaign’

Becca Gauvin, a member of the Ludlow Athletics FIT (Facility Improvement Team) program, also wants to offer a reminder to residents to participate in the “Brick Campaign.” The FIT program is hosting the campaign to raise funds to improve Ludlow’s athletic fields, which are not only utilized by current high school teams, but community members as well. The project includes a plan to build a brick walkway around the lion at the Ludlow High School athletics complex.

Purchase a brick for \$100, and you will have your name added to the “Pride Walk,” or your engraving can “honor a person, family, business or team.” The 4-inch x 8-inch bricks includes space for three lines of 16 characters.

To purchase a brick, go to <http://www.bricksrus.com/order/lhsfit> or for more information, email Ludlow High School Athletics Director Tim Brillo at [t\\_brillo@ludlowps.org](mailto:t_brillo@ludlowps.org).

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## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you, thank you!

Once again words cannot describe the appreciation we have for the continued support and involvement from family, friends and the community in keeping Josh’s memory alive. The funding of the Sgt. Joshua Desforges Scholarship Fund through amazing events and generous contributions continues to comfort us in that he and those like him will always be remembered. The idea of this fund provides hope and possibility that other local young people will challenge opportunity and pursue their passion.

The Fifth Annual Fitness Challenge once again was a great success due to so many people. To date the challenge and purchases of t-shirts have raised close to \$10,000. We would personally like to thank everyone who made this happen.

Special thanks to Tom and Kathleen Cote and Maureen and Richard Cotti; LHS Vice Principal Mike Halpin; LHS teacher Charlie Cangemi; the Marines in attendance from Westover and the Springfield recruiters office; Joy’s, Randall’s, Pop ‘n’ Kork, Our Town Variety and all the Ludlow Public Schools and Central Office for selling t-shirts; the participants and their efforts in raising money; the spectators; adult and student volunteers; LHS choir; master of ceremonies Rebecca Mathisen; LPS Instructional Technology Specialist Anne Marie Corrieri;

Mary Lee Walsh from the office of State Sen. Erik P. Lesser for the State Senate’s citation presentation and anyone else who participated in any way to make this event such a success!

The Fourth Annual Scrapbooking for Scholarships also proved to be a huge success due to many people. A very special thanks goes to Dana and Paul Madera for their tireless efforts in making this happen. Special thanks to the Ludlow Polish American Citizens Club for their generous donation year after year; the attending creative scrapbookers; Oscar’s Pizza for their continued donation; John Diotalevi for his time and contributions; the attending vendors; all those who donated so many awesome raffle prizes; Joe and Sue Crowley for their generous grand prize donation of four Boston Red Sox tickets and anyone else who assisted in making this event another great success!

Both of these outstanding events bring many people together for a variety of reasons. Whatever your reason, the solidarity of each is incredible to experience.

We are greatly appreciative for the continued support in keeping Josh’s memory alive and helping to provide opportunity to other local students.

**The Desforges Family**  
*Ludlow*

### Thank you for voting

I would like to send out a “Thank You” to all those who turned out to vote on March 23. I understand that it would have been easier to stay at home and fully appreciate those who voted for taking the time out of their busy lives to be part of our Town’s election

process.  
Again, “Thank You.”

**Elsa Barros**  
**Town Treasurer**  
*Ludlow*

## Guest Column



### Are Easter eggs to dye for?

By Joan E. B. Coombs



It’s not a far-fetched fact that families will be hard-boiling dozens of eggs preparing for springtime events and the upcoming Easter holiday! Will Easter egg decorating kits fly off store shelves? Then will “farm-ous” chicken eggs become Easter eggs to dye for?

During these rainy, dismal days of early spring, it’s so inspiring to see bright, vibrant or pastel eggs dangling from gray barren tree branches! And this traditional European, Holy Week custom appears to be spreading its decorative blossoms nationally!

Extra-citing “Easter Egg Hunts” for chil-

dren, hosted by community clubs, schools or civic groups, give area youth and parents opportunities for fun-filled times with treats and prizes. Church halls or grounds can be places for short-distance “Egg Roll Events” with Easter-themed activities and times to teach faith-based insights.

Globally, countries share facts, traditions and legends revolving around the first signs of spring. Easter egg-coloring customs transcend centuries, representing the new season’s change, new birth and new life.

Amazingly, European cultures have created priceless legacies of unique, highly artistic, painted Easter eggs. The “Pisanka” is a brilliant, intricate Polish design that uses a wax resist process for decorating eggs. Another widespread tradition among the European

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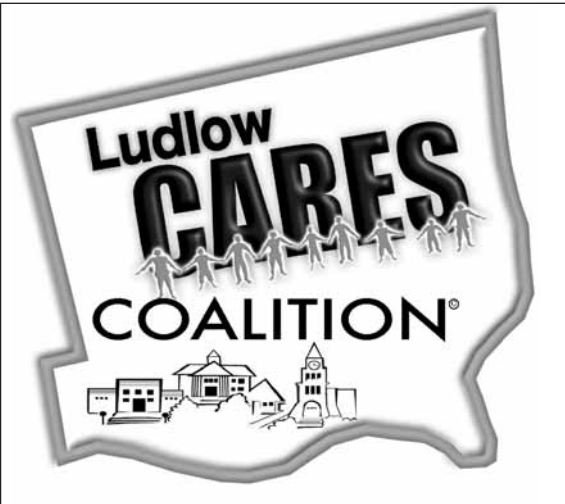


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# A Look Back at 2013



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(L-R) Ludlow resident MaryBeth Silva dons her "Easter Bonnet" for the 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hubbard Memorial Library on March 30, 2013. Pictured with Silva is her son, Isaac Molter, 13. Both volunteered for the hunt.

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which offers a range of services to youth, parents and families.

Mattleman, who also serves as director of Youth Services in Needham, informed the crowd that his areas of expertise include innovative and effective parenting strategies, depression in children and teens and suicide prevention and intervention.

Mattleman asked adults in attendance the following questions – "Do you know what teens are really thinking?" "How can we better support our teens?" "Why don't they share their fears?" and "How can we become better parents?" He offered parents new ways to understand and engage their teens, providing strategies that could be implemented immediately.

Mattleman said children keep secrets because they do not want to disappoint their parents, so it is important to listen to what they have to say.

Mattleman encouraged those in attendance to contact him via email at [jon-mattleman@gmail.com](mailto:jon-mattleman@gmail.com) to assist them in the future.

"Tonight was awesome. I learned a great deal from the information he shared with us tonight," said Ludlow resident Fernanda Silva. "I have a 20-year-old and twin 15-year-olds, so I certainly identified with what he spoke of. I plan to use some of the suggestions he gave tonight with my children."

Ananda Lennox said she attended the program for both professional and personal reasons. Lennox, who serves as a youth engagement coordinator for the



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**Jon Mattleman, MS, presents "The Secret Life of a Massachusetts Teen" to a crowd estimated at 275, during the Ludlow CARES Forum held Monday night inside the Ludlow High School auditorium.**

Northampton Prevention Coalition, was told about the program by her director, Karen Jarvis-Vance, who suggested she may want to attend to bring back ideas to be utilized in their program.

"On a personal note, my son Griffin is 10 years old, so knowing the secret life of a teenager is very important to me," said Lennox.

At the conclusion of Mattleman's presentation, Ludlow CARES Coalition Board of Directors member Deb Paixao, Treasurer Maxine Mazur and Youth member Emily Fafard presented Ludlow

resident and Ludlow CARES Coalition member Jennifer Fafard with the "2015 Citizen of the Year" award.

Fafard was recognized for introducing coalition members and the Ludlow community to "Red Ribbon Week," which has become one of the most recognized achievements of the CARES Coalition. As part of "Red Ribbon Week" activities, themes that included "The Best Me is Drug Free," "Love Yourself Drug Free" and "A Healthy Me is Drug Free" were presented to Ludlow youth.

"We are privileged to have Jen as part of our CARES team, and we are grateful for her courage to step out and bring the message of Red Ribbon Week to Ludlow," said Paixao.

Fafard, who is an intelligence analyst for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the Springfield office, said it was an honor to receive the award and thanked the CARES Coalition for recognizing her.

"I would like to give credit to everyone in the coalition, the schools for all they do, and all the other groups who assist us in some way," said Fafard. "Tonight's program will serve the Town of Ludlow well, as it addressed the challenges both our children and parents need to hear and face."

Ludlow Police Chief Paul Madera concluded the forum by thanking everyone in attendance, congratulating the CARES Coalition for sponsoring a successful program and thanking Mattleman for presenting a powerful and informative presentation.

"I believe it is important to address mental health issues along with sub-

stance abuse issues, as they both go hand-in hand," said Madera. "The program tonight helps parents deal with issues that seem to be at the forefront with our children. This was a positive event that supports both parents and their children."

As part of the forum, information booths were set up at the auditorium entrance, which included representatives from the Michael J. Dias Foundation, whose mission is to aid and educate individuals and families on substance abuse, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, which offers healthy youth programs, and Project Purple, a non-profit national anti-substance abuse initiative set up by former professional basketball player Chris Herren. According to Rooney, the CARES Coalition was pleased to have the groups present at the forum and gave kudos to Paul R. Baird Middle School Health teacher Deb Casagrande for obtaining a grant from Project Purple, which allowed it to be an important component of the CARES Coalition.

Rooney thanked Mattleman for his informative presentation and everyone who helped make the program a success. She invited everyone to attend CARES Coalition meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club or Paul R. Baird Middle School.

For more information about the Ludlow CARES Coalition, email [ludlowcares@gmail.com](mailto:ludlowcares@gmail.com).

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countries is Holy Saturday, also known as a "Day of Reflection," when blessings are given on colorful eggs and food-filled, decorated baskets.

Historically, centuries of Middle East Christians dyed eggs red, representing the blood that Christ shed during his crucifixion. The hard eggshell depicted the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represented Jesus' resurrection, and believers had eternal life. Cultural traditions show that each dye color, design or word had spiritual significance. Although these customs span centuries, in many world areas they live on as legacies.

Interestingly, the Roman ritual for food, published in 1610, included an "Easter Blessings of Food." Along with roasted lamb, baked bread and

fresh produce, there was a blessing for eggs, an all-important, integral food of that era: "Lord, let the grace of your blessing come upon these eggs, that they be healthful food for your faithful who eat them in thanksgiving for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever."

Yes, throughout centuries and across many cultures, Easter eggs are to dye for!

Reassuringly, as cultures surround, and as new customs abound, enjoy the sights, sounds and significance of your Easter heritage with family and friends. Inhale a fresh-air breath of spring, and take time to remember "The Reason in this Season."

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People

Student-designed products to hit Goodwill Industries shelves

SPRINGFIELD – Teams of Western New England University entrepreneurship students from the Colleges of Business and Engineering are developing products that will be manufactured by Goodwill clients at their Cottage Street manufacturing facility.

A great design for a good cause was the impetus for several new products developed by students in the cross-disciplinary Product Innovation and Development course.

This spring, the first of these projects, the Chewy Dog Toy, will hit store shelves throughout the region and be sold online. The majority of the proceeds will go toward hiring more Goodwill employees.

“This idea came out of a collaborative effort,” explained team leader and engineering senior Matthew Roberts. “My team has eight students, four each from the Colleges of Business and Engineering. We brainstormed, met with Goodwill managers, did some market research and testing, and we determined these chewy dog toys were a viable product.”



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Pictured are (standing )Ben Marotte of Springfield, Van Nguyen, of Woodbridge Conn., Josh Cabili, of North Billerica, Brian McLaughlin, of Kingston, and Joe Vitorino, of Ludlow and (sitting) Matthew Roberts (center) of South Windsor, Conn., and three Goodwill clients. Students at Western New England University are developing products to be manufactured by Goodwill clients. Not pictured are students Anthony Wong, of Westfield, and Hugo Man, of La Celle Saint-Cloud, France.

“The students from Western New England have found a really creative way to recycle some of our donations that can’t be sold in the thrift stores,” said Emily Bastia of Goodwill Industries. “It’s helping Goodwill to sell its own products from recycled materials, and in the process, creating employment opportunities for our clients.”

Three more products – a tote bag, specialty coasters made from old record albums, and Goodlets, small leather bracelets made from recycled belts, may soon follow.

“Goodwill has always been a leader in creating opportunities for their clients who are people in our community having difficulty finding employment,” said Dr. Glenn Vallee, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering. “The students worked with the Goodwill staff to research and develop products made entirely from recycled materials. The t-shirts used to make these dog toys were all donated by the public, and Goodwill often has to pay to dispose of the shirts they can’t sell. The dog toys will be produced by the Goodwill clients.”

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offers two types of work VISAs – H-2A, provided to migrants who work in the agricultural industry, and H-2B, which employs foreign workers in primarily the construction, hotel service and landscaping industries. While some migrant workers have enjoyed good experiences through the program, Van Dyke said she has also discovered that the program is

“rife with fraud.”

“I have interviewed other workers who have been subjected to schemes from labor recruiters here and often pay very high amounts for jobs and VISAs that don’t exist,” she said.

According to her webpage, Van Dyke said the documentary will also reveal how migrants find out about work in the U.S., discuss wages, explore why U.S. employers participate in the Guestworker program, show how American workers are affected, if at



Turley Publications submitted photos

Filmmaker and Director Lindsay Van Dyke, of Ludlow, conducts an interview in Morelos, Mexico, for her documentary titled “Guest,” which explores the impact of the U.S. Guestworker Program on Mexican migrant workers and employees and employers in the United States.

all, along with how the Guestworker program addresses gender issues, and more.

When Van Dyke returns to the U.S. in June, she will begin production on the other part the documentary, interviewing U.S. employees and employers in Guestworker industries.

On her webpage, Van Dyke states, “The film will look at the experience of an American worker who has worked in the same industry as a Guestworker and the reasons behind why employers use the system in the first place,” she said. “Then I will bring the film full circle by bringing an American family I meet with me back to Mexico to be ‘guests’ here and to see what the country, and the people, are really like for themselves.”

Van Dyke said she hopes the film will have an impact on U.S. policy-makers to produce a legal system “that can benefit people on both sides of the border.”

While the Fulbright grant has covered Van Dyke’s basic living expenses and



Ludlow native and Fulbright Fellow Lindsay Van Dyke is seeking funds to continue work on her documentary film “Guest.” With only one week remaining in her Kickstarter campaign, donations can be made by going to <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/levandyke/guest-a-new-film-about-the-guestworker-program>.

initial production of the film, she said she hopes to raise \$7,000 to complete filming in Mexico. To that end, Van Dyke has launched a Kickstarter campaign to accept donations to fund equipment rental, travel, food lodging, labor costs for the production crew, translation services, editing and sound mixing and Kickstarter charges. To date, the Kickstarter campaign has raised \$3,409.

With only one week remaining in the Kickstarter campaign, donations can be made by going to <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/levandyke/guest-a-new-film-about-the-guestworker-program>.

“If I raise the money, I finish filming here in Mexico,” said Van Dyke.

“If I don’t raise the money, I won’t have the funds to do it and will have to look for other ways to get funding.”

To view the film’s progress, go to <https://www.facebook.com/Guest-film?ref=bookmarks> or <https://twitter.com/Guestfilm>. To view a trailer of “Guest,” go to <https://vimeo.com/122574974>.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Hair on the head

5. Cirques

9. Thai (var.)

12. S. China seaport

13. Swiss river

14. Unstressed-stressed

15. Beginner Dr. Suess book

18. Begetter

19. Singer \_\_\_ Lo Green

20. Shaded promenades

21. Not wet

22. Grow weary

23. Philippine Island or it’s seaport

25. Teeter-totter

28. Not alive

30. Golf scores

31. Tap gently

33. Ancient ointment

34. Constitution Hall org.

35. Icelandic poems

36. Citrus drink suffix

37. Detailed design

criteria

39. Dignified manner

40. New York island

42. Clods

44. Camera optic

45. Add sound into a film

46. Ringworm

48. Tablet

49. Defense

Department

52. 3rd “Star Wars” film

56. Raincoats

57. Restaurant

58. Head fronts

59. Burn residue

60. Immature newt

61. After ones

**CLUES DOWN**

1. “Dragon Tattoo” actress

2. Received an A grade

3. No (Scottish)

4. Very long period of time

5. Crafty & shrewd

6. Hourly payment for services

7. Married woman

8. More disreputable

9. F. Lamas’ 3rd wife

Arlene

10. 11-23-14 awards show

11. Big Blue

12. Million gallons per day (abbr.)

14. Runs out of gear

16. Beige

17. Nostrils

21. Unit of loudness

22. Czar

23. Insert mark

24. Doctor of Education

26. \_\_\_ Adaba

27. Walk with your feet in water

28. Genetic information carrier

29. Great St. Louis bridge builder

30. Political action committee

32. Cast out

34. Cub Scout groups

35. Voltage

37. Guide

38. Self-mortification

41. Alder genus

42. Awadh

43. Blood type

45. Meeting arranged

46. Green, black and oolong

47. It causes scratching

48. Slang saying of disbelief

49. Art \_\_\_, 1920’s design

50. Lyrics

51. Show disrespect to

52. Returned material authorization, abbr.

53. Clod or lummo

54. Computerized money movement

55. Mandible & maxilla



# Schools

## East Street School hosts ‘Family Night’

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – East Street School students and family members who attended East Street School’s “Family Night” were encouraged to try their luck at “Bingo for Books,” one of the many activities that were a part of the evening’s festivities.

According to Ludlow Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) President and Family Night coordinator Sara Sweeney, an estimated crowd of 250 people were in attendance at the event, held at the school on Thursday, March 19. Sweeney said although the PTO sponsored Family Night, they were assisted by Principal Tom Welch, East Street School teachers and student volunteers from Veterans Park, Paul R. Baird Middle and Ludlow High schools.

Sweeney said the PTO loves helping with family events, as it is a great way to get families to interact with the students and with school faculty.

“We enjoy inviting everyone into our learning community, and we are excited to see all our students and their family members enjoying themselves tonight,” added Welch. “I appreciate the PTO volunteers and our staff who generously gave their time to serve as volunteers tonight.”

Over 300 books were purchased, which were awarded to children who won a “Bingo for Books” game. Sweeney added that once the game concluded, those in attendance who were not winners, were encouraged to select a book.

“Partnering the Book Fair with Bingo for Books helps promote reading, and it helps benefit the schools through the scholastic dollars we earn,” said



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**East Street School first-grader Kacie Klimek, 6 1/2, (at right) makes a “Book Fair” purchase from East Street School “Family Night” volunteers (l-r) Mia Thompson, 9, Morgan Ingram, 16, Jacob DeSantis, 17, and Kyra Sweeney, 9.**

acter in the popular children’s book and children’s show by Judith Byron Schachner, and books “Everything Rocks & Minerals” by Steve Tomecek, “Safari Babies” by Joan Emerson and ‘Haunted Museum – the Phantom Music” by Suzanne Weyn.

“I am happy my mom got me everything,” said Klimek. “Especially the ‘Haunted Museum’ book. I like spooky books.”

Attendees were invited to stop by the gym where they could participate in fun games, such as Twister, Connect 4, Limbo and a number of bag toss games. Attendees were offered tortilla chips and samples of “Casa De Jorge Salsa.” From now through April 3, the PTO will be hosting a salsa and flowering bulb fundraiser, with salsa flavors that include Raspberry Mild, Pineapple Mild, Roasted Garlic & Olives, Smoky Chipotle Hot Salsa, and much more. The cost of a 12-ounce jar of salsa is \$7. Bulb offerings will include hosta, tiger lily, bleeding heart, and much more. The cost of bulbs are \$8.

“The PTO would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time, and we want to thank the students and family members attending Family Night,” said



**East Street School Principal Tom Welch calls out “Bingo for Books” numbers during the school’s “Family Night,” held on Thursday, March 19**

Sweeney. “It was a fun night for all.”

Sweeney encourages all parents or guardians to join the PTO.

“Even if you work nights, we have plenty of activities held during the day that need your help,” she said.

For more information, follow them on Facebook by entering Ludlow Elementary School PTO or contact Sara Sweeney at 413-297-2155 or via email at [sweeneyfam2@aol.com](mailto:sweeneyfam2@aol.com). Anyone with questions or wishing to make a salsa and/or bulb purchase is encouraged to contact Natalina Tulik at 413-530-5966 or via email at [ntulik@aol.com](mailto:ntulik@aol.com)

## Robotics team charged up for the future

Took lessons from losses at state championship

By Douglas Farmer  
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**Senior Duane Pelchat of Ludlow (left) examines the team’s robot along with team captain Todd Morehouse of Granby.**

PALMER – The disappointment was palpable among “Team Immortalis,” the F.I.R.S.T. Tech Challenge robotics team from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer after advancing to the state championship in Natick before being eliminated at the end February. But the electricity was still in the air as graduating seniors, as well as juniors who will be taking over the team next year, reflected on the experience.

Graduating seniors on the team included Todd Morehouse, of Granby (team captain), Thomas Manning, of Palmer, Ryan Miga, of Palmer, Jacob Smart, of Ware, and Duane Pelchat, of Ludlow. According to electronics instructor Francis Legassey, the group has been asked to put together a letter to the younger students to share some of their knowledge in the design and preparation of the team’s robot for future competitions.

He noted that the team had “demolished” their competitors in the league contest held at Marlborough High

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**Makayla Carney, 5, a first-grader at East Street School, plays “Bean Bag Toss.”**

Sweeney.

East Street first-grader Kacie Klimek, 6 1/2, enjoyed making several purchases at the Book Fair, including “Skippyjon Jones,” a stuffed dog who is a main char-



**(L-R) East Street School kindergarten teacher Heidi Arsenault and Ludlow Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) President Sara Sweeney put out over 300 books on display during the school’s “Family Night,” held Thursday, March 19. The books were given as prizes to the “Bingo for Books” winners.**

## Messer named to honor roll at MacDuffie School

GRANBY – Dale Messer, of Ludlow, has been named to the Honor Roll at MacDuffie School.

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# Baird students win ‘Honorable Mention’ in C-SPAN StudentCam Competition

By Caroline Funchion  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – Continuing a streak of placing in both state and national competition, Paul R. Baird Middle School eighth-graders Xavier Lamas, Arda Ibas and Camden Blackburn won “Honorable Mention” in C-SPAN’s national 2015 StudentCam competition.

“I couldn’t be more proud,” said Principal Joseph Langone. “Great things are happening at Baird Middle School! This is sort of the frosting on the cake.”

The C-SPAN competition requires middle school students to create a five- to seven-minute video in a documentary form on a national policy issue.

When English teacher Michelle D’Amore and history teacher Laura O’Keefe mentioned the program to Langone, he was both excited and concerned about the project.

“I was thrilled, but in sort of a guarded way,” he said. “The administrator always thinks to himself, ‘Hmmm...I wonder if they bit off more than they can chew.’ Clearly, clearly, they proved me wrong. I’m just astounded at the quantity and quality that everyone put in, really astounding.”

From start to finish, the C-SPAN StudentCam project took six-weeks to complete. Students and teachers had to work together to get the videos ready for the submission deadline.

“It was an interdisciplinary and collaborative project that we worked on in both history class and their ELA class, English Language Arts,” explained O’Keefe. “And we also worked with our librarian, Jordan Funke. We had a team support person Diane Ogorzalek, and Beth Jarzabek who teaches an English class...so it was really very collaborative.”

Lamas, Ibas and Blackburn teamed up and decided to do their C-SPAN project on the controversial topic “Common Core” State Standards Initiative.

“We felt like it was affecting us,” said. Ibas. “We thought it would be a good topic to choose.”

In the video, the students interviewed Langone, Ludlow Superintendent Todd Gazda, former School Committee Chairman Michael Kelliher and School Committee member James “Chip” Harrington, and Barbara Madeloni, president



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(L-R) Paul R. Baird Middle School Principal Joseph Langone congratulates eighth-graders Arda Ibas, Xavier Lamas and Camden Blackburn, for winning Honorable Mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam Competition for their short video on Common Core.

of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

“From a speaking and listening point of view, I was deeply impressed by the depth of the questions they asked me...very deep and insightful at a level I didn’t expect,” said Langone. “They generated them from their own priorities and own interests.”

Lamas explained the filming and editing process.

“We used just normal cameras to videotape, and then downloaded them to Google and then WeVideo and edited on there,” he said.

When interviews were completed, students began piecing together their videos with assistance from Funke.

“There were definitely a lot of technology or style lessons embedded in the project...a lot of film maker skills,” noted Funke. “I had to buy some things...a tripod and recorder.

Funke said that in planning for next year she will be

more prepared with additional equipment that will greater enhance student video productions.

Available technology gives students and teachers the ability to process and showcase what they are learning in new and creative ways, she said.

“Before the internet, teachers were the holders of knowledge, and they had to pass that knowledge on to students, but now all that information is out there,” said Funke. “So if the teacher can just frame the right experience and put it at the right level and ask them good questions, then the students can go find that stuff, and the teachers can help them filter it out. We live in a culture now, a sharing culture; you don’t just learn things, but you have to give it back to the world.”

C-SPAN received 2,280 video submissions from about 5,000 students in 45 states, which were judged by a panel of C-SPAN educational representatives. Lamas, Ibas, and Blackburn were among 97 other students who earned Honorable Mention. On Tuesday, May 12, a C-SPAN Media Bus will stop at Baird to present the students with a \$250 check for their achievement.

Winning Honorable Mention for a first try in the C-SPAN StudentCam was a great accomplishment.

“It felt really good,” Lamas said.

“It was stressful at the end because we were trying to make that deadline,” said O’Keefe, who added that all the hard work paid off.

“There’s nothing that I can say that is going to add to the amazing work that the kids did,” said Langone. “Any time kids have the opportunity to interact personally with content, it’s immediately more meaningful. The fact that we were as successful as we were doesn’t come as any surprise to me because the kids were dealing with a meaningful exercise in terms of their own priorities, their own interests, their own abilities, their own capacity to take on new learning and technology.”

The film is available for viewing on the Baird website under “Latest News/Highlights” at <http://baird-middle.ma.lsm.schoolinsites.com>.



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In February, selectmen and the School Committee members authorized Gazda to resubmit statements of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) seeking a state reimbursement for a new elementary school. The MSBA reimburses communities a percentage (between 50 and 80 percent) of eligible project costs. Town officials were informed back in December that Chapin Street and Veterans Park schools were not invited to enter the MSBA's eligibility phase at this time.

Gazda said the size of both schools is no longer sufficient to meet the needs of today's students. The condition of the buildings, which were built in 1959 and 1966, respectively, is such that renovation would not be fiscally responsible.

Gazda said he would favor razing Chapin Street School and building a combined grades 2-5 school in the athletic fields behind it. The realization of that project is about five years out, he added.

Cincone said the Special Town Meeting appropriation, if approved, would cover all costs associated with the portable classroom, including engineering work and site prep.

“Hopefully, we’re going to turn money back (to the town),” she said.



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# PTO b-ball game raises \$1,978 for PTO programs



A group of Ludlow elementary students cheer on teachers and parents at the "Teacher/Parent Basketball Game," hosted by the Ludlow Elementary Parent/Teacher (PTO).



Pictured is the Ludlow Elementary School teachers basketball team that competed against Ludlow Elementary School parents. They are joined by referee Pete Leonczyk (at right). The fundraiser was held at the Ludlow High School gym on Friday, March 27.

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

**LUDLOW** – It was parents against teachers at the Ludlow Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) "Teacher/Parent Basketball Game" held last Friday, March 27, inside the Ludlow High School gym.

When the game came to an end, teachers beat parents 41 to 34, but both teams were considered winners, bringing in a crowd of nearly 375 people and raising close to \$1,978. Proceeds will benefit the many programs and activities hosted by the PTO throughout the school year.

Event Co-Chairs Tiffany Lyman and Karen Favata and PTO President Sara Sweeney were pleased with the results of the fundraiser, and they hope to have it turn into a yearly event. The trio also shared how happy they were to see Chapin Street Principal Susan Pease, East Street Principal Tom Welch and Veterans Park Principal Melissa Knowles in attendance, cheering on their respective teachers.

"What a fantastic turn-out," said Sweeney. "I want to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success. I hope we make this an annual event. It is a fun family night."

Parents Cheryl Pereira and Jennifer Tatro and Chapin Street math teacher Krystal Foley manned the ticket booth. According to Tatro, advance tickets were \$3, and tickets sold the night of the event were \$5.

Prior to the start of the game, the Chapin Street third-grade chorus, led by their music teacher Meghan

Provost, sang the "National Anthem." Attendees were treated to a half-time show with dance routines by Dance Workshop and Alegria Dance Studio students. A variety of baked goods and refreshments were available for purchase at half-time as well.

On the sidelines, throngs of cheerleaders, both young and old, could be seen and heard cheering on their favorite team. The children in attendance were encouraged to use pom-poms, provided by Veterans Park School, to cheer on their favorite team.

"The Chapin Street chorus and the dance students did a phenomenal job," said Lyman. "And the cheerleaders did an amazing job cheering on their favorite team."

Sisters Kiana Andle, 10, and Chloe Andle, 7, were among the cheerleaders. Chloe said she was "voting" for her East Street teacher Mr. (Greg) Bertsch, and Kiana said she would be cheering for the Teachers team.

Gabe Joao was the lucky \$227 50/50 raffle prize jackpot winner.

Lyman and Favata said they were extremely grateful to Pioneer Valley Financial Group in Ludlow for providing both teams with team t-shirts and for lending their employee Pete Leonczyk to serve as game referee.

"We originally asked PV Financial Group to sponsor t-shirts for one team, and we were thrilled when they said they would provide both teams with t-shirts," said Favata. "They are an asset to our community, and we are very grateful to have such a caring group of people located in our community."



(L-R) Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) "Teacher/Parent Basketball Game" Co-Chairs Tiffany Lyman and Karen Favata prepare for the 50/50 raffle, held during the fundraiser.

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School. In fact, they even won the “Innovate Award” for their unique design; among other elements, Morehouse pointed out that the mechanism within the frame of the robot had three sliding drawers to raise the “arm” as high as possible.

Electronics instructor Guy Nyzio explained that the mission in each match, which contained a 30-second autonomous round based on programming and then a two-minute remote control portion, robots from partner teams had to collect as many balls as possible and deposit them in rolling goals of various types. The higher the goal, the greater the number of points. Each team gets a kit of parts from the

F.I.R.S.T. organization, and the action takes place in a 12-foot by 12-foot playing arena.

Junior Philip Royce, of Monson, who programmed his class robot, said that from what he has been able to determine, the functionality of the robot in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T.) Tech Challenge changes each year.

“It seems like every other year, they see how high the robot can move and then in the alternating years, they focus on moving along the floor,” he said. “So I suspect that part will be different next year, although Todd has taught me a lot, and we really did learn a lot going through the competition.”

For their part, the seniors had high

hopes for the state championship match held at Natick High School on Feb. 28. Had they succeeded, they would have headed to a first-ever super-regional competition held in Scranton, Penn., prior to the world championship rounds held each year in St. Louis, Mo.

“Half the time when we lost a match, it was because the other team’s robot malfunctioned,” said Miga. “It really does matter whom you’re paired with.”

And Morehouse acknowledged that despite the extensive preparation in the weeks leading up to the championship, there are many variables one faces on match day.

“There are mechanical failures that you try to fix, but you lose time and points when that happens,” he said.

Students said they found the event

an inspiring one, and it has them thinking about their future careers; Pelchat, for example, said he was considering game programming in the future.

And the junior members of the team said they drew their own insights from the experiences of the seniors and themselves.

“To be honest, we learned that we needed to not do things at the last minute and take more time before the competition,” said Lindsey Winship, of Palmer. “And we learned that the important thing is to start with something simple and build from there. The mentors of the team really helped us out.”

Fellow junior George Burgess, of Belchertown, agreed.

“If we learned anything, it’s that we should go for gold next time,” he said.



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The Ludlow Elementary School teachers team included East Street School teachers Greg Bertsch, Ellen D’Augustino, Leslee Sharon, Elisha Homich and Amanda Vigneault; Chapin Street School teachers Wendi Lawson, Alyssa Moriarty, Amber Goodreau, Marsha Klenke, Norman Proulx and Evan Walkwitz, and Veterans Park School teachers Kaitlin Cookish, Amy Harris, Zack Richer, Pat Annecchiarico and Jen McDonald.

Parents basketball team players included Brian Walsh, Kelly Gilmore, Sara Adams, Mike Gauvin, Cindy Tatro, Susie Barroso, Peter Lyman, Jose Rivera, Chad Gagnon, Carrie Smith, John Boutin, Amanda Lipson, Melissa Rocker and Michelle Peterson.

“I thought it was a great event, as it brought our three elementary school

learning communities together,” said East Street School Principal Tom Welch. “I appreciate and commend all the hard work our PTO and the event co-chairs did to put together such a successful fundraiser. I hope the parent/teacher basketball event will turn into an annual event. I had a wonderful time.”

Sweeney, Lyman and Favata would like to thank everyone who played a role in the event, especially the volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

Pictured is the Ludlow Elementary School parents basketball team that competed against Ludlow Elementary School teachers. They are joined by referee Pete Leonczyk (at left).



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# SPORTS

## Winter delays start of spring season

*Editor's Note: The Turley Publications Sports Staff will do weekly updates on this story until the spring season begins for all programs at every school.*

**By Dave Forbes**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Staff Writer

REGION - To say that old man winter has hung around longer than what most spring sports enthusiasts and athletics directors alike would prefer is probably one of the biggest understatements of the year right now.

However, the MIAA Tournament Committee did provide a modicum of relief for local high school programs, as they voted unanimously to extend the spring sports season by one week.

Boys volleyball will now have a cutoff date of May 25, followed by boys and girls lacrosse, golf and boys and girls track and field on May 28, baseball and softball on May 31 and boys and girls team tennis on June 1. The cutoff for individual tennis was moved to May 11. The tournament seeding dates for team tennis, individual tennis, boys and girls lacrosse, boys volleyball, baseball and softball will take place the day after the new cutoff date.

After the announcement was made, the Turley Publications Sports Staff took a trip around



Turley Publications staff photo by Dave Forbes

**Ice remains on the baseball field at Whitney Park as it was shrouded in fog late last week.**

to various fields in different communities to document what type of condition they were in.

One of the first stops made was to Chicopee where all of the fields still had snow on them, but the tennis courts looked to be in relatively good shape. At Minnechaug, the same could be said with their fields as they were still layered with snow and ice.

The fields that were visited

on Thursday were in various states of being ready to play. At Agawam High School, Harmon A. Smith Field and the tennis courts had been cleared of all their snow, but the baseball and softball fields were still covered.

In early March, Agawam Athletics Director David Stratton asked the Department of Public Works, which takes care of the fields at the high

school, to clear the snow off the multi-use stadium field so it will drain sooner. In the spring, the field is used for boys and girls varsity lacrosse games.

"The DPW did a great job and the field can drain now," said Stratton. "As of now, we are intending to use that field for part of the season."

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## Tough start for outdoor sports

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

REGION - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association announced recently the regular season for spring will be extended to accommodate the cold and harsh winter the entire state has been subjected to.

Deadlines for the "cut-off" dates for teams' games to count for playoff consideration have all been extended by one week for each sport.

Even with an indoor sport like volleyball, the accommodation was created because many teams are still practicing indoors, and volleyball games early in the season could prevent that from happening. Volleyball postponements are not expected, but possible.

There were many games originally scheduled to begin playing on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27, but those games were called off due to fields in the area not being ready.

Many teams, with the exception of a few in Holyoke, East Longmeadow, and Chicopee Comp, do not have artificial turf

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## Fabbo, Titans take title once again



Turley Publications submitted photo by Wilbraham & Monson Academy

**Austin Fabbo, of Ludlow, helped lead the WMA boys to the Division 2 championship.**

**By Nate Rosenthal**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham & Monson Academy swim team defended its Western New England Prep School Swimming Association title for the third year in a row, thus taking top honors in Division 2 for 2014-2015.

They did so with their win at the Bud Erich Invitational on Feb. 28 at the Hopkins School. Part of that team was senior captain Austin Fabbo, of Ludlow.

The team had to work hard to do this, having a couple of regular season losses to Williston Northampton School and Canterbury School. Their win at the championship invitational was a bit of redemption for those losses.

"It was spectacular," Fabbo said. "We won the Division 3 last year, but there was no Division 3 this year so we moved up to Division 2. We had to beat two teams that beat us during the regular season in

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## Ludlow wins championship at Webb Tourney

**By Nate Rosenthal**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club concluded its 11th year this week with a host of teams providing some very exciting basketball.

A total of 46 teams began play two and a half weeks ago in seven divisions and on Monday the final countdown reached its end with three teams being crowned. The seven divisions were comprised of nearly 500 athletes from 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades. There were two girls divisions in 3rd/4th and 5th/6th. The host Boys and Girls Club, itself sponsored six teams. In the 3rd/4th grade grouping, a boys team from the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, ran the table and emerged as the champion.

The tournament was named after George Webb, who before his untimely passing in 2004 was a well-known figure at the Boys and Girls Club. When he wasn't playing pickup basketball, he gave his time to help out as much as he could. Though



Turley Publications photos by Nate Rosenthal

**The Ludlow boys third- and fourth-grade squad won the Webb Tourney.**

Webb was not from Chicopee, he did settle for a time in Willimansett. Even when he moved to Holyoke, he could not stay away. Through the efforts of his close friend, Kevin Vann, Webb's contributions would not be forgotten. Vann and his associates were involved in building a new gymnasium, along with Webb and as a way to honor his memory they decided to run a tournament. In the 11 years

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**Braeden Schwartz was named the team MVP.**



Sports

Athlete of the Week

NAME: Connor Crowley  
TOWN: Ludlow  
Congratulations goes out to the runner.

He was the top finisher from the town at the St. Pat's Road Day Race.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-967-3505 ext. 106 or send an e-mail to dforbes@turley.com.



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Ludlow runners at St. Pat's



Turley Publications photos by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com

Runners from Ludlow include (from left to right): Ashley Ruggiera, Christina Dionne, Sonia Jaworski, Sharon and Michael Forest.



Connor Crowley finished the course in 37:06.

Bricks for FIT campaign

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Athletics FIT (Facility Improvement Team) organization has started a brick campaign.

The bricks will be installed around the lion at the HS athletics complex. Our goal is to sell enough bricks by this summer to start the first installment. The money raised will be used by the facility improvement team towards our fundraising goals.

The 4x8 size brick includes three lines of 16 characters each and the cost is \$100.

For more information, contact Ludlow Athletics Director at 413-589-9001 ext. 2702, fax at 413-583-5683 or send an email to tbrillo@ludlowps.org.

You can also visit the website at www.bricksrus.com/order/lhsfit.

April Vacation Futsal Camp

BELCHERTOWN - Quabbin Soccer Academy is hosting a futsal camp during April vacation week at Jabish Brook Middle School in Belchertown.

It will run April 20 to 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please visit www.QuabbinSoccerAcademy.com or email matt@qsacamps.com for more information.

TOWN OF LUDLOW RECREATION COMMISSION

The Ludlow Recreation Commission is accepting applications for summer seasonal positions: **Summer Counselors:** All day counselors - 40 hr/wk - \$9.00 p/h. All applicants must be 16 years of age, **have current CPR & First Aide Certification** (valid though August 7th, 2015) by the application deadline. **ON LINE CERTIFICATIONS NOT ACCEPTED for first time applicants. returned application must include proof of valid certifications or it will not be accepted and an interview will not be scheduled. A copy of your recent physical & shot records is also required.**

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

Applications will be available at Whitney Park from 8:00-2:00 or 3:00-6:00 - March 30th and must be submitted no later than Friday, April 17th, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be on May 12th & 26th, 2015. Any questions please call 583-8856, Monday-Friday 8:00-2:00. The Recreation Office is located at Whitney Park.

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Megan Dias was the top female runner from Ludlow at 44:38.



Robert Landry completed the course at 38:01.



Brian Walsh was the 10th finisher from Ludlow at 44:58.



Norm Fuller came in at 40:47.



Vee Bunn was the fifth finisher from Ludlow at 44:09.



# Sports

## MacDuffie holds Run for Hope charity 5K

GRANBY - The Run for Hope serves as a way for students to give back to our global community and bring our local community together. The student-run charity event benefits a different charity each year.

Students nominate and vote on charity selection. Past charities have included Sister Connection, The American Red Cross, and The United Nations Children's Fund. Proceeds from this year's race will benefit Doctors without Borders to help support Ebola research.

In addition to the race there will be family-friendly activities, including a one mile Fun Run and a barbecue. The Run for Hope is held

on the MacDuffie School campus and uses the school's cross country trail. The race starts at 10 a.m. on April 25 and is held rain or shine.

Registration is available online at [active.com](http://www.active.com/granby-ma/running/distance-running-races/the-third-annual-macduffie-run-for-hope-2014?keywords=macduffie&adk=na) <<http://www.active.com/granby-ma/running/distance-running-races/the-third-annual-macduffie-run-for-hope-2014?keywords=macduffie&adk=na>> . Search "MacDuffie" to find listing. By registering in advance you can save \$5 off the \$25 registration fee which includes a free Run for Hope T-shirt to the first 100 runners.

Online registration is open until the day before the event, Friday, April 24.

Race day registration will be available at 9 a.m.

## Changes to the spring schedule

LUDLOW - Due to the slow snow melt that has taken place, several changes have been made to the Ludlow spring sports schedule that was posted in the paper last week.

Here are the changes:

The Granby girls softball game at Ludlow, which was scheduled for Friday, April 3, has been postponed. No makeup date has been announced.

The Northampton at Ludlow girls softball game has been rescheduled from Monday, April 6 to Tuesday, May 26 at 4 p.m.

The Ludlow at Longmeadow girls softball game has been rescheduled from Friday, April 10 to Friday, May 29 at 4 p.m.

The Renaissance at Ludlow girls tennis match has been rescheduled from Wednesday, April 1 to Friday, April 17 at 4 p.m.

The Chicopee at Ludlow boys track and field match has been rescheduled from Monday, April 6 to Thursday, April 16 at 4 p.m.

The Athol at Ludlow boys volleyball match has been rescheduled from Tuesday, March 41 to Tuesday, May 19 at 5 p.m.

## Track and field registration being held

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club will be holding its track and field registration now through Friday, April 3.

Pricing is as follows; member \$45, resident \$55, and non-resident \$60.

The track and field program is open to all youths in grades 2-8. Practices and meets will take place on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. starting April 29.

Volunteers are encouraged to help organize a team with the assistance of a volunteer track and field athlete.

Visit our website at [ludlowbgc.org](http://ludlowbgc.org) for additional spring sports being offered.

For more information regarding this program please contact athletic director, Lauren Bean at [lbean@ludlowbgc.org](mailto:lbean@ludlowbgc.org) or call 413-583-2072.

## WEBB TOURNNEY

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since its inception they have raised more than \$100,000. Webb is survived by his wife Karen and daughter Brianne.

The tournament, as has been the case for several years, was in the capable hands of James Gutierrez. The tournament is run in a double elimination format. There are two brackets and as a team keeps winning, they move along in the upper bracket. If they lose they drop to the lower bracket and play until they lose a second time. In the end two teams will emerge one that went undefeated in the upper bracket and another with one loss in the lower bracket. They meet for the championship with a possible second game. There was one exception to this format, that being the 5th/6th grade girls, who played a round robin with the three teams in the grouping.

The winners were: 3/4 boys: Ludlow Boys and Girls Club; 3/4 girls: Lady Bolts; 5/6 boys group 1: Our Lady of Guadalupe; 5/6 boys group 2: Mig's Team; 5/6 girls: Our Lady of Guadalupe; 7/8 boys group 1: Mig's Team; 7/8 boys group 2: Holy Name.

Ludlow played in a four-team bracket along with the Chicopee Bolts 1, the Chicopee Bolts 2 both of which represented the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club and the Tigers AC also of Chicopee. Ludlow played three games and won them all. They got the tournament going on Friday, March 13 with a win over Bolts 2 in the opener. They played again on the following Tuesday and beat the Tigers, who had beaten Bolts 1. Meanwhile Bolts 2 beat the Tigers in the lower bracket and that set up a championship game for Ludlow against Bolts 2 on Saturday, March 28. They beat them handily, 39-18.

The game did not start off well for Ludlow. Though they scored first on a free throw by Ben Riley, the Tigers scored the next six on baskets by Hayden Zapata, Jamilet Lopez and Marcus Trczunski. Midway through the first half they had but that one free throw and they trailed 6-1. Then they took over. In a 3:30 span span Braeden Schwartz scored 11 straight points and with 4:03 to go, Ludlow led 12-6. They continued their run with four more with a basket by Brady Decoteau and free throws by Drew Smith and Alex Lagacy. At the half, it was 16-6.

Ludlow scored the first seven points after the break with Decoteau getting five and Schwartz, two. Chicopee finally broke the run at 22 when James Creek made a 3-pointer. With 12:34 to go, Ludlow led 23-9 and their margin would stay between 10 and 15 over the next 10:00, with Ludlow holding a 31-18 lead. They scored the final eight points of the game and took the championship,

the first of the seven to be decided.

Schwartz, who scored 16 points, was named the MVP of the game. Decoteau had seven points and Aaron Little scored four. It was three points each for Smith, Riley and Lagacy. Brady Guillen had two. Also on the roster were: Joey Poehler, Dan McKenney, and Brady DeBarge.

The next to be decided was the 5/6 girls, who arrived at their finals by way of a three team round robin. Over the first week Our Lady of Guadalupe beat Dunbar 21-14 and then Dunbar beat St. Patrick's 26-18. The third game was OLOG beating St. Pat's 22-7. The total scores were added up and OLOG drew the bye in the next round by virtue of scoring the most points. With Dunbar beating St. Pat's in the next game, OLOG and Dunbar met in the finals on the 28th with Our Lady winning, 24-19.

Dunbar took a 2-0 lead a minute and half in, but then OLOG scored the next six points, all by Nana Morales. Dunbar got back to a point at 6-5 on a basket by Ta'keela Jackson, but Roselyn Baez and Dyani Rivera scored to make it 10-5 with 6:00 to go in the half. At the break, Our Lady led 12-9. In the second half the teams battled back and forth and with 5:42 to play, Dunbar actually took a one-point lead at 17-16 on a Janaya Merced basket. But then free throws by Nathalie Vazquez tied it and gave the lead back to OLOG. They would maintain it and win 24-19. Vazquez, who scored nine was named MVP.

Two more championships were determined on Sunday with Holy Name (P) topping the KC Knights in the 7/8 boys 2 game, 55-52 and the Lady Bolts beating Wilshire in the 3/4 girls championship, 26-11. Holy Name had a clean run through the bracket winning four times to get to the finals. They beat St. Pat's, Force 1, the KC Knights and the Longmeadow Wizards to get to the finals. On Sunday, March 29. The Knights were 4-1, having won two before losing to Holy Name, then winning two more. This game had many twists and turns. Holy Name led 3-0 and then trailed 8-3. Their deficit grew and with four minutes to go in the half, they were down 21-8 after an Isaiah Rivera three. James Hurst answered with a trey that began a 17-point run by Holy Name that carried into the second half. In the final 15 seconds of the first, Hurst scored four points and Holy Name closed to 21-17. They scored eight to open the second half, taking the lad on two free throws by James Gonzalez. KC came back again and led 28-27, it would go back and forth with each team taking the lead. Hurst put them ahead for good when he hit two free throws with 2:36 to play and now it was 42-41. The final minutes had a lot of free throws, but Holy Name held on in the end. Hurst was named the MVP with 32 points.

The Lady Bolts led the 3/4 girls' game from start to finish with the exception of a one tie early in the game. Alaysia Rodriguez got them a 2-0 lead and Angelina Hulquin made it four. Baskets by Samaj Moore and Sydney Dodds tied it at 10:04. Jamilet Lopez untied it with a layup and a three. At the half, it was 11-6. Tracetta Caudle got Wilshire to three points 10 seconds into the second half. They would get no closer. The Bolts scored the next 11 points, with five from Lopez and four from Rodriguez. It was 22-8 with 6:23 to play and the game finished with a 15-point margin at 26-11. Rodriguez had eight points and received the MVP trophy.

The tournament concluded on Monday with three more games. In 5/6 B2, Mig's Team outlasted SOY (Save Our Youth), 37-33. Mig's Team went 3-0 and took a forfeit in the next game, while SOY went 4-1 in its road to the finals. This one was close all the way, with many changes in the lead. Edgar Centanno got SOY the lead, 2-0, but Dashawn Stewart and Jayden Bass made it 4-2. Chichi Hernandez hit a three and another basket and SOY was up 7-4. Tamon Boyd tied it at 7-7 with a three. And on it went. After Gio Santiago put SOY ahead 14-13, Shamel Collins tied it with a free throw to send them to the break at 14-14. Early on when they returned, SOY led 21-14, but then Mig's scored 15 unanswered points and led 29-21 with 8:16 to play. It got to 11 points with six to go and that deficit proved to be too much for SOY. They made a small run at the end, scoring nine of the last 11 points, but they fell short. Bass with seven was the MVP.

Our Lady of Guadalupe beat Mig's Team in the 5/6 boys 1 game, 67-56 in yet another seesaw affair. OLOG got the first lead at 2-0 with a basket by Edison Davis. William Davis and Jayden Long

gave Mig's team the lead at 4-2. Three minutes later, it was OLOG up 11-6 on a basket by William Cruz. They opened that to 20-12 with six minutes left, but back came Mig's Team with a 12-2 run on eight points by Jedrien Feliciano and a three by Dwayne Luerra that gave them a 24-22 lead. At the half, Mig's led 27-26. Edison Davis got the lead back for Our Lady in the opening seconds, but Jamar Mack got it back for Mig's. A minute later, Cruz tied it and Mack put OLOG ahead at 32-30. Mig's Team would get one more lead at 37-36, but Cruz would get it right back and OLOG led the rest of the way, gradually building the lead to as much as 10 points in the final seconds. Cruz was named MVP with 24 points. Edison Davis led all scorers with 25.

The tournament ended with the 7/8 boys 1 game between Mig's Team and Our Lady and this was not close was Mig's team won 89-41. It took a 1:30 to get the first basket of the game, that being a three by Myles Bradley to give Mig's a 3-0 lead. He got it to 5-0. Jeremiah Gomez got OLOG on the board 3:00 in with a three and Zeleke Marin got two back. Another three by Gomez made it 7-6 with 11:50 to go, but that was as close as they would get. Mig's Team scored the next 10 and led 17-6. A 10-4 run left it at 27-10 with 5:45 to play. Mig's broke it open in those final minutes with another 17-6 run and at the half they led 44-18. The things really got away from them. Two and a half minutes into the second half, the margin was 36 at 56-20 after a Victor Richey three. With 10:40 remaining, Richey got them to 40 points at 66-26. And for the remainder of the game, the lead fluctuated from 39 to 48 points. Kenny Williams was the MVP with 22 points, while Darious Diaz had 20.

Another successful tournament had come to an end.

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# Sports

## FIELD *from Page 17*

Moving on to Holyoke, the DPW was using small machinery to remove the snow from the baseball field at Mackenzie Stadium to get it ready for the first games of the year.

In South Hadley, the baseball diamond had a layer of ice and snow on it, as did the fields in Granby and Ludlow, but it looked as if the field conditions could improve fairly quickly with some warmer temperatures.

While the trip through most of the Hampden County communities provided hope that the spring season for baseball and softball, things looked slightly bleaker when the travels took the Sports Department into Worcester and Hampshire counties.

When first arriving at the baseball diamond at Quabbin Regional High School it was obvious that this location had by far the most snow of any in the region, and any hopes of the spring sports season starting anytime soon for the baseball, softball and track and field teams were quickly dispelled.

The same could be said for the baseball and softball fields at Quaboag, but both the boys and girls tennis teams should have their first matches very soon as a snowblower had been used to clear all of their courts.

The next to last stop on our trip

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that can be utilized for sports like lacrosse and track as well as space for baseball and softball to work out.

The region also continues to contend with colder than normal temperatures, making it difficult for baseball and softball teams to practice outdoors.

At Agawam High School, teams are utilizing the parking lots and both gymnasiums to get practices in, even after a week and a half of practices have been completed.

Athletics Director David Stratton says the move by the MIAA does make sense, but still could create several scheduling woes for teams. He believes a lot of games will still be made up within the context of the originally scheduled season.

“During the period of time where the cut-off has been extended, a lot of schools have obligations,” said Stratton. “There are proms and awards ceremonies and graduations that take place in that week. So in some ways, games can’t be scheduled during that extra week.”

While that proves true, Stratton did say many schools could benefit from the extra week, and creative scheduling can always be done to get games in, the goal of every school in the region.

With many grass fields still under snow, temperatures are expected to

around the fields brought us to Memorial Field in Ware, which like most of its baseball brethren looked more suited for playing ice hockey on at the time rather than any type of diamond related sport.

The final stop of the day brought us back to Hampden County and over to Legion Field in Palmer, which much like Memorial Field in Ware, looked more suited for a hockey game to start in the near future rather than baseball.

As is expected, athletics directors have been postponing many contests that were scheduled to take part in the first week or two this season. As of Tuesday morning, the newspaper had received over 100 postponement notifications since the Tournament Committee’s decision with many of the contests being pushed off until later in the season.

The only other time in recent memory that the MIAA took the unprecedented step of assisting high schools with their scheduling difficulties came in October 2011 when a snowstorm just before Halloween forced the postponement of many fall sporting events, so the Tournament Committee voted to allow all schools that could still possibly qualify for the postseason into the tournament.

reach the lower 50’s late this week, which could complete the snow melting process. However, with more than two feet on the ground to start March, it has taken longer than expected.

The second week of March had consistent temperatures in the 40’s, which helped, but did not complete the process.

The Boston area is dealing with even more snow on the ground in Western Mass., which is why the deadlines were extended statewide.

According to the MIAA, the following are the new cutoff dates and seedings meetings:

- Baseball: New cutoff date - May 31; New seeding meeting date - June 1
- Softball: New cutoff date - May 31; New seeding meeting date - June 1
- Boys lacrosse: New cutoff date - May 28; New seeding meeting date - May 29
- Girls lacrosse: New cutoff date - May 28; New seeding meeting date - May 29
- Boys volleyball: New cutoff date - May 25; New seeding meeting date - May 26

- Team tennis: New cutoff date - June 1; New seeding meeting date - June 2
- Individual tennis: New cutoff date - May 11; New seeding meeting date - May 12 & 13

Track and field: Cutoff date changed from May 25 to May 28 at midnight. No seeding meeting.

ing the season.”

On the girls team was his sister, Marissa, a sophomore, and while her team did not do as well at the championships, they had a solid year.

The coach, Dan Moran, is active as a Masters swimmer himself and in December of 2014 he was part of a world record effort. At the Short Course Meters Colonies Zone Championship at Boston University, Moran swam the third leg of the 800-yard freestyle relay. Their time of 7 minutes, 43.72 seconds broke the record by 7 seconds. It had been set eight months earlier by a team from Japan.

*Nate Rosenthal is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.*

## MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 110 Nora Lane, Ludlow, MA 01056

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **James F. Dobiecki** and **Charlene Dobiecki** to Tribeca Lending Corporation by and through its nominee Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated August 4, 2006, and recorded with the Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 168967 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 27188, and assigned through assignments recorded with said Registry District of the Land Court as Documents No. 179676, 191561, 191563 and 200934, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 9, 2015 at 10:00AM, at or upon the mortgaged premises more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot #116 (One hundred sixteen) as shown on the hereinafter mentioned plan.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on plan drawn by Darkee, White, Towne and Chapdelaine, Edward N. Chapdelaine, Surveyor, numbered 32817-F as modified and approved by the court, and filed with Certificated #25631. Parcel ID #132-17-10827.

Subject, to the extent still applicable and in effect, to the covenants and restrictions contained in Document No. 25325.

For title see Certificate of Title No. 27188.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this notice.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, orders of condition, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, betterments, liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, or entitled to precedence over the mortgage, if any, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises. The premises will be sold without representation or warranty as to its condition or fitness for habitation, or whether it conforms to any applicable state or local building, zoning, health, or sanitary codes, or compliance with any federal, state, or local environmental statutes, regulations, ordinances, or by-laws.

If the premises is a condominium unit, then the premises will also be sold subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 183A, as amended, the applicable Master Deed and any and all

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amounts as may be due, following such sale, to the applicable condominium trust.

If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to, among other things, resell the property under the power of sale contained in such mortgage or sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in the order of their bid) provided that such other bidder deposits with Mortgagee’s attorneys, Michienzie & Sawin LLC, the amount of the required deposit as set forth below within ten (10) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to such other bidder within thirty (30) days of the default, which time periods may be reasonably extended by the Mortgagee in its sole discretion.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) is to be paid in certified check and/or bank cashier’s check to be paid by the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by the Purchaser by certified check and/or bank cashier’s check within thirty (30) days thereafter, which time period may be reasonably extended by the Mortgagee in its sole discretion, at the offices of Harry Castleman, Esquire, Michienzie & Sawin LLC, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Legal Title Trustee of Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2013-TT2 present holder of said mortgage by its attorney, **Harry Castleman**, Esquire **MICHIENZIE & SAWIN LLC** 745 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116 3/18,3/25,4/1/15

## LEGAL NOTICE – ZONE CHANGE

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s zoning bylaws. The public hearing will be held as follows:

**Place:** Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room, 3rd floor  
**Date:** **Thursday, April 9, 2015**  
**Time:** **7:30 p.m.**  
**Applicant:** Erin Francis  
**Location:** 16 Booth Street (Assessors’ Map 24–Parcel 6)

The subject matter of the proposed amendment is as indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business

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hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk’s Office.

**Zone Change Requested from:** Agricultural to Industrial A  
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**Christopher Coelho** Chairman 3/25,4/1/15

## LEGAL NOTICE – SPECIAL PERMIT / ESTATE LOT

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Thomas Lawler of 55 Jackie Drive (Assessors’ Map 26, Parcel 52), Ludlow, MA for an ESTATE LOT. Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

**Christopher Coelho** Chairman 3/25,4/1/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD15P0452EA Estate of: Robert N Desautels Date of Death: January 8, 2015 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert P Desautels** of Ludlow MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Robert P Desautels** of Ludlow MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 4/1/15

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Pursuant to MGL Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Ludlow School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the Ludlow Public Schools proposed budget for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Cole Building, School Committee Room, 63 Chestnut Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.  
**Dr. Michael J. Kelliher,** Chairman  
Ludlow School Committee

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# Obituaries

## Robert Hughes, Sr.

LUDLOW – Robert Hughes Sr., 77, of Ludlow, passed away on Monday, March 23. Born in Ludlow, he was the son of the late John Hughes and Madeline (Bragg) Minutello and also predeceased by his stepmother Elizabeth Hughes. Bob worked at Vernon Surgical and was an Aerospace Machinist at Berkshire Industries for many years. He retired from Ludlow High School custodial services where he was better known as “J.B.” by the students. Bob loved riding Indian Motorcycles and enjoyed helping coach Little League baseball; he was an avid golfer and served on the Westover Golf Commission. He was an accomplished welder and airplane builder. Bob had his pilot’s license and loved flying small aircrafts. He leaves his beloved wife of 57 years Beverly Hughes; loving children Tracey Gordon, of Jacksonville, and Robert Hughes Jr. and his wife Kim, of Monson; his pride and joy, his grandson Hunter Hughes; his brother Richard Hughes and wife Elva, of Hinsdale, and his sister Maureen Gagnon, of South Hadley, as well as many nieces and nephews. Services were held at Ludlow Funeral Home on Saturday, March 28, followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. Bob’s family would like to thank the Ludlow ambulance and paramedics, Baystate Medical Center and Wingate of Wilbraham for the wonderful care. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations in Robert’s memory to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA. For further information and online condolences, please visit [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com).



an Electrician at Jahn Foundry, Facemate, Noble Hospital and retired from the United States Postal Service. Jim served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and he was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Vets. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, cruises with his daughter and her family and family trips to the casino and his New England Patriots. Jim leaves behind his soulmate Dolores (Ribeiro) Pouliot whom he met on a blind date in 1969 two weeks after returning from a tour in Vietnam. They married in 1973 and had two children. He leaves his beloved son Jon and his fiancé Amelia Dietsche, and his beloved daughter, Jaime Pio, and her husband Scott. The joy of his life was spending time with his two beautiful grandsons, Marco and Seth, whom he adored. He also leaves his brothers, Donald (Patricia), Richard (Cheryl), sisters Diane Bellevue (David), Nancy Rowell (Billy), an aunt Jeanette Pouliot and her family. Jim also leaves his sisters-in-law and husbands, Ilda Tereso (Manuel), Maria Fillion (Mike), Irene Leandro (Jack), Graciete Pestana (Jorge) and a brother-in-law Fernando Ribeiro, as well as his entire extended family of nieces and nephews. Jim’s family would like to thank his special neighbors, the Drews, the Costas, and Dionnes, for all their help over the years with maintenance to their home, especially this snowy winter; also Dr. Philip Glynn and his oncology staff at Mercy Hospital. Funeral services for Jim were held on Friday, March 27, from the Ludlow Funeral Home. Please make donations in Jim’s name to Holyoke Soldiers Home, Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040. For further information and online condolences, please visit [ludlowfuneral-home.com](http://ludlowfuneral-home.com).

## Ralph P. Rossi

LUDLOW – Ralph P. Rossi, 92, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 25, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Ludlow, June 3, 1922, he was the son of the late Enrico and Maria (Allegroni) Rossi. A lifelong Ludlow resident, Ralph was a graduate of Ludlow High School. He proudly served his country as a torpedoman in the U.S. Navy during World War II, with service in the European African Middle Eastern Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. He received the World War II Victory Medal, European African Middle Eastern Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal. Upon his return, Ralph worked as a tool maker for the Springfield Armory until its closing in 1968, General Electric and local industry until his retirement at age 70. He married Joann Akey in 1956; together they shared 58 years of married life. Ralph is survived by his wife Joann; three sons Peter A. Rossi and his wife Karen, of Wilbraham, John R. Rossi and his wife Jane, of Berlin Conn., and David J. Rossi, of Berlin, Conn., and his significant other Lori Dawid, of Derby, Conn., and a daughter Dr. Ann M. Rossi, of Charlottesville, Va. He leaves his beloved grandchildren Jessica, Amanda, Michael, Alec and Matthew Rossi. Ralph also leaves his sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth and Leo Darsigny, of East Longmeadow. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Paul and Geno Rossi and sister Gena Krause. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with family and will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. He was a technology enthusiast and avid reader who kept up to date on local, national and international news and events. He had a longtime affiliation with the Catholic Church and was a devoted communicant. He loved to walk and bicycle around Ludlow on a daily basis to see the changes over his lifetime. He was a remarkable man who led an exemplary life. Services celebrating Ralph’s life were held Tuesday, March 31, at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in the Catholic Community of St. Elizabeth, Hubbard Street, Ludlow and Rites of Committal with Military Honors in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Berkshire Avenue, Springfield. Donations in Ralph’s memory may be made to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club, 232 Claudia’s Way, Ludlow, MA 01056. For more information, please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).



## Kaitlyn M. Leonard

LUDLOW – Kaitlyn M. Leonard, 32, of Ludlow, passed away on Friday, March 20. She was born in Springfield on July 26, 1982, the daughter of Edward Leonard and the late Kathleen (Casagrande) Leonard who passed on Dec. 6, 2012. She was educated in the Chicopee Public School system and went on to graduate from Westfield State College with a Certificate of Education. She worked for several years as an addiction counselor and helped to transform the lives of many. Most recently she worked as a stay-at-home mom in helping to raise her two stepdaughters. She is survived by her loving fiancé Edward St. Pierre and daughters Lea and Paizlea; her sister Meagan Leonard; her father Edward Leonard, his wife Valorie, and daughter Abbeyrose; three step-brothers Adam, Daniel, and Alexander Bartusewich. She also leaves her maternal grandmother Maryetta Casagrande and paternal grandparents Kenneth and Ellamae Leonard; her aunt Dolores Nacewicz and her husband Edward and her aunt Linda Benoit. She was sadly predeceased by her mother Kathleen and her maternal grandfather Reno Casagrande. At the request of the family, all services will remain private, and no calling hours will be held. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information, please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).

## James Pouliot

LUDLOW – James Pouliot, 66, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, March 23. Born in Holyoke, he was the son of Laura (Therrien) Pouliot and the late Roland Pouliot. Jim was a 1967 graduate of Holyoke High School and graduated from Tech School as an electrician while working for Falcetti & Clark electrical contractors in Holyoke. He was employed as



## DEATH NOTICES

**Robert Hughes**  
Died March 23, 2015  
Services March 28, 2015  
Ludlow Funeral Home,  
Ludlow

**Kaitlyn M. Leonard**  
Died March 20, 2015  
Services will be private  
Kapinos-Mazur Funeral  
Home, Ludlow

**James Pouliot**  
Died March 23, 2015  
Funeral Services March 27, 2015  
Ludlow Funeral Home, Ludlow

**Ralph P. Rossi**  
Died March 25, 2015  
Services March 31, 2015  
Kapinos-Mazur Funeral  
Home, Ludlow

**John C. Squarok**  
Died March 23, 2015  
Services March 30, 2015  
Kapinos-Mazur Funeral  
Home, Ludlow

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## John C. Squarok

LUDLOW – John C. Squarok, 85, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23. Born Nov. 27, 1929, in Nanticoke, Penn., he was the son of the late John Squarok and Frances Squarok (Anthony). John proudly served his country as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years. A longtime Ludlow resident, John was a communicant of Christ the King Church and a member of its Men’s Guild. John is survived by his son John M. Squarok, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; his daughter Linda M. Tallman, of South Hadley; three grandchildren Erin Tavilla and her husband Robert Tavilla, Aisling Tallman and her fiancé Michael Schicker, and Christopher Tallman; a great-grandson Luca Tavilla and five brothers and sisters Marge, Sue Bernie, Stanley and Walter. He was predeceased by his wife Irene in 2007 and five brothers and sisters; Michael, Joseph, Ann, Leona and Stacia. He also leaves his cherished companion Grace Tetreault, of Ludlow. John was a career Air Force veteran, enlisting in 1947 and retiring in 1967. John then joined First Bank (headquartered in Springfield) as their Computer Officer. He served in that capacity until he retired from the bank in 1991. Since then, he generously spent much of his time volunteering for his church, Christ the King in Ludlow. John also loved Cape Cod and had a second home there for over 40 years. John took great joy in sharing in the lives of his children, grandchildren, new little great-grandson and many wonderful friends and family. His kind, humorous and giving spirit shall live on in all of us. Services celebrating John’s life were held Monday, March 30, at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Christ the King Church, Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, and Rites of Committal with Military Honors at the Massachusetts Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Donations in John’s memory may be made to the Holyoke Soldiers Home, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 150 Cambridge Park Dr., Suite 202, Cambridge, MA 02140. For more information, please go to [www.kapinosmazurfh.com](http://www.kapinosmazurfh.com).






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# Datebook

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

LUSO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT on Wednesday, April 1, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., at Soccer City Sports Center, 2041 Boston Road, Wilbraham from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The egg hunt begins promptly at 4:30 p.m. Following the egg hunt, children can participate in fun games and contests for prizes. RSVPs are required and will be accepted through March 20 or until the attendance limit is filled. Please contact Kim Anderson no later than March 20 at 413-589-9966, ext. 131 or by email at [kan-derson@lusofederal.com](mailto:kan-derson@lusofederal.com) with the number and ages of children attending. While all children are welcome, the hunt is designed for children ages 10 and under.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) MEETING will be held Tuesday, April 3, at Trinity Church, Vincent Hall, at 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield. The Social Time begins at 1 p.m., and the Business Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Valley Credit Union will make a presentation. All are welcome.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 4

THE LUDLOW POLICE ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING “COMEDY NIGHT,” starring “The One Man Comedy Tornado” – Paul Venier, who won the “Best Comedy Variety Act” at the L.A. Comedy Awards. “Comedy Night” will be held Saturday, April 4, beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and show to follow, at the Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor St. The cost is \$25. Festivities include dinner, raffles and a cash bar. For tickets, contact Jay Chelo, Mark Witowski or Mike Whitney at 413-583-8305. Proceeds benefit the Ludlow Police Association.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5

UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST, 51 CENTER ST., LUDLOW, WILL HOST AN EASTER BREAKFAST BUFFET on Sunday, April 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Open to the public, the all you can eat breakfast will feature pancake, eggs, bacon, sausage, assorted pastries, and fresh fruit. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Children under 5 are free. We are also featuring a large Easter raffle. Call Jo at 413-427-6963 for more information.

## UPCOMING

ST. CECILIA’S PARISH CENTER WILL HOST John Root on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at noon. Root, a presenter of nature programs at libraries, nature centers and other venues throughout New England, will present “Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping” at the April meeting. During his power point presentation, he will feature the variety of trees, shrubs, vines and herbaceous perennials that can be grown in our area for bountiful harvests. Guest fee is \$1.

THE SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB’S GARDENING ROUNDTABLE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a light luncheon tea, followed by a brief business meeting and Roundtable beginning at 12:30 p.m., at the Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main St., Wilbraham. Some of the club’s veteran gardeners will share their favorite tips on a variety of topics, including composting, cheap-skate gardening, and using native plants in landscaping, demonstrate their favorites in the tool petting zoo, and answer questions from the audience. The meeting and luncheon are free and open to the public. Donations (\$5 suggested) are gratefully accepted. Questions may be emailed in advance to [SpringfieldGardenClubMA@gmail.com](mailto:SpringfieldGardenClubMA@gmail.com).

LUPA ZOO WILL REOPEN FOR THE 2015 SEASON ON Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Come see what’s new at Lupa Zoo, located at 62 Nash Hill Road, Ludlow. For more information, visit [www.lupazoo.org](http://www.lupazoo.org), call 413-589-9883 or email [info@lupazoo.org](mailto:info@lupazoo.org).

WESTERN MASS BIRD EXPO will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the Ludlow Elks Lodge, 69 Chapin St., Ludlow, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be free admission and parking. Attendees will find birds, bird toys, cages, food, treats, raffles and more. For more information visit [www.wmassbirdexpo.com](http://www.wmassbirdexpo.com) or [www.Facebook.com/wmassbirdexpo](https://www.facebook.com/wmassbirdexpo).

THE POLANIE CLUB WILL HOST BINGO on Monday, April 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish

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# ChurchDIRECTORY

Week of April 1-7



**St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow**  
**413-583-3467**  
**Pastor – Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin; In Residence – Rev. Norman Bolton; Deacons, Normand Grondin, Thomas Rickson, Keith Davies (Robert Duval, retired).**

Wednesday, April 1 – 3 p.m. Youth Group – (JR/ER); 6 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C); 6 p.m. Cub Scouts 0 – (ER); 6:30 p.m. Holy Mother Choir Rehearsal – (C); 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop Meeting – (FLBH); 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection – (ZR).

Thursday, April 2, – Holy Thursday – 9 a.m. Morning Prayer – (C); 7 p.m. Mass – (C).

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday – 9 a.m. Morning Prayer – (C); 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross – (C); 7 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – (C).

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday – 9 a.m. Morning Prayer – (C); 4 p.m. NO Mass; 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass – (C).

Sunday, April 5 – Easter – 7:30 a.m. Mass; 9:15 a.m. Mass; 11 a.m. Mass; 5 p.m. NO Mass.

Monday, April 6 – 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C); 6 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C).

Tuesday, April 7 – 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C); 6:30 p.m. NCYC – (ER); 7 p.m. St. Rita’s Choir Rehearsal – (C).

**St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**  
**123 Hubbard St. Ludlow**  
**413-583-5754**  
**Rev. Linda Peabody**  
**Pastor’s office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon**  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Tuesdays – AA 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays – AA 7:30 p.m.  
\*Check out our website at [www.stpaulsmethodistchurch.org](http://www.stpaulsmethodistchurch.org).

**Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
**45 Newbury St. Ludlow, MA 01056**  
**Phone Number: 413-583-2140**  
**Rev. Fr. Robert Markovitch, Pastor**  
Sunday Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass) at 8 a.m. Please join us and introduce yourself if you are visiting!

**The First Church in Ludlow**  
**859 Center Street**  
**413-583-3339 and 413-583-6834**  
**Rev. Robyn Burns, Interim Pastor**  
**Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 2:30 to 5 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Visit our website at [www.ludlowfirst.com](http://www.ludlowfirst.com).**

The First Church in Ludlow is now open for prayer and meditation on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come in for some peace, quiet and contemplation, and to take a “time out” from the bustle of life. Please join us in solitude or in fellowship.

Worship Service – 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.  
Church School – Nursery, coffee hour after the Service.

Tuesday 4 – 6 p.m., Prayer vigil; everyone invited.  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Scouts.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m. AA.  
Thursday, 7 p.m. Choir.

The new Thrift Shop at First Church will be open Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and after Sunday services.

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**Union Church of Christ**  
**(United Church of Christ)**  
**51 Center St., Ludlow**  
**413-583-5717**  
**Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey K. Erb**  
Worship Service and Sunday School: Sunday, 10 a.m. (Fellowship hour following)  
Office Hours: Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon  
Choir Practice: Sunday, 9 a.m.

**Christ the King Church**  
**41 Warsaw Ave.**  
**Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys**  
Saturday Vigil Masses – 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish); 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**24 Parker St., Indian Orchard**  
**413-543-3627**  
**Pastor Rev. Stanley Sokol**  
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)  
Sunday Masses – 9 a.m. (English); 11:15 a.m. (Polish); 5 p.m. (English)  
Monday and Wednesday Morning Masses – 9 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Daily Masses – 5 p.m.  
Friday Mass – 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Mass – 9 a.m. (Polish)  
Vigil Mass on Holy Days of Obligation – 5 p.m.  
Holy Day of Obligation Masses – 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Saint Jude’s Mission Church**  
**221 Main St., Indian Orchard**  
**Fr. William Pomerleau, Pastor**  
**413-782-8041**  
Please note: services for St. Jude’s Mission Church are now taking place at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 407 Boston Road, Springfield.  
Saturday Mass – 4 p.m.  
Spanish Mass – Sundays 12 p.m.  
Sunday Mass – 8:15 – 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass – Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 7 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6 p.m. Confessions in Spanish; 6:30 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Spanish  
Thursday: 6:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation Schedule: Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**Harvest Bible Chapel**  
Services are held at 10 a.m. each Sunday at Ludlow High School. Children’s church and nursery are available. For more information, visit [www.harvestwesternmass.org](http://www.harvestwesternmass.org).

**Faith Community Chapel**  
**A Church of the Nazarene**  
**485 East St., Ludlow**  
**413-583-7875**  
**Pastor Rev. Douglas E. Fish**  
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship for all Ages; 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service.  
Thursday Evening at 6 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 10, from 3-5:30 p.m. – Children’s Program, Open to the public, kindergarten-grade 5, from the creator of “Veggie Tails,” a new video series called, “Buck Denver asks...What’s in the Bible?”

Sunday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m. – Men’s Bible Study, open to the public, “Time” by Andy Stanley.

Sunday, April 19 from 6-8 p.m. – A Cappella and Chamber Singers Choir presented by Eastern Nazarene College, free and open to the public.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
**584 West Street, Ludlow**  
**413-583-8454**  
Sunday Services: 10 – 11 a.m. – Combined Family Service

Adult Classes: 11 a.m. to noon – Adult Sunday School; Noon to 1 p.m. – Adult Religious/ Marriage and Parenting Classes for Men; Noon to 1 p.m. – Adult Religious/ Marriage and Parenting Classes for Women.

Children’s Classes: (Ages 3-11) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday School and Singing Time; Teen Classes (Ages 12-18); 11 a.m. to noon Teen Sunday School; Noon to 1 p.m. Classes for Young Women; Noon to 1 p.m. Classes for Young Men; Young Single Adults: (ages 18-30); 11 a.m. to noon Teen Sunday School; Noon to 1 p.m. Classes for Young Single Adult Women; Noon to 1 p.m. Classes for Young Single Adult Men.

A Novena to St. Peregrine, patron saint for those with cancer, takes place every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Blvd., Springfield. Cancer patients, cancer survivors, friends of cancer victims, and the general public are invited to attend.

**Orchard Covenant Church**  
**95 Berkshire St.**  
**Indian Orchard, MA 01151**  
**413-543-4204**  
**Rev. Nancy Ebner, pastor**  
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. for all ages  
Worship – 11 a.m., coffee hour follows  
Sunday at 6 p.m. – Gambler’s Anonymous  
Monday at 7 p.m. – Narcotic’s Anonymous  
Wednesday at noon – Community Lunch (free)  
Wednesday at 7 p.m. – Choir Practice  
Thursday 8-9 a.m. – Prayer in the Pastor’s Study  
Third Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Easter Week: Palm Sunday service with palms – Sunday, March 29, at 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday service – Thursday, April 2, Soup and bread supper at 6 p.m., Communion service at 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday – April 5, service at 11 a.m. No Sunday School; no coffee hour.

For more information, visit [www.orchard-covenant.org](http://www.orchard-covenant.org).



# Business

## Sokolowski recognized as ‘Commonwealth Leader’

### Gives back to local community

LUDLOW – Edward Sokolowski, managing partner of Pioneer Valley Financial Group, has been recognized for achieving Commonwealth Leaders status for 2015. This distinction recognizes successful financial advisors based on a ranking of annual production among Commonwealth’s network of approximately 1,600 financial advisors. Commonwealth is the nation’s largest privately held independent broker/dealer–RIA and the broker/dealer of choice for Sokolowski. In honor of this distinction, he was invited to join his peers at the Commonwealth Leaders Conference, March 1-6.

The conference offered attendees a variety of educational sessions geared toward providing consistent, first-class client service, numerous networking opportunities, and the opportunity to consider innovative business practices.

While in Costa Rica, Sokolowski also took time to give back to those in need. Partnering with the Los Lagos School, located in Liberia, Commonwealth volunteers helped paint and refurbish classrooms to create a comfortable learning environment for local children.

“It was humbling to see how appreciative the chil-



Partnering with the Los Lagos School, located in Liberia, Edward Sokolowski, managing partner of Pioneer Valley Financial Group in Ludlow, is joined other Commonwealth volunteers who helped paint and refurbish classrooms.

dren were to have us simply help paint their school walls,” he said. “It instantly reminded me of how blessed I am.”

“It was our distinct pleasure to host Ed at our 2015 Leaders Conference,” said Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth. “Attending this event is

just one of the many ways in which Ed displays a long-term commitment to educating himself on the best tools and strategies to meet the demands of investors. We commend Ed for his dedication to providing exceptional service to his valued clients.”

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American Citizens Club, 355 East St., Ludlow. Everyone is welcome.

ST. CECILIA’S PARISH WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, beginning at 7 p.m. The featured speaker for the April meeting is Joanne Sullivan whose experiences include a career in nursing for over 25 years. Joanne worked with Hospice of Hampshire County and has lectured at colleges and corporations on various topics involving death, dying and grief. She is also the author of the book “The Reality of Loss.” April is baby shower month. Members are requested to make donations of baby items or monetary contributions to this meeting. All items will be delivered to local non-profit organizations serving infants in need.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL, 485 EAST ST., LUDLOW, WILL HOST A FREE CONCERT ON Sunday, April 19. Eastern Nazarene College’s A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert at 6 p.m., which will feature a wide variety of songs, including classical, folk, and contemporary arrangements, under the direction of Dr. Timothy Shetler. In addition to performing internationally, the choirs have performed at New York City’s Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and at Boston’s historic Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory. A love offering will be taken during the concert. For more information, please contact Pastor Douglas Fish at 413-583-7875.

#### ONGOING

LENTEN FISH DINNERS will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard on all Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday), from 4:30-7 p.m. Menu includes fried or baked fish, mashed or french fried potatoes, homemade coleslaw coffee, hot tea or iced tea. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children ages 10 and under. Soda, water and dessert sold separately for \$1 each. Pierogi, golabki and kapusta will also be available for sale.

CRAFTERS, VENDORS AND TAG SALERS WANTED for craft fair set for Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Union Church of Christ, 51 Center St., Ludlow. Six-foot table with chairs is \$25; eight-foot table with chairs is \$35. To rent a table, please call Diane at 413-583-3584.

THE LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER/RANDALL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IS SEEKING VENDORS & CRAFTERS for the club’s fourth annual Springtime Vendor/Craft Fair set for Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are 65 vendor available spots on a first come first served basis. Applications are available at [www.ludlowbgc.org](http://www.ludlowbgc.org) or at the club. Applications will be accepted until spaces are filled or until April 20. Mail applications to Sheri Santos, Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, 91 Claudia’s Way, Ludlow MA 01056. For more information please contact Sheri Santos at 413-583-2072 or email [ssantos@ludlow-bgc.org](mailto:ssantos@ludlow-bgc.org).

THE FIRST EVER GARDEN’S CRAFT FAIR IS CURRENTLY SEEKING APPLICATIONS FROM VENDORS AND CRAFTERS. This show will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Gardens of Wilbraham, 2301 Boston Road. A 9-foot by 9 foot

space is \$25. Applications will be available until space is sold out or until April 24. For an application or for more information, please email Michelle Chisholm at [mchisholm@thegadensofwilbraham.com](mailto:mchisholm@thegadensofwilbraham.com) or call Michelle or Lynda at 413-596-5322.

#### TRIPS

TRIPS SPONSORED BY MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CHURCH – Friday, March 27, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. – Ioka Farms Maple Pancake Breakfast and guided tour to Norman Rockwell Museum. Also includes a tour of the Sugar House and free time in downtown Stockbridge (for a late lunch, sightseeing, and/or shopping on your own). Cost is \$69 pp. Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. –

MacHaydn Theater presents the musical “West Side Story.” We will enjoy a luncheon prior to the matinee. The bus leaves Mary Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Blvd., East Springfield at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Sept. 18-20 – Adirandack Balloon Festival, Lake George, N.Y., 2 breakfasts, dinner & show, luncheon cruise on Lake George, Balloon Festival (2 visits), admission to the Automobile Museum in Saratoga, N.Y., Lake George “Colonial Guided Tour” with Prospect Mountain. Baggage, handling, all taxes, meal & driver’s gratuities included. \$395 double; \$585 single; \$385 triple. \$75 deposit at SIGN UP. CX protection: \$35 available at SIGN UP only. Only 20 seats left. Sponsored by Mary Mother of Hope Church, Page Blvd., East Springfield. Call Sylvia at 413-594-2757.

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# Villa Rose welcomes new chefs and bistro-style menu

LUDLOW – The Villa Rose, located at 1428 Center St. (Route 21), has discovered what a locally supported bistro-style menu means in New England. Owners Tony and Nicole Tavares welcome husband-and-wife-team Jeffrey and Meghan Fairman, of Ludlow, to their culinary staff to deliver European-inspired and locally-driven menu.

“Ludlow attracted our family because it’s alive with old school European artisans,” said Jeffrey Fairman.

Jeffrey Fairman, a classically French trained chef, and Meghan Fairman, a sous and pastry chef, along with owners Tony and Nicole Tavares, believe in the value of quality ingredients, inventive combinations and perfected technique.

The Villa Rose is serving an ever-changing seasonal menu that highlights local ingredients.

“Our micro greens and baby beets come from New Bedford, our chops are smoked in Chicopee, and our salmon is cured in-house,” said Tony Tavares.

For more information, please visit [www.VillaRoseRestaurant.com](http://www.VillaRoseRestaurant.com).

(Center) Tony Tavares, owner of the Villa Rose, welcomes husband-and-wife-team (l-r) Sous and Pastry Chef Meghan and Executive Chef Jeffrey Fairman.



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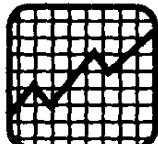


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## Tag Sale

**TAG SALE- THE** Concerned Citizens for Animals huge tag sale is set for Friday, April 10, 8:30 to 4pm and Saturday, April 11, 8:30 to 1pm. The new location for the tag sale is the Wachogue Congregational Church, 80 Arvilla Street, Springfield in the east Forest Park section on the corner of Roosevelt Ave. and Arvilla Street. Concerned Citizens for Animals offers assistance to financially needy pet owners to spay/neuter their cat or dog. CCA depends solely on donations and monies from their fund raising tag sales to provide help with these much needed medical procedures. For information to donate items, call Susan @ 782-9006. All proceeds will help dogs and cats in need right here in Western Massachusetts. Pet food donations appreciated.

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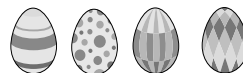
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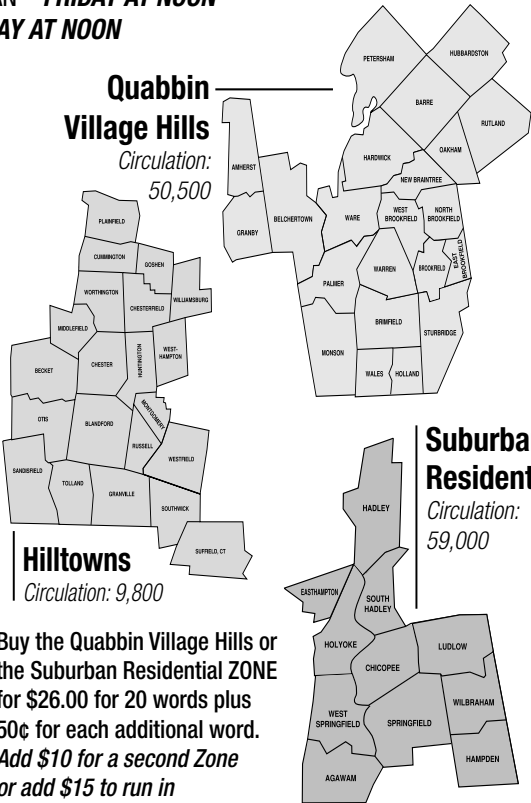
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