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## School Committee introduces new superintendent

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LUDLOW – On Apr. 14, Chair Sarah F. Bowler of the School Committee shared an announcement of the new incoming superintendent this July. Experienced Leader Sharon Cournoyer of Vernon, Connecticut. Cournoyer visited the meeting and shared a few words to the committee before her official appointment on July 1st. “This has been a great experience, so I want to thank you all for the time, the energy through this process and for making me feel so welcome.

Through this process as a candidate, from the first interview, I’ve shared with folks that the first interview was so very thoughtful with questions. Whether it was for me as a candidate or for the candidates who were part of the process, to really and get to know and understand what the priorities were here and are here in Ludlow.

It was very well thought out and very well-articulated that really made it easy for me to know and understand who you are, and to see the connection. One of the questions was why Ludlow, why me?

And it was because of the shared values and shared vision that I saw in Ludlow. And for who I am as an educator. I am ending my 36th year in education as a teacher and administrator and beginning a really exciting new part of my career here; I’m very excited about that.

I’m excited to get to know the community better and to introduce myself on July 1st. I feel as though we’re all set up for a lot of success.

I appreciate the support the board brings and I’m also here to serve this community in the absolute best way that I can and want to make sure that the staff and the community at large and students know that I am here,” ended Cournoyer.



The Ludlow ELITE Basketball Team wins first place at the Mack Donnelly Tournament.

Turley photo by Amanda Munson

## Boys & Girls Club host ‘Mack’ Donnelly Basketball Tournament

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LUDLOW – In honor of former CEO, coach, and mentor ‘Mack’ Donnelly,

the Boys & Girls Club/Randall’s Community Center hosted the second annual Mack Donnelly Basketball Tournament, beginning on the weekend of Apr. 11. This two-day tournament

involved youth teams in the 3rd/4th grade, 5th/6th grade, and 7th/8th grade and took place at the Club, the Ludlow High School, and Paul Baird Middle School gymnasiums.

Speaking with Director of Programs at the Club and Tournament Coordinator

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## Select Board talks upcoming Town Meeting warrants, free cash

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LUDLOW – On Apr. 14 at the Select Board meeting, Chairperson William Rosenblum opened the floor to the board to discuss the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrants. Vice Chairperson Anthony Alves asked Town Administrator Marc Strange the following, with any of the warrants that the board is appropriating funds, what will the approach be and is it worded to consid-

er any scenario. Strange, answered stating, “For all the articles that would otherwise appropriate free cash, we added a line in the explanation that says, ‘It is anticipated that a two thirds majority vote will be necessary to pass this article.’” Alves asked, “That’s what counsel recommended to cover all bases?” and Strange nodded in agreement.

Member Manuel Silva asked Strange, “Is it necessary to put an article in since we’re probably going to have

a problem with that free cash, have an article proposing that we take it from the stabilization fund and then move it back? Should we have that in there?” Strange answered, “The plan is, and I alluded to this in my email, so on May 5 we’re going to have a resolution for the board that pledges any funds that are appropriated from stabilization are replenished with free cash as soon as possible.

Just to sort of, to the extent possible, set Town Meeting members at ease that we’re not just going to use

the stabilization and then use free cash elsewhere,” said Strange. Silva added, “Now is there any problem with the articles that say, ‘from free cash?’” and the board said none of the articles say, ‘from free cash’.

Alves followed with, “How does that...to replenish the stabilization fund, wouldn’t we still need a Town Meeting?” Strange answered, “There have been towns that have been in this situation to have a special town meeting at the end of June in order to replenish be-

fore the end of the fiscal year. We are of the opinion that we’ll be in a much better spot July 1st with hopes of having free cash certified by the fall Town Meeting, which is pretty typical if you’re doing things right.

If that’s not the case, then we’d have to wait until May; there’s really no practical consequence to that because you can’t use free cash. I guess the detrimental factor would be any gains we would see on that stabilization money from July 1 until May, we’d also have the chunk of

free cash that we could invest to offset that investment income,” explained Strange.

Alves commented to Strange, “But having that depleted for six months or a year, that would definitely impact ratings for that period of time.” and Strange answered, “The reserves, again, assuming that the free cash equals what we’ve appropriated, we still have the reserves.

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The Ludlow Lions Club at the 2026 annual pancake breakfast.

## Ludlow Lions served up free pancakes

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LUDLOW – In the early morning of Sunday, April 12, the Ludlow Lions held a free pancake breakfast with complementary vision screenings for all children, identifying potential issues with a quick, non-invasive camera. Held at the Polish American Citizen

Club, the annual event invites all to join for a fresh breakfast, coffee and orange juice, and a raffle with eye-catching prizes.

Later in the morning, mascots named Bluey and Leo the Lion joined breakfast for photos and to engage with the children, whilst families and friends enjoyed each other’s company before the weekend began.



Families enjoy pancake breakfast.  
Turley photos by Amanda Munson

## Honoring all who served

Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner held on April 11

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LUDLOW – During the evening of Saturday, April 11, the Ludlow Lodge of Elks #2448 held the annual veteran’s appreciation dinner that served a traditional meatloaf with familiar surprise guests. In the building, tables were full of veterans and their families; people lined up to participate in the raffles, and the veteran community came together to support one another.

Beginning with Girl Scout Troop Member #65508 Anna Orszulak with the Pledge of Allegiance, Past Exalted Ruler Gary Grimes followed with the opening prayer and Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo explained the POW/MIA table at the front of the room.

Grimes began, “Today we come together to honor our veterans. Recognizing their dedication allows us to live freely within your creation, something we don’t take

lightly.

Creator God we respectfully acknowledge who have served or currently serving our country, the dedication to the service of our country is the reason we live in safety, security, and the freedom that we enjoy in our lives. As long as they are veterans, the Elks will never forget them, may each of our veterans be honored.

Not just here tonight, but every day of their lives,” read Grimes.

The table was set at the front of the room in a place of honor, a way of symbolizing members of the Armed Forces missing from the ranks. Commonly called POW’s/MIA’s, they are known as comrades, “All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely...they have not forsaken you. You are not forgotten.”

Segundo began, “The table is our way of symbolizing that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. The single

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# World War II Veteran Jack Evans honored at appreciation dinner

Shares advice and family gratitude

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LUDLOW – During the annual veteran’s appreciation dinner held at the Ludlow Elks Lodge #2448 on Apr. 10, World War II Veteran Jack Evans was honored and recognized for his service and received an applause from the dinner guests. The Register interviewed Evans to learn about his time served, his family, and shared a bit of advice to those reading.

“I served in World War II for a short time because the war was over shortly after I went in the service, around 1945 or 1946. As a veteran through the years, it’s always been good and has never



Turley photo by Amanda Munson  
**World War II Veteran Jack Evans at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.**

been exploited at all.

Anytime anybody asks me anything about that time, I was real hesitant in talking too much about it.

For my family, I got married and had 2 sons, both who are still living. I was

married right after I got out of the service, probably in 1947 or 1948, and we were married for around 60 years,” shared Evans.

Remembering his late wife, Evans recalled his best times traveling to Myrtle Beach for the wintertime, after he retired in 1983. “My wife and I went there for the winter for 22 years in a row. My wife loved playing golf and so did I. That’s what we spent our winters doing,” ended Evans.

When asked if he had marriage advice, Evans continued. “I don’t have any secrets! We just got along well and there were no problems. Referring to the dinner recognition, the most memorable part of the dinner was when they announced they were going to recognize the oldest soldier here, that gave me a moment. I am 97 years old,” said Evans.

## Victorian Tea Room at First Church in Ludlow

LUDLOW – Returning this year, First Church in Ludlow 859 Center St. Ludlow, MA is offering a day of elegance with our popular Victorian Tea Room. Join us on Saturday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a relaxing time with friends and family.

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variety of teas, finger sandwiches, scones and dainty sweet treats. Prices range from \$3 to \$7 per teapot or variety plate of treats.

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available to take pictures. Surprise Mom with a pre-Mother’s Day treat! Try your luck with a special raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

Call or text 413-237-4062 or message First Church in Ludlow at <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow> for more information.

## The Patrons Spring Fest to be held on May 1

LUDLOW – The Patrons of the Ludlow Cultural Council was formed last summer to work in conjunction with the Ludlow Cultural Council to foster the arts in our community.

The Patrons are hosting “Spring Fest, A Silent Auction Fundraiser” on Friday, May 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Polish American Citizen’s Club on East Street in Ludlow.

We have some great auction items including tickets to Tanglewood for James Taylor, WooSox VIP ticket package and a \$100 gift card to McCarthy’s Pub in Belchertown.

## IOCC announces bench dedication honoring a community leader

SPRINGFIELD – The Indian Orchard Citizens Council (IOCC) will dedicate a memorial bench in honor of Linda L. Yarber, on Saturday, April 25 at 117 Main Street, Myrtle Street Park from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Yarber was a longtime neighborhood leader whose decades of service shaped the Indian Orchard community and supported generations of families, youth, and local businesses.

Yarber, who passed away on Dec. 23, 2023, served the Indian Orchard Citizens Council in multiple leadership roles, including Council President. She was widely known for her steady presence, her advocacy for neighborhood safety, and her commitment to uplifting youth and families. Her work with city partners,

community organizations, and residents spanned more than 30 years.

Mayor Domenic J. Sarano previously recognized Yarber as a “stalwart of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council” and a trusted partner in efforts to support young people and strengthen the neighborhood.

The dedication will include brief remarks from community members, local officials, and individuals who worked alongside Yarber throughout her years of service. The bench will serve as a permanent reminder of her leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to Indian Orchard.

About Linda Yarber  
Yarber was a respected community advocate whose work began in the early

1990s. She was known for her calm strength, her ability to bring people together, and her dedication to ensuring that Indian Orchard remained a safe, welcoming, and connected neighborhood. Her legacy continues through the programs, partnerships, and community relationships she helped build.

About the Indian Orchard Citizens Council  
The Indian Orchard Citizens Council is a volunteer-led neighborhood council committed to supporting residents, strengthening community connections, and advocating for the needs of Indian Orchard. The Council works closely with city departments, local organizations, and residents to improve quality of life and promote community engagement.

## Wilbraham Women’s Club holds Fashion Show

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Women’s Club is sponsoring a Fashion Show Luncheon on Thursday, April 23, at the St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham.

Clothing from Chico’s in the Longmeadow Shops will be featured. The catered luncheon choices are Salmon with dill sauce or Chick-

en Francaise.

There will also be a raffle for many prizes and gift certificates. Join us at 11:30 for a social time with hors d’oeuvres followed by lunch at Noon. The donation is \$42 and is a fundraiser for the club’s scholarships and charitable donations to needy organizations in the area.

For reservations, please make checks payable to Wilbraham Women’s Club and mail to Sue Agnew, 7 Aspen Dr., Wilbraham 01095. For questions, call Sue at 596-9480.

Be sure to include meal choice in memo of check. Also, include with whom you wish to sit. Thank you for your support.

## Sunset over Ludlow



Submitted Photo by Joseph Dias

Joseph Dias captured a sunset by the mills in Ludlow on April 13 at 6:45 p.m. Thank you for sharing. If you have a great photo and would like to share it with the community, please send it to [theregister@turley.com](mailto:theregister@turley.com), please include your name and brief description of the photo.

### Mother's Day Specials

**Appetizers**

**Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus**  
balsamic drizzle

**Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms**  
sausage stuffing, topped with cheese

**Entrées**

**Haddock Francaise**  
rice pilaf, spinach

**Baked Stuffed Shrimp**  
seafood stuffing, rice, asparagus

**Mom's Petite Filet Mignon**  
6 oz filet, red wine demiglace, fingerling

**Salmon Hollandaise**  
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**TOURNAMENT**

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Matt Thompson, he shared the growth of the competition and what he hopes to continue for years to come, whilst continuing to honor Mack Donnelly.

“Building on the momentum from our 75th anniversary and the growth we’ve seen this year, our goal for 2027 is to continue expanding both the reach and the experience of the tournament. We’d like to welcome even more teams and create additional opportunities for different age groups and skill levels to participate.

Beyond the competition, we’re focused on enhancing the overall atmosphere... making it a true community event where families can come together, support their players, and enjoy a positive, high-energy environment. Players and families can expect a well-organized tournament that emphasizes sportsmanship, friendly competition, and fun, while continuing to build traditions that they’ll look forward to each year.

The most memorable part of the weekend was seeing such a wide range of youth—from 3rd through 8th grade. Both girls and boys come together to be part of something special. The energy, excitement, and sense of community throughout the tournament really stood out.

While I wouldn’t point to just one individual connection, having been involved with our programs for many years, it’s meaningful to see so many familiar faces... players who have grown up in our programs and coaches who continue to give back, as well as building new connections with new teams, and people, we may have not connected with if not for this tournament. That continuity and those relationships, new or old, are what make events like this so rewarding,” said Thompson.

Meeting at the Club, President/CEO Josue Irizarry shared a few words, “This year we have 22 teams and it’s more spread out around the community, including teams from Palmer, Springfield, and a few different places which is exciting to see different communities coming together to play the game of basketball. Admission is free for families to come and enjoy themselves at the three locations; we have concession stands that offer donations to support the Club, and the competition lasts two days.

Special thanks to the Town and the Board of Education for allowing us to use



Basketball Players competed head-to-head in games throughout the weekend until the championship finals held on Sunday, Apr. 12.



A great shot scores three points for their team.

the space to be able to do the tournaments at the BMS and LHS. Last year when we brought the basketball tournament back for the 75th anniversary, we didn’t know what to really expect.

The team at the Club decided to bring it back and we plan to continue doing the basketball tournament. We have volunteers, board members, and ambassadors helping from the community and it’s nice to see that the game of basketball can bring everybody together,” ended Irizarry.

Thompson continued, “I would encourage anyone who is feeling unsure to join their local basketball league to just take that first step and give it a try. It’s completely normal to be nervous, but programs like ours are designed to be supportive and welcoming for all skill levels.

Basketball is a great sport for building confidence, learning teamwork, and developing friendships. My favorite part about the game is how it brings people together.

It’s fast-paced, engaging, and there’s a role for everyone on the court. It’s not just about scoring points; it’s about being part of a team and growing together.

Encouraging youth to play outside and stay engaged in their community is incredibly important for both their physical and social development. Being active helps build healthy habits, while community involvement fosters a sense of belonging and connection.

It also gives young people opportunities to develop important life skills like communication, teamwork, and leadership. When kids are engaged in positive activities and surrounded by supportive peers and mentors, it has a lasting impact—not just on them as individuals, but on the strength of the community as a whole,” said Thompson.

Speaking with Basketball Official John Griffin, who’s been involved with the tournament for the last five years, shared his collaboration with Thompson and why he continues to come back for the annual event. “I’ve worked with Thompson for this tournament but also, I have worked youth basketball and suburban basketball for him

too. We’re familiar with each other for years.

As a basketball official, once you’re in the game, you never leave it. As they always say, you take the coach out of the game, but you can never take the game out of the coach.

I’ve been involved with basketball since I was a little kid, growing up in Chicopee, my dad was my coach growing up and that’s how I got involved.

Once you finish playing, you’re always in need of officials and if you know the game, it’s a great opportunity for you to get back to it. It’s just a great opportunity to network, not only with the coaches and players, but your fellow officials.

It’s a great experience; this is for the Donnelly family and that’s how you should remember it. Daughter of Mack Donnelly, Maureen Beauregard, she and I used to work together, so it was a good opportunity to see her during the tournament.

Maureen was very grateful that I was officiating, and she informed me that this tournament was named after her father, very beautiful and humbling to be able to give back to a fellow worker and most importantly, giving back to the family.

To the community, it’s a great opportunity, keep up the great work and hope to see you at the next sports event,” said Griffin.



Basketball Officials John Griffin, Andrew Ruest, and Wynton Jarvinen were pleased to work for the Mack Donnelly tournament



The first and second-placed basketball teams in each competing grade were given a trophy.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



By Ellenor Downer



### Red-breasted nuthatch

Last Wednesday, April 8 while waiting at the bus stop for my grandson, I saw two red-breasted nuthatches in a small grove of pine trees near the road.

They were going up and down several pine trees most likely in search of insects. The red-breasted nuthatch is about 4.3 to 4.7 inches long and exhibits the typical head-down nuthatch behavior of its larger cousin, the white-breasted nuthatch. Male and females are similar with a black eye stripe, white eyebrow and buff orange underparts. It has a blue-gray back.

They inhabit conifer forests and in winter may be found in other trees. They nest mostly in conifers such as spruce, fir, hemlock.

Both sexes excavate a nest cavity in a rotten stub or snag, usually five to 40 feet about the ground. Sticky pitch is smeared around the entrance of the nest hole possibly to prevent other creatures from entering. Adults avoid getting stuck in the pitch by flying straight into the hole. Sometimes they are seen with pitch on their feathers.

The female lays five to six white, spotted eggs. The female incubates the eggs and the male brings food to her. Both parents feed the nestlings. Young nuthatches leave the nest about two to three weeks after hatching.

They have a soft, musical song used especially in courtship by the male. These nuthatches eat insects, spiders and seeds in summer. In winter they eat many seeds especially those of conifers.

Nesting bluebirds  
On Saturday, April 11 I received an email from a Hampden resident. She said, "Our bluebirds are back and have completed their nest. We are awaiting the first egg. I'm surprised they use mostly pine needles constructing the nest."

### Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident said he saw a female brown-headed cowbird in his yard. He said it was unusual as he usually sees the male before the female.

He said, "On Sunday I did a tour of local ponds. There was a pair of ring-necked ducks on Sherman Pond in Brimfield and several on a pond in Warren. Also in Warren I saw an osprey at the pond where they have nested for several years. I've been checking the pond since early March and this is the first sighting of an osprey this year. I hope its partner shows up soon."

He also said, in Warren, there was a bald eagle at a pond on New Reed Street. There has been one or two there frequently during March. A pair of eastern bluebirds was seen perched on two different trees with holes possibly suitable for a nest. I often see bluebirds using nesting boxes, but have never seen them using a natural cavity. I'll keep checking to see if they nest in either tree."

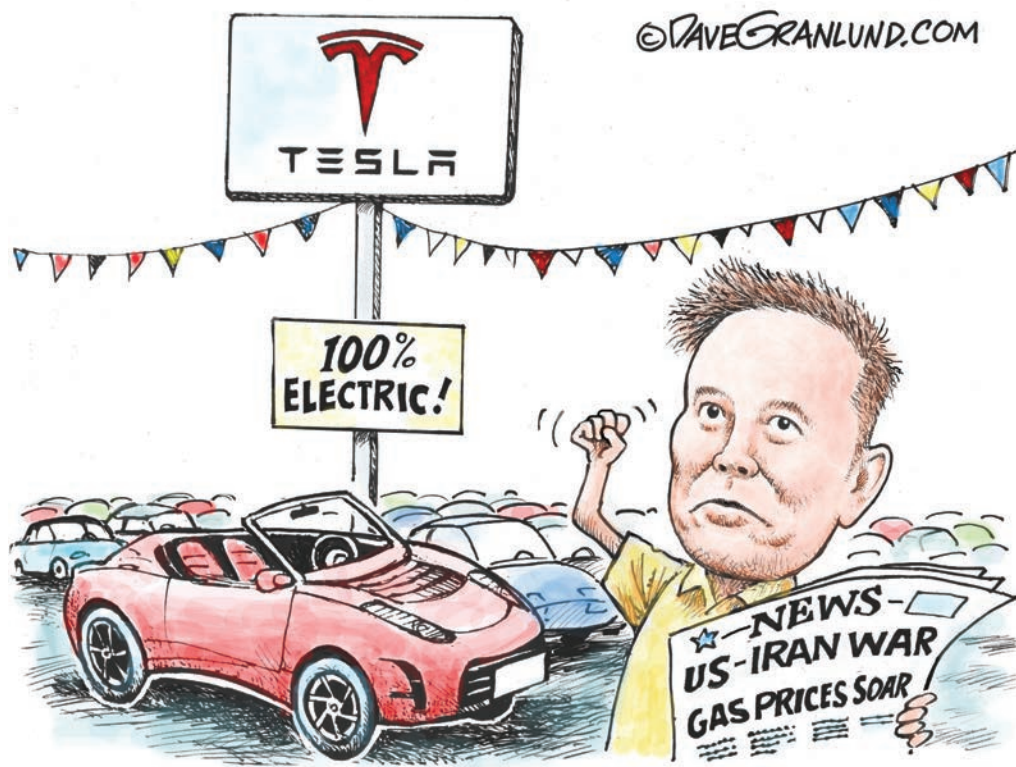
### Non-bird sighting

The Brimfield resident reported a non-bird sighting. He said "while driving out of the driveway yesterday I saw a small frog hopping off of the driveway. Probably a spring peeper. I'll have to check a nearby small pond in the woods nearby to see if there are peepers there. The frog could have been a pickerel frog, we see those every year in the yard. They come in three sizes; small, medium and large. I try to be careful when I mow or weed whack to avoid them."

### Raven

My granddaughter while walking her dogs on Saturday, April 11 heard the croaking sound of a raven. It startled both the dogs and her.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.



## GUEST COLUMN



### In honor of Mother Earth

This week, we celebrate Earth Day. Lots of towns host bulk waste days or a town-wide clean up as ways to note the day.

While most of us garden with great intentions such as beautifying our yards or producing home grown vegetables, it is important to note that the gardening/greenhouse industry hasn't always been what you'd call "earth-friendly." From mountains of plastic pots not rotting away in our landfills to story after story of chemical misuse, we inadvertently hurt the very source of our pleasure.

So, in honor of Earth Day, read from the archives eight easy things we can do as gardeners to tread a bit more lightly on 'ole Mother.

#### Feed the soil, not the plant

Have your soil tested and ask for organic recommendations to correct nutrient deficiencies. Replenishing your garden with amendments like rock phosphate and greensand will help to create long-lasting nutrient storehouses.

Healthy soil will produce plants that are less prone to insect and disease problems.

#### Start a compost pile

Layer your vegetable and yard waste, keep it moist and give it a turn. After a short time it will decompose, leaving behind a great source of organic matter.

No matter how you garden, be it vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruits or even shrubs,

each benefit from a yearly top dressing of "black gold."

#### Make compost tea

Are your transplants looking a little pale? Rather than sprinkling them with "blue water," perk them up with home-brewed compost tea.

Mix one part well-rotted compost or manure to five parts water and allow it to sit for a week or more. Strain before foliar feeding your plants.

#### Shop Mom and Pop

Buying local, directly from the grower usually means a knowledgeable sales team! Form relationships and learn from their expertise.

Ask them to carry organic seeds, potting soils and pest control options.

#### Reduce, reuse, recycle!

I first became familiar with this catch phrase back in 1990, when Earth Day celebrations went global. In the context of plastic pots and other containers used to grow or move plants, I'd like to think that the local Mom and Pop shop would take back the pots you bought their plants in and use them to grow next years crop.

If not, maybe you could reuse them to start some homegrown seedlings and recycle the rest. An even better solution for earth conscious growers would be to replace plastic with fiber (stronger than peat and made from recycled materials to boot).

Use least toxic measures to control bugs and other gar-

den thugs

Beer to trap slugs, and baking soda for black spot – the list of remedies to fight garden maladies is numerous and not always a stretch of the imagination. If you must choose a chemical option follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Assuming that more is better is outdated and dangerous thinking!

#### Conserve water

We all know that watering during the heat of the day results in lots of moisture lost to evaporation while watering in the evening can make plants more prone to disease. What to do?

For happy, hydrated plants water in the early morning hours instead. Hand watering at the base of each plant or using soaker hoses or drip irrigation is far better than overhead sprinklers when it comes to conservation and disease prevention.

#### Extend the harvest

Do you know how far most fruits and vegetables have to travel to reach the local supermarket? Probably far more than the average American travels in a year's time. Frustrated? Then read up on various methods of extending the use of your own garden bounty past the growing season.

This could mean growing a few veggies like winter squash, onions or garlic – all of which store well. It could also mean trying your hand at freezing or drying some of your produce for use in the off-season.

Few of us can feed ourselves entirely, but whatever we can grow offsets the rest.

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### Must I set up a Social Security account to enroll in Medicare?

Dear Rusty:  
I turn 65 this November 2026. Someone told me I need to set up a Social Security account at least three months ahead

of time before applying for Medicare for the first time. I do not intend to take any Social Security benefits until, perhaps, age 67 or later. Please advise and thank you.  
Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead:  
You don't technically need to "set up" an online SSA account to enroll in Medicare, but it would be more efficient to do so. We always recommend creating your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount well be-



fore you are ready to claim your Social Security benefits. That's because you can monitor your projected Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim, but it also facilitates other things you might need to do at the Social Security Administration such as claiming your SS retirement benefits online and enrolling in Medicare online.

As for Medicare, you can enroll in Medicare up to three months before the month you turn 65, and you can contact the Social Security Administration by phone

up to three months prior in order to schedule an appointment to enroll over the phone (call 1-800-772-1213 to make the appointment). You can enroll via telephone, even if you don't have your "my Social Security" online account set up.

However, an advantage to creating your personal online Social Security account is that you could then enroll in Medicare online as described at this link: [www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up). And you can, as you wish to do, enroll only in Medicare without also taking your Social Security benefits at this time.

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**VOLLEYBALL** at E Street School began Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. They play Tuesday and Thursdays. Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

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**AQUACISE AT THE CLUB:** The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club, at 91 Claudias Way, continues to offer Aquacise throughout the week. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. Classes are open to all members with pool-inclusive memberships and do not require prior registration. Classes are held 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For questions, call 413-583-2072, ext. 124.

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS:** The Mi-

chael J. Dias Support Group meets 6-7:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. For more information, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

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

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By Barb Turcotte

## Mia Gorecki

Sometimes you can tell a lot about a person from their career which is certainly the case with Mia Gorecki. Mia has worked at the Baystate Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of the hospital, for eight years. Though she's a coordinator for all their events, her specialty is Pediatrics. She's instrumental with the Children's Miracle Network events, such as the Radiothon and also the UMASS Dance Marathon. Though this event is mostly organized by the students, she helps them acquire sponsorships and guides them with the protocols of the school. She has an abundance of energy, so can relate to the students while showing them the importance of charitable giving.

Mia is definitely one who gives of herself a hundred percent and is always looking for ways she can give back. She, a newlywed of nearly two years, has chosen a partner with the same values and

beliefs. Both being animal lovers, shared while driving they saw three wandering pups. She made him stop for each, making sure they were not injured and looked well cared for. She laughed saying he jokingly threatened her at the last one that he was going to leave her with the dog because he needed to get to his appointment.

Mia approached me in December wondering if we had a program where I work, that would give residents that didn't have relatives a Christmas gift. After checking with my director, we realized that we had fifteen residents that would benefit from this 'Secret Santa' idea. Needless to say, it was a joyous experience being able to create a magical Christmas for these folks thanks to Mia's idea and her donation. A co-worker and I got to spread the cheer as we poked our heads in their doors yelling, Merry Christmas then leaving the gift.

When meeting for this story, Mia thought we'd be

discussing ways of creating a program whereas we could do Christmas gifts each year. But knowing the things she does to give back to others, I wanted to tell her story, so though very bashful about this, she humbly revealed some things. Guess we'll need another meeting for the gift program!

Some personal things Mia's done is help place animals in loving homes through the fostering program at Dakin Humane Society. She also shared when she saw a young woman with a baby outside a Dollar Store crying, knowing the woman was overwhelmed, offered to buy her lunch while she waited for her ride, but the woman declined. She said she often will give a gift card to someone she sees who is struggling. Such Random Acts of Kindness! She describes it as 'feeding her soul'.

Mia has allowed me to share a very personal and painful experience with you. She tragically lost her younger brother when he was just eighteen and rather than allowing that to make her bitter, she and her family decided to create an academic scholarship fund in his name. Her brother, while in high school had excelled in lacrosse and basketball so these scholarships were in-

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## SELECTBOARD

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Our financial policies say ideally, we want between seven and nine percent of the operating budget and stabilization, and three to five percent in free cash or a combination of 12%. For example, if our free cash was at seven percent and our stabilization was at three percent, we're still fine.

That's not going to impact our rating because we still have it in reserves," said Strange.

Rosenblum asked the following question, "Are we confident that we're going to come in at the number we've discussed for free cash? I mean if we're basing it on \$6.5 million of

free cash..." and Strange added, "Again, we use the same exact methodology and process as we have. Every year we typically keep about a million dollars unallocated in free cash and I think it was a \$4.2, \$4.5, last year it was \$5.5 and last year with the certification being \$5.5, there was a light capital year, we had \$3 million left over in free cash that was unallocated. In the event that it doesn't come in at \$6.5 million, these are just authorizations, and these do not mandate the expenditures. We certainly have room in there to adjust contributions to stabilization funds and things of that nature," said Strange.

Member Tony Sanches clarified and asked Strange that the stabilization fund

currently, as of Apr. 14, has \$7.6 million in it, and the board is looking to pull \$5.4 million out of the stabilization fund and potentially depleting 70% of it for around a year. Strange agreed and stated that the total reserves shouldn't be too harmed because of it. Strange added that the stabilization funds are invest-

Member James Gennette stated his perception, "If we took it from stabilization and then a month later we were able to certify free cash, then that money could just go back into stabilization?" and Strange said Town Meeting has to appropriate it, "Which is why we would need a Special Town Meeting to do the reappropriation," said Strange.

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**LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER (413) 583-3564**  
228 State Street, Ludlow MA 01056

## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Spring is finally here! Come gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, call 413-583-3564 at least one day in advance to reserve your \$2 lunch (call Friday for Monday reservations).

The outdoor Gardening Club is back for volunteers interested in beautifying the Center. We have several new events and activities to keep you busy, including Swing Your Partner couples' western dance class, and Tip of the Tongue, a UCLA Memory Training Program series. Our monthly newsletter is at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered directly to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what the Senior Center has to offer at [ludlow.ma.us/coa/](http://ludlow.ma.us/coa/). For the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow brighter, we look forward to sharing healthy meals, engaging programs, and good company. There's no better way to welcome spring than with a brisk walk! We are looking for facilitators to lead an early morning walking group. If you're interested, please call the Center at 413-583-3564 and ask for Maria.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, April 23

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Book Club: *Keeping Lucy* by TG Greenwood  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, April 24

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle\*

#### Monday, April 27

9 a.m. Knitting Club  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Computer Help by Appointment\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1 p.m. Limitless Legends\*  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
1:30 p.m. Watercolor Pencil Class\*  
1:30 p.m. Tip of the Tongue Memory Training\*  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

#### Tuesday, April 28

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
9:30 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment\*  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. TED Talk  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Beginner Mahjong  
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up\*  
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump  
4:30 p.m. Taco Tuesday  
5 p.m. Movie: *The Best You Can Be* (2025)

#### Wednesday, April 29

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10 a.m. Fun with Opera  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Dominos  
1 p.m. Movie: *The Best You Can Be King* (2025)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Thursday, April 30

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Writers Block  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

### Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.  
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.  
Open Billiards: Monday –Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### Menu:

Thursday, April 23: Beef & Broccoli/Rice/Egg Roll  
Friday, April 24: Tuna Salad Plate  
Monday, April 27: Seafood Casserole/Rice/Mixed Veggies  
Tuesday, April 28: Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad  
Wednesday, April 29: Shepherd's Pie/Cucumber Salad  
Thursday, April 30: BLT Grinder/Chips/Pickle

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. all on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

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



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Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo saluted the flags when the ceremony began.

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red rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the family of our comrades in arms, who keep faith awaiting their return.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts and luminates their way home. The glass is inverted; they cannot drink with us today.

The chair is empty; they are not here. Remember all who have served with them and call them comrades, you are not forgotten," read Segundo.

Chairman of the Ludlow Elks Paul Chrzan followed by introducing President of the Elks Lodge of Ludlow/Exalted Ruler John Charest, "Welcome veterans, family, and friends, it's great to have you here. It's truly an honor to belong to an organization that is focused on helping veterans.

I'd like to thank all our help tonight that are in the back, I hope that you enjoy your meal tonight and thank you for your service," said Charest.

Chairman of the Select Board William Rosenblum announced and presented a certificate of recognition to Charest, "We the Select Board are proud to present this certificate of recognition to the Ludlow Lodge of Elks #2448. It's sincere appreciation for the time and effort, generous contributions and steadfast support of the Town of Ludlow for veterans and their families.

The continued dedication to honoring and assisting those who have served our nation reflects the highest ideals of community service and civic responsibility," said Rosenblum.

Ending the night with a sweet tradition, a variety of girl scout troops visited the appreciation dinner to say a few words and share Girl Scout cookies with the veteran crowd. From troop #65173, Girl Scouts Rose



President of the Elks Lodge of Ludlow/Exalted Ruler John Charest with Past Exalted Ruler Gary Grimes.



The appreciation dinner acknowledged every veteran who has served from surrounding communities.

and Mia said the following.

Rose began, "We are so honored to be here tonight. A veteran is someone who chose duty over comfort, courage over safety, someone who left their home and family to stand between danger and the rest of us. Someone who kept their promise to people who they have never even met. That is what true service looks like," said Rose.

Mia ended, "The Girl

Scout promise asks us to serve our country and help people at all times, when we say those words, we think of people like you. You showed us what that promise really looks like, we are proud to follow your example of service, and we will not forget it. Thank you for your service and sacrifice and for being here tonight so we could look you in the eye and say it for ourselves."

## Kindergarten registration for fall 2026

LUDLOW – St. John the Baptist School is now accepting applications for students wishing to enroll in the fall of 2026 in Grades K to 8. Children must be 5 years old by September 1st

to register for kindergarten.

If you are interested in a Principal's tour of the school or would like more information, please call us at 583-8550 or go to our website ([www.sjbludlow.org](http://www.sjbludlow.org)) and

click on our "Admissions" tab.

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## 7th Annual Pioneer Valley wine festival June 6 and 7

BRIMFIELD – Brimfield Auction Acres, Birthplace of the world-famous Brimfield Antique Shows will host the 6th annual Pioneer Valley wine festival on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

2026 Marks the 7th year of the Pioneer Valley Wine and Food festival. This exciting event brings together New England Wineries, Cideries, Distilleries, and Meaderies from across the

Pioneer Valley and Farmers of many sorts selling their wares.

The event started in 2018 by the collaboration with farm wineries throughout New England and local farmers to create a festival to highlight the magnificent products Massachusetts provides all in unison and support of Massachusetts Agricultural Department.

The festival will feature local vintners and craft brewers ready to spill their

secrets, Live Art demonstrations, sizzling chef panel starring culinary celebs - to be announced soon. Last year celebrity guests include Brynn Gibson, the youngest Black Jacket finalist from Fox's Hell's Kitchen with Gordon Ramsay.

We also have Jared Forman, the culinary mastermind behind Deadhorse Hill, who brought the heat on Food Network's Beat Bobby Flay.



Girl Scouts Rose and Mia read aloud a heartfelt thank you to the veterans at the appreciation dinner.



Girl Scout Troop Member #65508 Anna Orszulak read aloud the Pledge of Allegiance, alongside Chairman of the Ludlow Elks Paul Chrzan.

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## Strong start not enough as Lions fall to Monson

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Making his first home start of the 2026 regular season, Ludlow sophomore lefthander Ryan Sargent was nearly unhittable during the first three innings against the Monson Mustangs.

Sargent struck out eight of the first 11 batters that he faced, but the momentum changed sides in the top of the fourth inning. The Mustangs erupted for seven runs during that frame, which led to a 12-3 victory at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last

Tuesday afternoon. “The Ludlow starting pitcher did a very good job of keeping us off-balance early in the game,” said Monson head coach Curtis Orlik. “Our bats finally came alive in the fourth inning, and we didn’t let up after that.”

Sargent, who finished his outing with 10 strikeouts, made several relief appearances for the Lions varsity team a year ago. He hurled a one-hit shutout in his first start of this season which was an 11-0 win at Mahar Regional on April 1. He recorded nine strikeouts and issued four walks in the com-

plete game performance. “Ryan has the potential to be a very good pitcher,” said Ludlow head coach Cam Rivest. “He just needs to continue working on his craft. I’m looking forward to watching him develop over the next couple of years. He has a very high baseball IQ.”

It was a homecoming game for Orlik, who spent a couple of summers playing baseball at Whitney Park, which used to be the home field of the Lions varsity baseball team. Two of Orlik’s baseball coaches were Bob Bohl and Lou Casagrande, who attended the Bi-County

North League match-up. “Those were some of the best summers of my life,” recalled Orlik, who graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in Fiskdale. “I still keep in touch with Bob, but I haven’t seen Lou since we played here last year. He’s one of my all-time favorite baseball coaches. I’m very glad that he was able to come to today’s game.”

A year ago, Orlik guided the Mustangs to an 11-1 victory over the Lions in the first ever varsity game played on the baseball field located behind Ludlow High School. Monson (3-2) has now

won the last six meetings against Ludlow (3-2).

Things didn’t start out very well for the Mustangs in their first meeting with the Lions this spring.

Sargent struck out the first two batters that he faced before senior Austin Meacham, who was Monson’s starting pitcher, hit a pop-up that landed in shallow left field for a single. Senior first baseman Shane Szado followed with a walk. Sargent quickly ended the threat with another strikeout. He then struck out six of the next seven batters.

The Lions took a 1-0 lead against Meacham in the

bottom half of the opening frame.

Senior second baseman Mason Morace hit ground rule double to left field leading off the inning. Senior centerfielder Alex Spurlock (2-for-3) then smacked the first pitch that he saw to center field for a run scoring triple. After the next batter struck out, junior third baseman Christian Kochanek drew a walk putting runners at the corners. Meacham managed to get out of the jam by recording back-to-

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## Falcons get better of Lions in volleyball action

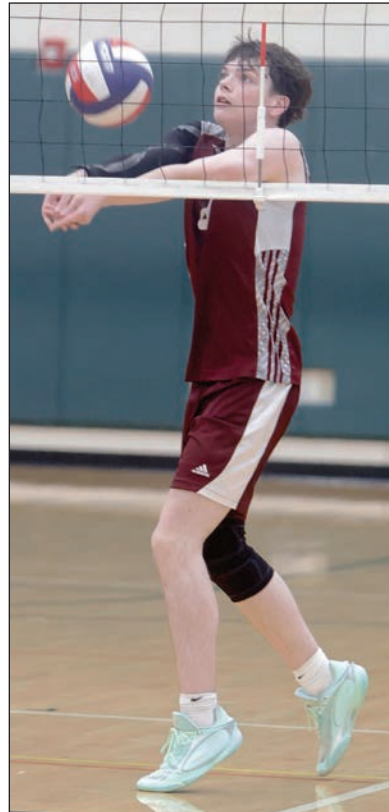
WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday night, Ludlow and Minnechaug boys volleyball continued their long rivalry as the neighboring schools met for the first time this season.

The Falcons had the edge in the matchup, winning three straight sets, though Ludlow gave them a good run in the final set, though the Falcons were able to finish off the sweep with a 25-22 win. Minnechaug’s Brady Laliberte had seven kills and Brennan Rost added 24 assists. Nick Deroin had eight kills for the Lions, who are 2-5 on the season.

Minnechaug is now 6-4.



Adam Riley sets the ball straight up.



Cooper Champigny starts a play off with a bump.



Ben Sanches gets low to keep the ball in play.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

## Lions defeat Central in track

LUDLOW – On Monday, Apr. 13, Ludlow High School track defeated Ludlow. The boys were victorious 102-41. Gabe DiRosa had two wins, taking the triple jump and the long jump. Jake Marino won the javelin through and Tyler Tatro took the win in the one-mile. Josh Moret won two events, taking the 100 and 200 meter races.

In the girls meet, won by Ludlow 81-63, Faith Keroack led the way by taking the high jump and triple jump for Ludlow. Hayden Delrosario got wins in both the discus throw and javelin throw. Alyssa Vermette had a win in the one-mile.

## Pitching still needed for PVBL

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, still has open roster spots for 2026 season.

The league is especially in need of some additional pitching for a couple of its teams. The season is just one game in and there are 21 games remaining through the summer with playoffs taking place in August.

The adult league will be administered by the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, and a registration link is on the home page of the league’s website www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org. Thought it will be under the Quabbin umbrella, there will be no major changes in how the league is operated.

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to utilize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a sixth team this season.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range. The league will run play in late April and run through the end of August. There are

Please see **PVBL** Page 8



Nathan Quiterio and Cooper Champigny both go for the block.



Adam Riley sets right near the net.



Damien Martinez tries to send the ball back over the net.

## Thunderbirds defeat Wolf Pack, await playoff opponent

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds (32-32-6-2) overcame another hard charge from the Hartford Wolf Pack (26-38-5-3) to emerge with a 4-3 win on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center.

After a disheartening third period on Friday, the T-Birds came out with a clear purpose to their game in the opening 20 minutes, outpacing Hartford on the shot board, 18-4. Despite that disparity, it took until the 14:14 mark and the club’s 16th shot of the period to find the back of the net. Dillon Dube did just that, deflecting an Alek Kaskimaki shot past Callum Tung’s glove to make it a 1-0 lead for Springfield.

Dube’s work was not done, either, as the veteran forward cranked a one-timer through Tung at 19:07 off a pass into the high slot from Calle Rosen, giving him 20 goals in just 46 games this season and joining Chris Wagner and Kaskimaki as 20-goal scorers for this season’s T-Birds squad.

Juraj Pekarcik helped buoy the lead further when he stole a puck from two defenders and quickly chipped a forehand shot past Tung at 5:45 of the second to make it a 3-0 lead for the home team.

However, for a second straight night, the Wolf Pack refused to go away quietly, as Brendan Brisson’s second goal in two nights got Hartford on the board at 7:56

of the second. Then Aidan Thompson stole a puck off the right wing wall and quickly funneled a forehand shot through Will Cranley on the stick side to cut it to 3-2 at 12:48 of the period.

From there on, though, the T-Birds’ rookie netminder was monstrous, as Cranley would make 37 saves by the time his night was done.

Just 33 seconds after Thompson’s goal, Springfield got a much-needed response when Hugh McGing put a shot off a defenseman’s stick and past Tung’s shoulder, giving the T-Birds

a two-goal cushion heading into the third.

Controversy made an appearance 3:46 into the third when Brisson poked a puck, along with Cranley’s pad, across the line on a power play to make it a 4-3 game.

The T-Birds argued heavily, but the officials stayed with the goal call on the ice, and the margin was down to one heading down the stretch.

McGing appeared to have Springfield’s fifth goal of the night moments later, but after video replay, he was deemed to have kicked the puck over the line, so the 4-3 score was upheld.

Despite a furious push of 36 shots over the final 40 minutes of play, the Wolf

Pack wound up finishing one goal short.

By virtue of their win and Hershey’s regulation loss to the Islanders, Springfield now awaits the final outcome of the Bears’ Sunday contest with the Rochester Americans to determine who their first-round opponent will be.

If Rochester defeats the Bears, Springfield will secure the 5-seed and face the Bridgeport Islanders, who locked in the 4-seed with their win over Hershey on Saturday.

If the Bears defeat the Americans, Springfield will be the 6-seed and face the Charlotte Checkers, the 3-seed who would host all three games of the best-of-three series.



# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit [ludlow.cwmars.org](http://ludlow.cwmars.org), or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

**Library Hours:** Mon 9-5, Tue 9-8, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

**Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.** Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

## FOR ADULTS

**Spring Into Reading Challenge, April 19-25.** Spring Into Reading on Beanstack, and log your reading each day, April 19-25. Adults and youth can sign up and complete the challenge to earn tickets to put toward our Summer Reading raffle prizes. You can also earn tickets by completing additional activities for Space Week and National Library Week. Visit [www.beanstack.com](http://www.beanstack.com) to register. For more information, or for assistance, please call (413) 583-3408 x114.

**Backyard Astronomy - Using the Library Telescope & Binoculars! Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8 p.m.** Join us for an evening of space and science fun, including a chance to see Venus, Jupiter, and the Moon through a telescope! Jim Zebrowski of the Aldrich Astronomical Society will present a forty-five minute talk followed by a sky viewing session on the library's lawn (weather dependent). Plus, see the Orion Reflector telescope available for check-out at the library! This program is for all ages - **children must be accompanied by an adult.** Please register.

**Sound Energy Healing Series, One Saturday per month, 10:30 a.m.** Enjoy an hour of peace and calm absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program, as well as a blanket. **Dates: 4/25, 5/23, 6/13.** Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series. Please register.

**Creative Writing Hour, First Tuesday each month, beginning May 5, 2 - 3 p.m.** Drop in and get some writing done! The facilitator will provide prompts or exercises for various genres (fiction, poetry, memoir) and a quiet space for writing. Choose a prompt or work on something already in progress; then, share what you've written if you

like! Please register.

**Community Appraisal Event, Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Rick Keller from Perfect Pastime 617 is offering a community-wide collectibles appraisal event. Gather all your Pokémon/sports cards, coins, watches, video games/consoles, comics, fine/broken jewelry, sterling silver, etc. to see if you have treasure or trash. All items welcome! Preregistration at [www.perfectpastime617.com](http://www.perfectpastime617.com) for a 10-minute slot required. Registrants must supply photos of items well before the event. This program is fully supported by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass cultural council, a state agency.

**Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 p.m.** Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please register, though walkers are welcome.

**Technology Appointments.** Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

**Seeking Local Artists.** Seeking local artists, craftspeople and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

**Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge.** Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

**Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

**Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.** Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

## FOR YOUTH

**Dino Explorers: Unearth a Story - Storytime for 2-3s, Fridays (weekly) through May 8, 10 - 11 a.m.** For ages 2-3. Please register.

**Dino Explorers: Unearth a Story - Storytime for 3-5s, Mondays (weekly) through May 11, 10 - 11 a.m.**

For ages 3-5. Please register.

**True Tales Storytime for homeschooled 5-8s, Wednesdays (weekly) through May 6, 1 - 2 p.m.** For homeschooled 5-8 year olds. Please register.

**Spring Into Reading Readathon, Friday, April 19 through Friday, April 25.** For youth of all ages. Sign up or log into the Beanstack app and log your reading each day to earn extra tickets to put towards the Summer Reading Program raffles.

**Online Gaming Club for YAs, Thursdays, April 23, 30, 3:30 - 5 p.m.** For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

**Little Green Thumbs, Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.** For ages 5-17. Please register.

**Clothespin Butterflies, Thursday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.** For ages 8-12. Please register.

**Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Thursdays (monthly), April 23, 5 p.m.** For ages 10-14. Please register.

**Space Scavenger Hunt, Thursday and Friday April 23-24.** For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

**"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, Fridays (monthly), April 24, 3 - 4 p.m.** For high school age. Please register.

**Minecraft Club, Saturdays, April 25, noon to 1:50 p.m.** For ages 7-11. We have Minecraft accounts. Please register.

**Blackout Poetry, Tuesday, April 28, 6 pm.** For ages 10-17. Please register.

**Pokemon Club, (biweekly) Wednesdays, April 29, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.** For gr. 3-8. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, April 30 (NOT 4/23) 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.** Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 year olds, Thursdays, April 30 (NOT 4/23) 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.** Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Sewing Clinic, Thursdays (biweekly), April 30, through May 28, 5:30 p.m.** For middle and high school. Please register.

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11 a.m.** For 0-5s. Drop-in.

**Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, noon to 5 p.m.** Drop-in.

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

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Will Ferrell holiday film
- "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- Error-related negativity
- Volcanic crater
- Boston Herald columnist Margery
- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Communication
- Stoats
- Showcases
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African antelope
- Three are particularly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food

### CLUES ACROSS

- Tractor unit
- Defunct supercomputer developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Clergy's vestment
- Expressed pleasure
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- Nigerian governmental area
- Mild expression of surprise
- Places to hang things
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake

### CLUES DOWN

- One-time president of Republic of Korea
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality Kimes
- One who moves slowly
- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast

## BASEBALL from Page 7

back strikeouts.

"I did get off to a rough start in today's game," said Meacham, who recorded eight strikeouts. "I threw two fastballs over the plate in the first inning, and their first two hitters hit it hard. I pitched well after the second inning. This is a big comeback win for us and we're looking to keep it going now."

With two outs in the following inning, an infield hit by junior first baseman Nick Dion(2-for-3) scored junior right fielder Connor Castro (walk) which gave the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Meacham, who was also the winning pitcher in last year's game played at the Ludlow Sports Complex, settled down after that. The righthander, who gave up two runs on four hits in the first two innings, only allowed one run on just two base hits before trading places with sophomore third baseman

Anthony Tulloch with two outs in the seventh inning.

The only reason why Orlik was forced to make a pitching change was because Meacham had reached the 115 pitch limit.

"I thought Austin pitched outstanding after the second inning," Orlik said. "I can't say enough good things about his performance."

The Mustangs took a 7-2 lead in the fourth inning when they sent 13 batters to the plate.

Meacham, Szado, and senior centerfielder Ben Pignone drew walks against Sargent, which loaded the bases with one out. The Mustangs got on the scoreboard when Tulloch hit a bloop single down the left field line. Junior second baseman Niko Matthieu followed by poking a two-run single into right field, which gave the visiting team the lead for the first time. Senior shortstop Jake Beaupre (2-for-4) drove home another run with a line-drive

single to right. The bases were loaded again when an infield hit by Meacham (3-for-4) drove in another run making the score 5-2. Freshman catcher Mason Rollet, who was hit-by-a-pitch, also crossed the plate on the play following a throwing error. Szado contributed with an RBI single to left.

At that point, Sargent was relieved by senior righty Lucas Quiterio.

With two outs in the fifth, Beaupre (2-for-4) blasted a run scoring double to center field before Meacham knocked home two more runs with another double, as the Mustangs reached double digits (10-2).

Ludlow scored a run in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single by senior catcher Ethan Steigmeyer.

The Mustangs put two more runs on the scoreboard in the sixth following a Matthieu sacrifice fly and an RBI double down the left field line by junior right fielder Ray Sheffer.

## PVBL from Page 7

slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for \$130. Fees paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs. No one profits in any

way. Those who sign up after the season begins will pay a prorated fee for the season.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in as soon as possible to participate in this season.

Games are played at ballfields throughout the re-

gion from as far south as Southwick's Whalley Field, through South Hadley's Beachgrounds and up north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

For any questions, please go to the league website for more information. The league hopes interested players will come out and join the fun this spring and summer.

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# OBITUARIES

**Town of Ludlow, MA  
Office of the Select Board  
LEGAL NOTICE:**

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:45 P.M.**

Upon petition of **EVER-SOURCE** to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

**35 PINWOOD DRIVE:** requesting permission to install (1) 40" CL1 joint owned pole. This pole is to be located approximately 95' from existing pole 287/1 and place in line with existing poles which approximately 35' from opposite side of the roadway. This pole will be used to re-feed to house 35 Pinewood Road as part of a solar upgrade for the customer.

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**Ludlow Select Board**

04/22, 04/29/2026

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
HAMPDEN, Div.  
Probate & Family Court Dept.  
HD26E0011PP**

To Gary L. Guertin, of Hampden County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Jeffrey J. Guertin, of Middlesex County, representing that they hold as joint tenants in an undivided part or share of land lying in Ludlow, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at **Springfield** on or before **10:00 A.M.** on the return date of **May 19th, 2026.**

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of said Court, this 23rd day of March 2026.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**, Register  
04/08, 04/15, 04/22/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division**

Docket No.  
**HD26P0799EA**  
Estate of:

**Kenneth Joseph Konopka**  
Date of Death: 11/28/2025  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David W**

**Nawoj of Provincetown, MA  
Petitioner Lorraine Kozniwski of Belchertown, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**David W Nawoj of Provincetown, MA**  
**Lorraine Kozniwski of Belchertown, MA**

have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

04/22/2026

**DEPARTEMNT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
WETLANDS PROGRAM  
401 Water Quality Certification Application  
Public Notice**

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for the Springfield Reservoir Culvert Replacement Projects on West Side Drive in Ludlow, MA by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (SWSC), 1515 Granville Road, Westfield, MA, 01085. The project involves the replacement of two existing culverts. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant's agent - Tighe & Bond, Inc. c/o Melissa Coody, 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085 (413-562-1600).

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be emailed to:

David Wong  
(David.W.Wong@mass.gov)  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Wetlands Program  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 874-7155

Within 21 days of this notice. The Department will consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline.

Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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

**HD26P0736EA  
Estate of:**

**Margaret Rose Bryden  
Date of Death: 03/10/2026  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Theresa M Bryden of Westfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Theresa M Bryden of Westfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/04/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 06, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
04/22/2026

**Town of Ludlow  
Office of the Select Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall Select Board's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.** On the application of Casa Pizzeria, LLC, 325 East Street, Ludlow MA 01056 All Alcohol License for Alteration of Premises for the following described premises: Two story building with apartment above, reducing 1st floor apartment to add dining room on 1st floor.

William Rosenblum,  
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Manuel Silva  
**Ludlow Select Board**  
04/22, 04/29/2026



## Gonzaga "Tina" (Dos Santos) Teles

Gonzaga "Tina" (Dos Santos) Teles, 94, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on April 13, 2026 with her loving family

the late Antonio, Ezilda, and Clotilde Teles; a devoted grandmother to Ryder (Wendy), Erica, Angela, Melissa (Andrew), Jessica (TJ), Jonathan, Ashley L., Hope, and Ashley C. (Steve); and great-grandmother of Yazmeen, Stariya, Kaylin, Emaree, Bentley, Benjamin, Harrison, Morgan, Gage, and Jordan; and also leaves many



Gonzaga had many passions, but above all, her faith and family were the most important to her.

Gonzaga was the beloved wife of the late Lionel Domingos Teles, who predeceased her in 2002; a devoted mother to Julie Tietz, Lucio Teles, Maria "Lina" Teles, Celio Teles and wife Marion, Lisa Teles and Karl, Michael Teles and Selina; a dear sister to

loving family members and dear friends.

Visiting hours for Gonzaga were held on Thursday, April 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Friday, April 17 at 9 a.m. from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery.

## Alzheimer conversation April 28

REGION - Join us for an inspiring talk at the Arbors of Chicopee on April 28 at 6 p.m. with Sean Terwilliger. This event is free and open to the public. Sean Terwilliger, a former technology leader and teacher, will share his own inspiring story about how being diagnosed with Alzheimer's led to writing, advocacy and a sense of purpose. Learn about how his experiences with clinical

trials, newly approved medications and lifestyle change led to his belief that he could outpace the progression of the disease, and how he is now an advocate through foundations like the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please register by calling or texting 413-530-5916 to reserve your spot.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Gonzaga "Tina" (Dos Santos) Teles**  
Died April 13, 2026  
Services  
April 17, 2026  
Ludlow Funeral Home

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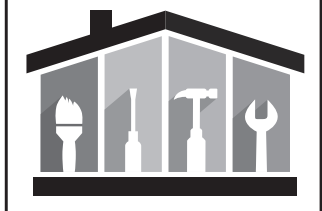
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**RANDOM ACTS**

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tended to help young athletes that weren't able to obtain other scholarships, therefore making it possible for them to realize their dreams of playing sports for a college of their choice.

Mia described how after her brother's death, she went into a very dark, black hole and was not able to trust anyone except her very inner circle. She said it took a long time for her to be able to see the good in people, so by creating this fund it was instrumental in helping that process. For five years she helped her family organize

basketball tournaments in his memory. They held them at both AIC and Minnechaug Regional High School as half court contests. They had up to 30 teams with 3 per team and was a huge success with enormous support.

Her husband has also unfortunately known the heartache of losing a sibling at a young age. For five years, they honored her memory by supporting the wonderful work at T.J. O'Connor Animal Shelter, with donations from whiffle ball tournaments.

These are examples of two amazing young people who have turned tragedies

into something positive and by doing this it has opened up their hearts once again. Their cores are of giving people and luckily for them and all who benefited from their generousities, they have both become positive, as Mia explained, "Feeding their souls by helping others."

Hopefully you've not experienced their kind of tragedy and hopefully you will make them an example of spreading positivity, it truly is healing for you as well as the recipient. Thank you Mia, for trusting me with

your story and thank you for being an example of kindness and inspiration for others!

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

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**SOCIAL SECURITY**

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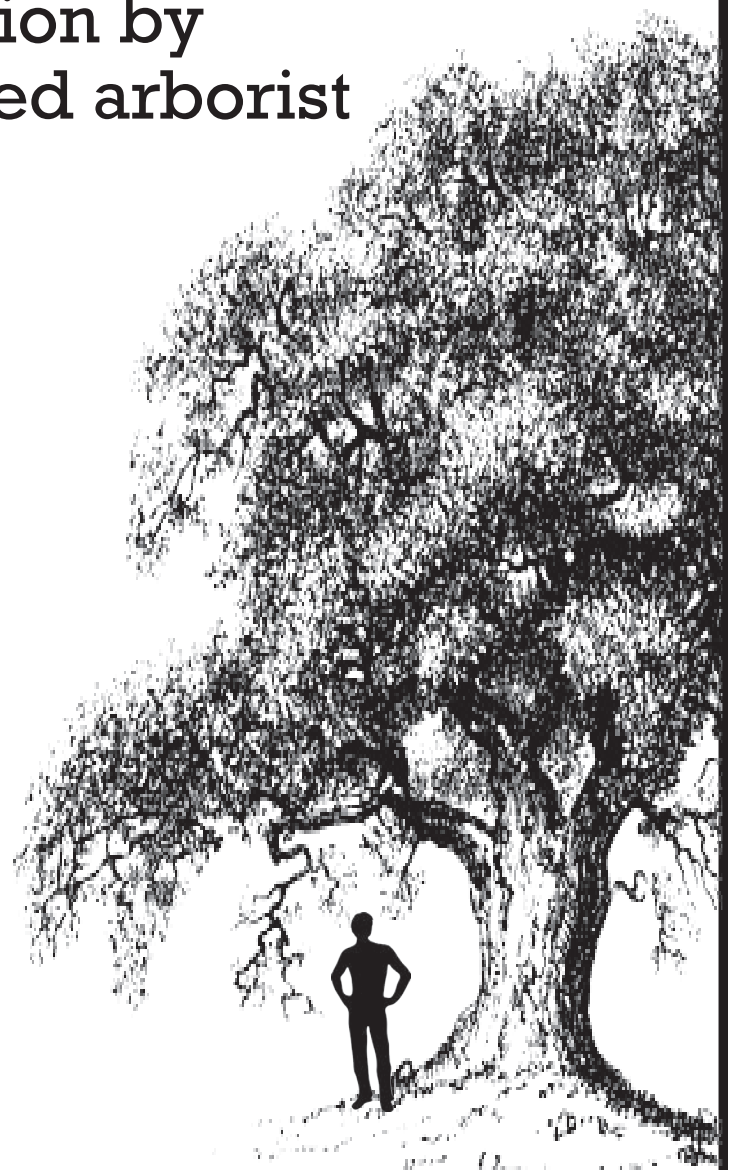


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