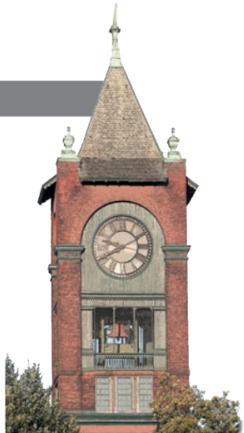


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## Back to school advice from those who know best!

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – The Ludlow Public Schools grades 1 through 12 are headed back to school during the week of Aug. 27 and for many students the first few weeks come with nerves, anxiety and stress.

When I was headed back to school, I was always nervous about missing the school bus and trying to learn where all my classes were in the various buildings throughout my youth, so when I asked the LPS principals and Superintendent Tiano about how they felt when they were students going back to school, they all had a similar and encouraging message.

Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano is entering his 36th year in education and 12th as a school superintendent. Described as being an educational leader from a background serving as an elementary teacher, elemen-



Turley photo by Amanda Munson  
 While looking around the various open houses in the Ludlow Public Schools, the advice that many need throughout the year were printed on the walls like this stating, 'Be yourself, be proud, be amazing!'

tary and middle school administrator and an assistant superintendent, Tiano currently serves on the board of directors for the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club and the Ludlow Cares.

“Overall, I am looking for a smooth and safe start to the new school year. More specifically, I am looking forward to watching our dedicated teachers and staff continue to provide opportunities and environments

with which students can make progress academically, socially, and emotionally. Our staff continue to grow

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Turley photo by Amanda Munson  
 11th grader Addison Murphy and 8th grader Michaela Murphy shared their love for the library volunteer program.

## Youth library volunteers awarded with pizza party!

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – To celebrate the past years youth adult volunteers of the Hubbard Memorial Library, the Youth Room library staff wanted to say thank you by hosting a pizza party for over 40 volunteers who helped them throughout the year by shelving books, cataloging materials, creating clubs and much more.

The Youth Adult Volunteer Program is targeted for middle and high school vol-

unteers to assist the librarians for only one hour a week, helping with a variety of tasks such as preparing crafts, setting up and taking down programs, and tidying up.

The volunteer service counts for the National Honor Society, scouting, school credit, and qualifies as work experience for job applications. By hosting training sessions for new volunteers for the next cycle of assistance, the library encourages everyone to apply and learn how

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## East St. Elementary and Harris Brook Elementary host open house

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LUDLOW – On the evening of Aug. 26, the night before the first day of school, East St. Elementary and Harris Brook Elementary schools opened their doors to the students' families and introduced them to the buildings that their child will be attending for the 2025 to 2026 school year.

Beginning the evening at East St. Elementary, the community was greeted by Ludlow High School students and members of the National Honor Society, before walking



Turley photo by Amanda Munson  
 Carina Fonseca, Abigail Odiorne, Madalyn Marques, and Samuel Pontes from the LHS National Honors Society greeting families and students.

into a bustling building with families exploring the entirety of the school and introducing themselves to their teachers, administrators, staff and the new Principal Christine Limoges. Walking around, students were running up to old classmates, introducing themselves to their new teachers, and sharing their own stories of what they did in the art room or gymnasium the previous year.

The open house was structured with an open-door policy, with every classroom and activity room open for guests to browse as they like, with the ability to look around to see where their child would be

learning whilst having the opportunity to ask questions to the school faculty and administration in person.

The Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, Ludlow Cares Coalition, LUSO Credit Union, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts Pack 1774, and tables for general school information were located in the cafeteria for families to browse as well.

With a scavenger hunt in hand, students were encouraged to explore and learn the ins and outs of the building by trying to find the gymnasium,

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Submitted photos

Concert-goers were sitting together and listening to the rock and roll music.

## Kingdom of Jones rocks the town at summer concert series

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – On Sunday, Aug. 24, the band Kingdom of Jones joined in on the summer concert series before the end of the season. Ludlow Cultural Council

Chairperson Pamela Hayes shared a few words after the concert.

“The concert was well attended, it was a great night to join friends outside to enjoy some music. The band played a nice mix of familiar rock and roll and some original work. The

food truck had a large variety of choices on their menu. Our final two concerts of the year will feature local favorites Lisa Martin on Sept 7th and Kitchen Jam Live on Sept 14th. What a great way to end our 2025 Summer Concert Series!”

## Sheriff Nick Cocchi holds Eighth Annual Cookout

By Brendan Rooney  
 Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — On Aug. 20, more than 1,500 people gathered under the Elks lodge pavilion as Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi held his 8th Annual Cookout, which consisted of elected officials, friends and a plethora of community members.

Some notable names that

were in attendance were Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau and Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, along with State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) and Hampden County DA Anthony Gulluni, and even the previous Hampden County Sheriff, Michael Ashe, who served 42 years in the role, who was known for his clam bakes back in the day stopped by to greet Sher-

iff Cocchi, along with Springfield PD Commissioner Albert Tranghese.

Offering insight despite the rainy and inclement weather was Cocchi, who reflected on the chance to continue the legacy left behind by Ashe in the pursuit of bringing the community together.

“We do it in August, just before Election time, so a lot of people running for office come, which allows the public to express their concerns or interests to get to know who they will be potentially voting for, and it allows me to offer an ode of gratitude and just a thank you to the people who have been the Sheriff's office,” Cocchi said. “I just feel this love and support from the community, but make no mistake about it, the Hampden County Sheriff's Office is the people's, and I'm very grateful to have the awesome responsibility to run day-to-day operations.”

Cocchi noted that the key



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From left to right, Former Springfield PD Superintendent Cheryl Clapprood, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, and Anthony Cignoli, President of AL Cignoli CO Police Commissioner Al Tranghese.

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# LUDLOW

## All About Town



### LUDLOW

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



Submitted photo  
**Chairwoman of the Library Board of Trustees Linda Collette**

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 Chairwoman of the Library Board of Trustees Linda Collette.

**What is your favorite thing about the town?**

My favorite things about the town of Ludlow are its people and the great sense of community.

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

Born and raised here in Ludlow; went to school here too and live in town...I nev-

er left! Both of my parents worked for the town, my dad was a police officer here and my mom worked for the school department.

I have always enjoyed growing up here, raising my children here, and now seeing my grandchildren grow up in town too. I have always enjoyed being active in my community. I see the potential to have more town events.

The kind where people want to come out to and look forward to attending every time, and to bring people together at fun and relaxing events.

**What departments, committees, and boards are you part of? What is your role in each one?**

Currently, I am the Chairwoman of the Library Board of Trustees, and have been a trustee for over five years. Active and leading member of the Celebrate Ludlow Committee. Oct. 4 "Falling Into Fun" town event, Halloween and Christmas Home

Decorating Committee, and the "Light Up Ludlow" town tree lighting event. I'm really excited about this event and look forward to making this a great family tradition for our townspeople.

My vision for our town tree lighting is to have that "Hallmark movie" kind of event. The "Who-ville" moments where we can all gather together and celebrate, create great memories and look forward to participating in every year. I'd love to see all of our civic groups, businesses, et cetera pull together and create an amazing event...the more the merrier!

I am also a member of the Ludlow Cares Coalition, the Memorial Day Parade Committee, and the Pancake Breakfast Committee. In the past I was a corporator for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club for about five years.

I always help out with many of the events for the Ludlow Veterans, such as the Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil, reading of the names of our fallen, and helping out with anything they may need a helping hand. I was always an active member in all of the boards, committees, sports booster clubs, et cetera that my kids were a part of.

When parents take an active role in their children and what they're involved in, everyone benefits. I also see it

very important to show our children the importance of being involved, giving back, and caring about others.

**What is the most fulfilling part of what you do?**

Creating memorable events for all to enjoy! To watch people enjoying themselves at the events is so rewarding.

It's a ton of work, but at the end of the day, very rewarding. When I'm out and about in town, it's always so nice when people stop to tell me that they enjoyed the events, thank me for the work I put into them, and appreciate that I take the time to do all of this for our town.

I take great pride in my town and community. It's very important to me to create new and fun events and give folks something to look forward to and want to participate in.

**What inspired you to take on such a leadership role in the town?**

About five years ago, I thought about what we as a town would do to celebrate our 250th birthday, in 2024. I started to think about and research all kinds of celebratory ideas that would accomplish three things: bring our townspeople together, create

memorable and fun events for all ages to enjoy, and to leave a legacy of amazing celebrations behind.

So, I gathered all kinds of information, thoughts, ideas, et cetera and went to our Select Board to pitch the idea of creating and forming a committee to celebrate our town's 250th year. I knew it would take four years to plan, and it took all of that!

One of our selectmen, Derek DeBarge, and I met one night to discuss this, he brought it up to the board at a meeting and before I knew it, I was appointed Chairwoman of the Ludlow Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee. From that night on, I hit the ground running.

A committee was formed, and we worked diligently for four years to get it all done! So much needed to be done.

Fundraising, event planning and so much more. This proved to be a full-time job for me. Thankfully, we had a core group of some dedicated and hard-working committee members who got it done! Working with many town departments is great too, the Ludlow Police and Fire Departments and the DPW have been nothing short of amazing to work with. We are very fortunate to have these wonderful people working for us.

They truly care so much about our town, and it's been

a pleasure to work with all of them. I wish more people understood the amount of behind the scenes work that it takes to put on these events.

Many volunteers are needed to make them a success. So many people talk about having a great time at the events, which is the ultimate goal, however it would be absolutely wonderful if more people were willing to help.

**What do you want the community to know about your work?**

I truly have a passion to try my best to make things better in town. As time passes, we need to change and grow together. I take great pride in my work.

I have some rules I live by, leave it better than how you found it, see the good, and be the change you want to see in the world, not only for yourself and your family, but for all. There's always an opportunity to make things better.

Take the first step and just do it. It may not be perfect but keep trying until you get it right because together, we can do great things! If you're not part of the solution, you may be a part of the problem.

That is why I work so hard to try to make things better.

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# Library presentation of Bob Dylan and the Band, with Washington D.C. Radio Host Craig Harris

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LUDLOW – On Aug. 21, Washington D.C. Radio Host Craig Harris presented Bob Dylan and the Band to patrons of the Hubbard Memorial Library, based on the conversion of Bob Dylan to electric music and the cultural impact it had.

Learning more about Harris and the musical journey of his own, in conversation on why music makes him feel alive, he speaks about what made him first start playing music and why he continues to still do it today.

From the library website, the presentation is described stating, “Bob Dylan’s conversion to electric music was culturally earth-shattering. But it didn’t end there. Together with the musicians who became The Band, Canadians Robbie Robertson, Rick Danko, Richard Manuel, and Garth Hudson, and Arkansas-born Levon Helm. America’s greatest songwriter kept the ripples going with groundbreaking music. Harris uses rare recordings, a video montage, and intriguing stories to trace this still-influential quintet from their days with Ronnie Hawkins and Dylan through their 1990’s resurrection, Helm’s three Grammy winners and Robertson’s soundtracks for Martin Scorsese films including “Killers of the Flower Moon.””

Harris began by sharing



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

The Bob Dylan and the Band presentation by Craig Harris was a hit!

the thing that keeps him driven.

“It’s passion. I tell people that you are very fortunate if you find passion no matter what or how you find it, it should be encouraged. In my case, it happened when I was seven years old. I grew up in New York City in Queens in attached houses, and once a year there would be a block party, and went up to a drummer setting up,” Harris said. “I was handed drum sticks and was told to go ahead and play. I tell people that I was born that day. Later on, I bought a pair of drum sticks and took a lamp and an old chair and made my own first drum set.”

He elaborated on pursuing music.

“If I wanted to pursue

my passion and play my instrument, I had to know the music my friends were listening to but also dig back and research what came before. I had a record collection of over 80,000, but I wound up playing music and started radio in college in 1971. I have written about music since that time. I fortunately have the gift of playing my drums but to actually track down and interview musicians of all kinds,” Harris said. “I’ve been the photographer at the Philadelphia Folk Festival for 43 years and the photographer for the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival since 1988. I started writing books called “The New Folk Music” where I took my interviews and presented over 80 different artists. One of the sample chapters I sent out for another

book was from an interview with Robbie Robertson of The Band, and the publisher was interested in me writing a book about The Band, which eventually came out around 2013.”

In conversation, Harris explained that by sharing recordings and video montages of his own, he never truly knows where the event will take him but is happy sharing his work to others. Harris also said he conducts a blues presentation at libraries where he hands out instruments for everyone to participate in, kids to adults, and continues to play music every Monday playing original music with friends.

For musical presentations like this, visit the library website.

## Livy’s VIP Dance Oct. 5

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For the event page, visit rsangels.org/event/livys-vip-dance/.

## Crafters wanted for Nov. 8

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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.

Light refreshments will be available.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

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professionally and I know that will translate into more positive outcomes for our kids. The best back to school advice I received was from my mother when I was in third or fourth grade. ‘If you don’t know the answer, don’t be afraid to raise your hand,’ which I later understood to mean that I have a responsibility in guiding my own learning, instead of just being a passenger during my school experience,” Tiano said.

Principal of Harris Brook Elementary Nikki Reed began her career at LPS in 2000, previously teaching at the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative and in Westfield, she’s described as initiating several creative and educational student learning opportunities to engage students beyond the classroom. Applying and receiving grants like the

Captain Planet Foundation and STARS (Students and Teachers working with Artists, Scientists, and Scholars), Reed also introduced Girls on the Run that’s designed to strengthen social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills within the community.

“I am looking forward to seeing all students reach their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally over the course of the four years they are with us at Harris Brook. It is always amazing to see their growth from second grade to when they are celebrated at their 5th-grade celebration. I don’t recall any specific advice but one thing I tell the students at the open house is “The only thing you need to remember to bring tomorrow is your smile, we have everything else you will need,” Reed said.

Principal Mr. Jason Taylor of Baird Middle School has worked in education for over 15 years, working in towns

and cities such as Chicopee, Westfield and Holyoke before arriving in Ludlow in 2022. Described as being an educator and administrator, Taylor believes collaboration and a student-centered philosophy are central to improving the lives of LPS students.

“It is always my goal to provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment for all students. I am especially excited about the new initiatives we have planned for this year, and the potential they hold for both student growth and professional development. The best advice I can remember receiving was, ‘To be successful you need to show up, ask questions if you do not understand and always try your best.’” Taylor said.

Ludlow High School Principal Lisa Nemeth has been at LHS since 2011, focusing on positive relationships within the community, working collaboratively to support students and staff to reach their greatest potential, strengthening the connection between school and home, whilst fostering a positive school culture. Working previously in Belchertown and

Chicopee, Nemeth has been a Ludlow resident for over 28 years and children who have since graduated from LHS.

“What I am looking forward to is having our teachers, students, staff, and parents self reflect on our educational learning environment in order to prepare for an accreditation process we are going through in October. I am excited for us to show growth in all areas of our school environment. The best advice I got was from my father who always said, ‘Just get involved, step out of your comfort zone, and trust your values.’ For me, that meant playing two sports in high school I never played before which was field hockey and softball, and being involved in many leadership roles, which was stepping out of my comfort zone. I made a lot of friends by being involved in my high school community and it made high school so much fun!” Nemeth said.

For an exclusive interview with the new East St. Elementary School Principal, check out next week’s edition of The Register with Christine Limoges.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

### For some, COVID feels like a life sentence

Long COVID makes me think about a phrase in a “Sound of Music” song, “How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?”: “How do you catch a cloud and pin it down?” To scientists studying long COVID, that’s what it must feel like to find the causes and treatment for long COVID.

It’s estimated that, since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, about 400 million people worldwide have experienced post-viral illness, or what we commonly call long COVID. In the U.S., the figure is about 20 million, according to Yale Medicine.

One of them is Marianne Rubin, who lost her sense of taste and smell after her second bout with COVID, and it never returned. “I’m not alone with this particular symptom, but not many places are researching it,” she said.

She tried “smell re-training,” with strong scents like lavender. If she put them right up to her nose, she could smell it. A little. “I’ve learned to live with it,” she said. “It’s affected a part of my life. I’m active, and I don’t have the symptoms of fatigue or brain fog that a lot of people have.”

When you think you have acute COVID-19, the antigen test (think cotton swab up the nose) will confirm it. Long COVID, though, is not one illness, but a collection of symptoms – more than 200 have been identified – that can come and go over time.

The diagnosis relies on doctors listening to their patients describe symptoms and ruling out other causes. The lack of a diagnostic test means some cases of long COVID may be missed, and other illnesses may be misdiagnosed.

Experiencing ongoing illness after a viral infection is nothing new. There’s also “long flu.” The symptoms are known as myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), which is recognized by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a brain disorder. Nearly half of those with post-COVID symptoms meet the criteria for ME/CFS.

Long COVID affects people’s ability to work, so it also carries an economic impact. And the sufferers are not just the unvaccinated or those with

pre-existing conditions. It appears long COVID can hit just about anybody, even children, but it’s more prevalent among women and Hispanic and Latino people.

Anytime you contract the COVID virus, you have a chance of ending up with long-lasting symptoms. The CDC says that patients who have had severe COVID infections that land them in the hospital or ICU are at a greater risk.

If you reduce your chance of COVID, you reduce your chance of long COVID. So the first line of defense against long COVID is to receive the COVID vaccine and keep up with boosters. The updated vaccine for 2025-26, based on the currently circulating strains of the disease, is expected to be available this fall.

COVID cases are already rising, and the flu and RSV won’t be far behind. Be sure to practice health hygiene habits, such as washing hands thoroughly and coughing or sneezing into your elbow or sleeve. If your child has symptoms, keep them home. If you think you may be ill, please wear a mask. The N95 mask has proven to be the most effective, but even a single-layer surgical mask is better than nothing.

What if you already have symptoms of long COVID? Hospitals and health systems are responding by setting up clinics dedicated to treatment and support.

In Massachusetts, these include Brigham & Women’s Hospital at Boston Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess, Boston Children’s and Emerson Hospital.

Chronic illnesses with a variety of diffuse symptoms have a history of being ignored by the medical establishment, as long COVID was for a time. I hope with time and resources, the key to treatment or prevention will be found.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### I’m in poor health and need to know my Social Security options



Dear Rusty:  
I plan to stop working very soon.

My health is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024 and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

**Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling**

Dear Unhealthy and Struggling:

Sorry to hear that your health is failing and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear, Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year in April 2026, your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 or \$1,950/month. The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year).

If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won’t count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1,950). If your monthly earnings exceed that amount, you won’t be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don’t exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won’t be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your Full Retirement Age, your earnings limit will be much higher about 2.5 times more or something more than about \$63,000. If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then

you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 before your FRA and your benefits won’t be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA.

For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won’t exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security’s earnings test.

So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting, you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security’s earnings tests prior to reaching your Full Retirement Age or SS will take away some of your benefits.

They “take away” by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5,300 or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife’s surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your

plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time to get a higher amount. You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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# Union Church of Ludlow disperses \$86,583 to local nonprofits and churches

By Rae Teed

LUDLOW—On August 26, the members of the former Union Church of Christ, UCC, of 51 Center St. Ludlow, formally dispersed all of their remaining funds to the following area churches and nonprofit organizations: The First Church of Ludlow, Grace Union Church of Wilbraham, The Community Survival Center of Indian Orchard, The Springfield Rescue Mission, The Ludlow Cares Coalition, The Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, and The United Church of Christ Board, as approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts. The disbursements were based on percentages of the amount available after all fees and legal costs were settled. These percentages were approved at a special meeting by the members of the Union Church Congregation in a unanimous vote held on March 27, 2022.

The Closure Committee, consisting of Deb Savoie, Clerk; Diane Wright, Treasurer; William Nowak, Moderator; Crystal McDermott, Deacon; and Rae Teed, Chairperson and Chair of the Board of Deacons, has been hard at



**Union Church of Christ in Ludlow closed in 2021 and was sold in 2024.**

work for the past three years to close the church, and proceed with legal assistance to accomplish this distribution of funds. In addition to the monetary donations, members donated all of their choir music to Wilbraham United Church and First Church in Longmeadow. Donations were made to the Ludlow Historical Society and books were donated to area churches as well. The new owner, Cathedral of Life Church, received the building, altar paraments, furniture, and office equipment as part of their purchase.

Union Church was called to reorganize under a creed to include all Christians in 1867. The Ludlow Manufacturing

Company completely renovated the building in 1900 and installed a pipe organ and grand piano. The Ladies Aid Society, the Parish Society, and the Loyalty Group all contributed to benevolent work in the community. Union Church was known for its wonderful Holly Fairs which began in the 1950s. The addition was added to the main building in 1961, which included a Fellowship Hall and six Sunday School rooms. In 1991, the roof collapsed, and repairs including adding an elevator were completed in 1994. The Church closed its doors in 2021, but continued to allow groups to meet there until the building was sold in 2024.

Union Church shared its building with many in the community including the Boy Scouts of America, two AA groups, the Theosophical Society, the Exit 7 Players who rehearsed there at times, Square Dancers, and office space for the Western MA area office of the United Church of Christ.

Members have moved on to other churches in the area, but some still gather to share fellowship with each other and remember their beloved Union Church choir, ministers, fair committees, Sunday School pageants, and services together.

It has been a great pleasure to donate these funds to area nonprofits.



Submitted photos

**Members of Union Church of Christ present two checks to First Church of Ludlow and Grace Union Church of Wilbraham in the amount of \$17,400 to each parish. Pictured are Rae Teed, Barbara Conlon, Treasurer of First Church, Rev. Darcy Borden, and Connie White, Assistant Treasurer, of Grace Union.**



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

**Ava Martins, Marina DaSilva, Gioliona Serrazina, and Maya Morrissette were happy to attend the pizza party after their hard work.**

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impactful this program could be for them for their futures.

Speaking further with Addison and Michaela Murphy, sisters who joined because one encouraged the other to apply, shared how much the library did for them throughout their time volunteering and the skillsets they both gained from this experience.

Addison began, "I started volunteering the summer of my sixth-grade year and I found the program through Michaela, and I started volunteering with my sister and one of her friends. It's great at the library. I love spending time here and I met a lot of good people here. It's been a lot of fun. I did learn a lot here too, I learned how to put away books and set up different crafts."

Addison's favorite part about the volunteer program was setting up for the different library programs.

Michaela agreed and added, "I found the volunteer program through the summer reading program. Youth Services Librarian July Siebeck came to my elementary school and talked about it. She would tell us when you get to middle school, you can volunteer and then the pan-

demic happened right when I was eligible to start, so as soon as it opened again, I put my application in. I liked the atmosphere; it's really laid back and welcoming. The staff are sweet and respectful; they make it a great place and take it to the next level. It's low commitment and it pays off in the end."

11th grader Gabriel Santucci is known around the library as the person who began the Pokémon Club but was first introduced to the building from story times as a kid.

"I would come over here for that and I would stay a little bit afterwards. My childhood friends would be here, and I would spend time with them as well, I am always at the library. It's a quiet place where I feel I can relax. I saw the volunteer program in the pamphlet they gave out in sixth grade and have been volunteering since. My favorite part was sometimes I would find a book that I would like to check out," Santucci said.

When asked why new volunteers should consider joining, Santucci reiterated how nice of a place the library is and how welcoming everyone is.

"July is awesome, and I

think they'd enjoy it here," Santucci said.

For more information, visit the library website.

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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center! Our calendar is packed with many fitness programs, entertainment, education sessions, and more! Reserve your lunch in the Center's beautiful dining room, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert, by calling a day in advance at 413-583-3564 (call on Friday for lunch on Monday).

For full program and activity descriptions, as well as general information about what a senior center is and does, please visit: [Ludlow.ma.us](http://Ludlow.ma.us). Seniors can also "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook. A paper copy of the Senior Scene newsletter is available at the Center.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, September 4

- 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. Writer's Block
- 2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, September 5

- 8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 9 a.m. Reiki by Appt.\*
- 10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Ceramics
- 1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*
- 1 p.m. Fishing Club
- 1 p.m. Decorating Committee

#### Monday, September 8

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

#### Tuesday, September 9

- 9 a.m. Quilting
- 9 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Cribbage
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
- 1 p.m. Western Dance Class
- 1:30 p.m. Bingo
- 4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class

- 4:45 p.m. Movie: The Days of Wine & Roses (1962)
- 5 p.m. Trivia
- 5:45 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support\*

#### Wednesday, September 10

- 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
- 9 a.m. Ceramics
- 10 a.m. Opera Appreciation
- 10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*
- 1 p.m. Movie: The Days of Wine & Roses (1962)
- 1 p.m. Dominos
- 1 p.m. Paraffin Wax Hand Treatment\*

#### Thursday, September 11

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Dominos
- 10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*.
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of the COA Meeting

12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

### Daily Events:

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

### Menu:

- Thursday, September 4: Chef Salad
- Friday, September 5: Roasted Veggie Pizza/Caesar Salad
- Monday, September 8: Chicken, Ziti & Broccoli/Garlic Knot
- Tuesday, September 9: Seafood Casserole/White Rice/Vegetable
- Wednesday, September 10: Strawberry Spinach Salad/Grilled Chicken
- Thursday, September 11: Rustic Hobo Beef & Potato Bake (New recipe)

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.

## 2025 Health Fair to take place on 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.

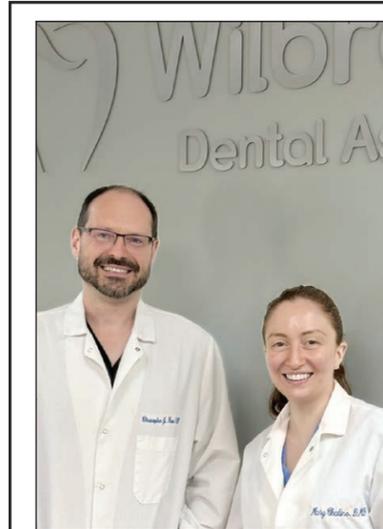
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# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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

Library Hours: M, W, F 9-5, TU, TH, 9-8, S 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

The library will be resuming regular operating hours on September 1. Please note a change in Saturday operating hours of 10-2 rather than 9-1.

## 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 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](http://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, September 4 and 23, 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.

**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.

**Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, September 26, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** For ages 14 -18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. Copies of the current book are available in the Youth Room. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Pokemon Club, every other week, September 3 and 17, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.** For grades 3-8. Bring your cards, Nintendo Switch, phone, or tablet for Pokemon Go, handheld gaming, and trading. All trades will be supervised by staff who will check market value; all trades must be of

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LHS National Honors Society Members Natalia Houlihan and Larissa Wright at the front door smiling with a welcome sign for all the families walking into East St. Elementary.

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the library, the cafeteria and their own classrooms. Later in the night, Harris Brook Elementary School held their open house in a similar way by encouraging families to walk around and ask questions, with many greeting Principal Nikki Reed before heading to the various rooms.

Following the lines of families, school staff and administrators greeted everyone with smiles and were all thrilled to see how many

families joined them before the first day. Overhearing the conversations around the building, the main question that was asked from parents to their children was, "Are you excited for the first day?" and the majority agreed, with some sharing they were nervous.

If you are looking for back to school advice from the Ludlow Public School principals and superintendent, check out the back to school advice article in this edition of The Register!



From tables with library books to flyers for town events, families were set up for success for the upcoming school year.



Librarian of Harris Brook and East St. Elementary Kelsey Eggmann commented how exciting it was to start the new school year.



The Harris Brook Elementary school gymnasium held various town organizations for families to browse and get involved with.

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Lily Kolasienski and Ellie Garcia from the LHS National Honors Society with a sign saying, welcome to kindergarten!

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## Lions football shaping up for new season

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Twenty-six of the 37 players listed on the 2025 Ludlow football roster are members of the freshmen or sophomore class.

“We graduated 14 players from last year’s team,” said Ray Saloio, who’s beginning his twelfth season as the Ludlow varsity football coach. “We have a total of 16 freshmen and ten sophomores on this year’s team. I think the new facility is one of the reasons why we have a few more kids playing football.”

The Lions, who went 4-7 a year ago, won three games on their new turf field. They defeated Belchertown High School, 40-18, in the home opener, Chicopee High School, 34-26, and rival Palmer High School, 12-6, on Thanksgiving morning.

The Lions will be looking to get into the win column in this year’s season opener at Seekonk High School on September 12. It’ll be the first meeting on the gridiron between the two teams.

“We had week one open and Seekonk was also looking for an opponent for that week,” Saloio said. “We’ve never played them before,



Mason Morace winds back to make a throw.

and I don’t know their head coach. We’re looking forward to starting the season.”

The Lions will then battle Smith Vocational in the home opener the following week. Smith Voc. squeaked out a 20-14 home win against the

Lions a year ago. “We didn’t execute at the end of that game, and they capitalized on our mistakes,” Saloio added. “We did graduate a bunch of starters from last year’s team.”

One of the Lions return-



Jake Mariano rushes during a drill.

ing starters is senior quarterback Mason Morace.

“Mason knows our system and what we expect from him,” Saloio said. “He played a lot as a sophomore due to injuries and he’s one of our leaders.”



Mike Petrolaf tries to secure the catch.

A year ago, the senior duo of Kyle Rodrigues and Anthony Grimm combined to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

“Kyle and Anthony were our main ballcarriers last year, but both of them graduated,” Saloio said. “I’m hop-

ing to have several running backs again this year. I just want to keep them healthy.”

A couple of the Ludlow running backs are senior Lucas Quiterio, senior Connor Walsh, and sophomore Jake

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## Ludlow girls soccer embraces younger squad, new league placement

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Besides having several first-year varsity players, the Ludlow girls’ soccer team will also be members of a new league and division this fall.

The Lady Lions, who posted a 7-10-3 overall record a year ago, made the move from the Coombs League to the Kurty/Fielding League during the offseason. They also switched from Division 2 to Division 3 for the state tournament.

“It’s going to be a little bit different for us this year,” said third year Ludlow girls’ varsity coach Amanda Nacsin following her team’s home scrimmage against Minnechaug Regional on August 26. “We’re in a new league and a new division, which is based on the school’s enrollment. We’re looking forward to the start of the regular season.”

The Coombs League is the top girls’ soccer league in Western Massachusetts.

The other teams in the Kurty/Fielding League are Agawam, Chicopee Comp, Northampton, and West Springfield, who was also a member of the Coombs League a year ago.

The Lady Lions were scheduled to begin the 2025 regular season with a non-league home match against Tantasqua Regional on September 2. Their other non-league games will be against Coombs League foes Belchertown, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and Minnechaug Regional.

“I’m very glad that we’ll still be playing some of the Coombs teams as non-league opponents. The only Coombs

League teams that we won’t be facing this year are Longmeadow and Pope Francis,” said Nacsin, who previously was the Lady Lions junior varsity soccer coach. “Other than West Springfield, we haven’t played the other teams in our new league very often in the past.”

The Lady Lions qualified for the Division 2 state tournament in each of the past three seasons.

A year ago, Ludlow, who was the 31<sup>st</sup>-seed, defeated 34<sup>th</sup>-seeded Agawam, 5-1, in a preliminary round match before losing at second-seeded Duxbury, 3-1, in the round of 32.

“The Western Mass. tournament has been held for many years, and the players really enjoy it a lot,” Nacsin said. “The state tournament is also a lot of fun because you play teams from different parts of the state.”

The Lady Lions will need to find replacements for eight players who graduated in June.

Three of those players are Calleigh Foley, Mia Carvalho, and Sophia Scyocurka, who are beginning their college soccer careers.

Scyocurka, who scored a team-leading 11 goals a year ago, is playing soccer at Western New England University. Carvalho is playing at UMAss-Boston and Foley is playing a little bit closer to home at AIC.

“All three of them are outstanding soccer players and they were four year members of the varsity soccer team,” Nacsin said. “Losing them was very tough.”

The senior captains of this year’s team are Ava Friese, Catarina Mazza, Juliana Bartolucci, and Kacie Klimek.

“I let the players select the captains,” Nacsin said. “All four of them are very good leaders. I think they’ll do a very good job in their roles this season.”

The other members of the senior class are Aneysha Donais, Madeline Andrews, and Chloe DaCosta.

During the past couple of years, Klimek has split playing time at the goalie position with junior Madelyn Riley.

“We’re planning on doing the same thing this year that we’ve been doing the past two years with our goalies,” Nacsin added. “We going to rotate them from game to game. They push each other at practice, but they also help each other. It’s not a bad thing having two outstanding goalies.”

Foley and Carvalho anchored the defensive unit last fall.

Junior Payton Dersarkisian and Mazza will be filling their spots.

“Cat has been a starting defender since she was a freshman,” Nacsin said. “We’ll be counting on her a lot to guide the defense.”

Another junior is Valentina Molinari, who’s a midfielder. Her father, Federico, is the head coach of the New England Mutiny and the Western Mass. Pioneers.

“Valentina knows the game of soccer very well and she’s a very good playmaker for us,” Nacsin said. “I’m looking forward to coaching her for the next two years.”

Nacsin, who’s a Physical Education/Health teacher at Ludlow High School, is expecting junior Audrey Afonso to replace Scyocurka as a goal scorer.

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## Girls volleyball gears up for fall

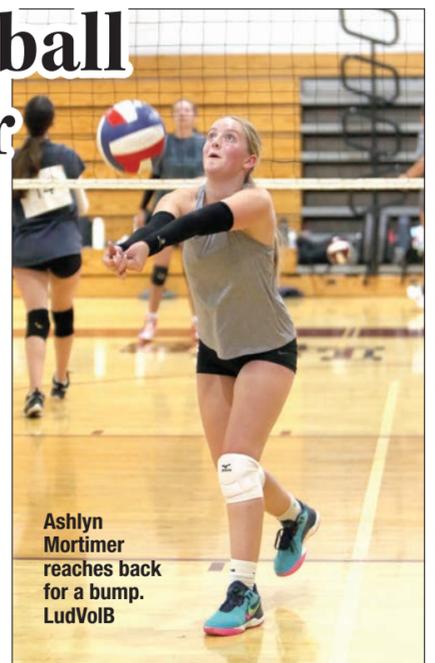
LUDLOW – Last week, Ludlow High School girls volleyball entered its second week of preparation for the fall season. The Lions will get going on the road on Thursday, Sept. 4 against Central High School. Their home opener is on Monday, Sept. 8 at 5:15 p.m. against Easthampton.



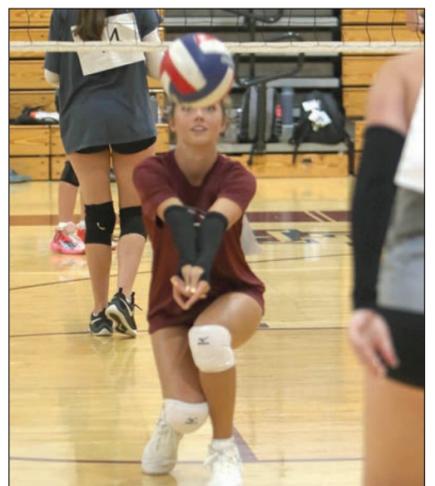
Madelyn Goncalves-Korny tips the ball over the net.



Kyleigh Johnson practice a set.



Ashlyn Mortimer reaches back for a bump.



Sophia Alvaro squares up a bump.



Ludlow girls volleyball practices last week.

# Former minor league brings regional camp back

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—There were many different sports camps held throughout Western Massachusetts this summer.

The last one was called the Summer Sendoff Baseball Camp, which took place on the baseball fields at Spec Pond in Wilbraham during the third week of August and featured players from all over the region. The camp director is Dustin Brisson, who played Minor League Baseball for the Boston Red Sox.

"This is our second year holding the baseball camp and it has been absolutely incredible," Brisson said. "All of the kids have been great. They understand that this isn't just a normal day camp, it's a skills camp. They're learning different things about baseball every day."

Brisson, who was born in Florida, played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from



Alex Nunlist takes a swing.

1997-2000. He was drafted by the New York Mets and the Miami Marlins before signing with the Red Sox.

He advanced to Double A before his professional baseball career came to an end due to an injury.

"I was blessed to have the opportunity to play professional baseball," said Brisson, who also owns Forge Athletics. "I'm doing what I can to give back."

During one of his college baseball games in Orlando, Brisson hit a long flyball down the right field line. The base umpire was Don LaValley, who's from Chicopee. LaValley ruled that the ball was foul, but it was a home run. LaValley told the campers that story at this year's camp.

"I've known Don since I was playing college baseball," Brisson said. "We're good friends now."

About 45 youth baseball players between the ages of 7-15 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the baseball

camp. The campers were split up into groups depending on their age.

"Once we know how many kids will be coming to the camp, we like to put them in groups depending on their age," Brisson said. "We just want to make sure that the kids are in the appropriate skill level. It's hard to put eighth or ninth graders with third or fourth graders. I want them to have fun and learn some new things at the same time. They're learning for some of the best coaches in the area."

A couple of the camp instructors were Chade Shade, who was the first-year head coach of the Springfield College baseball team, Dan Gomez, who's the head baseball coach at Western New England University, and Terry Doyle, who coaches baseball at New England College which is in Henniker, NH.

Minnechaug Regional varsity baseball coach Mike Netkovick also

worked at this year's camp.

"This is an outstanding baseball camp for the kids," Netkovick said. "Dustin is a great guy, and he has an outstanding baseball resume. I'm glad that I was able to help at this year's camp. I never attended



Eli Olbrych frames up a pitch.

a camp like this one when I was a kid."

Ray Fagnant, who grew up in Chicopee and is the Boston Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also helped at the camp.

A few of the different stations were hitting, fielding, and throwing.

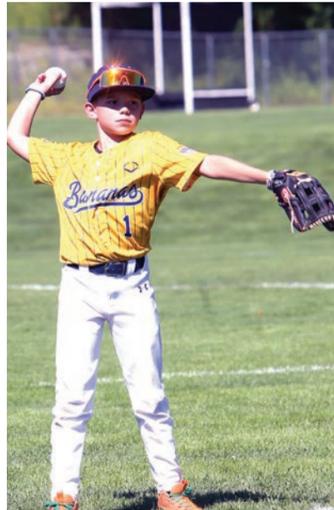
One of the older campers was Nolan Witek, who's from Wilbraham.

"This baseball camp is a lot of fun," said Witek, who's a sixth grader. "This camp will prepare me for my baseball tryouts for the Wilbraham Falcons in a couple of weeks. Baseball is my favorite sport."

Brisson was also aided at the camp by his wife, Kasey.

"My wife is the backbone of the organization," Brisson said. "She keeps everything in order. I appreciate all the support from many different people that I've received running this camp."

Brisson and his staff are already looking forward to holding the baseball camp again next summer.



Parker Duquette winds back for a throw.



Luke LaChappelle eyes the ball as he swings.



The offensive and defensive lines practice.



The Lions line up to practice starts.

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Marino.

When Morace does throw the football, one of his favorite targets will be senior Drayden Keirse, who joined the team as a junior.

"Dray was a nice surprise last year," said Saloio, who graduated from Ludlow High School. "We're expecting him to be a big part of our offense. He's also a defensive back."

One of the Lions linemen is senior Andrew Ray.

The Lions are members of the Intercounty South Division along with Chicopee High School, Commerce, SICS, Frontier Regional, and Northampton.

"One of the things that the PVIAC is always looking for is to have competitive leagues," Saloio said. "There are a couple of new teams in our league, but all of them are very good. I'm looking

forward to competing against them week to week. If we do that, it'll give us an opportunity to contend for the league title."

The Lions are also hoping to qualify for the Division 5 state tournament.

"There are a lot of very good football teams in Division 5," Saloio said. "Pittsfield and Putnam were the two best teams that we played last season, and they didn't qualify for the Division 5 state tournament. It's a difficult format, especially for the Western Mass. teams."

Saloio is also hoping that the Thanksgiving morning game against Palmer doesn't come to an end anytime soon.

"There has been a lot of talk about ending the Thanksgiving games because a proposed playoff system," he said. "I'm probably in the minority, but I really do enjoy getting up and playing a football game on Thanksgiving morning. We've been playing against Palmer on that day for a very long time."

The Ludlow and Palmer football teams will be meeting on the 78<sup>th</sup> time at Legion Field in Palmer on November 27. The Lions pulled



Jayden Parker looks to make a catch.

out a 12-6 win in last year's contest, which was played on a damp morning at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

The Lions assistant football coaches are Tod Holloway, Joe Nixon, Adam Kurta, and Mattingly Provost.

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## LUDLOW GIRLS

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Junior Maeve Carter, who's a midfielder, is another returning varsity player.

The other members of the 2025 Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team are junior Rhiley Comeau, junior Cayden Teixeira, sophomore Geia Guzman, sophomore Morgan Vala, and freshman Stacy Barros, who are all first-year varsity players.

Jason Carrington is the Lady Lions assistant varsity coach.

The only year that the

Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team won the state title was in 2000.

The members of the Division 1 championship team, which finished the season with a perfect 21-0 record, will be honored during a ceremony prior to the start of Friday night's home game against Northampton.

The Lions boys team also won the state title in 2000. The players from that team will also be taking part in the ceremony. The boys' soccer team will be hosting Longmeadow in the opening game of Friday's doubleheader.

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## Summer Social at St. Elizabeth Parish Sept. 7

LUDLOW—St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow, will have a Summer Social on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12 to 3 p.m. on parish grounds and the Pastoral Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 3 and up, and children under 3 are free. Our Summer Social will be catered by Margarida Aniceto and we will have hot dogs,

hamburgers, potato and/or pasta salad, chips and soda. Parishioners should bring a dessert (cupcakes, brownies or cookies) to share with all).

Entertainment will be provided by the Ludlow Community Band from 12 to 1 p.m. then Billy Eagen from 1:30 to 3 p.m. In addition, there will be outdoor activities for adults

and children.

Tickets will go on sale after all masses at St. Elizabeth Parish starting August 2 till the event.

You may also purchase tickets at the rectory Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional questions please call Richard Landry at 209-0813 or Jim Meehan at 547-8822.

## St. Elizabeth Spaghetti Suppers are back

LUDLOW—St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, will restart their monthly spaghetti suppers from September to June starting on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the Pastoral center from 4:30

to 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Suppers will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Cost for adults is \$8 each, children 12 and under are \$6 each, with an imme-

diate family cap of \$25. Take out dinners are also available.

Please join us on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in starting our newest journey.

## Electronic recycling event to be held on Sept. 20

LUDLOW—An electronics recycling event will be held on Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the First Church in Ludlow, located at 859 Center St. This event is held by Green Day recycling.

All towns are welcome and the event will be held rain or shine.

For a \$5 fee each you can recycle computer towers, laptops, DVD players, VCRs, small printers, stereos, radios, alarm clocks, speakers, video game consoles, table lamps, fans, hair dryers, curling irons, projectors, paper shredders, power tools, drills, cameras, clocks, trophies, frying pans, holiday lights, other small electronics.

For a \$10 fee each you

can recycle small household appliances, vacuum cleaners/roomba, toaster ovens, ceiling fans, floor lamps, air fryers, electric grills, hot plates, small radiators, keyboard pianos, coffee makers, ice makers, small garbage disposal, sewing machines, car seats.

For a \$20 fee each you can recycle flat screen computer monitors, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, water coolers, large printers/copiers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, heat lamps, artificial christmas trees, fire extinguishers, propane tanks (empty).

For a \$25 fee each you can recycle TVs up to 26," CRT monitors, outdoor grills, dorm sized refrigerators.

For a \$30 fee each you

can recycle TVs between 26" and 35," white goods, washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, large appliances, large yard equipment, treadmills, exercise equipment, snow blowers, lawn mowers, rototillers, large generators, motors, water tanks.

For a \$35 fee you can recycle TVs over 36," large refrigerators, ride-on lawn mowers.

For a \$40 fee you can recycle projection TVs.

Cash is preferred and venmo and checks accepted over \$30.

FREE to recycle are bicycles (reusable), cell phones, tablets, video game media and accessories, wires, cables, batteries, chargers, and vhs/dvd's.

# PET PAGE



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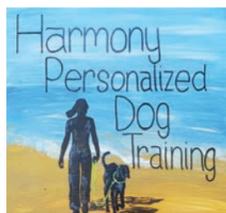


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Sept. 9 - Basics of Obedience, Socialization & Foundations of Scent Work.

All class descriptions & sign-ups on the Belchertown Rec Dept website.

- "Saturday In the Park!" Every Saturday at Post Office Park, Wilbraham 12 noon - Pack Walk 1:30 p.m. - Basic Obedience & Socialization All ages & breeds - \$20 each - Attend 1 class or both!

- Wednesday Nights in Belchertown Obedience & Socialization Group Classes. Located on the common area in front of Christopher Heights & Belchertown Day School. All ages & breeds. 5:30 p.m. - \$20 each
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## Easing the Back to School Transition for Your Pet

Cats and dogs are creatures of habit. They like their feeding and sleeping kept on a regular routine. Changes to our routines can have a negative effect on our pets too.

When the children go back to school it disrupts the summer routine your pet has become accustomed to. While you are preparing your kids for the transition to a new routine keep your pet in mind as well.

### Tips for Transitioning:

- **Coming and going:** Don't make a big deal about leaving the house or, for that matter, returning. Make departures and arrivals a low-key affair. Don't get your pets worked up, and don't make them emotional moments.

- **Exercise early:** Consider getting your pets up earlier for a walk, a run, a game of fetch or a string-chasing session. They need

the exercise and the earlier exertion might mitigate their unwanted behaviors later.

- **Encourage alone time:** Provide "puzzle toys" that dispense treats when they're manipulated the right way (available online or at most pet stores).

- **Leave some comfort behind:** Create special bedding for your dog or cat. Leave behind an article of clothing or a special blanket that has your scent on it. Your pet may find it comforting.

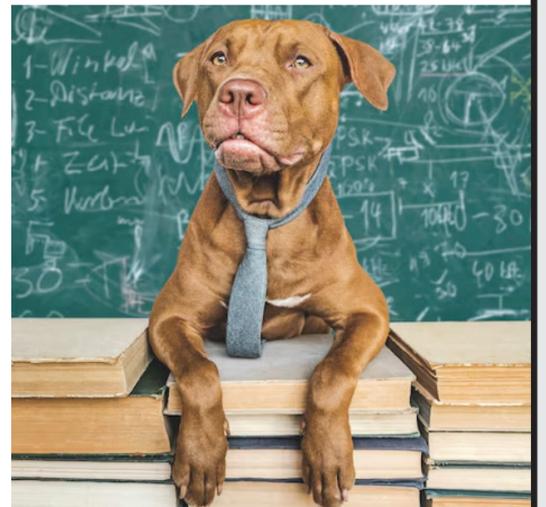
- **Field trips:** Your kids love it when they get a chance to leave the classroom for a field trip. How about an outing for your pet to a four-legged friend's house? Visit a dog park or doggy daycare center. Or hire a dog-walker to come by on a regular schedule.

- **Multimedia:** Some experts say it's not a bad idea to leave on the television or

some soothing music when you leave the house. Your dog CAN actually see what's happening on modern televisions and the sounds may keep Fido or Fluffy calm.

- **Create new routines:** Start early by creating new routines. Maybe you started the early morning exercise routine. How about an after-school routine that keeps your children involved and maintains the relationship they developed during the long summer months? Make sure they're back to feed and water your pet at the same time. Encourage them to have after-school playtime, or some time before bed, with your dog or cat.

- **Guidance not Punishment:** Don't punish your pets for their failure to adjust when their routine changes. Provide guidance, support and training.



# LEGALS

## Ludlow Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 6:35 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of Applicability application of Town of Ludlow, for the property located at 612 Chapin Street (Assessors' Map 16A, Parcel 75). The subject of the meeting is: small expansion of existing parking lot.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair

09/03/2025

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Ventura Street (Assessors' Map 31, Parcels 127 & 121B). The subject of the meeting is: to confirm whether wetland boundaries are accurately delineated.

If for any reason this meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Angela Tierney, Chair  
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## 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, 09/03/2025



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equal market value. Please register.

**Mystery Craft Drop-in, Thursday September 4, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.** For ages 3 & up, including teens! We have just a few left of a whole bunch of different projects. Come take a chance on a mystery craft, make something cool and help us clean our shelves. Drop-in.

**Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, September 9 and 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. For beginner to experienced crocheters; supplies provided or bring your own. Registration recommended.

**Beaded Memory-Wire Bracelets, Thursday, September 11, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** For tweens and teens (9 & up). Choose from a huge selection of gorgeous beads to make bracelets on spiral memory wire. Please register.

**Quilting for 10+, Fall Session, begins Thursday, September 18 - December 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** For ages 10-17. 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 winter or holiday-themed quilt! 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

**Tween D&D Chaos Club, every other Friday, begins September 19, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.** For 10-14 year olds.

The group has room for 5 players, experience preferred but not necessary. During the first meeting ("Session Zero"), the Dungeon Master will help everyone create a character for the campaign. Please register.

**Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday September 25, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.** For ages 9-13. Meet to discuss graphic novels, play games, and make crafts. This month's graphic novel is available in the Youth Room. There will be snacks! Please register.

**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.** For grades 3-8. 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. Please register.

**Saturday Online Club, every Saturday, noon to 1:50 p.m.** For grades 3-8. See description above. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN

**Lunch Bunch, Wednes-**

**days, September 3 - 24, 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, Fridays, September 12 - 26, 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, every other Monday, September 15 & 29, 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, Thurs-**

**day, 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.** Targeted for children 2-5. See description above. Please register. Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE.

**Tanglewood Marionettes Puppet Show, Saturday, September 20, 11:00 a.m.** Suitable for PreK - 8. The library is thrilled to welcome this award winning nationally known company, thanks to a grant from the Ludlow Cultural Council. See "The Fairy Circus" on the library lawn. Note: will reschedule to spring if the weather is poor. Drop-in.

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

For 0-5s. Interactive, participatory music for children and their grown-ups with favorite children's songs. It takes place on the library lawn, but we move inside for bad weather. Drop-in.

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

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to keeping the event fresh and unique as the years continue to pass, by summing it up to the fact of building relationships and staying true to what you mean.

"It's about providing services to the people in the community who need help and support, to allow offenders who are incarcerated that opportunity for redemption, and give them a piece of hope," Cocchi said.

Cocchi also discussed the overall elation of seeing familiar faces and the foundational pillars of colleagues who helped pave the way for him, such as a former Correctional Officer SGT. James Rooney, who was a mentor to Cocchi when he first started, back during the days of the old York Street Prison being in use.

"It was so great to see Jimmy (Rooney)," Cocchi said. "I have had so much respect for him, since the days of when I was a young CO,

and he (Jim) was one of my mentors in one of the toughest areas in the facility."

Cocchi was grateful to the community for their support.

"I'm just so grateful to see this level of support in 2025; it's extremely humbling," Cocchi said.

Providing similar comments to Cocchi's gratitude was Springfield Police Commissioner Tranghese, who kept his thoughts simple, highlighting the support and unity from the community.

"This is a great function

for all of Western Mass, and it brings us all together, and it's always a big occasion," Tranghese said.

Touching upon the resilience of the community, showing up strong, despite the rainy and wet conditions, was Mayor Garcia.

"You would think with rain, you would expect low turnout, but that's not the case," Garcia said. "But this turnout is a testament to Sheriff Cocchi, and again, that has to do with good leadership, good direction, and I'm

here to contribute and offer support, and everyone here in some way, shape, or capacity are doing important work in the community, and we show up to show support for each other, for the Sheriff to continue the good work of improving quality life of people."

Offering similar sentiments to Garcia's comments was State Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield).

"Even when it rains, people are going to come out and support Sheriff Cocchi," Gomez said. "From the work he and his team have been doing, it shows that the public is still with him, and they enjoy this annual event."

Gomez also noted the diversity and overall enjoyment of everyone in attendance.

"We have children here, grandparents, we have everybody, and everyone is enjoying good food and conversation, and just remember to stand tall and keep pushing our region forward," Gomez said.

Following suit in the ode of gratitude centered around Cocchi, while branding a new name for supporters of the Sheriff was Mayor Vieau, who attributed the 'Cocchi army'.

"I'll tell you that Sheriff Cocchi is just beloved by this community, and it's not just Western Mass; it's beyond," Vieau said. "And Nick (Cocchi) is a great guy, and I'm grateful and thankful to call him a great friend."

Gulluni also offered his initial thoughts about the event, sharing that the support from everyone was "phenomenal."

"It's a testament to Cocchi's community outreach and

engagement due to the credibility he's achieved as Sheriff over these years, to bring out this number of people in a washout, and I'm happy to be here to support Nick (Cocchi) and his team," Gulluni said.

He also talked about the passion for being in the position he is in.

"I feel privileged to have had this job for almost 11 years, and I worked in the office as an assistant DA, so I have a great appreciation for the impact that we can have," Gulluni said.

Gulluni cited the success is due to his staff.

"I've been really fortunate to have great people around me through all the projects and the initiatives that we have, but particularly on unresolved cases, we've had a lot of success, and that is meaningful to the community, and it's obviously tremendously meaningful to the families and loved ones involved who lost someone and never got answers and that is a trauma I can't even envision, so if we can give back in that capacity, I'm really honored to do so," Gulluni said.

The all-day event kicked off with a golf tournament in the morning, and for those in attendance, they were treated to grilled foods like Italian sausage, burgers, corn, grilled chicken and BBQ ribs, along with plenty of drinks, were provided to bring a classic cookout feel. The event also featured live music, cornhole and tons of raffle prizes.

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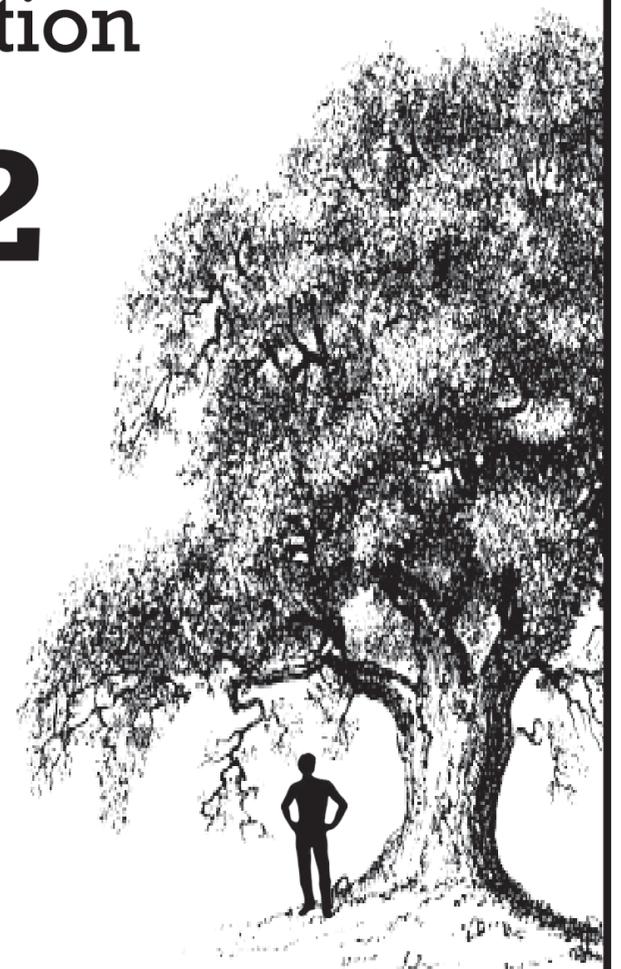
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