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The Rotary Club meeting welcomed April Beston, Beacon Bank Branch Manager Jael Pollard, Josue Irizarry, Maria Crespo, State Senator Jacob Oliveira, Zaneta Graskakis, and Tony Sanches.

## Rotary Club hosts Senator Jacob Oliveira

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### Health care and water costs addressed

LUDLOW – On Apr. 22, the Rotary Club welcomed State Senator Jacob Oliveira to their meeting in hopes to alleviate members’ concerns over ongoing Town-wide issues like bridge repairs, water costs, and rising healthcare costs. In charge of membership, Kevin Vestal introduced Oliveira and emphasized his local connection to the Town.

“Today we are lucky and very fortunate to have Oliveira address our club and talk about the important things going on around Town and the surrounding communi-

ties. Oliveira proudly represents Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester district that covers 12 communities, including his hometown of Ludlow,” said Vestal.

Vestal mentioned that Oliveira is a Ludlow High School graduate and began his journey becoming a state senator by addressing the biggest challenge Ludlow is facing, the fiscal budget.

Following the question of, what do you think the government spends your money on, Oliveira began explaining the state budget by presenting a pie chart. “There’s always a percep-

tion that we’re taking a lot of taxes, where does the money go? It’s healthcare.

It’s not just for poor people, this is for old people, people with disabilities, this is for state employees; this is the state budget right here. Referring to the pie chart, this category that represents 36% of our budget is Mass-Health, that’s our healthcare program.

17% goes to HHS, Health Human Services, and add on another 5% with the Group Insurance Commission, called the GIC, where I get my healthcare from. That’s where about three dozen cities and towns, including Springfield, get their employee’s healthcare from.

If you add up all of those three categories together and that is 57% of the state’s budget is spent on healthcare and when people ask

why don’t we have money to spend on roads, bridges, education; all the other services we rely on, it’s because healthcare inflation rate is growing at a faster rate than revenue growth. More of the pie chart is taken up by healthcare each year.

Our revenue growth rate in Massachusetts is about 2 ½%, most of the towns are limited by 2 ½%, prop 2 ½ overrides...healthcare is crippling every state in the country and it’s also crippling all 351 cities and towns. Massachusetts prides itself by being a state that is ranked by being #1 in healthcare, but it comes out of cost, and part of that cost is the majority of our residents are covered by health insurance.

We are the highest per-

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## Patrons of the Ludlow Cultural Council present Springfest

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LUDLOW – Occurring on May 1, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Ludlow Cultural Council will present Springfest. This event is a silent auction fundraiser that will be at the Polish American Citizens Club at 355 East St., and will have bidding, music, and a chance to see friends around Town.

Speaking with Chairperson Pamela Hayes, she sent The Register what residents and attendees can expect at

this silent auction.

“There will be music by the CCG group featuring Chuck Martins, with light snacks provided.

Because we are a new non-profit, we are not able to do raffles for two years, so we chose to do a silent auction as our first big fundraiser. Our members have gathered donations from many area businesses.”

They will have auction items from Cottage Melts, 1327 East St., Tony and

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Submitted photo  
 Join the Patrons of the Cultural Council at the Springfest Silent Auction fundraiser.

## Oliveira speaks on education, addresses lack of communication with bridge work

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LUDLOW – At the Apr. 22 Rotary Club meeting, Senator Jacob Oliveira spoke about various topics addressing members’ concerns. This is a continuation reviewing education and graduation requirements, whilst providing an update about the bridge work in Town.

Oliveira continued speak-

ing about education and stated that it only takes up 12% of the state’s budget, “Unfortunately, the funding formula for places like Ludlow is antiquated. Over the last five years, it’s been at 8%. Even though we have a declining school population, the cost to educate a student is becoming greater and greater,” stated Oliveira.

A question came up about the graduation requirement for MCAS and how without

the requirement, how will teachers know the student is ready to graduate without standardized testing. Oliveira answered, saying that he’s working on a different assessment tool, “I see this next session like communities like Ludlow can do a bargain that has gotten shortchanged with this funding formula. When we change that, we’ll require more of that pie to grow that 12%, which impacts other areas.

We’re probably going to talk about those kinds of measures on how we can ensure those dollars are spent wisely and students are receiving an education.

I actually like the portfolio model that many states have looked at, which looks at the cumulative work that you’ve done in your school over your education period. Also making sure that every school district is making certain standards for course-

work, there’s a lot of district flexibility at the local level.

Having more of a uniform standard in graduation requirements for the totality of the coursework you’re working on helps to eliminate those disparities and show that your tax dollars are being spent wisely, and students are receiving a decent education. The other thing we can look at, I am a huge fan of this. Looking at what students do after they gradu-

ate,” said Oliveira.

The conversation continued about free community college and what students are able to do after high school, not just a traditional four-year college.

Following the topic of funding free community colleges in Massachusetts, Oliveira explained that the reason they got that was by the

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## Knights of Columbus 3535 lends a hand to Bethlehem House

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LUDLOW – On Apr. 20, the Knights of Columbus 3535 lent a hand at the Bethlehem House in Easthampton, a non-profit organization that offers free pregnancy resources for women in crisis. The organization reaches out to provide loving and nurturing support to all members of the family in the time of need.

Founded in 2006, the care center has reached over 5,000 clients by working with local colleges, churches, hospitals, and birthing centers by offering services like baby clothes. The KOC reached out to The Register and shared a photo of their volunteer work, Gary Bour-



The Knights of Columbus lent a hand to the Bethlehem House by helping switch out seasonal clothing bins for babies.

beau submitted the following.

“The Knights of Columbus Ludlow Council 3535

were honored to lend a hand at Bethlehem House, helping to switch out seasonal baby clothes bins. Serving those

in need, especially mothers and young children, is a meaningful way to live out our faith through charity and

action. Thank you to all the brothers who volunteered their time and effort.” said Bourbeau.

## Help town on Park CleanUp Day May 2

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LUDLOW – On Saturday, May 2, the Town of Ludlow invites the entire community to celebrate where they live and care for the environment around them by asking participation for the annual Park CleanUp Day. This event will begin at 9 a.m. and participants are asked to meet at Veterans Park, 11 East St. and are asked to bring their own gloves.

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# Zonta in Action: Connecting communities, changing lives

LUDLOW – On May 11 at the Ludlow Country Club, learn about the local and global reach of Zonta.

Locally, we will award the Young Women in Leadership Scholarship to Assala Ali of Springfield Central High School and three Service Grants to organizations working with women and girls: The YWCA of Western MA, Girls Inc of the Valley, and Girls on the Run.

Globally, we will learn from Zonta Foundation of Women Ambassador Dr.

Mary Ann Rubis about Zonta's international projects to end gender-based violence, combat child marriage, and increase access to education.

The public is invited to join us at the Ludlow Country Club on May 11, please register by May 4, 2026 at [info@ZontaQV.org](mailto:info@ZontaQV.org). The reception will begin at 5:30, dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the Program. Pay at the door for the buffet \$30 or pay online \$35 [zontaqv.square.site/](http://zontaqv.square.site/). Details at [www.ZontaQV.org](http://www.ZontaQV.org)

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## Victorian Tea Room at First Church

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.

Enjoy an elegantly

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

Cash only. No reservations. Dress casually or fancy with a whimsical hat or fascinator.

A photo memory space 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.

## Guided bird walk at River-to-Range Trail

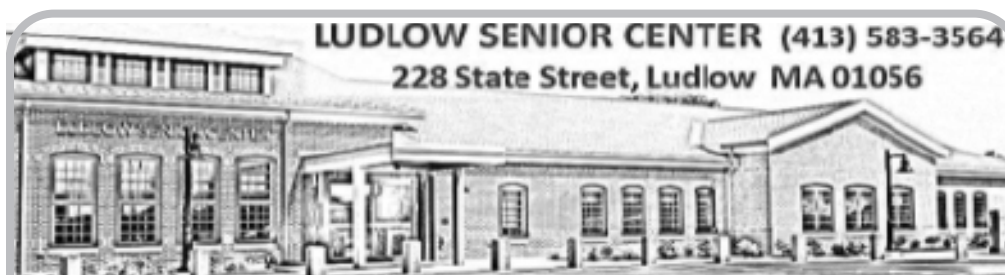
SOUTH HADLEY— On Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m. the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will host a free, guided Bird Walk at River-to-Range Trail led by ornithologist Bill DeLuca, a senior Migration Ecologist with the National Audubon Society. It is spring migration season and the Connecticut River is an important route for many species; while some birds are here to nest, others are just stopping by during their migration further north. The accessible River-to-Range Trail, located along the Connecti-

cut River at the Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook Conservation Area, has a hard pack surface covering a relatively flat 1-mile loop with seating benches at regular intervals. No prior birding experience is needed. Participants of all ages and new Trekkers are welcomed. No dogs, please.

We will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the trailhead by the parking lot located at 240 Ferry Street in South Hadley, just down the road from Brunelle's Marina. We'll leave from the trailhead at 9 a.m. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and safe foot-

wear, and bring binoculars if you have them, along with water and walking poles, if desired. Please keep in mind that some areas of the trail could be wet, so hiking footwear may preferable to sneakers.

All events are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions and any decision to cancel the Bird Walk will be made by 8 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026. For more information or to check for a weather notification, visit the Town website at: [www.southhadley.org/bikewalk](http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk).



## 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/coal/](http://ludlow.ma.us/coal/). 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 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

#### Friday, May 1

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 p.m. Decorating Committee

#### Monday, May 4

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. Fishing Club  
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, May 5

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump  
5 p.m. Movie: *Secretariat*

#### Wednesday, May 6

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10 a.m. Tea with the TA  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Movie: *Secretariat*  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Thursday, May 7

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
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 30: BLT Grinder/Chips/Pickle  
Friday, May 1: Cheese Pizza/Side Salad  
Monday, May 4: Hot dog/Baked beans/Cole slaw  
Tuesday, May 5: Taco Salad  
Wednesday, May 6: Stuffed Shells/Salad  
Thursday, May 7: Seafood Sald/Croissant/Orzo salad

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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## Annual plant sale May 16

MONSON – The Down of Earth Gardeners will hold their 28th Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16th, 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, next to the United Methodist Church located at 162 Main Street, Monson across from Dunkin' Donuts.

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The Rotary Club hosts their meetings at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

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centage state that gets residents covered by healthcare; we are about 98%, meaning only 2% have health insurance here in Massachusetts. Most other states are around 10% without health insurance.

That has reverberating effects because when you don't have health insurance and you show up at an emergency room, it drives everybody else's healthcare costs as well. The inflation rate in healthcare is outpacing any sort of revenue source we could possibly have, like South Hadley having a failed override vote last week and the reason why they were in such a fiscal predicament was because of the Group Insurance Trust for their town employee healthcare.

They had a 40% in year spike in healthcare costs so the Town of Ludlow, we go out on our own for our municipal employees for health insurance and we have good healthcare. Belchertown, Granby, and South Hadley are in my district and are part of the Hampden County Group Insurance Trust and that included 73 units, mostly in Hampden County, including Springfield Water and Sewer.

The Springfield Water and Sewer was certified under the HCGIT and they didn't raise premiums for almost six years, in fact they lowered them, and so when medical bills started to come in...the trust had no money and they had to reassess mid-year and that spiked healthcare costs for all those people in that trust," said Oliveira.

To note, The Register covered State Representative Aaron Saunders Environ-



State Senator Jacob Oliveira being introduced by Rotary Club Member/Member Kevin Vestal.

mental Bond Bill, which is currently pending before the House, requiring two representatives from communities like Ludlow to sit on the MWRA, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. This will hopefully correct water issues in the community with more representation to the areas that the Springfield Water and Sewer service.

Oliveira continued, "How does Springfield Water and Sewer raising their healthcare costs impact Ludlow? It affects our rate payers that pay into Springfield Water and Sewer, where all of us get our water and sewer from because they were facing mid-year spikes as well. So, when you get your water bill and you might see a spike on that, that has to do with a lot of the healthcare and health insurance costs that are impacting that non-profit organization, that's funded by rate payers.

So, where do we go from here? Healthcare is daunting to all of us because we're kind of in a healthcare crisis. It took me nearly 6 months to find a primary care doctor here in Western Mass.

Mercy closed their maternity wards so if you're getting your services from Trinity Health, you have to go to either Connecticut or travel 40 miles outside the Springfield area if you want to have a baby unless you go to Bay-state.

And now think of the strain it's putting on Baystate Health as well, so there's a perception that health insurance companies are the ones that are soaking up all the money and believe it or not, health insurance profit rates are capped in the United States. They're only around 2% right now, but what's causing this and where is all the money going?

Where is all of this healthcare because we're not seeing the options, so look at this fact, I told you that my district has 170,000 people, those are residents. My largest employer in my district is Baystate Health; 5,000 employees live in my district.

If you start peeling back the funding that you put towards healthcare, that impacts the jobs of the people that are employed by our healthcare systems. Hospital costs have skyrocketed,

and the area that I am trying to work on at the State is the major cost driver in healthcare.

Aside from direct care, what are those other cost drivers that are making our healthcare system unaffordable?" said Oliveira.

Oliveira followed by talking about pharmaceutical drugs, specifically GLP-1's and how expensive they are. "Out of the nearly 9% expectant healthcare costs this past year, about a of it has to do with prescription drugs, particularly GLP-1's. We're also working on a Primary Care Bill to break down the barriers of getting more primary care doctors, physician assistants, and PCA's. One of those barriers is the licensing boards; we're constantly dealing with nurses getting a job in Massachusetts but have to wait a year through our licensing board to begin practicing.

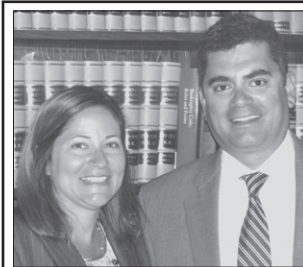
What we did was do an interstate compact that allows someone from Connecticut who is licensed there to come to Massachusetts and start practicing right away," said Oliveira.

**2026 Kindergarten registration**

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. We can make an SJBS education happen for your family. SJB School...because God created your child to thrive!



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**Correction**  
In the Apr. 23 edition of the Register, a player in the Mack Donnelly Tournament was misidentified as Andrew Ruest. That individual's name is Andrea Ruest. We apologize for the error.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### “Beets,” me

I was so happy to finally get into the vegetable garden this past week.

My peas seeds are sown! Yippee!

Next on my list is beets. I have to admit that I am no beet aficionado. In fact, I began eating beets only a few years ago.

Who knows what turned me off in my younger years. Maybe it was the fact that I only knew beets by way of a can – we never grew them in our home garden. They honestly didn't look or taste all that yummy, especially to a kid who ate a total of two other vegetables; that is, of course, if corn counts.

Anyway, I think what finally convinced me to include beets in my garden was the fact that the plants are multipurpose (you can eat both the greens and the roots) and beets themselves are wonderful “keepers.” Lately, there is a lot of talk about the benefits of eating them in relation to heart health.

Let me give you a brief run down on how to grow beets.

Beet seeds are unique in appearance. I can only describe them as multi-faceted “orbs.”

The orb is a grouping of seeds. You can go through the trouble of trying to separate them by way of wax paper and a rolling pin, but most folks don't bother.

Because the orb is thick, however, and moisture must penetrate it in order for it to germinate, a good soaking is beneficial. Although you can try starting beets nearly as soon as the soil can be worked in spring, it is probably best to wait until two weeks before the last expected frost.

In our location that translates into the first or second week of May. This timeframe will give them the most desirable soil temperature (sixty degrees plus) for germination.

Be sure that you keep the seed bed moist until the seeds pop up, and continue to provide at least one inch of water throughout the growing season if Mother Nature does not. Steady moisture will keep your beets sweet and crack-free.

I should also mention that beets prefer a soil that is slightly alkaline, and well-drained but fertile. In other words, sprinkle some lime and work a couple inches of compost into the soil!

Beet seeds should be sown an inch or so apart-my theory is to sow once and sow heavy. Because multiple plants may come from one “orb” it is critical that you thin your plants: first to one and a half inch

spacing and then, when beets are the size of a marble, to a final spacing of three inches apart.

Don't feel badly when you are thinning – you are honestly doing your plants a favor. Beets that are grown too close together will never develop to their full potential.

Instead of letting the thinnings go to waste, make a salad and be grateful for some early season greens. Even when beets are at their final spacing I will rob the patch of some leaves every now and then for the very same reason. As long as I am prudent, no harm will be done to the developing roots.

Some beet varieties are grown especially for their greens. Try “Bull's Blood,” an heirloom variety known for its large and sweet reddish-purple leaves. “Early Wonder Tall Top” is another oldie – prized as much for its early beet greens as it for its beets.

Looking for less leaf and more beet? Try “Detroit Dark Red Short Top.” Well over one hundred years old, this late variety is great for canning.

Beets also come in a wide array of colors. For a dependable and tasty yellow beet try “Touchtone Gold.” Another interesting heirloom beet is “Chiogga” (aka “Bassano”).

Cercospora Leaf Spot of Swiss Chard, Beets, and Spinach is a common fungus that appears as circular rings on the leaves, making them unsightly and barely edible.

There are a number of tactics that claim to help if this is a problem for you. Water at the base of the plant, and do it early in the day so it dries out by evening, especially in the summer months when humidity heightens the spread.

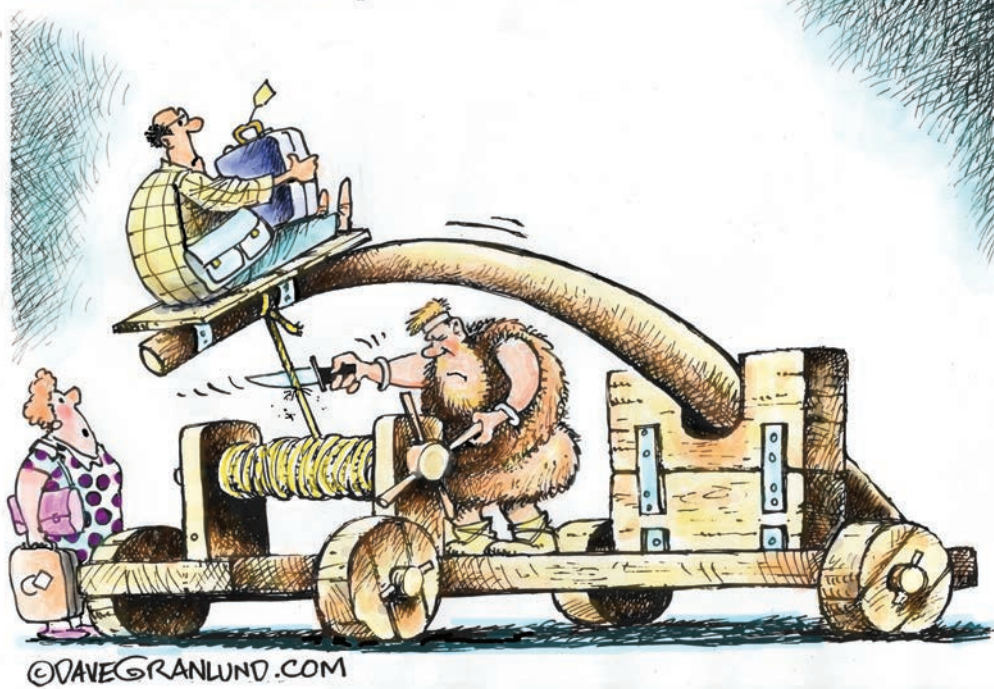
Likewise, if you make successive sowings, space them a distance apart from one another. There are organic and chemical means of control that are worth investigating.

If that's not for you, give growing these plants a break for two-three years and likely you'll be in the clear to attempt trying again. Some companies offer disease free seed, too.

It's worth looking into.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 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.*

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Should I collect SS now or wait two years until age 70?

Dear Rusty:

*I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70.*

*I was confident this plan was a good one, but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be “grandfathered” in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.*

*When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69 and 70 that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69 and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement?*

**Signed:**  
Nervous in Portland

Dear Nervous:

Please do not be nervous that recent “turbulent events” pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social

Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all.

In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time, lacking program reform by Congress, Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen least of all politicians because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some.

Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years.

And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective

legislation.

Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts; they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens has offered to Congress a commonsense reform plan via its “Social Security Guarantee.” AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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## Rotary Club to hold another calendar raffle

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club is holding another Calendar Raffle throughout the month of April with prizes given out every day in May. The raffle will raise money for local community projects and scholarships. Calendars are on sale now through the end of April for \$10 each and are available from any club

member.

The raffle is different from the one held last year in that, in addition to cash prizes, there will also be gift cards to many national chains with outlets in the Greater Springfield area, such as Home Depot and Dunkin. Thirty prizes will be awarded in the month of May. “There will be a winner every day. That gives

every entry many chances to win,” announced club raffle co-chairman Tim Tracy of Wilbraham. To purchase a calendar contact Ann Marie Ottoson at 413-530-5996. Proceeds will be given back to the community said Tracy.

For more information or to join the Rotary Club call Brad Sperry at 413-537-4171.

### CLEANUP DAY from Page 1

When volunteers meet at the park, they will receive the materials needed like bags and pokers to help pick up trash and other items around Town. Many residents were wondering where to go and that will be decided on the day with groups being sent out together to various locations in Ludlow.

See you around Town and make sure to recycle this newspaper.

## The Patrons to hold Spring Fest, Silent Auction fundraiser

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.

### SPRINGFEST from Page 1

Penny’s Restaurant, 18 Canterbury St., Treehouse Brewery in Charlton, Richardson’s Chocolate in Deerfield, Old Deerfield Village, McCarthy’s Pub in Belchertown. There are Tanglewood tickets to see James Taylor and to see the Pops play the Grateful Dead.

There is also have a four pack of VIP tickets to see the WooSox, the Worcester Red Sox baseball team. Also, many more gift cards and auction items.

“I also wanted to note that Bob Roccati of Raspberries Records has been a very generous donor of gift cards and auction items. Our function as the Patrons of the Ludlow Cultural Council is to provide support to the Cultural Council in all their programs and to help develop new events for the community,” said Hayes.

Tickets for this event will be \$10 per person; more information can be found at the Patrons of the Ludlow Cultural Council Facebook page.

Submitted photo

The Ludlow Cultural Council presents the 2026 summer concert series, beginning on June 21 with The Lisa Martin band and following until Aug. 30.

## What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit 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

**Creative Writing Hour, First Tuesday each month, beginning May 5, 2 to 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.

**Meet Charles T. Hubbard, Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Dennis Picard brings Charles T. Hubbard, founder of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company and individual for whom the Hubbard Memorial Library is named, to life for this entertaining, one-of-a-kind evening. Held on the 138th anniversary of the town’s vote to accept the gift of the library from the Hubbard family. Sponsored by the Ludlow Historical Commission. 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 some-

thing to lay on during the program, as well as a blanket. Dates: 5/23, 6/13. Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series. Please register.

**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 walk-ins 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.mass-book.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.

**Online Gaming Club for YAs, Thursdays, April 30, May 7, 3:30 – 5 p.m.** For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first

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### OLIVEIRA from Page 1

Fair Share Millionaire Tax. Utilizing those earnings on earned income, not assets, over a million dollars a year, that was used to create free community college.

Oliveira also mentioned it was used for universal school meals, completely free for every child, and increases to transportation, roads, and bridges. Concluding with the topic of transportation, Oliveira explained Chapter 98 which is money where cities and towns can use for any type of transportation project like bridges, roads, sidewalks, and more.

“For years, that funding formula for Chapter 98 was based by the three-legged stool that had to deal with miles of roadway in the community, which we do have a lot of in Western Massachu-

setts, population where we don’t have a lot of, and jobs within a community which we are at a disadvantage for. So, all the new money we put into Chapter 90 is all based on miles of roadways which disproportionately Western Mass towns because we have more roadways.

Ludlow for the last 30 years was getting around \$700,000 a year in Chapter 90 funding; last year they got \$1.5 million. It doubled for transportation dollars, but costs are going up for everything, and those dollars are not going as far as they used to and that’s why we are going into construction season right now, and we want to make sure those dollars are here.

The double whammy for Ludlow because it also supports our local economy because the number of

construction companies that work on all these road projects are all located right here, so any dollar we invest in the state level in transportation, everything else is an economic boom and a benefit for the Town because our economy is partly based on investments. When it gets to projects, West St. Bridge is shared by the Town of Ludlow and the City of Springfield.

The city has the larger DPW; they’re controlling the project management part of that project right now and with technical assistance from the state. Like Ludlow, they received a significant increase in Chapter 90 dollars and what happened with priority repairs is West St. Bridge caused that massive speed bump, and it got to the point where it wasn’t safe for people to be on that bridge.

The City of Springfield and the Town of Ludlow are working with MassDOT to develop a plan to fix that, the ultimate goal is a full bridge replacement, but we understand that it’s a few years down the road. So, by the summer, they’re already going out to bid for that project to level it off, so it’s usable again and the work can be finished by the fall.

The stress on the Ludlow bridge and many people ask, why can’t the state help, and I have to say it’s not a state bridge. It’s being managed by the City of Springfield in collaboration with the Town of Ludlow with technical assistance,” explained Oliveira.

Oliveira also addressed concerns of getting people over the 21 Bridge in Town and stated that the bridge may look bad, but it is structurally sound and is not in

bad shape. But given the amount of traffic to access the Mass Pike, it creates an opportunity for Oliveira to investigate more long-term solutions.

Kevin Vestal expressed residents’ concerns over the lack of communication with the bridges and transportation and Oliveira stated the following, “When it’s shared by two communities, there’s always a jurisdiction issue on who’s going to control it. Springfield stepped up with DPW; I think there needs to be a bit more, and we’re constantly in communication.

It’s not on the Town of Ludlow because they’re not managing the project,” answered Oliveira.

Tony Sanches added that there could be more communication on what’s going on in the meantime to make residents aware and at ease.

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# Indian Orchard Pizzeria celebrates 64 years, owner turns 90

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INDIAN ORCHARD – Indian Orchard Pizzeria has been a staple of Western Massachusetts for parts of eight decades. Established in 1963, the restaurant has been continuously operated by its founder, Iris Ferrara, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 9, according to Joseph Ferrara, Jr.

Marking a remarkable personal and professional milestone for the local entrepreneur. This occasion raises an intriguing question: could Indian Orchard Pizzeria be considered the oldest pizzeria in the United States?

The answer depends on how oldest is defined. The pizzeria with the oldest name is Lombardi's in New York City. Originally established in 1905 by Gennaro Lombardi, it is widely recognized as the first licensed pizzeria in the United States. However, Lombardi's changed ownership multiple times and was closed for a decade beginning in 1984 before reopening in 1994 under Gennaro Lombardi's grandson, Jerry Lombardi.

Another distinction, longest-running within the same family belongs to Papa's Tomato Pies in Robbinsville, NJ. Founded in 1912 by Giuseppe Papa, it has remained in the same family for more than a century, despite generational transitions.

When considering a

different criterion, the longest continuously operated pizzeria under the same individual owner Indian Orchard Pizzeria stands apart. Located at 422 Main Street in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, Iris Ferrara built the business from the ground up, later joined by her late husband, Joseph Ferrara, who worked at Peter Pan Bus Lines before helping run the restaurant full-time. The couple operated the pizzeria together until Joseph's retirement in 2004.

The family's legacy continued through their sons, James and Joseph Jr., both of whom worked in the business from a young age. James remained involved until his passing in 2022. Joseph Jr. continues to contribute part-time while also leading the New England Mutiny women's and the Western Mass Pioneers men's soccer teams based in Ludlow, Massachusetts.

Today, at age 90, Iris Ferrara remains in the driving force behind the business. While the pizzeria no longer operates seven days a week into the early morning hours, its current schedule Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. still amounts to a demanding 45-hour work week.

"I wouldn't know what to do if I just stayed at home. I enjoy cooking for people and interacting with the customers that have been regulars for many years,"



Above, a photo from 1967 at Indian Orchard Pizzeria, Iris' father Espedito Daniele (Bracigliano, Italy), Iris Ferrara (Ludlow, MA), Iris' mother Emilia Daniele (Bracigliano, Italy), Iris' husband Joseph Ferrara (Ludlow, MA). Right, An article in The Register that promoted Indian Orchard Pizzeria in 1970.

stated Ferrara.

Far from just a ceremonial presence, Ferrara continues to work in the kitchen every day when the restaurant is open, personally preparing each pizza. Her enduring dedication is a testament to her work ethic and passion, and a defining feature of one of the region's most beloved establishments," ended Ferrara.

Ferrara also submitted photos of the menu in 1970 that displayed original prices, "Indian Orchard Pizzeria menu from 1975 reflecting the signature combination pizza of cheese, pepperoni, hamburger, peppers and mushrooms Medium 14" combo 12 slices \$2.50 Family 18" combo 20 slices \$4.50 Meatball grinder 90 cents. Sizes are all the same as present day."



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## Lions softball grabs big win over Orioles

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN— Entering their second matchup of the regular season on the softball diamond, the Ludlow Lady Lions occupied the top spot in the Bi-County league standings, with the Belchertown Lady Orioles close behind in second place.

The Lady Orioles hopes of moving into a first-place tie with the Lady Lions were dashed following a 9-2 home defeat on a chilly afternoon, last Wednesday.

“We were able to score some runs early in the game, which is always very important,” said Ludlow head coach Missy Rucker. “We’ve been hitting the ball very well and pitching very well so far this season. We’ve also limited our errors.”

The Lady Lions, who captured back-to-back league titles in 2022 and 2023, celebrated a 9-6 home win in the first meeting against the Lady Orioles on April 1. They had a perfect 8-0 overall record and 7-0 league record following last week’s road win. They banged out a total of 14 base hits against Belchertown sophomore righthander Madeline Williams.

“This is the first time that we’ve started the season with an 8-0 since I’ve been coaching the varsity team,” Rucker added. “I’m hoping we can continue playing well during the second half of the regular season.”

The Lady Orioles, who haven’t won a league title since 2013, remained in second place with a 7-2 overall record and league record. Their previous six games ended early due to the 12-run mercy rule.

Belchertown hasn’t defeated Ludlow on the softball field since 2019.

“Ludlow is a talented softball team, and they’re probably going to win the league title this year,” said Belchertown head coach

Mike Lafayette. “Their pitcher dominated today’s game. We just need to continue working hard and keep plugging away.”

Ludlow freshman righthander Madison Goncalves, who shares the starting duties with sophomore Olivia Slatton, held Belchertown to just one base hit during the first five innings.

Goncalves, who allowed a total of five hits, issued four walks and recorded ten strikeouts.

“Madison has a lot of potential, and I can’t wait to see what the future holds for her,” Rucker said. “We have two outstanding pitchers, who have different pitching styles. Madison has a very good change-up.”

Goncalves struck out a season-high 11 batters in a 4-0 home shutout win against league rival Northampton on April 10.

Slatton, who was the starting pitcher in first meeting with Belchertown, started at third base in last Wednesday’s contest. She went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

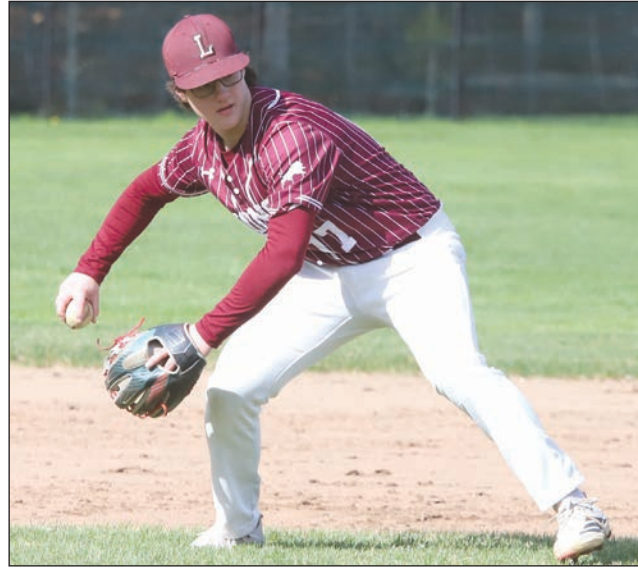
The Lady Lions, who won’t be celebrating senior day this spring, held a 3-0 lead before Goncalves threw a pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

Freshman shortstop Abby Monette began the game with a walk. Junior center-fielder Caitlyn Peczkla, who was a perfect 4-for-4 with 3 RBI, followed with a single down the third base line.

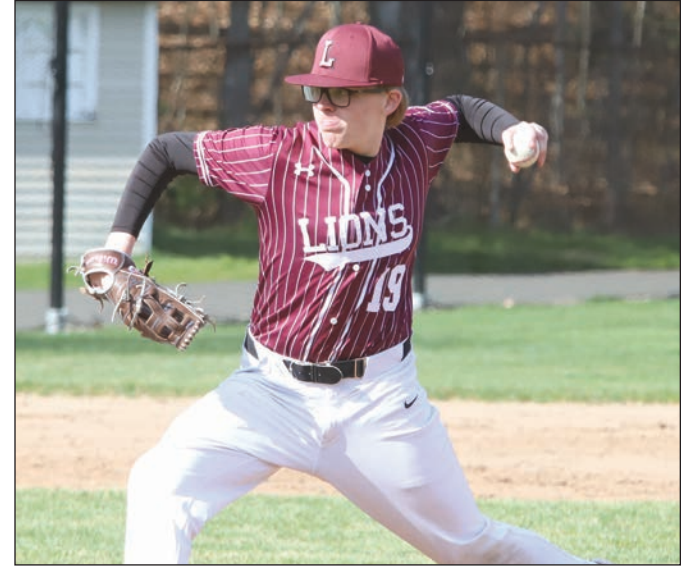
Ludlow took a 1-0 lead when Slatton hit a double down the left field line scoring Monette. The Lady Lions plated their other two runs in the opening frame on a sacrifice fly to left by sophomore catcher Madelyn Goncalves-Korny and a flyball single to right field by Goncalves.

The Lady Orioles, who only have three seniors, scored a run in the bottom half of the opening frame

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Christian Kochanek comes up throwing to first.

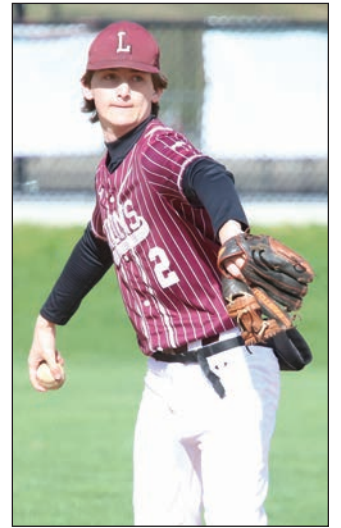


Left-hander Ryan Sargent sends a pitch home.

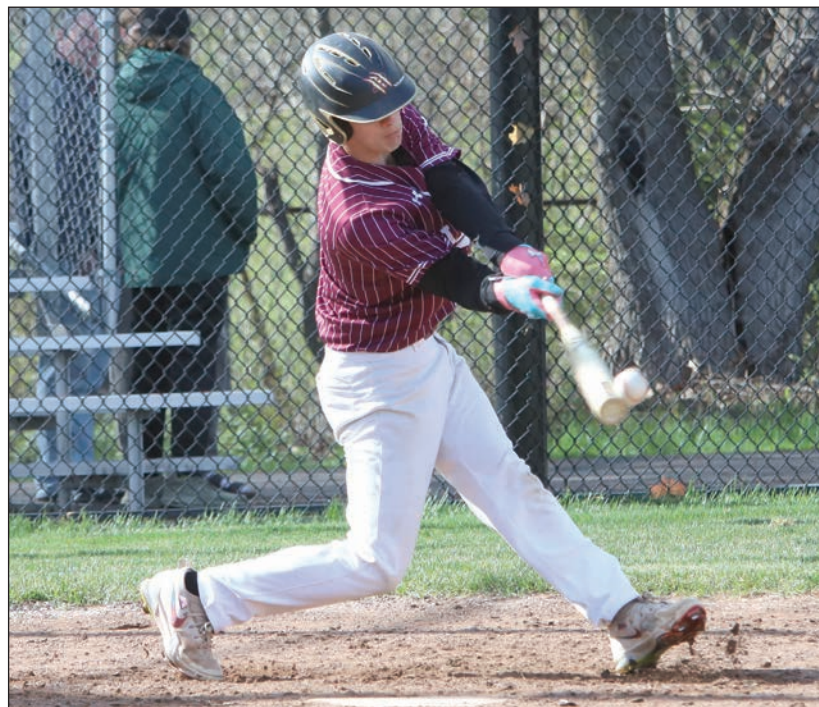
## Lions score win in five innings

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School baseball team grabbed another good win, scoring in each of the first four innings to defeat Mahar Regional 12-1 last Monday afternoon. In the win, six different players had two hits, including Connor Castro with two hits and three RBI. Luke Stejna had a triple among his two hits and three runs scored. The Lions are now 5-3.

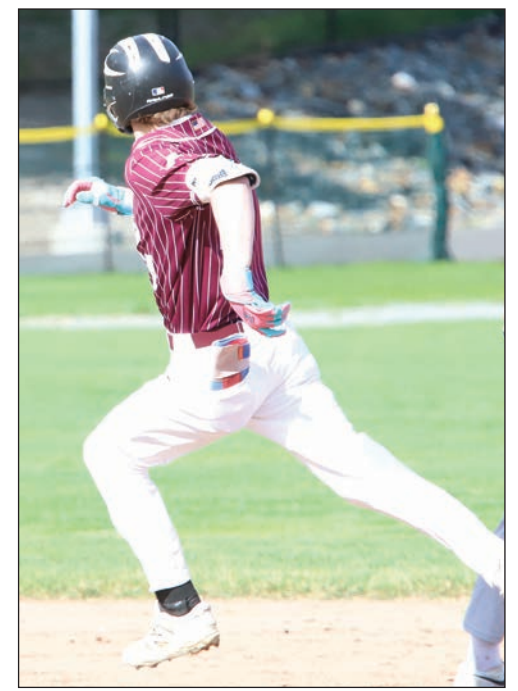
Connor Castro throws the ball across the field to third.



Mason Morace sends the easy throw to first.



Jacob Santos squares up the ball.



Luke Stejna rounds second and heads for third on a triple.

## Ludlow boys volleyball falls to West Side

LUDLOW – Last Monday evening, the Ludlow High School boys volleyball team was defeated at West Springfield with a 3-0 sweep. Lud-

low had a tough time in the first set, scoring just 11 points, but got up to 19 in the second set to make the match a bit more competitive.

The Lions fell to 2-8 on the season with losses to Sci-Tech and Putnam last week. Ludlow will host Granby on Thursday, Apr. 30 at 5:15 p.m.



Andre Costa sends a serve away.



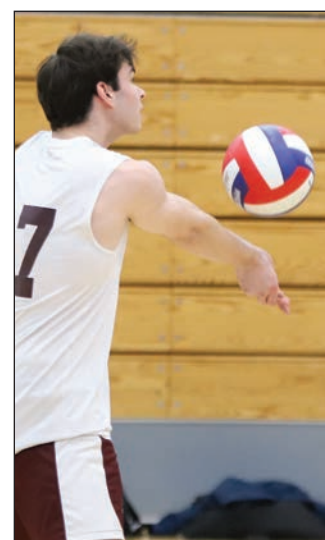
Damien Martinez sends the ball over the net.



Cooper Champigny tries to get the spike.



Jordan Gray goes for a block.



Ben Sanches makes a bump to start play for the Lions



Adam Riley sets the ball over the net.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## T-Birds move into next round of playoffs

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Springfield Thunderbirds proved to be the comeback kids for the second straight night, defeating the Charlotte Checkers 2-1 in overtime in the deciding Game 3 of the clubs' First Round Calder Cup Playoff series. For a third straight game, a Checkers blueliner broke the ice within six minutes of game action. With the teams skating 4-on-4, Jack Studnicka skated on the right side before sliding a pass across the slot to Tobias Bjornfot, who flipped a wrist shot past

Georgi Romanov's glove hand at 5:58 to give Charlotte the 1-0 advantage. As he did in Game 2, though, Romanov helped stabilize the defensive zone, turning away a sneaky backhand effort from Noah Gregor and the remaining seven shots that came his way in the opening period. Springfield's offense only got four shots on the net, but chances began to arrive late in the period, with Otto Stenberg catching the post on a sharp angle chance and Julien Gauthier forcing Charlotte goalie Cooper Black to hold the

fort on two net-crashing efforts. The T-Birds also got a power play opportunity late in the period that came up empty, then carried a second man advantage into the opening 1:38 of period two. The Springfield power play had a difficult time getting offense established, and the T-Birds were limited to just eight shots for the duration of period two, then failed to get on the board with a power play to open the third period as well. Despite the odds, Steve Ott's club continued to

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without the benefit of a base hit.

Junior shortstop Emily Waller and sophomore catcher Kina Roy began the inning with back-to-back walks. Then junior second baseman hit a groundball to sophomore first baseman Marlie Fuentes. Waller was able to score from second base on the play.

With one-out in the following inning, Peczka smashed a two-run double to center field. The ball glanced off the glove of sophomore centerfielder Alexa Raymer before she fell over the portable fence.

Raymer made her first varsity start in place of senior Loralai Smith. She made a total of four putouts, including an outstanding catch in the fourth inning.

"Our normal centerfielder is sick, so Alexa started her first varsity game today," Lafayette said. "She made a couple of nice catches."

The Lady Lions scored an unearned run in the third giving them a 6-1 advantage.

Ludlow added three more runs with two outs in the top of the sixth inning.

Peczka and Slatton delivered RBI singles before Goncalves-Korny hit a run scoring double to center field.

With one-out in the bottom of the sixth, Kina Roy belted a line-drive home run over the left field fence.

It was Roy's first home run in a varsity game.

The Lady Orioles rally continued with singles by Mitus and junior third baseman Lila Roy (2-for-3). Senior left fielder Abigail Almeida also walked, but the home team had a runner tagged out at the plate before the inning ended with a strikeout.

The third meeting between the two neighboring high schools could take place during the Western Mass Class B tournament or the Division 3 state tournament.



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## ONGOING

**PLAY CRIBBAGE IN INDIAN ORCHARD** - Cribbage players of all ages and ability are welcome to enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Join us at Club #72, "Pegging Fools", Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

**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.

**BI-MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE** On the first Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October, December) First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St, collects non-perishable foods. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive through the back parking lot. We will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

**FREE CLOTHING.** Ev-

ery Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., in the school building located behind Crossway Christian Church, 2230 Main St., Three Rivers. Clothing from baby through adult. Current, seasonal clothes in all sizes. Bags are provided for easy shopping. For more information call Donna, (413)478-0768.

**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.

**CHESSE 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](mailto:indianorchardcitizenscouncil@gmail.com) or stop in during operating hours. Follow the IOCC on Facebook and Instagram.

**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 FAM-**

**ILY 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.

**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 Basutos 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.

# OBITUARIES

## Sandra Lee Kulig

It is with heavy hearts and cherished memories that we announce the passing of Sandra Lee Kulig, affectionately known as "Sam" or "Sammy" to her friends and family. Sandra departed this world on March



7, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 78 years old. Born on February 21, 1948, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Sandra was the beloved daughter of Shirley (Germain) and Leroy Weners. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Marc Weners, and her daughter-in-law, Kimberly Steigmeyer. Sandra's spirit and legacy continue to thrive through her devoted husband, Robert "Big Bob" Kulig, Sr., whom she married on August 1, 2015, following nearly two decades of companionship.

Sandra's life was a tapestry of love and dedication to her family. She is survived by her children, Cheri Lynn Steigmeyer (David Batts), Jeffrey Steigmeyer (Kim Maxson), and Brian Steigmeyer (Aimee Labrecque), as well as her stepchildren, Robert (Lisa) and Kimberly. Her nurturing presence and kind heart are cherished by her grandchildren, Abigayle, Jake, Zachary, Alexandra, Ethan, Kellan, Regan, and Peyton, along with her great-granddaughters, Stella and Lennon. Sandra is also survived by her siblings, Frank (Lynn) and Curt (Denise), and her sister-in-law, Patricia. Sandra's journey through life was marked by her deep commitment to family and community.

A 1966 graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield, Sandra found fulfillment in her role as Director of Home Services at Tac Medical Solutions. Her

compassion and dedication to caring for others touched countless lives. Sandra's retirement in 2004 marked the beginning of a joyful chapter filled with travel, culinary adventures, and family gatherings.

She relished Sunday dinners with family, picnics, and hosting special occasions, always with a warm smile and welcoming heart. Her love for the ocean was evident in her fondness for York Beach, Ogunquit, and Melbourne Beach, where she and Bob split their time, creating homes filled with laughter and love. Sandra was an avid traveler, seeking adventure on ocean and river cruises to Europe, the Caribbean, and beyond. Her zest for life and ability to bring joy to those around her was unparalleled. Whether she was cooking a delicious meal, celebrating a milestone, or embarking on a new journey, Sandra's presence offered warmth and happiness.

As we remember Sandra Lee Kulig, let us celebrate the life of a remarkable woman who lived fully, loved deeply, and left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Her spirit will forever be a source of inspiration and comfort to those she leaves behind. A Celebration of Life for Sandra will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Visiting hours will be held from 2:00-4:00pm at Ludlow Funeral Home. Family and friends are then asked to gather to continue celebrating Sandra's life at 4:30pm at the Ludlow Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Sandra's name to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice, continuing her legacy of care and compassion.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Sandra Lee Kulig**  
Died March 7, 2026  
Celebration of Life  
May 9, 2-4 p.m.  
Ludlow  
Funeral Home

**Alan John Vautrain**  
Died April 22, 2026  
Visiting hours  
April 28 4-7 p.m. at  
Ludlow  
Funeral Home  
Funeral services  
April 29, 11 a.m.  
St. Elizabeth's Parish  
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## The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

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## Pioneer Valley wine festival begins June 6

**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.

## Pioneer Valley Financial Group announces second Certified Financial Planner Professional

**REGION**—Pioneer Valley Financial Group (PV) is proud to announce that Kevin Sylvester has earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® (CFP®) certification, becoming the firm's second CFP® professional.

Sylvester joined the PV team in 2019 and has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to professional growth and client service. His dedication to advancing his knowledge and expertise reflects both his personal drive and PV's culture of continuous development.

"The cornerstone of PV Financial Group is our continued support of professional development for our team," said Managing Partner and Wealth Advisor Ed Sokolowski. "Kevin has shown that commitment since the day he started, and

our clients are better for it."

Before entering the financial services industry, Sylvester made a career change in 2011 and returned to school while balancing the demands of work and family. He attended University of Massachusetts Amherst, graduating in 2018 with a degree in Mathematics and a concentration in Actuarial Science. Shortly after, he began his career in wealth management, where he discovered a passion for helping clients achieve long-term financial success.

Sylvester continued to build on his expertise by earning both his Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) and Certified Plan



**Kevin Sylvester**

Fiduciary Advisor® (CFPA®) designations, further strengthening his ability to serve clients with integrity and insight.

The CFP® certification is one of the most respected credentials in the financial planning industry. To earn the designation, candidates must complete rigorous education requirements, pass a comprehensive six-hour examination, gain relevant professional experience, and commit to upholding strict ethical standards.

Sylvester's achievement marks an important milestone for both his career and Pioneer Valley Financial Group's ongoing commitment to excellence.

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dig deeper, and at 5:45 of the third, a greasy goal changed the T-Birds fortunes when Chris Wagner rolled a puck into the blue paint, where Calle Rosen crashed the net front and tucked it across the line to even the score, 1-1. Black and Romanov kept

things locked down for the remainder of the third, forcing the winner-take-all game into sudden death overtime. Springfield managed just two shots in the extra period, but the second of those two, at 14:54 of the frame, proved to be the dagger as former Checker Julien Gauthier power-drove the right side of the net, flip-

ping a backhand that glanced off the post, then off Black's backside before finding its way home for the series-clinching goal. The T-Birds now move on to face the Providence Bruins in the Atlantic Division Semifinals; Game 1 is slated for Friday, May 1 at 7:05 p.m. at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

## Alan John Vautrain



Alan John Vautrain passed away suddenly in a car accident on April 22, 2026, at the age of 53. Born in Springfield to John and Adele (Petrolati) Vautrain, he was a lifelong resident of Ludlow and



a 1990 graduate of Ludlow High School. Following graduation, Alan enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves and continued his education at STCC where he obtained an Associate in Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Imaging.

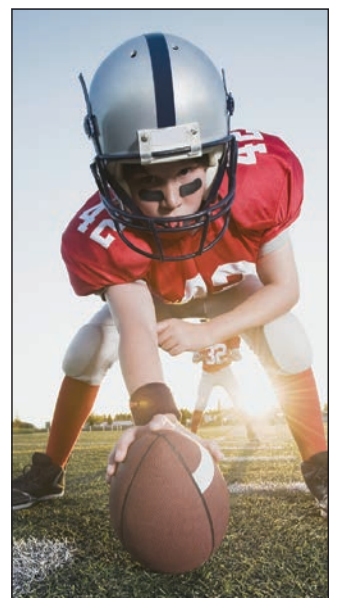
Alan began his career at Baystate Medical Center in the radiology department. He then went on to work for United Medical Systems as a National Lithotripsy Training Specialist and technologist for 28 years. Because of his caring nature and dedication, Alan was valued highly by doctors and patients alike.

He was a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Church and, later, St. Elizabeth Parish, where he was an active parishioner. Alan was an amazing person who made a lasting impact on everyone he met. He was a role model and friend to so many - kind, strong and always there when you needed him, bringing laughter and smiles to those around him. He enjoyed playing sports, hiking, kayaking and above all fishing with his father and father-in-law. He was an avid sports fan. Alan took great joy in attending his children's, nieces' and nephews' games. Alan was also known for hosting his legendary, weekly "guys' night."

In addition to his parents, Alan leaves behind his beloved wife, Maureen (Talbot) Vautrain, the love of his life. Their 28 years of marriage were filled with love, laughter, and the joy of a close and devoted family. Alan was the proud and loving father of Zachary, Jacob and Jessica, whom he adored.

Alan is also survived by his sister, Lianne Albright. Alan is further survived by his father-in-law, Larry Talbot; his sisters- and brothers-in-law, Michelle Gates (Mario), Monica (Richard) LaCroix, Mandy Talbot, and Michael Talbot; and his cherished nieces and nephews, Alec, Hannah and Jetta Albright, Matthew (Kayla) and Steven Gates, Carolyn, Benjamin and Meredith LaCroix, and Kyleigh and Brennan Dwyer, along with many extended family members and friends who will miss him deeply.

Visiting hours for Alan will be held on Tuesday, April 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ludlow Funeral Home. Family and friends are asked to gather directly at St. Elizabeth Parish at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29th for a Liturgy of Christian Burial, followed by a procession to Island Pond Cemetery for committal services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Alan's name to Ludlow Veterans' Assistance Fund, Ludlow Veterans' Services, 487 Holyoke Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.



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# LEGALS

## 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, Select Board's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:45 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Linda Nawracaj, for the property located at 33 Evergreen Circle (Assessors' Map 11A, Parcel 150). The subject of the meeting is: installation of chain link fence along the top of bank.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Angela Tierney, Chair 04/29/2026

## LUDLOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** on the application of **Nicholas K Goggin** for the property located at **40 Turning Leaf, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 30, Parcel 272, Zoning: Agricultural)** The subject of the hearing is for a Variance for a single-family home under construction which

inadvertently was built encroaching within the front setback. The front porch and corner of the building were built within the forty-foot setback.

Alan Aubin, Chairman 04/29, 05/06/2026

## 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, Chairperson  
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**Ludlow Select Board**  
04/22, 04/29/2026

## 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.

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**Ludlow Select Board**  
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**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.**

**HD26P0883EA Estate of: Loretta Claire Fuller Date of Death: 10/15/2025 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 **Linda J Bedard 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 **Linda J Bedard of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 05/28/2026. 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**

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

Date: April 23, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate 04/29/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD26P0799EA Estate of: Kenneth Joseph Konopka Date of Death: November 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** 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.

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## The Music of McCartney comes to Wilbraham in May

**WILBRAHAM** - Regional musician and singer **Dan Kirouac** will bring his program **The Music Of McCartney: The World's Most Successful Songwriter** to the Wilbraham Senior Center on Thursday May 28 at Noon.

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The center is located at 250 Springfield St. The program is free and open to members of the Wilbraham senior community. For more information, please call (413) 596-8379. For more about the artist, search Dan Kirouac Music on Facebook.

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served.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.** Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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

**Little Yogis Preschool Yoga, Saturday, May 2, 10**

a.m. For ages 2-5 and caregiver. Please register.

**Minecraft Club, Saturdays, May 2, 9, noon to 1:50 p.m.** For ages 7-11. We have Minecraft accounts. Please register.

**May the 4th Be with You Scavenger Hunt, Monday, May 4, all day.** For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

**Youth Chess Club, Mondays (biweekly), May 4, 18, 3:30 p.m.** For ages 9-17. Please register.

**Anime Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), May 5, 19, 3:30 p.m.** For middle and high school. Registration recommended.

**Youth Crochet Club, Tuesdays (biweekly), May 5, 19, 5:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. Please register.

**Make a Fairy Terrarium, Thursday, May 7, 5 p.m.** For ages 9-17. Please register.

**Make Mother's Day Keychains, Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

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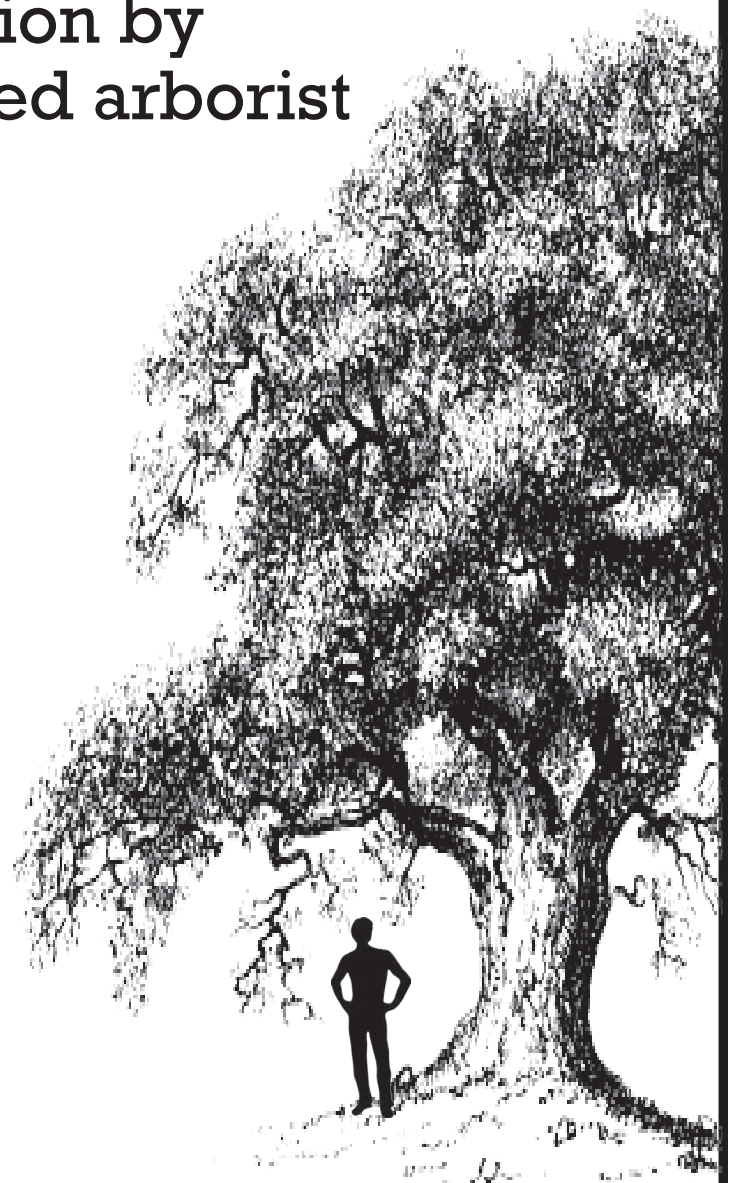


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