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Theatre Guild to present 'Jerry's Girls'



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The cast of "Jerry's Girls" performs a group number during their rehearsal on April 6 at the Town House Auditorium in Hampden.

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HAMPDEN - The Theatre Guild of Hampden is prepping for their upcoming production of "Jerry's Girls," directed by Mark Giza, with Parker Eastman as music director and Gail Weber as stage manager.

The cast features Becca Greene-Van Horn, Katie Johnson, Kathy Renaud, Dr. Andrea Stolar, Robyn Scott, Dina Del Buono, Margie Secora, Jessica Glasser and Amanda Emet.

"Jerry's Girls" is a musical review of songs from classic Jerry Herman musicals, including "Hello Dolly!", "Mack & Mabel," "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine," "Mame" and more.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors and stu-

dents.

The performances will take place at the Hampden Senior Center on 104 Allen St. in Hampden on April 25, April 26, April 27, May 2, May 3 and May 4. The showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.

The community is encouraged to get their tickets now by visiting theatre-guildofhampden.org.

Secora shared she's known Giza for many years and he called to ask if she'd be interested in auditioning. She's performed for many years and, also, started The Red Door Theater in Feeding Hills with a partner, which ran for 31 years.

"I didn't do any theater in this area because I was running my own theater and then in the past few years, I've

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The Easter Bunny takes a photo with Lionel, Cora, and Lena Green. As well as Molly and Evelyn MacEachern.

GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club hosts

By Noelle Hisgen
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - On April 12, the GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club hosted their annual Bunny Breakfast at St. Cecilia's Church.

The over 30-year annual event was filled with colors and cheer. Everyone was at the event with a smile on their faces the entire time they were there.

Children and their families enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sau-

sages and bananas and they also could get temporary tattoos and their faces painted by volunteers. Children and their families could even get a picture with the Easter Bunny.

There were also raffle baskets where families could buy tickets in hopes of winning various themed baskets in the following week.

The GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club is a community service organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. They

are a volunteer organization that provides service and programs in arts and culture, civic engagement and outreach, education and libraries, environment, and health and wellness.

They are a group that consist of women of all ages, talents and interests unified by the common desire to serve the community.

Many members of the Junior Women's Club were in attendance, helping anywhere they could from helping serve food to taking pictures of the Easter Bunny, to

helping with arts and crafts. The club members were all very active in their work that morning, including Event Chair and Vice President Lorie Bonavita.

"Seeing all of the smiles on the kids' faces and the families having a good time, it's just a wonderful event," Bonavita said.

In addition, member Karen Gatchel also spoke on the club.

"We're a lot of fun. We do a lot of volunteer activities in

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'Science of Superheroes'

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HAMPDEN - The senior center received a special visit from Professor Presto at Western New England Mad Science on April 8 to learn about the science of superheroes.

The intergenerational event also featured students from Green Valley Preschool in attendance, who

volunteered with Professor Presto to pick up Thor's hammer Mjölner and help Superman--in ping pong ball form--fly. Batgirl also made a blink-and-you'll-miss-it appearance.

Professor Presto's trusty sidekick, Eggbert, also joined in the fun.

During the event, attendees learned about the science behind the most popular superhero powers from flight and invisibility and how Spi-

derman walks on walls to changing color and pulling off daring escapes.

The program was supported, in part, by a grant from the Hampden Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

After dazzling the audience with his superhero science, Professor Presto explained the show is an opportunity to help kids get involved in science.

"It might not necessar-

Professor Presto shows off a smokescreen science experiment through the power of steam.

ily be the science--the real science--behind how what works, but it's believable enough for the kids to understand it. Things like my color change over here and all that," he said. "But the kids love it."

On Eggbert--full name

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HISTORICAL WILBRAHAM

Atheneum plans season of Open Houses at Old Meeting House Museum

Talks begin with Concord and Lexington

By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

Just as the battles of Concord and Lexington kicked off the American Revolutionary War, as a topic of the Old Meeting House Museum's first open house, they will signal the start of a schedule of guest speakers at the Main Street historical museum this season.

Known for their in-depth look into Wilbraham and

American history, the museum will host guest speaker Rich Howell who will give the first talk of the season at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 in the town-owned museum. His topic will be "The Genesis of Revolution: The Dawn of the American War for Independence".

And Howell knows his subject well as a re-enactor who will be taking part in the celebration of Lexington and Concord scheduled for a four-day event that marks the 250th Anniversary of the pivotal events that set our nation on the path to independence — a path that led from Boston through Lexington and Concord.



Submitted photo

Hometown historical authority Rich Howell will talk about "The Genesis of Revolution: The Dawn of the American War for Independence" on May 4 at the Old Meeting House Museum.

According to the "Historical Address at the Centen-

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Wilbraham police chief proposes 25 mph speed limit in unposted areas

The Select Board will decide if it's on the town meeting warrant.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham Police Chief Ed Lennon appeared before the Select Board on April 7 to propose an addition to the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting this spring.

Lennon would like to see residents vote to determine if all unposted streets in thickly settled areas of town should have a speed limit of 25 mph.

"The 25 mph only affects places that are unposted and are thickly settled," Lennon said. "The unposted speed limits in these areas right now

are 30 mph. Any currently posted speed limits would remain the same. If there's a speed zone, let's say 35 mph on Main Street — or anywhere they've gone through the process to set it, this 25 mph would not affect that at all."

Currently, Ludlow, Springfield, Amherst, Southwick, Pittsfield and Westfield have adopted the law in western Massachusetts. Lennon said that about a third of the municipalities in the state have adopted the regulation, but most of them are in the eastern portion of Massachusetts.

According to Lennon, the town also has the option to handle speed limits on a street-to-street basis, but the state doesn't recommend this because it would be too complex of a project and harder to maintain.

"In my opinion, setting

this would basically be our expression as a town what we feel we want to have on side streets; what we want drivers to drive at," Lennon said. "Basically, we would put that out there of what we expect. Also, there would, hopefully, be an expectation that this would reduce the speeds on the side streets."

Lennon added that, if passed, the regulation would slow the town's speeding metric down. He was frank, however, that the police department would not be able to enforce the speed limit on all these side streets.

"As far as the police somehow using this as an enforcement tool and somehow ticketing on the side streets, it's just not practical," Lennon said. "I think this would be more our town's expectation

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Ukulele Music Fills Senior Center

By Patricia Sullivan
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - Eleven ukulele students gathered for their first lesson at the Wilbraham Senior Center on April 8 at 1:30 pm. Less than half an hour later, they were all strumming their first song.

“Ukulele is easier to learn than guitar and people with small hands or even arthritic hands can do it,” said instructor Amy Scott. “It’s realistic to play a song in a lesson or two with little or no experience.”

The senior center collaborated with Falcetti Music of Springfield to offer a package of four beginner lessons for \$30 along with loans of ukuleles, music stands and tuners. It was the first time the center has hosted music lessons and the class filled quickly, according to Jen Finnigan, activities/volunteer coordinator for the senior center.

Scott, a piano, voice and ukulele instructor for Falcetti, relates to those coming to music later in life. Although she has played piano since childhood, she began to pursue music seriously after a career in marketing and is studying for a degree in music at Holyoke Community College.

She took up the ukulele during the pandemic.

After tuning students’ ukuleles, Scott quickly got the class underway. She demonstrated how to hold the instrument and how to strum its four strings gently, as if petting a kitten.

A strap is useful, she said, because a ukulele can be slippery, especially if you’re standing.

Scott taught the students two easy chords and a basic strumming pattern and soon they were playing and singing “Coconut” by Harry Nilsson: “Put the lime in the coconut, drink ‘em bot’ up. Put the lime in the coconut and call me in the morning.”

“This is the chord-strumming style of ukulele playing. Singing will be involved,” Scott said. “If you don’t want to sing, encourage others to sing, because without singing

you have no melody.”

While most of the students had very little musical background, John Puffer of Wilbraham has played the guitar since college and was in a rock and roll band. He was happy to see music offered at the Wilbraham Senior Center and enjoyed the class.

“I play my guitar every day. I bought a ukulele 10 years ago and play it about every three months,” Puffer said. “For me, the fingering on a ukulele is a challenge. I don’t have to think about it on the guitar, but on the ukulele I do.”

Joan Ugolik came to the



Janet Aube learned ukulele basics on an instrument she gave her husband as a gift.

class with encouragement from her niece.

“I’m a newbie,” Ugolik said. “I’m hoping it’s easy.”

Toni Wapner brought along her father’s ukulele from the 1950s. When Scott saw that the instrument needed repairs to its tuning pegs, she loaned her a new instrument from Falcetti. Wapner found strumming with long fingernails a challenge but enjoyed the class and decided to cut her nails for easier playing.

Phyllis Ervin took the lesson on a ukulele she received as a gift from her husband. At the end of the class she joked, “I’m going to serenade him tonight!”

Future ukulele classes will cover additional chords and strumming patterns and dy-



Turley photos by Patricia Sullivan
Ukulele instructor Amy Scott at the Wilbraham Senior Center.



Amy Scott gave ukulele student Phyllis Ervin guidance on forming chords.

namics—playing loudly and softly and discovering where to put emphasis.

“Once you learn the C, G and F chords it will unlock hundreds of songs for you,”

promised Scott.

She gave the class some parting advice: “You can never tune too much. Newer instruments like these are fussy in the beginning. Tune a lot.”



Turley photo by Kristin Rivers
The Selectboard received updates from the Fire Department Building Committee on April 7 regarding the fire station renovation and expansion proposal.

Selectboard receives updates on fire station renovation, expansion

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HAMPDEN - The Selectboard received updates from the Fire Department Building Committee on the fire station renovation and expansion on April 7.

Associate Member Lance Trevallion explained in 2019 the committee came before the board for a building assessment study to be done, which was completed. Later, Tecton was brought in for ideas and drawings.

“That didn’t really work with the price and our site. We went back to the drawing board and we came up with the third architect here,” Trevallion said.

That architectural firm was Saccoccio & Associates.

“So, right off the bat, they seem very up-to-date. They gave us great feedback and they came up with a floor plan that would work with some budget adjustments,” Trevallion said. “The committee’s worked very hard up to this date, so we’d like to thank them for that. They’ve been great to work with the architect and them as well.”

Chairman Mark Barba said numbers were received from the architect the week before and the existing station measures around 5,000 square feet currently. The design for the renovation

and expansion “basically is squaring up the building.”

“The lower area, now, that is addition/renovation, is approximately another 5,000 square feet. There is a second level, if you will, with this design which is over the middle section, which is designed now as a completely unfinished future use area—if needed—storage and mechanical area,” Barba said. “So, what we’re looking at right now is everything on the first floor. We’ve configured it this way so all the apparatus—as you guys have seen—is exiting, entering, from North Road and then the rest of the area is designated, now, for basically what the fire department needs. The hot zones, the cold zones, give us our training room, gives us the office area.”

Importantly, Barba added, the turnout gear which was in the back left corner along with cleaning, gear extractors and contaminants when coming back from calls is “kind of isolated” and away from the rest of the building.

The design being shown during the meeting that night was the final version from the architect.

“We did some tweaking here we thought fit the site,” Barba said. “Working with

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Wilbraham Hill Climb set for May 10

On Monday, the Select Board approved several items related to the event.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – The Select Board has given its blessing for the Wilbraham Hill Climb, which is set to occur on Saturday, May 10 between approximately 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Organizers Ed Cenedella and Jeff DeMarey joined the board’s meeting on April 7. They announced that there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem by a woman from a Springfield-based music charity to kick off the event.

“She’s got an absolutely powerful voice, and she’s going to come and do the anthem. It will be at 8 a.m. As soon as that ribbon is cut, off we go,” one of the organizers said.

Police Chief Ed Lennon said that the operations plan is good to go, although there might be some small modifications in the coming weeks.

Cenedella and DeMarey explained how transportation to the event will work, as numerous streets in the center of Wilbraham will be shut down for the Hill Climb, which involves vintage cars racing up Monson Road, an extensive car show and several other festivities.

“Instead of running shuttle buses through our event, we’ll run two from Minnechaug to Brewer and two from Memorial to WMA and then run them back,” they said. “We figure people coming from that way can park at Memorial School and then come down. And that bus just turns around and comes right back. Both



Turley photo by Jason DeGray
The Wilbraham Hill Climb was officially approved by the Select Board and will take place on May 10. Here is a photo from last year's event.

lanes open. As does the Minnechaug bus; turns around in Brewer and then goes back.”

According to Lennon, the race route is set in stone. The Select Board unanimously approved of the operation plan. Lennon added that there is one potential change to the operations plan.

“The fire department is working out, they want to get the inspections done before the event happens, so there is a lot going on in the morning. In the morning, they will confirm that it is the truck that they did inspect,” Lennon said.

The organizers noted that several vendors have already expressed interest in getting inspected several days prior to the event so that they can come in, park and set up without an issue on May 10.

Select Board Vice Chair Michael Squindo went over the parking bans, which are quite extensive. They are all in effect from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Areas that will be closed during this period include:

Main Street between Tinkham Road and Wright Place, Springfield Street between Main Street and Ridley Street, Burt Lane, Crane Park Drive, Old Road, Hunting Lane, Pomeroy Street, Miles Morgan Court, Willow Brook Lane, Woodland Dell Road, Brookmont Drive between Main Street and Hilltop Drive, Mountain Road between Main Street and 509 Mountain Road, Ridge Road between Monson Road and 200 feet north on Ridge Road, Peak Road between Monson Road and 200 feet south on Peak Road, Monson Road between Main Street and Ridge Road, the north town lane of Main Street between Tinkham Road and Faculty Street and – most importantly – Monson Road between Main Street and Ridge Road.

Lennon explained the process of helping townspeople get ready for the event, as the police department will post signs across the area to warn them of the road closures

ahead of time. “We have signs that say town of Wilbraham on them. We go around the day before and post them on telephone poles and post them on stakes on all of the roads that are restricted,” Lennon said. “Generally, we put them in the day before and pick them up either that day or the next day. We put it on our Facebook page, website, we publicize it and it’s worked out really well the last couple of years.”

Lennon was asked about cars that are already parked in the area. He said that 24-hour parking there is prohibited, and the signs will be placed well in advance of the event. He did touch on what happens to people who don’t listen to the no parking orders.

“We did have some last year that did flat violate it. They didn’t park in the two lots that they were supposed to and just put [their vehicles] on Main Street in the way, and they were ticketed,” Lennon said. “They were in a position where we didn’t have to tow them. They just violated with where they parked, which is okay if there’s just a few cars. We ticket them, but if it’s widespread it’s a real problem, but we didn’t have any [last year] that were blocking.”

One of the organizers added that there is a way for residents who live on these affected roads to still get in and out of their driveways during the event. All they have to do is call a number that will be mailed to them.

“We have that hotline in place too so if neighbors need to get up there even though the roads are closed, they all get a phone number to call. There’s five of us on the call. That one call rings five phones. They’ll get the number via mail. We’ve already sent one letter and will send another next week,” the organizers said.

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what we’re able to work with, we feel this design that they’ve come up with here addresses our needs that we have. Certainly now, for equipment, for storage, for safety, certainly. Especially around the apparatus, the bays. Everybody knows who’s been there, right now it’s a dangerous place. There’s no room between vehicles. You can certainly get into the nuances of how much bigger vehicles are now. Fire equipment is not what it was 50, 60 years ago when the building was designed.”

Barba said there’s also an area right up front for the public to come in.

“It flows well,” Barba said. “There are a few tweaks to this

that we would be doing, but for all intents and purposes, this is the design.”

After a 3D version of the design was shown, Select-board Member John Flynn asked this.

“Mark, with such a large-scale change and not-just throw it out there--how much is there? You’ve got some change of purpose there,” Flynn said. “How much more is it just to build that instead of rehabbing or gutting what you have, basically. Because you get a million dollars for electrical--which I assume covers the whole building at that point--I mean, did that come up?”

Barba replied the existing building will be kept.

“Obviously, there’s extensive remodeling all inside. The price that they’re giving us is all new mechanical, electrical, plumbing,” Barba said.

The committee added vehicle parking and equipment are also included, with the main feature being the auxiliary services will be on the back wall.

“So, we don’t have to do any trenching in the existing floors, which is expensive. We found out when we did Wilbraham that every time we cut a floor and dug a trench to put in a soil line or whatever, it’s just brutally expensive,” they said. “So, by going across the back, have all of that in the same flow.”

For the verticals of the roof line, the third bay--the existing one--would be down “a little bit more and making that higher and then, with trusses, we’ll gain some space for storage as well.”

“Now, the electrical service that’s there really won’t suffice this whole building. So, we’re moving it out of the office area and putting it in the other corner and then all the mechanicals for this project will go in that upstairs truss area, if you will, and we’re getting floor space where we need it,” they said. “So, not only from a safety perspective of manpower and all the chemical aspects of firefighting today, but we’re picking up storage space that we dras-

tically need between vehicles and just a place to put things.”

When Flynn asked about the bays, it was explained there are currently four with three on North Road and one in the back.

“This project has five bays. So, we do have an extra bay,” Barba said.

After a brief discussion on the history of the fire station, the size of today’s fire trucks and how a cistern would need to be put in for water at the front of the building, Barba shared the other features of the renovation and expansion would include a separate room for SCBA to fill tanks, fire hose storage, bathrooms and showers, washer and gear dryers for equipment, the training room and varying storage spaces for mechanical, equipment and more.

After discussing other items, the board thanked the committee for all their work.

All information and figures for the full proposal will be together and presented to the Advisory Committee for review on April 14.

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Hartsprings Truck Drive supports Hampden Senior Center

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HAMPDEN - The community stopped by the Bethlehem Church parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 12 to drop off donations for the Hartsprings Truck Drive.

The event was held in the church's parking lot because the Spring Art Show hosted by the Scantic River Artisans took place at the senior center that same day.

The final donation totals are, currently, in the works and will be announced soon.

Held twice a year in April and October, this event helps residents bring larger bags of items or heavier and bulky household donations that would not ordinarily fit in the purple bin located in the senior center's parking lot.

Hartsprings Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization focused on repurposing, recycling and reusing gently-used clothing, linens, small household items and more, supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Joan Shea, vice president of the Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens, explained the drive helps support the senior center "for all kinds of events."

"As different programs come up, author talks, etc., anything we have, we do fund all of those activities," Shea said.

Shea thanked Bethlehem Church for its support in holding the event in their parking lot.

"Bethlehem Church was very happy to let us use their parking lot today. They opened it up, we could have the whole parking lot. We certainly appreciate that," Shea said.

She also shared how members of the Minnechaug Regional High School Key Club were helping out that day, having connected with Joshua Pardave when the members were at an event at the library.

Later, Shea reached out



Emilio, the driver for Hartsprings, smiles inside the Hartsprings truck as donations begin arriving for the truck drive.



Tom Farrow and Jim Dupuis take a break from traffic duty during the Hartsprings Truck Drive event to pose for a fun photo.

to Lea Fitzgerald, one of the advisors for the Key Club, to learn more about their volunteering at community events.

"All of us from the senior center who are on the Friends board, we appreciate them," Shea said. "The kids are very ambitious and love to do it and they're right there up front doing everything that they need to do."

Pardave, a freshman, was joined by fellow members Dylan Secor, a junior, and Nicholas Gencarelli, a freshman, who heard about the event through a posting online. They joined Key Club to prepare for college and get involved in community service.

The boys enjoyed the friendly environment with the

group along with the opportunity to give back.

"Not only is it good for getting hours for college, but you're able to help lovely people every day you can do it. Makes you feel good about yourself when you get home knowing that you helped society in some way," Secora said. "And I really enjoy it. I just think it's an amazing thing to do to help a lot of people out."

"What he said. I think it's a great way to give back to people. Even if you never meet them again, you can always meet new people," Pardave said. "Making a difference."

"Just the satisfaction of helping people and knowing you made someone's day,"



Gencarelli said.

Shea encouraged residents who couldn't make the event to drop off donations any time, adding small items can be dropped off at the Purple Bin Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bigger items can be brought inside and Shea will be contacted to pick them up.

"I want to thank everyone for coming, first of all, to support it. I think, now, townspeople from around the area are used to me having this twice a year, April and October, and they actually wait for it," Shea said. "They're all very happy. As you can see the flow of traffic coming through is constant and three hours is the allotted limit to what Hartsprings lets me have."

The students want the community to know the Key Club is here to support them and volunteer any time, thanking everyone for dropping off donations at the event.

"I think if you need anybody for your help or assistance with anything, Key Club would be great for (it). I think Wilbraham and Hampden is an amazing place to do stuff because you have a lot of various options to help people and companies and anything like that," Secora said.

"If you need help or volunteering, you can always count on the Key Club. You can just email Ms. Fitzgerald," Pardave said. "Email her if you ever need help."

"Exactly what they said," Gencarelli said. "Also, to everyone donating, thank you. We appreciate it."

To learn more, contact Shea at 413-566-8224.

For anyone looking for help from Key Club volunteers, email Fitzgerald at lfitzgerald@hwsd.org.



A volunteer hands a donation to Emilio.



From the left, Nicholas Gencarelli, Joshua Pardave and Dylan Secor, who volunteered for the event as part of the Key Club at Minnechaug Regional High School.



The Hartsprings truck begins to fill up with donations.



Volunteers begin to take out donations from a resident's car during the Hartsprings Truck Drive event.



Volunteers helped collect donations from residents as they arrived at the parking lot at Bethlehem Church.

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gotten back to doing theater,” Secora said. “And Mark is my favorite director because he’s just amazing as a director.”

She added the camaraderie amongst the cast “has been fabulous” as everyone rehearses ahead of opening night.

“The thing I think I enjoy the most about doing something like this with Mark as director is that he is so prepared and he takes you where you need to go. There’s no wasted time and he’s got such a vision,” Secora said. “So, I love to come here and see what’s next, what we’re going to do with the next number.”

Glasser got a message from Greene-Van Horn that more people were being sought after auditions and tried out, sharing this was her first time taking part in a production with the guild.

It’s, also, her first show in two and a half years after welcoming her second son.

“This is kind of the perfect show to get back in with, which has been really exciting,” Glasser said.

Glasser stressed the importance of supporting local theater groups and the arts.

“That’s so important. I think just getting out and seeing a show is great for people. You get to see something new, you get to experience something different. You may get to see a different viewpoint for something or learn something,” Glasser said. “I think it, also, just to support people that live in your towns or the adjacent towns is really important. I think that theaters could use the help more than ever now and it’s just really nice to have a night out.”

For Scott, she did “Cabaret” in 2018 with the guild and was excited to take part in this production as she knew of Jerry Herman. Her favorite numbers during rehearsal



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

The cast of “Jerry’s Girls” in a group photo with director Mark Giza ahead of rehearsal.

have been “Let’s Go to the Movies” and “Kiss Her Now” along with the solo numbers.

“I just enjoy working with Mark again. He’s very respectful of all of our time and it’s just so much fun to make music. It’s just a joyful process. We all need a little bit more joy in our lives,” Scott said.

Her advice for future performers was this.

“Just not to be afraid to audition. I think it’s so scary for a newcomer, but all of the local theaters that I’ve worked with have had really simple audition processes. It can be very intimidating when you first start, but don’t be afraid,” Scott said. “Don’t be afraid to fail. The audition process will always teach you something even if you don’t make a show and there’s always another show. Always, always, always. So, if you don’t make one, keep auditioning. Don’t let it keep you down.”

Giza explained he chose “Jerry’s Girls” as he had directed it 32 years ago and was a big fan of Jerry Herman’s music and the musicals he composed.

“I really wanted to do it again because some women were available and some

women I wanted to work with for years and now they were available. So, it was time to do it,” Giza said. “It’s been a wonderful experience.”

Giza--like the cast--hopes the audience can escape to a different world for a time and feel joy when they check out the show.

“It’s nice that you can go and can escape to this. It’s some beautiful, light music, some dramatic tones and some beautiful music,” Giza said. “But, it’s just a night of just not thinking and just going and enjoying and just listening to the most beautiful music and really good singers.”

Giza also thanked everyone for their continued support of the guild, adding The Theatre Guild of Hampden will mark 20 years with a big celebration on Sept. 14 at the Country Club of Wilbraham.

He encouraged everyone to get their tickets soon for “Jerry’s Girls.”

“Just to come and enjoy it! If you want a night out, just to come and enjoy it. It’s going to be a fun evening, great music, very talented people and we all need a break,” Giza said. “So, this is a perfect time to do it.”

Healthy Kids Day at the Scantic Valley YMCA free and open to the public

WILBRAHAM - The YMCA sets kids up for a safe, healthy and fun summer at Healthy Kids Day!

This annual event features a day of fun-filled activities to celebrate kids being kids.

The Scantic Valley Y is hosting the Y’s annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to Noon located at 45 Post Office Park in Wilbraham. This free event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families, and a healthy start to the summer season.

“It is so important for kids to stay active over the summer, both physically and mentally,” said Deb Kelder, Executive Director at the Scantic Valley Y. “At the Y, we believe in providing resources to families to ensure that their children have access to what they

need to reach their full potential, no matter the time of year. Healthy Kids Day is a fun, free community-wide event that encourages families to take advantage of all the great summer resources that the Y, and other local, like-minded organizations, has to offer.”

Healthy Kids Day at the Scantic Valley Y is sponsored by Country Bank. For more information, contact the Y at 413.596.2749.

Wilb. Open Space Committee Update

WILBRAHAM - The start of a new year is another year completed in the Wilbraham’s Open Space Committee’s (OSRPC) continued work to improve our town by preserving our treasured forests and natural areas. This year will be the fourth year in the Open Space Committee’s current seven-year plan for town improvements.

Last year, OSRPC completed several projects with help from town volunteers and local organizations. In 2024, OSRPC created and installed new information kiosks on trailheads, trail blazing and signage at Oakland, Sawmill, Thayer Brook, Mount Marcy and two trails at Rice Nature Preserve. ORPC also improved maps and webpages for the Crane Hill and Twelve Mile trails which makes these materials easier for public access.

The OSRPC Trail Maintenance crew worked with local volunteers from Minnechaug High School and local Girl & Boy Scout troops

to improve and maintain trail systems by trimming back spring growth, repairing storm damage and doing fall clean-up. The committee began to address bike trail issues by meeting with local biking community representatives, the Recreation Department and the Conservation Commission and is now working in conjunction with town biking enthusiasts to ensure safe access and responsible maintenance of shared trail networks. OSRPC obtained ADA funding to make improvements to designated areas of the trail networks for ADA accessibility and received Community Preservation funding for an ADA trail at Sawmill Pond, with the work to hopefully be done in 2025.

Another highlight of 2024 is the increased interest and attendance at Wilbraham Hiking Club events in partnership with the OSRPC, Wilbraham Recreation Department and the Wilbraham Playground and Recreation

Commission. All are committed to engaging the public and highlighting the benefits that hiking on our open space areas provides to the townspeople of Wilbraham.

Upcoming items in the current OSRPC 7-year plan include a review of the “This Land is Your Land” brochure to promote bequeathing land/property and placing conservation restrictions on land for tax breaks. Also, in 2025 the Wilbraham Open Space Committee is committed to breaking out a new town survey for public feedback, improving street signage leading to trailhead areas, completely updating the system of maps posted to AllTrails, a nationwide trail app, and to repainting fading signs, as well as continuing to upkeep of our natural areas. If you haven’t done so, check out the Wilbraham Open Space Town Website or “like” us on Facebook/Instagram and get out there!

WILBRAHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, May 12, 2025, 6:30 P.M. Minnechaug Regional High School Auditorium

All Wilbraham voters are encouraged to attend the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting will start at 6:30 P.M. Please arrive early as the Meeting will begin on-time as soon as a quorum of fifty voters are present.

The 50 Warrant Articles for consideration include:

27 Budget and Consent Agenda Articles (\$51,866,021 Proposed Budget Appropriation for FY26)

1 Article to Authorize Borrowing for Water Infrastructure (\$4,000,000 Limit Proposed)

4 Articles Relative to the HERO Act (Veterans’ Tax Exemptions)

1 Article to Adopt a Local Option Meals Excise Tax (0.75%)

3 Zoning By-Law Amendments Regarding: Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units; Regulation of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems, and Regulation of Used Vehicle Sales

1 Article for the Acceptance of Deeds

6 Community Preservation Act Projects, including: 1 Community Preservation Program Budget and 5 CPA Projects for Preservation of Historical Records in the Town Clerk’s Office, Exterior De-Leading and Restoration of the Old Meeting House and Hearse House, a Spec Pond Recreation Complex Walking Path, Updates and Improvements at Amy’s Sparkle Park, a Pavilion, Permanent Benches and Replacement of Kiosk for Crane Hill Disc Park, and Playground Equipment at Stony Hill School

2 Articles for Land Taking for Sidewalk Improvement Projects and the Intersections of Stony Hill Road and Springfield Street Road and Stony Hill Road and Boston Road

1 Article for Adoption of a Town-Wide 25 MPH Speed Limit

2 Petitioned Articles: 1 Relative to Flag Raising on Municipal Property, and 1 Requesting the Town Apply to the MA ABCC to Increase the Off-Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages Liquor Licenses

1 Article for a Non-Binding Resolutions Relative to a Plastic Bag Ban

Look for the Town Meeting Workbook in the Wilbraham home-delivered May 1, 2025 edition of the Wilbraham-Hampden Times.
Visit the Town’s website for the Workbook, Warrant, Exhibits and related documents at: www.wilbraham-ma.gov

VIEWPOINTS



A Brimfield resident makes regular trips to ponds to look for waterfowl often in Warren.

On March 19 he saw five Canada geese, six mallards (three pairs), three American black ducks, six green-winged teal (three pairs) and one male, hooded merganser at a pond on New Reed Street.

The green-winged teal is the smallest dabbling duck in North America. The male has a cinnamon colored head and grayish body with a green crescent from the eye to the back of the head. The male has a vertical white strip that extends from the water line to its shoulder. The female



Green-winged teal

is brown. Both sexes have green wing patches, which are visible in flight. They also have a yellowish stripe along the tail.

They have a blocky body, large head and short bill. They are between 12 and 15 inches in length. There tail is high out of the water.

Spring time is a great time to look for green winged teal. They often land in shallow wetlands and are sometimes seen foraging in puddles of water on agricultural fields. They feed on shallow bodies of water on vegetation. They breed in dense vegetation along river deltas.

The oldest know green-winged teal was at least 20 years and three months. A female, she was banded in Oklahoma in 1941 and recovered by a hunter in Missouri in 1960.

Great blue heron

The Brimfield resident said in an email dated March 19, “I visited two ponds in Warren yesterday and saw

great blue herons for the second time this spring. However this time, they were at the pond where great blue herons have had nest for a couple of years and an osprey was back. Both sightings were at the pond on South Street.” Other birds seen at the pond included one ring-billed gull, three rock pigeon, one blue jay and six red-winged blackbirds.

Last year, there were four heron nests, however one nest fell down during the winter. There were two birds standing in one of the nests for a time before one of the birds flew to a nearby tree.

Osprey

The Brimfield resident said an osprey nest has been at this location in Warren since 2020 and nine young have successfully fledged. here. An adult just arrived in the last day or so. The bird flew to the nest carrying a branch and then moved to the bottom of the nest, tilted forward and then began scratching at the bottom of the nest. He took a picture of this osprey scratching. He said, “In a picture I took, debris can be seen flying over the edge of the nest. A behavior I have never seen before – interesting.”

Worm stealing blue jay

An Oakham resident through his kitchen window an American Robin extract a worm from the ground. He said, “At that moment, a blue jay landed scaring off the robin and stealing the worm.” He watched the blue jay flit closer and closer in the shrubbery and swoop in when the next worm was extracted by a robin. He said, “I did a quick check of the literature - nothing like this observed before. Jays, crows, ravens and magpies (Corvidae family) are renowned for their instinctual ‘intelligence’ and thievery.”

Sandhill cranes

I have not seen the sandhill cranes in my field lately. I did here then early in the morning last week when I put my trash bin out. My neighbor said she heard them in the morning as well.

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.

Eggplant parmesan anyone?

Just when you think you are done planning your garden you come across something else to grow. What did it for me was a trip to the Dollar Store where I found the seed packs priced at four for \$1.25. What a deal!

While I wouldn’t spend \$3.99 for a package of eggplant seeds, I could shell out approximately 32 cents, and if I end up with a half dozen fruit it would be worth the investment.

We grow eggplant at Old Sturbridge Village, but it is the ornamental type, the kind that looks seriously like pure white eggs hanging from a fuzzy gray-green plant! I plan to grow “Black Beauty,” the variety that holds promise of parmesan grinders and saucy pasta dishes.

It’s been a few years since I have grown eggplant. I stopped growing it because I never seemed to pick it at the right time – either it was too early or too late.

So, why don’t we learn together how to grow eggplant successfully



and harvest it correctly?

Eggplant is a member of the Solanaceae family, making it cousins with tomatoes and peppers. Like its relatives, eggplant seeds need to be started indoors, eight to 10 weeks prior to the last frost.

By sowing the seed yesterday, I just sneak in to the eight week mark. If the thought of growing eggplant excites you, don’t let the calendar dissuade you. Any head start is still a head start!

The seeds like a warmer germination temperature, with some experts calling for 80 degrees! When the seedlings show their first set of

true leaves, transplant them out of the seed pack and into six packs. A grow on temperature of 72 degrees coupled with supplemental light will produce nice, stocky seedlings.

Another trick to stocky seedlings is the brush method. A couple of times a day run the top of your hand gently over the seedlings. Depending on how quickly they grow, another transplanting maybe necessary, this time into a four-inch pot.

Be careful not to disturb the roots too much; while tomatoes and peppers don’t seem to mind transplanting, eggplant can be stunted a bit, so tackle this task tenderly.

About mid-May preheat your garden space in preparation for planting out the seedling. I lay down black plastic for peppers and will also use it for my eggplant transplants.

After the plants have been hardened off for a week or so by gradual exposure to the elements, it’s time to get them in the ground. I cut “Xs” in the plastic about 18” apart, and mix some compost into the soil under each

X. The seedlings are then installed just slightly lower into the soil than where they were growing in the pot.

If you can cover them with a floating row cover to help modulate the heat and keep flea beetles and Colorado potato beetles at bay, all the better.

I read that northern gardeners can expect to get four to six fruit per plant. Folks with a longer growing season can sometimes gain 12 to 15!

Once the fruit appear glossy, they can be picked, even before they reach their full size. If you wait until the skin is dull, the fruits are seedy and not at their prime any longer.

I am excited to see if my 32 cent investment will be fruitful. Fingers crossed!

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 pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



When is the best time for me to claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I will be 66 ½ in June and would like to discuss when would be the best time for me to start taking my social security benefits.

I am still employed full time and don’t want to be penalized because of that. Please let me know what I need to do to set up an appointment with you. I got your information from the AMAC website and I look forward to hearing from you.

Signed: Ready to Claim

Dear Ready:

You can certainly call us on 1-888-750-2622 during normal EST business hours for a personal conversation.

But to facilitate that conversation, be aware that deciding when to claim your Social Security benefit normally depends on just a few factors, including your financial need, your health and expected longevity, and your marital status. A few things to be aware of: Born in 1958, your “Full Retirement Age” is age 66 years and 8 months. If you were born in October 1958, you will reach you FRA in June 2025, and that is the point you can get 100% of the SS benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working.

Once you reach your FRA in June, Social Security’s “annual earnings test” no longer applies. Thus, you can continue working after you start your SS benefits and your earnings will not negatively affect your monthly benefit amount. If you claim any earlier than your FRA, you will get a smaller benefit and also be subject to Social Security’s annual earnings test (which for you this year - your FRA year - is \$62,160, or \$5,180/month after you start your SS benefits). If you decide to claim before your FRA, your benefit will be reduced by .56%

for each month early (a permanent reduction).

You can also wait beyond your FRA to claim and earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% per month (8% per year of delay), in order to get an even higher benefit later. If financially feasible, you can delay up to the age of 70 when your monthly benefit will reach maximum - about 27% more than it will be in June of this year.

0-If you are single and will not be eligible for a spousal benefit, then you should make your claiming decision based only on your own needs. If, however, you are married and your spouse’s FRA benefit is more than twice your FRA amount, you may be entitled to a “spousal boost” (a supplemental amount added to your own SS benefit).

Your life expectancy should be considered when deciding when to claim your SS retirement benefits. If you expect to enjoy at least “average” longevity (about 87 for a woman your current age), then you might also consider delaying your claim (if financially feasible) and that is often a prudent choice. If you don’t expect to achieve a long life, or if you need the money sooner, or if you are entitled to spousal benefits, then claiming at your FRA of 66 years and 8 months is likely your best option.

In the end, only you can decide when you should claim your Social Security, but we’re always here to answer any additional questions you may have. You can feel free to call us at any time (1-888-750-2622) during normal EST business hours to discuss your options directly with one of our certified Social Security advisors. Or you can also ask any additional questions via email, which we will be most happy to respond to promptly.

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The Wilbraham-Hampden Times welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Wilbraham-Hampden Times, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to krivers@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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

Campaign news

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.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in Wilbraham-Hampden Times.

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WILBRAHAM HAMPDEN

A COMMUNITY GALLERY

HFD trains on handling electric vehicle fires



Photos and caption courtesy of Hampden Fire Department



Our April 1 training was on handling incidents involving Electric Vehicles (EVs). The training discussed ways to render EVs safe and how to use specialized equipment. The training was presented by Interstate Towing, Inc, which allowed us to see how both agencies can work together at these incidents. We would like to thank Interstate Towing for providing this valuable training to our members!



WFD responds to brush fire on Main Street



Photo and caption courtesy of Wilbraham Fire Department

On Saturday, March 22, the Wilbraham Fire Department responded to Main Street for a brush fire. Due to the high winds, the fire spread rapidly, igniting a nearby barn. Upon arrival, firefighters found the barn heavily involved in fire. The fire was accidental and not related to open burning. Neighboring mutual aid resources assisted with this fire, as well as a second brush fire and medical emergencies within the town during this incident.

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WFD joins other departments for two-day training



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Department members completed two days of live fire training at the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Springfield campus on March 25. Members, along with Palmer Fire Department, Three Rivers Fire Department and Hampden Fire Department performed scenarios based on our community to be well prepared in the event of a fire-related emergency.

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Rotary Sergeant-at-Arms honored...



WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club President Peter Salerno (right) presents the Paul Harris pin, the highest honor of Rotary, to Dr. Kevin Trombly at the March 26 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Dr. Trombly is the longtime Sergeant-at-Arms of the club. (Charles F. Bennett photo)

Register to vote

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham residents who are not registered voters, who wish to vote in the upcoming Town Meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 and Town Election on Saturday, May 17, 2025 must register to vote by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Registration hours are daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Tuesday, May 2,

2025, the last day to register, we will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voter registrations can also be dropped in our drop box located behind Town Hall, 240 Springfield St., or can be done online at registertovotema.com.

Vote by mail applications are available. Please contact the Wilbraham Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions at 596-2800, ext 200.



Lots of raffle baskets are up for grabs at the Bunny Breakfast for people to win.



From the left, Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Members Anne Matthews and Tina Windoloski volunteer at the Bunny Breakfast.



Hundreds of children and their families enjoy arts and crafts together.



On the left, GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Event Chair and Vice President Lorie Bonavita and GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Member Karen Gatchel check people in for the breakfast.



From the left, Nicole Grabowski and Christie Lang are one of the many teen volunteers who helped with face painting.



GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Treasurer Cate Duquette serves families pancakes and sausage at the Bunny Breakfast.

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the community. We do a lot of outreach too for children, elders, and people in need," Gatchel said.

Also in attendance was President Brenda Willard, who has been the president since January and has been involved with the club for 21 years.

"This event is really special because of the kids. The kids adore seeing the bunny and it's a safe place for the kids and the parents to come. Have a nice breakfast, have some activities, do face painting, temporary tattoos, and all the crafts they would ever

want and then sit and have free pictures with the bunny," Willard said.

Members Anne Matthews and Tina Windoloski were also helping out.

"I love seeing all the kids and the families come together and it's a great community event. It's just nice seeing happy faces and all the families enjoying time together," Matthews said.

"I love helping and working in the community is what makes you bond with one another," Windoloski said.

Serving the food at the Bunny Breakfast was Cate Duquette, the Junior Women's Club treasurer, who has

been with the club for 9 years.

"We like this event because it's a great way for all the kids to come out and have a good time, they always have so much fun. We've been doing it for over 30 years, and it's just always very well received," Duquette said.

The GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club hosted another fantastic Bunny Breakfast this year, and people are already looking forward to what will be in store for next year. Everyone was able to go home with a smile on their faces from all the fun that they had.

The GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club will next hold its annual Purse Bingo this fall.

If you are interested in joining the GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club, membership is open to all women over 18 years old in Wilbraham or surrounding towns that do not have their own Greater Federation of Women's Clubs.

To learn more, visit wilbrahamjuniorwomens.org/.

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Turley photos by Kristin Rivers
Professor Presto from Mad Science shows off his sidekick, Eggbert, and his hideout: a pickle jar. Eggbert later went into the pickle jar and also came out of it.

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Eggbert Egglestein--Professor Presto said he "seems to appear in most of our shows," with his superhero hideout being a pickle jar. Outside of the pickle jar, Eggbert has his trusty egg carton for transportation.

"In this one, he portrays a superhero. In our holiday show, he portrays an elf that tries to help out Santa Claus. He always seems to be getting in some kind of trouble one way or another," he said. "Depending on the show, he changes and he changes costume quite frequently."

When asked what his favorite superhero was, Professor Presto shared it was Batman.

"Seriously, the way I tell the kids is that he's one of my favorites--my favorite of all time--because he is one of the few superheroes that has no actual superhero powers at all," he said. "And it could just be anybody that has the ability to learn as much as they can about to become a detective, to become any kind of hero to the people. Like firemen, policemen and all that. Just because he wears a costume and supposedly fights at night doesn't necessarily mean that he's not a viable hero to the kids."

One message he stresses in this show is how there's a superhero in all of us.

"That's the whole message behind this show is that they are and can be superheroes and every act of kindness that they do helps them to become that superhero," he said. "You don't have to wear a cape, you don't have to be from a distant planet, you don't have to be bitten by a spider or anything like that. Just being you can make you a superhero."

Professor Presto's origin story, meanwhile, began thanks to two high school kids who created Mad Science during a time when science was taught only through books, putting on science shows in their basement for other kids.

"They kept it up through college and were encouraged to franchise it and now it's a worldwide organization," he

said.

For the New England franchise, Professor Presto joined about 11 years ago after retiring from a theater company.

"When I retired from that, found out about these guys, thought it was going to be a very short, part-time business for me," he said. "I work full-time for them now."

He also does promotional shows for them, teaches after school programs in schools and does workshops for libraries, schools and other organizations.

He especially loves working with kids.

"The smiles," he said. "I think that's it, 100%, it's the joy on their faces. Hopefully, inspiring them not only to become superheroes amongst themselves, but just inspire them to do a little bit more with science," he said. "Learn a little bit more about science."

He thanked the senior center for having Mad Science stop by for a visit and encouraged all to embrace their inner hero.

"I think they enjoyed the show as much as the kids did. Doing an event like this in the community helps to strengthen a community," he said.



A close-up of Eggbert in his egg carton vehicle.



Professor Presto shows off a color change science experiment after talking with the Green Valley Preschool kids about Mystique, a hero and villain from "X-Men."



A close-up shot of Professor Presto using nail polish remover to melt a Styrofoam head of the Joker. He later showed off the remnants that reminded the audience of Spiderman's webs.

VFW Post 9397 hosting Bingo Fundraiser

HAMPDEN – The VFW Post 9397 will be hosting a Purse and Tools Bingo Night on Friday, May 9.

The first game starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and includes 10 bingo cards for each round. Addi-

tional cards can be bought and there will also be raffle prizes.

Bring your own food ONLY. Drinks available for purchase.

The VFW and Auxiliary Post 9397 is located at 190 Main St. in Hampden.

63rd Annual VFW Post 9397 Kids Fishing Derby

HAMPDEN – The 63rd Annual VFW Post 9397 Kids Fishing Derby will be taking place on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Signups are at 9 a.m.

There will be food and drinks including coffee and donuts, hot dogs, chips

and soda and cotton candy. Children eat for free and donations from adults are welcome.

Trophies will be given out for Smallest Overall and Biggest Fish (Boy and Girl).

Children 12 and under are welcome!

Friends Quilt Raffle

WILBRAHAM – Help raise funds for the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors who raise funds for the needs of Wilbraham's senior citizens.

Help us by purchasing tickets for the raffle of a queen-size quilt made by the Wilbraham Senior Center's Quilting Group. Drawing is May 2 at the senior center.

You do not have to be there to win.

You can buy tickets at the Wilbraham Public Library on the following Saturdays: April 5 and April 26. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

You can also contact friends@01095 to arrange to buy tickets.

Hampden Senior Center starting Parkinson's program

HAMPDEN – The senior center is starting a new program to support people with Parkinson's.

PWR! Moves Exercise Classes are a Parkinson-specific class with a goal to keep you moving and doing more of what you want to do. It is led by Lisa Kern, OT, reiki master/holistic therapist.

Fitness goals include strength, balance, agility,

aerobics and flexibility.

Exercises are designed to improve fitness goals and counteract your Parkinson's symptoms.

Classes take place from 9 to 10 a.m. on Mondays at the Hampden Senior Center and are \$10 per class. Call to register for more information at 413-566-5588.

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Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens announce upcoming events

HAMPDEN - The Friends of the Hampden Senior Center would like to announce this event coming up - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday May 16, from Noon to 2 p.m. Pro Shred will be in the parking lot of The Hampden Senior Center, 104 Allen Street Hampden.

This event will be FREE to all of you. Please bring your documents and papers that need to be shredded and they will be taken care of on the premises.

The limit is five small boxes or five small bags from each car.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of The Hampden Senior Citizens and although it is free we will gladly accept any monetary donation. These donations fund the programs and events that are held at the center for all who attend.

Please feel free to contact Joan Shea at 413-566-8224 with any questions or concerns.

Once again thank you for your participation and generosity with all our events.

Garden Club May Meeting May 15

HAMPDEN – The May meeting of the Hampden Garden Club is at Academy Hall, Main St at 7 p.m. on May 15.

Program presented by Bonnie Power on “Good Bugs/Bad Bugs.” This presentation describes some of the common beneficial & pest insects that gardeners encounter in New England.

Memorial Day and Celebration May 26

HAMPDEN – Hampden VFW Post 9397 invites you to this year’s Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 26.

The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. stepping off from St. Mary’s Church, traveling down Main Street to the center of town.

At 11 a.m., there will be a Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran’s Memorial.

Also stop by the VFW Post 9397 for some light refreshments and pizza!

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of our drivers is to slow down, and 25 mph is what we expect on side streets is really what it would come down to and, hopefully, it would turn the metric down.”

Lennon noted that beyond educating the public on social media, many communities that have adopted this law post signs at the entrances to their communities to alert drivers to the rule. He noted that on these streets there would be no signage because once the town posts a specific speed limit, the street is no longer eligible for this town-wide rule.

Lennon did say that speeding on these side streets isn’t quite as troubling as it first appears, as most speeders are only going 30 to 35 mph through these areas.

“That’s generally the way

it is,” Lennon said. “I think in a lot of areas because they’re small neighborhoods, it just seems like the car is moving faster than it really is. When we do the studies, it doesn’t [show] that there a lot of speeding.”

Lennon revealed that he lives on one of these unposted side streets and said that when he sees cars flying by his house, it gets him upset.

“It angers people in the neighborhood such as myself. Sometimes, I think if we bring the metric down, it will slow everybody down. But there are outliers,” Lennon said.

Select Board Vice Chair Michael Squindo voiced his full support for the measure, noting that he may have instigated some of this as a resident.

Clerk Marc Ducey was more hesitant to voice his

support, however. He questioned how the law will help, especially if people aren’t aware it exists.

“I’m not opposed to bringing this to a town meeting and letting the residents vote on it, but I’m not sure if it has a lot of value in it. I don’t like to put restrictions on community members unless they’re meaningful. That’s sort of why I have some issues about this,” Ducey said.

Select Board Chair Sue Bunnell said that she would like to see the law enforced and tickets written on these side streets. Lennon responded that they could post digital signage and follow it up with enforcement.

Bunnell concluded that the board will talk about the matter further when it prepares the final warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Easter Services Schedule

Wilbraham United Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13th - 10 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship

April 17th - 7 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18th - 12 noon
Good Friday Worship

April 20th - 10 a.m.
Easter Worship

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Good Friday April 18th

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GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18

3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm
Passion of Our Lord

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 19

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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

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Boys tennis sweeps B-Town

Kelvin Ohemeng reaches out for a hit.



Hayden Richard gets a backhand swing.



James Wadzinski goes for the two-hand play.

WILBRAHAM – Last Wednesday afternoon, the Minnechaug Regional High School boys tennis team defeated Belchertown 5-0 with all competitors winning their matches. It was the Falcons’ first win of the season. The Falcons lost their other two matches and are 1-2 to start the year.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Mereck Epperson goes low to return the ball.

Falcons fall against Somers



Sophia Kozub fires a pass forward.



Lillian Sergienko tries to get around a Somers defender.

WILBRAHAM – On a very cold and windy night, Minnechaug Regional High School girls lacrosse hosted a Connecticut team from near-

by Somers. Unfortunately, the Falcons were defeated 16-14 and fell to 1-3 overall on the season.



Corrinne Gates receives a pass.



Isabelle Manning heads up the sideline.

Aubrey Stachowicz sprints up the field.



Aubrey Stachowicz holds the stick back before shooting.W



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Anna Taylor gets ready to pass.

Falcons remain perfect on young season

WILBRAHAM – The Minnechaug Regional High School boys lacrosse team improved to a perfect 4-0 on the regular season.

Last Friday afternoon, the Falcons defeated Westfield 17-2.

In the win, Matt Beaudin scored five goals to lead the team. Matt Noonan and Ryan Purchas had four goals each. Jake Hisgen and Tom O’Toole added three goals and two assists each.

Minnechaug beat East Longmeadow 16-5 and Pope Francis 13-1 in their pursuit of a perfect record to start the season.

Earlier this week, Minnechaug was on the road at Wahconah and Pope Francis. Coming up, the Falcons have a long road trip during the spring vacation week. During that week, Minnechaug will have matches at Saint John’s of Shrewsbury, Hopkinton, and Shrewsbury High. The Falcons return home on Tuesday, Apr. 29 against East Longmeadow at 5 p.m.

Valley Wheel tryouts begin this weekend

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the tryouts beginning Sunday April 13. The first weekend of tryouts was rained out. Tryouts will take place at 2 p.m. at Blunt Park in Springfield. The final tryouts are set for Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

The Valley Wheel stands apart from other leagues across the country for this reason:

Their league charter and one of their main goals, is to work toward having a league with teams of equal strength.

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It’s not too late don’t miss out; opening day is just around the corner. For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org

T-Birds offense falters in loss to Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA — The Springfield Thunderbirds (34-30-2-4) could not get their offense in rhythm in a 4-1 loss to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, who rebranded as the Carbondale UFOs (38-22-7-1) on Saturday night inside Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

In his AHL debut, rookie forward Jacob Hudson could not have dreamt of a better script for his first shift with the T-Birds just 1:45 into the contest. He jumped on the ice, picked off the puck from fellow rookie Harrison Brunicke at the Penguin line, and snapped a perfect wrist shot past the glove of Joel Blomqvist to give Springfield the 1-0 advantage.

From that point forward, though, the Penguins, rebranded on this night as the Carbondale UFOs, kept the pressure on inside the Springfield defensive zone. At 13:32, Tristan Broz broke through on an odd-man rush, taking a beautiful drop pass from Sam Poulin and beating Colten Ellis to tie the game. The rookie's 19th goal of the year turned out to be just the first of two in a 20-second blitz for the UFOs, as fellow ookie Nolan Renwick cashed in for his first pro tally at the goal crease following a centering pass from Chase Stillman at 13:52. The two

strikes gave the home team the 2-1 lead heading into intermission.

Ellis continued to be the busiest man on the ice in the second period. The T-Bird netminder saw his save total rise to 30 through just 40 minutes of game action. Among his best work in the period were splendid close-in shots from Emil Bemstrom and Broz.

Offense continued to be hard to find for the visitors, and the UFOs eventually added to their lead at 16:44, just seconds after a power play had concluded. Owen Pickering sent the puck to the back door from the right circle, where Atley Calvert wedged it through Ellis to extend the lead to 3-1.

The story did not change much in the third, as Wilkes-Barre/Scranton continued outpacing Springfield in the shot department, finishing the night with a 44-23 advantage in shot attempts. Ellis's terrific night would not be enough despite his 40-save effort. Bemstrom sealed the night with his 22nd of the season into an empty net with 1:31 remaining.

Springfield returns home to close the regular season for a two-game set against the Charlotte Checkers at the Thunderdome next Friday and Saturday.

Railers drop decision to Royals

READING, PA – The Worcester Railers HC (34-29-76pts) fall to the Reading Royals (32-29-9-2, 75pts), on Friday night in shootout loss by a final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 3,509 at the Santander Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Santander Arena on Friday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. EST.

Reading quickly got on the board and made it a 3-0 game before the end of the first off the sticks of Matt Miller (1-0-1), Shane Sellar (1-0-1) and Mason Primeau (1-0-1). The Railers finally netted one off the stick of Anthony Repaci (2-0-2) about halfway through the game. Lincoln Hatten (1-0-

1) and Repaci each tacked on goals in the third to tie the game up 3-3. As neither team scored in OT, the game went to a shootout where Matt Brown potted the only goal to give the Royals a 4-3 shootout win over the Railers. The loss for Worcester forces a winner-take-all game on Saturday night for the fourth and final playoff spot in the North Division.

The Royals got to work quickly with a goal from Matt Miller (14) just 11 seconds after puck drop giving the Royals a 1-0 lead over the Railers. Reading added to their lead off the goal from Shane Sellar (12) on a busy scrum out in front of the net of Michael Bullion in net for Worcester 7:32 into the first period. Mason Primeau (12) deflected a point-shot off of his skates on the power-play to give Reading a 3-0 lead over Worcester 16:42 into the first period.

The first action of the second period came from Railers captain Anthony Repaci (28) who found the back of the net 9:57 into the second period making it a 3-1 game. His goal came from a one-timer on the power play atop the right circle. The Railers outshot Reading 9-7 in the second period while Reading lead in shots overall 23-17.

Lincoln Hatten (9) got the third period started with a goal on a broken play out in front, finishing off a puck from Tanner Schachle and Connor Welsh to get back within one. Anthony Repaci (29) banged home a goal past Keith Petruzzelli in net for Reading on the coattails of Cole Donhauser rushing the puck into the attacking zone and brought Worcester all the way back with his second goal of the night. 60 minutes of hockey wasn’t enough as the game headed into overtime. Bullion and Petruzzelli each made five saves in the overtime period as neither team could score in OT. Royals forward Matt Brown scored the lone goal in the bottom of the first round of the shootout to hand the Railers the 4-3 loss.

HoopHall announces new governors

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the completion of its Board of Governors reconfiguration to include the addition of Ms. Sheila Johnson, Ms. Cynthia (“Cynt”) Marshall, and Hall of Fame Coach Tara VanDerveer, bringing the Board of Governors to its maximum of 23 leadership positions.

The Naismith Hall of Fame is in the best financial condition since its inception in 1959, and continues to grow, along with basketball, in significance to constituencies within and outside of the game. The Hall’s Board reconfiguration is designed to leverage this strong position to further enhance the organization’s business plan, global reach, and positive impact.

The Naismith Hall’s three newest Governors are powerhouses in business and basketball.

Sheila Johnson joins the Board with a wealth of expertise and experience, including

at the intersection of tourism and hospitality, sports, arts and entertainment, and philanthropy. Johnson is the founder and CEO of Salamander Collection, a growing luxury hotel company, which includes Salamander Middleburg – one of only five properties in the U.S. to earn separate Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Awards for its accommodations, restaurant, and spa. As a Partner of Monumental Sports and Entertainment, Johnson is an owner of three Washington, DC professional sports teams: the Wizards, Mystics, and Capitals. Among Johnson’s other leadership roles include: board member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; College of Performing Arts at The New School; Trust for the National Mall; The Metropolitan Opera; Jackie Robinson Foundation; Simon & Schuster Publishing Advisory Board, and founder and chair of the Middleburg Film Festival. In partnership with James

Beard Award-winning Chef and Restaurateur Kwame Onwuachi, she founded the Family Reunion – a celebration of culinary excellence and diversity in the hospitality community. On her election to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Governors, Johnson stated: “I look forward to helping to elevate and broaden the positive reach of this important organization in its many facets – from sports museum, to cultural institution, to community and leadership builder, and more.”

Cynt Marshall brings visionary leadership and mastery in creating positive cultural transformation in organizations through a people-centered approach. Marshall is the founder and CEO of Marshalling Resources, a premier consulting firm focused on leadership and organizational development. Marshall served as CEO of the Dallas Mavericks from March 2018 through December 2024, and previously as

a leader in operations, legislative affairs, and human resources at AT&T, where her roles included president of AT&T’s North Carolina division, and senior vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer. At both organizations, Marshall spearheaded transformational work to improve operational effectiveness, organizational culture, and employee and stakeholder engagement – in the case of AT&T, helping the company for the first time ever reach Fortune’s 100 Best Companies to Work For list (one of only two Fortune 50 companies on that list). Marshall, who serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards, reflected on her newest Governor role: “I am delighted to join the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board at this momentous time in the organization’s and basketball’s history. I am excited to get to work to help deepen the Hall’s connections to the many audiences basketball touches. The opportunities

are boundless.”

Tara VanDerveer joins the Naismith Hall of Fame Board – herself a 2011 inductee. VanDerveer retired as the winningest coach in NCAA Division I history, and enjoyed an unprecedented level of success through an energetic and positive approach to the game, and through genuine and lasting connection to her players. As National Coach of the Year five times over three decades, and 18-time Pac-12 Coach of the Year, VanDerveer accumulated an impressive 1,216-271 (.818) record in her 45 years as a collegiate head coach (Stanford, Ohio State, Idaho), and a 1,064-220 (.829) record over 38 seasons at Stanford. Since retiring from her coaching career in 2024, VanDerveer now serves as Special Adviser to the Athletic Director at Stanford University. An ambassador for the sport, and now teaching a Masterclass for Continuing Education at Stanford, Coach VanDerveer is poised to add tremendous

perspective and leadership to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “I am honored to serve on the Naismith Hall of Fame Board of Governors,” VanDerveer reflected. “It is an opportunity for me to give back to the game that has given me so much to me.”

Chairman Jerry Colangelo remarked on the addition of these three new Governors: “I could not be more proud and grateful to welcome Sheila Johnson, Cynt Marshall, and Tara VanDerveer to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Governors. I have long admired each’s tremendous accomplishments and ability to lead any organization they have been involved with to the highest levels of achievement, with integrity and universal acclaim. Sheila, Cynt, and Tara epitomize the leadership we need to take the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to its next level at a time we are poised for significant growth.”

Wilbraham Hiking Club April Hikes

WILBRAHAM - Six Hikes for April are already posted for WHC (there may be more) and there are two for the Senior Center!

The WHC hikes are:

- * Mon, April 21 at 10 a.m. - Puffers Pond and Mill River Falls in North Amherst
- * Sun, April 27 at 1 p.m. - Crane Hill in Wilbraham
- * Tues, April 29 at 10 a.m. to Noon - Mile Brook in Wilbraham and Skorupski Woodland Walk in Monson

For more info on these hikes (and possibly additional hikes), use the club’s TeamReach App or write to wilbrahamhiking@gmail.com. Members who use the TeamReach App are notified when hikes are canceled or rescheduled.

Wilbraham Senior Center Hikes are:

- * Tues, April 22 at 9:15 a.m. Goat Rock in Hampden

!!!! Call Jen at 596-8379 to register for Senior Center hikes!!!!

Annual Walk, Run, Remember for Rick’s Place April 26

WILBRAHAM - The Annual Walk, Run, Remember for Rick’s Place, a 51.5M/5K event, will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 26 at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham.

The race will begin at 9 am. Please register by April 11 to receive a t-shirt. \$30 for adults and \$15 ages 17 and under: Annual Walk, Run, Remember for Rick’s Place

If your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please reach out to us at 413-279-2010 or send an email to: info@ricksplacema.org

Established in memory of Rick Thorpe, who died in Tower Two of the World Trade Center on 9/11, Rick’s Place opened in 2007 and provides free grief support to youth (ages 5-18) and their families throughout the Pioneer Valley and Northern CT.

VFW Post 9397 hosting Steamers

HAMPDEN – VFW Post 9397 will be hosting Steamers beginning on May 16 at 5 p.m. until sold out.

The menu is steamers, clam chowder, clam strips, chicken tenders, French fries and onion rings. The price is market dependent.

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nial Celebration in 1863” by Rufus Stebbins, Wilbraham sent a contingent of 34 “Minute Men” to what they called “The Lexington Alarm”, led by Capt. James Warriner, Lt. William King and Lt. John Hitchcock.

As the Times goes to press Howell would be taking part in the celebration starting April 19. When he gets back to Wilbraham to talk at the Museum, he will have a lot to say about the experience.

Moving Home

For the past several seasons the Museum, owned by the town and managed by the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham, has held guest talks

64 Years Ago
Pops Trumpster Rehearses with ‘Chaug Band

Here is a news clipping reported by my mom, Ethel M. Bennett, who was the Wilbraham correspondent for the Springfield daily newspaper The Morning Union from the 1940s through 1970s. From an April 1961 edition. “*Armando Ghitalia, first trumpet player with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops, rehearsed Wednesday afternoon with the Minnechaug Regional High School Band in preparation for the school’s first (ever)band concert scheduled for Friday at 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium.* *Ghitalia has given recitals in Carnegie Hall and has recorded extensively. Tickets are still available and will be sold at the door.”*

nearby at the Wilbraham & Monson Chapel or in the Brooks Room at the Wilbraham Library. But its president Dave Bourcier said the gatherings are coming back home to Sundays at the Old Meeting House, built in 1794 as the first Methodist meeting



The Old Meeting House Museum will be opening for the new season on May 4. (Times file photo)

house in New England.

“We at the Old Meeting House Museum are delighted to announce our 2025 Open Houses and Lecture Series, taking place at the museum, located at 450 Main Street. This year, we’re returning to our traditional Sunday events, offering engaging presentations and a chance to explore our rich history. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing another exciting season together,” said Bourcier.

The Gift Shop will be open and refreshments will be served at each open house. The following is a tentative schedule of open houses after the May 4 Howell talk:

- May 10** – The Old Meeting House Museum will be open during the Wilbraham Hill Climb from 8 a. m. until closing.
- June 8** - Kristin Rivers, editor and reporter at the Wilbraham-Hampden Times. The newspaper takes pride in being the “first draft of history” of local town news.
- July 13** – Ice Cream Social provides sundae cups of individual ice cream sundaes in the garden of the museum. Arts and crafts exhibitions will be taking place.
- August 10 – A talk by a Paranormal group based in Agawam.
- September 7** – “Treasures from the Attic – Museum-style”. Curator Lucy Peltier, aided by Trustee Marty



The Hessians will be the subject of a November 9 talk by Dennis Picard. (Dennis Picard photo)

Lyman will search through donated historical items in boxes, closets, and chests in the storage room and attic of the Old Meeting House to find items of various areas of historical interest.

October 26 – “Early gravestone carvers of Wilbraham” by Derek Strahan. Have you ever wondered where families got their ideas as to what to put on a gravestone?

November 9 – Popular storyteller Dennis Picard will talk about the Hessians, mercenary soldiers for the British in the Revolutionary War.

December 7 – The popular Christmas Tree Festival where Wilbraham organizations decorate a Christmas Tree in their own unique style. An ice carver, holiday treats and kids activities.

One Peppercorn

The museum has a colorful history. In 1792 the Methodist Society began constructing the meeting house and in 1793 the ground under the structure was leased to the Methodists for one peppercorn annually. The building has a ridge pole hand-hewn from a single tree that extends the full length of the building. The ridge pole is still visible from the attic.

The building became a private home for 142 years until the last owner died in 1977 and the building was purchased by the town. The Wilbraham Historical Commission was given jurisdiction of the premises and now leases the space to the Athe-

neum Society for one peppercorn per annum.

The Atheneum Society was incorporated in 1963 as a non-profit organization by a group of concerned townspeople that include people like Charles and Llewlyn Merrick, Jesse Rice and Peter Ablondi. Their purpose was to form a permanent local group to preserve artifacts and memorabilia relating to the people and history of Wilbraham.

The Society uses the space as a museum to preserve historical records, traditions and artifacts relating to the history of Wilbraham, its culture and its people. New historical items are constantly being added to the museum’s collection. Lucy Peltier is its current curator assisted by Trustee Marty Lyman. Vice President Karen Geaghan runs the Gift Shop, which is loading up with updated merchandise and a new logo. The gift shop is one of the few places to buy merchandise with the name “Wilbraham” on it. Also history books about the town are for sale.

New History Book

Congratulations to Atheneum President Daver Bourcier on his new book “Historic Tales of Wilbraham” being published in May. For local history buffs, his new book has all you need to know about Wilbraham’s early history. You can purchase the book at the Old Meeting House Museum Gift Shop of from the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors.

Sources: “History of Wilbraham Bicentennial Edition 1763-1963” edited by Charles Merrick; Chauncey Peck who wrote “The History of Wilbraham, 1731, 1763-1913.

Editor Emeritus Charlie Bennett is a member of the Wilbraham Historic Commission and a trustee of the Wilbraham Atheneum Society. Readers can contact him with comments or ideas for the column at cbennett4765@charter.net.

Wilb. holding Memorial Day Ceremony May 25

WILBRAHAM – The town will hold its Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday May 25 at 11 a.m. at Crane Park Veteran Memorial.

Join the Wilbraham Veteran Services to remember and honor our fallen.

Memorial Day Plant Sale

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Garden Club’s Memorial Day Plant Sale will be taking place on May 26 from 8 a.m. to Noon at Academy Hall, Main Street, in Hampden, rain or shine.

Stop by and check out the plants!

Earth Day Eco Expo

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Public Library is hosting our annual Earth Day Eco Expo on Saturday, April 26 from Noon to 3 p.m.

The Mass Audubon will be there with their ambassador Pita the turtle, Cloverbrook Farm will have baby goats to pet and our local chicken shepherdess, Kim Converse, will be there with her famous chicken, “Chick Chick”.

This event features useful recycling and gardening tips, educational games and activities. There will be a lot of eco-friendly give-a-ways to help your whole family live more sustainably. You can learn to sew a cloth bag

and check out our solar oven and solar generator. Something for everyone! This is your chance to “talk trash” with industry professionals and local eco-enthusiasts.

We’ll cover all things sustainability, including swapping single-use for zero-waste, recycling food scraps, propagating plants, and more!

Ten Hampden departments and committees, and over twenty local artisans, local businesses and local farms will be there to sell their products, so stop by and check it out. This is a wonderful community event that gets bigger each year. Let’s support local and go green!

Teen Taste Challenge: Oreo Edition at WPL

WILBRAHAM - On Tuesday, April 22 at 4 p.m. during spring vacation, Grades 6 - 12 can join us for “Teen Taste Test Challenge: Oreo Edition” at the Wilbraham Public Library.

Do you think you know Oreos? Then put your taste buds to the test with this fun program! While blindfolded, teens will taste different Oreo flavors and try to guess the correct flavor. The teen with the most correct guesses will win a prize. In addition, the group will vote on their favorite Oreo.

Water and milk will be available for all to cleanse their palate between rounds. A raffle prize will also be awarded to a lucky attendee.

Attention teens with food allergies: please be aware that our food may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as dairy, eggs, wheat, soybeans, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish or wheat. On-line registration is required at wilbrahamlibrary.org or call 413-596-6141, as space is limited.

Taste Test Challenge is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

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DEATH NOTICE

David Drew Benoit
Died on Jan. 2, 2025
Services are private

Wilbraham-Hampden Times

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David (Benny) Benoit
1960 – 2025



WILBRAHAM—On January 2, David Drew Benoit, who preferred to be called Benny, died the way he wished to, in his home and without dependence on machines, after a courageous battle with ALS. Benny was born in Springfield to the late David W. and Violet (Kissel) Benoit and was a 1978 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School. He earned an associate’s degree in automotive technology from Springfield Technical Community College and most recently worked for the Ludlow Department of Public Works (DPW), which honored his memory by painting his name and a blue ALS ribbon on each of the trucks he drove and meticulously maintained.

Benny had an infectious smile and was always the life of the party. He loved nothing more than riding his custom-designed Harley on a sunny day with friends, ending up in a place where everybody knew or would come to know his name. He played youth and adult hockey fiercely and was a die-hard Bruins fan, watching every game to the end. He was a hard worker and dedicated himself to his craft, whether he was fixing cars, landscaping, or enhancing his bike. He listened to the blues and rock and roll, the heavier the better, and loved his cat, Ozzy (yes, Osbourne), who provided warmth, entertainment, and easy companionship at a critical time. He enjoyed the sun and the water, and his happy place was Key West, where the air was warm, the tequila shots may have contained a scorpion, and there were no bad days.

In addition to his parents, Benny was predeceased by his sister Jeanne, brother Glenn, and his good friend Gary Quinn. He is remembered by his son, Dustin, and Dustin’s mother, Sandi; his three siblings, Suzanne, Scott, and Robin; and his nieces and nephews, for whom he was a favorite uncle. Benny was also loved by many in this area, as evidenced by the 300+ people who attended a party organized by his friends from the DPW in December. Those who knew him best described him as a great guy with a beautiful smile who was always ready for a good time, a detail-oriented perfectionist, someone who worked hard, played hard, rode hard, and was a friend to the end.

The family wishes to extend

tend their heartfelt gratitude to Benny’s Mass General ALS team (Suma Babu and Jennifer Scalia), local doctors (Muhtadi Islam) and therapists (Erica Bell), the extended care teams from Amedisys Hospice and Overlook VNA, Michael Hodgkins of Compassionate Care ALS, Thomas Graef of the ALS Association and the Wilbraham Funeral Home for their skilled and compassionate care for Benny and his family through the harrowing experience of his illness.

Last, but in no way least, the following people deserve more thanks and recognition than can ever be fully expressed:

Bridget Perrella, you have provided unwavering support to our family for 20 years. Our mother named you Pit-bull for your relentless pursuit of what was needed at any time, for any reason. You kept our home well stocked with treats and always thought about what might make Benny more comfortable. You were his wing-woman at his party and vigilantly watched for the signal that he’d had enough. You were with him from beginning to end, from the first devastating word announcing his diagnosis to his final preparation for cremation. You give from your heart unconditionally and are always the one to make us laugh through the hard times.

You are my sister-neighbor-friend, and for you, I am eternally grateful.

Jim Burns (aka Burnsy), you were a true friend of Benny’s to the very end. You were his ride to countless appointments in Boston and offered comforting support after a long day of unfortunate news. You arranged for the construction of things in the home that would make Benny’s life “easier” as his life grew progressively more challenging. You were Benny’s breakfast buddy until he could no longer eat, and his texting buddy during Bruins’ games when it was almost impossible for him to speak. You had a solution to any problem, and you showed up like the breath of fresh air that we always needed. Just so you know, I’m adopting you as another brother, and for you, I am eternally grateful.

And finally, to Dominigos, Rich, John, Steve, Jamie, Kenny, Anthony, Carrie, Debbie, Paul, and everyone else from Ludlow DPW who treated Benny like family and supported him 100% in his time of need: THANK YOU! You are the people who showed up to help with lawn, home, truck, motorcycle, and paperwork maintenance. You were not afraid to look Benny in the eye, pat him on the back, and try to make him laugh with a story from work. And surely the greatest

gift you gave Benny was that party in the final weeks of his life, during which he basked in the love of 300 of his lifelong friends and was able to give back that smile we all know and love. This was an unforgettable memory made possible by you all, for whom I am eternally grateful.

Services for Benny will be upcoming and private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Compassionate Care ALS at ccals.org or the ALS Association at als.org. These organizations generously provide equipment, education, and support to people with ALS and their families.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

Events & announcements schedule

Hampden Garden Club meets April 17

HAMPDEN – The April meeting of the Hampden Garden Club is on April 17 at 7 p.m. at Academy Hall on Main St.

Becky Sadlowski will speak on growing colorful, home grown cut flowers.

ers. Becky and her husband founded Routed Flowers, a specialty cut flower farm in Agawam.

Wilb. Women’s Club Fashion Show April 24

WILBRAHAM - Step into spring with fashions from the

J Jill collection (Longmeadow Shops). The Fashion Show sponsored by the Wilbraham Women’s Club, will be held April 24 at the Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham.

A Social Hour begins at 11:30 followed by lunch at Noon. The meal choices are salmon with dill sauce or chicken francaise for \$35.

There will also be a raffle for many prizes and gift cards.

For reservations, please call Sue Agnew, 596-9480, by April 17. This event helps to fund the club’s scholarships and donations to charitable organizations in the area.

Rotary Club to hold another Calendar Raffle

ing programs for children and adults. From life-saving CPR training to fun-filled athletic activities, there’s something for everyone this season. With multiple registration deadlines approaching, now is the time to sign up for programs designed to engage, educate, and inspire.

Current Programs:

• Wildlife Programming at Laughing Brook

Registration: Ongoing

Connect with nature through engaging wildlife programs at Laughing Brook. Learn about local wildlife species, their habitats, and the environment. Programs are designed for all ages and offer opportunities for outdoor learning in a fun, interactive way.

• Healthy Kids Running

Registration: Ongoing

Encourage kids to get moving with the Healthy Kids Running program! This initiative promotes physical activity and healthy habits while helping young runners build confidence and improve their fitness. Registration is open for participants of all skill levels.

Upcoming Programs:

• Little Laxers Lacrosse

Registration: April 1 - April 30

Get ready for a fun and fast-paced introduction to the sport of lacrosse! This program is designed for younger children who are interested in learning the basics of lacrosse through skill-building drills and friendly games. Don’t miss out—registration opens soon!

• Hampden Memorial Park Summer Program Activity 2025

Registration Opens: Mar 10

Make your summer memorable with activities and events at Hampden Memorial Park. The summer program will offer a variety of fun outdoor experiences, and registration details will be available soon!

Closing Soon:

• Recreation Baseball Grades K-8 - 2025

Still seeking players for

grades (3-4) and (5-6)

Time is running out to sign up for the 2025 Recreation Baseball season! If you have a child in grades 3-4 or 5-6, there are still spots available. Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of a fun, competitive baseball league!

Don’t miss out! Register today to secure your place in these incredible programs and enjoy a spring full of learning, fun, and physical activity.

For more information and to register visit: <https://hampdenma.myrec.com>.

Reading wit Tucker at HPL

HAMPDEN – Children can visit the Hampden Free Public Library to read to Tucker, a dog from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs.

People can sign up by emailing me at krumplik@cwmars.org.

The upcoming date is April 29.

There are four slots every day, 15 minutes each starting at 3:30 p.m.

To learn more, contact Kate Rumpalik at krumplik@cwmars.org or call 413-566-2151 ext. 112.

Open Burning Season has started

HAMPDEN - The Open Burning Season started on January 15, 2025 and runs through May 1, 2025. Homeowners may burn brush, branches and forest debris between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily through the season.

Other restrictions apply and burning may not be allowed on certain days due to recent lack of precipitation and strong winds. A permit from our department is required which you can obtain online from the following link.

To obtain burn permit visit <http://www.hcburnpermits.com>.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks

7. Construct a wall to confine

13. Most inappropriate

14. A type of board

16. Sacred Hindu syllable

17. Flatterer

19. The Granite State

20. Tears down

22. China's Chairman

23. Former Houston footballer

25. Periods of time

26. Expressed pleasure

28. World alliance

29. A Brit's mother

30. Television network

31. Brother or sister

33. Type of spirit

34. ___ Ladd, actor

36. A medium oversees it

38. One time province of British India

40. Wrong

41. The highest parts of something

43. Insect

44. Baseball stat

45. A way to use up

47. Where wrestlers compete

48. It helps elect politicians

51. As fast as can be done

53. Genus of legumes

55. Samoa's capital

56. Monument in Jakarta

58. Former French coin

59. Exploiters

60. College sports official

61. Uninterrupted in time

64. Stephen King story

65. Marked by no sound

67. Weathers

69. Denouncements

70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut

2. It cools a home

3. Kisses (French)

4. Oxford political economist

5. Keyboard key

6. Leaf pores

7. Agrees with publicly

8. Not around

9. Czech city

10. Muscle cell protein

11. Greek letter

12. Movements

13. Ned ___, composer

15. Popular series Game of ___

18. Exclamation that denotes disgust

21. Helper

24. Gift

26. Up in the air (abbr.)

27. Treat without respect

30. Trims

32. Slang for lovely

35. City of Angels

37. Guitarists' tool

38. Island nation

39. Delivered in installments

42. A baglike structure

43. Cooking vessel

46. Gets in front of

47. Wounded by scratching

49. More breathable

50. Medical dressings

52. Indiana hoopster

54. Married Marilyn

55. An ancient Assyrian city

57. Congressmen (abbr.)

59. Approves food

62. Ventura's first name

63. Between northeast and east

66. Atomic #71

68. Email designation

Wilbraham Men’s Glee Club to Begin Rehearsals

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Men’s Glee Club, accompanied by Marcia Jackson and conducted by Ray Drury, will begin rehearsals for the 2025 concert season on Monday evening, Jan. 6, at Christ the King Lutheran/Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Rehearsals will continue each Monday thereafter until two concerts in late April/early May.

While no audition is required, all interested should be able to “carry a tune” attend the majority of rehearsals, and be able to pay a nominal fee at the first rehearsal to cover the cost of sheet music.

Teen Block Printing 101 at WPL

WILBRAHAM - On Tuesday, April 29 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Grades 6-12 can join us for Teen Block Printing 101 at the Wilbraham Public Library.

Teens will learn how to make their own unique carved stamp and prints on paper to take home. Have you wanted to get started with printmaking, but don’t know how? This class is intended to take the fear out of it and help you to get started making beautiful carved prints!

We will go over printmaking materials and how to properly use them, how to come up with designs, and how to create a print on paper using your carved stamp. Participants will

be given carving blocks they will keep and lent carving tools for the duration of the class.

Participants can make as many prints as they like in the time allotted!

Disclaimer: Printmaking, even making a rubber stamp, utilizes a sharp hand carving tool. Students who sign up for this class will learn how to properly and safely use this tool for their art project.

Online registration is required on the Event Calendar at wilbrahamlibrary.org or call 413-596-6141, as space is limited. Teen Block Printing 101 is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Sale of Motor Vehicle
Under G.L. c. 255 Sec. 39A
Bach Towing Inc., 165 Benton Drive, East Longmeadow, MA is holding a private sale of the following vehicle on **5/2/2025 at 2 p.m.** to satisfy our garage keepers lien thereon for storage and towing charges and expenses of Notices of Sale.
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Springfield, MA 01109
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VIN: 1FTNE1EW5EDA36048
04/10, 04/17, 04/24/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1844EA
Estate of:
Maureen A Buccaccio
Also known as:
Maureen A Card
Date of Death: 02/07/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Susan A. McCoy of Springfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 31, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/17/2025

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM CEMETERIES MOWING INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Town of Wilbraham Cemetery Commission invites qualified individuals or companies to submit sealed bids to provide mowing and landscape maintenance services at three town cemeteries for a 36-month period, beginning July 1, 2025. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Select Board’s Office until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 8, 2025.** The Select Board will award the contract upon consideration of the recommendation of the Cemetery Commissioners as to the responsive and responsible bidder with the lowest price.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, or to issue a new procurement process, as deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Bid documents available at: <https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov>
04/10, 04/17/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P0762EA
Estate of:
Harry J Danos
Date of Death: 01/16/2025
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 **John C Danos of Monson, 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: **John C Danos of Monson, MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/08/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
04/17/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and

Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25C0094CA
In the matter of:
Anna Ponchita Dunnigan
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Anna Ponchita Dunnigan of Wilbraham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Martha Anna Ponchita Dunnigan

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/28/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 31, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/17/2025

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81Q, the Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the Wilbraham Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land (Subdivision Regulations) that regulate the division of land and construction of subdivision roadways. The proposed amendments will comprehensively

update and replace the 1996 Subdivision Regulations including but not limited to updates to definitions, submittal requirements, procedures, performance guarantee requirements, and road construction standards.

The complete text of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office and the Planning Office during normal business hours and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on this matter are urged to attend the public hearing.



Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/765926205> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 765-926-205).

James Rooney, Chair
04/17, 04/24/2025

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

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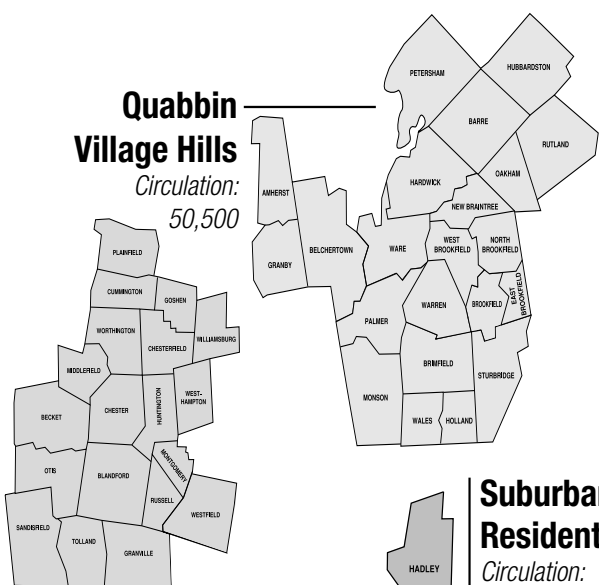
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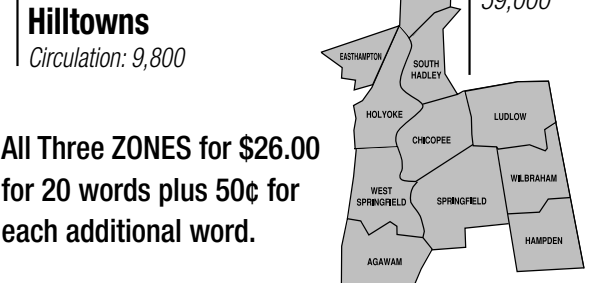
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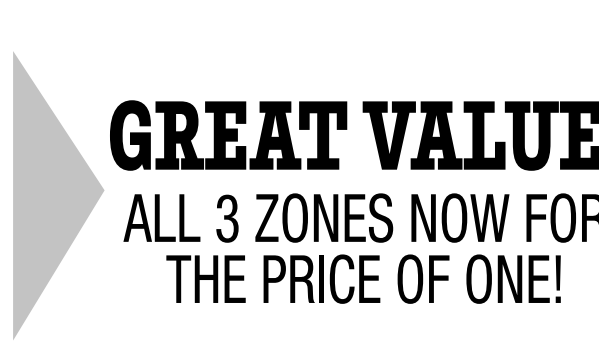
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