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Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas performs last call



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Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan with Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas.

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 8, the Ludlow Police Department held a last radio call ceremony for now Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas who officially hung up his chief title. On the LPD Facebook page, it posted, “Today, Chief Daniel Valadas ends his watch after 35 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ludlow. His final radio call was answered by the people

who mean the most to him, his daughters Bella, Amelia, Julia, and his son, Daniel II. Chief Valadas, your unwavering perseverance, steadfast integrity, and remarkable fortitude have inspired all who had the honor to serve alongside you.”

Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan began the last radio call ceremony with a few words, “Congratulations! Many contributions to the department, which improved the level of service, professionalism, and your commit-

ment has been great over the years. When I think of you, I think of you as an inspirational leader. Your passion and your enthusiasm for your profession is absolutely clear, and I think it’s a retirement day with one sense but it’s also the beginning of something else, a new chapter. Your passion and enthusiasm continues as you’re coming on as a special police officer for us, which that’s unique. I don’t know of any chief that’s ever done that. That stands the show of what kind

of leader you are and what kind of person you are. Your dedication is amazing, that’s clear to anybody that’s ever worked for you, anybody that’s worked with you and anybody that you taught as an instructor.”

Brennan continued, “When I hear other officers talk about you and I hear them describe you as ‘cops cop’, I’ve heard that from civilians as well. They de-

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Turley photo by Brendan Rooney

Fire Captain Bill Dubuque and Paramedic Jan Thornton talk to several local children.

Fire Department hosts community program

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

LUDLOW — Last Thursday, Aug. 14, the Ludlow Fire Department held an informational and interactive hands-on display with families and kids of all ages from outside the lawn of the Hubbard Memorial Library.

The demonstration was spearheaded by the duo of Ludlow Fire Captain Bill Dubuque and Firefighter Paramedic Jan Thornton, who first started by asking the kids and gauging interest to see what they knew about fire safety, before Bill put on

his special suit and showed off the bells and whistles of when first-responders are called into action.

Thornton took a moment to reflect and disclose a timeline of how long this event has been running, which she revealed has been ongoing for more than 30 years, while breaking down an additional in-school initiative called the ‘SAFE program’, which happens daily.

“We go into the schools every year from pre-school to 3rd grade, called the Safe

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Instructor Samantha used a lighter to seal the ends of the ribbon bookmark.

Teen bookkeeping series lights up creativity

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 7, the Hubbard Memorial Library hosted its last teen bookkeeping series that had the attendees walk away successfully with their own complete book. Leading several classes for all ages, Instructor Samantha was back for the book binding class targeted for teens.

The calm environment brewed creativity, jazz music



One of the attendees made their book 100% from scratch.

playing in the background and clear instructions from Samantha. The attendees agreed they enjoyed the series and created their own book they could either write or draw in, but also show their friends their completed work.

In the Thurs. class, the attendees made their covers for the books after making their paper in past classes, with several different

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Quilt Making Club meets at Hubbard Memorial Library

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

LUDLOW – On Monday, Aug. 11, the Quilting Club met at Hubbard Memorial Library. The club is led by volunteer Janet Foy. Helping Foy with the club are volunteers Beth Brosnahan and Elaine Conway. Foy, Conway and Brosnahan are members of the Pioneer Valley Quilt Club. Foy helps create a welcoming and nurturing environment for children and teens to learn how to sew and practice the craft of quilting. Foy review the history of the club and her background in quilting.

“This club has been meeting once a week for six weeks; this is the sixth week. I am a quiltmaker. I make quilts for friends, I’ve made quilts for family, I make baby quilts and wedding quilts and graduation quilts. I had so much fabric left at home and when my daughter was young I did it with her and her friends. They made quilts and pillowcases and things like that. I was a teacher and I’m a quilter. And I have



Turley Photos by Christina Gioscia

Janet Foy helping Julie Fvargas spray adhesive onto her quilt.

tons and tons of material at home. And since I retired from teaching, this was just something I wanted to do to give back. I’ve been sewing since 1981, my son was born in 1981 and when I was home with him, I took my first quilting class. So, I’ve been sewing for more

than 40 years.” When asked where the club acquires each material needed to make the quilts Foy answered, “I donate them, except for the batting. We wrote to a company and told them what we were doing, and they donated the batting, which is expensive. But the rest is materials I had, or I went out and bought them. You know, it’s something I just wanted to do.”

Foy shared some information about the future possibilities of the quilting club.

“We have another group starting in September. They can contact the library, and we have another group that will be starting in the spring. So, we’re going to do three groups a year. We’re going to do September, the spring and the summer. I have so

much material that I would like to donate. We’re looking for fairly simple patterns and then just kind of going from there.”

Foy then told us this about if club members are expected to have prior sewing and quilting experience, “It’s helpful but we will guide them through.”

Brosnahan then got involved with the group.

“I love the kids. I machine embroider; I’ve been quilting for about 25 years. I also was a Girl Scout Leader three times. I love kids and this is a good way without getting back into Girl Scouts again. I can’t wait till they start to do their holiday things, because I think that would be fun for them.

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Beth Brosnahan helping Andrew Fvargas with sewing his quilt.

LUDLOW

2025 Health Fair set for Sept. 6

LUDLOW—The Ludlow Health Department is excited to announce the 2025 Health Fair.

All ages are invited to join us on Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Randall Boys and Girls Club at 91 Claudias Way in Ludlow. The event will showcase

local organizations, businesses, and departments that operate throughout Ludlow providing an array of health resources that our community has access to.

CPR/First Aid demonstrations, health professionals, raffles, and FREE resources make sure to save the date

because the event will be a blast

Hope to see everyone there.

There are available vendor positions, if you are interested in tabling please reach out to health@ludlow.ma.us for more information."

Help stock the shelves of the Community Survival Center

INDIAN ORCHARD—On Saturday, August 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. join us for the Annual Stock our Shelves Food Drive at one of the following drop off locations: Stop & Shop located at 1600 Boston Road in Springfield and Randall's Farm & Greenhouse located at 631 Center Street in Ludlow.

The local Community Survival Center shelves need some help during the summer

months. We could use peanut butter, tuna, chunky soups, beef stew, canned ham, canned chicken, pancake mix, and more.

We provide bagged groceries for low-income households from Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, Indian Orchard, and Sixteen Acres.

Also, low-income seniors (60 and older) from anywhere in Hampden County. Please help us to stock our

shelves; quite frankly, we can't do this without you!

The Center also has a Thrift Shop that sells donated clothing and many other items and uses the proceeds to support the pantry and programs.

The mission of the Community Survival Center is to relieve hunger in our community by providing emergency food to individuals and families in times of need.

PAM awards scholarships to local students

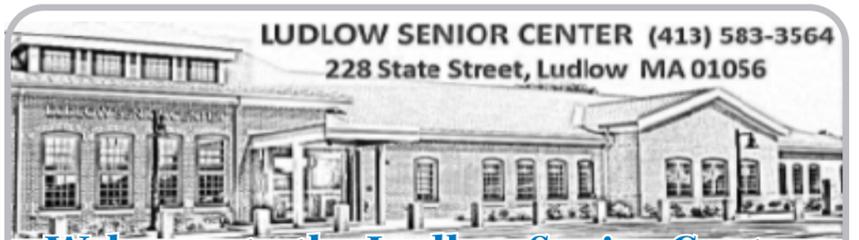
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Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, August 21

- 8:45 a.m. Foot Care Appointments*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*.
- 12:45 p.m. Mahjong
- 2 p.m. Writers' Block
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot

Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

Daily Events:

- Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.
- Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
- Walking Club: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., leaving from the parking lot.

Menu:

- Thursday, August 14: Sweet & Sour Chicken/White Rice/Asian Veggie
- Friday, August 15: Fruit Salad & Cottage Cheese Plate
- Monday, August 18: Sloppy Joe/Power Salad
- Tuesday, August 19: Southwest Salad w/Chicken
- Wednesday, August 20: Lunch & Learn! Stuffed Pepper/Buttered Egg Noodles
- Thursday, August 21: Birthday Lunch! Pot Roast/Mashed Pot/Veggies

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

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

Fall luncheon, card & game party Sept. 25

WILBRAHAM—Fall into Fun at the Luncheon, Card & Game Party sponsored by the Wilbraham Women's Club, Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Saint Cecilia Parish Center located at 42 Main St. in Wilbraham. Check-in begins at 11:30

a.m. with a delicious luncheon served at noon.

Bring friends and come to play any game of your choice (dominoes, mahjong, bridge, canasta, scrabble, etc.).

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Cottage Melts offers numerous delicious scents that smell like falling leaves, stepping right into the autumn season.

Cottage Melts opens as candle and wax shoppe

By Amanda Munson
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LUDLOW — “This is more than just a shop, it’s our home.” The new and unique retail store in town named Cottage Melts located at 1327 East St. is officially open. Known as a candle and wax shoppe, the store features handcrafted goods made by 29 local artists, with a variety of gifts, home decor, soaps and lotions, and candles to choose from. The areas of local artists originate from here are Holyoke, Monson, Chicopee, Belchertown, Palmer, Agawam, Hampden, Ludlow and more.

Owners and Married Couple Dillon and Jonathan Halborsen shared their story beginning in Rhode Island, building a business together that thrived online first, their love for the property that allows them to live upstairs and have their store downstairs, and why it was important to support local artists.

Dillon introduced himself as the candle-maker, soap-maker, lotion-maker, and owner of Cottage Melts and commented that his favorite hat to wear is the soap-maker ‘hat’ where he’s able to be the most creative. Jonathan introduced himself as owner and candle-maker, who shared his favorite aspect of the job is connecting with the local crafters and artists.

Both Dillon and Jonathan understood what it meant

to be a crafter, saying that in the past they’ve attended craft fairs and events but said it was tough. “A rainy weekend is all it takes to ruin the event, so getting established and getting local crafters to sell their goods here and to provide that service to them has been my favorite part,” said Jonathan.

Dialing it back to the beginning, Dillon was a teacher and in his down time, he created candles and soap as a hobby and randomly commented one day to Jonathan that they should run a business. “I left teaching last Oct. and made this my full-time gig, it’s been a blast. Jonathan has been doing this full-time longer than me since I couldn’t leave teaching.” Jonathan followed, “I worked in a high stress job, government public health sector and I couldn’t do it anymore. I gave myself one year hiatus to recalibrate my life and, in that year, I tried different things and stepped out of that field I’ve been in for a long time, questioning where do I go from here? I wanted to do something with my hands, something tangible and when you’re working behind a computer and on spreadsheets all day, you lose touch with the world and the world around you. I wanted to get into candle making and since Dillon was already making soaps, I suggested making candles and soaps for our friends and families during the holidays.”

Jonathan remembered thinking in that moment of



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Cottage Melts owners Dillon and Jonathan Halborsen.

creating the homemade gifts of, ‘I could do this for the rest of my life’ and said he enjoyed doing it, grateful for the time and space to figure out what he wanted to do.

Beginning the business two years ago, it was going very well for the Halborsen’s at craft fairs and especially through online sales, remembering how fast they outgrew their past home in Rhode Island. “It went too well. We ran the business out of our spare bedroom and as the business grew, the need for space grew. It got to the point where we couldn’t use our front door, and we were eating our dinner on boxes of wax. We had conversa-

tions of not wanting to go back to our ‘adult jobs’ and we loved spending every day together, what a dream it would be to work together and build something that’s ours together. We went all in, and we decided to continue our online sales and do a brick-and-mortar store around Massachusetts,” explained Jonathan.

Searching for space in the area to be closer to Dillon’s family, the Cottage Melts business landed in Ludlow, known as the last house, before you enter Wil-

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Local student receives scholarship

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This summer try freezing the harvest

Freezing fruits and vegetables is an easy way to preserve the harvest. More nutrients are retained by this method of food preservation than any other, and the color, flavor and texture are as close to fresh as you can get.

Freezing works by curbing the growth of organisms that cause food to spoil. The key to longevity is to use packaging that will keep out air and moisture. Thick plastic freezer bags, tight-fitting plastic containers (square make better use of freezer space than round), or boilable bags that are made for vacuum sealers are all great options for that purpose.

Fresh berries are easily frozen whole. I've been doing my share of that lately. Any blackberries we don't eat get popped on an aluminum pie tin to freeze, once frozen they are moved into freezer containers where I can easily take out just what I need.

Many people also freeze tomatoes whole, figuring that it's too hot to make sauce now, but it won't be in a couple of months. Thawing frozen whole tomatoes makes for easy skin removal.

Vegetables such as peas, yellow and green beans, broccoli and more are all easily frozen once you know the method.

Here is how you do it: Grab a pot from your cupboard to blanch your produce – this part of the process will help to retain the desirable characteristics that I mentioned above. You can blanch by steaming or boiling.

Reportedly, steaming is superior for nutrient preservation.

While you wash and chop your veggies to bite-size pieces, bring a few inches of water to a boil in a covered pot equipped with a steamer basket. When the water begins to boil hard insert a single layer of veggies into the basket and replace the lid (this part is critical). Blanch for 3-6 minutes, depending on thickness, for broccoli and 4 minutes for green or yellow beans.

Don't have a steamer pot? Try boil blanching instead. Bring a pot of water to a rapid boil then carefully immerse your vegetables to avoid splattering. When the water returns to a boil begin timing.

Broccoli will take 2-3 minutes using this method; beans need 3.

Once blanching is complete, you must cool down the produce as quickly as possible to stop the cooking process from going any further. This is accomplished by plunging the food into a waiting bath of ice water.

I remember reading somewhere that it should stay in the bath for about as long as it took to blanch it. Once cooling is complete, drain the veggies and allow them to air-dry on a clean towel.

This next step is a must if you are freezing in big bags rather than exact dinner-sized portions: Line a cookie sheet with freezer or waxed paper. Arrange your dry produce in a single layer and pre-freeze for an hour or two, then fill your bag.

This way you will be able to grab exactly what you need when making a meal – pieces won't be frozen together in a big block.

Vacuum packers are great for freezing dinner-sized portions. Simply pack the bags with your blanched, air-dried veggies and seal. Without one you can do a good job of removing air from your freezer bags by simply squeezing out as you can manually then inserting a straw into an unsealed corner and inhaling to draw out what remains.

The kids will find this part of the preservation process to be a lot of fun! Be sure to label the contents with the date – most produce will keep for at least a year at zero degrees.

For a more detailed look at freezing and other types of food preservation consult these great books by Storey Publishing: "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" by Janet Chadwick and "The Big Book of Preserving the Harvest" by Carol W. Costenbader.

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GUEST COLUMN

I'm still confused about Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment

Dear Rusty:

I'm 64 and still working full time, and plan to continue working at least until I'm 70 ~ it's a good job, and I enjoy it.

My job comes with health insurance, so I don't really need additional coverage, but I understand I will be required to sign up for Medicare Part A anyway when I turn 65 next year. What I don't understand is Part B: A colleague of mine, who is a little older than I am, said she signed up for Part B because a penalty will be incurred if we wait until we retire from our jobs and actually need the additional insurance. I'm not sure she's right. Can you explain what I should do?

Signed:

Confused About Medicare

Dear Confused:

We're happy to assist you with understanding this. First, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization service) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65. If you do not plan to take your Social Security benefits yet, you can defer enrolling in Part A until you claim Social Security. But Medicare Part A is also free to those eligible for Social Security, so there is little reason not to enroll in Part A at age 65 and, when you claim Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled.

Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is different. Part B is always optional because there is a premium associated with it (standard premium is \$185/



month in 2025), but nearly everyone over age 65 requires healthcare coverage. If, however, you are employed and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants), then you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your creditable employer coverage ends. And you can do so without incurring a "late enrollment penalty" for enrolling in Part B outside of your Initial Enrollment Period. When your creditable coverage from your employer ends, you will enter an 8-month Medicare "Special Enrollment Period," which permits you to enroll in Part B without penalty.

Thus, as long as your employer coverage is "creditable," you can defer enrolling in Part B without penalty. FYI, you can also enroll in Part B a couple of months prior to your employer coverage ending, asking that your Part B coverage starts when your employer coverage ends, to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage. Note you will likely need your employer to provide you with proof of creditable coverage when you later enroll in Part B.

A couple of extra thoughts: If you require prescription drug coverage when your employer coverage ends after age 65, you only have 63 days to acquire that drug coverage without incurring a "Part D" (drug plan) late enrollment

penalty. So, if needed, you should not wait to get insurance coverage for prescription drugs after your employer coverage ends.

If you now have a Health Savings Account through your employer, you should discontinue any HSA contributions well before (perhaps as much as six months before) your enrollment in Medicare Part A. That's because Part A is not considered a "high deductible" insurance plan (a "high deductible" plan is a requirement for having a Health Savings Account). If you do not have an HSA, you need not be concerned about this. If you do, we can also provide you with more info on this.

I hope this answers your questions, but we are always here to assist if you need anything further. Contact us at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or at (800-750-2622).

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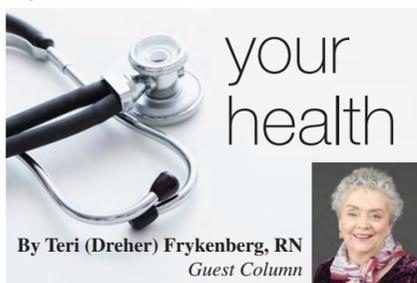
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What D.O. you know about osteopathy?

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are two types of primary caregivers who help doctors treat more patients efficiently and extend health care into underserved areas. I've discussed both of these roles in previous columns.

Today, I want to talk about another health-care role that we're seeing more often: doctors of osteopathy, also known as osteopathic doctors and osteopaths. I've noticed that D.O.s are showing up more frequently in lists of primary care providers, and I wondered why that was so. And if you're looking for a new practitioner, you may find more D.O.s than M.D.s in your network.

It's not surprising that we're seeing more D.O.s. The number of osteopathic



doctors has quadrupled in the past three decades, according to the American Osteopathic Association, and they represent 11% of all physicians in the U.S. In addition, more than 40,000 students are enrolled in osteopathic medicine programs, compared to about 100,000 students in traditional medical schools.

Let's look at what osteopathic doctors are, dispel some myths, and see how they differ from medical doctors. **What is osteopathy?** Osteopathic medicine is a distinctly American form of medicine. In 1874, a Civil War medic by the name of Andrew Taylor Still, dissatisfied with what he saw as shortcomings in medical care, established a philosophy that the body was designed for health and that it could heal itself through manipulation of the musculoskeletal system. He founded the first osteopathic medical school in 1892 in Missouri.

Today, osteopaths are fully licensed medical professionals in all 50 states – the U.S. is the only country in the world with two types of medical systems. Their specialties include pediatrics, surgery, radiology, oncology and psychiatry, and they still incorporate some of Still's philosophy of using

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Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas with his wife Sue and his family; Isabella, Daniel J. II, Amelia, and Julia.

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scribe him as a ‘cops cop’, at least to me, you have an authentic understanding of what it is to be a police officer and work in this profession. Long nights, long days, weekends, holidays, stressful situations, working in tragic circumstances, I mean everything and over many years. You have to have the resilience to get back in and perform. You are a model police officer and a model law enforcement leader. It’s a privilege and pleasure to work with you for these years.”

Valadas was presented a plaque from the LPD and had a summary of Valadas’ achievements, reading, “Your dedication and devotion to both the town of Ludlow and your country goes unmatched as shown by your years of continued service and accom-

plishments, you have made the safety of Ludlow and the Ludlow Police Department a top priority and for that, we are all thankful. You’ve been a role model, teacher, leader, and father figure not only to your beautiful family but also to everyone that has worked with you. It’s time to enjoy your retirement with your family and friends.”

One of Valadas’ daughters named Julia volunteered and added a few words, “It’s a beautiful thing to see the impact you truly had and the Ludlow community and everybody around you. Thank you for the happiness you brought people because hearing the things that people say about you, it’s truly an enigma. It’s beautiful.”

Valadas had his final speech as chief and commented that although it was his last day, it’s a great day. “I reckoned back to the po-

lice academy on the first day and I could remember that the last thing that you do when you start is think that you’re going to reach a certain level. You really just want to function, do your job, do it well and just be a police officer and I tried to do just that. No one at the police academy ever thinks they’re going to have the success and the prosperity, and even the years. I like to say you just look down and you just focus because I try to keep that throughout my career. On the bad days, the bad shifts, and I shared so many with you and excellent days as well. I stress a lot here, pride, perseverance, integrity, and honor and it’s been an honor to be a police officer and working with all of you,” said Valadas.

“I can’t say that I’m not elated to reach 32 years, there’s been a little bit of luck, God watched over me. Lud-



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas carrying the plaque the LPD gifted him.

Turley photos by Amanda Munson



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas retirement cake at the last call ceremony on Fri.

Turley photos by Amanda Munson



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas peaked cap on the podium before the ceremony.



Town employees, past and present LPD members, Select Board members, town administrator, and many more showed up for Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas.



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas hugging his wife Sue at the end of the last call ceremony.



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas served the town for the past 39 years and looks forward to retirement.



Retired Police Chief Daniel Valadas hugging the Provisional Police Chief Mike Brennan before doing his last call.

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Program, and it's a statewide program," Thornton said. "It's a conjunction with the Ludlow school department, but I've been either helping or running the program for about 25 years now."

From that point forward, various tools were shown, such as the Jaws of Life, various axes, and even a new piece of technology, the thermo-imager, which is used when smoke is present, acting as a way to see through the affected area to safely remove during search and rescue.

"Not all of these kids necessarily go through a program in school due to reasons of not being in school yet, or go to Ludlow schools, and this just gives them a chance to let them see us in our equipment, show our gear, and let them see us up close and allow them to hear us what we look like when we are breathing to set up a response, because it can be a bit intimidating, so this allows them to know we are a safe place and to know we are the people to go to if things are going wrong," said Thornton.

The duo then unveiled that the truck they arrived in was "Engine #2," along with the confirmation it is one of the oldest at the Ludlow fire station, which has close to about 10 trucks in total, and the newer ones now come equipped with a special foam suppressant that is a stronger reactant to put out fires compared to utilizing pressure water from the days of the past. He also revealed that the department has three ambulances, a boat, a kayak,



Turley photos by Brendan Rooney

The Ludlow Fire Department was on display last week.



Children in the community came out to see the trucks and equipment.

and off-road terrain vehicles, making it accessible to assist, no matter the terrain.

Dubuque also offered a little history lesson on how Firefighting has evolved from its origin to the present day, sparking the kids' imagination on sight, which was quickly captured as they quickly lined up and took turns firing the hose, and got stickers in the end.

Jan Thorton shows the Jaws of Life.



Turley Photos by Christina Gioscia

Janet Foy helping Yaag Zhaag in laying out the pieces of her quilt.

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I think these quilts can challenge them a lot. But I also like encouraging them to do something beyond their comfort zone. All of them are working together. I think this is a great community. Plus, quilting is always a great community."

Brosnahan believes the quilting club is a great place for kids and teens to find community outside of school "It's fun, and they get to learn new things and make new friends."

Conway shared a little about her background in quilting and her experience being a part of the Pioneer Valley Quilting Club, "Well I've been a needleworker and embroiderer for 40 some-

thing years. Through being in the quilt guild I've met a lot of wonderful people."

Throughout the club meeting each volunteer was hands on, helping the attendees and encouraging them to challenge themselves throughout the process of making their quilts. They also encouraged the children to help each other and build teamwork skills. It's clear Foy, Conway and Brosnahan care deeply about the work they do at quilting club. By volunteering their time to this club, they give children and teens the opportunity to learn sewing skills, the craft of quilt making, and a chance to make new friends.

For more information about quilting club visit the library website.



Club leaders Janet Foy, Beth Brosnahan, Elaine Conway and club members Julie Fvargas, Andrew Fvargas, Alexis Ring, Aubrey Ring, Yaag Zhaag and Molly Ramirez.



Janet Foy helping Molly Ramirez spray adhesive onto her quilt.



Instructor Samantha with Charlie showing how to glue the book properly.

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fabrics to choose from. The tools used in the class were fabric, chip board (building material made from wood chips), yarn, PVA glue, fabric scissors, book press (heavy books), ribbon, and a cheese cloth.

The class went through the steps by measuring, gluing the fabric, creating head bands, attaching the ribbon, adding cheese cloth to the book bind, and adding wax paper so the book didn't stick together. One

book had dark blue fabric that had sea anchors on the pattern and the other was black.

Each teen commented how sticky the process was due to the glue, but were proud after seeing the final product. Samantha went around helping the teens with what they needed, who also commented how relaxing the book making process was when she does it at home.

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The binding was used to attach the pages together, helped with glue and sewing.

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Cottage Melts offers a variety of crafts such as homemade pottery, birdhouses, and glass items.



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Owners Dillon and Jonathan Halvorsen stood behind their hand painted shoppe sign, before it was hung for drivers passing by.



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

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Owner Dillon Halvorsen smiling whilst demonstrating the wax pouring process into the molds, which shoppers can watch while walking around.

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braham. Ludlow Residents may be familiar with the building with its glass shop history.

Jonathan explained that they wanted to offer quality goods at affordable prices and with costs rising in the economy, the Halvorsen's felt like as small business owners, it's their duty and obligation to make sure what their selling is affordable and accessible to everyone. The artists that can be seen at Cottage Melts are local to



Cottage Melts candles are pictured in an eight ounce and 15-ounce candle, perfect to light on a chilly fall day.

Ludlow and produce quality crafts.

"There's something for everyone for every price range. Us and the artists are trying to offer the best product for everyone who comes through the door," said Dillon. "We love being able to come down here

and play, then go back home upstairs. This is more than just a business for us, we wanted a smaller town like Ludlow and have a prominent impact on the community and crafting community. We live upstairs. Dillon and I could have continued to do our adult jobs, but we

don't know if tomorrow will come for us, and we asked ourselves how do we want to spend our days today? In a shop like this and in our home, welcoming crafters and the community into our home and enjoy good quality handmade items that you can appreciate, pick up tangible items, and see the beauty in. That's our primary purpose," commented Jonathan.

From pottery to jewelry, wax melts and glass items, candles and lotions, support your local candle and wax shoppe and discover your new favorite homemade craft. Look out for seasonal items with fall crafts coming soon and Christmas items arriving Nov. 1. You can also watch the Halvorsen's craft and pour their candles and melts while you shop.

Cottage Melts at 1327 East St. in Ludlow is open Wed. to Sat. from 11 to 5 p.m. and Sun. from 10 to 2 p.m.



Local pottery artist Dave Hebert doing a pottery demonstration at Cottage Melts.

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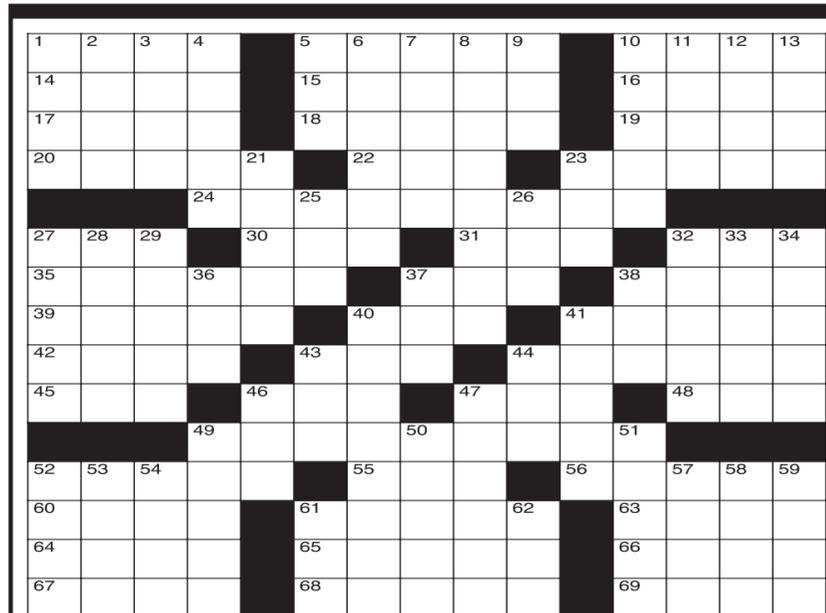
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5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person's brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese

CLUES DOWN

41. About Sun
42. A place to dance
43. Performer ___ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs
50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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FOR ALL AGES

Social Services Drop-In, Wednesday September 3, 11:00 a.m. Come meet with our Social Worker for assistance with getting connected to food pantries and applying for food stamps, health insurance questions, referrals to treatment and support groups, supporting those with mental health concerns, free fentanyl test strips and condoms AND MORE! This program is made possible through the Mill Town Public Health Coalition.

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

Tuesday Movie Club - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, Tuesday, August 19, 12:30 p.m. It's a heartfelt drama inspired by the real-life friendship between journalist Tom Junod and beloved TV icon Fred Rogers. Starring Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys. Please register.

Bob Dylan and the Band, Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. Music historian, percussionist, and Washington DC radio host Craig Harris will discuss his new book with rare recordings, a video montage, and intriguing stories to trace this still influential quintet! Please register.

Jim the Spoon Man, Thursday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. The Spoon Man is a published author and comedian (as seen on America's Got Talent) who offers a hilarious interactive program for all ages. With a totally clean act (no dirty silverware here!), the Spoon Man will leave a lasting impression after playing on YOU! Join us on the library lawn!

A Love Story Book Club Meeting (new!), first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Join us for the 3rd meeting of our new book club! Every book chosen will represent themes of love & romance. Come pick up your copy of Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen at the circulation desk.

Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge Each month, you'll be chal-

lenged 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.

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 sign up on our website or by calling the circulation desk at 413-583-3408. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

Anime Club, every other Thursday, August 21 and September 4, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. For middle and high schoolers. Watch and talk about Anime, eat snacks, try out your cosplay, and learn about Anime. Registration recommended.

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, August 29, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For ages 14-18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. This month the club is reading Kill Creatures by Rory Power; copies are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Nintendo Switch Night for YAs, Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. For middle & high schoolers. Meet once a month to play Mario Kart, Smash Bros, or other Switch games, while munching on free pizza & drinks! 16 person limit. Please register. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Movie: Dog Man and activity, Thursday August 21, 10:00 a.m. Rated PG. Enjoy free popcorn and drinks with the movie, then have fun with a Dog Man themed activity packet after. Drop-in.

Interskate 91 Party, Thursday August 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All ages. Free skating to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Pick up tickets from the Youth Room or Circulation Desk.

"Dog Days of Summer" Scavenger Hunt, Monday, August 25, all day. Search the Youth

Room for dogs from your favorite books and win a prize if you find them all! Drop-in.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, August 26 and September 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

Jim the Spoon Man, Thursday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. All ages. A hilarious interactive musical treat for the whole family - bring camp chairs or a blanket. Drop-in.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday August 28, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month the group is reading Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club v.2: Time to Party, by Molly Ostertag, which is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

Quilting for 10+, Fall Session, Thursday, September 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Seamstress Janet Foy will teach everything you need to know to make your own full-size quilt, including measuring & cutting fabric, using a pattern, hand sewing, & using a sewing machine. Meet every other week for 6 weeks, and make an entire winter or holiday-themed quilt!

For ages 10-17. All materials provided. Our thanks to the Warm Company & Ludlow Cooling and Heating for donating materials for this program. Class size limited to 10*. Please register. *You must be able to attend all 6 classes

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pull a Lego Build Challenge Card and try to build it with the library's Legos, or free build just for fun. All creations will be put on display in the Youth Room for the week. Drop-in.

Friday Online Club, every Friday, 3:00 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.

FOR CHILDREN

Pete the Cat Storytime, Thursday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. Ages 2 & up. Stories, songs, and games about our favorite cool cat, followed by a craft. Please register.

Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, September 3, 11:00 a.m. For ages 15-36 months. Make healthy food with your little one, do sensory food exploration, and listen to a story while eating. Great for picky eaters! Allergies accommodated. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

Preschool Yoga, Monday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. For ages 2-5 & their caregivers. Movement, breathing, songs, games, and crafts to teach mindfulness, support self-regulation, and bring the fun of a yoga practice to young children. Please register.

Music with Mr. Liam, Friday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. Mr. Liam (Liam Hurley) has been singing, dancing, and educating in the Pioneer Valley for the better part of a decade, and toured the world drumming for Josh Ritter & the Royal City Band before that. Join us for a fun-filled performance utilizing ukuleles, drums, puppets, and bubbles!

This program is geared towards preschool aged children. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Read to a Poodle, Monday, September 15, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. For beginning readers. Quill the poodle will visit the Youth Room after school every other Monday, and he is a great listener! Sign up for a 10-15 minute reading session. You can bring your own book, or we can help you pick some out. Quill is a registered Brightspot therapy dog. Please register.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 0-2, Thursday, September 18, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. This Program is targeted for children ages birth to age 2 and their caregivers. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

Grow, Play and Learn Playgroup for 2-5, Thursday, September 18, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and skill building, led by Early Childhood Developmental specialist Jane Christian of Pathways for Parents, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire, and resources to fit your child's individual needs. This Program is targeted for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

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Rocco Falcone, president of Rocky's Ace Hardware. "From sponsoring the fan-favorite Big Slide, to making it easier for families to get their tickets in advance, we love helping our community make the most of this incredible event."

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Polish Food sale on Aug. 23

Time change please see below

INDIAN ORCHARD—DOZYNKI Celebration will be held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard on August 23, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Polish Plate Dinner (4 Pierogi, Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread) \$20 per plate, eat in or take out, wine, beer, water and soda available for purchase.

No outside food or drink will be allowed. Homemade baked goods

will be available for purchase from the youth, tickets are available by calling Maria Kowalski at 413-222-6229, Irena Wurszt at 413-427-5846, or the parish office at 413-543-3627 opt. 4 Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Frozen Polish food will also be available Golabki (3) \$12, Kapusta (Large)\$10.

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There will NOT be a sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as previously published only from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Crafters wanted for Nov. 8

LUDLOW—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, November 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

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Short-handed Villa FC captures PVSSL Men's Championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—After being forced to play the final 20 minutes of regulation with only ten players, the chances of winning the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League men's championship title for the second consecutive year didn't look very promising for third-seeded Villa FC.

The defending champions, who were trailing 1-0, managed to tie the match against top-seeded Cap & Hitch of New England with less than a minute remaining in the second half.

The score remained tied during the two 10-minute overtime periods.

During the ninth round of the penalty shootout, Villa goalie Lucas Morales-Fernandez made an outstanding diving save giving his team



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Villa FC captured the PVSSL Men's Championship earlier this month.

an exciting 1-1 (9-8 PK's) win over Cap & Hitch at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow

earlier this month. "This is our second championship in a year, and

it feels excellent," said Villa player/coach Mike Lima following the match, which

lasted more than two hours. "We're one of the better teams in this league, so ev-

erybody always wants to be able to beat us. We were trailing late in second half, but we were able to battle back."

Lima, who shared the coaching duties with Ruben Sousa, is one of the Villa FC players who graduated from Ludlow High School.

The other former Ludlow High School soccer players listed on the Villa FC roster are Kyle Tomas, who received a red card during the 60th minute, Brandon McCarthy and Enzo Botta.

A year ago, Villa FC, who plays their home matches at Minnechaug Regional, defeated Lusitano White in the men's finals. They also took home the championship trophy in 2017 with a 3-2 win over Pros Malaca.

Anthony Basile was se-

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West Side Sports Shop won the Women's Title this year in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

West Side wins Women's PVSSL Championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back in the middle of July, Olivia Crespo and her New England Mutiny teammates lost in the United Women's Soccer League finals for the second year in a row.

On Friday, Aug. 2, Crespo guided the third-seeded Westside Sport Shop to a 5-0 shutout victory over top-seeded Here for Beer in the women's finals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It was a little bit frustrating coming up a little bit short in the National Finals once again this year," said Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. "I had a lot of confidence coming into tonight's championship match and I knew that we would be able to do it."

Crespo, who scored four goals and had an assist against Here for Beer, was selected as the M.V.P. following the match.

"My teammates deserve a lot of credit," Crespo said. "They helped set up my goals. I wouldn't have been



Wilbraham minds the goal for Here for Beer.

able to do it without them." Last fall, Crespo was a member of the women's soccer team at Franklin Pierce University, which captured the NE 10 conference championship title. Her college soccer team played in the NCAA Division 2 Final Four.

"It was a really special season," she said. "We're looking forward to having another successful season this fall."

Westside Sport Shop (9-2-1) won the championship title for the third time since Crespo has been a member of the team. They

beat sixth-seeded Heat, 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals before squeaking out a 3-2 win over the second seeded Monson Mustangs in the semifinals.

Here For Beer, who defeated Westside Sport Shop in last year's finals, won the regular season match-up between the two squads. They entered the 2025 playoffs with an 11-1-0 record and earned a quarterfinal bye. They advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the semifinals.

"Westside is a very good team this year," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell "If we were going to lose to anyone, I'm okay losing to them."

Longtime Minnechaug Regional girls' varsity soccer coach Nundi Goncalves attended the championship match. Several of his former players were playing on both sides.

The former Lady Falcons players wearing Westside uniforms were Emily Howard, Rhiann Ryan, Claire Poindexter, Gaby



Cassie Ashwell, of Agawam, looks to clear the ball.



Lylah Jeannotte, of Wilbraham gets a quick touch on the ball.

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Elite falls in Spec playoffs

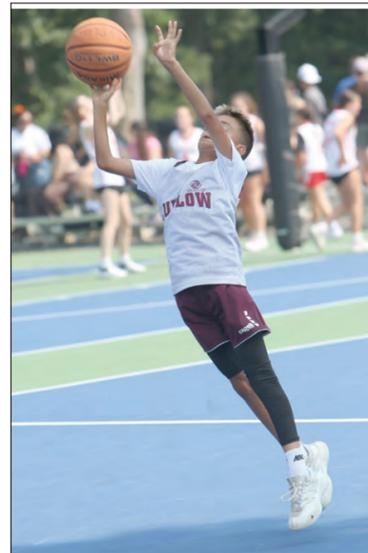
WIBLRAHAM – The Ludlow Elite 5-6 boys basketball team was defeated by East Longmeadow in the first round of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League playoffs held on Aug. 4. The Elite was defeated 26-23 to end their season. Ludlow went 3-7 in the regular season.



Ethan Cantwell goes for a running shot.



Anthony Linna tries to shoot ahead of pressure.



Ricardo Varandas takes the jump shot.



Stilae Morex dribbles towards the hoop.



Luke Afonso takes a free throw.



Leo Dos Santos shoots near the free throw line.

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HoopHall releases enshrinement schedule

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced additional details, including start times for key events, regarding the Class of 2025 Enshrinement Weekend.

The Class of 2025 celebration will culminate with the Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 6, in Springfield – the Birthplace of Basketball.

Revealed in April, the Class of 2025 includes nine honorees, WNBA legends Sue Bird, Sylvia Fowles, and Maya Moore; and NBA stars Carmelo Anthony and Dwight Howard. Other inductees include two-time NCAA championship coach Billy Donovan; legendary NBA referee Danny Crawford; Miami Heat owner Micky Arison; and the 2008 USA Basketball Men's National Team.

Enshrinement Weekend will tip off at Mohegan Sun on Friday, September 5, starting with the always-popular autograph session, fol-

lowed by a re-formatted Media Availability, and concluding with the headlining Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The evening will also include special recognition for the 2025 Curt Gowdy Media Award recipients, George Blaha, Clark Kellogg, Michelle Smith, and Adrian Wojnarowski, as well as longtime Boston Celtics executive Jeff Twiss, the recipient of the John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Class of 2025 and over 40 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass., for the annual celebratory events taking place at the acclaimed Marriott Springfield Downtown as well as Springfield's Symphony Hall. Fans and guests are also encouraged to tour and visit the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on Enshrinement Weekend, where special events such as the Ice Cube Impact Award and SuperFan presentations will take place.

Details of the schedule of events for Enshrinement 2025 are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 5
Class of 2025 Autograph Session at Mohegan Sun (Uncasville, Conn.)
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meet the Class of 2025 at their first public Enshrinement Weekend event! Each ticket to this event grants you the opportunity to receive one autograph per class member.

Enshrinement 2025 Media Availability at Mohegan Sun
2 to 4 p.m.

The Hall of Fame will implement a new media availability format, offering structured interview stations and podium access to the inductees to facilitate in-depth coverage.

Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala at Mohegan Sun
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Reception

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Red Carpet

8-10 p.m.: Gala Program
The Class of 2025 and the Hall's prestigious annual award recipients will be celebrated at this televised Enshrinement event at Mohegan Sun. This event will feature the unveiling of the Class of 2025 rings, presented by Baron Championship Rings, and the awarding of the Class of 2025 Hall of Fame jackets, provided by Reveal Suits. The program will also include the presentation of the Hall's annual John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award and the Curt Gowdy Media Awards, and recognition for the National Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

Saturday, Sept. 6
Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Museum Hours
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jr. NBA Clinic at Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Mass.)
9 to 11 a.m.

Young athletes will take part in a high-energy Jr. NBA basketball clinic that focus-

es on fun, skill development, and teamwork. Participants will work with trained coaches on fundamentals such as dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, while also learning the core values of the game, sportsmanship, respect, and effort.

Coaches Circle Presentation at Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Mass.)
1 to 2 p.m.

Join us in celebrating the exceptional coaches who will be honored with benches in the Naismith Coaching Circle. Established in 2015, the Naismith Coaches Circle program was created to pay tribute to basketball's first coach, Dr. James Naismith, and to uphold the core values he instilled in his players: teamwork, determination, self-respect, leadership, initiative, and perseverance.

Ice Cube Impact Award Presentation at Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Mass.)
2 to 2:30 p.m.

Jalen Rose, former player, TV analyst, and philanthropist, will be honored in a ceremony on the Jerry Colangelo Court of Dreams. This award recognizes individuals making substantial contributions to their communities through basketball.

Note: Ice Cube is scheduled to present the award in person

SuperFan Presentation at Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Mass.)
2:30 to 3 p.m.

Several NBA SuperFans will be honored in the James F. Goldstein SuperFan Gallery. This special space is dedicated to celebrating the most iconic and passionate fans of the game.

NOTE: The 2025 SuperFan Class will be announced at a later date

Enshrinement Ceremony Reception at the Marriott Springfield Downtown (Springfield, Mass.)
4 to 5:45 p.m.

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lected as this year's MVP award winner. He was also the M.V.P. of the 2017 championship match.

"This is a very special team with a lot of very special players," said Basile, who's from East Longmeadow. "I'm very happy that I'm still able to be a part of it."

Villa FC, who finished the regular season with a 9-1-2 record, advanced into this year's finals after defeating sixth-seeded STCC Alum in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals, and Lusitano Red, 6-2, in the semifinals.

Cap & Hitch (11-1) joined the prestigious summer league a year ago. They dispatched eighth-seeded Empower Health, 5-0, in the quarterfinals and the White's 6-2 in the semifinals.

"This was just an unbelievable match by both teams. It's tough that someone had to lose," said Cap & Hitch head coach Bennett Walsh. "I've never been involved in a match where they were 18 shots in the penalty shootout. I'm very proud of my guys."

Both teams had chances to take the lead during the first half, which was 40 minutes long.

Cap & Hitch had the first opportunity during the 26th minute.

Ethan Czaporowski, who played soccer at Belchertown High School, weaved around a couple of defenders inside the box before firing a shot that deflected off the crossbar.



Anthony Basile, an Agawam High School graduate, poses with the trophy and league co-president Dianna Kolodziey.

Another former Belchertown player listed on the Cap & Hitch roster is Shay O'Neill, who's father, Devin, is the longtime men's soccer coach at Western New England University.

A minute later, Gabriel Ganzer, who plays for Villa, had a breakaway opportunity, but his shot attempt bounced off the left post.

Ganzer, who's a former member of the Western Mass. Pioneers, recorded a hat-trick in last year's finals. He was also selected as the 2024 MVP winner.

This year's championship match was still scoreless at the half.

Cap & Hitch was given a penalty shot by referee Fabio Cardoso following a foul in the box twenty minutes into the second half.

Kamer Nuhui, who graduated from Agawam High

School, stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the net past Morales-Fernandez.

During that sequence, Cardoso gave Tomas a red card leaving Villa with only ten players on the field.

Cardoso continued to issue yellow cards like they were parking tickets, which kept the match from getting out of control.

Basile tied the score at 1-1 after putting a shot into the net past goalie Alberto Truoiolo with only a couple seconds remaining in regulation.

"I just saw an opportunity," he said. "I just swung my foot and watched the ball roll to the back of the net. It just felt great."

At the end of the second overtime period, Bryant Keeney had a chance to be the hero for Villa, but his line-drive shot hooked wide.

The nine Villa players that made PK's during the shootout were Andre Morrison, Joao Miranda, Shane Sewell, Andrew Ortiz, Quin Serafino, Mason Perham, Mike Willis, McCarthy, and Ganzer.

The eight PK's made by the Cap & Hitch players were Simba Pelletier, Bennett Walsh Jr., John Senn-McNally, Dominic Cirelli, Connor Weslocki, Czaporowski, O'Neill, and Nuhui.

Morales-Fernandez finally ended the match by making a save on a shot attempt by Nathan Sanchez.

It was another memorable summer for the members of Villa FC.



Kamer Nuhui, of Agawam, possesses the ball for Cap & Hitch.

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Williams, Lylah Jeannotte, and Chapin Jeannotte.

The Jeannotte sisters weren't teammates when they were in high school.

"We missed playing on the same soccer team at Minnechaug by only one year, but we've been playing together on this team for the past couple of years, which has been a lot of fun," said Lylah Jeannotte, who was a starting defender. "It feels awesome winning a championship together."

Here For Beer goalie Kenzie Pastreck also played soccer at Minnechaug Regional.

The other players listed on the Westside roster from the Turley Publications coverage area are Reese Carey (South Hadley), Gabriella Fiahlo, Sydney Mercier (South Hadley), and Maya Tellier (Belchertown).

Here For Beer also had several players from the Turley Publications coverage area. They are Macie Bolton (Belchertown), Taryn

Gilholly (Chicopee), Gwen Duggan (Palmer), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley), who didn't play in the finals.

Westside Sport Shop scored a pair of goals during the first ten minutes of the match.

Crespo, who's entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce, gave her team a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute after firing a low shot into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Crespo delivered a crossing pass from the right side of the box to Natalie Matz, who poked a shot into the net past Pastreck.

Westside had several shots on goal during the final 30 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2-0 at the break.

Crespo scored three more goals during the second half.

Crespo's first goal after halftime was unassisted, while Matz and Julianna Beaulieu were given the assists on her final two goals.

Sara Avery, who was Westside's starting goalie,

played for the Mutiny, combined to post the shutout.



Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to pass.



West Side's Emily Howard, of Wilbraham, navigates through traffic.

OBITUARIES

Judith A. Davis 1939-2025

BELCHERTOWN—Judith A. (Goodreau) Davis, 85, of Belchertown, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 with her life in Ludlow.

O'Neill IV, 8 of her siblings and her much loved friend Jean Linnehan.

Judy was a compassionate lady who took exemplary care of ailing and homebound siblings and neighbors. She was thrilled to spend time in New Jersey with her great-grandchildren Scarlett and Emily. Judy lived and worked most of her life in Ludlow. Judy is survived by her daughters Judith Birks (Donald Wright) and JoAnne Tetrault (Joseph). She leaves beloved grandchildren Brittany Cassese (Andrew), Justin Tetrault (Katelyn), Caitlyn, Tommy and Jennifer O'Neill; her great-grandchildren Scarlett and Emily Cassese and Joy-Anna O'Neill. One of 15 children, Judy leaves 6 siblings Joanne, Janice, Donna, Gail, Renee and her godson and brother Wayne Goodreau (Cindy). In addition, she leaves her godson and brother Wayne Goodreau (Cindy). Judy also leaves her dear friend Joyce Rougeau. Judy was predeceased by her husband Philip Davis, her son Joseph H.



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HOOP HALL from Page 8

Marriott's rooftop prior to the sport's ultimate recognition. The party is limited to select ticket holders for the Enshrinement Ceremony.

Enshrinement Ceremony Red Carpet Show at Symphony Hall (Springfield, Mass.) 6 to 7 p.m.

The Class of 2025, returning Hall of Famers, and many of the sport's icons walk the red carpet in a live NBA TV broadcast from

outside Symphony Hall and down East Columbus Avenue.

Enshrinement Ceremony at Symphony Hall 7 to 9 p.m.

One of the most elite events on the basketball calendar, the Hall of Fame Class of 2025 will be formally enshrined into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in a nationally televised ceremony on NBA TV. The stars of basketball will gather to celebrate the newest group of the sport's iconic figures.

Fundraiser Dine-In or Dine-Out with the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade

LUDLOW—Dine In / Dine Out with the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade Committee at the Villa Rose on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 12 noon to 9 p.m. to raise funds for the upcoming 2026 Memorial Day Parade.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Probate and Family Court Department HAMPDEN, Division Docket No. HD23P0709PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Robert Philbrick of Ludlow, in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Robert Philbrick for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA. before 10:00 a.m. on the 12th day of September 2025, the return day of this petition.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire. First Justice of said Court this eighth day of August 2025.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
08/20/2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF LUDLOW ROBERT ST NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Ludlow invites

sealed Bids for the Robert St. Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Project. Sealed bids will be received at the offices of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104 until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Wednesday September 10, 2025 at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, FY22/23 Ludlow Community Development Block Grant Programs.

The Base Bid scope of work includes installation of approximately 740 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main, 16 water service connections, 13 precast concrete drainage structures, 570 linear feet of sanitary sewer cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation, one sanitary sewer manhole, 2,310 square yards of road reconstruction and associated work. All work related to the replacement of the water main, installation of new water services, temporary water, and associated water infrastructure work must be completed by November 15, 2025, or

started after April 15, 2026.

The estimated project cost for the Base Bid is \$680,000.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be viewed electronically beginning August 20, 2025. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed electronically and downloaded at no cost) or hard copies may be purchased online at www.biddocs.com or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

A bid bond with an acceptable surety, or a certified or bank check in the amount of 5% of the total bid to the Town of Ludlow shall be submitted with each bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond. Water lines located within the project area are under the ownership and authority of Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (SWSC). Per License Agreement No: 20250071 between the Town of Ludlow and the SWSC, A Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$29,340 to the SWSC will be required at project close and remain in effect until the one-year warranty period ends.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

Contractors must be a SWSC Commission Approved Contractor (CAC). If the contractor is not currently approved, they must apply with the SWSC to become a CAC before a Notice of Award will be given. More information can be found on the SWSC website: <https://waterandsewer.org/contractors/becoming-an-approved-contractor/>

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged- owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work

shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Robert St Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Project, Ludlow, MA.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the EOHL Block Grant program. The Town of Ludlow, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and sub-

mitting a bid in response to this IFB.
08/20, 08/27/2025

TOWN OF LUDLOW

Ludlow Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2025 - Case #11777
Warrant Articles 22 (General) and 27 (Zoning) and the map amendments were approved by the Attorney General's office accordingly. Article 28 (Zoning) by agreement with Town Counsel pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, the Attorney General's office has extended its deadline for 60 days.

**see full context of text in Town Clerk's office.

Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.

Precinct 1: Harris Brook Elementary School

Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School

Precinct 3: Ludlow High School

Precinct 4: East Street School

Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow

Precinct 6: Paul R. Baird Middle School

08/20, 08/27, 09/09/2025

EDUCATION

Registration open at HCC for fall 2025 noncredit classes

HOLYOKE - Registration is now open for noncredit professional development and personal enrichment classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2025 semester.

The fall calendar begins Sept. 2, with individual classes running on different schedules throughout the semester. Many are available as single sessions that cost as little as \$49.

Classes for fall include cooking (charcuterie, Mediterranean, Spanish, tapas), wine tasting (organic, Rhone, California, holi-

day), sewing (for beginners), sewing (machine), painting (watercolors beginner and intermediate), painting (water soluble oil), drawing for beginners, piano (for pleasure, private lessons), dance fusion, conversational French, conversational Spanish, Spanish for healthcare professionals, hat making, music technology, voiceover coaching, financial literacy, retirement planning, Social Security strategies, Mass-Health overview, medical interpreting, K-12 education (professional develop-

ment), EMT Basic Training, real estate licensing, notary public and Quickbooks.

Most classes meet in the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave. Cooking and wine tasting classes meet at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St.

To see complete fall course listings and schedules, or to register, please visit hcc.edu/bcs.

More classes will be added as fall approaches.

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hands-on techniques as a form of treatment.

What education do osteopaths have?

Osteopathic education used to be quite different from that of medical doctors, but that distinction has all but evaporated.

M.D. and D.O. programs, both very rigorous, take about 11 years (or more depending on specialization), and classes are the same: anatomy, biochemistry, physiology and the like. One difference is that about 10% of D.O. coursework focuses on hands-on therapies, described as similar to chiropractic but less aggressive.

Why is osteopathy growing?

There are several factors here. Probably the primary one is the realization that good care transcends the treatment of symptoms. Peo-

ple who are interested in a healthier lifestyle and addressing the root causes of illness are drawn to osteopathy.

Another factor, according to a recent New York Times story, is that the number of osteopathic schools continues to grow, with 14 campuses opening in the past five years. The field is also growing in recognition and prestige. The article pointed out that D.O.s oversaw the health of the president during the last three administrations.

The dearth of primary care physicians is an opportunity for osteopathic doctors to fill a void. Osteopathic medicine's focus on preventative care and community health is well suited for addressing the challenges of our aging population and chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

How do M.D.s look at D.O.s?

By and large, medical doctors (also called allopathic doctors) consider osteopathic doctors to be knowledgeable and skilled colleagues, albeit with a slightly different treatment philosophy. I think, though, that traditional medical schools are adopting some of the osteopathic philosophies, especially as they relate to holistic treatment and "whole patient" care, so there are definitely more similarities than differences.

Should you choose a D.O.?

There are good and bad

osteopaths, just as there are good and bad medical doctors, so I recommend giving them the same scrutiny.

Are they board certified? How long have they been practicing? How are their patient satisfaction scores? Do you feel listened to? It's always good to get recommendations from family members, friends and neighbors.

Studies have found no significant differences between M.D.s and D.O.s when it comes to patient outcomes, lengths of hospital stays, re-admission rates or health-care cost. So, I think the main reason to consider seeing a D.O. is if you are looking for a more holistic, patient-centered approach to your health care and would like to have your doctor focus more on prevention than on treating symptoms.

If osteopathy is moving health care in that general direction, it's a plus for all of us.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate and founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com

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from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting
for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
from 11-12 noon
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2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month -11- 12 noon
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ServSafe -1:00p.m. (JR)
Fri., August 22 - Daily Mass- 7:30 a.m.(C)
Sat., August 23 - Youth Ministry Training - 7:00
(H/E/J/Z/K), Confessions - 2:30 p.m. (C), Saturday
Mass - 4:00 p.m. (C)
Sun., August 24 - Daily Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15
a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.(C), Take & Eat -
8:00 am (FLBH), NCYC Info Meeting - 5:00p.m.
(JR)
Mon., August 25 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C) Ice
Cream Social & Art Show - 4:00 p.m. (FLBH/K/JR)
Tues., August 26 - Daily Mass - 7:30 a.m. (C),
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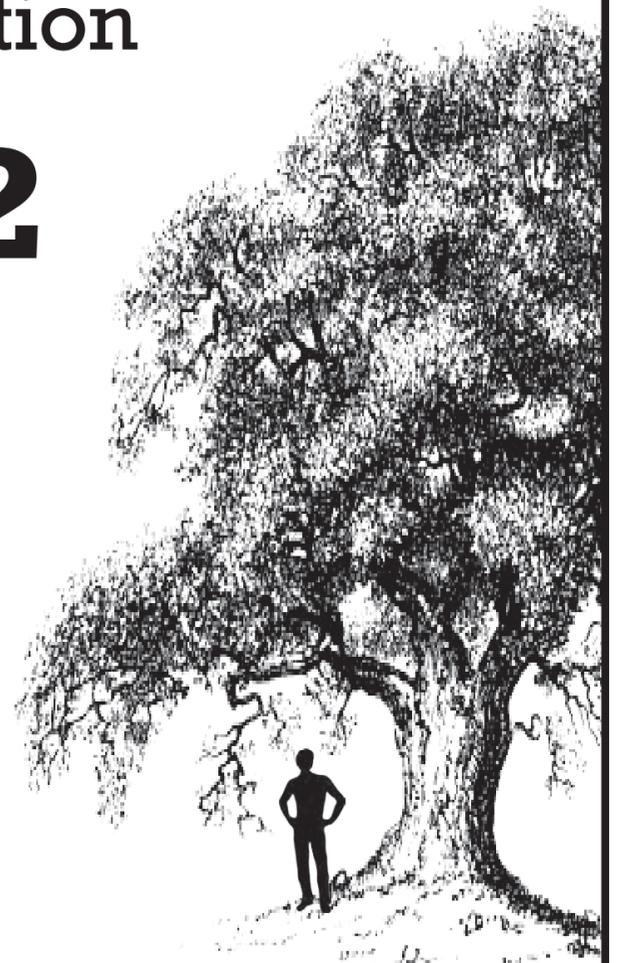
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