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ART contest precedes Bike Parade

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LUDLOW – On May 21, in preparation of the Memorial Day Parade and the Children’s Bike Parade and Safety Rodeo, Parade Committee member Ron Saloio added a creative twist to a new tra-

dition in town. Being part of the 250th Committee for 2 to 3 years and the Parade Committee, Saloio began by explaining his connection with Ludlow and his role as a parent of 6 kids.

“I’ve been a lifelong resident, my grandparents came here in the early 20s, and my father was the town account-

ant for over 30 years. My wife and I got involved with all kinds of youth-oriented things, she’s a youth minister at Saint Elizabeth Church and I’ve been involved with the church youth ever since we got married. I also got involved with the Ludlow Football Association and was part of that for 27 years,

we raised 6 kids, they’re all moved out and all doing great! I just love the town, and I’d love to see fun stuff happening. All my kids went to Ludlow High School.”

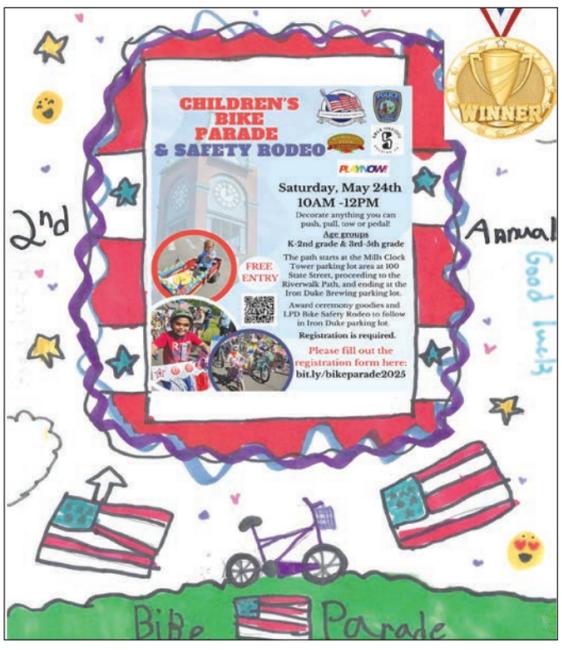
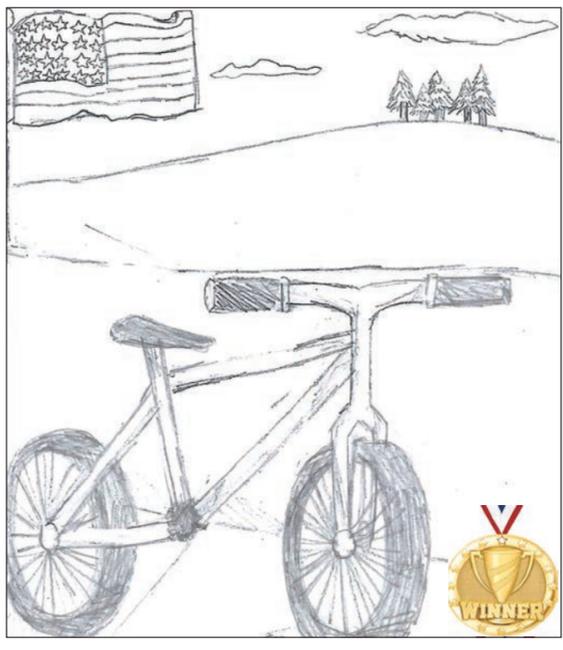
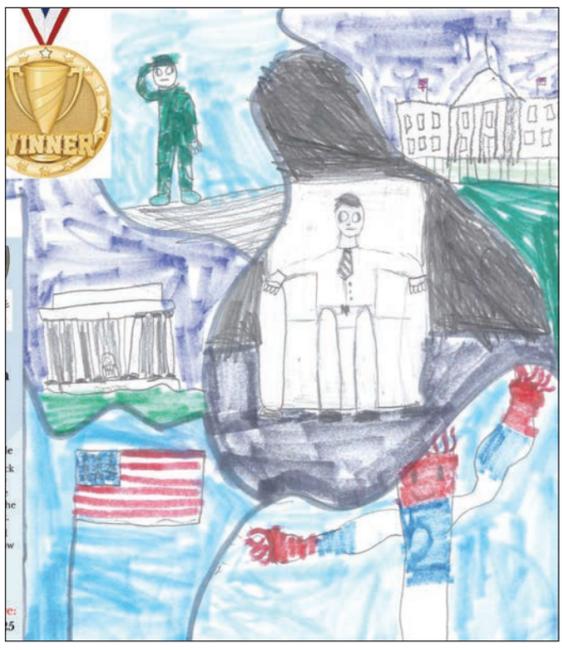
When asked how it felt to be a father of 6 kids, Saloio thinks it’s the reason why he can’t sit still. “It’s why I think I can’t sit still because

I never could, now they’re all moved out and everything, I thought what am I going to do with my time. I was on the school committee for a 3-year term as well.”

For the idea of a bike rodeo, Saloio said the idea came when he was on a family trip in Maine where part of the local town’s Fourth of

July event was a bike parade. “It was the coolest thing, they had all these kids pedaling around all the decorations in the area, it was really a neat event. It was a great idea, and we had the Riverwalk and during the planning of the 250th, I mentioned it

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Submitted photos
 Preparations for the bike parade took place last week.

One of the winners of the art contest for the Children’s Bike Parade and Safety Rodeo.

The children were able to draw anything that came to mind for the contest.

New trash and recycling program on the horizon

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LUDLOW – Town Administrator Marc Strange at the Board of Selectmen meeting provided an update on the new trash and recycling service with a PowerPoint presentation on May 20. The new automated trash and recycling service beginning July 1, 2025, will let the provider stay in the truck and have a mechanism to lift the trash barrels on its own.

Based on the town’s website and B.O.S. meeting, every resident will receive one

65-gallon tan container for weekly trash pickup and one 96-gallon maroon container for bi-weekly single stream recycling pickup. Single stream recycling means that all recycles go into the same container. The day of pickup should remain the same and USA Waste & Recycling will provide ongoing maintenance and customer service.

Each barrel has a code embedded in the container that can identify the location of the barrel, so if the barrel blows away in the wind, the company can use GPS tracking to locate it. A benefit of working with the haul-

er is that they are providing \$5,000 a year for community events, which will be used for Celebrate Ludlow.

The new containers will be distributed in June 2025. The new Town-owned trash and recycling carts that if you should sell your home, the carts need to remain at the residence. For the disposal of old pails and bins, they will not be dumped as part of the automated collection starting July 1, 2025. To recycle the old pails and bins, use the Town’s transfer station located at 198 Sports-

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Select Board reviews offer to Treasurer/Collector candidate

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LUDLOW – On May 20, Board of Selectmen Vice-Chairperson William Rosenblum opened the floor with discussions on a possible rescind of a previous vote on Ryan McNutt as Treasurer/Collector of the town. Moving the discussion up to the beginning of the meeting, Rosenblum began with his following statements.

“I had asked to be put on the agenda because when the original interview occurred, I wouldn’t have recommended any of the

four candidates to be honest. I was hesitant with my vote, the position I was at, we were already at a done deal. For me, I don’t believe I would vote for any of the four candidates, that’s my opinion. That would’ve been my decision that day, I would’ve made a motion not to hire anyone and keep going with more applications. That’s where I’m at and I wanted to bring it up for discussion. If someone or I made a motion to rescind the original offer, but that’s up for discussion of the board.”

Member James Genette agreed with Rosenblum’s opinions by saying,

“I think I made my position clear before, I think that Mr. McNutt is overqualified for this position. I think that leads into more struggles down the road, I know that our current town administrator said he would work well with Mr. McNutt, but I believe that at some point our town administrator will find a different position and we’re going to end up with somebody new. That somebody new will run into a big opposition with Mr. McNutt simply because of his experience, so I had Mr. McNutt third on my list. For this to come back on the table, I

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BOS appropriates \$9,920 in Building Infrastructure funds for new security cameras

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LUDLOW – On May 20, the Board discussed and voted on the use of \$9,920 in Building Infrastructure funds for new security camera software and cameras at Town Hall. In a past meeting, the security camera company presented the benefits and usage of these cameras, explaining why the town should install them and how it would look like footage on the monitor.

Member Anthony Alves posed the question of why Town Hall is the first location, rather than other areas in town to install cameras and software.

Town Administrator Marc

Strange answered by saying, “We wanted to do Town Hall first to see what the software was like. We can download the apps on our phones, look at the cameras, review footage. This is the same system as Westover, they’ve already seen the benefits of using it like fender-benders and things like that. The thought is to start here, Town Hall, Public Safety Complex, Whitney Park which I would like to do sooner than later, Senior Center, and DPW.”

Alves commented, “I ask that because when I went to the police station a few months ago, it was ancient. I just wanted to see how we got here and the thought process of it going forward.” The motion carried and was approved.

Stokowski reflects on beginnings at LPD

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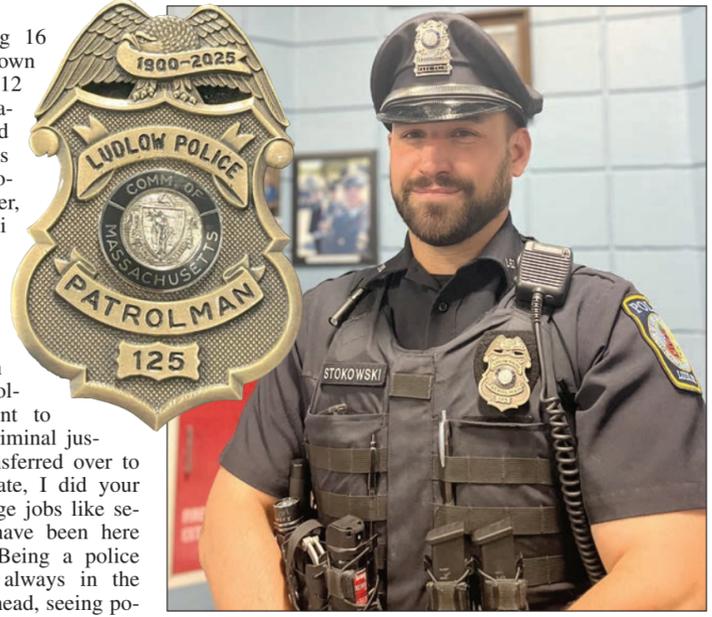
LUDLOW – National Police Week occurred last week of May 15, which pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, as stated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website. May 15, which is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, is recognized nationally with memorial services, vigils, and community events.

Officer Jacob Stokowski, patrolman of LPD, talked about when he looked into the police force as a career back in college, the special 125th badge gifted by Chief Valadas, and how he feels appreciated working for the

town.

Dedicating 16 years to the town of Ludlow, 12 years as a patrolman and 3 ½ years as a special police officer, Stokowski grew up in the town and did a summer program at the jail when he was in college. “I went to STCC for criminal justice and transferred over to Westfield State, I did your typical college jobs like security and have been here ever since. Being a police officer was always in the back of my head, seeing police officers or state troopers

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Turley photo by Amanda Munson
 Officer Jacob Stokowski in his full Ludlow P.D. uniform. Inset, The 125th anniversary badge gifted by the chief.

LUDLOW

Towns receive \$200,000 for Cottage Ave Bridge

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WILBRAHAM/LUDLOW – The towns of Wilbraham and Ludlow received \$200,000 in state funding for structural repairs to the Cottage Avenue Bridge on May 16.

On the Wilbraham side, residents know the bridge as the Cottage Avenue bridge, while on the Ludlow side, the roadway is known as Miller Street.

The funding came through the efforts of State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), State Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) and State Rep. Angelo Puppolo Jr. (D-Springfield).

The Cottage Avenue Bridge, which connects both towns, is currently undergoing a \$2.68 million reconstruction and repair project that began in December 2021, with work including beam and deck repairs, sidewalk and bridge rail replacement, concrete repairs for piers and abutments and painting of the superstructure.

The structure deficiencies were identified by MassHighway and addressing the issues will improve the bridge's safety and function.

Joined by Wilbraham Select Board Chair Sue Bunnell, Wilbraham Select Board Vice Chair Michael Squindo, Ludlow Select Board Vice Chairperson

William Rosenblum, Wilbraham Town Administrator Nick Breault and Wilbraham DPW Superintendent Tonya Capparello, Oliveira presented the check on behalf of himself, Saunders and Puppolo. Cheryl Spinks, Puppolo's legislative aide, represented him on his behalf.

Oliveira explained how he, Saunders and Puppolo worked together to secure funding for this in the FY24 budget and for identifying projects "that our communities need in order to make repairs," the town administrators are consulted, with Breault and Ludlow Town Administrator Marc Strange having been consulted on this one.

"They both had identified the Cottage Ave/Miller Street Bridge behind us as something where they could use a little extra funding in order to help with some of the upkeep for a bridge that's nearly 80 years old," Oliveira said. "This bridge was built in the late 1930s, so it's a little over 80 years old right now. Like many of the bridges that span the Connecticut River, the Chicopee River, the Quaboag River, many of these bridges were built nearly 100 years ago and continue to be bridges that need tender loving care."

Oliveira noted bridges throughout the state—including small bridges—have had some deemed below "what they should be in order to operate."



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

Wilbraham Select Board Vice Chair Michael Squindo, State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Wilbraham Select Board Chair Sue Bunnell, Ludlow Select Board Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum and Cheryl Spinks, legislative aide to State Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield), in a group photo.

"That's why we are constantly looking at ways in order to uplift Chapter 90 Funding, which goes back to our cities and towns in order to help with the maintenance of these bridges as well," Oliveira said.

Oliveira added the Cottage Avenue Bridge, in particular, is "extraordinarily important because this bridge connects Wilbraham and the town of Ludlow on this side with access to Route 20" and he utilizes the

bridge himself along with his sister who lives on Chapin Street.

"But, it's also a public safety issue. I'm glad to see members of the fire and safety, police department, in Wilbraham that are here because if you have an emergency in the town of Ludlow and you're trying to get to Wing Memorial, you need to utilize this bridge and it can be a matter of minutes that can save someone's life," Oliveira said.

"So, ensuring

that this bridge continues to remain open for commerce between both communities, but also for public safety is essential. Ludlow, Wilbraham, work closely together—their first responders support Ludlow, our first responders in Ludlow support Wilbraham—we need this bridge to remain open and in repair."

After Bunnell thanked Oliveira, Breault also expressed his thanks on behalf of Wilbraham.

"Just thank you because every bit helps. It is not a small amount to the towns when you look at our budgets trying to make sure we can fund this important bridge and other infrastructures," Breault said. "So, we're very happy, very grateful and thank you very much."

Rosenblum also expressed his gratitude on behalf of Ludlow and noted the increases in Chapter 90 Funding.

"Which is much needed, especially for both projects and, also, we actually have a smaller bridge by the fire department that needs taking care of," Rosenblum said. "So we're happy on behalf of Ludlow, very happy and thankful for this and also for the boost in Chapter 90 Funding."

Oliveira ended his remarks reflecting on the legislators advocating for adding more buckets to help Western Mass communities along with additional money for Chapter 90 to address miles of roadways in need of help.

"So, that additional Chapter 90 Funding, as well as new pockets of funding for things like culvert repairs and those smaller bridge projects, are essential for our small towns in Western Massachusetts," Oliveira said. "So, your legislators have heard each one of you loud and clear when you come knocking on our doors asking for changes in Chapter 90 Funding."

Dog licenses expired March 31

LUDLOW – Dog licenses expired March 31. All residents are required to license their dogs annually per MGL C.140, §.137. On July 1 there will be a late fee of \$10 per dog in addition to the licensing fee.

We must have the most current rabies certificate to license your dog.

Residents have the option to obtain a license in-person or by mail or Town Clerk drop box behind Town Hall.

When mailing in your payment or utilizing the drop box: please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow.

Mail to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

The fee is \$15 Neutered/spayed dogs; \$20 for Not Spayed/Neutered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office 413-583-5600 ext. 1 or email clerk@ludlow.ma.us.

Non-present members at Town Meeting

LUDLOW – In accordance with Section 24, Chapter 1 of the Town of Ludlow Bylaws, the following is a list of Representative Town Meeting Members who did not check their presence with the Town Clerk at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.

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Fernando Aleixo Barros, William Jolivet, Jr.

Precinct 2:
Frederick J. Nowak, Jr., Kathleen Marie Nowak, Barbara A. Gondek

Precinct 3:
Arthur Joseph Lourenco, Nicole Rene Parker, Kimberly M. Collins

Precinct 4:
Christopher John Dupuis, Joseph A. Santos, Kathleen Ann Shea, Fritz A. Huber, Jr.

Precinct 5:
Michael William Lavelle, Mark Alan Witowski, Kenneth J. Batista, Francis Chester Krzanik, Thomas P. Haluch

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LBGC's youth chooses "Club Cup" as new ice cream flavor

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LUDLOW – Submitted by LBGC's Special Events & Marketing Coordinator Christina Yacono.

"On Friday, May 16, Pioneer Valley Financial Group, Club staff, and Club kids all got together at Elsie's Creamery at Randall's Farm to get their first taste of a new ice cream flavor, "Club Cup"! The "Club

Cup" is a special flavor, created by youth at the Club. It's a blue, vanilla-based ice cream with chocolate swirl, marshmallows, and rainbow sprinkles. "The kids were so excited to create an ice cream flavor! They worked together to vote on flavor combinations and came up with the name themselves. This opportunity was made possible because of a donation by PV Financial Group and the generosity of Randall's Farm," said

Club President/CEO Josue Irizarry. "The ice cream is bright and cheerful.... Truly a representation of the Club in a cup! And it's tasty too!"

Elsie's Creamery will be selling the "Club Cup" ice cream all summer. 10% of proceeds from ice cream sales will be donated back to the Club on June 13 to help raise awareness and funding for the Club's 75th Anniversary celebration, happening throughout 2025.



This girl was smiling ear-to-ear in between her ice cream treat.



Submitted photos

On June 13, 10% of the proceeds from ice cream sales will be donated back to help raise awareness and funding for the Club's 75th Anniversary.



These ladies were happy to be outside enjoying the sunshine and a "Club Cup."



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This group was enjoying a cool treat.



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How do I apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start.

**Signed:
Seeking Assistance**

Dear Seeking:

It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction. Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that if you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test.

The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe.

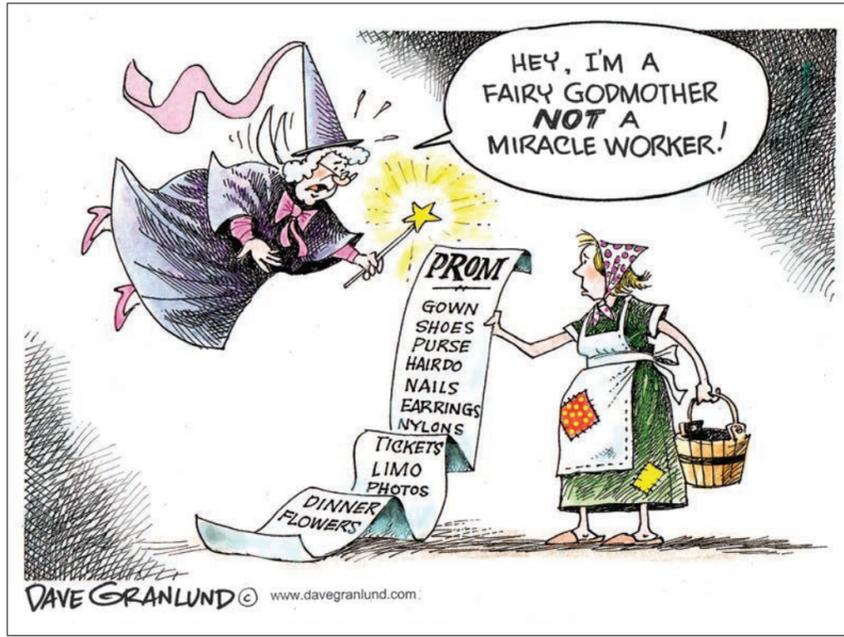
So, you can apply for your Social Security bene-

fits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit. The earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty.

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1-888-750-2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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GUEST COLUMN

Summer safety for kids 101

Childhood has certainly changed since today's grandparents were kids. We rode in the car without seat belts. We roamed our neighborhoods until after dark. And bike helmets? Forget it.

The rules of summer safety have obviously changed, along with our world. What's your plan for when the school bell rings for the last time in a week or two? Here are seven tips for a safer summer for kids of all ages.

1. Have a well-stocked first-aid kit, or maybe two

The American Red Cross recommends being prepared to treat wounds, minor illnesses, skin irritations and bug bites. Essential items include adhesive bandages, gauze pads, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes, antibiotic ointment, scissors, tweezers, a thermometer, and pain relievers like ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Consider adding latex gloves and face masks.

Why two? One for the house and one for the car. In the house, keep the first aid kit easily accessible in a kitchen cabinet, not in a steamy bathroom, which can degrade the effectiveness of some medications.

2. Be on tick alert.

Tick season is here! In New England, you should watch out for black-legged ticks and lone star ticks. An infected tick bite can lead to a variety of illnesses, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and even red meat allergies.

If your kid is playing in



a forest, field or park, make sure they're well protected with insect repellent. Going on a hike? Have them wear a long-sleeved shirt tucked into long pants (despite their protestations), shoes and socks. Most importantly, check for ticks when they come inside and learn how to safely remove them before trouble sets in.

3. Check their vaccination record.

Measles, once considered eradicated in the U.S., is back, and it's one of the most virulent diseases out there. Protect your child with a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, and ask their pediatrician whether a booster might be in order. This is particularly important if you're going to be traveling outside the country, and it will likely be required by summer camps.

Another vaccine to check is tetanus, which comes along with a diphtheria shot (TD vaccine). If your child is injured, an EMT or ER doc is likely to ask, "When was

their last tetanus shot?" Have the answer handy.

4. Protect them from heat-related illnesses, as you would yourself.

Smaller bodies need to work harder to stay hydrated and cool down, so make sure the kids have a water bottle with them at all times. If their urine is bright yellow and has an odor, they're not getting enough fluids. Remind them that even if they don't feel thirsty, they still need to drink.

Also, one word: sunscreen.

5. Practice water safety.

Approximately 900 children between the ages of 0 and 19 die from drowning each year. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children, particularly those aged 1-4, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Most importantly, no one should swim unsupervised. Nonswimmers should always

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Hiking the Appalachian Trail, NJ

By Julie Midura
Guest Column

Tom and I were strapping our sit pads back onto our backpacks after stopping for lunch at a rocky vista, when we heard faint rumbling in the distance. We weren't particularly concerned. "Maybe it will miss us," Tom said, as we shouldered our packs and continued north. We were three days into a 160-mile backpacking trip of the entire states of New Jersey and New York on the Appalachian Trail.

Ten minutes up the trail, the trees began swaying ferociously as violent wind gusts barreled up and over the ridge. "We need to take cover... fast!" I yelled. We scanned the woods and made a beeline to a rock outcropping. Within seconds, the storm was on top of us.

In one fluid motion, I simultaneously unclipped my sternum strap with my right hand and my hip strap with my left and dropped my pack

to the ground. Just as quickly, I yanked my rain jacket out of the back mesh pocket, shoved my arms into the sleeves and pulled the hood over my head.

I managed to back myself partly into a small opening between the jumble of boulders, then I sat down, pulled my knees up to my chest, rested my forehead on my knees, and waited for the maelstrom to end. Tom was standing beside me, partially crouched over me. Neither one of us spoke

as the thunder raged and the hail pelted our backs. The driving rain infiltrated every layer of our clothing and poured off of us in rivulets. Adrenalin overtook fear as we waited for the storm to pass.

The next three days on trail were a repeat of this one-from sudden downpours to all-day steady rainfall. It was the kind of weather that awakens frustration and aggravation even in the most easygoing of hikers.

After all, rain makes life far more challenging when there is nowhere to go to escape from it. Out here, we eat in the rain, walk in the rain, did a cat hole in the rain. We

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Day 1 at the Pennsylvania/New Jersey border.

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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. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

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FOR ALL AGES

Free Tech Help Call us at 413-583-3408x114 to book an hour long appointment. We can help you with your laptop, smartphone, or tablet. By appointment only, please no drop-ins.

Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 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

How to Protect Yourself from Your Computer, Thursday, May 29, 6:00 p.m. Are you sometimes afraid of technology or your computer? Marc-Anthony, IT specialist, will be here to help demystify computers and their complexities. Learn core components of computers, how to combat scams, safe email providers, and more! Please register.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be challenged to read a book based on a chosen theme. Those who participate will be entered to win a free book! For more information and to sign up, please visit massbook.org/readingchallenge.

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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! You can pick up a copy of the 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! You can pick up a copy of the

book at the circulation desk.

FOR TEENS

"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Discussion Group, Friday, May 30, 3:00 p.m. For high schoolers. Currently reading Rebecca Yarrow's *Empyrean* series. Copies available in the Youth Room. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Pokemon Club, every other Wednesday, May 28, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For ages 8-14. Trading, dueling, and gaming on your own handhelds, phones, or Nintendo Switch. Please have your name on everything you bring to the club. Please register.

Staff Picks Scavenger Hunt, Thursday, May 29, all day. All ages. Find the staff's favorite books to win a prize! Drop-in.

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Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Play Roblox, Minecraft or other online group games at the library. Meet new friends or play with old ones. Feel free to use one of the library Minecraft accounts: please sign up for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

Saturday Online Club, every Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Play Minecraft, Roblox, or other online group games at the library. Use the library's Minecraft accounts but please register for your own Roblox or other accounts. For grades 3-8. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN

Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. For ages 15 to 36 mos. Make healthy snacks with your little one, do sensory food exploration, and listen to a story while eating. Allergies accommodated. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

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

Polish food sale set for June 14

INDIAN ORCHARD – A POLISH FOOD SALE will be held on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard.

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Cabbage, Potato & cheese \$14, Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15

Everyone is welcome to come and purchase.

Saunders secures \$350,000 for Ludlow Mills Redevelopment

LUDLOW – State Representative Aaron Saunders secured \$350,000 for the redevelopment efforts at the Ludlow Mills as part of the recently adopted FY26 House budget. The state funding will assist WestMass Development build on the continued reuse of the previously underutilized space. "The redevelopment of the Ludlow Mills has been transformational for the town and the region," Saunders said of the funding. "From housing to small businesses to outdoor recreation, the revital-

ization of the Ludlow Mills has set the gold standard and I am happy to continue to support these efforts."

Thus far the revitalization efforts have led to dozens of businesses and hundreds of employees operating at the Mills with over 150 units of housing added to the site. "Representative Saunders understands the importance of funding for redevelopment projects of this magnitude. His steadfast commitment to supporting Westmass and the Ludlow Mills project speaks volumes about his commit-

ment to ensuring Ludlow and surrounding communities have the resources to increase housing and job creation," said Jeff Daley, President & CEO of Westmass Area Development.

The investment of state funding for the upcoming year will further the work to be done at the site. "The future growth of the site is incredibly exciting," said Saunders, "The tremendous potential of the Ludlow Mills will keep WestMass and Western Mass working and growing."

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set up and take down our tent in the rain. We awaken each morning and pull on the wet shoes, socks and clothing that we wore the previous day.

But a strange thing hap-

pened on this trip.

We became more accepting of the challenges. We gained perspective... undoubtedly due to the heartache we have been experiencing since our granddaughter, Charlotte's brain cancer diagnosis in January.



Day 6 at the New Jersey/NewYork border.

On this trip, packing up a sopping wet tent was just packing up a sopping wet tent. Wearing wet shoes and socks for four days was just wearing wet shoes and socks for four days. Not fun. Not enjoyable. But in the grand scheme of things, minor inconveniences and not major catastrophes.

Because we now understand that out here in the wilderness, we have the privilege to CHOOSE our suffering. It is one of our own making. Going into these long hikes, we are aware that there are numerous variables which will affect our comfort

and safety. And we are willing to accept them.

Out here, our 'suffering' pales in comparison to the suffering that some are experiencing in this world. Ours is not cast upon us against our will. Many people don't have a choice.

We have now completed 7 of the 14 states on the A.T. Our 16-day backpacking trip ended abruptly at day six, just after we reached the New York border, due to medical emergency back home. More about that in my next column.

See you in the wild places, my friends!



Hiking through more water.

Submitted photo

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wear flotation of some sort. Swimming lessons can help your child feel comfortable in the water and learn some rudimentary strokes and how to breathe, even if they're never going to be a competitive swimmer.

If your summer plans include going to a lake, don't let your child in the water if they have an open sore or wound, as bacteria can enter and cause an infection. Finally, avoid swimmer's ear by using ear plugs. You can

also instill a few drops of over-the-counter ear-drying solution, or make your own from equal parts white vinegar and rubbing alcohol.

6. Encourage hand hygiene.

Kids in close quarters may be susceptible to hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD), which is a viral infection common among young children, particularly in settings like summer camps. HFMD is characterized by fever, mouth sores and a rash on the hands and feet. It can be a miserable

experience – sometimes the mouth sores become so painful that children might refuse to eat or drink, leading to dehydration and discomfort.

Encourage frequent and thorough hand washing and avoid close contact with infected individuals to prevent the spread of HFMD.

7. Keep some structure.

Don't let your child overdose on TV screens or video games. Watching movies together, playing video games and enjoying board games and puzzles are fun activities the family can do together.

But ideally, get out there and enjoy summer together!

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage. For more information on news or community features for The Register, please email theregister@turley.com.

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All About Town

LUDLOW



Eric Segundo, Director of Veterans Services

LUDLOW – We are featuring town employees to recognize and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

These town employees are what help keep our communities running, providing resources, help, information, fun events, organization, and more for us to enjoy.

Here is an interview with Eric Segundo, Director of Veterans Services.

What is your favorite thing about the town?

The love of community.

What do you do in your position?

I am the Chief Advocate for Ludlow Veterans and their families.

Describe an average day at the office?

No day is the same, ev-

eryday we serve our veterans and their families to the best that we can.

Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What's your education?

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, I moved to Massachusetts in 1999. In 2003, I enlisted in the United States Army where I served on active duty with the 3rd Infantry Division, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

During my time in the United States Army, I served as The Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade Command Group and as the Administrative Assistant to the Brigade Command Sergeant Major, and later to the Brigade Commander.

I was deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2005 to January 2006. Stationed

in Taji, Iraq, my team was part of a Escort/Personal Security Team for the brigade leadership. During my years of active service, I received numerous awards that include the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

After leaving the military, I continued my mission of service to our military members, veterans and their families, joining the VFW in 2009. In 2013, I was hired to the position of Director of Veterans Services for the Town of Ludlow and continue in that position today.

As Director, I am the chief advocate for Ludlow Veterans and their families. In 2015, I was awarded the "Outstand-



Eric Segundo

ing VSO of the Year" by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. I am married to my wife Melanie, and have 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

Education: Bachelors of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies, Associate in Science, Business Administration, Associate in Science, Criminal Justice Administration

What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

Ludlow Senior Center, The Ludlow Memorial Day Parade Committee, and the Celebrate Ludlow Committee.

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

The most fulfilling part of my job is when you are able to assist a veteran with benefits and services that change their lives.

What inspired you to take on the position?

My inspiration came from the lack of services I was provided when I returned home from the military.

Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

We are located at the Ludlow Veterans Center, 487 Holyoke Street in Ludlow. We are open Monday through Thursday 9 to 5 and Fridays 9 to 12.

What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

Massachusetts holds a

unique and pioneering role in veterans' services in the United States. It was the first state in the nation to establish a system of veterans' services at the local level. This began formally in 1945, when the Massachusetts legislature created the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), making it mandatory for every city and town in the state to have a Veterans' Services Officer (VSO).

What do you want the community to know about your position?

We are here to serve our veterans and their family. They have earned this right through their service to the country. We will always do what needs to be done to take care of our veterans.

Compiled by Amanda Munson, staff writer, if you know of a town employee that we could feature please email amunson@turley.com.

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am comfortable with going back out and I support Mr. Rosenblum's recommendation to go out for more candidates. Nothing personal against Mr. McNutt, I think it's odd that Mr. McNutt wants this position and I understand he doesn't want to be in the throes of what's going on in the town administrator and public opinion, but at this point in town hall I don't think we can take that kind of risk."

Gennette went on to voice his concerns with the changes in the town, growth struggles, and if McNutt is the right fit at this time. Member Anthony Alves disagreed with going back to the drawing board and voiced his opinions and questioned if those didn't agree with the candidates, why hire and then voice your opinions later on.

"Honestly it's frustrating to hear comments after, if we weren't comfortable then we shouldn't have voted and folks shouldn't have voted in

the affirmative. That's all I have to say," said Alves.

Chairperson Manuel Silva continued after Alves saying, "I'm pretty much the same. I also take a lot of stock in Marc Strange's recommendation that Mr. McNutt would fit well and would work with him well. As far as overqualified, I'd rather that than someone who doesn't know what's going on, like we had before and it didn't pan out too well. We offered this position, he already did his physical and now to go

back, I don't really see anything detrimental that would change my vote."

For non-contract positions, it's a year's probation for this Treasurer/Collector position. McNutt spoke after the board's comments stating, "I appreciate your concerns and this position is very important, it's part of the finance team. The other finance team members can't really perform their roles at certain points of the year without input from the treasurer, so it's very important

for the flow of the town's finances. I understand why you think I am overqualified since I've been the town manager and town administrator in other towns, this is a really different role with technician aspects that I still need to perfect and become certified. So in a sense, I am not overqualified and there's still more I have to do to perform with the expertise that I would like. And that's where I want to dedicate myself too. I like Marc and am happy to work with him, but if Marc

eventually finds another opportunity somewhere and the town has a different administrator, again I am not looking for that role and not looking to but heads with that role. I want to focus on being the treasurer and becoming the best treasurer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the town and citizens of Ludlow. That's where I want to put my attention."

It ended with a tie vote and the Board moved forward with Ryan McNutt as Treasurer/Collector.

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to the committee, and they all loved the idea. We started off from scratch and now we want to try to make it better every year, hopefully the kids have fun. It's family fun and I'd love to see the whole town and watch it, to give these kids the support."

Talking further about the

art contest, Saloio had connections to Harris Brook Elementary where he helped coordinate with the teachers to do some artwork to spread the word about the bike parade, which began last year during the 250th. It transitioned into an art contest this year for the second through fifth graders where the kids were given 4 by 8 flyers to

do their artwork. Receiving over 100 submissions of artwork pieces, Saloio mentioned it was hard to pick the winners of each grade but ended up picking 3 for each class who all received a goodie bag.

Through social media and postings around town, Saloio made sure that every kid like the winners and runner-up's

work was shown throughout the town.

Adding to his community involvement, "It's always been ingrained in us as kids to be involved in the community. When I was involved with football, it was awesome to see these kids grow up from little kids who cannot tie their own shoes to actual athletes."

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Lions edged by Southwick

LUDLOW – Last week in nonplayoff action, Ludlow High School baseball was defeated by Southwick 1-0 in extra innings.

The Lions had a rough time as they did not manage a hit and had just one base-runner on a walk.

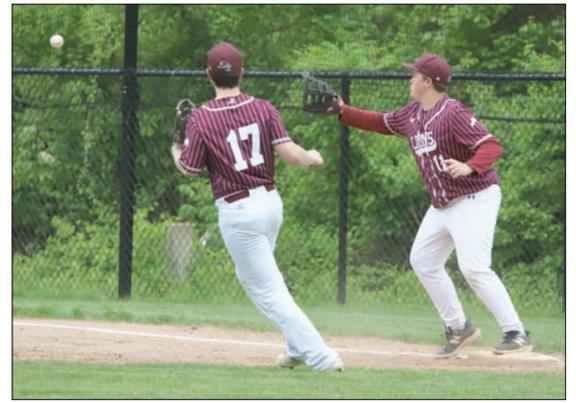
The Rams got a run in the ninth inning to grab the win and make Ludlow 8-10 for the year. The Lions are unlikely to make it in the top 32 to qualify for the state tournament this year.



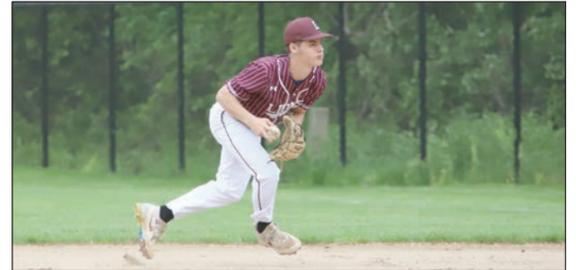
Mason Morace fires a throw across the diamond.



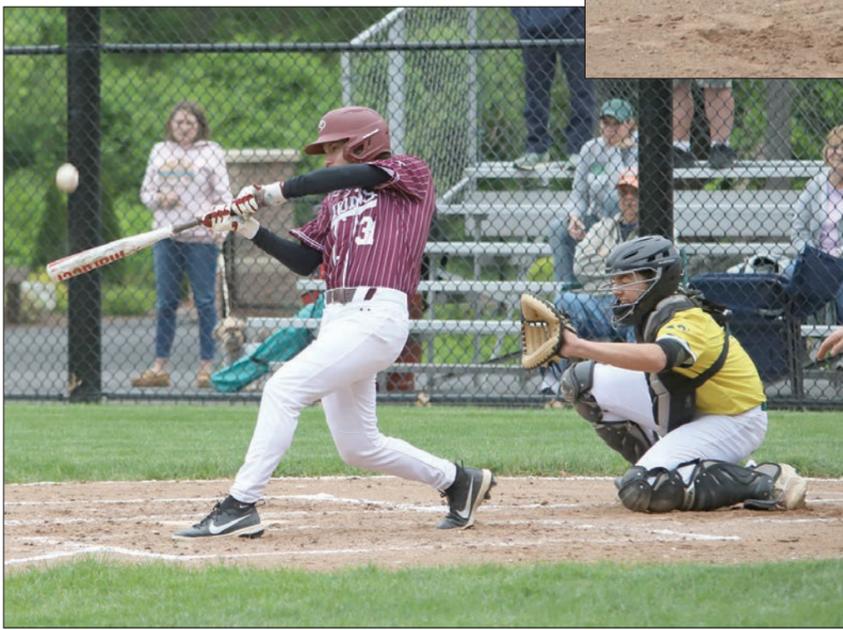
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Christian Kochanek delivers a pitch home for the Lions.



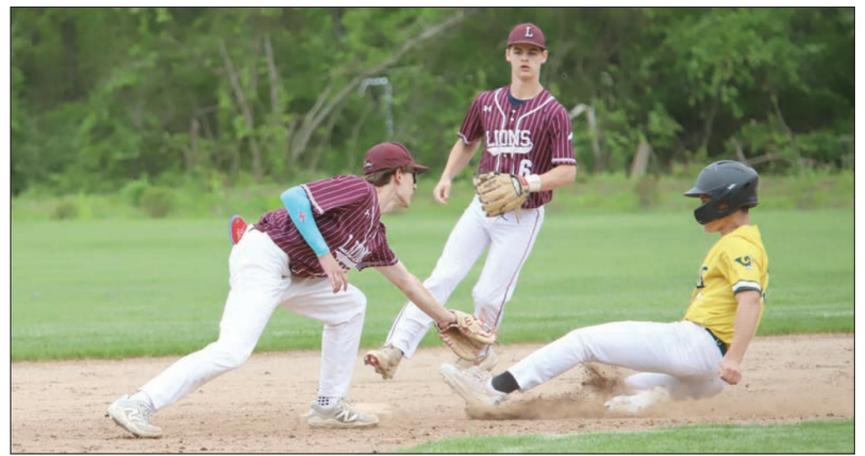
Connor Castro waits for the throw to first as Christian Kochanek provides backup.



Jacob Santos comes up ready to throw to first for an out.



Ethan Steigmeyer looks to foul off a pitch.



Luke Stejna tries to tag out a base-stealer.

New England Mutiny opens up regular season with victory

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Just like they did a year ago, the New England Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Maine Footy in the season opener.

Led by Avery Klingensmith, who scored a pair of second half goals, the Mutiny began the 2025 campaign with a 4-1 victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, May 17. The match came to an end during the 73rd minute due to a severe thunderstorm.

"We had a very successful season last year and we're looking forward to picking up right where we left off," said Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belcher-town High School in 2022. "We do have a lot of returners and several new players

this season. We always play very well in front of our home fans."

The Mutiny, who finished the 2024 regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, began last season with a 3-1 win versus the Footy. Their only loss came last July against the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, 3-2, in a penalty shootout in the U.W.S. National Finals in Buffalo, New York.

Klingensmith, who was an All-American soccer player in high school, will be wrapping up her collegiate soccer career at American University, which is in Washington D.C., in the fall. She was selected to the Patriot League Women's Soccer Academic All-League Team in 2024.

"Being a member of a quality soccer team like this one helps me prepare for my college season," Klingensmith said. "My college soccer team

finished with a .500 record last season and we're hoping to make the NCAA Division 1 Tournament this year. American University is also a very good school academically."

Klingensmith was one of the Mutiny starting midfielders in the season opener.

There are four other players from Western Massachusetts listed on this year's Mutiny roster.

"It's always great to have a Western Mass. presence on the team," said Klingensmith, who's beginning her fourth season with the Mutiny. "It's a lot of fun being teammates with them on this team."

Aida Name, who was one of Klingensmith's high school teammates, is another returning player listed on the Mutiny roster. Name, who lives in Chicopee, was a starting defender against Maine.

Another starter was Kendall Bodak, who graduated from Monson High School. She was also selected as an All-American player by the United Soccer Coaches in high school. She'll be a sophomore member of the women's soccer team at Clemson University in the fall.

Bodak, who's a forward, was listed on the Mutiny roster a year ago, but she didn't play in any matches.

"It's an honor to be a member of this soccer team," Bodak said. "It's also fun being teammates with the other players from Western Mass."

One of Bodak's teammates at Monson High School was Tennessee Murphy, who currently attends The Loomis Chaffee School



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Abbey Jones guides a pass by an opponent.

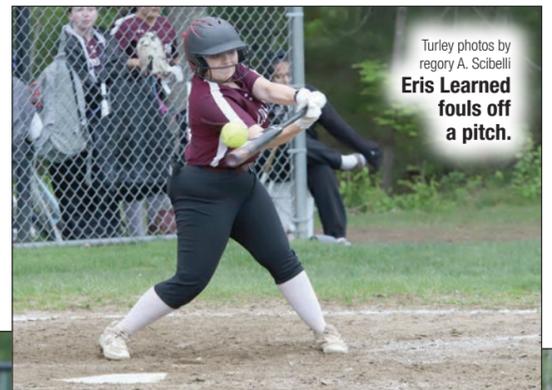
Pacers overcome errors to beat Ludlow softball

LUDLOW – On a cold afternoon, Ludlow High School softball fell to Chicopee 17-11.

The Pacers made seven errors but managed to keep their lead.

Kalli Riley had five hits and four RBI for the Pacers.

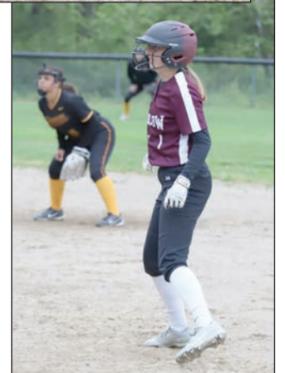
Olivia Slatton had a hit and two RBI for the Lions. Ludlow is 8-11.



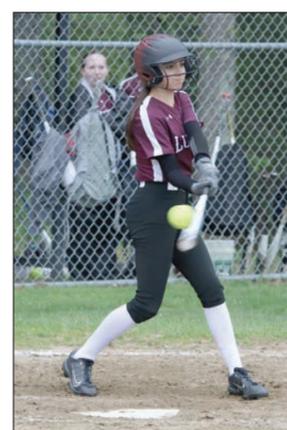
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Eris Learned fouls off a pitch.



Isabella Leutsch underhands a toss to first.



Khloe Davis leads off first.



Liberty Carlson pops up a pitch.



Olivia Slatton sends home a pitch.

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in Windsor, Connecticut. Murphy was also selected as an All-American soccer player last fall. She entered the season opening match for the first time as a defender at the start of the second half.

Another local player on the Mutiny roster is Olivia Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. She'll be entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce University.

For the first time since the Mutiny started playing home games in Ludlow, Hope Santaniello wasn't listed on the opening day roster.

Santaniello, who was an All-American soccer player at Agawam High School, is currently playing for a professional women's soccer team in Iceland.

Alexis Legowski, who was another member of last year's Mutiny squad from South Hadley, is playing for a professional soccer team in Poland.

The Mutiny head coach is Federico Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," Molinari said. "I thought we played much better in the second half than we did in the first half."

The Mutiny pretty much dominated the first half, but the match remained scoreless until the 43rd minute.

That's when Laci Lewis sent a crossing pass from the right side into the middle of the box where the ball was headed into the back of the net by Taylor Jenkins giving the Mutiny a 1-0 lead.

Lewis and Jenkins were teammates on the UConn women's soccer team last year.

There are a total of six UConn women's soccer players listed on this year's Mutiny roster.

UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez is a former Mutiny player.

Klingensmith netted her first goal of the season during the 56th minute.

It was assisted by Kate Howarth, who played in her first match for the Mutiny since 2019.

Howarth began playing for the Mutiny in 2012. After playing for the Boston Breakers in 2013, Howarth returned to the Mutiny side as the team captain in 2014.

Following the 2019 season, Howarth, who's the Mutiny's all-time leading goal scorer and points leader, signed with the Orlando Pride, who's a member of the National Women's Soccer League.

Howarth has been sidelined with a leg injury during the past couple of years, but is healthy again this year.

"It felt very nice to put this jersey on again," Howarth said. "The environment here is outstanding and I love playing for this team. It's a lot of fun."

Joe Ferrara, who's the owner and Managing Director of the Mutiny, was glad to see Howarth back on the field again.

"It's very special having Kate play for us again," Ferrara said. "She's one of the best players in the history of this club."

The duo of Howarth and Klingensmith hooked up again eight minutes later.

The Footy got on the scoreboard following a goal from Ava Feeley during the 70th minute.

Just before the referee stopped the match, Bodak netted her first goal in a Mutiny uniform.

Abbey Jones was credited with the assist.

The Mutiny will have a week off before hosting Ole' Eagles, who are a new U.W.S. squad at 7 p.m. on May 31.



Laci Lewis makes her way up the field.



Rachel Marchini passes up the field.



Taylor Jenkins is tripped up as she tries to clear the ball.



Kendall Bodak keeps play moving forward.



Chioma Okafor heads for the goal.

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driving around and interacting with them in the schools, that's what I'm trying to do now with my little ones. You always see cool things on the television, and I wasn't sure if I would ever actually be able to do it, originally, I went to school for engineering since I always liked to build things and do construc-

tion projects."

Soon after figuring out engineering wasn't for him, Stokowski felt policing was right and explained that he likes it when he experiences something new every day. "You're not in an office; you're constantly running around doing cool things and there's a lot more things to branch out with. The most interesting part of my career

was for 8 years; I was part of our SWAT team when Ludlow had their own team. From there, I became a team leader for our sniper team and did that for a couple of years. Last October is when I stepped down from the team and kind of transitioned and focused on my family. We got to go to some cool training across the country."

When asked about the

most exciting part of the last year of his career, Stokowski proudly stated that it was seeing the guys he's trained through the field training process and putting their skills to work. "When I am on patrol, I am there with them, but I can take the backseat and watch them. I spend a lot of time working on different training skills to bring to the range and try to teach them new stuff, keep my skills up and running too."

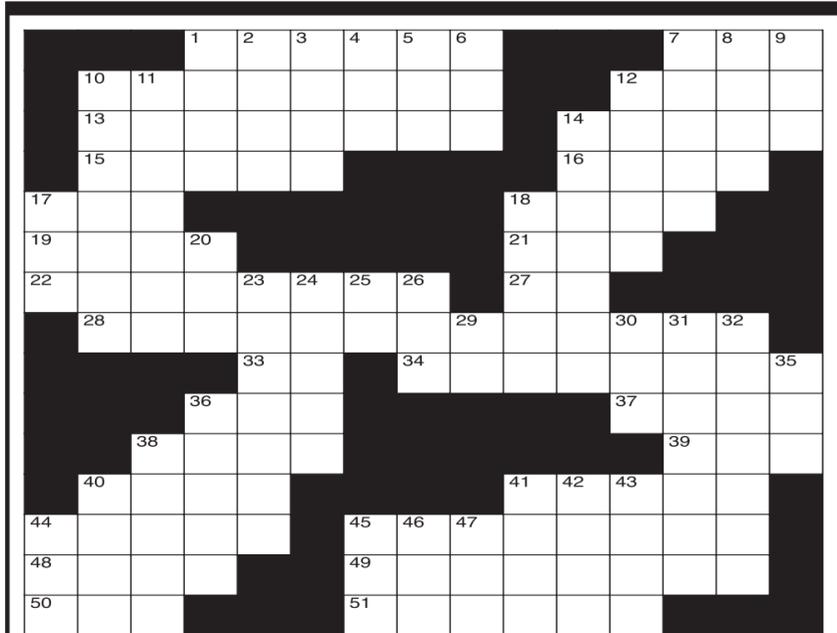
For National Police Week, it's the public's opportunity to show their appreci-

ation to the law enforcement community and in Washington, DC, a couple of officers from Ludlow took part in the police ride to the memorial.

Questioned on how he feels appreciated as an officer, Stokowski continued. "In this town, we do have quite the support from community members and that's kind of how it reflects on us and what we do out there and how they treat us. It's mutual respect. This is a great town to work for, a great department, chief, and command staff. Most of us grew up in Ludlow and we see it as we

want to keep it the same way, or try to, as the safe community that we grew up in."

For the 125th anniversary badge, "It's 125 years of the first appointed officer in the town of Ludlow and we wanted to come up with a badge just for the 125th. We will wear it the whole year, then after the year we'll retire it. The chief gifted them to all of us, he said you worked during this time, and you earned it. It's a great mix of tradition and modern, which is obviously the way we're going in law enforcement."



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bring up
- 7. Child
- 10. Formal written defense
- 12. Bangladeshi currency
- 13. Burial site
- 14. In the lead
- 15. Large recesses in a church
- 16. Count on
- 17. Defunct phone company
- 18. Golf scores
- 19. Afflicts
- 21. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 22. Prominence
- 27. "The Great Lakes State"
- 28. SoCal ballplayer
- 33. Location of White

- House
- 34. Magnificence
- 36. Hip hop songstress
- 37. Capital of Yemen
- 38. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 39. Bomb
- 40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 41. Pinkish-violet color
- 44. A way to make right
- 45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
- 48. Region south of Dead Sea
- 49. Acts out against
- 50. Harsh cry of a crow
- 51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Kitchen devices
- 2. Wings
- 3. Mythological birds
- 4. Everyone has one
- 5. Matchstick game
- 6. Bar bill
- 7. Weights
- 8. Satisfactorily
- 9. Small amount
- 10. Tree types
- 11. Small protuberances
- 12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
- 14. Type of horse
- 17. More (Spanish)
- 18. Argentinian province
- 20. A bad act
- 23. Moving in a circular way

- 24. Battery type
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Popular breakfast food
- 29. An alternative
- 30. Tooth caregiver
- 31. A way to conform
- 32. Disfigured men
- 35. Cool!
- 36. Genus of mosses
- 38. Body part
- 40. Kashmiri people
- 41. Round water pot
- 42. Something to purchase
- 43. Emit coherent radiation
- 44. Indicates 10
- 45. Advertising metric
- 46. Pitching stat
- 47. Head movement

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BUSINESS

Mary McGovern elected to MBA Board of Directors

REGION – Mary McGovern, President and CEO of Country Bank, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) at its Annual Meeting in May.

Founded in 1905, the MBA is the only Association representing FDIC-insured community, regional, and nationwide banks serving consumer and

business clients across the Commonwealth.

“As a dynamic industry, it is crucial for the Association to incorporate the insights of banking leaders like Mary. Their expertise and experience empower us to fulfill our priorities of delivering exceptional resources, advocacy, and thought leadership to our members, thereby strengthening their abil-

ity to serve their clients and communities,” stated MBA’s President and CEO Kathleen Murphy. “The market knowledge that Mary contributes allows the Association to anticipate and address emerging banking needs and economic trends, supporting our members as they cater to a vast consumer and business footprint across the Commonwealth.”

“I am excited to share my election to the Board of Directors for our industry’s Association, which has successfully served banks for 120 years,” said Mary. “Serving on the Board allows me to work alongside fellow banking leaders to help shape the future of our industry while advocating for policies and initiatives that support

Massachusetts banks.

This role aligns perfectly with Country Bank’s mission to make a difference in the lives of employees, customers, and communities.

By contributing to the broader banking landscape, we are better positioned to deliver innovative and responsible solutions that strengthen the local economies we serve with pride.”

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man Road from July 2 to August 1, “Please feel free to drop off your old bins and barrels at no cost to you,” from the town’s website.

The containers are equipped with wheels for easier transport. The FY26 trash fee of \$200 will be billed in July and payment will be due in September, the senior discount will be \$50.

For questions, please call or email the DPW at 413-583-5625 and dpw@ludlow.ma.us

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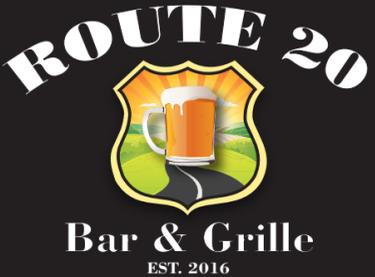
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:40 p.m.** on the application of Evarist Ndererubusa of **145 Coolidge Avenue** Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 2C, Parcel 122) for: **office for travel & tourism.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
05/28, 06/04/2025

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, June 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Michael A Bertini, for the property located at 508 East Street (Assessors' Map 15D, Parcels 23 & 24). The subject of the meeting is: relocating the existing playground.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair
05/28/2025

**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.
HD25P1071EA
Estate of:**

**ANTONIO GONCALVES
Date of Death: 04/06/2025
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 **ROSA D. GON-**

CALVES 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: **ROSA D. GONCALVES of LUDLOW, 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 06/17/2025.** 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: May 20, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
05/28/2025

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** on the application of Dillon Price of **59 Lehigh Street** Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 15D, Parcel 52) for: **office for online work-travel job board.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Raymond Phoenix, Chairman
05/28, 06/04/2025

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Docket No.
HD25P0900EA
Estate of:
Ida Ribas
Date of Death: 10/16/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kenneth DaSilva 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: **Kenneth DaSilva of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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Town of Ludlow LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 5:35 p.m.**

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Manuel Silva, Chairperson
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Anthony Alves
05/21, 05/28/2025

• DATEBOOK •

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ONGOING

CRAFTERS WANTED for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and raffle on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an 8-ft. table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact **Debbie Martell** at 413-547-8739 or **Lorraine Bernier** at 413-519-7658. Light refreshment will be available.

SAVE THE DATES

Ludlow High School "Class of 1975" 50th Class Reunion - Sept. 12, 13 and 14, 2025. Our committee is searching for classmates. If you have any info, please call **Denise** at 413-735-3751 or **Celeste** at 413-583-6041.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Ludlow Public Schools Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026 is underway. If you are a Ludlow resident and have a child(ren) who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Registration is currently online at www.ludlowps.org. Questions can be directed to **Mrs. Foye** at registration@ludlowps.org or call 413-583-5695 ext. 6.

FOOD DRIVE B-MONTHLY

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. Bring all food items to drop off at our next Food Drive on **April 5, 2025.** Thanks for your generosity.

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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.

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.

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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.

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Thurs., May 29 - Holy Day Mass - 8:30 a.m. (C), Holy Day Mass - 7:00 p.m. (C)
Fri., May 30 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), Sat., May 31 - Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.
Sun., June 1 - Daily Masses at 7:30, 9:15-Graduation Mass, 11:00 and 5:00 (C), Mon., June 2 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C)
Tues., June 3 - Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C), St. Rita's Choir, 2:30 p.m. (C), Middle School Youth Ministry - 3:30 p.m. (JR), Eucharistic Revival - 6:30 p.m. (JR)

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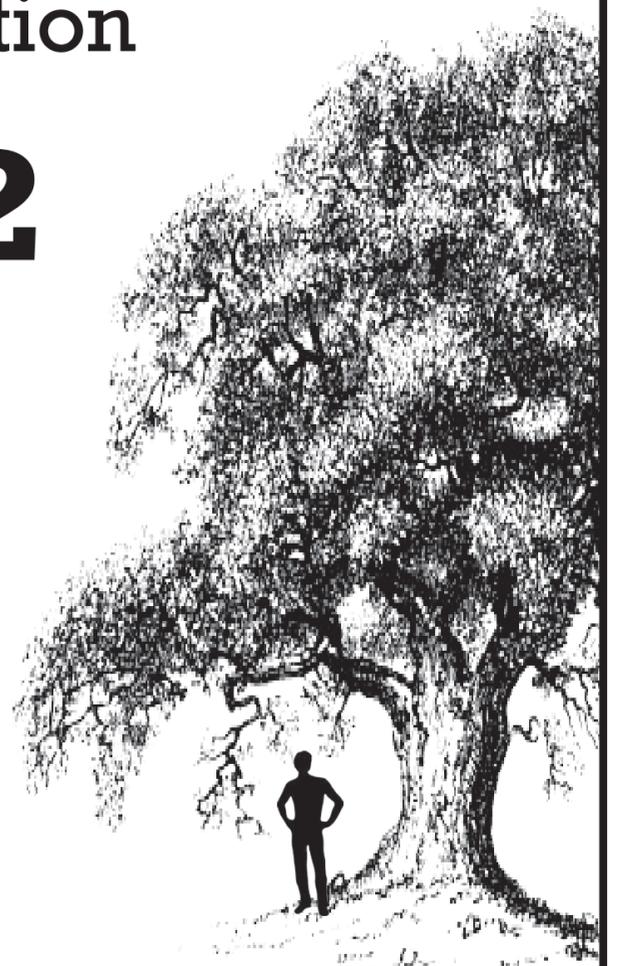
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