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Dog Rex loved the plaid antlers and matched perfectly with Santa.

## Friends of Animal Control host pet photos with Santa

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – Occurring on Nov. 22, the Friends of Ludlow Animal Control hosted their third annual pet photos with Santa, inviting resident’s furry friends to smile brightly to benefit operating expenses for the Friends. Media Director of the Friends Cheryl Lukas explained the non-profit group, where the expenses benefit Animal Control, and how the Friends are in need of volunteers for events like these.

“The Friends of Ludlow Animal Control is a 501(c) (3) non-profit group of local volunteers and concerned citizens who thrive to raise extra money to pay for animal control expenses.

Ludlow’s Animal Control Officer, Octavia Anderson, has mounting bills and a limited town budget. This orga-

nization holds several yearly events to help offset these costs, as well as raise money to build their own shelter, to help save animals’ lives, with the slogan, ‘Help Us, Help Them.’. At the end of 2022, Anderson decided it was necessary to start a fundraising group to help with abandoned, neglected, and stray animals. When she obtained enough committed volunteers for an official business entity, her nonprofit was formed. The original group named ‘Ludlow Animal P.A.L.S., Inc.’ was registered in Apr., 2023. Under this name, their first event was a milestone birthday party in May, 2023, of which all proceeds were donated to Ludlow Animal P.A.L.S. Other events were planned for the year, but their pet photos with Santa in Nov. 2023, has been their biggest, now becoming their signature event,” explained Lukas.

“In Mar., 2024, after re-

searching how best to search for a local nonprofit like this, the name was officially changed to ‘Friends of Ludlow Animal Control’ showing the connection to its main support. Since their introduction, events have included: three restaurant benefits, two ‘Howl-O-Ween’ Pet Costume Parties, two giving Tues., a ‘Crafts & Drafts’ activity, Winter Wonderland Photos at LHS and Celebration Picnic for Ludlow’s 250th Celebration, both Falling into Fun 250th events, a Road Trip (photos in a hot rod) at Cindy’s Drive-In’s 30 year anniversary party, and the most recent third annual Pet Photos with Santa. This year, a volunteer team of two amazing photographers captured over 2,500 shots from over 40 well-behaved pets

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## Town Administrator Strange answers resident questions

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – During the first week of December, The Register was contacted by a resident asking about updates about the Town, hours and notices of Town Hall, and how the public can watch and stay informed on weekly Town meetings. Speaking with Town Administrator Marc Strange, who clarified and explained the residents’ questions, presented a couple of recommendations to help the public.

When Town Hall is closed, how do residents find out when the building is

closed? Is it through a robo call to their homes or notice in The Register?

“We post the info on the Town’s website and Facebook page. Residents can sign up to automatically receive these kinds of news flashes that we post on the website. We also post signs on the exterior doors for those who come to Town Hall after it’s closed,” said Strange.

The Town’s website is ‘ludlow.ma.us’ and on the home page, titled ‘Welcome to Ludlow, Massachusetts’, residents can scroll down to the news and updates title and type their email for the latest updates in Town.

Can residents expect up-

dated signs on where the Town Offices are located?

“The Treasurer’s Office, which is predominantly used by internal staff, is still located on the second floor and now shares space with the Human Resources Department. The Collector’s Office, which is where residents can pay their taxes, is now located on the first floor across from the Health Department. There are signs up in Town Hall on the first floor and we have ordered a new office directory, which will also reflect these changes,” said Strange.

When walking into

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## Veterans, volunteers comes together to lay wreaths

AGAWAM – On Saturday, Dec. 13, Wreaths Across America Day was celebrated at Agawam Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Agawam is the region’s only veterans cemetery.

Volunteers and Veterans organizations from all over Western Massachusetts spent the morning laying wreaths on all the graves at the massive cemetery. The main sponsors of the event were King Gray Coach Lines and Six Flags New England, which is up the street from the cemetery.

The event featured ceremonial wreath laying for the six branches of the military as well as the Merchant Marines, Prisoners of War, and the Gold Star Families. Volunteers are invited to assist with Wreaths Out Day on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. to collect the wreaths.



Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Kaci Mack prepares to lay a wreath during the opening ceremony. See more photos on page 7.

## Hubbard Memorial gives updates

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LUDLOW – Throughout the winter break beginning on Dec. 26 through Jan. 3, 2026, the Hubbard Memorial Library will host vacation fun like New Years sticker making, gingerbread slime do-it-yourself craft, sports bingo hosted by a LHS student, and much more. Catching up with the Director of the Library Melissa Rickson, who represented adult programming at the library, the main highlight of 2025 was the senior volleyball sessions that brought in an energetic group of competitors every week.

Heading upstairs to the Youth Room, Youth Services Assistant Kristin Santos spoke about what families can expect for the New Year, while sharing her own favorite events and activities in 2025. Santos shared that her favorite event this year has been the annual Easter egg hunt held in the library



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

One of the more memorable contests was the coloring sweater contests that featured characters like Hello Kitty, Snoopy, and a reindeer.

lawn, specifically due to the children’s involvement and friendly competition.

“That one is fun because kids get to color eggs. We do a coloring contest where they color eggs, and we lam-

inate them and put them on signs. We put them out on the lawn, and they get to color them. It’s fun because everyone wins and they get so excited to see their eggs out there. Often with an Easter

egg hunt, it’s kind of this melée of arms, legs, and plastic eggs...and then it’s over.

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## Health insurance costs on the rise

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LUDLOW – On Dec. 16, Town Administrator Marc Strange updated the Select Board on expected health insurance increases. “The expected health insurance increases will put us in the position where we really need to request an operational override so we can pay those additional costs. I did write a memo for the board, I would like to read it for the public’s benefit as well,” said Strange.

Strange read the memo aloud to the board, “As we have discussed, the anticipated health insurance cost increases for Fiscal Year 27, which are 18%, create an unprecedented shortfall in the Town’s operating budget. After completion of the level one budget submissions, the budget is approximately \$2.6 million

over budget. Due to line-item reductions and adjustments, that number will change as we move from level one to level two. Level two being the budget that gets sent to Town Meeting. However, without paradigm changes, we likely will not be able to balance the FY27 operating budget.”

Strange continued, “The memo goes on to discuss a two-pronged approach; one is negotiating health insurance splits and plan design changes with employees, and the discussion of the proposition of the two and a half operation overrides. With respect to health insurance, the Town proposed two options to the Insurance Advisory Committee, IAC, which is comprised of one representative collective bargaining unit. In sum, those two options are

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# LUDLOW

## Nomination papers available

LUDLOW – Nomination papers for the March 23, 2026, Annual Town Election are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Assessor, 1 seat; 3-year term

Board of Health, 1 seat; 3-year term

Housing Authority, 1 seat; 5-year term

Library Trustee, 1 seat; 3-year term

Planning Board, 1 seat; 5-year term

Planning Board, 1 seat; 4-year unexpired term

Recreation Commission, 1 seat; 3-year term

Select Board, 1 seat; 3-year term

Town Clerk, 1 seat; 3-year term

Town Moderator, 1 seat; 3-year term

Town-wide office nomination papers must be signed by at least 50 registered voters in Ludlow. Candidates are advised to collect more than 50 signatures to ensure the requisite number of certified signa-

tures.

Town meeting member nomination papers must be signed by at least ten registered voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides.

Voters in each precinct will elect five town meeting members for three years and elect other members as necessary to fill existing vacancies.

Please call the Town Clerk's office with any questions (413) 583-5600 Ext. 1.

## Ludlow Senior Center looks ahead to 2026

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – On Dec. 15, across the hallway from the Heritage "Pops" Orchestra that played for the members of the Ludlow Senior Center, Activities Director Maria Ardolino shared how the center has been doing, what members and guests can expect in the New Year, and reflecting on 2025. Ardolino began by commenting that she has a few grants coming up and when planning new events or activities for the next year, she often finds connections when she's out and about that help decide what she wants to bring back to the center.

"I'm always looking for something new and different,

something that the seniors will get a lot out of. I'm very proud of the year we've had, together as a staff we work well, and it was a diverse schedule. We were busy and handled everything well. Hopefully we can replicate it and beat it, above and beyond for next year!" said Ardolino.

When asked how the orchestra came to the center, Ardolino shared that one of the band members' moms frequents the senior center and that's how the event on Mon. came to fruition. Attending a couple of craft fairs, Ardolino was introduced to a woodworker, authors, and photographers who will bring something different for the members in the future.

"It's expanding their hori-

zons; it's not the same old thing. I'm having Cheryl Fay back again, she's an actor and she did a one woman show. In Jan., we are having an Elvis impersonator on his birthday, Jan. 8, which will be Elvis' 90th birthday. I'm always thinking about how we can bring this back to the center," said Ardolino.

For the Christmas and holiday season, Ardolino shared her favorite tradition is making gingerbread houses with her family, especially her husband. Regarding New Year's, Ardolino shared her best advice which was, "You got one body, you gotta keep it healthy" and highlighting the importance of moving the body and keeping your mind sharp.



## LIGHT A CANDLE OF LOVE.

Since Christmas is a time for remembering, we are lighting a candle in our funeral homes for all the families we have served.

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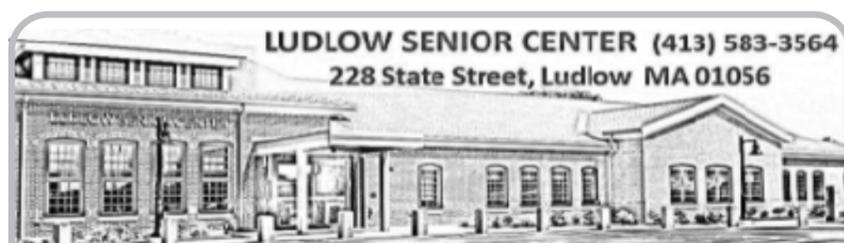
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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

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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/](http://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 colder and the season turns cozy, we look forward to sharing warm meals, great programs, and good company with you at the Center. Please note that if the Ludlow schools are closed or have a delay due to inclement weather, the Center will be closed or have a delayed opening.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

**Thursday, December 25**  
CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Friday, December 26**  
CLOSED

**Monday, December 29**  
9 a.m. Knitting  
9:30 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Computer Help  
1 p.m. Scrabble  
1:15 p.m. Pitch  
2:30 p.m. Zumba Gold

**Tuesday, December 30**  
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 Apartment (1960)

### Wednesday, December 31

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
Center Closes at 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, January 1**  
CENTER CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

\*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, December 25: CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY  
Friday, December 26: CLOSED  
Monday, December 29: Swedish Meatballs/Egg Noodles/Veggies  
Tuesday, December 30: New Years Lunch! Chicken Cordon Bleu/Rice/Veggies  
Wednesday, December 31: No Lunch. Center Closes 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday, January 1: Center Closed  
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Turley photos by Amanda Munson

The room was packed with members and friends enjoying the big band music.

## Heritage 'Pops' Orchestra celebrates Christmas at Ludlow Senior Center

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LUDLOW — On the afternoon of Dec. 15, the beginning of a cold winter week, the Heritage 'Pops' Orchestra played their Christmas concert to celebrate the Christmas season with big band sounds. From the 20-piece Heritage "Pops" Orchestra, the band had an assortment of music players and singers that offered a variety of sounds to the members and guests of the Ludlow Senior Center.

From alto and baritone saxophones, trombones, trumpets, drums and clar-

inets, the group played Christmas and holiday classics that got members onto their feet and dancing to the music. Performing for over 20 years, the orchestra features Vocalist Ann Maggs and features the sound of the big band era, with a variety of music including Polish, Latin and Spanish music.

With an additional six-piece Heritage "Pops" Polka Band, composed of veteran polka musicians, the ensemble can be seen at the Polish American Citizens Club.

To learn more about the Heritage "Pops" Orchestra, visit heritagepops.com



These ladies were up and dancing together as a group, smiling for the camera



One of the singers sang in the crowd and picked a member who was dancing together with friends at the table.



The Heritage "Pops" Orchestra played familiar holiday hits that had members clapping along to the beat.



The ensemble was set up in three different rows, featuring a variety of instruments, offering a unique sound.



After every song, members and guests applauded the music group, happy to experience a concert right before the holidays.

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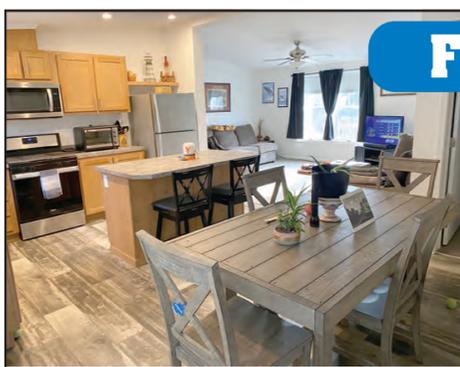
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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



### Why won't Social Security give me my benefits?

Dear Rusty:  
I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time at about \$800/week, they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me.

Signed: Wanting my Benefits

Dear Wanting my Benefits:

If you have not yet reached your SS Full Retirement Age and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born. The annual earnings limit for those collecting SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it's likely because Social Security determined that your current annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot collect benefits. That's because the limit would be more than your benefit amount.

FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until

you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn't get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost you may be entitled to from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age – again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again.

At that time, your application will be approved, and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband's spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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## EDITORIAL

### Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By Francis P. Church in 1897

Dear Editor,  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun, it is so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as cer-

tainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men

can see.  
Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else as real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, maybe 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.



Submitted photos

### Iconic Christmas tree benefits Habitat for Humanity

The season of giving is here and in true community spirit, many will say no one does Christmastime quite like New York City or Habitat for Humanity. Each year, a Norway Spruce is donated, decorated, and displayed outside of Rockefeller Center in Manhattan. After the tree is taken down in the New Year, the trunk is milled into lumber and donated to Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) where it will be used for a future build.

The partnership between Real Estate Company Tishman Speyer, which owns and operates Rockefeller Center, and HFHI formed in 2007. The collaboration inspired "The Carpenter's Gift," by David Rubel, a children's book that follows the journey of a young boy who wished for a decent home and how it comes true in an unexpected way. Books are available for \$10 each at Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) by calling (413) 739-5503.

"The heartwarming tale told in 'The Carpenter's Gift' brings together – through beautiful illustrations and a moving, multi-generational story – two great tradi-

tions: the Rockefeller Center tree and the neighbor-helping-neighbor program of Habitat for Humanity," said late President James "Jimmy" Carter in a previous interview. "The tree annually brightens the Christmas season for millions who see it. Habitat houses brighten the lives of families all over the world – for those who live in them and those who build them."

Since 2007, trees have been harvested from and used in Mid-Atlantic and New England states, with the exception of the first tree. That spruce came from Connecticut, and its lumber was used in Mississippi.

This year's Norway Spruce hails from East Greenbush, a suburb of Albany, New York. It's 74 feet tall, 45 feet wide, and weighs roughly 11 tons.

The tree is topped with more than 50,000 multi-colored lights and 5 miles of wire wrapped around it. A three-dimensional star, designed by architect Daniel Libeskind in 2018, is perched on top. The star weighs approximately 900 pounds, has 70 spikes, and is covered in 3 million crystals.

"That's so cool," said Trina Winans, Greater Springfield Habitat volunteer and supporter.

GSHFH intern Nate Shlosser agreed.

"That is a very kind and generous thing," he said. "I'm very thankful for it because it means another family will have the wood needed for a home."

The tree caught Rockefeller Center head gardener Erik Pauze's attention after a picture of the spruce reached him via a Rockefeller Center security supervisor. Erik visited the tree at Judy Russ's family property in East Greenbush.

"As soon as I saw it, I knew it was perfect," Erik said.

Erik returned to the Russ property several times to water and care for the tree.

The spruce arrived at Rockefeller Center on Nov. 8. The 2025 Rockefeller Center Christmas tree is lit daily from 5am to midnight until mid-January 2026 when it's turned off at 10pm. There are a few exceptions. On Christmas Day, the tree is lit for 24 hours. On New Year's Eve, it is lit from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## The REGISTER

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# MMWEC enters power purchase agreements with Maine Wind Projects

LUDLOW— Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the Commonwealth's designated not-for-profit joint action agency for municipal utilities, is entering into power purchase agreements (PPAs) with two Maine onshore wind projects.

MMWEC's Board of Directors has authorized the organization to proceed with executing contracts for the wind energy and associated renewable energy credits (RECs).

Twelve MMWEC Member municipal light plants (MLPs) plan to participate in the PPAs

with Stetson Wind I and II, located in Danforth, Washington County, Maine. They include the MLPs located in the communities of Boylston, Groton, Holyoke, Ipswich, Marblehead, Peabody, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Sterling, Templeton, Wakefield and West Boylston.

Stetson Wind I is a 38-turbine, 57-megawatt (MW) project which reached commercial operation in 2009. Stetson Wind II is a 17-turbine, 25.5 MW project which reached commercial operation in 2010. The projects are owned and operated by Terra-

Form Power.

The PPA is a five-year agreement, commencing in January 2026, for approximately 12 MW/42,196 megawatt hours (MWh) of capacity from Stetson Wind I and II. MMWEC's offtake represents 18.6% of Stetson I and 20% of Stetson II.

The agreement provides participating MLPs with unit-specific wind power and the associated unit-specific Class I renewable energy credits. The Stetson projects are strong inland wind resources, operating at a capacity factor of approximately

40%.

"This agreement will provide participating MLPs with a reliable source of renewable energy while supporting MLP clean energy goals," said MMWEC CEO Tom Barry. "This agreement demonstrates the commitment of MMWEC and its Project Participants in proactively decarbonizing their power portfolios."

### About MMWEC

MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and au-

thorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. It is the largest provider of asset-owned generation for municipal light departments in New England.

About TerraForm Power TerraForm Power, a controlled affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management, is a leading owner, operator and producer of renewable energy in North America. The company's portfolio contains 3,400 MW of

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## Ludlow Fire Department extinguishes house fire

LUDLOW - Chief Ryan Pease reports that the Ludlow Fire Department extinguished a house fire on Sunday.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, at approximately 1:05 a.m., Ludlow Central Dispatch received a report from a passing motorist reporting a fire at a two-family home at

1123 East St.

Upon arrival, responding crews observed fire and smoke coming from the rear of the structure. Ludlow Police utilized fire extinguishers to slow the spread of the fire.

Ludlow Fire arrived shortly after and advanced hose lines to fully extin-

guish the fire. The fire was contained to the first-floor kitchen area.

There were no reported injuries. Five residents from the first floor were displaced and are currently being housed on the second floor of the home.

Off-duty Ludlow Firefighters were called in to

provide station coverage. Ludlow Police assisted on scene, and Ludlow Central Dispatch provided communication and logistical support throughout the incident.

The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental, but it remains under investigation by Ludlow Fire.

## Lotto calendars available

PALMER—Baystate Wing Gift Shop Annual January Lotto Calendars are now available through Jan. 30, 2026. The drawing will be held Feb. 3, 2026.

The price is \$5 for one calendar with 31 chances to win and \$10 for three calendars with 93 chance to win. The winner need not be present.

Funds are used for scholarship awards for seven local high school graduates and towards the gift shop's pledge of \$200,000 (in installments) to Baystate Wing to a specific department.

These make great stocking stuffers/gifts or recognition of someone in your daily life.

## Evangel Assembly hosts Open Door Open Mic Night on Dec. 25

WILBRAHAM—Evangel Assembly is delighted to open its doors and hearts this Christmas, inviting the Wilbraham-Hampden community and neighboring towns to a complimentary Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2025.

The free dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Evangel Assembly, located at 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA.

Everyone is welcome-no registration required.

Whether you're spending the holiday alone, looking to share a meal with loved ones, or simply wanting to celebrate with new friends, you'll find a warm welcome, delicious food, and the joy of the season.

"This Christmas Dinner is our way of sharing the love and hope of Christmas

with our neighbors," said Outreach Pastor Lori Phillips. "No one should spend Christmas Day without a hot meal and the company of others. We can't wait to celebrate together."

The event is open to all ages and backgrounds. Volunteers from Evangel Assembly will serve a traditional holiday meal in a festive, family-friendly atmosphere.

## Tree of Love fundraiser

PALMER—The Tree of Love annual fundraiser honors a loved one with a wooden ornament to be put on our tree near the Baystate Wing Gift Shop from November thru December.

A single name ornament is \$5 and a family name is \$10.

More information and forms are available in the Gift Shop or by our tree on the 1st floor.

## Drop-In Tech Help available at the Wilbraham Library

WILBRAHAM— Need help setting up an email account, updating your phone, or figuring out a new device? Volunteer students from Wilbraham & Monson Academy (WMA) will be available for technology assistance at the Wilbraham Public Library on select Fridays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis.

Please bring any relevant devices and/or log-in and password information.

Contact the library at 413-596-6141, or visit [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org), for more information about upcoming dates.

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as follows, a premium split change from 78% -22% to 75% -25% for existing employees, that means the Town currently pays 78% of the health insurance costs and the employees pay 22%. The proposal would reduce that to 75/25 for existing employees and then for new employees in the future, a 70/30 split for those who subscribe to the HMO, and a 60/40 split for those who subscribe to the PPO. Plus, an increase in the overall deductible that all employees will pay from \$500 for singles and doubles, and \$1,000 for family. Up to \$1,000 for singles and doubles, and \$2,000 for family; that was one proposal," said Strange.

The second proposal does not include any reductions in the premium splits; it is an increase in the overall deductible from \$500 for a single and a double, and a \$1,000 for a family to \$2,000 for a single and a double, and \$4,000 for a family.

"We still have plenty of discussions ahead of us,

but it sounds like the leader in the clubhouse is proposal number two, which involves only the deductible increase. Part of the plan design change process requires the Town to share a portion of the savings with the impact that employees IE subscribers. We are reserving an amount of free cash to fund that compensation to employees. Any savings from these plan design changes will be realized dollar for dollar in the FY27 operating budget. We are estimating that the amount of those savings to be between \$800 and \$900,000. With regards to the proposition two and a half override, even with those large savings from the plan design changes, we

will still need to bridge an estimated \$1.5 to \$1.7 million budget deficit. Those are rough numbers and are subject to change, but a deficit of that large cannot be closed by reducing line items. It will either require an override or staff program cuts and/or increased fees," said Strange.

Strange went on to explain the plan is to request a \$3 million override at Town Meeting in May, 2026. If the override is authorized by Town Meeting, a Special Election on the override question in early June for the whole Town to vote on it. The TA report continued; The Register will cover this meeting in future articles.

*Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?*

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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

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

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, Tuesday, December 30 (bi-weekly), 3:30-5:00 pm. For middle and high schoolers. The group chooses what to watch each week. Join us to geek out on Anime, try out your cosplay, and eat yummy snacks. Registration recommended.

JJK Animarathon, Tuesday, December 30, 3:30-7:30 pm. For middle and high schoolers. Join the Anime Club and wear your cosplay for half a season of a fan fave, with free pizza and drinks sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Online Gaming Club for YAs, every Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. For ages 10-15. Play Roblox, Minecraft, & more. Roblox players must have their own accounts; Minecraft players can bring their own devices or use one of the library's 8 computers and/or Minecraft accounts. Please register.

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Read to a Poodle, Monday, December 22, 4:00 pm. 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 when you get here. Quill is a regis-

tered Brightspot therapy dog. Please register.

Youth Chess Club, Monday, December 29 (biweekly), 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 9-17. All experience levels are welcome for an hour of chess, some instruction provided. No matter what level you start at, you'll be better after playing with the club! Please register.

Youth Crochet Club, Tuesday, December 30 (biweekly), 5:30-6:30 pm. For ages 10-17. For beginners through experienced crocheters, supplies provided or bring your own. Please register.

Easy Gifts for Grandparents, Saturday, December 20, 11:00 am - 1:45 pm. All ages. Make keychains, glass bead suncatchers, and book lover votive jars, plus a personalized gift bag and tag. Drop-in.

New Year's Sticker Making, Monday, December 29, all day. All ages. Drop in to use our sticker maker and some fun designs to make stickers celebrating the New Year!

Cupcake Liner Fireworks Craft, Saturday, January 3, 10:30 - 12:30 am. Make cool fireworks-themed paper art—out of cupcake liners! Best for children who can use scissors. Drop-in.

Drop-in Holiday Card Making, for the month of December. All ages. Pre-cut designer papers, stickers, glitter, and more!

Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 5:00 pm. 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.

## FOR CHILDREN

The Night Before Christmas, Thursday, December 18, 6:30 pm. For preschoolers and up. Kids wear pajamas to hear the famous story by Clement Moore, sing carols, drink cocoa, and have a surprise visit from a very merry guest. Please register.

Labubu Scavenger Hunt, Friday & Saturday, December 26 & 27, all day. All ages. Pictures of Labubus will be hidden around the Youth Room - find them all to win a prize! Drop-in.

Gingerbread Slime, Tuesday, December 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. For ages 6-10. Make sparkly, cookie-brown, gingerbread-scented slime! Please register.

Movie: Lilo & Stitch, Wednesday, December 31, Noon - 1:45pm. Join us for the new live-action version of Lilo & stitch, with free popcorn and drinks and a craft. 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.

Minecraft Club, every Saturday, noon to 1:50 pm. For ages 7-11. Bring your own device or use one of the library's eight computers & Minecraft accounts to build, play, & create. Please register.

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



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

Around the youth room, the space was covered with winter wonderland decorations.

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It's fun because they get a whole paper worth of eggs, and we get so many that we have four to five different hunts. The kids get a paper for 16 different eggs that they're looking for, and another kid will get a different paper with 16 different eggs. That's one of my favorites and it's always a big event. A lot of people come out and one of my favorite small events is almost the same thing," explained Santos.

Santos shared that her favorite small event at the library is the regular scavenger hunts that occur twice a month, commenting that when she started, that's one of the activities she made sure to bring to the Hubbard Memorial.

"The kids have just taken to them and it's the sweetest thing ever. There'll be a kid in the youth room, and he'll be doing the scavenger hunt and see somebody else and share where the next piece is. And suddenly, the kids are playing together and helping each other to find them. Parents do it together with their kids as well, so

it's nice to come in and do a little activity together. We have themed ones so the last ones we had ugly sweaters, so we had the kids color the sweaters and displayed them all over the room. Now they are on display on the bulletin board," said Santos.

Looking ahead into the New Year, Santos explained that the long running sing with me program will continue, the six-week story time sessions, and the youth room is currently in the planning stages of getting new performers for the patrons.

Santos continued, "Summer reading is a big deal, and we're going to gear up for that. We have a big summer reading kickoff party every year and that'll be a lot of fun. We do that outside and the kids come and sign up for summer reading. We have bubbles and sidewalk chalk and it's fun," said Santos.

When asked how to stay motivated reading during the wintertime, Santos emphasized the warmth and coziness of grabbing a few books from the library, making hot cocoa at home, and reading when the weather is snowy outside. "What's better than that!" exclaimed Santos. The Youth Room book recommendation from Santos was *The Mitten* by Jan Brett,



One of the ongoing crafts in the youth room was a craft making a gingerbread person, equipping children with simple instructions to do with their parent/guardian.



Throughout the month of Dec., the youth room held an ongoing holiday card making station that helped young children and adults make a card for their loved ones.

available at the library. The Youth Room will continue to offer quilting and sewing programs, Nintendo Switch games, a blind date with a book in Feb., and more. For information on ongoing and new programming at the Hubbard Memorial Library, visit the library website.

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Brian Whitacre lays down a wreath at a grave.



The cold weather did not dampen the many volunteers who came out help lay wreaths.



Wreaths appear on all the graves in this section.



Many veterans' organizations were represented at the event.

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and their families, including a dog and bunny duo, as well as many returning dogs, all excited to sit with Santa," said Lukas.

"All events have various merchandise for sale: tank tops, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, lanyards, etched glasses & jars, and other miscellaneous items which can be purchased with cash, PayPal, Venmo, debit, credit, or by check. The other most important reason for raising money is to eventually build a well-needed shelter, a decent place to house animals, because Ludlow currently doesn't have one of its own, and the building they are using lacks many essentials. Donations for Friends of Ludlow Animal Control provide operating expenses to treat abused/neglected injuries, vaccinations/parasitic control,

preventive medicines, health management, extended shelter stays, special surgeries, trap-neuter-release (TNR), wellness visits/checkups, and nutritional needs/supplies. Most important for them is the dire need for a local shelter of their own. Their ideal shelter and wishlist would include indoor/outdoor dog kennels, outdoor play area, outdoor enclosed patio, cat colony room, a quarantine room, grooming room, community room, small animal room, garage/storage room, kitchen/laundry room, food pantry/supplies, and an office for the animal control officer. The Friends of Ludlow Animal Control email is FriendsofLudlowAnimalControl@gmail.com or the Facebook page for donations or if anyone is interested in volunteering. They would like to thank everyone for their continued support," ended Lukas.



Bunny Augustus sitting quietly with Santa in front of the fireplace.



Dogs Bailey and Ivy donned their best Christmas pajamas and posed for the cameras.



Dogs Finn, Dakota, and Ren sit with their best friend Ella.

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**Tuesday, December 30 at 2 PM for January 2 issue**

- Quaboag Current • Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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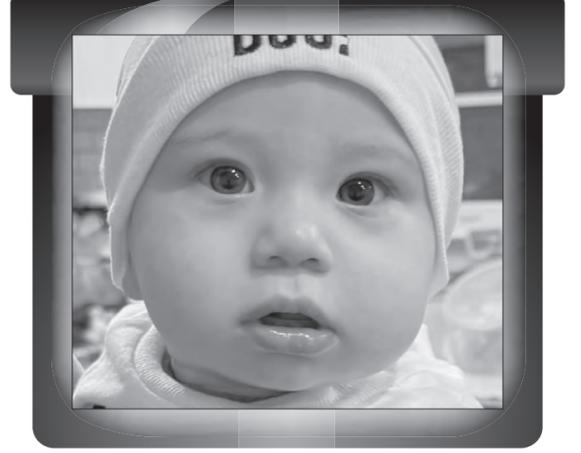
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Ella Libiszewski gets the takedown for Ludlow.

## Lions edge Brownies 18-12 in girls meet

AGAWAM – Last Tuesday evening, Ludlow visited Agawam for a typical dual meet between the two schools. But the evening featured a second event, a five-match girls meet that saw Ludlow win three matches to defeat Agawam 18-12. Ella Libiszewski, Samantha Bertini, and Riley Morais got the pinfall wins for the Lions while Gabrielle Ramos scored for Agawam to go with a forfeit in the fifth match.



Samantha Bertini secures a pinfall.



Hayden Del Rosario Rodrigues gets ready to lock up.



Riley Morais tries to gain leverage and a takedown.

## T-Birds inch closer to .500 with win at Lehigh

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (8-11-3-2) rode yet another phenomenal night of goaltending and special teams to a 3-1 win over the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (13-10-1-2) last Wednesday night inside PPL Center.

In a first period devoid of scoring on 13 combined shots, Vadim Zherenko carried over momentum from his phenomenal outing 10 nights earlier in Providence with eight first-period denials, including two on a Phantoms power play.

Newest T-Bird Troy Murray quickly warmed himself up to his teammates and fans, as the 28-year-old dropped the gloves with Sawyer Boulton on the first shift of his AHL career following more than 200 professional games across three leagues before his T-Birds

debut on Wednesday. Springfield's penalty kill, which has operated better than any other road PK in the AHL, continued its remarkable run with a second-period clinic. The T-Birds killed off three disadvantages, and on the third of those, Chris Wagner added his second shorthanded goal of the season, as he circled Aleksei Kolosov's net and stuffed a wraparound home at 15:57 of the middle period, making it a 1-0 game heading into the final frame.

Zherenko kept up his end of the bargain with nine more stops in the second to make it a two-period total of 17 denials against the Phantom attack.

The Phantoms did not

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## Ludlow hockey suffers loss to Minnechaug

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Last Tuesday evening, Minnechaug Regional ice hockey improved to 2-0 with a 5-2 win over Ludlow at Olympia Ice Center. Ludlow trounced Agawam in its season opener, scoring eight goals, but was brought back to Earth by Minnechaug's defense. Kelly Balog and Jake Moore had two goals each for the Falcons while Andrew Lambert and Tannar Severyn had single goals for the Lions, who are 1-1. Minnechaug defeated Taconic in its season opener 12-0.

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Evan Dias collects the loose puck.



Nathan Ribeiro hustles past the blue line.



Connor Kokosa gets ready to push the puck up the ice.



Sean Kefalas holds the puck near the boards.

## Lions fall in home opener

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—On a night when things didn't particularly go their way at times, the Granby girls' varsity basketball team still managed to celebrate a road victory.

Led by senior guard K.C. Curran and junior forward Brenna Moreno, the Lady Rams defeated Franklin West league rival Ludlow, 36-25, at Mullins Gymnasium, last Tuesday night.

"Things didn't always go our way in tonight's game, but we played very well defensively, which was very important," said Granby Dave Padavano. "Brenna and K.C. led us offensively."

Moreno scored eight of her game-high 14 points during the first half. Last February, she scored a career-high 18 points in a 52-37 home win against Ludlow.

Curran finished the game with 10 points. She also made two of the Lady Rams four 3-pointers.

Junior forward Kalli White, who scored a team-high 16 points in the Lady Rams season opening home win versus Greenfield,

scored only two points in the first meeting of the regular season against the Lady Lions before fouling out in the middle of the fourth quarter.

Curran, junior Eleanor Szlosek (7 points), and junior guard Meredith Bartosz (3 points) played very well defensively for Granby.

The Lady Rams (2-0) have now won the last five meetings on the hardwood against the Lady Lions.

Ludlow (0-2), who lost at Amherst, 33-26, in their season opener, played at home for the first time this season. The last time that the Lady Lions beat the Lady Rams was a 33-27 victory at the start of the 2022-23 regular season.

The duo of junior forward Maddie Riley and senior forward Nora Adams each scored six points for the home team.

Despite the setback, first-year Ludlow head coach Sam Partridge wasn't upset with how her team played.

"I would've loved to have won our home opener, but we did stick to our gameplan," Partridge said. "We still have some things to work on, but the players continued to play hard for



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Aneysha Donais powers around a Granby guard.

the entire game."

Moreno scored six points during the first eight minutes of the contest and Szlosek added an inside hoop, as the Lady Rams entered the second quarter holding a slim 8-6 advantage.

White picked up her second personal foul at the end of the first quarter, and she sat on the bench for the rest of the first half.

The Lady Lions' three field goals during the opening quarter were by junior Reese Carroll (2 points), Riley, and Adams.

Granby's largest lead of the opening half was 18-8 following a short jumper from Moreno, which capped off a 10-2 run, with 3:30 left.

Ludlow finished the first half with lay-ups from Adams, senior guard Aneysha Donais (3 points), and senior guard Eliana Garcia (3 points), which closed the gap to 18-14 at intermission.

The score didn't change during the first five minutes of the third quarter.

Moreno finally ended the dry spell by making a pull-up jumper in the lane.

With 1:50 left in the third quarter, Curran buried a 3-pointer and Moreno followed with a basket extending the Lady Rams lead to 27-17.



Ava Friese attempts a three-pointer.



Nora Adams looks to take a shot under the hoop.



Karley Roman tries to get around a Granby player near the sideline.

## Springfield Garden Club hosts Gardening Series

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Garden Club will host "Year Round Color in the Garden Horticultural Workshops," a series of three classes for anyone interested in year round interest in their yards and gardens. The programs will be at 2 p.m. on three Sundays in January and February. Right when a little reinforcement that spring will come is most needed.

Sunday, January 26, 2025 will kick off the series with the class "Some of the Best Perennials and Shrubs for Seasonal Interest: Spring, Summer, Fall and even WINTER!" Wondering what to plant? How to layer them for

best effect? This hands-on workshop has you evaluating a wide variety of new and tried-and-true plants for the unique needs of YOUR yard. Led by Vana Nespor, District Director, Garden Club Federation of MA.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 is «Trees that Bring Joy all Year Long» Looking to plant and care for a small tree that you will enjoy year-round? Learn which small trees bring joy to both you and the wildlife around you. Where best to place them, and learn how to make sure they survive in our changing climate. Led by Alex Sherman, Tree Warden and City Forester

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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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Town Hall, using the back entrance in the parking lot, walk inside and turn right and the Collector's Office is located on the left; right before the staircase.

For the future, where can residents find out information and changes in the town schedules?

"The Select Board announces upcoming events and scheduled closings at the end of their meetings. But, again, subscribing to the website is the best way to ensure residents are receiving town communications like this," ended

Strange.

Residents can go to the Town website and select the tab titled 'Documents Center' and select the desired committee or board minutes and agenda. For example, if interested in viewing the updated Select Board meeting agenda, residents can select the Select Board tab and select 'Select Board Minutes and Agendas 2025'. The tab will expand and show the current Select Board agendas, categorized beginning with the year, month, and day. When the agenda is selected, another tab will be automatically created on your computer to show the agenda with the board up-

dates and miscellaneous items at the bottom.

To view future meetings, visit the website [ludlowvt.org](http://ludlowvt.org) for the Town's own community television, which records and streams board and committee meetings through three channels; 191, 192, and 193. If interested in watching a meeting that has already occurred, residents can select the tab titled 'View Our Programs' and select videos that show the most current meetings that occurred in the past week.

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Call the Ludlow Senior Center for more information 413-583-3564.

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stay quiet forever, though, as Alex Bump ripped a perfectly placed shot over Zherenko's glove hand at 3:19 of the third, tying the score, 1-1.

However, the Thunderbirds once again proved they were not ruffled, and

just 1:58 later, moments after Garrett Wilson committed a delay of game minor for clearing the puck over the glass, Alek Kaskimaki shuffled a rebound past Kolosov following an initial try by Calle Rosen. The second-year Finn's fifth goal of the season restored the Springfield lead,

2-1.

The penalty killers stiffened one more time, completing a perfect 5-for-5 night with a man down, and with the Phantoms' net empty in the final minute, Michael Buchinger lobbed a clear all the way down and into the yawning cage to put the nail in the

coffin.

Zherenko completed another magnificent performance with 23 stops to secure the victory. Springfield has now earned points in nine of the last 10 games, and the club has begun this five-game road trip with three consecutive triumphs.

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 The Trial Court  
 Probate and Family Court  
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 50 State Street  
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 Docket No. HD25P2615EA  
 Estate of: Mary Small Dubois  
 Also known as: Mae Dubois  
 Date of Death: 09/29/2025  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
 To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nancy Mary Fernandes of Ludlow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
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 WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: December 17, 2025  
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 Register of Probate  
 12/24/2025  
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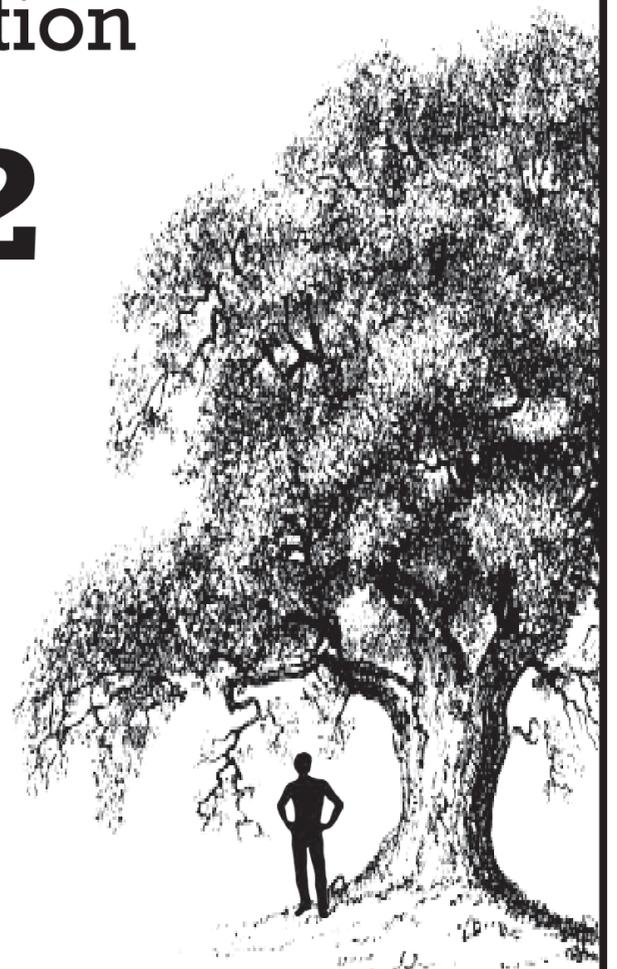
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