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First Neighborhood tag sale raises funds for 250th parade

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LUDLOW – The Neighborhood Tag and Craft Vendor Sale at Ludlow High school was a successful event despite being delayed by rain.

The Friends of Ludlow 20th committee held their first-ever neighborhood tag sale to raise funds for the Ludlow 250th Celebration Parade happening on June 15.

The thought of a communal tag sale was conceived by Western Massachusetts resident, Alesia Barbaro.

“When we were in a meeting looking for fundraising I thought it would be a good call to move forward with this,” Barbaro said.

Single 9x18 parking spaces could be selected for \$20 while two 9x18 spots were sold for \$35 total. Barbaro could not have been happier with the reception she witnessed last weekend.

“For our first time doing it I think it was great overall,” Barbaro said. “We only had one cancellation. it started off as



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This troupe went by the name “Mike from Ceramics & Crew.” Their energy was infectious.



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Lavoie (left) and Police Chief Dan Valadas spoke at last Friday’s event.

Safety Complex provides dispatchers with updated technology

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LUDLOW – This past weekend, the police and fire departments held an event at the Safety Complex to highlight the updated central dispatch system, and to commend dispatchers for their work.

Last week, some of the departments’ dispatchers received commendations for their work during an incident where a Wil-

braham police officer was injured. The department described it as a welcome opportunity during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to highlight the work that dispatchers and call takers perform behind the scenes every day.

Police Chief Dan Valadas and Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Lavoie invited members of the media to the town’s Safety Complex to learn about the centralized dispatch, the daily operations, and the importance of

public safety infrastructure.

Over the past five years, the town has invested approximately \$4.8 million to update its radio systems and dispatch center. In his speech to the assembled audience, Lavoie described the upgrades made to the call center’s technology.

“Our consoles can patch frequencies,” Lavoie said. “Our mutual aid partners, both for

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Charter Committee votes to expand School Committee

Committee hopes to retain voters’ voice by off-setting appointment of a Town Council member as a representative

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LUDLOW – At its April 18 meeting, the Charter Committee made preliminary decisions regarding the structure of the School Committee and the implementation of the Strategic Plan in the town’s new charter, as well as appointing a new member.

Judy Breault was reported as stepping down from the committee for personal reasons. Kathy Green was appointed as a full member, and was voted into the positions of Clerk and Vice Chair.

Selectman Derek DeBarge nominated Green, praising her involvement with the committee during her time as an alternate.

“I think Kathy has done a phenomenal job, with the Power

Point that we did at the Senior Center, and running it and just doing everything,” DeBarge said. “She’s extremely organized, I think falling into the Clerk position is a no-brainer to me.”

DeBarge added that he had spoken privately with Green about the nomination, so as not to blind-side her with the appointment during her first meeting as a full member. Green admitted that without knowing Breault was stepping down, she had been voluntarily coordinating some clerk duties with Committee Chair Marissa Ribeiro Dahan.

“One of the things that I’ve put together is an outline for a communications plan as we go forward of all the people we need to talk to and what the timing might be,” Green said. “The fact that I have that and I was willing to run with it with the help of everyone on the committee, that maybe that falls into the clerk role as well, so I’m comfortable with that.”

Green was less comfortable with the position of Vice Chair, but accepted it once the other

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Team Link hosts seminar on women's UFC

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LUDLOW – On April 13, Team Link hosted a seminar led by Virna Jandiroba about the women's division of the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

Team Link has made a splash in town over the last few years as one of the premier Brazilian Jiu Jitsu schools in the area. The school was founded by Marco Alvan, who said that he was originally put in contact with Jandiroba through his son.

"It all began with my son, Cesar, traversing the globe in pursuit of his Olympic dreams, training in various locations," Alvan said. "During one of his journeys, he crossed paths with Coach Hugo Viana, a distinguished UFC fighter and former coach of a renowned team in Brazil."

Alvan said that after witnessing one of Viana's training sessions, he felt an instant connection with him.

"Within weeks, he made the move to the USA to assume the role of head coach for our Mixed Martial Arts Team," Alvan said.

Alvan described Jandiroba as one of Viana's standout teammates and students, currently ranked in the UFC top five in the women's strawweight division. Jandiroba had a fight scheduled in Atlantic City on March 30, where her victory helped her climb to a 20-3 MMA record.

"She decided to extend her stay in Ludlow for a few weeks," Alvan said.

"Inspired by her expertise, we organized a seminar to learn some of her incredible knowledge."

Alvan noted that he, too, had chosen to extend his stay in town after what was planned to be a brief visit, which was how he initially opened his school.

In 2001, Alvan embarked on his journey of teaching Brazilian Jiu Jitsu at a karate school in Springfield. He described the owner of that gym as appreciative of the art, but the nearest school to learn from was in New York.

"Little did I know that this visit would change the course of my life."

- Marco Alvan

"Determined to make Brazilian Jiu Jitsu more accessible, I took a leap of faith when a 900 foot store became available for rent in Ludlow," Alvan said. "Despite working at McDonald's and in construction at the time, I made the bold decision to quit both jobs and pursue my dream. My wife's support was key to give me the push I needed. Looking back, I have no regrets."

Today, Alvan's vision has flourished into reality.

"We proudly oversee 18 Team Link schools across the USA, spanning Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Florida, and Utah. Additionally, our influence extends to Brazil, with

schools in 4 States like Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, São Paulo, and Manaus. Our footprint has even reached Europe, and I am thrilled to see our team continue to grow stronger and more resilient with each passing day.

Alvan has been practicing martial arts ever since he started learning Judo when he was eight years old.

"At age 15, I migrated to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under the late Master Jorge Pina," Alvan said. "Four years later, Master Jorge moved from Rio de Janeiro to the state of Minas Gerais. I then started to train with Master Carlos Augusto, and am still under his guidance today."

Alvan initially decided to move to the United States when he received an invitation to teach in California, but found that he had two brothers living in Ludlow, and decided to visit them first.

"Little did I know that this visit would change the course of my life," Alvan said. "My wife and I fell in love with the town, its charm, and the sense of community, and we never wanted to leave. Ludlow became our home, and we've cherished every moment since."

Team Link has since been very involved in the local martial arts scene, with over 120 members of the school showcasing their skills last month at a tournament held by the North American Grappling Association in Springfield.

"I'm happy to share that we secured the championship title for the 31st time as the overall best team," Alvan said. "This achievement speaks volumes about the commitment and talent of our athletes, coaches, and support staff."

The excitement didn't end there, as both Viana and Jandiroba competed at UFC Atlantic City that same night.

"Virna delivered an impressive performance, solidifying her path to a title shot with a remarkable win over the highly skilled Mexican fighter, Loopy Godinez," Alvan said. "Additionally, Colin Robinson fought in Tennessee and emerged as a MMA Amateur Champion, proudly bringing the belt back home to Massachusetts."

This past weekend, Alvan announced that Sam Colenback, a purple belt student from the school's Northampton chapter competed at a fight at the Mohegan Sun Casino.

Wednesday, May 1, will be the grand opening of the school's second location in Florida.

"Following the success of our gym in Sarasota, we are excited to introduce Team Link to the great community of Orlando," Alvan said. "We are confident that this new venture will be another amazing school, with Coach Hudson Lee offering top-notch training and fostering a strong sense of camaraderie among our members."

Then, on May 22, Alvan will lead a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu seminar in Webster. Alvan said that this seminar promises to be an enriching experience for practitioners of all levels, "providing valuable insights and techniques to enhance your BJJ journey."

For further details and registration, visit Team Link's website at www.link-bjj.com.



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Prizes for four age groups for 1st and 2nd place will be awarded based upon time and length.

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Planning Board concerned over digital signage on Big Y charging stations

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LUDLOW – The Planning Board voted to table the installation of charging stations with digital signs to the Big Y parking lot over concerns for public safety.

At its April 11 meeting, the Board met with Michael Dolan and John Garrett to advocate for Volta's plans to install the charging stations. Dolan described Volta as an innovator in developing cutting-edge electric vehicle charging networks.

"Volta's charging station model is seen as destination-charging, with its stations typically located near grocery stores," Dolan said. "Customers had been asking Big Y, 'can we get some EV charging spaces in here,' and they did their due diligence and looked at a number of different companies and felt that Volta, based on its maintenance and quality experience for customers, as well as the aesthetics of the facilities, was the best fit."

The board then looked over the plans for the charging stations and addressed some concerns over its implementation.

Volta's proposal is to convert seven standard parking stalls into six EV parking stalls and one accessibility aisle. Two of the stalls will be fast-charging chargers, and all of the charging stations will be located in existing parking areas and will be painted and marked accordingly to designate their use.

There was some concern during a recent Safety Committee meeting over reducing the parking in the Big Y plaza, according to board member Chris Coelho.

"They're concerned about eliminating parking slots in an already over-crowded parking lot," Coelho said.

However, Dolan clarified that the spaces can be used by anyone who wishes to park in the parking lot, regardless of whether they're charging their vehicle.

"It's the preferred use, not an ex-

clusive use," Dolan added. "If someone parks there, there's no fine, no penalty. It's obviously preferred that someone park there who wants a charge, but they're still in play."

One of the charging stations will be handicapped accessible, and the charging stations will be free to users.

"There is nothing on this planet that is important enough to try and sell somebody that it's worth putting somebody at risk."

- Ray Phoenix

"The charging is a free experience," Dolan said.

The big discussion was over a digital sign that would change advertisements at a rate of eight seconds. Planning Board Chair Ray Phoenix described it as "a strong concern for safety."

"The traffic flow in front of Big Y is congested at pretty much all times," Phoenix said. "In an age where we have increasing distraction of drivers looking at their cell phones and everything else, I'm worried that introducing additional signage, especially one that can be changing and drawing attention, is not going to go well for making sure that somebody's grandmother or baby doesn't accidentally get bumped by traffic going through there."

Dolan argued that the screens are designed to be viewed by pedestrians, not vehicles, and that an eight second duration is in compliance with the federal government.

"Out of an abundance of caution, Volta goes with the eight-second dwell time on each media static image, which is what the FHA recommends as it relates to if it were in a high-vehicle area," Dolan said.

In spite of this, Phoenix said that the town has not allowed LED signs

to change at all during discussions with the Pride gas station and the library, and added that comparing a sign on a street with pedestrians to a high-traffic area such as a highway is "apples and oranges."

Dolan argued that the sign is not prohibited by the town's bylaws, as it has no blinking lights and would only show static images, switching between them in the time it takes a viewer to blink away, would not be distracting.

"Signage by its definition, is designed to get people's attention, otherwise it's not doing its job," Phoenix said. "Putting something there that's designed to get somebody's attention to try and sell them on something – there is nothing on this planet that is important enough to try and sell somebody that it's worth putting somebody at risk."

Garrett argued that signs have been implemented at other locations, and cited no reports of accidents in those areas that were tied to the signs. The board held its position that the area is already dangerous enough without the added distraction.

"In the past two or three years, just sitting on our town forums, there's always a post; 'Fender Bender in the parking lot,'" said Board Member Josh Carpenter. "Somebody got, I believe, hit and left by ambulance in that parking lot, so I don't feel comfortable putting in changeable signage right there."

Phoenix added that he understood Dolan's perspective as he advocated for his client, but that he was uncomfortable with making the decision without discussing it with the Safety Committee and the Building Inspector. Volta's representatives agreed to wait until after the board received recommendations, and would look into solutions to the board's concerns.

The board voted unanimously to pass the plans along to the Safety Committee and Building Inspector, and the discussion was tabled until after Safety's upcoming meeting on May 5.



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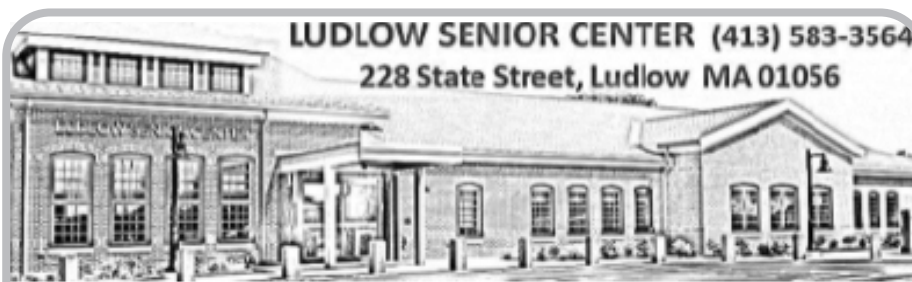
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For detailed program and activity descriptions and general information about what a senior center is and does, go to: Ludlow.ma.us. Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available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

Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, April 25

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Village Paint Class*
- 10:30 a.m. Passover
- 12:30 Hearing Clinic*
- 1 p.m. Mahjong
- 1:30 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Portrayal
- 2 p.m. Book Club: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, April 26

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 9 a.m. Fitness Advisor Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Reiki*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:30 a.m. Trivia
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 1 p.m. Magic Class
- 1:30 p.m. Forget Me Not Circle*

Monday, April 29

- 9 a.m. Knitting
- 9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
- 10 a.m. Computer Help*
- 1 p.m. Scrabble
- 1:15 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, April 30

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation

- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Class
- 5 p.m. Movie: Red Dust (1932)
- 5 p.m. Charter Commission Info Session

Wednesday, May 1

- 8 a.m. Garden Club
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 9 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9:30 a.m. Jewelry
- 10 a.m. Tea with the TA
- 10 a.m. Opera
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*
- 12:45 p.m. Movie: Red Dust Teidi GHhhey
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance Class*

Thursday, May 2

- 8:30 a.m. Foot Care*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 1 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.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the bike rack.

Menu:

- Thursday, April 25: Meatloaf/ Mashed Potato/Carrots
- Friday, April 26: Beef Stew/Biscuit
- Monday, April 29: Ziti w/Meat Sauce/Green Beans
- Tuesday, April 30: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Beet Salad
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A special raffle will be held. Take a chance to win a unique prize. An art exhibit including paintings from various local artists, several historic items and pictures highlighting a century of memories of the First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. As the church celebrates their 250th anniversary will round out the day.

Please enter from the back parking lot. There is handicap and elevator access to the tea rooms. Contact Karen at 413-237-4062 with any questions.

250th Semi-Quincentennial Birthday Celebration Parade

LUDLOW -- Parade Chairman Bruce Durand and the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Birthday Celebration Committee invites you and your family to join us for our town's 250th Birthday Celebration Parade.

The parade will kick off on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the High School.

The parade route is as follows, starting at the High School at 500 Chapin Street, heading eastward to the intersection of Chapin and East, where the parade turns right onto East Street. The parade route continues down East Street and ends at the War Memorial at Veteran's Memorial Park by Putts Bridge around 1 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for this important historical parade event.

Some of the parade groups include the police and fire departments, veteran's organizations, active members of the military, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, local civic organizations, church groups, non-profit groups, youth organizations, athletic organizations, local businesses and many more.

The marching units in the parade include the Polish American String Band, Aqua String Band, Woodland String

Band, Great American Band, Hog River Dixie Land Band, Holyoke Caledonian Pipe Band, Connecticut Hurricanes Drum Corps, Chester Fife and Drum Corps, McGann Marching Band, Warehouse Point Fife & Drum Corps, Saloio & Family/Friends Band, Ludlow Community Band, Ludlow High School Band, Baird Middle School Band, Melha Shriner's, 15th Massachusetts Voluntary Civil War Reenactment group, and much more.

There will also be participants from surrounding towns and cities that include their officials, police and fire departments.

Following the parade, there will be a "Big Block Party Picnic" in the Ludlow Memorial Field Park and the Mack Donnelly Gazebo Park / Veteran's Memorial Park.

If interested in sponsoring a marching band, please contact Bruce Durand at 413-547-8998 or email him at ludlow250parade@gmail.com for sponsorship levels. The Ludlow MA 250th Celebration Parade Committee appreciates your support.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Week History April 24

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

Sunday, April 21, in 1934, The Daily Mail printed the famous "surgeon's photograph" that reportedly depicted the Loch Ness monster, though it was later revealed to be a hoax.

On April 22, in 1500, Portuguese explorer Pedro Álvares Cabral sighted the mainland of South America near the present-day city of Pôrto Seguro, Brazil.

On April 23, in 2005, Jawed Karim's visit to the San Diego Zoo, was the first ever video to be uploaded to YouTube.

On April 24, in 1800, then-President John Adams approved \$5,000 to



The famous "surgeon's photograph" was alleged to depict the head and neck of the Loch Ness Monster, but was later determined to be a hoax.

found the Library of Congress.

On April 25, in 1990, The Hubble Space Telescope was placed into operation by the crew of the space shuttle Discovery.

On April 26, in 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear

power plant in Ukraine released radioactive material into the atmosphere in a devastating environmental catastrophe.

Finally, on April 27, in 1960, the West African country of Togo became independent from the French Union.

Family dance party 2024

LUDLOW— Get ready to dance the night away at the much-anticipated Family Dance Party on May 3, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club. This event marks a new collaboration between the Club and Ludlow CARES, promising an evening of fun, entertainment, and family bonding.

Attendees can expect the same warm, family-centric ambiance of last year's Kids & Caregivers Dance to accompany the fun and vibrant activities of the Ludlow CARES Family Dance Party. Get ready for:

Dancing: Groove to tunes from DJ Tom on the dance floor with friends and family; Snacks and Drinks: Delicious snacks and refreshing beverages will be available for purchase (cash only) to benefit the Ludlow Elementary Schools' PTO; Formal Photos: Capture precious memories with formal photos by Beckie Bragga Photography; Dance Floor Activ-

ities and Raffles: Engage in exciting activities and stand a chance to win a prize. Participate in raffles for a chance to win a great basket of family fun.

Jodie Lambeau, director of Programs said "This event provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to bond with their caregivers and enjoy a fun evening out. We are excited to be working with so many members of the community, especially Ludlow CARES, to help families make happy memories together." The Club is grateful to have the support of co-sponsor Ludlow CARES Coalition, as well as DJ Tom of Knight Productions, Beckie Bragga Photography, and the Ludlow Elementary PTO.

Ludlow CARES' generosity has made this year's dance free of charge. Ticket reservations are still required and can be claimed now through May 1st at the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club or by visiting our events page at <https://ludlowbgc.org/communityevents/family-dance-party/>.

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GUEST COLUMN



Older husband and working wife seek guidance

Dear Rusty:
I am 74 years old, retired and receiving Social Security.
My wife will be 65 in January of 2025. Our hope was to start paying off some credit card expense by her receiving SS when she turns 65, however it appears there would be a substantial reduction to her benefits. Her work income is \$37,500 a year and she wasn't planning on retiring from work at age 65. Because I am 11 years older, we felt it makes sense to use her Social Security as a means to lower our debt. We have \$27,000 in credit card debt and I don't really want to use my 401(k) funds due to taxes. We pretty much live on my Social Security and pension.

Signed: Seeking Suggestions

Dear Seeking:
Your wife's Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is age 67. Because she will not yet have reached her FRA in January 2025, when she is 65, if she claims SS to start at that time, not only will her monthly amount be reduced, but she will be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test.

The earnings test sets a limit for how much can be earned by beneficiaries, who claim SS before FRA.

The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320. The limit for next year is not yet published (it's based on changes to the national wage index), but will be a bit higher likely about \$23,500.

Thus, I can't provide the exact impact, but if your wife's 2025 earnings exceed next year's limit, Social Security will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of the amount over the limit). So, if your wife earns \$37,500 per year, that will likely be about \$14,000 over the limit and Social Security will take back half of that \$7,000.

They "take back" by withholding future benefits or you can repay them in a lump sum. So, you will have a choice repay Social Security from your other assets, or they will withhold your wife's SS benefits for the number of months needed to offset her penalty for exceeding the earnings limit.

The number of months they will withhold depends on how much is owed and what your wife's monthly SS benefit is. For example, if your wife's age-65 SS benefit is about average (\$1,900) and her penalty for exceeding the limit is \$7,000, Social Security would withhold your wife's benefit for four months to recover the penalty, but she would receive her full benefit for the remaining eight months of the year.

Unless your wife tells them in advance that she will exceed the limit, Social Security will find out the following year after you file your income taxes. But, in any case, your wife cannot avoid the annual earnings test for working before reaching her Full Retirement Age.

The earnings test goes away when your wife reaches her FRA of 67. Until that time, if she continues working she will have a choice to have her benefits withheld for a portion of the year or simply repay Social Security in a lump sum in which case her benefits would continue uninterrupted.

FYI, there is a silver lining in this, because if your wife has benefits withheld because she exceeds the earnings limit before her FRA, after she reaches her full retirement age Social Security will give her time credit for the months when benefits were withheld, which will result in her monthly

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GUEST COLUMN



Do it now, while the forsythia is blooming

It's funny how nature is sometimes used as a cue to do this or do that.

The term is phenology. When I was first learning about perennials all those years ago at UMass, I remember my instructor saying it was safe to remove winter protection "when the forsythia is blooming."

It is also safe to prune roses and butterfly bush "when the forsythia is blooming." And it's time to sow your peas and plant grass seed, too.

Kinda cool, isn't it, that nature can dictate when it is safe or indeed the best time to accomplish things in the garden?

The forsythia is blooming nicely in my front yard, and I did head out over the weekend to tackle some of the above. My pink "Fairy" rose bush was in dire need of clean up.

There was a wee bit of winter kill that I trimmed back to the next nice node. Shockingly there were still some spent flower clusters left from last year; those were removed as well.

Long arching branches were reigned in – it's not good for roses to be all over the ground where they are more susceptible to fungal issues. Likewise, canes that were crossing each other or branching out at weird angles were remedied too.

I applied a sprinkling of granular organic fertilizer at the base of the plant to support all of the beautiful blooms I'm expecting to have.

My 2-year-old Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*) barely suffered any winter kill at all in contrast to last year when it died back all

the way to the ground! I'm excited because that means it has a couple of feet head start and earlier blooms to boot!

I had to remove only a couple of inches of dead tips. I applied a balanced fertilizer here too in hopes of many beautiful purple flowers.

Other sections of my perennial beds met with different jobs to be done. Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*) always looks unkept until new growth ensues.

I try to cut the old stems down a bit further and rake my hands through the dead, grass-like foliage, clipping away what doesn't come free easily. If you look within the plant you'll notice whitish tips of new growth. It won't be long!

I find a lot of satisfaction from cultivating the perennial garden, but it's almost too early to do that. Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is still weeks away from popping up.

If I haphazardly scratch around in the garden it could be at the plant's expense or at the expense of any self-sown seedlings that germinated. Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is always a good self-sower, but it's up to you to decide if these tiny plants are worthy of keeping or weeding out.

Same goes for Ballon Flower (*Platycodon*).

Lavender (*Lavandula*) is sometimes slow to wake up too, but this year the plants already look "alive." Many times, you have to search within the plant for signs of fresh silver-green growth, then cut back to that point.

This year, like we saw with the Butterfly Bush, there seems to be very little winter kill. I'm going to leave be for now and not prune anything yet.

I planted Hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) near my lamp post last spring and they grew great all summer. I thought it would be neat to have 6-7-foot spires of papery pastel blooms reaching for the sky, reminiscent of the Polish hollyhocks my mom had by the porch when I was a teenager.

Admittedly they don't look all that fabulous right at the moment. Hollyhocks like

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Commending the police (from left) Dispatcher Michael Lynch, Selectman Manuel Silva, Select Board Chair Derek DeBarge, Assistant Town Administrator Carrie Ribeiro, Officer Adam Roach, Dispatcher Samantha Jordan, Officer Ryan Churchill, Officer Timothy Goodchild, Selectman Tony Goncalvez, Wilbraham Police Chief Edward Lennon, Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas, and Selectman William Rosenblum.



Submitted photos

Wilbraham Police Chief Edward Lennon giving a statement to TV reporters following the award ceremony at Ludlow Town Hall on April 16.

Ludlow Police Officers and Dispatchers Awarded Commendations

LUDLOW -- Police Chief Daniel Valadas is proud to announce the awarding of several commendations to officers of the Ludlow Police Department and staff of Ludlow's Central Dispatch.

During the most recent meeting of Ludlow's Board of Selectmen on April 16, the following Ludlow Police Officers and Dispatchers received recognition and formal commendations from their Town: Officer Michael Whitney, Officer Ryan Churchill, Officer Timothy Goodchild, Officer Adam Roach, Lieutenant David Irwin, Dispatcher Samantha Jordan, Dispatcher Linda Zina, and Dispatcher Michael Lynch

"They ran to their cruisers and they took off as fast as they could to Wilbraham to assist their fellow officers," said Ludlow Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Derek DeBarge, who himself is a retired police officer.

On Jan. 20, at approximately 8:27 p.m., officers responded to a call for assistance by the Wilbraham Police Department on a domestic disturbance call. Wilbraham Officer Cameron Proseri had been injured by gunshots from a suspect barricaded in a home.

Ludlow K-9 Officer Michael Whitney, who was monitoring the Wilbraham Police Department frequency, arrived first on the scene within two minutes of the original callout. He handed over one of his trauma bandages from his vest to be placed on Officer Proseri's gunshot injuries. That enabled critical first aid to be given to the injured officer and, eventually, his transfer to an ambulance.

Officers Churchill, Goodchild and Roach arrived within the next two minutes. They provided critical assistance by securing a perimeter around the suspect's home and property. At that moment, the suspect's whereabouts were unknown. They needed to consider that the armed suspect was still a danger.

Enhancing the volatility and risk of the situation, the suspect's wife and daughter were still inside the home. Ludlow officers held the perimeter in



View of the Board of Selectmen Conference Room in Ludlow's Town Hall during the award ceremony on April 16.

freezing cold temperatures until they were relieved by the Massachusetts State Police Stop Team more than two hours later.

During this incident, officers faced possible deadly force from a dangerous, armed, barricaded suspect who had refused to surrender peacefully. Eventually, the suspect was taken into custody.

Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas said, "I am incredibly proud of our officers, their bravery, their courage and their decisive actions. It is satisfying to see our leadership saw fit to formally commend these men and women for their service to our community."

Wilbraham Police Chief Edward Lennon, who also attended the ceremony, said, "It is humbling to see the other police departments, all the support they gave us. It was extremely important."

Ludlow Central Dispatch provided emergency communications for responding public safety agencies and assisted with orchestrating the overall



Ludlow Police Officer Adam Roach in interviews following the award ceremony



Ludlow Board of Selectman Vice Chairman Derek DeBarge handing Ludlow police officers their formal commendation during the award ceremony at Ludlow Town Hall on April 16.

effort. Their support was crucial to the response, coordination of resources, and command of this dangerous and volatile incident.

Following the incident, resources known as Critical Incident Stress Management were made available to those involved in the response in February.



Ludlow Police Officer Ryan Churchill in interviews following the award ceremony at Ludlow Town Hall.

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FinCom weighs in on special town meeting articles

By Harrison Giza
Staff Writer
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LUDLOW – The Finance Committee made their recommendations for the upcoming town meetings at their most recent meeting April 17. Much of their attention focused on the special town meeting

Committee members Tony Sanches, Aneta Lombardi, Michael Kelley, Susanne Boyea and Dolly Cincone were all present to review the warrants for the special and annual town meetings.

Some of the items listed on the agenda that day included the Baystate sprinkler (stated to be \$2709.34), a leak over

at 54 Windsor Street, a for Turley Publications advertisement related to the LHS Sports Complex (\$75.27), and a \$115.50 for Northeast Orthopedics medical bill for an injured police officer. The committee recommended passage of the article, which will appear first on the special town meeting warrant.

The committee had some hesitation with recommending an article for police overtime due to a lack of final figures.

“It was brought up to Aneta (Lombardi) and I’s attention that the police chief may be asking for up to \$200,000,” said Finance Committee Chairman, Tony Sanches. “I know we had put aside \$100,000 in free cash... so there should

already be \$100,000 set aside and he is going to be looking at close to \$200,000 is what we are informed.”

Sanches stated that Police Chief, Daniel Valadas, and Town Administrator, Marc Strange, informed him of this updated sum.

“There might be a few things that the Chief had put in there that does not belong in there,” said Sanches. “So I think Marc need a little bit more time to gather all the details and then he’s gonna get back to us... but we may want to prepare for the May 1st meeting because the Chief will be joining us.”

Lombardi turned to her fellow committee members.

“If we only have \$100,000, how

can we approve \$200,000?” Lombardi asked. “Even if the figures there it is \$200,000. How can we just approve that?”

Sanches agreed with Lombardi’s take on the article.

“I mean, even if it is \$174,000 you know you’re still \$74,000 over, you know?” Sanches said.

Because of this, the committee tabled its recommendation.

The committee took similar action, tabling an article on the FY24 snow and ice budget, citing a need for more information before taking a position. The article will ask voters to approve covering the deficit in the snow and ice budget through a free cash transfer.

Town-Wide Community Clean-Up Day set for May 4

LUDLOW – The 250th Semi-Quincentennial Committee is challenging the townspeople to bring 250 participants to the upcoming Community Clean-Up Day on May 4.

The town is inviting residents to pitch in and participate in the annual Clean-up Day/VFW Day of Service on Saturday, May 4, at the Veteran’s War Memorial at 11 East St. beginning at 9 a.m.

The 250th Celebration Committee is challenging the townspeople to come

out and support this event by bringing 250 participants join in for the celebration of the town’s 250th birthday. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and show your town pride by pitching in for a clean community, especially to prepare the town for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, the 250th Birthday Celebration Parade and Block Party Picnic. Ludlow civic groups are welcome to join in this day of clean-up too.

Please bring shovels, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows, wagons, gloves and gar-

den tools and be prepared to help out with trash pickup, sidewalk and tree belt cleanup and sprucing up the town’s flower beds. Trash bags will be provided for the event.

People and groups will be dispatched to areas around the East Street corridor. If you have a specific area you would like to clean up that day, please inform the coordinators.

This day of service is in partnership with the Ludlow Veterans Services, VFW3236, Ludlow Rotary Club, Lions

Club, Hamden County Sheriff’s Department, Boys & Girls Scouts of Ludlow, the Department of Public Works and the 250th Celebration Committee.

For more information, please go to www.ludlowveterans.us or www.ludlowma250.org or follow the 250th Committee on Facebook at [ludlowma250](https://www.facebook.com/ludlowma250).

If you would like to register a group, please call Kathy Ouimette at 413-589-7994, or send an email to ludlowma250@gmail.com.

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police and fire, if you need to speak with them, our dispatch connection can merge frequencies if they need to.

At the event, three dispatchers were given commendations for their work, including Samantha Jordan, Linda Zina, and Shaun Andre. Chief Valadas presented certificates to each of the dispatchers present, and described their work.

“It is a safety net that benefits the Town’s residents and visitors,” the department said in a press release. “The town’s leadership and public safety management decided to centralize its dispatch operation and combine the previously separate fire and police dispatchers into one cohesive unit.”

In a project that was completed \$480,000 under budget, emergency responders’ radios were updated to the latest technology, and dispatchers received new, state-of-the-art consoles. The project was completed in December of last year.

“The support dispatchers and call takers provide is crucial to the response,” the press release said. coordination of resources, and incident command of everyday type incidents as well as particularly dangerous or large-scale incidents any community potentially faces.

Dispatcher Linda Zina was hesitant to accept the award, insisting that she was “just doing her job.”



Dispatcher Shaun Andre answers a call from the newly upgraded dispatch



Chief Dan Valadas presented an award to Dispatcher Shaun Andre for his part in saving the life of an infant who needed to be resuscitated.

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First Neighborhood tag sale raises funds for 250th parade



Owner and Designer of Black Diamond Designs, Kathy Zachery, showing off her flair for retro ICEE.



Though she was "embarrassed" to show her face, this woman wanted the world to see her slice of lemon blanket for sale.



A series of water bottle tumblers sold at the Black Diamond Designs booth.

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just a tag sale, but then we got a lot of calls from craft vendors and then we made it both appeal to both groups. I would say that we did not fill all of our spots, but we probably filled 3 quarters of the spots for our first time out. A lot of people were very excited and said they would want us to do it again and were hoping that we have it again."

"It was a great environment," Barbaro said. "Everybody I saw had a good time. You know, as the day went on it got colder so our hands were cold and some of us didn't know if we should bring gloves. Being in New England we should have known better, but anyhow, it wasn't raining. The winds came up but that was all."

The tag sale was put together as a way to help finance support for Ludlow's 250th parade.

"The money from the actual tag sale will be going towards the parade," Barbaro said. "Then, the 250th committee set up their booth of nice merchandise and their bake sale. We also had hot dogs, chips, and a water for only \$5. It was a good deal."

Despite minor weather issues that day, Barbaro is excited for the future of the Neighborhood Tag Sale, as well as more 250th events.

"All I heard were positive things," Barbaro said. "The chairperson of the parade committee (Bruce Durand) came up to me and said he would like to do this again in the fall. Ludlow still has a memorial day parade every year, so if they did this event every year, the proceeds could go towards the Memorial Day parade as well. The committee will have to agree on that though.. but I don't see why not, you know?"

Barbaro encourages other com-

munities to come out and see some of the great events the committee has in store for Ludlow.

"The 250th Golf tournament is going to be a good one," Barbaro said. "That is coming up on May 18. The kids bike parade is set to happen on May 25 with the yearly Memorial Day Parade happening on May 27. Then we have the 250th parade. The big thing after the parade is 250th block party and picnic on June 15. A lot of us volunteers that were there this weekend will be there too. I am really looking forward to it."

Barbaro added a special thank for one volunteer for the event.

"I really want to thank Mary Beth Silva," Barbaro said. "She did so much to help prepare for this event and I am very thankful for her."

For any information regarding upcoming 250th anniversary events, visit <https://ludlowma250.org>.

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Racks of sweaters and clothes were popular items at the Ludlow Tag sale.




Spots 88 - 89 were held by Heather Houghton-Smith, Lynda Widmer, and Charlotte Martins, seen here having a blast together.



A solid \$5 jewelry deal one booth was showcasing.





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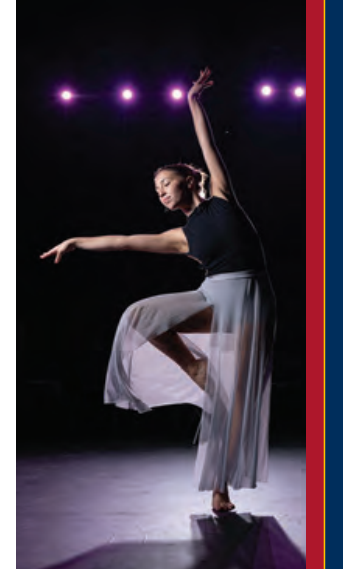
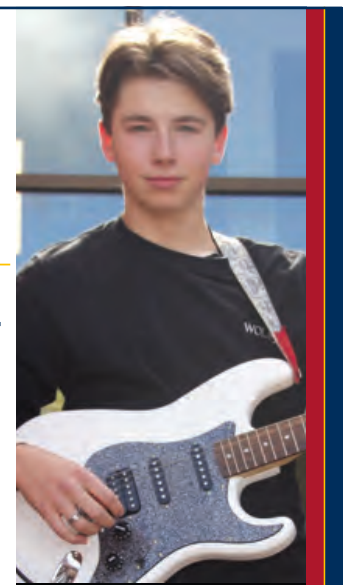
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members reassured her that the duties would be relegated to running meetings should Ribeiro Dahan be absent, with support from the committee members on following the rules of the meeting.

School Committee

Much of the meeting's discussion centered around whether or not to expand the School Committee in order to compensate for a voting member of the Town Council. The committee had previously voted that to include in the new charter that the Town Council Chair would have a seat on the committee. "As I read this and thought about how complicated it could get to make these changes to the School Committee," Green said, "I do still think it's a good idea to have the chairperson be a voting member, but I'm wondering if a baby step is that we have the chairperson have a seat on the School Committee, but not voting."

This idea was not particularly popular, as other members felt that this would defeat the purpose of having a member of the council on the school committee.

"I think the vote there, that'll give us a lot of the connections that we need between the town and the schools and hopefully stop some of the fighting that has gone on," Bylicki said. "I was doing research in the 1880s today; this is nothing new. Having that connection is really important, and I think having them as a voting member is really important."

Citing concern over uncontested races, it was suggested to instead reduce the committee to four. Bylicki pointed out that this would add the complication of all new elections for all members to determine which seat would get cut.

"We've had only five members of the school committee and selectmen since 1960," Bylicki said. "The town's grown a lot, almost doubled in size, since 1960, so the idea of moving up and having one more person there, I don't think is really a big issue."

Selectman Bill Rosenblum also advocated to expand the committee so as to not reduce the influence of the voters by adding in a vote from a town official.

"I wouldn't want to cut the feet out from underneath the residents," said Selectman Bill Rosenblum. "If we're just trying

to give the people more voice with seven councilors that are going to be residents, (...) I still think that you need to give them that option to have that person there. If you reduce it, it almost seems like you're trying to make government even bigger. You're taking away a public voice and filling it with a political voice."

Though the committee was divided, the majority voted to include language in the charter to expand the committee to seven seats, and welcomed feedback from the public on this issue.

"As a point of clarification," Rosenblum said, "nothing's set in stone. We've made a decision, but we're going to have to have the public input, too, and I guarantee this one in particular will have input, and that's what we look forward to."

Following this, the committee also voted on whether the representation from Town Council should be appointed to a position on the committee, or be prohibited from taking on any duties as part of the committee. The initial sentiment was that, to maintain the separation between the town and school, and in order to reduce the workload of the Town Council Chair, they should be barred from taking up additional positions as part of

the committee.

Jenn Aldworth asked, "If they're appointed by their peers on the committee for one of those seats, and the committee feels that they're best in that role, why wouldn't we allow it?"

DeBarge pointed out that the committee member would have the option to decline the position, and it might not be fair to legislate that they could not run if they so chose.

"I just think this person is in a unique position," Ribeiro Dahan said. "If they're not being elected directly to the School Committee, should they be able to be the chair?"

"I don't know how the voters would feel about having someone they didn't elect to the School Committee be the chair," said committee member Chris Pelletier. "There's a lot of power there, (between) deciding how the meeting is run and the agenda items and everything."

Rosenblum mentioned that, as is the case with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Council Chair would likely only be in the position for a year, and it might cause problems to have the School Committee Chair rotate every year. Fellow selectman DeBarge laughed that,

"for the first time in five years," Rosenblum was able to change his mind on an issue.

"That means every Chair of Council – or President, whatever we're going to put the title of – is going to be the new seat on the School Committee, every single year," DeBarge said. "Thus should not be running that meeting, should not be setting that agenda, should not be the vice, and should not be the clerk."

The committee voted with one abstention to bar the Town Council representative from appointed positions on the School Committee.

Strategic Plan

There was also discussion as to how to schedule the creation of a Strategic Plan. The committee agreed to keep a five-year timetable, but there were concerns that it would be unreasonable to expect the Town Council to adopt a new Strategic Plan within the first five years of adopting the charter.

The Charter Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of every month. If you have comments that you would like the committee to read during an upcoming meeting, you can send an email to chartercommittee@ludlow.ma.us.

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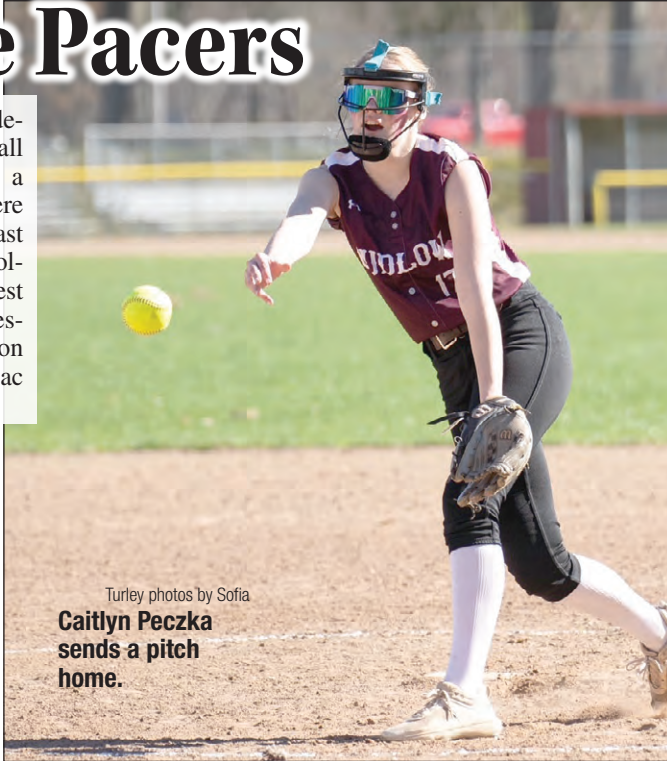
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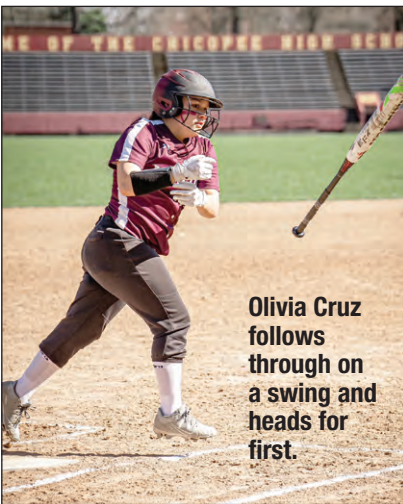
CHICOPEE – After three straight defeats to open the season, Ludlow softball has turned things around by grabbing a pair of wins last week. The Lions were able to get by host Chicopee 11-10 last Tuesday afternoon at Szot Park. They followed that up with a 15-7 win over West Springfield, also on the road last Wednesday. Now 2-3, the Lions faced Monson earlier this week, and travel to Hoosac Valley on Thursday, April 25 at 4 p.m.



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Caitlyn Peczka sends a pitch home.



Juliana Coelho fields a slow ground ball.



Olivia Cruz follows through on a swing and heads for first.



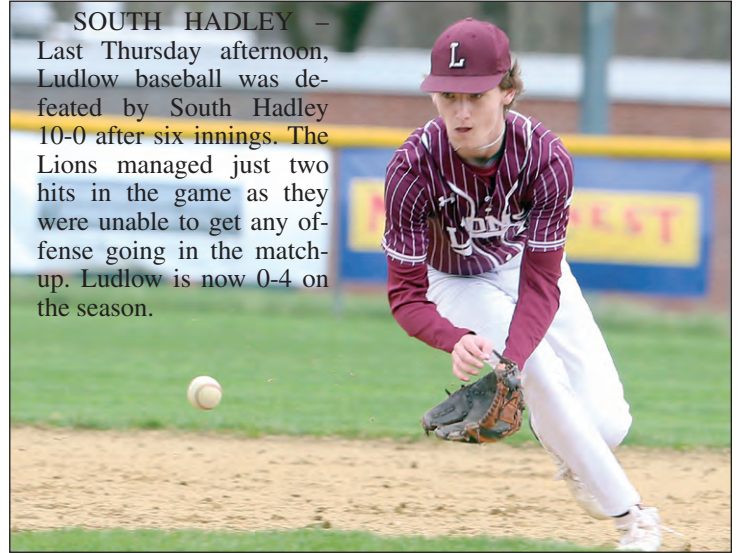
Emma Arocho crosses home plate with a run.



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Debbie Rosado Pagan fist bumps a coach on her way out to start the next inning.

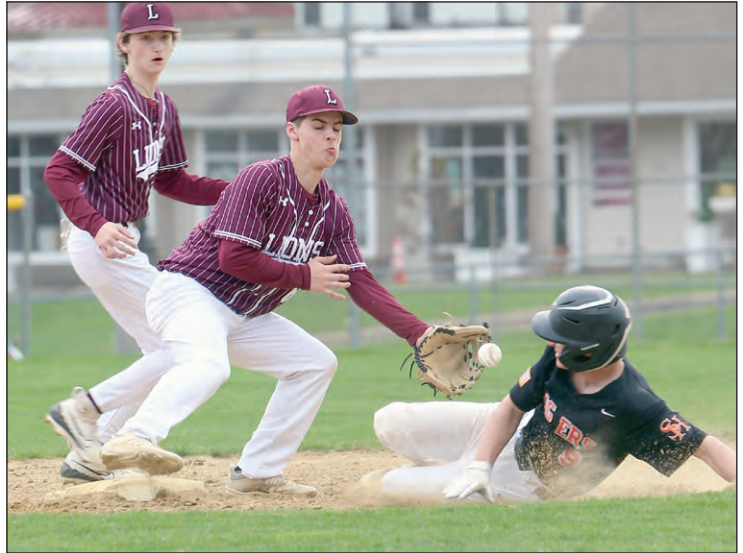
Ludlow baseball falls to South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday afternoon, Ludlow baseball was defeated by South Hadley 10-0 after six innings. The Lions managed just two hits in the game as they were unable to get any offense going in the match-up. Ludlow is now 0-4 on the season.



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Mason Morace looks to field the slow roller.



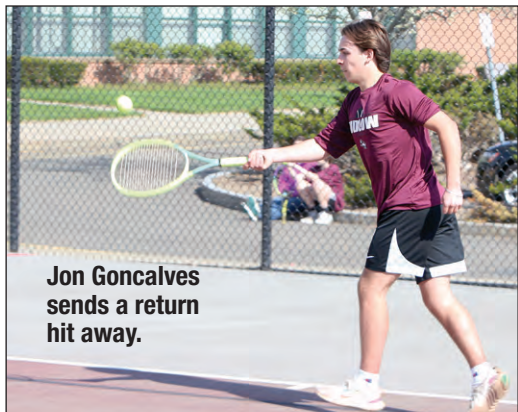
Jacob Santos looks to tag out a base stealer from South Hadley.



Christian Kochaenk throws across to first for an out.

Boys tennis falls to Belchertown

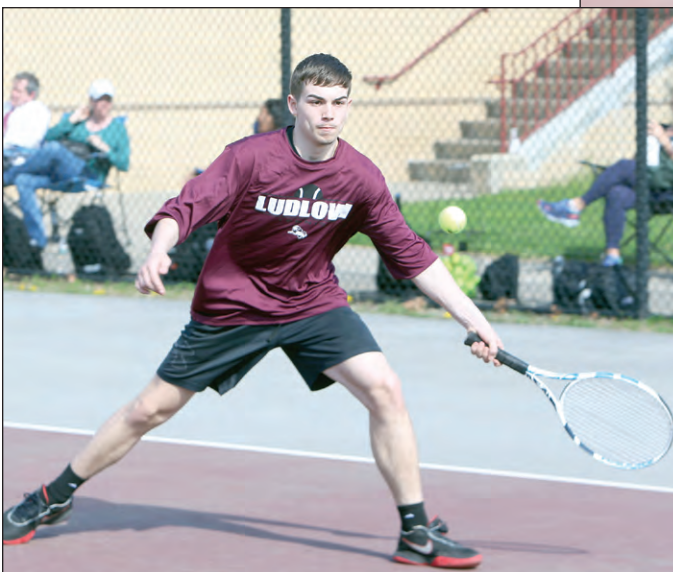
LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Ludlow boys tennis fell to Belchertown 4-1. The Lions are 1-3 on the season with losses to East Longmeadow and Longmeadow so far this year. Their one win was an April 5 4-1 defeat of Wilbraham & Monson Academy. The Lions hope to rebound on Friday, April 26 at Northampton at 5 p.m.



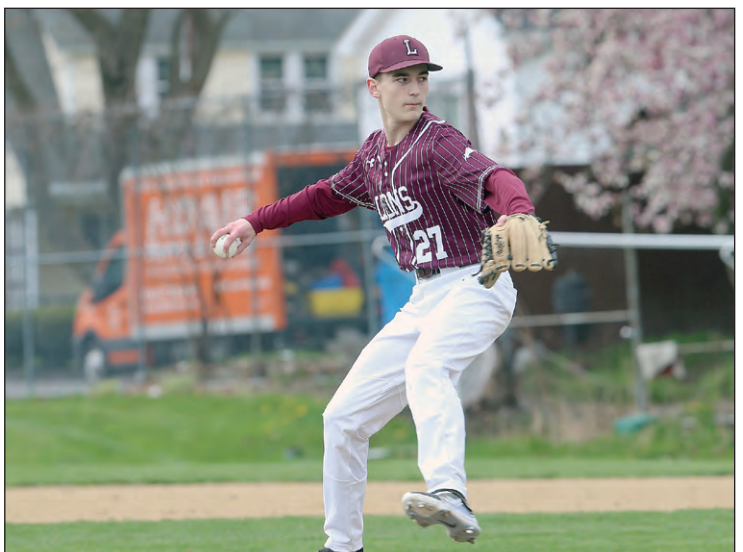
Jon Goncalves sends a return hit away.



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Ben Goodreau gets ready for a big return hit.



Giovanni Acevedo reaches out to keep the ball in play.



Pitcher Luke Stejna sends an offering to the plate.

Gaudette wins Willie Marshall Award

SPRINGFIELD – The American Hockey League announced today that Springfield Thunderbirds forward Adam Gaudette is the 2023-24 recipient of the Willie Marshall Award, given to the league's leading goal scorer.

Gaudette scored a league-best 44 goals in 67 games for the Thunderbirds, surpassing his previous career high of 27 goals set last season and tied for the fourth-most by a Springfield skater in 80 seasons of AHL hockey in the city. He becomes the first Thunderbirds skater ever to claim the award and the first Springfield AHL skater to lead the league in goal-scoring since Michel Picard of the 1990-91 Springfield Indians.

Gaudette added 27 assists to finish third in the AHL scoring race with 71 points and was voted to the AHL's First All-Star Team this season, marking the first time a Thunderbirds player earned such recognition. The sixth-year pro from Braintree, Mass., has

77 goals and 57 assists in 138 AHL games, along with 27 goals and 43 assists in 220 career games in the NHL. Gaudette was originally a fifth-round pick by Vancouver in the 2015 NHL Draft and joined the St. Louis Blues organization via trade from Toronto on Feb. 17, 2023.

The AHL's goal-scoring award was established in 2004 to honor Willie Marshall, the AHL's all-time leader in goals, assists, points, and games played; past winners include Mike Cammalleri (2005), Alexandre Giroux (2009, '10), Tyler Johnson (2013), Frank Vatrano (2016), Carter Verhaeghe (2019) and Stefan Noesen (2022). Other previous yearly goal-scoring leaders include Bryan Hextall (1937), Lou Trudel (1942, '45), Fred Glover (1951), Dunc Fisher (1958), Jimmy Anderson (1961, '64), Yvon Lambert (1973), Gordie Clark (1980), Paul Gardner (1985, '86), Jody Gage (1988) and Brad Smyth (1996, 2001).

HoopHall announces unique new exhibit for this summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced another brand new exhibit coming to the museum this summer titled The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked. This innovative and immersive experience will be unlike anything the Basketball Hall of Fame has previously produced. The Hall of Fame has collaborated with the NBA's most storied franchise to present this inaugural installation of The Vault.

"We are excited to launch another state-of-the-art space in the world's finest sports museum," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked is a limited engagement that will feature a finely crafted experience that will capture the imagination of sports fans and speak to the heart of what makes basketball the world's most popular game."

Matt Zeysing, Vice President of Curatorial for the museum, began working on The Vault concept more than a year ago. "We knew we wanted to create something spectacular, something that basketball fans had never seen before.

The Boston Celtics represent a winning tradition that is second to none and that tradition still continues today. To that end, our team has carefully curated and brought together the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia in the world."

Set in an immersive bank vault, Celtics legends from the past and present will take visitors on an epic journey to discover the true meaning of Celtic Pride. The Vault will feature authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage, and much more.

"The Boston Celtics are honored to bring their history and tradition to life with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked," said Boston Celtics Team President Rich Gotham. "We hope fans enjoy this immersive experience, which will showcase unique memorabilia and celebrate the Celtics' storied legacy."

Visitors will enjoy an exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

USA Basketball holding 3v3 competitions

SPRINGFIELD – USA Basketball announced today that it will host two FIBA 3x3 pro circuit competitions in Springfield, beginning with a Quest (April 22-23), which is a FIBA 3x3 Men's World Tour Qualifier, and followed by the FIBA 3x3 Springfield Women's Series (April 23-24). Both events will be held at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and admission is free with the purchase of a Hall of Fame museum ticket.

The Quest will feature up to 12 teams with, at minimum, one team bid on the line into the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Edmonton Masters (July 6-7). The event will be the first FIBA 3x3 competition hosted by USA Basketball since the 2023 FIBA 3x3 Colorado Challenger.

The Springfield Women's Series, the opening event on the 2024 FIBA 3x3 Women's Series, will include eight teams in the field with the top finishers improving their allocation opportunities for future stops along the way to the Women's Series Final. The Springfield

Women's Series marks the first FIBA 3x3 Women's Series event hosted in the United States since the Series' inception in 2019.

The Springfield Women's Series will be streamed live at YouTube.com/FIBA3x3.

Participating teams had several pathways into the FIBA 3x3 Men's World Tour Quest and FIBA 3x3 Springfield Women's Series, including automatic allocation, wildcard berth from the host or qualification from a previous FIBA 3x3 event. The field for both competitions will include professional 3x3 teams from the United States and around the world.

Different than 5-on-5, 3x3 is played on a half-court with a 10-minute game clock and 12-second shot clock. Play is continuous, as teams "clear" the ball behind the 2-point line following a made basket, defensive rebound or steal. The first team to score 21 points via 1-point field goals or 2-pointers behind the arc is victorious; or if time expires then the team leading wins.

Some roster spots still open in Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League prepares for its season opener on Sunday, April 28 featuring three games.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with play-offs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields

six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

Registration open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports.

From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams represent-

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LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:50 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Peter Miccoli, for the property located at 0 Deroche Circle (Assessors' Map 11B, Parcels 29A & 29B). The subject of the meeting is: development of two single-family homes.

Angela Tierney
Chair

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Angela Tierney
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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**Docket No. HD24P0812EA
Estate of:
Karren E Seaborne-Civiok
Date of Death: 10/10/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joanne M. Leonard of Worcester, 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: **Joanne M. Leonard of Worcester, 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 05/10/2024.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: April 12, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/24/2024

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Docket No. HD24P0856EA
Estate of:
Paul Lopes
Date of Death: 08/12/2017
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Idalina M Dias of Ludlow, 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: **Idalina M Dias of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Date: April 17, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
04/24/2024

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OBITUARIES

Lucilia Lavoie, 94

LUDLOW- Lucilia Lavoie, age 94, of Ludlow died peacefully at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by her family.



Lucilia was predeceased by her husband of 72 years, Raymond, her parents Americo and Antonia Alves of Ludlow, her four brothers Carlos, Jose "Joe", Tony "Antonio" and Octavio "Tabs" and by her sister Teresa "Pureza" Goodrich. She is survived by her seven children, Raymond (Joanne) of Wilbraham, David (Lena) of Ludlow, Richard (Laura) of Chicopee, Mark (Andrea) of Simsbury Connecticut, Cynthia (William) Livermore Ludlow, Susan (Lynne) of Waltham and Lynne Anne (Derrin) Wilbraham. She also leaves 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, all of whom she adored. She leaves her two sisters Mary (Doug) Alves and Zinda (Edwin) Leary Ludlow.

Her family was the most important thing in her life and she remained very close to her children and siblings throughout her life. She loved to reminisce about her childhood and early family life. Lucilia worked at Kitchener's Department store in Indian Orchard for several years after graduating from Ludlow High School in 1948. She married Raymond in 1949 and was a wonderful, loving and caring mother to their seven children. She was an astute partner in all her husband's building developments. She was instrumental in the planning, design and decorating of the Blisswood Village Apartments and an integral part of the success of its building. She loved interior decorating but babies were her biggest love.

Her funeral services were held April 20th with Ludlow Funeral Home entrusted with her arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made and her memory to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

James R. Steigmeyer, 75

LUDLOW - James R. Steigmeyer, 75, lifelong resident of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on April 20, 2024 surrounded by the love of his family.



Son of the late Ralph and Lillian (Hojnak) Steigmeyer, Jim was a 1966 graduate of Ludlow High School and co-founder of the former Roma Marble. Jim loved the outdoors and his many passions included hiking, fishing and enjoying his time in Ogunquit, Maine. He also had a love for music and was an avid New England sports fan. Jim's greatest joy was his grandchildren, especially while supporting them in their athletics.

Jim was the loving husband of Rosa Cordiano; a devoted father to Cheri Lynn Steigmeyer and David Batts, Jeffrey Steigmeyer and late wife Kimberly, Brian Steigmeyer and wife Aimee Labrecque and stepfather to Ryan Dubay and wife Erin; a proud Papa to his grandchildren Abigayle, Jake, Zachary, Alexandra, Ethan and Kellan, and great-grandchildren Stella and Lennon. He also leaves his siblings Timothy Steigmeyer and wife Connie, Janet Steigmeyer and Michael Hynek, and Pamela Steigmeyer and husband John; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Visiting Hours will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 1 -4 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Additional services will be held privately by the family and in lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Jim's memory to Dana Farber Cancer Institute (www.dana-farber.org)

DEATH NOTICES

Lucilia Lavoie
Services were held
April 20, 2024
Ludlow Funeral Home

James R. Steigmeyer
Died April 20, 2024
Services
April 27, 2024
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COMING SOON

DINING FOR A CAUSE: The Villa Rose invites everyone to a fundraiser to benefit the Ludlow Lions Club, on Wednesday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Villa Rose will donate 20% of the guest check (excluding drinks) to the Ludlow Lions Club. This includes dine-in or take-out orders. Please join in at the Villa Rose.

MONSON GARDEN Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11, at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo on Main St. in Monson starting at 9 a.m. A wide selection of perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available. Prices range from \$3 and up. There will also be an assortment of special gift planters for Mother's Day gifts.

ONGOING

SENIOR BINGO: Hosted by the Indian Orchard Citizens Council 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Free to play with great prizes. For more information, call 413-209-8240.

THRIFT SHOP: Now open at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday offering quality items at affordable prices. Gently-used clothing and accessories, household

items, books, children's items, collectors' items and more are available. For more information, call the church office at 413-543-4763.

CHESS CLUB: Open to residents of all surrounding communities 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 117 Main St. For more information, contact the IOCC at 413-209-8240 or indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE: At East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the cost to take part is \$5 per year. For more information contact Maria Ardolino, activities director at activity@ludlow.ma.us or call 413-583-3564.

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

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

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our

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

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

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

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

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Social Security payment amount increasing somewhat at her full retirement age. Thus, over time, your wife may recover the benefits which were withheld for exceeding the annual earnings limit. But to get 100% of the benefit she's earned from a lifetime of working and be exempt from Social Security's earnings limit, she would need to wait until she reaches her FRA to claim.

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GARDEN from Page 6

it rich, so I fertilized and will also provide some compost to further enhance their growth, and maybe just maybe I will relive the Hollyhocks of my youth come July.

All in all, I feel pretty good at how the perennial gardens fared through the winter. Next week I have to get those peas in – at least before the forsythia stops blooming!

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

BAYSTATE GAMES from Page 12

ing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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 Docket No. HD24P0859EA
 Estate of:
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 Date of Death: 05/08/2019
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for Late and

Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Idalina M. Dias of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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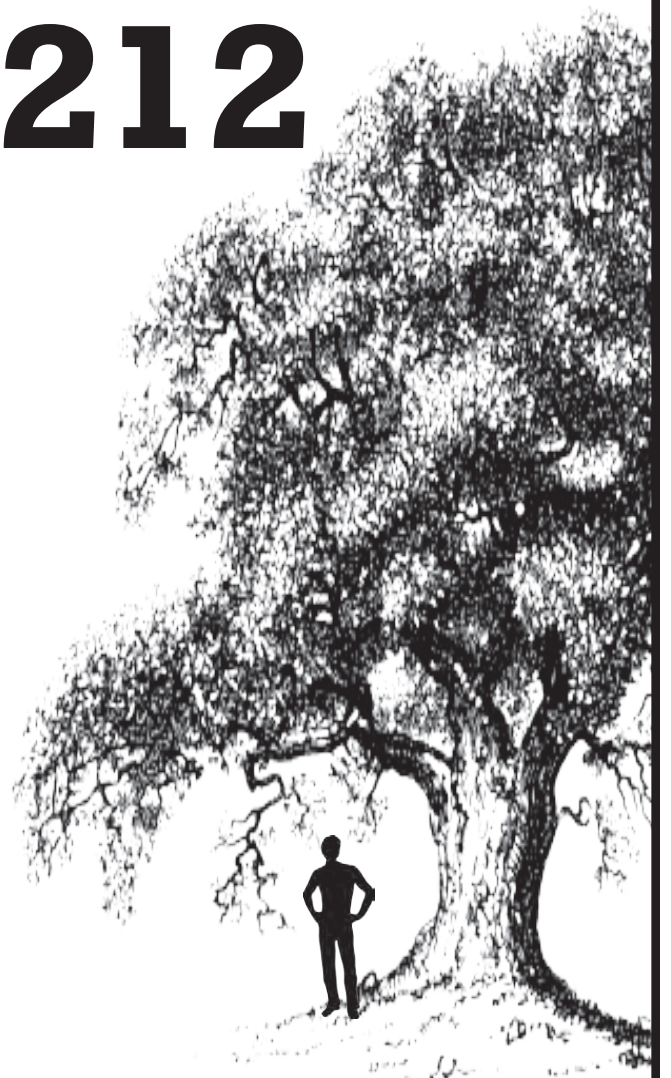
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Happy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month (April 25), 6:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month (May 2), 3:30 p.m. Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! You can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

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The 'Fellowship of the Pages' Book Discussion Group, Every Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet each week to discuss books, eat snacks, play games, and make friends. This month the group is reading "The Storm Runner" by Jennifer Cervantes, copies are available in the Youth Room. Registration preferred

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