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(L-R) Nate Homans 9, his sister, Chloe, 7, along with Olivia Crespo, 7, and her brother, Ryan, 10, visit Santa and the Grinch at "Santa's House," the Bigda family's annual Christmas display located at their home on Erin Lane. For the story and additional photos, please turn to Page 14.

## Hearing on storm response set for Dec. 12

By Paula Killough  
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LUDLOW – Town officials are inviting residents to a public hearing to garner feedback on the town's response to the Oct. 29 Nor'easter and subsequent power outage.

The hearing will be held Monday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Ludlow High School auditorium.

According to Selectmen Chairman Aaron Saunders, representatives from all town departments involved in the response to the storm will attend the hearing, including the Police and Fire departments, the Department of Public Works and the Board of Health.

Saunders said members of departments involved in the response, including the town's Emergency Management Director Fire Chief Mark Babineau, decided to hold the public hearing to allow residents a platform to discuss areas of public safety, communications,

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## Ludlow to receive over \$180k in local aid

By Katie Breault  
Lead Correspondent

LUDLOW – Ludlow is slated to receive an additional \$186,824 in state aid to help support the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

During their meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 29, selectmen voted to put those funds into the town's free cash account but not until after they met with the Board of Assessors to discuss the potential for tax savings. In October, Gov. Deval Patrick signed Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2011, which appropriates roughly \$65 million in supplemental funds for cities and towns across the state.

Communities may use the revenues in one of three ways, including applying estimated receipts when setting the tax rate for FY '12, appropriating the monies as available funds during FY '12, or placing the funds in free cash at the end of the fiscal year.

Juanita Testori, assistant assessor for

the Board of Assessors, was present at the Nov. 29 meeting to ask selectmen to continue the tax classification hearing, which had been postponed from Nov. 15. Testori explained that although assessors have submitted all forms, they still have not received approval from the state, and must, therefore, continue the hearing at a later date.

On the subject of state aid, Testori told selectmen that if they voted to apply the \$186,824 to Ludlow's tax rate, it would decrease the tax rate by about 10 cents per \$1,000. She said the average home in Ludlow is estimated at roughly \$218,000, and the average homeowner would save about \$15 in taxes. Testori said selectmen would have to make their decision Nov. 29 in order to proceed with more accurate numbers for the tax classification.

"We would need those figures right away," she said.

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## Appeals on biomass plant hit snags

By Paula Killough  
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SPRINGFIELD – An Energy and Environmental Affairs decision is recommending the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) uphold an air permit Quality issued June 30 for the biomass plant proposed by Palmer Renewable Energy (PRE) to be built on Page Boulevard in East Springfield.

Ruling last Wednesday, Nov. 30, Presiding Officer Timothy M. Jones, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, recommended that the MassDEP give final approval to the air permit and dismiss the appeal made by petitioners – the Conservation Law Foundation, Arise for Social Justice and Toxics Action Center.

"In sum, there is no constitutional, statutory or regulatory right support-

ing the Petitioners' standing for an administrative appeal," Jones wrote. "This outcome pertains solely to the Petitioners' rights for administrative review of the Permit and not whatever legal recourse may exist outside of the administrative realm."

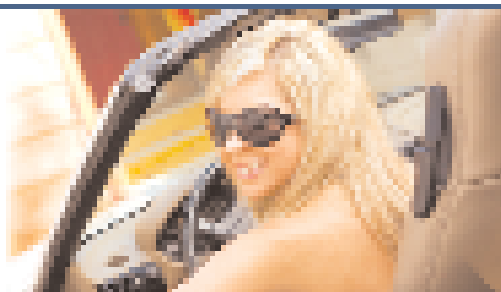
In response, petitioners released a joint statement, saying, "This decision, if adopted, would change the rules so as to prevent affected members of the public from participating in administrative appeals of air permits. It also would undermine the state's clean energy agenda. The recommended decision, which does not address the substance of the petitioners' claims, essentially says that no one other than the developer has the right to raise administrative challenges to power plant air permits – not even people already suffering from severe

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# Ludlow

## Planning Board gets first look at Master Plan draft



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(L-R) Jessica Allan, principal planner for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and Selectman Jason Barroso who also serves as chairman of the Master Plan Committee, present a Master Plan draft during the Planning Board meeting held last Thursday, Dec. 1.

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – Selectman and Master Plan Committee Chair Jason Barroso and Jessica Allan, principal planner for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), unveiled a draft of the town’s “Master Plan,” during a Planning Board meeting held last Thursday, Dec. 1.

The Master Plan draft is the result of a two-year collaboration between the PVPC and Ludlow’s 15-member Master Plan Committee, along with members of the Consultant Team.

According to Barroso and Allan, the plan addresses immediate, short-term and long-term goals. Divided into chapters, Allan suggested reading the “Implementation Chart” first and then reviewing the chapters and pages of interest. Phoenix suggested the Implementation Chart be inserted at the beginning of the plan instead of at the end. Allan agreed to relocate it.

According to Barroso, the committee met on a monthly basis for the past two years to discuss and vote on a single chapter and that members came to an agreement each month. He added the most challenging aspect of the plan was to get the 15 members to agree on the same issue at the same time.

“The committee should be commended for reaching an agreement each month,” added Allan. “Some issues were discussed at great length. We accomplished a great deal over the past two years.”

“Did you have a decent majority on the votes?” asked Planning Board member Joseph Queiroga.

“Anything that was contentious, a vote was taken,” Allan responded.

“Sometimes it was difficult to get a harmonious vote,” added Barroso. “We hashed out the details before a vote was taken on the chapter.”

Planning Board Vice Chairman Raymond Phoenix asked if the housing section was the most contentious. Both Barroso and Allan confirmed it was.

“We had to meet twice for that vote,” said Allan.

Community/Stakeholder interviews were also conducted, Barroso said. Using the list provided by the committee as a guide, consultants contacted and scheduled interviews with 55 people who have an interest in Ludlow’s future. The interviewees included town staff, town committee members, large employers, small business owners, clergy and church members and active and interested residents.

Planning Board Chairman Christopher Coelho asked what process should be implemented to adopt, maintain and review the Master Plan. Barroso and Allan suggested the plan be adopted by the Planning Board first and then endorsed at Town Meeting. Allan recommended the creation of a new committee and to set up monthly meetings for the plan to be accepted at Town Meeting and to draft the bylaws.

“I recommend the Planning Board not to be the committee,” said Allan. “A great deal of money has been spent to draft this plan. It is extremely important to get a committee assigned as soon as possible.”

“The Town of Ludlow has a long-standing history of

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## Senior Center to host 'Supper with Santa'



By Paula Killough  
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LUDLOW – Did you know that Santa likes spaghetti? That's not all –

Santa wants to share a Spaghetti Supper with you!

The Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center will host a "Supper with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at the Ludlow Senior Center. Santa is expected to arrive at 4:30 p.m.

The "Supper with Santa" is a departure from "Breakfast with Santa," a tradition observed by the Senior Center for years.

"What we have been toying with for a couple of years now is that there are a lot of pancake breakfasts in town in December, so we wanted to change and try something new," said Senior Center Activities Director Carla Roberts.

Though "Supper with Santa" will be held at the Senior Center, it is geared toward the young, and the young at heart, Roberts said.

In addition to the Spaghetti Supper, Santa and his elves will be on hand to deliver small gifts to children who attend. Council on Aging member Richard Belisle will construct the "Santa Train" and give children the opportunity to be conductors and run it.

Magician Jonas Toutant will also be making a special return appearance to the Senior Center. This time, rather than traveling from table to table performing his dazzling magic tricks, Toutant will set up his show in a corner of the center, and children can park themselves on mats to watch, Roberts said.

Crafts and face-painting round out the festivities for children, and for adults, there will be a basket raffle.

Themed baskets include a "tech basket," which comes with an MP3 player and an iTunes gift card.

Dinner will be served "buffet-style." In addition to spaghetti and meatballs, the menu includes, salad, rolls and butter and a beverage. For dessert, it's "Make Your Own Sundaes."

Roberts said that the buffet and all the activities will allow children to "move from table to table or area to area and pick what they want to see."

"And they can make their own plates when their ready to eat," she added.

The cost for "Supper with Santa" is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and children under 5 dine for free. Tickets are available now at the Senior Center and will also be available at the door.

"I hope people will come out and support the Senior Center. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, which helps support the Senior Center throughout the year," said Senior Center Director Jodi Ahern. "I'm sure it will be a fun time for all."

For more information about "Supper with Santa," contact the Ludlow Senior Center at 413-583-3564.

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## Democratic Committee to meet on Dec. 12

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Democratic Town Committee will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Ludlow High School Library. All Democrats are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Jake Oliveira at 413-426-4321 or via email at [jake.oliveira@gmail.com](mailto:jake.oliveira@gmail.com).

## Ambulance subscriptions due by Dec. 31

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Fire Department Ambulance Service has mailed out the 2012 ambulance subscription forms to all residents. Residents who did not receive a form in the mail may obtain one at the Board of Health, Selectmen's Office, Town Collector's Office, and Ludlow Senior Center or by calling the Ludlow Fire Department at 413-583-8332.

The 2011 subscriptions expire on Dec. 31. To ensure continued coverage under this program, anyone who is a current subscriber and has not yet sent in their 2012 subscription should do so before Dec. 31.

The ambulance subscription fee will remain at \$40

per household. The \$40 subscription fee will cover any unpaid balance that an insurance company does not pay for emergency ambulance services provided by the Ludlow Fire Department Ambulance Service to Ludlow residents enrolled in the program. All residents living in the same household are covered under one subscription payment.

Increasingly, health insurance providers are instituting co-pays or large annual deductibles for medical services. Participation in the ambulance subscription program will ensure that the subscriber or other residents at that address will not be responsible for unpaid ambulance balances.

## Landmark Realtors hosts holiday food drive

LUDLOW – Landmark Realtors' Ludlow office is holding a Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Community Survival Center. The food drive began Monday, Dec. 5, and will run through Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Landmark Realtors office located at 488 Center St., Ludlow.

"We are having the food drive because we want to give back to the community," said Ann Marie Martin, manager of the Landmark Realtors' Ludlow office.

"We realize that many people are having a hard time."

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Santa will visit the Landmark Realtors office to help with the food drive. He will be outside ringing a welcome to visitors and collecting food.

The Community Survival Center is especially in need of the following items for its Christmas food baskets: instant potatoes, canned yams, canned green beans, stuffing mix and cranberry sauce. Canned meats, peanut butter and cereal are also needed.

For more information about the Holiday Food Drive, contact Landmark Realtors at 413-583-5000.

## Community Center offers part and full-day care for December vacation

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club will be offering Full-Day and new Part-Day, licensed childcare for children in grades kindergarten through eight during holiday vacation in December.

Care will be provided on Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30 and Jan 3, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for full-day and 1 to 4 p.m. for part-day.

Many activities are scheduled, including arts & crafts, gym, gameroom, dance & fitness, swimming, outdoor play and more. Children must bring a lunch, snacks and bathing suit and towel every day.

The cost for Full-Day Care is \$20 per child per day for Ludlow residents and \$25 per child per day for non-

residents. The cost for Part-Day Care is \$10 per child per day for Ludlow residents and \$15 per child per day for non-residents.

Registration will be accepted at the club Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 30. All paperwork must be turned in along with the program fee at the time of registration. A late registration fee of \$2 per child per day will be added if registration takes place after Dec. 30. Registration is based on availability. Fees are non-refundable, and days are non-transferable. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Desiree at 413-583-2072 or via email at [dlabrecque@ludlowbgc.org](mailto:dlabrecque@ludlowbgc.org).



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## Union Church holds annual Holly Fair

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – The Union Church of Christ was abuzz with activity last Saturday, Dec. 3, when close to 200 people enjoyed a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal at the annual “Holly Fair and Thanksgiving Meal.”

“We had well over 50 people that didn’t come for the dinner but came for the auction and Chinese Raffle,” said Holly Fair Co-Chair Deb Savoie. “We were happy to see so many people.”

“We had more people eating dinner this year than last year,” added John Nelson, parishioner and meal ticket seller.

“This is my church. I have come to the church and this fair since I was 10 years old. I was married here, and my children were baptized here. The people and the church are beautiful,” said Ludlow resident Ruth Moorhouse. “I am happy to be a member and lend my support to this event. There are so many great things to look at.”

Savoie and her fellow Co-Chair Diane Wright have coordinated the Holly Fair and Thanksgiving Meal for many years.

“Our parents did it before us, and we do it now,” said Wright. “I am sure our children will do it in the future.”

“This event has been going on for over 50 years,” added Savoie. “I love lending a hand to help make this a successful event.”

According to Savoie, a Chinese Raffle, an auction and a bake sale are an important component of the event. The raffle prize, an X-Box 360 Kinect donated by parishioner John Nelson, was a sought after prize. A variety of gift baskets and gift certificates were also offered. East Longmeadow artist Doug Brega donated some of his paintings to the auction.

“Doug was born on Christmas Day, and his works have appeared on the cover of ‘Yankee Magazine,’” said Moorhouse. “We are very grateful to him for donating his work of arts.”

Springfield resident Bridget Foy and her mother, East Longmeadow resident Louann Pepe, admired one of the many handcrafted quilts that were up for auction.

“We were at Randall’s Farm buying our Christmas wreaths so decided to stop by here,” said Pepe. “Our friend Bob MacGregor told us about the fair.”

Parishioner Rae Teed’s great grandmother Emma Hansen and her mom Joyce Crandell made the squares for the quilt.

“My great grandmother crafted some of these squares over 50 years ago,” said Teed. “Anita Pendexter assembled the squares and backed it.”

Those attending the fair could also purchase sweaters, shawls and gloves that were hand knit and crocheted by parishioner Sue McMahon. For those with a sweet tooth, a varied selection of homemade goodies was available for purchase as well.

“The baked goods are always a popular item,” said Wright. “How can you not buy them when they look so good?”

Fairgoers could also drop in downstairs to check out



(L-R, front) Monica Mazur, Anne Sands, John Nelson and (back) Gregg Condon, Tom Mazur, Jo Condon and Bob MacGregor, volunteer at the Union Church of Christ’s annual Holly Fair, serving a delicious meal to over 200 people on Saturday, Dec. 3.

“Attic Treasures” where they could purchase gently-used items.

“Adult and youth clothing, housewares, linens, children’s toys, electronics and books were just some of our offerings,” said Wright, who manned “Attic Treasures” for most of the day. “The items were donated by parishioners, family and friends. We appreciate their generosity.”

“The unsold items will be donated to the Survival Center and all the proceeds from the event will go towards the church’s operating fund,” Wright continued, “We want to thank everyone that volunteered, donated or lent a helping hand to help make this event a success. We hope to see everyone again next year.”



Holly Fair Co-Chair Diane Wright has her son, Mike, select the winning Chinese raffle ticket for the sought after Xbox 360 Kinect prize.



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(L-R) Springfield resident Bridget Foy and her mother, East Longmeadow resident Louann Pepe, admire an antique handcrafted quilt that was up for auction.



Volunteer and Union Church of Christ parishioner Pam Iwasinski was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle.



(L-R) Union Church of Christ parishioner Ruth Moorhouse purchases raffle tickets from volunteer Janet Pollander.

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(L-R, standing) State Sen. Gale D. Candaras (D – Wilbraham) and Chief of Staff Aaron Saunders join Polanie Club President Loretta Goyette (seated, left) and Gert Cartwright (seated, right) at the Polanie Club's annual Fashion Show at Chez Josef in Agawam on Nov. 13.

## HEARING

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cleanup and more.

"We want to follow-up on things that went right and wrong, learn from it," said Saunders. "We should hear from (residents) directly and explain very clearly what happened and how we responded."

Saunders said he is still receiving questions and comments about the storm response from residents.

"Between Oct. 29 and now, we've had more than a few dozen calls and emails asking what's going on," said Saunders, who added that residents' concerns appear to be resolved when they are provided with explanations about the response from town officials.

Saunders said he hopes the public hearing will help town officials better respond to residents' needs. He said complaints regarding the restoration of utility and communications services are welcome, but "We want to make it as productive as possible," he said. "We want to know if people are unhappy about service restoration, but (the hearing) is not focused on that."

Saunders said the Board of Selectmen will meet with Tom Cohan, director of government relations for Charter Communications, at the Dec. 13 selectmen's meeting. The meeting with Cohan follows the board's decision on Nov. 15 to urge state leaders to investigate the response and restoration efforts of Charter Communications.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Public Works held their quarterly meeting, last night, Tuesday, Dec. 6. Although details of that meeting were not available at press time, Saunders said on Nov. 30 that the two boards planned

to discuss continuing cleanup efforts.

"By Dec. 12, the lion's share of work will be done," said Saunders. "Ongoing efforts are going to be isolated incidents, hanging limbs, ones that didn't come down, and trying to identify any public safety hazards."

Saunders said the two boards also planned to discuss costs associated with storm cleanup, estimated at \$2 million. Saunders said the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will reimburse the town 75 percent of approved cleanup costs. The \$2 million estimate does not take into account costs associated with public safety and emergency shelter costs, Saunders said.

"We're working with the legislature in an effort to try and have the state reimburse cities and towns the balance of 25 percent," said Saunders.

Saunders said the state stepped in with a 25 percent reimbursement to cities and towns hit by the June 1 tornado, but the Nor'easter caused incredible damage throughout the Commonwealth.

"It wasn't in an isolated path, it was so widespread," said Saunders. "With 42 miles of streets in Ludlow, I don't think there was a single street with a tree on it that wasn't affected."

If the state does not reimburse the remaining 25 percent of costs, or \$500,000, "That 25 percent will be the responsibility of the town," Saunders said.

Selectmen will hold \$180,000 in additional local aid in reserve to use to cover cleanup costs if the need arises, Saunders said.

"It's a multi-faceted issue, and we will be working our way through it for a while, especially on the financial end," he said.

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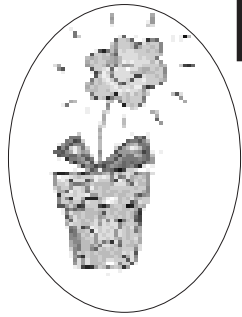
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- **Wednesday, Dec. 14 - 9:30 a.m.** – Jewelry with Sandy Merrill. \*Date change due to the holidays. Pre-registration is required. 10 a.m. – Monthly Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center meeting. This is an important meeting regarding “Supper with Santa” on Dec. 18. New members are always welcome!
- **Thursday, Dec. 15 - 10:30 a.m.** – Veterans Discussion Group. If you are a veteran, stop in and check it out!! 5:30 p.m. ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP. \*Date change due to the holidays. New members are always welcome to attend.
- **Friday, Dec. 16 - 1:15 p.m.** – It’s MOVIE TIME! Come watch this holiday comedy film “A CHRISTMAS WEDDING,” starring Sarah Paulson and Eric Mabius.

#### Weekly lunch menu

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**Tuesday, Dec. 13**  
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**Wednesday, Dec. 14**  
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**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
Knockwurst

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
Salmon Boat

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Ludlow Senior Center at 413-583-3564.



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#### Vacation in Italy . . .

(L-R) Sandra Bruschi, Fred Eaton and, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Maureen and Charles McCarthy, all of Ludlow, take *The Register* along on a vacation to the Dolomites in the beautiful Lake Region of Northern Italy.

#### Honoring the unknown . . .

(L-R, front row) Dick and Diane Marceau and (back row) Sal and Toni Mancuso and Jim and Diane Egela, all of Ludlow, get ready to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a recent trip to Washington D.C. with the Shriners from Melha Temple.



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# Viewpoints

## Editorial

### Time to be heard

Do you have questions, comments, complaints or even praise for the town's response to the Oct. 29 Nor'easter? You will be heard at the public hearing scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Ludlow High School auditorium.

Members of all town departments involved in the response will attend the hearing, and it will be a great opportunity for them to learn what they did right and what they did wrong to improve their response to any future emergency.

Overall, we think town officials did a superlative job, given the circumstances, specifically, the widespread power outage that continued for a week after the storm. The emergency shelter opened at the high school and later moved to the Senior Center, for example, provided residents without power, heat or water with a reprieve from the cold, a place to shower and sleep, access to medical personnel and first aid, a hot meal and a place to power up their cell phones and computers.

The Police Department was spread thin. In addition to their regular duties, police covered road details for utility and cleanup crews, kept a presence at the shelters and responded to calls from out-of-towners asking for a house check on loved ones in Ludlow.

The Board of Selectmen voted to waive the \$40 electrical inspection fee and streamlined the process to restore power to residents as quickly as possible. Selectmen approved the hiring of as many additional temporary electrical inspectors that were deemed necessary, and the board also approved contracts for two debris removal companies, assisting the Department of Public works with cleanup.

That's not to say, however, that there isn't room for improvement. That's where you come in – feedback from you, discussing the specific challenges you faced during the storm and power outage, and suggestions to improve response, will help town officials in coordinating an improved response for the next emergency.

If the last six months has taught us anything, it's to be prepared for an emergency. The June 1 tornadoes, Tropical Storm Irene, the Oct. 29 Nor'easter may have knocked us down, but not out. The best response to any emergency is to be prepared. Help town officials prepare – attend the public hearing next Monday night.

## Reader Poll

### Question of the week:

**Overall, how would you rate town officials' response to the Oct. 29 Nor'easter and the power outage that followed?**

- Excellent.  
 Good.  
 Fair.  
 Poor.

To participate in *The Register's* Reader Poll, go to <http://paulakillough.wordpress.com/> or send responses to *The Register*, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you for helping during the snowstorm

Although this is belated, we want to publicly thank Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Mark Babineau and all those involved who did such a great job in the aftermath of the October snowstorm. We stayed in the high school shelter from Sunday to Wednesday and thank all who worked there to provide us with such a "warm,"

welcoming place to stay. Please know how much we appreciate the service you all so professionally gave. We are so grateful! Ludlow is a wonderful place to live

**Brian and Sandi Dolley**  
Ludlow



December 6, 1973

### Reflections of *The Register's* Past

38 years ago

The National Guard has withdrawn its request to the federal government for roughly 500 acres of land within the "Ludlow portion" of Westover Air Base and will proceed with its request through the state-appointed task force. The National Guard is seeking the parcel of land to consolidate its area of operation. Such a move, should it take effect, would move the Guard out of Springfield and Holyoke armories and onto Westover property.

Front page photo shows Ludlow's Miss Bicentennial, Irene Saloio, performing the talent portion of the pageant.

The Ludlow Police Department gives a stern warning to readers to take caution while driving during the winter months. "If you do skid, act quickly – but don't overreact. Take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction the rear of the car is skidding. You'll feel the car regaining a grip on the road – then straighten your wheels."

Police Chief John Jorge announces that an all-night

parking ban will be enforced beginning this week. Vehicles should not be parked on the streets from 1 to 6 a.m.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company has announced the discontinuance of its sales department and the establishment of an Energy Consulting Services Department to be headed by Arthur C. Brodeur, Jr., of Ludlow.

The early announcement from Nick Rugeiro as a candidate for selectmen was expected to trigger much early political activity, *Political Pot* writer William R. Rooney states. But incumbents are staying quiet and challengers are "hibernating."

"Thank you for Shopping in Ludlow" is the colorful Christmas ribbon being worn by members of the Ludlow Chamber of Commerce, and the message says it all. This year's Christmas promotion by the local Chamber features window decals and the colorful ribbons in conjunction with Chamber-sponsored ads in this newspaper featuring holiday greetings from every member of the Chamber.

The Ludlow sixth grade chorus, under the direction of Jasper Bowman, will present a concert as part of the Christmas Music Festival set for Saturday, Dec. 8.

Mrs. Sophie Kawecky is installed as president of the Ludlow Polish Women's Citizens Club at their banquet held Dec. 3. Vice president is Mrs. Aniela Lewicki.

New 1974 Chevy 1/2-ton Fleetside pick-up trucks are advertised for \$3,400 at Candi Chevrolet-Olds in Wilbraham.

quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: *The Register*, 24 Water St. Palmer, MA 01069, or via email to [pkillough@turley.com](mailto:pkillough@turley.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon.

### Submissions policy

Readers, local merchants, institutions, municipalities, non-profit groups, and civic organizations are strongly encouraged to send *The Register* your hometown news and photos.

News items and press releases should be sent via email to Editor Paula Killough at [pkillough@turley.com](mailto:pkillough@turley.com) as an attachment AND pasted directly into the email message screen.

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Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fundraising or other calendar events at least three weeks before the event.

If you are having difficulty with a press release or need help, please call Editor Paula Killough at (413) 283-8393. To send submissions by regular post, mail to Paula Killough, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

# Ludlow

## What IS IT?

Mystery photos



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Correctly guessing last week's photo of the turkey included on the classroom display at "In Our Hands Daycare" in Indian Orchard (at at right), was Charlotte Moreau. Can you guess what this week's photo is at left. Please send responses to [pkillough@turley.com](mailto:pkillough@turley.com) or to *The Register*, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. If you have an interesting photo you would like to see in our "What is it?" feature, please send it via email as an attached jpg photo to [pkillough@turley.com](mailto:pkillough@turley.com), or print photos to *The Register*, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. If you would like the photo returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## LOCAL AID

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"I'm in favor of keeping it for next year's free cash," said Selectman Antonio Santos.

Selectmen voted unanimously to reserve the local aid monies for free cash. The board also voted to continue the tax classification hearing to yesterday, Tuesday, Dec. 6. Details from the hearing were not available at press time.

## APPEALS

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respiratory illness, nor people suffering from disproportionate air pollution burdens."

In his recommendation, however, Jones stated that emissions from the plant comply or fall below National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions standards.

"Under the Permit, the plant's emissions are projected not only to comply with the current NAAQS, but also to be below the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee's lowest proposed new particulate matter NAAQS," Jones wrote. "These are the same limitations advocated by the New England Environmental Commission and endorsed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. The proposed NAAQS include an acceptable range of emissions, and it is undisputed that the plant's allowable emissions will be below the bottom of the range."

The permit also establishes detailed monitoring requirements, Jones wrote.

The final decision on the air permit now goes to State Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmell.

"We look to DEP Commissioner Kimmel to reject the recommended decision and preserve the right of Massachusetts residents to have a voice in decisions that affect their health," the petitioners' stated.

In related news, the Springfield City Council is expected to vote this evening, Wednesday, Dec. 7, on appealing two building permits approved for the biomass plant after Springfield City Councilor Kateri B. Walsh stalled a vote expected to be taken during a council meeting held Monday, Nov. 28.

Walsh invoked the little-used "Rule 20" at the Nov. 28 meeting, calling for a financial review of costs, including any attorney fees associated with an appeal.

The building permits, approved in mid-November by Springfield Building Commissioner Steven Desilets, approved foundation work for a large steel smokestack and additional pre-construction site preparation work.

Opponents of the proposed plant argue that the approved permits contradict a vote made by the Springfield City Council in May, which revoked a special permit for the plant. Desilets, however, maintained that the permit request by PRE satisfied the law and met all the conditions of the zoning ordinance.

The City Council has until Dec. 15 to appeal the permits.

## MASTER PLAN

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studies, and some just end up sitting on a shelf," said Queiroga. "We have to get residents to not be afraid of this plan."

"During the active implementation of the plan, things will often go to Town Meeting and then residents will often be reminded of it," said Barroso.

Allan suggested a hearing be held to adopt the plan. Planning Board members unanimously agreed they needed to study the plan before the hearing is called.

Town Planner Douglas Stafancik said some of the goals set in the Master Plan have already been implemented by the town.

"A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into it," said Allan. "The draft should be open to public comment, workshops, etc. We identified a variety of inconsistencies that are present in the town including zoning. We used text taken from studies done by UMass and Northwestern. Most of the text was integrated into the

Master Plan."

Queiroga asked Allan if surrounding communities have taken their master plan to Town Meeting. Allan said that most have.

Planning Board member Carlos Chaves asked if town endorsements give the town the ability to receive grants that become available. Allan stated that although town endorsements don't automatically make the town eligible for grants, they do serve as a guide in the future to apply for grants for identified priorities.

"It makes a grant proposal that much stronger," said Allan. "I feel it will greatly benefit the town to have it in place."

The Master Plan can be viewed at [www.ludlowmp.org](http://www.ludlowmp.org) or on the town website at [www.ludlow.ma.us](http://www.ludlow.ma.us) on the "Planning Board" link. A copy is also available for viewing in the Planning Board office located at Town Hall. An additional copy for viewing is expected to be at Hubbard Memorial Library by January 2012.

## 'Faith Warming Campaign' runs through Jan. 15

SPRINGFIELD – The Council of Churches of Greater Springfield has partnered with United Way of Pioneer Valley in the first ever Faith Warming Campaign.

This campaign will assist individuals and families struggling to meet basic needs, such as fuel assistance, access to food and emergency services. This is more important than ever given the current economic conditions and the recent weather-related issues affecting the Pioneer Valley.

The goal set by the Council of Churches for the Faith Warming Campaign is \$50,000.

The Faith Warming Campaign runs through Jan. 15, 2012. Donations will be accepted at special collections at the Council of Churches Advent Services being held throughout the Greater Springfield area. Donations will also be accepted at the Council of Churches website at [www.councilofchurchesgs.org](http://www.councilofchurchesgs.org). Checks should be made payable to the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield and mailed to 39 Oakland St., Springfield, MA 01108.

For more than 75 years, the Council of Churches has administered various programs designed for helping individuals and families in their time of need. The Emergency

Fuel Assistance program has provided assistance to those in need during the winter months for over 25 years. A total of 135 families throughout the greater Springfield area were provided with fuel assistance last year. The Faith Warming Campaign will expand the programs of the Council of Churches that meet basic needs, Tornado Relief and Emergency Food & Shelter. For more information, call 413-733-2149 or email [secretary@councilofchurchesgs.org](mailto:secretary@councilofchurchesgs.org).

United Way of Pioneer Valley mobilizes people and resources to strengthen our communities. United Way of Pioneer Valley (UWPV) has been in partnership with individuals, businesses, nonprofits and government to advance the Common Good for almost 90 years. UWPV is one of 1,300 members of the United Way Worldwide system, the world's largest network of organizations dedicated to improving the lives of all people. Locally focused and governed, UWPV is led by a diverse group of volunteers and highly skilled professional leaders and managers. To invest, volunteer or for more information, call United Way of Pioneer Valley at 413-737-2691 or visit [www.uwpv.org](http://www.uwpv.org).

## Santa to visit Springfield Science Museum

SPRINGFIELD – Santa Claus will make appearances at the Springfield Science Museum from noon until 3 p.m. on the weekends of Dec. 10 and 11 and 17 and 18.

Santa will greet young visitors from his throne in the special exhibit, "Gingerbread Fantasy," on the second floor of the museum. Adults are welcome to take pictures of their children with the jolly old gentleman.

Visitors can also cast a ballot for their favorite gingerbread house displayed in the exhibit. In addition, an "elf" will be leading holiday craft workshops for children from noon to 3 p.m.

The Springfield Museums are located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St., in downtown Springfield. Free onsite parking is available. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$9 for seniors and college students, \$6.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members. Admission for Springfield residents is free with proof of address. The fee provides admission to all four Springfield Museums.

For more information, call 413-263-6800 or visit [www.springfieldmuseums.org](http://www.springfieldmuseums.org).



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# Indian Orchard



## Lobster Pot Tree



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The Popko Family, of Indian Orchard, assembles their annual "Lobster Pot Tree" in Lopes Square, Provincetown, on Saturday, Nov. 26. The Lobster Pot Tree measures two stories high and consists of 112 lobster pots, 48 plastic lobsters, 120 red bows and 3,400 lights. Julian Popko has been installing the Lobster Pot Tree for the past eight years. For more information, visit the "Live Cam" at [www.provincetownview.com](http://www.provincetownview.com).

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## Monson Talent Show seeks applications

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council scholarship committee announces that its fourth annual Talent Show, "Western Mass Performs," will be held on Feb. 11, 2012, at the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium. Performers of all ages are invited to compete, and 24 acts will be chosen to perform. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$200.

The talent show is a fundraising event for the Monson Arts Council scholarship program, with proceeds going to fund a scholarship for a Monson senior involved in the arts. Prize awards are made possible by contributions from many local businesses.

The application deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2012. The application fee is \$25 per act. Auditions will be held at the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m., with a snow date of Sunday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. Individual audition times will be scheduled throughout the morning on a first come first served basis.

For additional information or to submit an application, visit the council website at [www.MonsonArtsCouncil.com](http://www.MonsonArtsCouncil.com), or call 413-267-9764.

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# People

## 65 years . . .



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Steven and Veronica Misiaszek, of Wilbraham, celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Also pictured (center) is their granddaughter Michelle Misiaszek, who, along with the Misiaszek's son, Michael, and grandchildren, Eric and Scott, wishes them a "Happy Anniversary!"



## Pereiras welcome son

LUDLOW – Paul and Michelle Pereira, of Ludlow, announce the birth of their son, Xavier Caetan Zina Pereira, born Nov. 11, at 12:19 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and

Natalina Zina, of Ludlow.

Paternal grandparents are Americo and Maria Jose Pereira, of Ludlow.

Also welcoming Xavier were his Aunt Jessica Zina, Uncle Nuno Pereira, Aunt Wendy Pereira and cousins Mallory and Brice Pereira.

## Rosazza graduates from basic training

LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS – Air Force Reserve Airman Nathan P. Rosazza has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Rosazza completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness,

and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rosazza is the son of Nancy Rosazza, of Bridge Street, Northampton, and Tom Rosazza, of Westerly Circle, Ludlow.

## Hess receives 'White Coat'

BOSTON – Ryan Hess, of Springfield, received his "White Coat" at Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences School of Pharmacy on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The White Coat ceremony signifies Hess' formal entrance into the professional phase of the pharmacy program.

Hess is a graduate of Ludlow High School.

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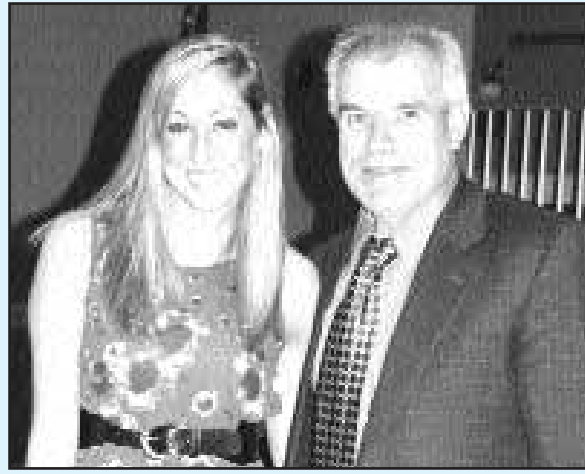
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# High School seniors receive scholarship awards at 'Night in Portugal'



Vanessa I. Roxo receives an award from Florinda Dias in memory of Attorney Joao M.V. Dias.

LUDLOW – Eleven Ludlow High School seniors were honored at the 22nd annual “Night in Portugal,” receiving scholarship awards at the annual banquet held at the Gremio Lusitano Club



Alexa Anselmo is presented with an award from John Santos, in memory of his daughter, Stephanie Santos.

on Nov. 12.

This year’s Night in Portugal was held in memory of Ludlow Police Chief John Jorge, one of the founders of the scholarship.

This year’s recipients are Alexa Anselm, Rossano Michael Butcher, Sergio Dias, Alicia M. Ferreira, Alexa Grelha, Stephen Lopes, Brandon M. Quiterio, Olivia Quiterio, Vanessa I. Roxo, Alexa Tereso and Joseph Vitorino.

The annual Luso Open Golf Tournament held the weekend after Labor Day every year helps to raise funds for the scholarship program. Many local businesses and residents also sponsor scholarships, including the family of Chief Jorge, the family of Stephanie Santos, Luso Federal Credit Union, Chemi Graphics, Chmura’s Bakery and the family of Senor Paulo Zina, the family of Attorney Joao M. V. Dias, the Beiroes Committee; Dr. Matthew Haluch and Baystate Dental PC, Chicopee Savings Bank, Ludlow Construction and the Pio Family, and Dunkin’ Donuts and the Salema Family.

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Alexa Tereso receives the Night in Portugal Committee award presented in memory of Police Chief John Jorge by his daughter, Joanne Gleason.



Joseph Vitorino receives the Beiroes Committee award from committee member Luis Dinis.



Rossano Michael Butcher receives an award from Gloria Faria from Chicopee Savings Bank.



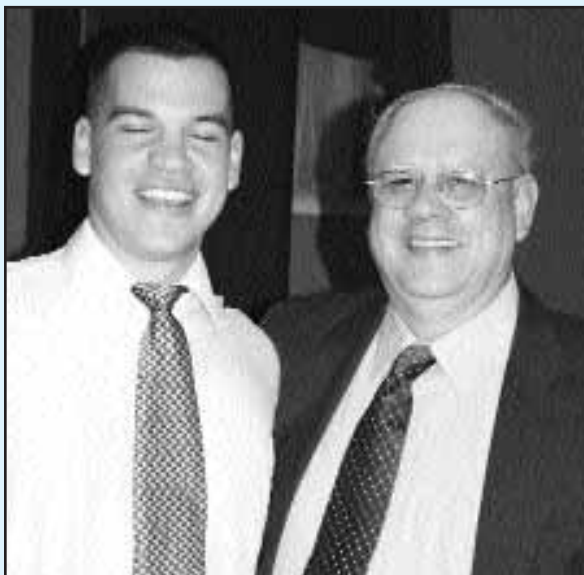
Sergio Dias receives the Ludlow Construction award from Rosa Pio.



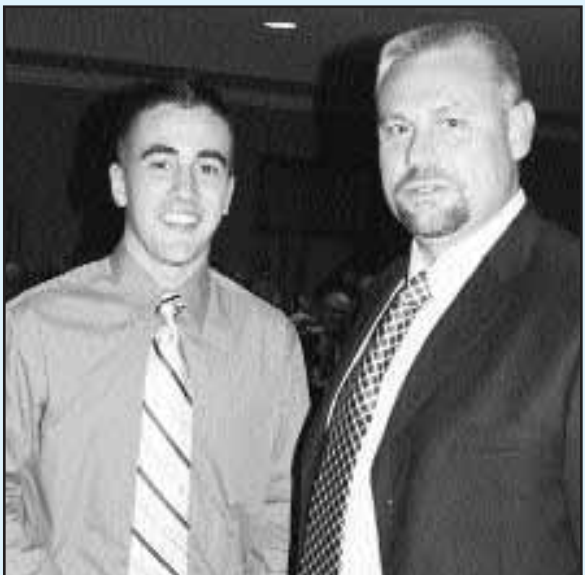
Alicia M. Ferreira receives an award from Judy Bowin, a representative from Chemi Graphics.



Alexa Grelha receives the Dunkin’ Donuts award from John Salema.



Stephen Lopes receives a Luso Federal Credit Union award from Richard Oliveira.



Brandon M. Quiterio receives the Chmura’s Bakery award from Joe Anselmo.



Olivia Quiterio receives the Baystate Dental Award from Dr. Matthew Haluch.

# Ludlow

## Recreation Department to host December childcare

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Recreation Department is holding open enrollment for their licensed After School Program for the upcoming school vacation week of Dec. 26 – Jan. 3. The program is closed Jan. 2.

This program is available for Ludlow resident children in grades kindergarten through five. The hours of the program are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a fee of \$30 per child payable at time of registration.

Parents are required to bring in two proofs of residency to obtain an application, which must be returned with the payment and any medication needed (prescriptions must be in their original prescription container with the child's name and address on it and the dosage to be given).

Each child is to bring a lunch, proper outdoor clothing and a change of clothing. Snacks and drinks are provided daily.

There will be planned daily activities scheduled, including outdoor play (weather permitting), arts & crafts, sports, movies, and more.

Applications may be obtained Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 3 to 6 p.m. at Whitney Park. The deadline for applications is Dec. 23.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 413-583-8856.

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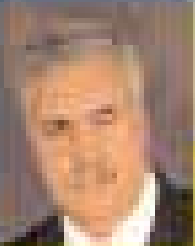


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# “Santa’s House”

By Christi Mills  
Register Correspondent

LUDLOW – Ludlow has its own “Santa’s House,” and it’s located on 201 Erin Lane. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Bigda family, along with close to 200 people, took delight in watching the display come alive.

“Santa’s House” has been on display in Ludlow since 1987, making its debut in 1983 at the Bigda’s Springfield home.

While the crowd anxiously awaited the reveal of “Santa’s House,” they witnessed the Grinch on the roof trying to stop Christmas by ripping off the Christmas lights. Santa arrived just in the nick of time, causing the Grinch to jump off the roof and run through the crowd.

“There will be a Christmas,” Santa promised the crowd. Santa handed out candy canes to the long line of children who gathered to see the display.

“Santa’s House” had a modest beginning. In 1983, Bill Bigda Sr. wanted to build a motorized sleigh complete with reindeer. He wanted to display it on his roof, so it looked like it was flying over his Springfield home. With the help of family members, Bigda achieved his goal.

“That is how it all began,” he said.

“Unfortunately, that display is no longer operable,” Bigda continued. “The second display I made was also in 1983. It was ‘Snoopy on Ice,’ and I’m happy to say that is operable and on display again this year.”

In 1987, Bigda and his family decided to build a house in Ludlow. Bigda looked for a bigger and brighter “Santa’s House.”

The senior Bigda, who works as a quality control manager at ChromAlloy, decided to step down last year. Construction of “Santa’s House” over to his son, Bill Jr. Tony, who works as a medical equipment technician, crafted a helicopter sleigh to mark his Dad’s retirement.

“We want to continue the tradition that started here and share it with the community,” he said.

“‘Santa’s House’ allows us to spend quality time with our Dad,” added Tony Bigda, who works as a manager at Orchard Variety.

The display went high-tech last year. Motors are synchronized to music via a computer program. This year, the “Light-O-Rama” Bill Jr. program this year, where lights on one of the sleighs are synchronized to the Christmas music that plays throughout the night.

“And if it’s a really cold night, you don’t get out of your car, just tune in to FM 87.5 to hear the Christmas music that is playing,” Tony said. “It’s a lot of hard work but so worth it. Having the chance to spend quality time with my father is still helps us – don’t let him fool you. We miss him without him.”

Also new this year is the mechanized sleigh. It’s a Coupe with a surfboard on the roof.



The Grinch can’t put a damper on the opening night of “Santa’s House.”



“Snoopy on Ice” is the oldest feature in the Bigda family’s “Santa’s House.”



Santa stops the Grinch in his tracks when the Grinch tries to create mischief at “Santa’s House.”

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(L-R) Mary Jordan, 10, and Emily Lima, 11, admire one of the new features at “Santa’s House.”



At their home on Erin Lane in Ludlow, Bill Bigda Sr. (center) joins his sons, Bill Jr. (left) and Tony (right), for the opening of “Santa’s House” on Saturday, Dec. 3.

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CHRISTI MILLS

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The children will be joined by the Bigda family and Santa will be here for breakfast with the kids.  
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# Sports

## Zucco named top player in Division 1

LUDLOW - The Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association (PVSOA) handed out its top awards at its annual banquet on Friday, Dec. 2.

Ludlow senior goalie Nick Zucco took home the George E. Russell Most

Value Player Award (Boys Division 1), which is named after the former Ludlow High School principal.

Other Ludlow residents receiving awards included Trevor Lewicki, Alex Goncalves and Fred Pereira. Lewicki, who goes to

school at Holyoke Catholic, won the Dave Grieve Most Value Player Award, which goes to the best player in Boys Division 3.

Goncalves and Pereira received Lifetime Membership awards for their 30-plus years of dedication.



Ludlow senior Nick Zucco won the George E. Russell Most Value Player Award (Boys Division 1), which is named after the former Ludlow High School principal.



Trevor Lewicki, who plays for Holyoke Catholic, but lives in Ludlow, (left) won the Dave Grieve Most Value Player Award for Boys Division 3. The presenter was Bill Kolodziej (right).



These three were awarded the Lifetime Membership Award for 30 years of service. Pictured are: from left to right Alex Goncalves (Ludlow), Jim Duggan (Monson) and Fred Pereira (Ludlow).

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## Pioneers in search of new head coach

### Calabrese, team part ways

LUDLOW - After one season, the Western Mass Pioneers and first-year coach Joe Calabrese part ways.

Coach Calabrese's experience and dedication to putting a winning product on the field will be missed.

"We were unable to come to terms on a contract for the 2012 season. It is always an unpleasant situation when we cannot come to terms as we have had two different coaches over the last two seasons," stated Lusitano Club President Celso Correia.

The PDL is a developmental league and consistency is what is needed to succeed.

"Endicott College has hired the correct coach as Joe Calabrese's commitment to take a team to the next level goes without question. Now Joe can focus on a less strenuous travel schedule and be closer to home," continued Correia.

Under coach Calabrese, the Pioneers finished the 2011 campaign with a 6-5-5 record, missing the playoffs by a single victory. A US Open Cup berth and being in first place or tied for first in the Northeast Division for the first half of the season were two notable highlights.

Coach Calabrese's primary focus will be leading the Endicott College men's soccer program to a second consecutive ECAC tournament berth in 2012. In the 2011 season, Coach



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### After one season, the pioneers have parted ways with head coach Joe Calabrese.

Cal brought the Gulls to a first ever ECAC Division 3 playoff appearance. The Gulls finished the regular season with an 8-7-3 record.

"We wish Joe Calabrese the best of luck with his coaching career. Coach Cal has been successful in all of his coaching roles and I am sure it will continue," commented Board of Directors Chairman Steve Scott.

The Western Mass Pioneers are reviewing applications and will have a decision in the very near future. Tryouts will be held at early January at a location to be named.

Continue to refer to the Pioneers website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

## Lions looking to take next step

### Ousted in semifinals past two seasons

By Tim Peterson  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The Ludlow hockey team lost to Longmeadow and Westfield in the Western Mass. Division 3 semifinals the past two years.

Longmeadow and Westfield went on to capture the District title and they also won the Berry Division league title. The Lions are hoping to win both of those titles this season.

"I'm expecting to have a very good season because we have a lot of very

good players returning," said Lions head coach Paul Rivest. "I think Westfield is the best team in the Berry league this year, but we should be right behind them."

Last March, Ludlow lost to Westfield in the Western Mass. Division 3 semifinals. The Lions lost in the semifinals to Longmeadow two years ago.

"Westfield will most likely be the team to beat this year. They always have a lot of players tryout and they've been playing together for a long time," Rivest said. "I don't think Longmeadow is going to be as good as they have been in the past. They're going to be rebuilding team this year."

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## Boys & Girls Club offers chance to hit the slopes

### Program starts in January

By Tim Peterson  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club will be holding a Learn to Ski and Snowboard program at Blandford Ski Area in Blandford for students in grades 4-8.

"We've run this program in the past and it's a great opportunity for any student in grades 4-8 to learn to ski or snowboard," said Bryan Brown, who's the Athletic Director of the Boys and Girls Club. "We tried running it last year, but we didn't have enough students

sign up. We'll need a minimum of 20 students to run the program."

The program is scheduled to be held on five Friday nights starting on Jan. 6. The other dates are: Jan. 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3. A coach bus will leave the Boys and Girls Club, which is located at 91 Claudia Way, at 3:30 p.m. and they'll be arriving at the ski area by 5 p.m. The bus will leave Blandford Ski Area at 8 p.m.

The program is open to skiers and snowboarders of all levels from beginner to advance.

"They put the students into three levels depending on their ability," Brown said. "Level 1 is for first timers. Level 2 is for those students who have some experience skiing or snowboarding. Level 2 plus is the advanced level."

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# Sports

## Ludlow 2011-2012 Winter Varsity Schedule

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 12	Away	Pittsfield	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Home	Pathfinder	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16	Away	Quabbin	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Away	Pathfinder	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23	Home	Sci-Tech	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Away	Longmeadow	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Away	Central	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	Away	Chicopee	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10	Home	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	Away	Putnam	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20	Home	Minnechaug	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 23	Home	Agawam	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Home	South Hadley	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 2	Away	New Leadership (at Rebecca Johnson Middle School in Springfield)	7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 6	Away	Sabis	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9	Away	Agawam	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 13	Away	South Hadley	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 16	Home	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 20	Home	New Leadership	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Home	Sabis	7 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 8	Home	Holyoke	7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12	Home	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15	Home	Quabbin	7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19	Away	Central	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 22	Away	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Home	Chicopee	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5	Away	Amherst	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9	Away	Agawam	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12	Home	Taonic	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Away	Westfield	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19	Home	Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Home	Minnechaug	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Home	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3	Away	Holyoke	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Home	Central	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17	Away	Minnechaug	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Home	Northampton	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23	Away	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.

### SWIMMING

Friday, Dec. 9	Home	Palmer	4 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16	Home	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Away	Central	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	Home	Turners Falls	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10	Away	Holyoke	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13	Away	Palmer	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Away	Turners Falls	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20	Away	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Away	Sci-Tech	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Home	Cathedral	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Away	Chicopee	4 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Thursday, Dec. 8	Away	West Springfield	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10	Away	Ontario Bay (Ontario Bay Storm Second Annual "Lake Effect" Tournament)	3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11	Away	TBD (Ontario Bay Storm Second Annual "Lake Effect" Tournament)	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 15	Home	Westfield	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17	Away	Longmeadow	2 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 22	Home	Minnechaug	8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29	Home	Westfield	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30	Home	Longmeadow	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7	Home	Taonic	2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10	Home	East Longmeadow	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14	Away	Agawam	4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 16	Home	East Longmeadow	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	Away	Longmeadow	8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28	Away	West Springfield	4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 2	Home	Minnechaug	8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3	Away	West Springfield	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11	Home	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17	Away	Westfield	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Home	Auburn	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23	Home	Minnechaug	8:30 p.m.

### SKIING (all meets at Berkshire East)

Thursday, Jan. 5	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 2	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9	Home	PVIAC Meet	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Home	PVIAC Individuals	5 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 10	Away	Red Raider Invitational (at Athol High School)	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Away	Cathedral	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23	Away	Eagles Holiday Bash (at Franklin Tech)	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Home	Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 4	Away	Chicopee	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11	Home	Minnechaug	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14	Away	Hurricanes Duals (at Amherst High School)	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	Away	Chicopee Comp	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	Away	Eagle Duals (at Franklin Tech)	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25	Away	Central	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28	Away	Wilbraham & Monson Academy	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1	Home	Agawam	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3	Home	WMass Individuals	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 4	TBA	WMass Individuals	TBA
Friday, Feb. 10	TBA	State Individuals	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 11	TBA	State Individuals	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 18	TBA	Team States	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 25	TBA	All-State Tournament	TBA
Saturday, March 3	TBA	New England	TBA

## Falcons trying to get back on track

By Sean Seifert  
Special to Turley Publications

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Falcons snapped their five-game losing streak on Sunday afternoon, ousting the Portland Pirates by a 2-1 decision at the MassMutual Center.

The teams' leaders rose to the occasion with Dane Byers and Alexandre Giroux each scoring, along with Manny Legace posting 17 saves on 18 shots.

Falcons head coach Rob Riley says another loss wasn't an option.

"Tonight was a really desperate game for us. We had to get a win," said Riley.

Falcons captain Byers and goaltender Legace assured their team a lead after one period of play. Andrew Joudrey fed Byers for a shorthanded break-away at 13:25, leading to Byers' third goal in two games. Legace calmly turned aside 10 shots on goal to leave the Falcons with a 1-0 advantage after the first period.

In the second period, the Falcons saw a slew of scoring changes, capitalizing late in the period to maintain their lead. Brett MacLean was able to slide a loose puck past Legace at 3:25 to tie the game for Portland at 1-1. At 14:56 a sprinting Brock Trotter collided into Legace, sending the goaltender to the ice. Legace returned to his feet and held the Pirates for the remainder of the period.

With the second period ready to expire, Martin St. Pierre pivoted a backhand pass through the crease, connecting with Giroux who lit the lamp at 19:45 to give the Falcons a 2-1 hold on the game after 40 minutes.

During the first minute of the third period, Allen York replaced a still shaken up Legace in net. The Falcons held off the Pirates for the rest of the game, coming out on top with a much-needed 2-1 victory.

Left wing Matt Calvert was awarded the third star of the game for his efforts towards the win.

"We found a way to win and that was really good to see. A lot of great efforts tonight," said Riley.

The Falcons return to action on Saturday, Dec. 10 for a 7 p.m. game against the Manchester Monarchs at the MassMutual Center.

## Wacky Sundays

LUDLOW - Ludlow residents come to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club on any Sunday and pay only \$1 for the use of the pool anytime from 8 to 11:45 a.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Aquatics Director Connor Claffey at 413-583-2072.

## Randall Boys and Girls Club ski/snowboard program

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club will be holding a Learn to Ski and Snowboard program at Blandford Ski area in Blandford for children in grades 4-8.

The program dates are Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3.

The program is open to skiers and snowboarders of all levels from beginner to advanced. Each child will receive an hour lesson and the opportunity to free ski/snowboard for three hours after the lesson.

Registration begins immediately.

Registration ends Dec. 16.

If your child needs to rent equipment the price is \$340 and if no equipment rental is needed the price is \$290.

These prices include transportation, lift tickets for all five days, and a one-hour lesson on each day.

The registration is limited to the first 40 children in grades 4-8. Also, high school aged children can register for the "bus only" option. This registration includes round trip transportation to the Blandford Ski Area, but does not include: lessons, rental, or lift tickets.

The high school aged "bus only" registration is limited to the first 20 children. The cost for the "bus only" registration is \$120. Registration is limited and is first come/first serve.

Any questions or for more information please contact Bryan at 583-2072 or bbrown@ludlowbgc.org.

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# Sports

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## Athlete of the Week

**Nick Zucco**

**Ludlow High School**

Congratulations goes out to the Lions boys varsity soccer player.

He won the George E. Russell Most Value Player Award for the top player in Boys Division 1.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-283-8393 ext. 237 or send an e-mail to dforbes@turley.com.



### NEXT STEP *from Page 16*

The Lions, who finished with a 9-9-3 overall record a year ago, are schedule to face Berry Division rival West Springfield in their season opener at Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The other two members of the Berry Division are East Longmeadow and Minnechaug. The Lions will be playing a total of three games each against their five Berry Division opponents.

The Lions will be competing in the second annual Lake Effect tournament in Syracuse, N.Y., this weekend. They're slated to face Ontario Bay, which is a co-op hockey team, on Saturday afternoon.

"We're going to be playing two games at that tournament and they'll count towards our regular season record," Rivest said. "We won that tournament last year and it's a good way to build team chemistry, which is one of our strengths."

The Lions other three non-conference games will be against Taconic, Agawam and Auburn.

The captains of the Ludlow hockey team this year are senior forward Thane Schinabeck, senior forward Greg Cormier, senior defenseman Cam Frigon and senior defenseman Cam Beaulieu, who was also a captain as a junior.

"The four captains bring a lot to the table," Rivest said. "Greg might be a small forward, but he's always grinding it out in the corners for us. He's a very hard worker. Frigon has had two concussions during the past couple of years and he's still able to play hockey. He's our inspirational leader. Schinabeck is a very good team leader. I think he'll be one of the best hockey players in Western Mass. this year. Beaulieu is a returning captain and he's also a very good team leader."

Ludlow's first line consists of senior Aaron McNamara, junior Nick Forzano and Schinabeck.

"I'm expecting our first line to score 40 or 50 goals between the three of

them," Rivest said. "They're our three best forwards and they've been playing hockey together for a long time. That unit played together last year and they should be one of the best lines in Western Mass. this year."

The members of the second line are junior forward Garrett Montagna, freshman forward Tyler Diotallevi and Cormier.

"I like to mix up the lines," Rivest said. "I normally don't like to play three seniors together or three juniors together on the same line."

The Lions third line will be made up of senior forward Nick Pevato, junior forward Matt Corbin, and sophomore Jason Weigel, who's a first-year player.

Their fourth line is made up of senior forward Brandon McCarthy, junior forward Chad King, and freshman forward Brad Garete. McCarthy, who's a first-year hockey player, was also a key member of the Lions boys soccer Division 1 state championship team this past fall.

"We're expecting our first two lines to do most of the scoring for us, but we do have a lot of depth this year," Rivest said. "If the members of the other two lines start to produce, they'll get more playing time. It'll keep the members of our first two lines fresh."

The members of the Lions defensive unit are sophomore Marc Miller, junior Mike Modzelewski, junior Sean Egan, Frigon, and Beaulieu.

Rivest wasn't sure if sophomore Nick Dunn or freshman Alex Fontaine would be his starting goaltender in the season opener against West Springfield.

"Nick was a member of the team last year. He only had the chance to play in a couple of games because we had a very good goaltender in Bob Gavoni," Rivest said. "Alex is a big and strong goaltender. Both of them played for travel hockey teams. The starting goaltending position is up for grabs right now."

It should be a very exciting season for the Ludlow hockey team.

## The Beane Pot

by Carl Beane

### Valentine makes Red Sox hearts skip a beat

Hello ladies and gentlemen boys and girls and welcome to the Beanepot. We begin with the decision by the Red Sox to officially hire Bobby Valentine as the 45th manager of the team.



son full of very cool things happening at Fenway Park in celebration of its 100th anniversary, so a lackluster campaign is out of the question. Skipper Valentine knows full well the arduous task he has before him. Let's see if he can deliver.

As I have written in previous columns he wasn't my first choice to get the job. I did watch on TV his press conference on Thursday to see how he conducted himself. There seemed to be the showman/salesman attitude in his demeanor and at first glance it bothered me. However I will grant him this, the players by their actions forfeited their right to police themselves, so by having a manager that has a bigger personality than the players might just be a good thing. So I say let's give Bobby V. a chance to show us his stuff. There is no question he will be prepared every game that he is a superb tactician, and will motivate himself and his team to be at their best.

He has already met with David Ortiz in the Dominican; he is at the winter meetings in Orlando to begin the process of finding the missing pieces to complete the team. It is imperative that the Red Sox get off to a much better start than they did last season and he will be expected to win right away. This is going to be a sea-

The Patriots are indeed an interesting story. They have a wonderful offense. Their win against the Colts was fun BUT if anyone thinks this bunch is going to the Super Bowl be real careful. This team's defense is horrible. Devin McCourty looked silly out there allowing wide receivers to get behind him for late touchdowns. If that's the best he can do, then please Coach Bill find a replacement and soon because he will get burned in a big game. On the plus side, tight end Ron Gronkowski is already the best in the game in just his second year. Coach, fix your defense ASAP.

What a tremendous November the Bruins had, and here's hoping December is just as good. This team most nights plays 60 minutes and everybody is doing their part. Good for them, and congratulations on 100 consecutive sellouts at the Garden. Amen.

Carl Beane can be reached at cbeane@carlbeane.com or via his website www.carlbeane.com.

### SLOPES *from Page 16*

Each student will receive an hour lesson and they'll also have the chance to ski/snowboard following the lesson each Friday night.

"The lessons will be taught by Blandford staff members, who are very experienced," Brown said. "It's a good way for students learn to ski or snowboard and spend a Friday night."

Registration is currently open, but the deadline to sign up for the Learn to Ski and Snowboard program is on Friday, Dec. 16.

The cost for students who needs to rent equipment is \$340. The cost without rental equipment is \$290.

Both prices include transportation, lift tickets for all five days, and a one-hour lesson on each day.

High school students can sign up for the bus only option, which is limited to the first 20 students. The bus only cost, which does not include lessons, rental or lift tickets, is \$120.

Blandford Ski area has been owned by the Springfield Ski Club since 1936. It's the oldest club-owned ski area in North America.

The ski area has a total of 23 trails, 11 lighted for night skiing, and two terrain parks. The ski area has five lifts.

Any questions or for more information please contact Bryan Brown at 583-2072 or bbrown@ludlowbgc.org.

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# Schools

## Baird Students of the Month . . .



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Students for the month of November at Paul R. Baird Middle School are (l-r) Alex Goncalves, Yekaterina Vikhrev, Brenna Hoar, Alec Albright, Erin Callahan, Tashiana Kwatowski, Sarah Martins, Logan Giebner, Alison Pariseau, Stephanie Guillen, Tiffini Small and Melanie Nareau.

## Talented . . .



Turley Publications submitted photo

Winners of the Paul R. Baird Talent Show are (l-r) Jennifer Fish, Brooke Dias, Joana Tulik, Madeleine Pereira, Jillian Coelho and Kasey Picard.

## Ludlow High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

### HIGH HONORS

#### Class of 2012

Allison Anselmo, Emily Assarian, Johnathan Bacht, Kristen Bousquet, Adam Carvalho, Heather Castro, Ryan Chenevert, Jasmin Correa, Tyler Cote, Daniel Crowley, Jake DaSilva, Briana Deslauriers, Dominique Deslauriers, Laura Fanning, Jacob Fish, Michael Garland II, Kaila Grenier, Angela Harrington, Stephen Hensley, Krista Homich, Haily Kelliher, Marcus Lafayette, Jacob LeBlanc, Claire Lemek, Katie McNamara, Drew Petrolati, Andrea Serpas, Taylor Simpson, Mark Sychtysz, Matthew Vallee, Kathryn Vaz, Payton Vincelette, Corey Williams and Kara Yelinek.

#### Class of 2013

Kimberly Babiec, Kara Baillargeon, Drake Bal, Christopher Barbeau, Caitlin Bernier, Jennie Cadieux, Rebecca Costa, Brian Crowley, Ian Dansereau, Everett Dec, Robin Decoteau, Nathan Dias, Hannah Eberli, Sophia Fernandes, Alyssa Fialho, Jocelyn Forcier, Christopher Ganhao, James Garrett, Meghan Goggins, Tessa Grassette, Ashley Hitchcock, Nicole Jeronimo, Elizabeth Kania, Katrina Kobus, Kyle Kozaczka, Eric Laamanen, Jeremy Lamontagne, Sara Landaverde, Maggie Lau, Jordan Leal, Alison Leacock, Michael Marshall, Carly Masse, Benjamin Milos, Victoria Morris, Anna Mowry, Olivia Nogueira, Xavier Pereira, Andrea Persson, Michelle Pires, Aniesha Renaud, Elise Roberts, Nelson Rodrigues, Jonathan Royce, Eric Rucki, Shauna Dempsey-Santos, Austin Saraiva, Maria Stanek, Aneta Sucharski, Aryelle Teixeira, Deaven Theriault, Breana Vivier, Melissa Wojcicki and Jake Zina.

#### Class of 2014

Katherine Afonso, Nicholas Antos, Ashley Benoit, Kevin Bourgeois, Alyson Bruneault, Samantha Chmiel, James Constantino, Shannon Crowe, Elias Dec, Emily DeWolf, Mandi Dorval, Alexandria Ferreira, Andre Ferreira, Timofey Gavrilov, Nicholas Goncalves, Nathan Hague, Shannon Hastings, Hayley Johnson, Kaitlin Jordan, Kristina King, John Lenz, Sylwia Lipior, Briana Luzio, Stefania Mahar, Alyssa Martins, Daniel Matias, Mika Matias, Stephanie Medeiros, Alondra Moreno, Justin Nadolski, Brandon Nowakowski, Raquel Rhodes, Marissa Ribeiro, Cassandra Ricardi, Peter Skaza, Victoria Vikhrev, Brandon Watt and Katarzyna Wielblad.

#### Class of 2015

McKenzie Bingham, Anthony

Calvanese, Christopher Charest, Matthew Connors, Nicholas Cordeiro, Meagan Dias, Connor Doherty, Summer Dutton, Rachel Forcier, Joseph Forzano, Zachary Frangules, Victoria Freniere, Nicholas Garrity, Alyssa Guyon, Austin Harris, Jessica Holley, Alexis Lavoie, Brett Layman, Amy Martin, Hafsa Mire, Bryan Ovelheiro, Molly Palatino, Kailah Papuga, Cheyenne Patrie, Veronica Pereira, Noelle Picard, Michael Pires, Madellin Quiterio, Andrew Reyes, Jessica Sanches, Emily Sevigne, Elizabeth Skaza, Audra Smith and Kathryn Szymt.

### HONORS

#### Class of 2012

Alexandria Albano, Bryan Amaral, Philip Aniceto, Melanie Arocho, Edward Bacht, Autumn Ballard, Rebecca Barbieri, Ethan Barrieau, Lauren Basile, Haley Buck, Ethan Campbell, Kimberly Carreira, Juliana Cavallini, Burak Citlak, Rebecca Clark, William Comtois, Gregory Cormier, Paul Crevier, Kelly Crowe, Richard Currier, Jared Dias, Wesley Dominique, Matti Dorval, Brandi-Lyn Drinkwine, Olivia Eberly, Cassandra Figueiredo, Zachery Flowers, Thomas Forcier, Sonia Forget, Mackenzie Foye, Cameron Frigon, Michelle Gama, Samantha Godding, Alexander Goncalves, Cassandra Goncalves, Loren Gonyea, Nicholas Haczynski, Davis Horgan, Chelsea Jeronimo, Lauren Kalesnik, Eva Kernan, Kayla Lucas, Andrew Luzio, Lynsey Majka, Olivia Martins, Caitlin McAfee, Brandon McCarthy, Ashley Monette, Meagan Moorhouse, Brandon Morgado, Casey Nolan, Michelle O'Brien, Shannon O'Neil, Kristen Oliveira, Jeremy Pepino, Kaycee Pereira, Nicole Picard, Shannon Robitaille, Heather Roy, Adam Russell, Marisa Santo, Joshua Santos, Filipa Saraiva, Bianca Small, Meaghan Stack, Courtney Strange, Seckin Yanbul and Andrew Zrakas.

#### Class of 2013

Michelle Almeida, Katherine Barrett, Samantha Belanger, Nicholas Bellucci, Kyle Brissette, Amanda Carestia, Ariana Crespo, Carly Croteau, Ana Dias, Cody Dias, Katrina DiGloria, Morgan Doherty, Adam Douville, Kelly Drake, Colleen Dusel, Kylie Echols, Alycia Eugenio, Christopher Evans, John Ferrera III, Alexandra Francisco, Caitlyn Fratini, Brianna Gaughan, Adam Goncalves, Allisen Goncalves, Taylor Graffum, Katrina Herring, Ashley Hibbard, Derek Hoeckh, Alexis Holdsworth, Chelsea Johnson, Kieffer Orszulak-Kalesnik, Chad King, Patrick Klosek,

Jacob LaPierre, Meghan LaPointe, Jon-Luc Lavoie, Robert Lizak, Theresa Marini, Hannah Martin, Tyler Martins, Alex Masse, Stephanie McVeigh, Allison Monteiro, Kayla Moreno, Breanna Moylan, Lindsey Paradis, Jessica Pashko, Disha Patel, Dylan Pereira, Alexia Reyes, Makayla Reynolds, Samantha Rodrigues, Stephanie Szymt, Fabio Tavares, Matthew Thompson, Brittany Venne, Gerald Wadle, Abigail Walczak, Luke Woishnis and Sukru Yildirim.

#### Class of 2014

Joseph Andrade, Gina Anselmo, Judith Arciszewski, Danielle Bates, Jacqueline Benoit, Tiffany Blake, Ryan Soares-Boudreau, Gianna Walsh-Bracci, Brian Cormier, Kevin DaSilva, John Domenichelli, Nicholas Dunn, William Eagen, Monica Evans, Francesca Ferreira, Nathaniel Ferreira, Tomas Fialho, Lauren Gamache, Emma Garcia, Bahar Gokcek, Danielle Gotta, Andrea Haluch, Abigail Hardy, Daniel Jorge, Belinda Jozefczyk, Alicja Kania, Abby Kinsey, Kane Kwatowski, Camerom Labelle, Alexander Lafayette, Sonia Manuel, Jordan Martins, Kimberly McCarthy, Ciara McCready, Marc Miller, Jocelyn Minie, Sylvia Mitus, Nelson Mourao, Thomas Mullaney, Erik Nyzio, Breana Oatway, Gina Orlandi, Amanda Oski, Lindsay Paixao, Lauren Papianou, Joseph Parker, Gopi Patel, James Patterson, Alexis Pereira, Mario Rodrigues, Cheyenne Ryzek, Breanna Saloio, Gabriella Saloio, Justin Sanchez, Elissa Socha, Caroline Suska, Kiara Tatro, Justine Trowbridge, Jason Wegiel, Ethan Wheeler, Thomas Yagmin, Paula Yelinek and Jonathan Young.

#### Class of 2015

Cynthia Acevedo, Hayden Adams, Breana Allore, Emily Aniceto, David Annechiarico, Sonia Baltazar, Elizabeth Barrett, Halit Bayrak, Zoe Nelson-Bryan, Olivia Chartrand, Kendall Chase, Shayla Costa, Nicholas Crane, Alexander Davies, Jill Decoteau, Brittany Dias, Jacqueline Dias, Tyler Diotalevi, Nicholas DoCarmo, Connor Duquette, Joseph Ferrera, Danielle Francisco, Jacob Francisco, Connor Frigon, Nico Gallo, Adam Garete, Brad Garete, Daniel Gil, David Goncalves, Rachel Goncalves, Kelsey Jordan, Kyle Kipetz, Tristan Lage, Samantha Lind, Bruno Machado, Kelly May, Monica Mazur, Kierra McCarthy, Meagan McCarthy, Meghan McCarthy, Emily McGourty, Marie-Nicole Meak, Jordan Murray, Kevin Nyzio, Savannah Caron-Parker, Joshua Paulino, Sonia Portela, Monique Rego, Kevin Simonds, Brian Snyder, Nicholas St. Pierre, Katelyn Sweetman and Ashley Theriault.

## Ludlow residents named to honor roll at Cathedral High School

SPRINGFIELD – Ludlow residents named to the Cathedral High School Honor Roll are – Senior Class, First Honors: Alyssa Rooney; Senior Class, Second Honors – Robert Escalante and Monica Goggins; Junior Class, First Honors – David Janeczek and Arthur Potter; Sophomore Class, First Honors – Casey Rooney, and Sophomore Class, Second Honors – Jennifer Callahan.

## Ludlow students named to honor roll at Holyoke Catholic High School

CHICOPEE – Ludlow students named to the honor roll at Holyoke Catholic High School are First Honors: senior Staci Rezendes; juniors Kaitlin Allair, Samantha Alves and Trevor Lewicki; sophomore Nina Roxo, and freshmen Thomas Allair, Alexis Carrington, Nathan Drewniak, Ryan Flanders and Margaret Szlosek; Second Honors: Senior Jillian Pirog, sophomore Ian McCulloch, and freshman Samantha Pepe, and Honorable Mention: freshman Andrew Zulch.

## STCC to offer free MCAS prep program

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) will offer free Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) preparatory classes to students from the classes of 2003 to 2014 who did not pass the MCAS test in math, English language arts or biology.

The "Transition to College" program is made possible by a \$32,000 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, and transition to post-secondary education," said STCC Director of Returning Adult Services Sue Soffen.

The first "Transition to College" session begins on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012. Classes will be held at STCC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Adult Education Center (Building 27) through Feb. 29. In addition, independent study and tutorial support will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Curriculum materials are free to "Transition to College" attendees enrolled in the program.

Program space is limited; those interested in enrolling should visit the STCC Adult Education Center (Building 27) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

# Obituaries

## Rui C. Alves

LUDLOW – Rui C. Alves, 45, of Ludlow, was called safely home to Heaven. Born in Lisbon, Portugal, son of the late Amadeu and Mercedes (Dinis) Alves, he came to Ludlow as a child, where he was a 1984 graduate of Ludlow High School, a soccer player and LYSA soccer coach, as well as a proud member of the Gremio Lusitano Club. Rui leaves his loving children, Sean and Christopher Alves, of Ludlow, and the children's mother, Rosa Leroux; his aunt Regina Torpes and her husband Celio and uncle Claudio Dinis and his wife Maria, all of Ludlow; his in-laws Patricio and Juvelina Paulo, also of Ludlow, as well as many cousins, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 8:30 a.m., from Ludlow Funeral Home and Cremation Services, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rui's memory to Our Lady of Fatima Church, Winsor St., Ludlow, MA 01056.



## Dionila F. Fragoso

LUDLOW – Dionila F. (Ferreira) Fragoso, 90, formerly of Ludlow, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Wingate at Springfield. Born in Portugal to the late Manuel and Maria (Faustina) Ferreira, she immigrated to the United States in 1970. She was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church. Dionila was an accomplished seamstress and sewed clothes for her family and friends. She retired as a seamstress from UniFirst. She loved to help with her grandchildren and will be remembered as a very caring person. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Manuel Fragoso, and three siblings, Joaquim, Maria and Ana. She leaves three daughters, Maria Ferreira and her husband Victor, of Ludlow, Graciete Rodrigues and her husband Antonio, of Ludlow and Isabel Ferreira and her husband Manuel, of Indian Orchard; a brother, Manuel Ferreira; three sisters, Joaquina Pio, Ilda Paulo and Nazare Lopes; eight grandchildren, Paul Ferreira, Debbie Joliceur, Michael Rodrigues, Diane Rodrigues, Susanne Rodrigues, Celia Fernandes, David Ferreira and Eurico Ferreira; eight great-grandchildren, Jessica Ferreira, Lauren Ferreira, Alyssa Joliceur, Mason Rodrigues, Ava Rodrigues, Carina Rodrigues, Isabella Fernandes and Gabriella



Fernandes, and many other relatives in Portugal and the states. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 26, at Nowak Funeral and Cremation Services, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Fatima Church and Rites of Interment at St. Aloysius Cemetery.

## Geraldine R. Knapp

LUDLOW – Geraldine R. (Rising) Knapp, 94, of Ludlow, died on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Country Estates of Agawam. She was born in Springfield on Nov. 24, 1917, a daughter of the late William D. and Florence H. (Duclos) Knapp. She was a 1935 graduate of Agawam High School. She was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Catholic Community in Ludlow. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gaylord D. Kemp, who died on Nov. 17, 2000, and her sister. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m., in St. John the Baptist Church, 191 Hubbard St., in Ludlow, with Rites of Committal and Interment to follow in Woodland Dell Cemetery in Wilbraham. There are no visiting hours. Arrangements are entrusted to Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, Springfield. Donations may be made to the St. Elizabeth Parish, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA 01056.

## Lena J. Lak

INDIAN ORCHARD – Lena J. (Mamicki) Lak, 84, of Indian Orchard, died Wednesday Nov. 30, in Mercy Medical Center. Born in Chicopee, Aug. 11, 1927, daughter of the late Stanley and Josephine (Pietras) Mamicki, she was a faithful communicant of Immaculate Conception Church, a member of its Senior Citizen Group and its Rosary Society. She was a pierogi maker for the parish. Lena had worked as a cashier with over 25 years of service at Stop and Shop. She was also recording secretary for the Polish American Veterans Club Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Polonia Club. She is survived by her husband, Tadeusz "Ted" W. Lak, daughters Kathleen J. Tereso, of Ludlow, and Barbara A. Stadnicki, and her

husband, Stanley, of Morrisonville, N.Y. Sadly she was predeceased by a son, Walter J. Lak. She is survived by a sister, Anne Jurkowsky, of Springfield, a brother Frederick Mamicki and his wife, Alice, of Chicopee, and daughter-in-law Amy Braveman. She was predeceased by her brother, Walter Manicki and his wife, Carrie, sister Alice Zywna and her husband, Edward, Stella Kowal and her husband, Stanley, a brother-in-law, Adam Jurkowsky, and a son-in-law, Anibal Tereso. Grandmother of Laura, Lisa, Steven, Jennifer and Stefanie. Great-grandmother of Samuel, Sydni, and Conor. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Immaculate Conception Church, offered by Fr. Stanley Sokol, followed by Rites of Committal in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. It was Lena's wish that there be no visiting hours. Donations in her memory may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.



## Wasył Pyrik

CHICOPEE – Wasył Pyrik, 89, of Chicopee, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 1. Born in Ukraine, the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Lizak) Pyrik, he immigrated to this country in 1949, living in Amherst and Holyoke before settling in Chicopee in 1959. Proud of his Ukraine heritage, Wasył was a faithful member of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church and worked for many years at the former Dreikorn Bakery before his retirement in 1984. Wasył leaves his beloved wife of 65 years, Anna (Wowk) Pyrik, of Chicopee; loving children, Steven Pyrik, of Charleston, Walter Pyrik, of San Diego, and Mary Sullivan, of Ludlow; eight cherished grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, as well as his extended family in Ukraine. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 6, from the Ludlow Funeral Home, with a Liturgy Mass celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery. Donations may be made in Wasył's memory to St. Peter and Paul Church, Newbury St., Ludlow, MA. 01056.

## Shriners to host first ever 'Feztival of Trees'

SPRINGFIELD – The Melha Shriners are excited to announce the first ever Shriners "Feztival of Trees," an event designed to give people a chance to win a fantastically decorated tree and help support the community work of the local Shriners at the same time.

The Feztival will be held Dec. 9 through Dec. 18 at the Melha Shrine Center, 133 Longhill St., in Springfield.

To participate in the event, individuals and businesses can donate an artificial tree, decorated any way they like. Trees should be at least four feet tall and have a sturdy base for display. The customized, festive trees will be put on display at the center from 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

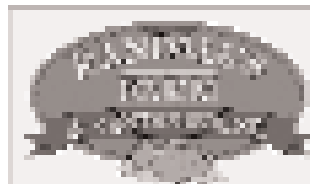
Attendees can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the tree of their choice. The raffle drawing will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the end of the event.

In addition to the display of trees, there will be a craft fair, entertainment, refreshments and pictures with Santa. Admission is \$2 per person, with no charge for children under the age of 12. All proceeds will benefit the Melha Shrine Center and the many activities they engage in to help the communities in which they live, work, and raise their families.

"If you wish to donate a tree, the decoration of the tree is entirely up to you," said Al Zippin of the Melha Shriners. "The best way to attract attention to an individual tree is to be creative and reflect your personality or the type of business you have; showing your business logo with unique ornaments or other décor is highly encouraged."

For further information about the Feztival, contact Bill Faust at 413-786-1272 or 413-246-8958. For further information about the Melha Shrine Center, please call the center at 413-736-3647 or Faust at 413-246-8958, or email wjfdlf@verizon.net.

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at Saints Peter and Paul  
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# Datebook

## THURSDAY, DEC. 8

First Church in Ludlow will hold its monthly "Young at Heart" luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be Christmas caroling and holiday fun. The menu will consist of stuffed chicken breast, vegetables, dessert and coffee or tea. The cost is \$5 per person. First Church in Ludlow is located at 859 Center St., Rt. 21, Ludlow. Guests are invited to bring non-perishable food items to benefit the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard.

### UPCOMING

The Ludlow Golden Seniors Club will be having its Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Villa Rose Restaurant, Ludlow. Hors d'ourves will precede dinner at 11 a.m. Then at noon, it's orzo soup followed by a prime rib dinner, with a baked potato, seasonal vegetables, and for dessert, a brownie with ice cream. Diabetics choice of sherbet or fruit cup. Sign up dates are Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Wednesday Dec. 7. The cost is \$6 for members and \$20 for guests. Christmas entertainment will be provided by Noah Lis. Tickets are non-transferable.

Luso Federal Credit Union, located at 599 East St., Ludlow, invites you to come share your holiday wishes with Santa and receive a free gift on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. Open to everyone.

The ever popular Friends of the Ludlow Public Library holiday basket raffle is now in progress! Don't miss this opportunity to take chances on a wide array of theme-inspired baskets! The raffle will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 20, so time is limited. Remember, all proceeds generated by this raffle are used for programming at the library.

The Ludlow High School Class of 1996 will hold a reunion on Friday, Dec. 23, beginning at 7 p.m., at A Bica Bar and Grill, 278 Main, St. Indian Orchard.

The Ludlow High School As Schools Match Wits team will be featured on the program on Saturday evening, Dec. 31. The program will be broadcast at 7 p.m. on public television channel 57. It may possibly be re-broadcast the following day at 9 a.m. This year's team consists of seniors Emily Assarian, Stephen Hensley, Marcus Lafayette and Dan Lipeles, along with junior alternates Everett Dec and Chelsea Johnson. The opponent will be Taconic High School. Go Lions!

The Ludlow Travel Club has three trips planned for 2012. Please contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or via email at jamesmartin47@verizon.net for more information. All trips include luggage handling and taxes. Music Cities: New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville from April 15-22, eight days, 10 meals, city tours, shows, Grand Ol' Opry, \$2,049 per person doubles, includes ride to/from Bradley Airport; Quebec City and St. Anne de Beaupré from June 9-12, four days, three dinners, city tour, Montmorency Falls, Isle of Orleans, and more, \$625 per person doubles, includes round-trip motorcoach to Canada, and Alpine Countries-Austria, Germany & Switzerland from Sept. 13-25, 13 days, 18 meals; Vienna, Salzburg, Danube cruise, Innsbruck, Munich, Black Forest, Lake Geneva, Zermatt and Lucerne; \$3,849 per person, doubles, includes ride to/from Logan Airport.

Christ the King Church is offering the following trips in 2012 - April 15-22 - New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville; eight days, 10 meals and lots of attractions. Cost is \$2,049 per person, double. May 17-29 - Alaska, Land and Cruise; 13 days, 21 meals. From \$3,789 per person, double. Sept. 13-25 - Austria, Germany and Switzerland; 13 Days, 18 meals. From \$3,849 per person, double. All trips include transportation from Christ the King Church and all taxes. To sign up, call Sue Brown at 413-323-0883 or 413-335-2297.



## Church DIRECTORY

Week of Dec. 7-13



### St. Elizabeth Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - 10 a.m. Club Cinquante Wrap Up Meeting will be in the Jordan Room; 1:30 p.m. Rosary prayed in Church; 3 p.m. Middle School Ministry will meet in the Elizabeth Room; 3 p.m. Youth Group will meet in the Zechariah Room; 5:30 p.m. Mass; 6 p.m. Evening Prayer will be held in Church; 6 p.m. Holy Mother's Choir will rehearse in Church; 6:30 p.m. Social/Family Life Committee will meet in the Elizabeth Room; 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection will meet in the Zechariah Room; 6:30 p.m. Family School Assn. will meet in the Jordan Room; 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts will meet in the Fr. Larry Boucher Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - 8:30 a.m. Mass; 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life Committee will meet in the Fr. Larry Boucher Hall; 7 p.m. Blood of Calvary Prayer Group will meet in the Zechariah Room; 7 p.m. RCIA will meet in the Elizabeth Room; 7 p.m. Mass.

Friday, Dec. 9 - 6 p.m. Evening Prayer will be held in Church.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - 8 a.m. Men's Ministry will meet in the Jordan Room; 4 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - 7:30 a.m. Mass; 9:15 a.m. Mass; 11 a.m. Mass; 1 p.m. Senior Christmas Party will be held in the Fr. Larry Boucher Hall; 5 p.m. Mass.

Monday, Dec. 12 - 5 p.m. Forerunners Choir will rehearse in Church; 6 p.m. Evening Prayer will be held in Church; 6 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner Set-up.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - 11:30 a.m. Deanery meeting will be held in the Jordan Room; 4:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner will be held in the Fr. Larry Boucher Hall; 5:30 p.m. RCIC will meet in the Zechariah Room; 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Jordan Room; 7 p.m. Bible Study will meet in the Zechariah Room; 7 p.m. St. Rita's Choir Rehearsal will be held in Church; 7 p.m. Finance Council will meet in the Rectory.

### St. Paul's United Methodist Church

123 Hubbard St. Ludlow  
413-583-5754

Pastor 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.

"Let it begin with me" at St Paul's Church on Hubbard & Sewall streets. All are welcome!

Monday Alan Group - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays - AA 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays - AA 8 p.m.

\*Check out our website at [www.stpaulsmethodistchurch.org](http://www.stpaulsmethodistchurch.org).

### Christ the King Church

41 Warsaw Ave.  
413-583-2630

### The First Church in Ludlow

859 Center Street  
413-583-3339 and 413-583-6834

**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).**

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Church School - Nursery, coffee hour after the Service.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Scouts.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. AA.

Thursday, 7 p.m. Choir.

### Union Church of Christ

413-583-5717

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Office Hours: Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Choir Practice: Sunday morning at 9 a.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

Saturday Mass - 4 p.m.

Spanish Mass - Sundays 11:45 a.m.

Sunday Mass - 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass - Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 8:15 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 9:30 a.m. each Sunday at Ludlow High School

## Support veterans and active duty personnel this holiday season with Red Cross

PIONEER VALLEY - The American Red Cross Pioneer Valley Chapter invites you to support veterans and active service men and women this holiday season by participating in the chapter's "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program or by making a donation through the Red Cross Holiday Gift Catalog.

For the fifth year in a row, the Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are giving everyone an opportunity to send a touch of home this holiday season to members of the U.S. military, veterans and their families through the 2011 Holiday Mail for Heroes program. From now through Dec. 9, the public is invited to send holiday cards that contain messages of cheer and appreciation. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will then screen the cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards and deliver them to military bases and hospitals, veteran's hospitals and other locations during the holidays.

To learn more about the program visit [www.redcross.org/holidaymail](http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail).

The Red Cross has also launched a holiday fundraising campaign, asking everyone to visit [www.redcross.org/gifts](http://www.redcross.org/gifts) to make a donation in the name of the people on their gift list this year. Their donation can help purchase things like phone cards and supplies for a member of the armed forces.

The journey from the battlefield to the hospital can be lonely and frightening for those who are injured. By making a gift, you can ensure that they are warmly welcomed at a military or VA hospital with military comfort kits filled with meaningful items, such as a phone cards, robes, shower shoes, toiletries, calendars and MP3 music gift cards. To make a gift, visit [www.redcross.org/gifts](http://www.redcross.org/gifts).

Every day, the Red Cross Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Program supports our nation's veterans and

their families in the many medical facilities around the nation, providing a variety of services including physical rehabilitation, nursing and ward services, administrative help and community outreach. The Red Cross also assists veterans, veterans' widows and dependents with processing claims for VA benefits.

In addition to its support to veterans, Red Cross workers ensure essential communication links for all military families during times of crises. Both active duty and community-based military can count on the Red Cross to provide emergency communications which link the service member and their family members back home in times of an emergency.

The Red Cross has aided hundreds of thousands of military members and families throughout the years and remains steadfastly committed to supporting the dedicated men and women who serve our nation. Join us this year as we honor the men and women who sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms.

For more information about Red Cross services to the military, the Holiday Mail for Heroes Program or the Holiday Gift Catalog, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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# Business

## Fabbo named 'Super Lawyer'

SPRINGFIELD – Skoler, Abbott & Presser, P.C. is pleased to announce that their partner, Employment and Labor Attorney Marylou V. Fabbo, of Ludlow, has been selected as a 2011 Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

Fabbo was chosen as Super Lawyer based on her professional achievements in labor and employment law, as well as a high level of peer recognition.

"We are extremely proud to have attorneys from Skoler, Abbott & Presser recognized by their esteemed peers for the 2011 Super Lawyers," said Ralph Abbott.

The objective of the Super Lawyers selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal



Atty. Marylou V. Fabbo

counsel. In the Massachusetts Super Lawyers selection process, ballots are sent by Law & Politics to over 31,000 Massachusetts attorneys, each of whom must have been in practice for five years or more. Independent research is then conducted on each of the nominees, followed by a panel review process. The top five percent of attorneys in each state are identified by Super Lawyers.

Fabbo joined the firm in 1995 and became a partner in 2001. Her practice is concentrated in employment law with an emphasis on employment litigation. She has successfully defended employers in civil actions involving many areas of employment law, including sexual harassment, discrimination, wage and hour, FMLA, breach of contract, and wrongful discharge. Fabbo is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

## Ludlow physician receives leadership award

LUDLOW – Adnan Dahdul, M.D., medical director at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts, recently received the 2011 Northeast Region Medical Leadership Award during HealthSouth's Medical Directors' Conference held in Orlando, Fla.

The award recognizes overall excellence in medical and professional leadership, exemplary performance in the development of clinical staff and community involvement. Dr. Dahdul is one of only five physicians serving in HealthSouth's network of more than 100 hospitals to earn this prestigious designation.

"Under Dr. Dahdul's leadership, our clinical staff works together as a team to provide high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services," said Scott Keen, chief executive officer of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts "He is recognized as a leader in our hospital and community and consistently demonstrates a genuine concern for our patients' care. All of our staff, including myself, takes great pride in working with him."

Dr. Dahdul has a background in emergency medicine and has specialized in rehabilitation medicine for 18 years. He has served as medical director at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts for more than 14 years.

Dr. Dahdul holds teaching positions at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Springfield College. He has also developed several outstanding patient-physician communication tools, including comprehensive discharge summaries used when patients transition from HealthSouth back to their primary care physicians.

## State unemployment rate drops in October

BOSTON – The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reports that the October seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates were down over the month in 19 areas, unchanged in the Great Barrington area and up in the Tisbury and Nantucket areas.

Statewide, the October seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate was 6.8 percent, down from 7.2 percent in September. The statewide rate was down one percentage point from the 7.8 percent rate recorded for October 2010 and the rates in all 22 labor areas were down over the year.

In October, over the month job gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Worcester, Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, Framingham, Peabody, Springfield, Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner and New Bedford areas. The Barnstable, Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury and Pittsfield areas posted job losses.

Over the year, 11 areas added jobs while the

Barnstable area lost jobs. The largest percentage gains occurred in the Pittsfield area with growth of 4.5 percent and the Worcester and Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford areas.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate released on Nov. 17 showed a 10,800 over the month job gain. The seasonally adjusted statewide October unemployment rate remained at 7.3 percent, and was down 1 percentage point from the 8.3 percent rate recorded in October 2010. The Massachusetts statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remains well below the national rate of 9 percent.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The November 2011 unemployment rate, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Dec. 15; local unemployment statistics will be released on Dec. 20. Detailed labor market information is available at [www.mass.gov/lmi](http://www.mass.gov/lmi).

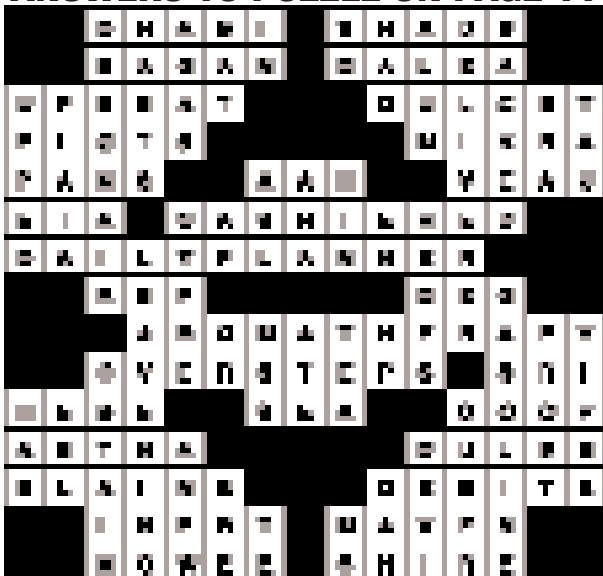
## HealthSouth earns national award

LUDLOW – HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts received the National Presidents' Circle Award during HealthSouth's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet held in Washington, D.C.

The hospital is one of only 13 hospitals in HealthSouth's nationwide network of 97 rehabilitation hospitals to receive the prestigious award. This distinction recognizes the hospital's outstanding performance in development of clinical programs, quality of patient care services, employee retention and overall operational excellence. This is the third time in the past four years that Ludlow was a recipient of this honor.

"Being honored with the Presidents' Circle Award is recognition for our commitment to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare," said Scott Keen, CEO at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts. "Our success depends on the quality of care provided to each and every patient, and I applaud our staff's efforts to provide an exceptional patient experience. I take great pride accepting this award on behalf of our physicians, nursing staff, therapists and all other hospital staff."

### ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 11



### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **JUDITH A. EVARISTO** to **FREEDOM CREDIT UNION** dated April 29, 2008 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17280, Page 130 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present owner and holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction on **DECEMBER 16, 2011** at 11:00 a.m. at the mortgaged premises known as 176 **HIGHER BROOK DRIVE, LUDLOW, MASSACHUSETTS 01056**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"The land in Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot #13 (thirteen) as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 161, Pages 44 to 49, inclusive and which is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**NORTHEASTERLY** by Higher Brook Drive, a curved distance of one hundred fifty-four and 11/100 (154.11);

**SOUTHEASTERLY** by Lot #14 (fourteen) as shown on said plan, one hundred sixty and no/100 (160.00) feet;

**SOUTHERLY** by land of owner unknown, one hundred eighty-seven and

48/100 (187.48) feet; **WESTERLY** by Lot #12 (twelve) as shown on said plan, two hundred fifty-seven and 68/100 (257.68) feet.

Subject to restrictions of record, if any are now in force and applicable.

Subject to Protective Covenants and Restrictions as contained in instrument dated May 17, 1976 and recorded in Book 4266, Page 224.

Subject to easement for pole and line rights to Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph dated November 11, 1976 and recorded in Book 4355, Page 122, if applicable.

Subject to easement for pole and line rights to Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph dated July 16, 1957 and recorded in Book 2358, Page 489, if applicable.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the Mortgagee by a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 5669, Page 408."

Terms of Sale: Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be required to be paid in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check and the Deed shall be delivered at the closing, which shall be held at the

offices of David W. Young, Esquire, 62 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001, within thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale, unless the Mortgage Holder otherwise agrees, time being of the essence.

The premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, if any. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

In the event the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the next highest qualified bidder provided the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorney the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage

shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

Dated: November 18, 2011  
**FREEDOM CREDIT UNION**, Present Holder of said Mortgage  
 By: **DAVID W. YOUNG**, ESQUIRE Its Attorney  
 62 Suffield St., Agawam, MA 01001  
 Telephone: 413 786-1360  
 11/23,11/30,12/7/11

### LEGAL NOTICE:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Conference, Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA. This hearing has been scheduled for public questions and/or comments regarding the proposed adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for the taxable year ending June 30, 2012.

The Board of Assessors will be available at this hearing to provide information and data relevant to the fiscal effects of "Classification and Taxation of Property According to Use".

**Aaron L. Saunders**, Chairman  
 Ludlow Board of Selectmen  
 12/7/11

## Legals

# Hubbard Library to host holiday events

LUDLOW – Join the Hubbard Memorial Library Children’s Department for the third Annual “Hot Chocolate Sing” on Tuesday, Dec. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. Get into the spirit of the season with a sing-along of holiday tunes led by Joan Robb. Hot chocolate and light refreshments will follow. All ages are welcome!

The Holiday fun continues on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m., with a special Chanukah activity. Children of all ages can play the Dreidl Game and win lots of yummy chocolate money. For more information or to register for the Dreidl Game, please contact the Children’s Department at 413-583-3408, ext. 3.

Adult patrons can join Amanda Ferreira on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m., for a “Scrapbook Holiday Memories” workshop. Please contact the circulation desk at 413-583-3408, ext. 2, to sign up.

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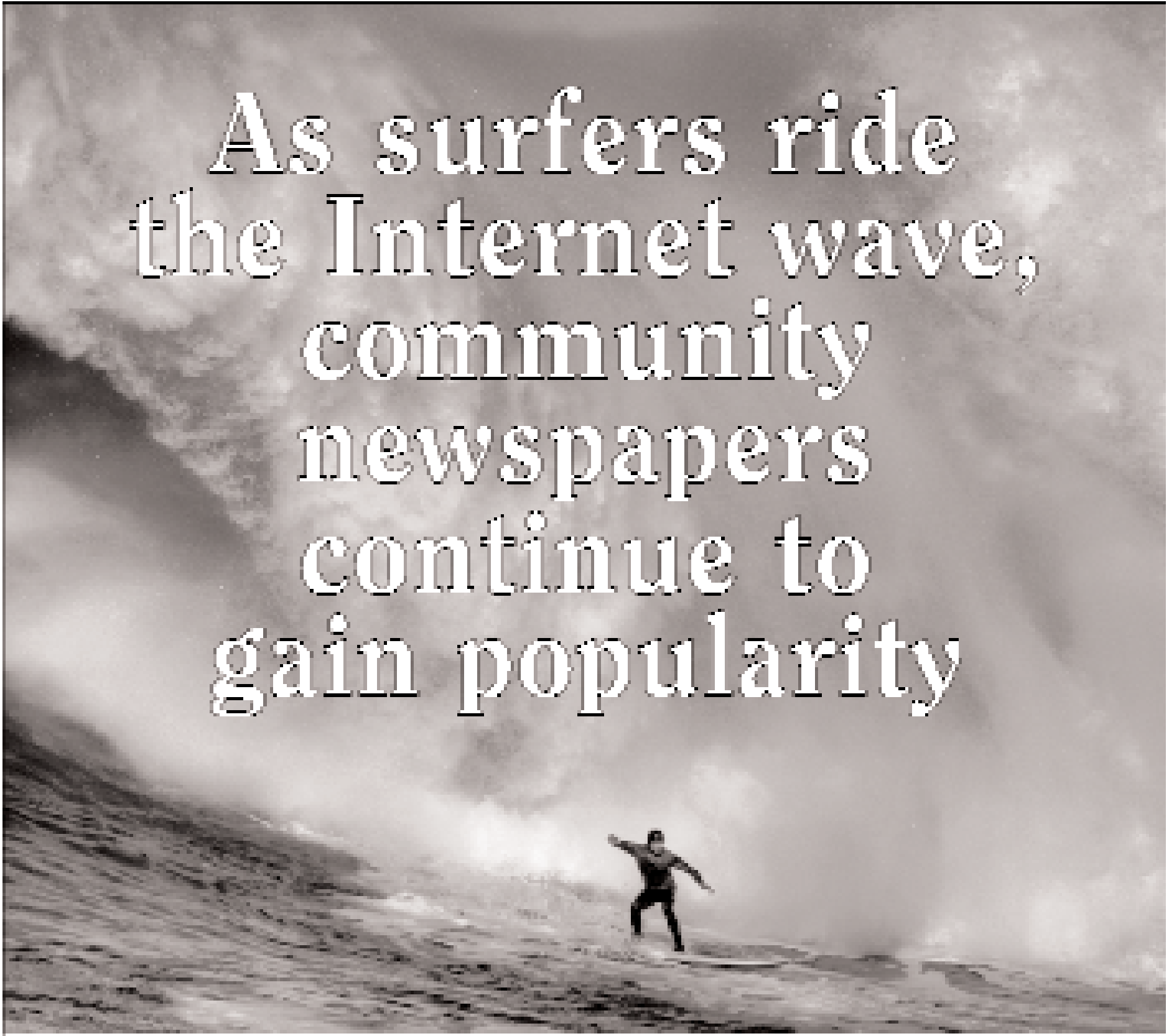
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# As surfers ride the Internet wave, community newspapers continue to gain popularity



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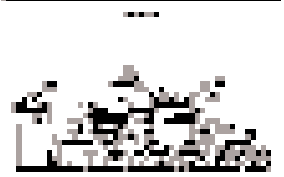
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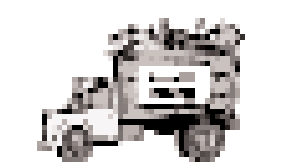
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# 'Old Masters to Monet' to premiere Dec. 13 at Springfield museum

SPRINGFIELD – “Old Masters to Monet: Three Centuries of French Painting from the Wadsworth Atheneum” will premiere at the Michele and Donald D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield from Dec. 13, 2011 through April 29, 2012.

The Wadsworth Atheneum, America’s oldest public art museum, has never before presented a full-scale survey of its distinguished collection of French paintings. This exhibition of 50 masterpieces provides a history of French painting and includes religious and mythological subjects, portraiture, landscape, still life, and genre painting.

Presentation of Old Masters to Monet in Springfield is funded in part by the Michele and Donald D’Amour Fund, established in 2008 to bring world class art exhibitions to the D’Amour Museum. Additional major support is provided by MassMutual Financial Group, the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, and Health New England.

Old Masters to Monet begins with the great 17th-century masters who went to Rome and absorbed Italian ideas of beauty, classical sculpture and ideal landscape. Claude Lorrain’s “Landscape with St. George and the Dragon,” commissioned by Cardinal Fausto Poli in 1641, is one of the artist’s most important paintings in this country.

The 18th-century works include humorous genre paintings, still lifes by such masters as Chardin, and historical paintings inspired by the French Revolution. Likenesses of aristocrats include “Portrait of the

Duchesse de Polignac” by the most important woman painter of the era, Madame Vigée-Lebrun.

The portion of the exhibit exploring the 19th century shows a variety of styles, including the Romanticism of Géricault and Delacroix; pastoral and realistic landscapes by Corot, Courbet and Rousseau; and the Academic style of Bouguereau.

Perhaps the most appealing group of works in the exhibition is the selection of Impressionist paintings, which includes Renoir’s famous painting of his friend Monet at work in the garden of their rented home at Argenteuil in 1873. In addition there are two superb paintings by Monet himself, the 1870 “Beach at Trouville” and the 1904 depiction of his water lily pond, along with fine examples by their colleagues Manet, Pissarro, Degas and Cézanne.

The final group of paintings by the younger Post-Impressionist generation includes Louis Anquetin’s “Avenue de Clichy,” a view of a Parisian boulevard on a rainy evening that had a profound effect on Vincent van Gogh, whose own powerful “Self-Portrait” of about 1887 is on view. Finally there are paintings by Ranson, Vuillard, and Bonnard who focus on intimate interiors.

Old Masters to Monet also provides an opportunity for the D’Amour Museum to highlight its own outstanding French collection, which features many of the same artists shown in the Wadsworth show. Among the finest French works in the D’Amour Museum are “Refreshments,” 1764 by



Claude Monet’s “The Beach at Trouville, 1870.

Chardin, one of the artist’s most celebrated still-life paintings; “The Madman-Kidnapper,” c. 1823 by Géricault, an intense examination of mental illness; and “Grainstack, 1893 by Claude Monet, an example of the artist’s continuing exploration of the effects of light on the landscape.

The D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts is located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St. in downtown Springfield. Free onsite parking is available. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

There is a special exhibition fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages

12-17 in addition to museum admission to view Old Masters to Monet. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by a paying adult.

General admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$9 for seniors and college students, \$6.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members. The fee provides admission to all four Springfield Museums. Springfield residents receive free general admission with proof of address.

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