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Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23 - 31, marks 14th anniversary in Ludlow

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LUDLOW – “Life is a puzzle, solve it drug free.” Beginning on Oct. 23 through Halloween, the Ludlow CARES Coalition will be hosting a variety of events to recognize the risks of illegal substance use and substance abuse, encouraging parents, guardians, educators, and community members to have important conversations about the effects and lifestyle changes to promote health and wellness. While also recognizing that it’s just as important to reduce the stigma of substance use disorder, those impacted are encouraged to seek support and help.

From youth mental health first aid certifications within LPS schools, the annual red ribbon display around town, police and fire open houses, to the signature event with the Harlem Triksterz versus the Ludlow Dream Team, Red Ribbon Week in 2025 will be a year to remember

and connect the community even more.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 when Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, was tortured and killed in Mexico. In honor of Kiki’s memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear badges of satin and soon after, parents began to form coalitions embracing Kiki’s belief that one person can make a difference. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities; based on the Red Ribbon website.

Speaking with Ludlow CARES Coalition Advisory Board Members Karen Carreira and Chair for Red Ribbon Week Peter Leonczyk, both who are well-known within the community, reviewed the events beginning on Oct. 23 and shared what

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Harlem Triksterz will be at the LHS Auditorium Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. to go against the Ludlow Dream Team, composed of the LPS Principals and faculty.



LHS Seniors Brady Fisher and Larissa Wright, with Assistant Director Heather Jolicoeur before the technology assistance meetings for the Ludlow seniors.

LHS students offer tech help for seniors

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LUDLOW – Occurring every Tuesday in the month of Oct., Ludlow High School students will be at the Senior Center assisting seniors in technology help, tips, and tricks. In the conference room, LHS Seniors

Brady Fisher and Larissa Wright were volunteering their time and utilizing their technology knowledge to become helpful guides to answer common questions.

The questions ranged from how to sell items online to managing online

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New LHS student representative

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LUDLOW – Student Representative Sam Pontes, class of 2026, was officially announced to his position within the school committee on Oct. 14 and provided the school committee updates throughout the Ludlow Public Schools. Beginning by commenting it was great to be officially announced as student representative, Pontes began.

“There will be half-days on Oct. 22 through 24 at Harris Brook for parent-teacher conferences. Baird Middle School recently had their Sept. student of the month; they elected 13 total, two from each team at Baird. As well as student council elections were held in sixth grade. Map testing went extremely well at Baird; students and staff were very pleased with how it went. Students were very grateful for their staff members and reiterated with their performance,” said Pontes.

Moving onto the Ludlow High School updates, Pontes first highlighted the

golf team that went undefeated this season, 15-0. “We had two members, Noah B. and Jacob C., won the PVAC tournament last week and competed in Western Mass today, Oct. 14. We had our homecoming game last Friday and we had a competition against each of the classes at the high school decorating a tent. I am a little biased to the senior theme; we ended up winning, but our theme was life in Ludlow. We were able to implement local businesses and a lot of donations, and it was a great event to be at. The Ludlow Mental Health Fair went amazing on Sept. 22. Student feedback was all positive and we were grateful to have that event at our high school,” ended Pontes.

School Committee Member Christopher Manfredi congratulated Pontes for being the student representative and shared a sweet occurrence with his daughter. Manfredi continued, “A note from East St.,

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Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church hosts 48th Annual Food Festival

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INDIAN ORCHARD – On Oct. 11, the Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church hosted their 48th Annual Armenian Food Festival that served a variety of food, drinks, and assortment of desserts. With choices of a lamb kebab, chicken kebab, and losh kebab meal choices, to a losh sandwich and side orders of pilaf and fasoulia, with a full dessert table of traditional Armenian delicacies; first-time festivalgoers to returning visitors were thrilled to be together and share a meal.

Speaking with Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Gregory Tanya Garibian, she shared through marriage that she became involved within the church over 33 years ago but commented that most families at the church have been coming for generations.

Tanya continued, “These families built the church; it’s generational. Being here for only 30 years is still considered new. We’re just one big family; we are so close here. I have three kids; my son Ed-



Volunteers and Members Nairi Garibian, Maureen Vizuary, and Anna Garibian were proud to be helping and serving the Indian Orchard neighborhood.

die went to Sunday school here and grew up here. They always come back; they don’t only come back here for spiritual nourishment, but they come back to connect with the people that they’ve made special connections with. I am talking about young and old connections, not just their friends that are here, but all the workers. We all love them, everybody is so excited, so they come back for social connection too. My kids know how important it is to preserve their culture. It’s so important,” said Tanya.

Tanya shared that Arme-

nians are all over the world and Indian Orchard holds a small community within, so the church ensures that those like the Garibian family continue to preserve the culture, traditions, and most importantly the recipes.

“When we make this food, these are recipes that come from my mother’s, mother’s, mother. We’re talking generations with these recipes. This is 48 years in the making; we love sharing food in our culture with people outside our culture with people outside the community. We’ve been here for so long, we love the Indi-

an Orchard and Springfield community, we want to share the Armenian community here and it’s great to give back,” said Tanya.

When Tanya’s kids were applying to colleges and writing their college essays, she remembers each one writing about their Armenian background, stating how it cultivated who they were and how important their ancestors’ stories through strength and faith made a difference in their own lives.

Speaking with Members, Volunteers, and siblings Nairi Garibian, Anna Garibian, and Eddie Garibian who were beaming with pride at the festival, they shared their experience growing up within the church and why they felt it was important to share Armenian food every year.

Nairi began, “I’ve been here since I was a baby, I grew up here and it’s basically a second home. Growing up here in general and watching everyone, they really do put their hard work and souls into this church. We are a small organization and a

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LHS Principal Lisa Nemeth updates accreditation visit in 2022

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LUDLOW – In 2022, the Ludlow High School had an NEASC decennial visit, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which is conducted every 10 years as part of its accreditation cycle. The primary purpose of the visit is to ensure that the schools are accountable for improvement and growth in their identified priority ar-

eas and their alignment with the standards and foundational elements.

LHS Principal Lisa Nemeth further explained that each standard is considered the base of a triangle, saying that these are the things needed in schools to survive, and the foundational element associated with the standard is what schools absolutely need. The standards reviewed were learning culture, student learning, professional practices, learn-

ing support, and learning resources.

The priority areas for growth that was picked by Nemeth from last year was two foundational elements and three standards; the element that LHS still does not meet is a written curriculum in a consistent format for all courses in all departments and the element LHS now meets is the school has a current school improvement and growth plan. Both elements were voted on by the

LHS staff.

All three standards were in the developing stage; the standards are listed as follows. Based on Nemeth’s presentation, “1. The community and the district’s governing body provide adequate and dependable funding to fully implement the curriculum, including co-curricular programs and other learning opportunities. 2. The school community provides a safe, positive, respectful, and inclusive cul-

ture that ensures equity and honors diversity in identity and thought. 3. The community and district provide school buildings and facilities that support the delivery of high-quality curriculum, programs, and services.”

Nemeth continued, “The visiting team will emphasize observing learning and teaching practices through classroom observations and talking with teachers and students about their work. The visiting team will em-

ploy a growth mindset in meetings, interactions, and debriefs with school personnel. The spirit of the visit will be based on trust, inquiry, collaboration, and support. The team comes and asks what they can do to help, how can we write our report that emphasizes you need to spend more time in professional development in this specific area, or com-

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LUDLOW

Fall candle-making for kids brewed excitement for all ages

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LUDLOW – In the beginning of the month, the Hubbard Memorial Library hosted a candle-making for kids workshop that ensured every child would be able to safely make their own unique candle, just in time for Halloween! Under the supervision of Candlemaker Gariné Arakelian and assistance of Potter Rick Hamelin, Arakelian guided the class in a step-by-step workshop that had every eye in the room curious and wondering what candle they would make at the end.

Beginning the class, Arakelian reviewed fire safety and instructions on when it is appropriate to use a candle in the home. Arakelian followed with an explanation regarding the material used, the variety of colors participants could choose from, and when they were happy



This young participant was proud of their unique candle that had a diagonal design, right before sealing the top with the heat gun.

with the design how to heat seal it for use the following day.

Granulated wax, known for being used for candles that are made in an instant and have the appearance of small wax crystals, gave the participants the ability to

pour the different colored wax into heat safe glass containers and instantly create a candle. From choices of orange, white, purple, and black granulated wax colors, the kids were having a blast pouring the wax into the containers and creating



Ella, Mary, and Lette Horsman were visiting from Springfield to check out the Hubbard Memorial activities and events.

different designs that looked similar to candy corn!

Speaking with Arakelian, who had the final step of the process of hot-gluing a bat or spider onto the top of the candle jars, she shared the uniqueness of the granulated wax and why it's great for kids.

"Granulated wax is what we use and it's great for kids because there's no melting involved. They can make it

from step one to the very end, anyone can do it, 2- or 3-year-olds can do it themselves. It's almost like colored sand and tiny little bubbles of wax, the kids love it and they can create any pattern they want. In order to make a candle, you have to have a good container that can take the heat and a wick that matches the diameter of the jar. If your wick is too narrow, it's only going to



Candlemaker Gariné Arakelian holding up one of the candles whilst making sure the wick of the candle is centered.

burn halfway and tunnel. I like to go with jars that are made for jelly. This craft is very easy for kids," said Arakelian.

Arakelian commented that she loves to see the kids having fun. For more events like this one, visit the Hubbard Memorial Library website.

Rita Parisi to perform Gothic Ghost Tales by candlelight Oct. 30

LUDLOW—Rita Parisi from Waterfall Productions will present *Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight* at The Ludlow Senior Center on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. This atmospheric theatrical event brings to life a haunting trio of ghost stories by renowned authors Agatha Christie, Rose Macaulay, and Virginia Layefsky. Each tale is steeped in suspense, psychological mystery, and the uncanny—designed to

chill the spine and stir the imagination, all illuminated by the flicker of candlelight. Rita Parisi has been entertaining audiences for 30 years throughout New England. In 2005, she founded Waterfall Productions to create solo theatrical programs inspired by her love of history, literature, and period costuming. Her performances have been featured at libraries, historical societies, and museums across

New England, New Jersey, New York, and Florida. In addition to her stage work, Rita is active in Boston's independent film scene, with several of her films premiering at the Boston International Film Festival and Cannes Film Festival. She is a proud member of SAG-AFTRA, the nation's largest union for actors and broadcasters. For more information, please contact Maria Ar dolino at 413-583-3564.

Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event

Candy Collection for the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club

LUDLOW—In honor of the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club's 75th year anniversary, the Club is putting out a challenge to the town's people to help collect 75 pounds of Halloween candy for their Halloween Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event. Last year, in partnership with the Ludlow 250th Committee, over 300 large bags of candy were collected for the kids to enjoy. It was very successful and put a lot of smiles on the children's faces. Due to the Ludlow 250th celebration concluding, the Club is doing this challenge on their own. This event is very popular and draws over 800+ children and their families. It is a safe environment for kids to have fun.

The Ludlow Fire Department's SAFE Education

program donates the Halloween bags to be passed out with the donated candy. Please deliver your bags of candy to the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club at 91 Claudia's Way. When you're out purchasing bags of candy, please remember the Club and pick up a few extra bags to donate. Donations will be accepted until October 18th.

The Halloween Rag Shag Parade and Trunk or Treat event at the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club is on Friday, October 24th. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall and the children will march to the Club with the Baird Middle School Band.

Following the parade, the children can make their way to the Trunk of Treat area sponsored by local businesses and town organizations to collect their treats. Then, children and families can proceed into the Club for some fun-filled activities and snacks. The event ends at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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INDIAN ORCHARD—Immaculate Conception Church located at 25 Parker St. in Indian Orchard will be holding five Polish Food Sales on then following Saturdays:

November 15, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November 22, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 13, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 20, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Golabki (3) \$12; Kapusta (Large) \$10; Pierogi (12) Cabbage, Potato & Cheese \$14; Sweet Cheese, Blueberry \$15

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WILBRAHAM—Time to sit back, relax and join us for a fun filled comedy fundraiser hosted by the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors. Get set to enjoy the hilarious "MisGivings" a divine comedy of belly laughs, blessings and bingo.

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this di-

vine presentation of stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good Father's razor sharp Irish wit!

The show will be held at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, on Friday November 7.

Doors open 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 and may be picked up at the Senior Center.

For those who cannot go the Senior Center for tickets, you may order them by sending in a check made payable to Friends of Wilbraham Seniors and mail to Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, Wil-

braham, MA 01095.

Please write your phone number on your check and note it's for MisGivings Show. Your ticket(s) will be available at the door when you arrive. All open seating. No reservations. Limited seating.

Any questions, call Matt Villamaino 413-896-2206.

Evangel Assembly hosts Open Door Open Mic Night

WILBRAHAM—Evangel Assembly is excited to announce our Open Door Open Mic Night, a vibrant community event taking place on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Evangel Assembly, located at 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham in the East Wing.

This event is open to all, inviting guests to enjoy a night of diverse performances or take the stage themselves for a 5-minute performance of their choice.

Whether you're a singer, poet, comedian, or storyteller, this is your chance to shine! Open Mic participants can sign up to perform by visiting <https://evangelassembly.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054840>.

Spectators are welcome to come, relax, and enjoy an evening of local talent and entertainment in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. "We're thrilled to open our doors to the community for a night of creativity

and connection," said Steve Devereaux, the Open Mic Organizer at Evangel Assembly.

"This event is all about celebrating the diverse talents of our neighbors and fostering a sense of togetherness." Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, music, and inspiration.

Admission is free, there will be coffee and treats for donations, and all are welcome. For more informa-

tion or to register for a performance slot, visit <https://evangelassembly.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054840>.

About Evangel Assembly

Evangel Assembly is a vibrant community church in Wilbraham, MA, dedicated to fostering connection, creativity, and faith. We are committed to serving our community through events and programs that inspire and uplift.

St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Nov. 15

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dors will sell stained glass, primitive decor, Avon, and Hockey Association items - to name a few.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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my daughter came home the other day excited to share that she filled out her 10 stickers of her heart for random acts

of kindness. Kids being recognized for doing kind things start at the ground level and I appreciate everything East St. School is for all kids; it's nice seeing her come home so excited about school. It made her day," said Manfredi.

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red ribbon week means to them personally as well as with the coalition.

Leonczyk began, "This is more of an understanding and awareness to get to the focus of drug prevention; Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide awareness campaign, and Ludlow CARES Coalition has adopted it and has supported the Town and the schools for 14 years. Being a drug awareness, education, and prevention campaign, schools are a good place to fit it in. We also want to recognize that it should be understood by the community, so we will be hanging 150 red ribbons throughout town. Karen Randall of Randall's Farm has donated the handmade red ribbons, and we've partnered with the boy's high school soccer team coached by Greg Kolodziej who has been a big supporter of having his students and athletes volunteer," said Leonczyk.

Carreira added, "The red ribbon is a visual indicator for everyone to think about this campaign. Our conversations, referring to drug prevention, should be happening all the time. The red ribbons are reminders to the parents, to community members that having hard conversations is what we need to do as people who care about youth or anyone who might be having a mental health challenge, dealing with substance misuse, or struggling in any kind of way. It dovetails nicely into the prevention prepared community campaign that Ludlow CARES partnered with the LPS a couple of years ago, in terms of helping educate everyone on the baselines and fundamentals of what mental health is, how we can recognize signs and symptoms of people who are struggling or having a hard time, and then who are the professionals who can help in those times of struggle. Everything Ludlow CARES does is mental health focused and red ribbon week, although its topic is drug free. The underlying foundation for everything they do is gather the community together. Community and connection are the cornerstones of helping people manage hard things," said Carreira.

Carreira mentioned the variety of community events

occurring through Red Ribbon Week and commented saying all of those events contribute to getting people connected. The Ludlow CARES signature event will feature the Harlem Trixsterz, a family-friendly basketball game that will go up against members of the LPS school principals, with concessions, basketball player volunteers, a halftime show featuring youth and LHS cheerleaders, and the National Anthem sung by Ludlow students. This event will occur on Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m.; tickets available on the Ludlow CARES website.

Carreira continued, "Awareness around the topic, pathways for having conversations, and doing it in a safe way, we are decreasing fear. One of the reasons we don't talk about hard things is a fear that they're going to say something wrong; they're going to give someone an idea, or that their own personal struggles connect too closely that it's just too much to talk about. Finding pathways to have conversations and connections is what's important," said Carreira.

Leonczyk mirrored what Carreira said and added during Red Ribbon Week, Ludlow CARES is trying to bring people together, gain and draw awareness, and start conversations at home. "Understanding how to access help, whether it's at the guidance counselor with someone like School Social Worker Ron Hokanson or materials that's available on the Ludlow CARES website. The hanging of the ribbons is to encourage conversations, and most kids know what Red Ribbon Week is, with the schools having different themed days, every

school not only embraces it but creates the message appropriate for the age demographic," said Leonczyk.

Carreira continued highlighting the importance of having these conversations with kids, adding the aspect of finding age appropriateness with the kind of words, type of language, and the level of information shared; but stated that it's not too early to talk with the little ones about healthy choices, emotions and feelings, and asking who their trusted adults are.

Referring to the puzzle theme, Carreira saw that throughout the LPS open houses that they've adopted the theme and are now having conversations with families in the community. "To me, it was one of the biggest smiles that I had because it meant that our message was heard,

respected, and supported. There's cooperation around it, and that's how you build a prevent-prepared community. Ludlow CARES has been super successful by having partners to elevate what they can do because you can't work in a silo," said Carreira.

Leonczyk ended by saying, "If it reaches one dinner table and impacts the life of one child or one family, all of our work, effort, and energy is worth it."

Ludlow CARES Coalition, Leonczyk, and Carreira credited the schools, the Select Board, and the School Committee for all their full support in this process. For more information, visit the Ludlow CARES Coalition website at ludlowcarescoalition.org and the Red Ribbon website at redribbon.org

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OPINION

LETTER TO EDITOR

Privacy is a real concern

Dear Editor,

As a former school committee member and longtime resident of Ludlow, I am appalled by the recent email sent to middle school parents regarding an incident in which a boy was permitted to use the girls' bathroom. The message struck many of us not only as tone-deaf but as emblematic of a troubling trend in which the privacy and comfort of young girls are being dismissed in the name of misguided policies.

Girls have the right to privacy in bathrooms and locker rooms. Allowing boys to enter these spaces - for any reason - violates that fundamental expectation and erodes trust between parents and the school. Middle school is a critical time for developing confidence and boundaries, and our daughters should never be made to feel anxious, watched, or unsafe in spaces meant to be private.

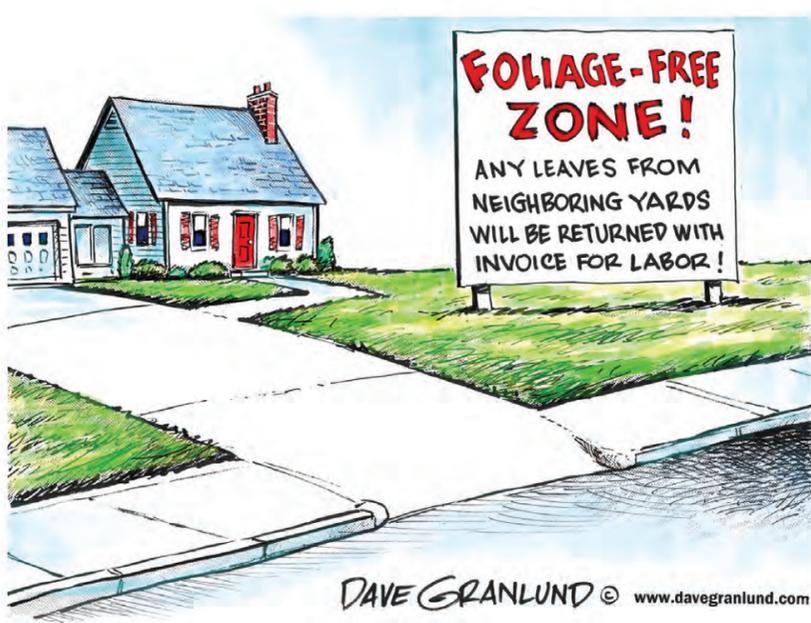
What made the school's email especially offensive was its suggestion that if a girl felt uncomfortable, she should "find another location" in the locker room to use. This is unacceptable. It effectively tells our daughters that their discomfort does not matter - that they must change *their* behavior to accommodate decisions that strip away their privacy. Such a response turns the victims of poor policy into the ones who must adapt.

Adding to the outrage, our town is already involved in at least two lawsuits brought about by this kind of so-called "affirming" nonsense. Instead of learning from those mistakes, the school appears determined to double down on policies that have divided our community, undermined parental trust, and placed children in the middle of political and ideological battles they should never be part of.

The fact that the school administration felt comfortable sending such an email reflects not just local failure, but a broader failure at the state level. The state has enacted rules that pressure schools to prioritize ideology over common sense, leaving administrators afraid to defend the basic right of girls to single-sex spaces. These laws have tied the hands of educators and insulted the intelligence of parents who simply want their children protected.

Our schools must be places where all students feel respected - but respect cannot come at the cost of safety and privacy. It is time for both our local school officials and state legislators to recognize that policies allowing boys into girls' facilities are wrong. Protecting girls' rights should never be controversial.

Sincerely,
Joao Dias
Ludlow, MA



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GUEST COLUMN

More review; what worked what didn't

Last week I wrote about two new winter squash varieties I grew in this past summer's garden, as well as a Barbie doll sized melon.

According to Mom, it made for a good read. Let's keep the momentum going with more "new to me" varieties in this column.

As dedicated readers may remember, this past summer's garden was to accomplish the goal of growing more food, food that would cut down on the grocery bill and feed the family through the winter. I took my chances growing a hybrid paste tomato by the name of Plum Regal. Its accolades were many: late blight resistance, moderate resistance to early blight, a the promise of a good yield and a tasty outcome.

I typically only grow heirlooms, so this tomato really had to prove itself. My only dilemma was that I sometimes have issues with blossom end rot, and specifically on paste types.

I tried a new fertilizer formulated specifically for members of the Solanaceae family, aptly named "Tomato Sauce." You know what? It worked.

No blossom end rot and a freezer full of sauce, tomato chucks and roasted tomato blends. I will be ordering both the seeds and the fertilizer from Fedco (fedcoseeds.com) in anticipation of next year's garden.

With every success comes not quite a success. I'll call Muskmelon "Melonade" one of those adventures. I was intrigued by the description in the Fedco catalog, "firm orange flesh is tart, punchy and

tor involved. Will the kernels be gold, blue, mottled or bronze?

I ended up with enough to decorate with and come Thanksgiving I will indeed try and pop some. I've had some experience popping eared corn before.

At our family vacation my sister in law tried it out. She put the dried ear she had purchased in a paper bag and folded it shut, placed it in a microwave on high for about 3-4 minutes and yum!

What else worked out well in my garden this year? The succession planting of green beans seeded immediately after my garlic was harvested worked out superbly. No additional fertilizer required.

I was able to freeze a lot of beans from that second sowing. I guess I always wish there are more to freeze, so maybe next year the row will be longer.

I didn't utilize the wide row method this year. Two parallel rows with a walking row down the middle made the harvest easy.

I hope you had your share of successes this past summer, and if you are anything like me, you are already scheming next year's veggie garden.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to poumette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



refreshing," and had hoped it would keep our family in melons for a month or so. Not exactly.

I couldn't get over the fact that what looked like a cantaloupe tasted like a lemon! No one in the house liked it. I'm not going to call it a failure, because if anything, I learned that I could grow a muskmelon successfully.

I worried I would harvest them too early, or too late, but I harvested them just right, and they grew exceeding well on black plastic down the middle of my heat retaining rock wall raised beds. Next year I will search for a variety with a more typical flavor and it could just be a win-win.

I have always wanted to grow Indian corn as a fall decoration, but was leery of the space needed for such an endeavor. The experts talk about growing corn four rows deep for proper pollination and kernel formation.

I threw caution to the wind and decided I'd grow a popcorn. I enjoyed the commentary in the Fedco catalog in the description of a variety named "Calico:" "you can hang it on your door in fall and pop the very same batch come Thanksgiving." Sold.

I grew only eight plants, set out in a four by two pattern. Shucking the corn felt a lot like Christmas morning with the surprise fac-

GUEST COLUMN



Black vulture

On Monday, Oct. 6, an Oakham resident watched a kettle of 28 black vultures circling above the Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

He said, "As you may know, the species is expanding its range northward into Massachusetts." A kettle is a large group of vultures circling in a thermal, using the rising air to conserve energy during migration.

The black vulture has sooty, black plumage, a featherless black head and neat white stars under the wing-tips.

Turkey vultures are lanky birds with a teetering flight. Their cousin the black vultures are compact birds with broad wings, short tails and powerful wingbeats. Turkey and black vultures often associate together. The black vultures have a poor sense of smell, but by following turkey vultures by following them to carcasses. They often soar high in the sky in search of lower soaring turkey vultures. When the turkey vultures descend on a carcass, the black vultures follow them.

Black vultures are highly social and share food with

relatives, feeding young for months after they've fledged. In the United States black vultures are more plentiful than turkey vultures. Black vultures lack a voice box and their sounds are limited to hisses and grunts.

The oldest black vulture on record was at least 25 years, six months old when it was found in 1965 in Louisiana. It was banded there in 1940. They may live even longer in captivity.

Brimfield resident

On Sunday, Oct. 5, I received an email from a Brimfield resident commenting about my seeing a moose in Oakham. He said, "Seeing a moose in Massachusetts is exciting. My wife and I saw a moose in Canada, it ran across the road in front of the car and disappeared into the woods. My wife said "look a horse with no rider, similar to your reaction."

Eagle sighting

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, I received an email from a reader. He said, "I was in my car last evening around 6:30 when I saw a huge, black-winged bird come over Main Street in Barre Plains. When we were kids it was called Canal Road. It was flying low over the street and was trying to gain altitude. The bird appeared just before Rich's Pond and it had what looked like a recent kill in its talons. It accidentally dropped the dead animal, which appeared to be a rabbit, onto the road and what I thought was a vulture turned out to be an adult

Bald Eagle."

He said, "Its stark white head and white fanned tail, along with its bright yellow feet and beak were clearly seen and it was startling to be only 25 or 30 feet away from it. The eagle's wing span was enormous. It made an attempt to recapture its prey by diving quickly back to the road and it had to widely fan out its tail feathers to slow its descent and gain flight control."

He said, "The Bald Eagle then flew high up into a tree along the road near the pond and was waiting for me and all cars to pass before descending on its prey. It was breath taking. We never saw such things as kids."

Cedar waxwings

The Barre resident said on recent warm September days he also has been seeing a small flock of cedar waxwings in Gilbertville, along the Ware River, taking bugs in midair over the river and also working trees and bushes that still have some fruit on them.

Helping birds

People may also help birds by keeping their cats indoors. Many birds are killed by cats. It is safer for people's pet cats to kept indoors as they also succumb to predation. If a cat is an outdoor cat, people may put a bell collar on their cat with a quick release mechanism if

their pet's collar should get hung up on something.

Dark-eyed Juncos

An Oakham resident reported seeing a dark-eyed junco in his yard last week. I saw a small flock of juncos along the road where I live on Oct. 13. Their white tail feathers identified them as they flew up from the side of the road. It was my first sighting this fall.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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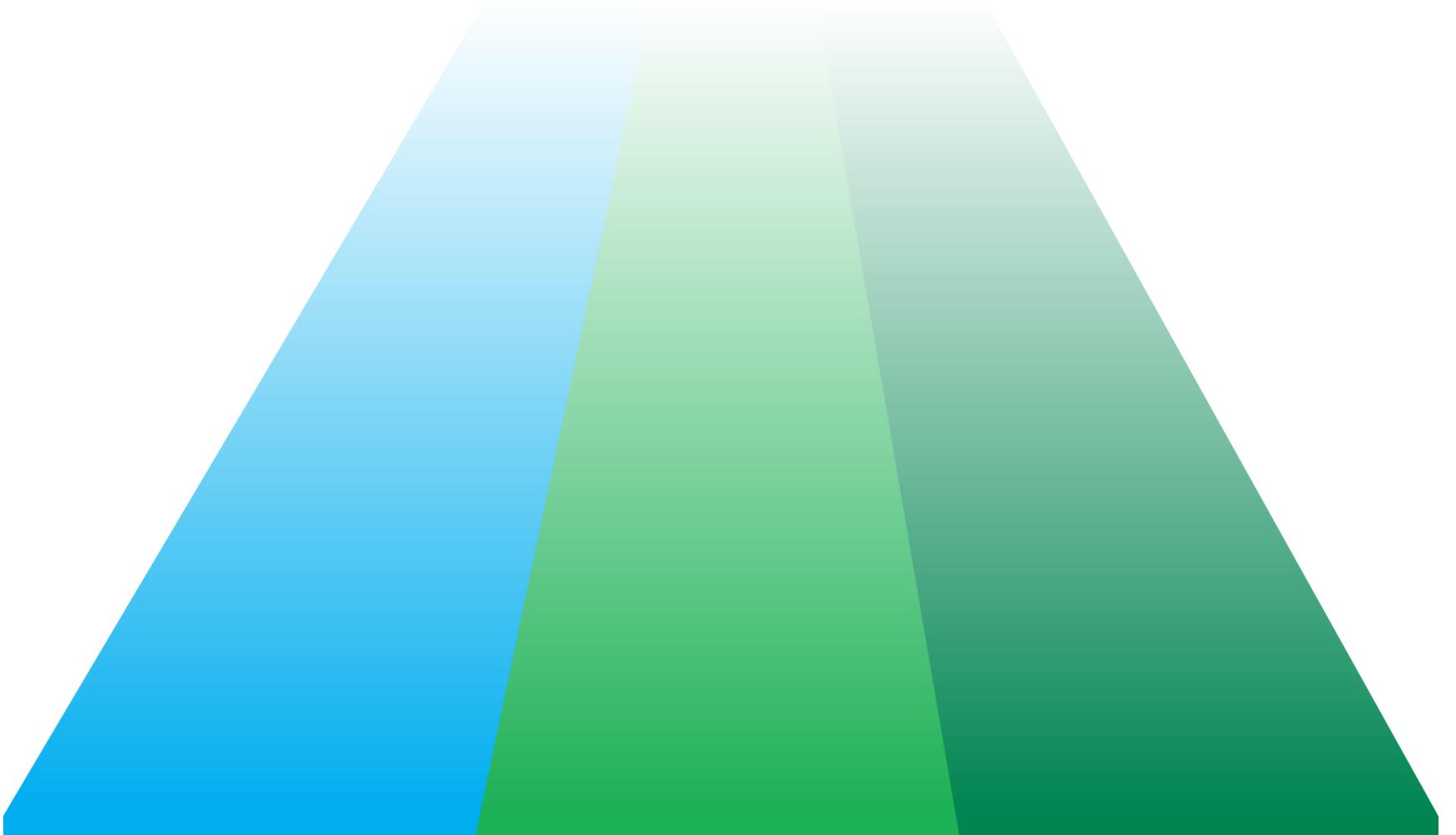
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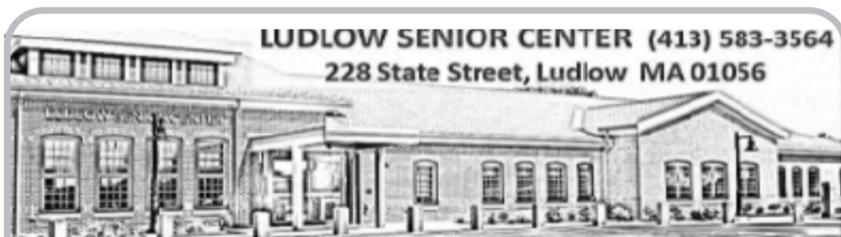
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Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center! Fall is in the air, and just like the leaves, our calendar is full of color and variety! Gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, just call 413-583-3564 a day in advance to reserve your spot (Call Friday for Monday lunch).

Don't miss out on what's happening. Pick up our monthly Newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered straight to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what a Senior Center has to offer at ludlow.ma.us/coa/. And for the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow cooler and the season turns cozy, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company with you at the Center.

Activities Calendar:
Please register in advance for items with*

Thursday, October 23

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
2 p.m. Book Club: Curdle Creek
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

Friday, October 24

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*
1:30 p.m. Forget-Me-Not Circle*

Monday, October 27

9 a.m. Knitting
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp*
10 a.m. Money Management How-To*
1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Limitless Legends with Li*
1 p.m. Paraffin Wax Hand Treatment*
1:15 p.m. Pitch
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

Tuesday, October 28

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
2:30 p.m. Computer Help*

4:30 p.m. Power Pump Exercise Class
4:30 p.m. Souper Supper
5 p.m. Movie: The Old Man & The Gun (2018)

Wednesday, October 29

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold
9 a.m. Ceramics
9 a.m. Massage Appointments*
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. Movie: The Old Man & The Gun (2018)
1 p.m. Dominos
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance*
1 p.m. TED Talk

Thursday, October 30

8:45 a.m. Foot Care by Appointment*
9 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Dominos
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation*
12:45 p.m. Mahjong
1:30 p.m. Gothic Ghost Tales*
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, October 23: Ham & Broccoli Casserole/Side Salad
Friday, October 24: Loaded Pulled Pork/Tater Tots/3 Bean Salad
Monday, October 27: Chicken Gyro Pita/French Fries
Tuesday, October 28: Mac & Cheese/Stewed Tomatoes
Wednesday, October 29: Meatloaf/Mashed Pot/Vegetable
Thursday, October 30: Brown Sugar Pineapple Ham Bake Over Rice
Friday, October 31: Monster Mash! Eerie Eyeballs/Nightcrawler Noodles/Garlic Brain

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.

Thanksgiving food drive has begun

SPRINGFIELD— Rachel's Table of Western Massachusetts (RTWM) announces its fund and food drive for its Bruce and Daydie Hochberg Thanksgiving Project. The Hochberg Thanksgiving project has been helping Western MA families celebrate the holiday with turkey and fixings since 2007.

Key financial donors for this initiative are local individuals, families, and businesses who believe that everyone should enjoy the holiday season with dignity. Merrill Gagne of Gagne Wealth Management has donated all the turkeys for RTWM's partner agencies in Hampshire and Franklin Counties for the past two years and is set to support this drive again! In addition, the Hochberg family and friends of the late Daydie Hochberg help support the purchase of turkeys in Hampden County. The Project originated with Daydie who always thought that people should be able to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday without worrying about food!

"Helping locally makes a difference," Merrill Gagne, President of Gagne Wealth Management in Greenfield, says. "My whole team is proud to be able to support all our communities, especially around the holidays.

Food insecurity continues to be a real problem and it's the least we can do to help provide for all the families in need."

This year, the need is so great that we are asking for your financial support to help increase the joy for local families. To donate funds where 100% will go towards the purchase of turkeys or some sides, please go to <https://feedwma.org/give-funds/> and choose Bruce and Daydie Hochberg Thanksgiving Project in Preferences.

If you have nonperishable and unexpired food items to donate, please either put them in the Rachel's Table donation box at the Jewish Community Center in Springfield or consider donating to your local food pantry or meal site. For a list of ones near you, please contact Rachel's Table at 413-733-0084, or visit <https://feedwma.org/who-we-work-with/agencies/>!

With hunger affecting 50% of the households in Franklin and Hampshire Counties, and 54% of households in Hampden County (from the 2025 Greater Boston Food Bank report), Rachel's Table's four programs (rescue, purchase, glean and grow) deliver immediate relief and build long-term food security. Join Merrill Gagne, the

Hochberg family and others so that we all may celebrate this Thanksgiving.

About Rachel's Table of Western Massachusetts

Rachel's Table of Western Massachusetts (RTWM) is a grassroots, volunteer-driven hunger alleviation organization. RTWM was founded as the food rescue and recovery program of the Jewish Federation of Western Mass in 1992 and became an independent non-profit in July 2023. Through our four programs (rescue, purchase, glean, and grow), we provide holistic solutions to 65+ partner agencies and networks across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties. Our programs provide food to people in need as well as directly support food insecure communities to plan, plant, and harvest their own food. Our operations are powered by 390 volunteers, including teen leaders who encourage their peers to educate themselves, serve others, and advocate for change. RTWM targets both immediate hunger crises and addresses longer term solutions, working to feed and nourish Western MA one delivery, one glean, one garden at a time.

For more information on how to volunteer or donate, visit www.feedwma.org

State Initiative petition signathon

WILBRAHAM—A voter signature gathering event shall be held at the Wilbraham Public Library, 25 Crane Park Drive on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m., for several petition initiatives to allow voters to decide on proposed laws through the ballot. The event is sponsored by RadLimits at Last Tree Laws, a ballot committee with an initiative petition to require relevant corporations to actively research and make choices that minimize impacts of tech radiation.

While wireless calls would continue to function, steps to reduce exposure through design and installation would be implemented to reduce wireless radiation, such as eliminating router

transmissions when not in use and allowing incoming texts and calls when wireless is disabled. Practices for safer electricity are also required, such as good surge protection and reduced fields. Compliance would be monitored by a state division of experts and enforced by the attorney general and a private right of action.

Other petition initiatives included are listed on the committee's website, including one to allow free replacement of a smart meter with an analog and another to protect local zoning control.

According to chair Kirstin Beatty, in 2021 the D.C. First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Environmental Health Trust et. al. v.

FCC that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must revisit their guidelines for wireless and other radiofrequency radiation - calling the guidelines 'arbitrary' and 'capricious' - but the FCC has not done so; the court order noted concerns such as additive antennas, chronic exposure, and personal reports of harm alongside supporting research.

Organizers need to gather more than 74,574 certified voter signatures, with a deadline of 5 p.m. on 19 November for turning in petitions to town clerks for certification. More signing events, volunteer sign-up, printable petitions, and details are listed at their website <https://lasttreelaws.com>.



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LHS Seniors Brady Fisher and Larissa Wright help Ludlow seniors with common technology questions in the conference room.

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storage and followed with basic cell phone help to laptop service. With the advantage of having weekly one-to-one technology help, volunteers will be back to help further ongoing issues if needed, and the seniors can breathe a sigh of relief after getting their tech questions answered.

"We are so grateful to

Larissa and Brady, who have stepped in while our technology volunteer has been out. Their patience and thoughtful approach to helping our seniors with their devices have been invaluable," commented Assistant Director Heather Jolicoeur of the Ludlow Senior Center.

For more information on the Ludlow Senior Center, visit the website.

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community resources on buildings and facilities. They are here to help us. Referring to the NEASC schedule, they are coming on Oct. 19 and will be in the building the following week. They will meet with the central office. The students, the staff, get a tour of the building, and look at our priority areas in depth and look at our teaching and learning," said Nemeth.

The final accreditation report will be available in six to eight weeks, reviewing the foundational elements, the priority areas of growth, student learning, the school as a learning organization, with commendations and recommendations. Nemeth highlighted the importance of the visit and the importance of LHS maintaining its accreditation. The Register will follow this topic and update the LPS community in a future edition.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Families were ordering their lunch at the Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church and bringing it home to enjoy on Oct. 11.

FOOD FESTIVAL

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small Armenian community; it's shocking to see how much we do. It's very inspirational. The 48 years are highlighting that; it's years of hard work and years of accomplishing that. My favorite food here is the chicken kebab, it's a different kind of chicken and it's amazing!" said Nairi.

Anna added, "We volunteer here every single year. Being down here in Western Massachusetts, it's nice to have a community like this, especially being Armenian. We get to meet generations and generations of Armenians at this church. Again, we are such a small community and it's special to be able to do a food festival like this because it's such a special bond between the community and the church. My favorite food is any kind of kebab we make! We make it with love every single year," said Anna.

Eddie ended by saying, "The Saint Gregory's annu-



Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tanya Garibian with daughters Nairi Garibian and Anna Garibian, with son Eddie Garibian greeting guests and providing a friendly welcome to the church.

al Food Fest and Bazaar has always been a great way to raise money for the church while bringing a unique experience to the Springfield community. I was baptized at this church and grew up attending services and Sunday school here. Since those experiences growing up, I've now traveled to Armenia three times and built friendships with people of my culture across

the U.S. It's not the largest church community-especially nowadays, but it's special to those of us who have been involved for years. It's exciting to see that we're still able to raise funds to keep the church thriving and offer a great meal and experience to everyone who stops by," ended Eddie.

For more information, visit the Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church website.



The ladies behind the Armenian Food Festival dessert table were happy to serve the Indian Orchard communi

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What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

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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

Mediumship Talk Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 PM.

Jacqueline Engel, a local writer, author, and spiritual medium will give a talk on what mediumship is, differentiate between other psychic abilities, and explain how a medium communi-

cates with the spirit world. Please register on our website.

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.

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

Read Between the Lines High School Book Discussion Group, October 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. For ages 14-18. Fun, relaxed book discussion for high schoolers. This month's book, Stalking Jack the Ripper by Kerri Maniscalco, is available in the Youth Room. Please register.

Melted Crayon Pumpkin Decorating for YAs, Tuesday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. For middle and high school age. Melted crayons and white pumpkins donated by Randall's Farm make a

unique, no-carving variation on pumpkin decorating. Please register.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Youth Chess Club, every other Monday, October 20, 3:30 p.m. For ages 9-17. All experience levels welcome; some instruction provided. Bring your chess set if you have one. Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, every other Tuesday, October 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.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Group, Thursday, October 23, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Ages 9-13. 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.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award (MCBA) Book Group, monthly, Thursday, November 6, 6:00 - 6:45pm.

For 4th to 6th graders. Kids decide who wins this award after reading at least 5 nominated books. Meet to play games, discuss the books, which to vote for, and eat snacks. Celebrate at the last meeting in April with an ice cream party sponsored by the Friends of the Library, where we'll cast our votes and pose for photos for the newspaper! 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

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Lions, Falcons battle to 1-1 draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—Eight of the 21 matches that the Ludlow boys' varsity soccer team played a year ago ended in draws.

The Lions played their fourth tie of the 2025 regular season in a non-league match at Minnechaug Regional on Columbus Day. The visitors took a 1-0 lead during the 58th minute before the Falcons netted the tying goal eleven minutes later. The contest, which was played on a windy afternoon, ended in a 1-1 tie.

"We've been playing a little bit better in our last few games and we've been creating some more chances," said Ludlow boys soccer coach Greg Kolodziej, who'll be inducted into the Ludlow Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach on November 9. "We might need to win a couple games in the Western Mass. tournament just to qualify for the state tournament. We're going to work hard and if we can get to states, we have the group that could make some noise."

The Lions, who also played a 1-1 tie at East Longmeadow High School last Thursday night, entered their regular season finale home match against Chicopee High School with a 4-6-5 overall record, on Monday afternoon. They'll be playing two other games.

Because the Lions were ranked 35th in the MIAA Division 1 power rankings, they'll need to have at least a



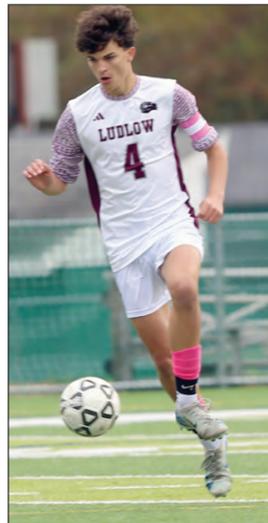
Ethan Love competes for the loose ball.

.500 record to qualify for the state tournament for the fifth time since 2021. The top 32 teams in each division automatically qualify for the state tournament.

The Falcons (6-4-5), who entered the home match against the Lions riding a four-game winning streak, have already qualified for the Division 2 state tournament for the third consecutive year. They were ranked 23rd in the Division 2 power rankings.

"We can't be happy settling for ties," said Minnechaug head coach John O'Keefe. "We were missing eight players due to injuries, so we're banged up. I've nev-

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Gabriel DiRosa shuffles a pass up the field.



Michael Mariani looks to receive the pass.



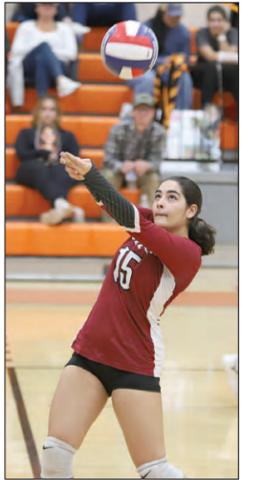
Samuel Pontes goes for the header.



Ella Lariviere goes to the left for the bump to keep play moving.

Lions fall to Brownies

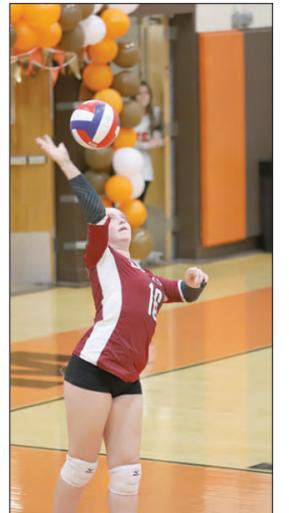
AGAWAM – Last Thursday evening, Ludlow High School girls volleyball was defeated on the road at Agawam High School 3-0. Ludlow gave Agawam two very close matches 25-23 and 26-24, but Agawam made a big impact with a 25-5 win in the second set. Agawam and Ludlow both finished the regular season at 6-12. Ludlow still qualified for the Western Mass. Class B tournament and was scheduled to face East Longmeadow on the road earlier this week. Agawam was scheduled to face Amherst in the quarterfinals of the tournament.



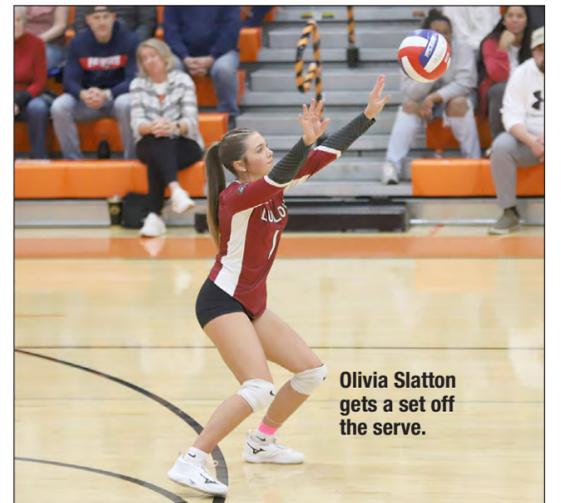
Isabella Leutsch goes for the backwards bump right over the net.



Caitlyn Peczkas sends a hit over the net.



Ashlyn Mortimer sends a serve away.



Olivia Slatton gets a set off the serve.

Falcons edge Lions girls soccer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—The final score of the previous four meetings on the soccer pitch between the Ludlow and Minnechaug Regional girls' varsity squads was 1-0.

When they battled each other for the only time during the regular season on Columbus Day, the outcome was 1-0 once again. The Minnechaug Lady Falcons celebrated a home victory with the help of a corner kick goal in the middle of the second half on a windy and rainy afternoon.

"Whenever you have two rivals playing against each other, it's normally a very close game," said Nundi Goncalves, who's been the girls' varsity soccer coach at Minnechaug Regional for the past 30 years. "I would rather play a close game than win a game 8-0. I thought the weather conditions was a factor in today's game. We wanted to have the wind at our backs during the second half."

Prior to this season, both teams were members of the Coombs Division. They would meet twice during the regular season.



Chloe Da Costa makes her way up the sideline.



Payton Dersarkisian looks to keep control of the ball.

While Minnechaug is still a member of the Coombs Division, the Ludlow Lions moved into the Kurty/Fielding Division prior to the start of the regular season.

The new league has benefited the Lady Lions, who had a 10-2-1 overall record and were ranked 10th in the MIAA Division 3 power rankings. Their only other loss came at Northampton, 2-1, in late September. They also tied Agawam, 3-3.

The home win helped the Lady Falcons reach the .500

mark (5-5-4), for the first time this season.

"This is a huge win for us," Goncalves said. "Ludlow is a very good soccer team this year."

Minnechaug has gone 4-1-3 since losing against West Springfield, which was their only home loss, on September 17. They have moved up to 21st in the Division 2 rankings.

The Minnechaug seniors, who have only lost one game to Ludlow on the pitch during the past four years, are Zariah Wray, Zoe Pinnock, Ava Kearney, Alexis Carreira, Cailin O'Brien, Elizabeth Woytowicz, and Kelly Cronin.

The Lady Lions seniors, who were hoping to celebrate a victory in the rivalry series, are Kacie Klimek, Aneisha Donais, Catarina Mazza, Madeline Andrews, Chloe DaCosta, Ava Friese, Katherine Anselmo, and Juliana Bartolucci.

Minnechaug freshman goalie Isabel Horne made six saves in recording her second consecutive shutout.

The two squads only had



Valentina Molinari sends a pass away.

a couple of scoring chances during the first 40 minutes of the match.

During the 15th minute, a breakaway opportunity by Donais was knocked over the end line by Horne resulting in a corner kick.

About ten minutes later, the Lady Falcons had their first corner kick.

Kearney sent the ball into

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Catarina Mazza chases after the loose ball.

Thunderbirds come back to bash Bears

HERSHEY, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-2-0-0) rebounded in a big way from a defeat the night before as they dispatched the Hershey Bears (1-2-1-0) by a 5-1 score on Sunday inside Giant Center.

For the first time in the young season, Steve Konowalchuk's team finally vaulted to a lead at the 7:06 mark of the first period off a clean rush. Corey Schueneman carried the puck deep into the Hershey zone before slipping a perfect drop pass onto the blade of Jakub Stancl. The rookie connected off the inside of the post, beating Clay Stevenson on the stick side to give Spring-

field a 1-0 lead on Stancl's first professional tally.

Springfield dodged a dangerous chance from ex-Thunderbird Calle Rosen, who emerged from the penalty box and skated in on a breakaway against Vadim Zherenko, but Rosen missed the target on the blocker side.

Both teams failed to connect on power play chances, but Springfield was not done on the offensive end. With just 24 seconds left on the clock, Hunter Skinner joined a rush, one-timing a Nikita Alexandrov pass through

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Kolodziej said. "We had the wind in the first half, and it seemed like we were able to keep possession a little bit more. It was opposite in the second half."

"The wind was definitely a factor," added O'Keefe. "They put some pressure on us in the first half, and it was like playing against two extra guys out there."

The Lions shots on goal during the first 40 minutes were by sophomore Ivan Cruz, senior Sam Pontes, and sophomore Anthony Schuko.

In the middle of the opening half, a free kick taken by Minnechaug senior Nick Cianflone sailed wide.

The contest remained scoreless until Ludlow junior Jayden Premo, who was



a starting defender, scored a goal following a corner kick.

Senior Ethan Love booted the ball into the box from the left corner. Premo flicked a shot into the back of the net past Minnechaug senior goalie Chase Henderson (4 saves) giving his team a 1-0 lead.

"I'm always trying to score a goal whenever the ball comes my way," Premo said. "I'm also playing some defense now. I just want to do anything to help my team win."

The Falcons scored the equalizer when senior Nate Wesloski fired a shot into the right corner past Ludlow junior keeper Nick Dion (7 saves). Cianflone was credited with the assist.

Neither team was able to put the ball into the net during the final ten minutes of regulation.

There is a very good chance that the two squads could be facing each other for the second time during the Western Mass. Class A tournament.



Michael Mariani looks to receive the pass.

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the box from the right corner, and it was headed by junior Makenna Sacco.

During the 27th minute, a free kick was taken from the top of the box by Ludlow junior Valentina Molinari, but the shot attempt was deflected away by a Minnechaug defender.

The match remained scoreless until the 58th minute when the Lady Falcons scored a corner kick goal.

Kearney normally takes all the corner kicks, but this time Goncalves had sophomore Sophia O'Connor, who had just entered the match, take it from the right corner.

"I decided to make a change because Sophia is a lefty and it's a little bit easier for her to kick the ball from the right corner," Goncalves said. "I always want Ava to take it from the opposite corner because she's a righty."

O'Connor lofted a shot towards the goal and Ludlow junior goalie Maddy Riley couldn't handle the wet ball and it landed in the net for her first varsity goal.

"It felt great scoring my first varsity goal," O'Connor said. "I took advantage of my opportunity to take the corner kick."

O'Connor, who has two assists this season, made the varsity team as a freshman, but she only played in a few games before suffering a season-ending injury.

The weather might have been miserable, but it was a beautiful day for O'Connor and her Lady Falcons teammates.

The weather, especially the gusty winds, played a major factor in the only meeting of the regular season between Ludlow and Minnechaug.

"There wasn't any rain, but the wind was brutal," Kolodziej said. "We had the wind in the first half, and it seemed like we were able to keep possession a little bit more. It was opposite in the second half."

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Beatrice Moura 1928-2025

Beatrice W. (Ethier) Moura, passed away peacefully on Oct. 12, 2025 surrounded by her loving family and pug Queenie. Born in Springfield, she grew up on Hungry Hill and attended Springfield Schools. Beatrice looked forward to her yearly trips to Old Orchard Beach, Cape Cod and Las Vegas; she enjoyed gardening, casinos, playing cards and scratching scratch tickets. She was the beloved wife of 50 years to the late Casey Moura who sadly predeceased her in 2004.

She was the loving mother of Rosemary Courtney of Wilbraham, Linda Riel of Belchertown, Joe and Marianne Moura of Belchertown and Tony Moura of Belchertown; adored grandmother to Debbie Cook, Nick Moura, Jackie Moura, Nicole Reilly and Christopher Riel and the late T.J. Courtney; cherished great grandmother to Caitlin, Courtney, Cassandra,

Alexander, Jack and Adam Cook, Henrik Moura and Vivian Reilly. Funeral services for Beatrice were held privately by her family and were entrusted to Ludlow Funeral Home. It was the wish of Beatrice's family that donations be made in her memory to the Dakin Humane Society @ www.dakinhumane.org. For additional information, please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.



DEATH NOTICES

Beatrice Moura
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Robin L. (Gover) Sessoms
 Died Oct. 2, 2025
 Services
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Robin L. (Gover) Sessoms

On Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at age 62, Robin L. (Gover) Sessoms departed this Earth surrounded by a few of her loved ones.

Originally from Ludlow, MA, Robin, expressing a strong desire for change, journeyed and moved from her hometown to North Carolina, where she lived most of her life.

Never forgetting her connection to home and family, she visited Ludlow often and spread her warmth to all she crossed paths with. Seldom did a visit go without experiencing her clever sense of humor and the wonderful cackle of laughter that emanated from her kind heart. She lit up a room. There was always an explorative meal to be had, a raucous game to be played, a newfound plant to beautify many a garden or a reveled memory of the past brought back to life. She adored the chance for an outing to browse through crafts and clothes, garden nurseries and plant centers.

Between her spontaneous ability to sing about anything and dance like no one was watching, it was clear she

never lost touch with her inner child, even more deeply, her inner artist.

Robin was creative, lively and active. She biked and ran marathons and could be found engaged in any of her favorite pastimes. Among these interests and passions were gardening, cooking, decorating, watching a good sappy movie or reading. She was an especially nurturing and caring, avid animal lover and had many cats and dogs in her care.

In addition to her passions of life, she was a dedicated nurse serving multiple sectors of the field from cardiology to dialysis. Influenced by her upbringing, she always performed her tasks diligently, compassionately and with a grand sense of respect. She was a treasured coworker, an incredible sibling and a cherished soul. She will be greatly missed forever and a day and never forgotten.

She leaves behind her husband Sam Sessoms of

Fayetteville, NC, her beloved daughter Emily Richardson and wife Carissa of Cary, NC, her mother Miriam Gover of Ludlow, MA, her sister Diane (Gover) Burke and partner Steven Methot of Enosburg Falls, VT, her brother Murel Gover of Suffield, CT, sister-in-law Kimberly Gover of Ludlow, MA, niece Katelyn Gover and nephews Matthew and

Nash Gover of Ludlow, MA, as well as aunts and many cousins. Services will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at Ludlow Funeral Home, 432 East Street, Ludlow, MA. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 12:30 p.m., private burial immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given in Robin's memory to www.goathouserefuge.org

Robin Sessoms - A generous, free-spirited being of nature, science, art, love and family.



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Stevenson to make it a 2-0 game into the intermission. Matthew Peca also picked up an assist on the play for his first point of the season. In the process, the T-Birds captain became the first player in the T-Birds' 10-year history to record 200 points as a member of the Thunderbirds.

Zherenko stood tall through the opening half of the second period, with Hershey linking lengthy shifts in the offensive zone, threatening to cut into the Springfield lead. After surviving the onslaught, Otto Stenberg alertly spotted Matt Luff coming off the T-Birds' bench, and the veteran winger roofed a breakaway snapper over Stevenson's glove to make it a 3-0 score at 11:45.

Dalibor Dvorsky joined the scoring party next at 14:11, as the 20-year-old got a fortunate bounce to cash in his first of the season. He was hoping to slip a pass to his left side, but the puck ricocheted right back onto his stick in the low slot, giving

Stevenson no chance to defend it. Alexandrov picked up his second assist on the tally.

Hershey finally broke the four-goal blitz at 15:24 as Henrik Rybinski crashed the blue paint to chip a loose puck over Zherenko for his second goal in as many nights, cutting the margin to 4-1.

Still, the T-Birds offense was not finished, and with a power play in the closing minute, Theo Lindstein rifled home his first goal in the

AHL with just 23 seconds left in the frame to make it a 5-1 score. Luff picked up his second point and Alexandrov garnered his third assist on the rookie's first North American tally.

Zherenko had a sizable lead, but the fourth-year pro slammed the door shut in the third, as Hershey failed to pierce the netminder on 14 third-period offerings. Zherenko has now stopped 47 of the last 49 shots he has faced.

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Kathryn M Borek of Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kathryn M Borek of Agawam, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

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The Petitioner requests that: **Isabel Nicoll of Doral, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 15, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
10/22/2025

Annual Polish Supper will be Oct. 25

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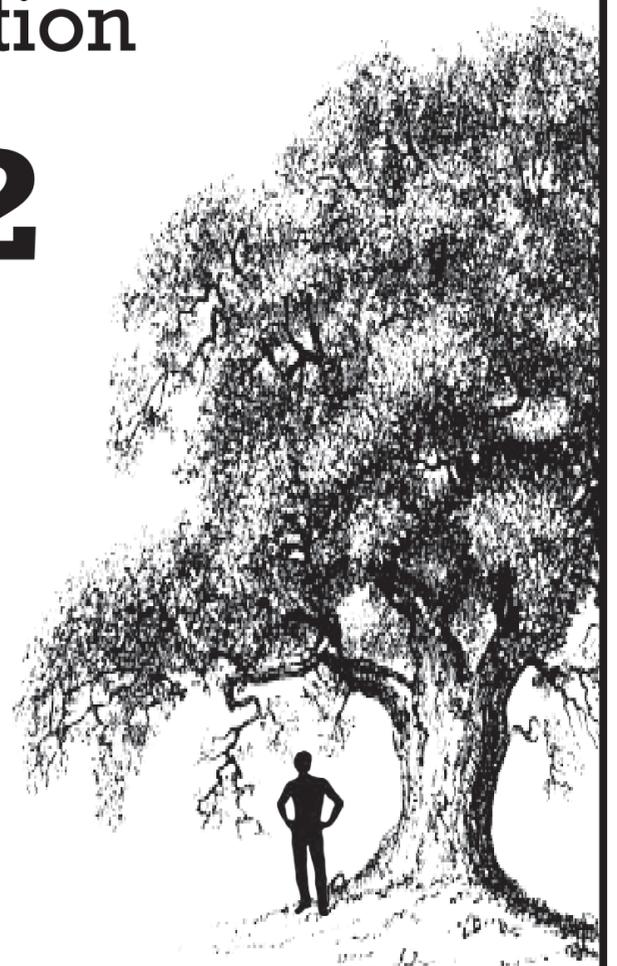
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