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The Rios Family, consisting of AJ and Melissa Rios with their sons, Rogan and Raiden, enjoyed ice cream from the Ice Cream Emergency! Western Massachusetts truck during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library.

Senior center spreads Alzheimer's awareness on longest day of year



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Alzheimer's Association volunteers Mark Nutting and Shauna Dandy visited the Hampden Senior Center on June 21.

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raiser on the Summer Solstice.

HAMPDEN – On the longest day of the year, the senior center held a function to spread Alzheimer's awareness and knowledge regarding caregiver's support.

Mark Nutting, a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, spoke at the senior center last Wednesday. In addition to speaking engagements, he teaches education classes and facilitates support groups.

June 21 marked the Summer Solstice, making it the longest day of the year. Given that it is the day with the most sunlight, the Alzheimer's Association considers it an ideal occasion to fight the darkness brought on by dementia.

"My motivation; my mom had Alzheimer's. I was her primary overseer for 13 years. Now that she's gone and I'm retired, I give back some of my time as a volunteer to help other caregivers and raise the general public's education and awareness," he said.

Each year, the association holds its "Longest Day" fund-

Nutting said by age 65, one in nine people will get Alzheimer's.

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Hampden library kicks off summer reading season

Residents enjoyed therapy dogs and free ice cream

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HAMPDEN – Downpours did not deter residents from visiting the library from noon to 1 p.m. on June 24 for their Summer Reading Kickoff.

Through the event, residents signed up for summer

reading programs, met therapy dogs from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs and enjoyed ice cream from the Ice Cream Emergency! Western Massachusetts truck.

Theresa Hebert's three children signed up for the teen and kids programs. Her daughter, Merida, met Sophie the therapy dog.

"She came right over to the dogs to see them. It was amazing to me because of her phobia of being around big dogs, and she was able to just go right up and pet the dog with no problem," Hebert said.

Hebert read to her children since they were infants, and now they read to her.

"My kids are seven, eight and 14 and they just have a love for reading. Doing the summer program is a lot of fun because it motivates them to read more on their own so they can collect their beads and get prizes. But they really do have a love for reading," Hebert said.

Her son, Danny, shared a reading experience he had.

"I was reading for a school

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Board of Selectmen recognizes Minnechaug's Track & Field Relay Team

Also, public hearing with National Grid and Finance Committee interviews

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WILBRAHAM – The Board of Selectmen recognized Minnechaug's Track & Field 4 X 100 Relay Team on June 26 for their National Championship win.

Team members Sam Manterra, Chase Harrison, Noah Bratwithe and Vinh Nguyen com-

peted in the Nike Outdoor Track and Field National Championship in Hayward, Oregon.

"We went to the University of Oregon and ran at the Nike Nationals for the 4 X 100 and we won," Manteria said. "We had about four or five qualification meets before we officially chose to go out to the Nike Nationals."

The team received certificates of achievement from Chairman Theresa Goodrich.

An open public hearing with a representative from Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid in North Andover was a major topic, concerning

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(L to R) Wilbraham Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Sue Bunnell, Minnechaug Regional High School's Track & Field 4 X 100 Relay Team members Chase Harrison, Noah Bratwithe, Sam Manterra and Vinh Nguyen, Board of Selectmen Chairman Theresa Goodrich and Clerk Michael Squindo pose for a group photo during the June 26 meeting. The team received certificates of achievement for their recent National Championship win.

Ice Cream Social returns to Old Meeting House Museum July 9

Ingredients: History, art and ice cream sundaes

By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

WILBRAHAM – The Old Meeting House Museum in the center of Wilbraham will mix Friendly’s Ice Cream Sundae Cups with works from the Wilbraham Art League in a town historical setting on Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and will be held outside in the garden at the rear of the building. The building will be open for browsing.

Not only is the annual event a mix of art and history, but it is also a mix of generations with many history buffs and senior citizens enjoying watching a children’s scavenger hunt going on at the same time. All topped off with different choices of ice cream sundaes.

The museum, owned by the town, is maintained and operated by the all-volunteer Atheneum Society of Wilbraham and its Board of Trustees headed by its president David Bourcier. The historical building has recently had an accessible ramp added to the front entrance that was built with the historical design of the building in mind. The ramp has not been completed yet, so visitors are asked to enter the grounds and building from the back garden where the ice cream will be served.

The Scavenger Hunt Atheneum Society Trustee Marianne Wagner is organizing the Scavenger Hunt for kids aged 6 to 12. She got the idea from a scavenger hunt that was held



A scene in the garden of the Old Meeting House Museum from last year's Ice Cream Social.

during last season’s Christmas Tree Festival when kids visiting the museum with their parents to view the various Christmas trees, enjoyed the hunt amidst town historical artifacts.

“It will be a lot of fun during the Ice Cream Social,” said Wagner. “Kids, in teams or individually, will receive a list of items to look for in the various rooms of the museum: The Kitchen, Living Room, Baldwin Room, Children’s Room and hallway. There will be prizes for all youngsters who complete the hunt. An example of one of the items to be hunted is: “What animal is sleeping on the bed of the Baldwin Room?”

The Wilbraham Art League was established by a group of talented local artists for the purpose of developing active community interest and providing education in the field of fine arts. Membership is open to artists, patrons, businesses and all other people interested in and supportive of fine arts in the Hampden Coun-

ty area. They will be displaying their artwork on the grounds of the museum.

The museum’s Gift Shop will also be open, featuring Wilbraham-centric merchandise and town history books. There will be books, notepapers, sweat-shirts, tee shirts and hats labeled “Wilbraham” for sale.

After enjoying the ice cream in the museum’s garden, visitors are invited to come inside the museum to see artwork from the Art League and Wilbraham’s history exhibits. 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



Times file photo

Wilbraham Atheneum Society Trustee Marty Lyman mans the Friendly’s Ice Cream Cart in the Hearse House of the Old Meeting House Museum at last year’s Ice Cream Social. The annual event Sunday, July 9, from 1 to 4 p.m., includes a show by the Wilbraham Art League and a Scavenger Hunt for the kids.

town. The Wilbraham Historical Commission was given jurisdiction of the premises as a museum and now leases the space to the Atheneum Society for one peppercorn per annum.

The Atheneum Society was incorporated in 1963 as a non-profit organization by a group of concerned townspeople. Their purpose was to form a permanent local group to preserve artifacts and memorabilia relating to the people and history

of Wilbraham. 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. For more information about the Old Meeting House Ice Cream Social, visit Facebook or email president@wilbrahamatheneum.org.

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HWRSD Planning Committee discusses how to tackle regional agreement

Highlights include timeline, clarifications and how to present plans

By **Kristin Rivers**
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WILBRAHAM - The Planning Committee met on June 20 to discuss how to tackle the district's regional agreement.

Christine Lynch from the District & School Finance Department at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education joined the meeting via Zoom to provide insight.

Superintendent Dr. John Provost opened the discussion with this question to Lynch.

"What would you say we should be striving for a timeline and what would be the next steps as we start to involve the community more, involve the state more in potential changes to the agreement?" Provost said.

Lynch explained districts may present plans during spring town meetings as opposed to having special town meetings, adding the importance of mapping out next year's spring town meeting to "determine how long it may take" to get everything together.

"If there are no significant issues, it may take anywhere from two to six

months," Lynch said.

After Lynch presented her thoughts, Provost asked a follow-up question on spring town meetings.

"That one kind of caught me because I saw some information on the DESE website saying anything that was going to go into effect - at this point would be talking for FY25 - would have to be approved by the board by December of 2024. Is that still true or is there more flexibility in the timeline?" Provost said.

Lynch clarified that would be the case if the district made any additions.

"The regulations require that if you're adding a new member, a new town or you're adding grade levels to the region that all approvals need to be in place by Dec. 30 of any given year in order for the effective date to be the following July 1," Lynch said.

She explained if adding a new member, town or grade level, the School Finance Office would need advanced notice to help Chapter 70 funding allotments.

"If you are adding grades and you were a high school region adding elementary, we would want the money to appropriately go to the high school region as opposed to having it at the elementary, so they need at least six months' notice just to get the budgets in place," Lynch said.

Lynch later clarified as the district is not making additions, the Dec. 31 board vote would not apply here.

Sean Kennedy suggested presenting the plans in two chunks to help make things "less confusing, more transparent, more clear and give us more time."

"Maybe it's best to say house-keeping one so they understand that this is just like required and then maybe the assessment there as well, and then the other one on town lines so we can have more time, have conversations and really to finetune it so we can have it in the spring," Kennedy said.

Theresa Goodrich said from a town and budget point of view, the more time is given to the Finance Committees to adjust to the changes, the better.

"So if we can get it done by December in its entirety, I think that would be much more beneficial to the town Finance Committees. They do so much work as it is," Goodrich said.

Kennedy said he was up for meeting during the summer to work on it, with Goodrich adding Provost provided a sample survey for meeting session times.

"I think if people are in tune to their child's education, they're going to be in tuned to some of these meetings and they're all going to talk to one another as well. Along with the informational meetings you're going to do in person, I think we're going to hit the target that we need to," Goodrich said.

Women's Foundation of Boston awards Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass. \$165,000

HOLYOKE/WORCESTER - Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts is thrilled to announce it has received a three-year, \$165,000 grant from the Women's Foundation of Boston. The grant will fund the expansion of the "It's a Girls World" community based program that encompass STEM, Financial Literacy, Healthy Living, and Mental Health Wellness programs.

GSCWM is one of 10 nonprofits that exclusively serves women and girls awarded in W F - B o s - t o n ' s 2 0 2 3

grant cycle and one of 3 grantees who serve women and/or girls in Massachusetts Gateway Cities.

"Historically as a society, we have not done enough to build women and girls' confidence in their academic, athletic, leadership, and financial abilities, all of which are priorities for the organizations we support and help scale," said Christina Gordon, Co-Founder and CEO of the Women's Foundation of Boston. "It is crucial that we continue to invest in nonprofits, especially those operating in our Gateway Cities, giving them the ability to serve thousands of women and girls in need of our support."

According to Jamie Mahon,

GSCWM Fund Development and Marketing Manager, "this generous grant enables us to expand what we've been doing in Worcester County and allows us to serve more girls, meeting them where they are, in communities that may experience gaps in access to resources and programming."

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts plans to bring It's a Girls World to Chicopee, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield and Westfield.

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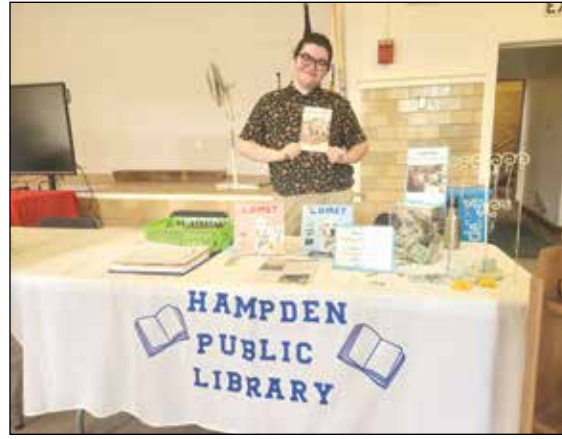
Merida Hebert pets Sophie the therapy dog during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library. She was one of many children who signed up for the library's summer reading program.



Bright Spot Therapy Dogs Executive Director Michelle Karb and her husband, Rick, pose with therapy dogs Sophie and Betty during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library.



Comet, a therapy dog from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs, gives a big smile during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library.



Gracen Moriarty, library page at Hampden Free Public Library, holds up this year's reading and activity log—this year's theme "Find Your Voice!"—for participants during the Summer Reading Kickoff event on June 24. Moriarty also oversaw sign-ups for the children's summer reading program.



Sisters Addie and Alyce Stiles pose for a photo inside the Ice Cream Emergency! Western Massachusetts truck during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library. The business launched in April and the sisters provided free ice cream and pup cup treats during the event.



Submitted photo Sara Mawla
Amelia Mawla enjoys her ice cream during the Summer Reading Kickoff event at Hampden Free Public Library.

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program, not for this, but I read for an owl! I got prizes for reading sometimes," he said.

Michelle Karb, executive director at Bright Spot Therapy Dogs, explained Library Director Ellen Moriarty reached out to the former executive director a few years earlier to see if the organization could help kick off summer reading.

"Since then, we've been coming. It's been a wonderful experience for our teams, the dogs. It's just a nice way to get kids and families excited about summer reading, so we're happy to help," Karb said.

Karb is also a middle school principal.

"I think getting kids excited about reading and reading things they're interested in is extremely important, and it's that much more important over the summer without the structure of school," Karb said.

Sara Mawla came with her family for the ice cream. Her daughter, Amelia, enjoyed her treat.

"I got a cookie monster ice cream, chocolate ice cream, I got rainbow sprinkles and there's frosting!" she said.

Mawla shared she wants to help Amelia reach 1,000 books before entering kindergarten.

"She loves reading and they have a great selection of books here and we're always checking out books every week and returning them and getting more books," Mawla said.

Mawla had this message for parents: our children are our future.

"Summertime is really a time to just focus on the kids and make sure that they're learning and they're getting as much as they can outside of school," Mawla said.

Hebert shared similar thoughts.

"I think the most important thing is while the kids are out of school, just keeping their minds focused. Keeping them busy with extending the skills that they learned all year long and not losing that focus over the summer months," Hebert said.

Alyce Stiles and her sister, Addie, launched the Emergency Ice Cream Truck in April and were excited to serve the residents.

"We're sister-owned and women-owned and travel all around Western Mass. So today's our first library event. It's really fun to support all the readers, especially on a cloudy rainy day. The sun came out. Everyone had lots of smiles and ice creams," Stiles said.

Mawla encourages the community to support the library.

"I think that any time there's an event in the library, we should definitely come out and support it just to make sure these events are always going on, because if we show up then they're going to always happen," Mawla said.

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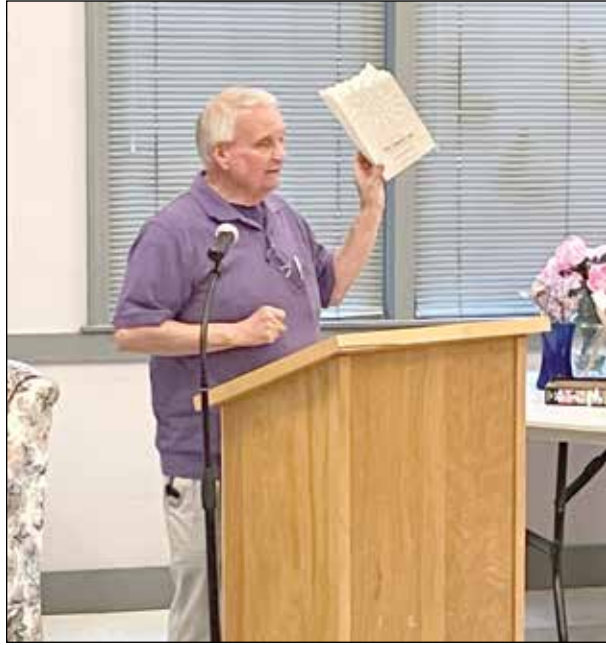
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Shauna Dandy spread information about the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 15 at Holyoke Community College.



Mark Nutting spoke at the senior center on June 21.



The 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's will occur on Oct. 15.

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mer's. At age 75, the likelihood goes up to one in five, and by age 85, one in three people have Alzheimer's.

"Whether it's a personal diagnosis or a spouse or a sibling or a parent or a child, or just somebody in the extended family or a close friend, it's going to be almost impossible that everybody's not going to encounter it in some way," Nutting said.

Nutting said it is important to teach the warning signs so that people can get early diagnoses. Early signs can include disruptive memory loss, difficulty problem solving, trouble with words or confusion with time or place.

Nutting credited the Hampden senior center for its commitment to raising awareness about Alzheimer's. He works directly with the Office of Elder Affairs for Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Monson and Agawam to educate residents.

"I want to let people know that these education sessions are available for them in all the towns; not just their own," he said.

Shauna Dandy traveled to Hampden to promote the Alzheimer's Association's 2023 Pioneer Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 15 at Holyoke Community College. Dandy is managing the event and is leading a team of volunteers planning the walk.

Dandy noted that the walk is a "great community event to raise funds for care, support and research."

She was happy to be at the senior center last week and explained the importance of the event in Hampden.

"I think there's a need to feel a part of a community and to feel the support of other people who are unfortunately going through the same journey," she said.

Dandy noted that the Alzheimer's Association provides free programs and services, a 24/7 health line and dementia care consultation among other services.

"The numbers of how much dementia affects the world and the local community, the numbers keep growing," she said. "There's 130,000 people in Massachusetts alone that have dementia so even if you're not going through that, that's exactly why we do this; so no one else has to go through this."



Those in attendance at the Hampden Senior Center on June 21 lit lamps in honor of a loved one with Alzheimer's.



A small crowd gathered at the senior center on June 21 to listen to Mark Nutting speak and light lamps in honor of a loved one with Alzheimer's.



Mark Nutting addressed caregiver support for Alzheimer's at the Hampden Senior Center last Wednesday.

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I received a note from a Williamsburg resident along with a newspaper clipping about a green-tailed towhee spotted in Newport, Rhode Island at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.

She said they are native to the Southwestern United States and "having gotten so far, they might be here any day now." The green-tailed towhee is the smallest towhee. They are small, but chunky songbirds with a big head, stocky body and a medium to long tail. Their bill is thick.

They are fairly common in the western mountains and spend most of their time in dense, low thickets where they forages on the ground. It has a gray body, fairly greenish wings and tail with a rufous crown and white throat. These towhees do sometimes wander east.

The female lays three to four white eggs with heavy dots of brown or gray, often concentrated at the larger end of the egg. They build their nests on the ground or in low shrubs. It is a large, deep cup loosely made of twigs, grass, weeds, strips of bark and lined with finer grasses, rootlets and animal hair.

They eat mainly seeds and insects, but they will sometimes feed on berries or small fruits. They make a cat like meowing sound.

Best cities for birdwatching

New York, New York recently was ranked the number one city for birdwatching; I assume because of Central Park and the sea



Green-tailed towhee

coast. Other cities on the list from two to ten were: San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Austin, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

On the worst cities for birdwatching list Kansas City, Kansas came in at number one.

Other cities were Montgomery, Alabama; Olathe, Kansas; Overland Park, Kansas and Mobile, Alabama (tied for fourth place); Des Moines, Iowa; Huntsville, Alabama; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Henderson, Nevada.

Wild turkeys

I recently saw a hen turkey with her poults on the edge of the road. The hen was standing on the edge of the road and her young were in the tall grass so I was unable to accurately count how many she had.

Geese and goslings

Last week, I saw two pairs of adult Canada geese with some young goslings in my hayfield. I spotted the adults heads in the tall grass and stopped to watch. I could see the goslings when they jumped up or stretched their necks to eat grass.

Nesting cardinal

One of my daughters had a cardinal nesting in her rhododendron bush. They could be observed from a window in the living room and not be disturbed. The nest is now empty and I hope they fledged and did not meet up with a predator.

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Working widow seeks to maximize Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty: I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband's record. He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$42,000 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply.

Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work? I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received.

Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system. I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retirement benefit. Once you reach your Full Retirement Age next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security's "earnings test" and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it. At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from your deceased husband without reduction and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you



are 70. Then, at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life. Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full retirement age. Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1.800.772.1213) or your local Social Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband's widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won't affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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Robert Sessions, Boston Tea Party participant, has grave commemorated



A reenactor from the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum places a marker by the grave of Robert Sessions.



A marker was placed by the grave of Robert Sessions, a participant in the Boston Tea Party.

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Hampden Board of Selectmen Chair John Flynn speaks at Old Cemetery on June 25.



Jered Sasen, veterans agent, speaking at Old Cemetery on June 25.



Rep. Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow), speaking at Old Cemetery on June 25.

Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum travels to Hampden for ceremony

By Dalton Zbierski
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HAMPDEN – In Old Cemetery last Sunday, several dozen people gathered to pay tribute to Robert Sessions of Hampden, a participant in the Boston Tea Party on Dec. 16, 1773.

The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is holding similar ceremonies throughout the country to commemorate the heroes of one of America's greatest endeavors, when 340 chests of East India Company tea were disposed of in the icy waters of the Boston Harbour.

"These were extraordinary citizens who did an extraordinary thing, and they are more than worthy of our recognition," said Evan O'Brien, creative manager of the museum. "It is our museum's ultimate goal to place a commemorative marker, similar to the one we're placing at this grave today, at the grave of as many Boston Tea Party participants as possible worldwide in anticipation of the 250th (anniversary) coming this December."

A long list of speakers gave remarks during the ceremony. The first was Hampden Historical Commissioner Connie Witt, who worked with the museum to make the June 25 occasion possible.

Witt thanked Molly Pruitt of San Antonio, a descendent of Sessions, who paid to have his grave recreated.

"Robert Sessions' stone was just a pile

of rubble sitting here. It had deteriorated so badly it could not be restored, and Molly was kind and generous enough to have Robert Sessions' monument replicated so the original stone looked just like that," Witt said.

John Flynn noted that when researching the tea party, he came across a book in which Sessions referred to himself as a volunteer. He noted generations of his family carried that mindset in Hampden, as Elizabeth Sessions would later fund the construction of the town hall.

"One thing that spoke to me out of that was the fact that he referred to himself as a volunteer. To me that equates to so much we see in our town of Hampden," Flynn said. "We're built on volunteers. I think that's what the Sessions family spoke to in Hampden."

At the time Sessions lived in Hampden, it was known as Wilbraham. Wilbraham's Veteran's Agent Jered Sasen agreed with Flynn's point, noting the importance of volunteerism, which Sessions embodied.

"The key to volunteerism is carrying on this legacy so that future generations of people are willing to volunteer and take up the same kind of mentality that Mr. Sessions had when he looked up and realized there was something going very array in the colonies and it was time to stand up," Sasen said.

Rep. Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow) acknowledged that it was a beautiful Sunday morning and thanked those who were in attendance for taking the time to visit the cemetery for the ceremony.

Ashe said the word "patriot" is over-used these days, but when applied to Ses-



Connie Witt speaks at Old Cemetery last Sunday. She helped arrange a ceremony to commemorate the grave of Boston Tea Party participant Robert Sessions.

sions, the term fits perfectly. He spoke on Sessions' courage, especially given that he was 21 on that evening.

"Nothing describes a patriot more than what Robert Sessions did," Ashe said. "It's not easy to get up and speak out for something, especially when you're uncomfortable about it. It's not easy to get up and go against the grain when you're afraid of what the repercussions might be, but they knew how important it was and knew the significance of what it meant."

For the town of Wilbraham, Sessions later became Town Clerk and a town meeting moderator. He also served in the State House, which State Sen. Jake Oliveira pointed out during his remarks.

Oliveira said Sessions served in the same chamber where the Massachusetts Senate is now located. When the State House was expanded in the late 1800s, the state added on the new House chamber,

"but at the time, the House chamber was actually located right under the golden dome where the Senate chamber is located today," Oliveira said.

Today, 40 state senators deliberate in that chamber, but it was far different when Sessions served his terms.

"At the high point in the early 1800s, there were over 600 representatives located in a chamber now that houses 40 people. That's before air conditioning, that's before regular bathing, that's with very stuffy garb on so I can just imagine what it looked like in the chamber when Robert Sessions served as a member of the Massachusetts House," Oliveira said.

Sessions passed away at age 84 in 1836.

Later this summer, the Times will feature an in-depth article about the life of Robert Sessions.

A COMMUNITY GALLERY



Peter Manolakis of Brookside Circle in Wilbraham captured a rare sight, twins with their mom.



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The Wilbraham Fire Department recently got in on the fun at Spec Pond. (Photos courtesy of the Wilbraham Fire Department)



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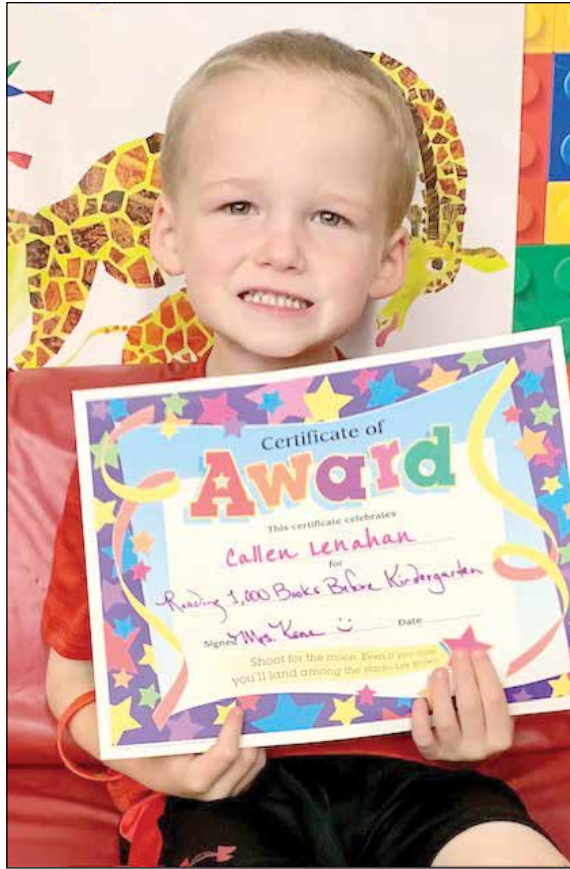
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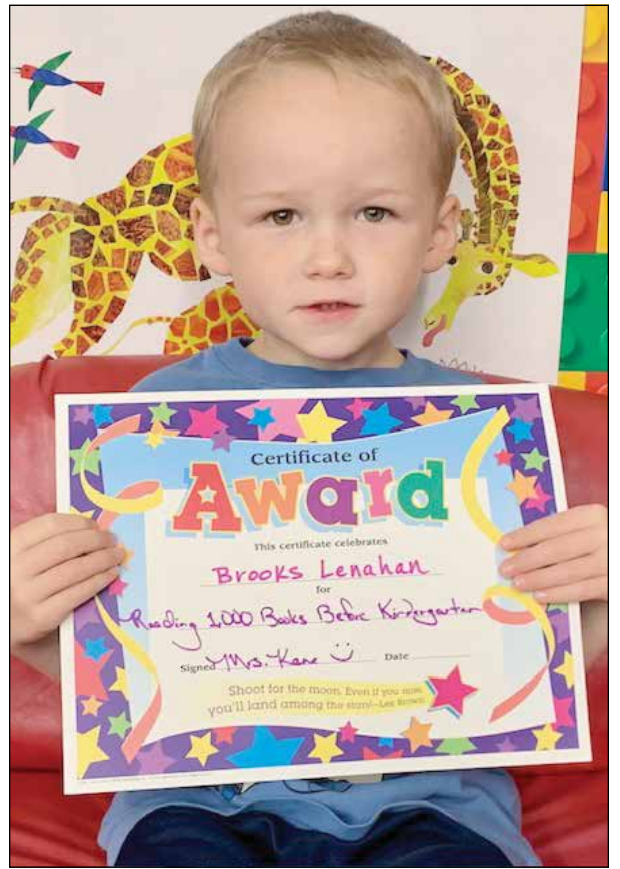
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Wishing everyone a safe & enjoyable July 4th holiday!

Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

So let me ask you, have you ever gone on a blind date and been told what the person would be wearing so you'd recognize them? Well that's what it felt like when Phil emailed me after reading one of my Random Acts of Kindness articles and we were setting up a meeting place. I thought I was meeting Phil when in reality it was Philomena Hanrahan who uses her abbreviated name as part of her email signature. Can you imagine my surprise when 'Phil' was Philomena! Needless to say we shared a hilarious laugh when I exposed what I'd thought.

Phil and Joe have lived in Hampden 46 years of their 53-year marriage. Sadly, they lost a child at two-years-old but adore six grandchildren from their two other children. Phil was born in County Mayo, Ireland and came alone to the United States when she was just 17 and is now enjoying retirement. Joe, who was born in County Clare, Ireland, came to the states when he was 21, was a Springfield firefighter and is now also enjoying retirement.

Phil shared with me many things she's done as Random Acts of Kindness including donating regularly to the American Red Cross. She's volunteered on the Springfield St. Patrick's Day parade committee for twelve years, is a member of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club as well as its Honor Guard. Phil also serves on their scholarship committee and in 2018 was chosen as the 'Irish Person of Year'! She enjoys volunteering at the Hampden Senior Center, is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Church in Hampden and has been her neighbor's caregiver for the last five years. WOW!

Phil sent me a story that she felt was worthy of sharing and I couldn't agree more! Though this happened in December I think June being half way through the

year is perfect timing to share this, since it's always the right time to do Random Acts of Kindness!

It began when Phil and Joe decided to downsize their home, but unfortunately Joe had some medical issues. They were left with the daunting task of doing this when luckily family came to the rescue and together accomplished their goal of donating everything they'd wanted to.

Two helpers were Susan, who has four children, and Kelly, who is a teacher in a school that has a lot of underprivileged students, so when Susan mentioned she had a lot of kids clothing to donate, Kelly immediately offered to take them. She knew exactly what to do with them, distribute them to help some of the students.

Susan loved that Kelly had a good use for the items and reached out to some of her neighbors in Boston explaining about the students and asked if they'd be interested in helping Kelly. Such an amazing example of Random Act of Kindness; not even knowing who would benefit, instead they only recognized the call for help. Within an hour Susan had responses, one being a friend who belonged to a book club with the members looking to do something other than exchanging gifts amongst themselves. Susan explained they'd probably have about \$200 that Kelly could use in any way she felt would be the most useful.

Kelly was flabbergasted at the generosity of these moms who were perfect strangers to her! She couldn't wait to confer with

the principal and guidance team to make an incredible difference in a family's lives! They decided on a family that the dad had passed away the previous year and mom had been working hard to support her family, knowing a monetary donation would be very much appreciated and so needed.

When Kelly shared the family's story with Susan, Kelly was once again speechless! Susan told her they actually had \$600 instead of \$200! Kelly knew about a second family who could also benefit from this outpouring of generosity! The families were surprised and extremely grateful for this unexpected help! Kelly told Susan that because of her and her generous friends, they made Christmas wonderful for seven little children and their parents.

Just so you know, the main characters are really friends that Phil has the honor of knowing. These women truly made a difference by not only their efforts, but incorporating friends to help as well. Good job parents on creating such thoughtful adults.

What a beautiful story of so many entwined Random Acts of Kindness. It all begins with a thought then the desire to help another that can blossom into amazing things. Let your ideas bloom!

If would like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514. You don't need one, but if you'd like to have a pre-designed flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done. See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness!

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a petition for an electrical conduit location on Briar Cliff Drive #30619464.

Michelle Sylvester lives on Briar Cliff Drive and had questions, having received a notice.

"I was curious what this would look like and what the time frame is for this," Sylvester said.

The representative explained there is a handhole between the corner of Sylvester's property and another's.

"It's in the ground. Next to it is anything that's above the ground is like either telephone or cable, so it would be replacing that handhole that's that property line and then it's trenching a lot, not in the road but in the grassy part, down to house number five so like towards Stony Hill Road," she said.

The representative added another handhole would then be put in.

During the discussion, she and Sylvester examined a map of where the electrical conduit location would go, raising further questions and some confusion about the exact location.

Department of Public Works Director Tonya Capparello provided clarity on the process, explaining that a permit will need to be obtained and having utility workers work with residents impacted.

"After this part of the process, that's just step one, they still have to come in and get a permit to excavate on town property," Capparello said.

The motion was approved 3-0.

There were also two interviews for appointment to the Finance Committee: Xiomara Alban DeLobato and Carmela Blair.

Michael Squindo presented this disclosure regarding a potential conflict of interest.

"I just want to make it aware that the potential of appearance of conflict is relative to the fact that Xiomara served as the chair of the committee to elect Mike Squindo during this most recent election and obviously another interviewee coming up tonight, Carmela Blair, ran as my opponent in the most recent election," Squindo said.

Squindo contacted the Attorney General and then filed the disclosure with the town clerk, which was received, adding he could still perform his duties objectively as he contacted the town clerk and presented the disclosure in a public meeting.

DeLobato currently serves on the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council, loves engaging with the community and has worked with the Finance Committee before.

"It would mean a lot to me to hold that responsibility to give back to the community that I am a part of. I also really enjoy working with diverse groups of people," DeLobato said.

Blair, meanwhile, is an office manager for a personal injury firm in Springfield and wants to continue working with residents in Wilbraham and do more for them.

"I want to step out of my comfort zone, make a difference, do something besides work, my family and myself. I want to be part of a community as opposed to just living in it," Blair said.

The Selectmen agreed not to present a motion for appointment pending further review and having received no recommendations from the Finance Committee yet.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
- 13. Unknowing
- 14. Dangerous mosquitos
- 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
- 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- 26. Changes the meaning of
- 30. Semitic Sun god
- 31. Sneaker parts

- 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 33. Breezed through
- 34. Partner to pedi
- 35. Becomes less intense
- 38. Bottoms
- 39. Tested
- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of
- 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 46. S. African political party
- 47. Cologne
- 48. Men
- 49. The Science Guy (abbr.)
- 50. Gospel author
- 51. Act of signing up
- 55. Human feet
- 57. A very short time
- 58. Streetcars
- 59. Cuplike cavities

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool

- 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male
- 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote
- 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure
- 18. Small amount
- 22. Orthodox church altar
- 25. Actress Tomei
- 27. Excited
- 28. Looked directly at
- 29. Popular cold desserts
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme
- 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- 38. Discounts
- 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation
- 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- 53. Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- 56. Influential lawyer

Summer Dinner Dance July 14

LUDLOW – Heritage Pops Orchestra presents the Summer Dinner Dance on July 14 at the Polish-American Citizens Club at 355 East St., Ludlow.

The dinner will feature meatballs, ziti, salad, rolls, coffee and dessert.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Music goes from 7-9:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door for \$20.

A cash bar and 50-50 raffle will be available, there will be an 18-piece big band and there will be free parking.

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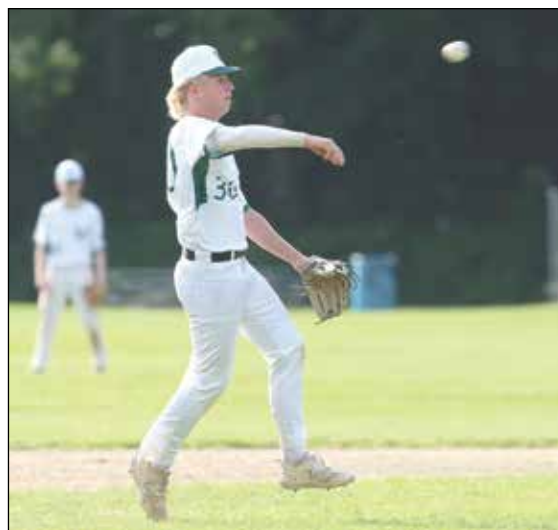
Maurice Kearney slides into second base ahead of a throw.



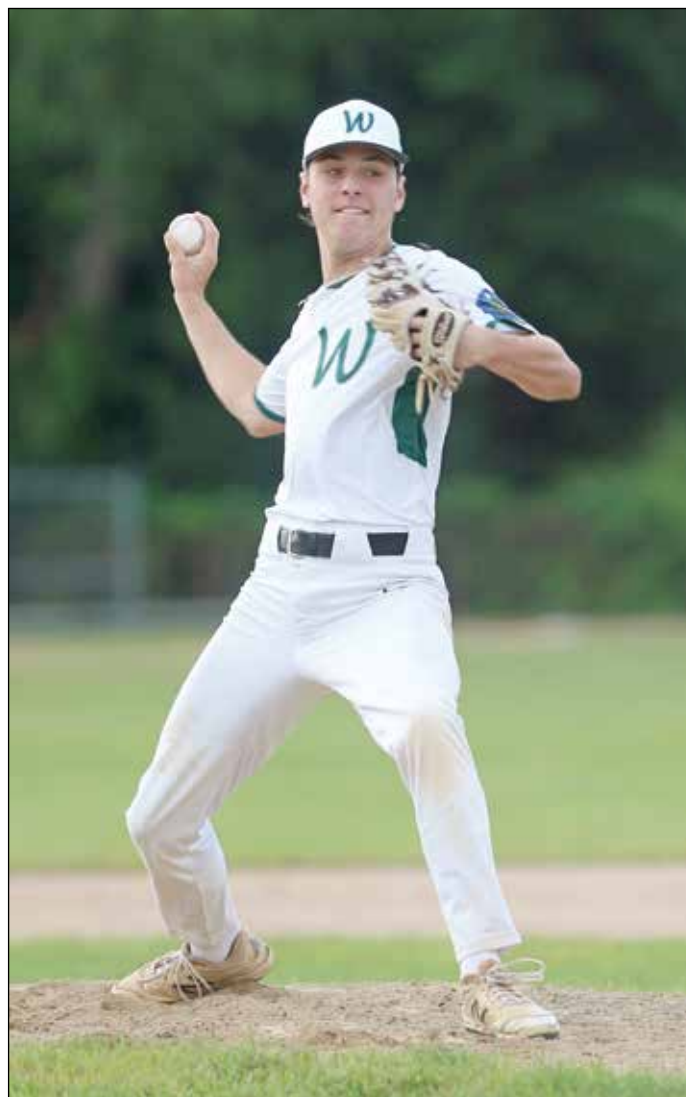
Frank Graziano fields a grounder to second.



Aaron Gasteyer makes a strong throw to first.



Bryce Barlow makes the off-balance play.



Ryan Atkin throws a pitch for Wilbraham #2.

LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Wilbraham #2 Legion baseball picked up their first win of the summer. The bats broke out against Ludlow with a 24-2 win. Unfortunately, it was their only win of the week as Post 286 fell to Westfield and West Springfield later in the week.

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Pioneers suffer first loss this season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Since the start of the 2019 regular season, the Seacoast United Phantoms are the only USL-League two team who have been able to beat the Western Mass. Pioneers at Lusitano Stadium.

The Phantoms knocked the Pioneers out of the 2022 playoffs with a 1-0 extra time victory in the Eastern Conference semi-finals.



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Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro makes a quick pass.

With the score tied 1-1 in last Friday night's match-up between the archrivals, Seacoast retook the lead during

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Bankers roll into first place

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Dave Clark makes a catch in right.



Ryan Franczek makes a throw to first.



Cam McDonald makes a quick throw for an out.



Pitcher Danny Gaines starts for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive pitches in relief.

HOLYOKE – After a slow start, the reigning, defending playoff champion PeoplesBank

are now in first place thanks to wins over the Chicopee Falls Tigers, DiFranco Realty, and St.

Joe's during the past week. PeoplesBank is now 6-1 this season, with 12 points to lead all teams.

The Bankers, a Tri-County team with eight straight playoff championship and drawing great play-

ers from all over the region, sees their season continues this week.

Williams gets another big win

THOMPSON, Conn. — Ronnie Williams used a late caution to win the Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series at Thompson Speedway back in April. Wednesday night, Williams didn't need a late caution - he did it in dominating fashion. Williams took the lead early and rolled to the win after holding off Chris Pasteryak and on a flurry of late restarts. The victory came in the first of the summer Dash For Cash 50-lap, \$5,000 to win races for the Outlaw Open Modifieds at the Connecticut oval in 2023.

Williams had a tough challenge on the final restart with Pasteryak closing in on the back bumper. Pasteryak was close on the final lap when the field took the white flag, but got loose off turn two and had to settle for second. Joey Mucciacciaro posted a strong third-place finish with Kurt Vigeant and Swanson finishing the top-five.

Former Thompson champion Nick Johnson rolled to victory in the 25-lap Late Model race, taking the lead using the bottom lane. Johnson passed Matthew Lowinski-Loh for the second spot on the bottom, then passed Devin Deshaies for the lead just before halfway. Although Lowinski-Loh was closing in during the final laps, Johnson was able to seal the win. Lowinski-Loh finished in second, with Andrew Moelleur wrapping the race in third. Oddly enough, even though Johnson won the championship in the Late Models in 2019, it was his first career track Late Model win, he said in Victory Lane.

The New England Supermodifieds



Submitted photo

Ronnie Williams captured a win in the Outlaw Open Modifieds.

rolled into Thompson to supply pure speed and power and it was a dominant performance by Ben Seitz. The driver of the No. 11 jumped out to the lead passing Anthony Nocella for the top spot and never looked back en route to picking up the dominating victory. Danny Bowes was second and Rob Summers third at the end of their 30-lap feature.

Tyler Chapman collected the extra-distance prize in the SK Light Modifieds at the end of their 30-lap feature, worth \$750 to win. Much of the middle portion of the race saw Chapman chasing Danny Cates for the lead, with Alexander Pearl not far behind in third. Chapman would pass Cates for the lead with just under 10 laps remaining and go

unchallenged the remainder of the laps to win. Cates would lose second to Pearl in the final laps, but the two did complete the podium. The division not only had extra laps and extra prize money, but also infield pitting during the race for the first time during their Thompson tenure.

Corey Fanning made it two-for-two on the 2023 season in the Limited Sportsman, outlasting a stout group of contenders during a wild green-white-checked finish to take the win in the 30-lap EdenRaffety Clash For Cash. The \$750 to win race looked to be in the control of Ryan Waterman as the field took the white flag, but a caution for a spinning car in turn four slowed the race and set up the dash to the finish with a green-

white-checked. Waterman and Chicolas brought the field down for the green with Waterman jumping away with the lead into turn one. When the field hit turn one after taking the white flag a lap later, contact between Waterman and Chicolas sent Waterman drifting up the track sideways. Chicolas took advantage to grab the lead, but Fanning snagged the bottom lane and drag-raced him for the lead down the backstretch and Waterman rallied to chase them both in third. Off turn four to the checkered, Fanning jumped out to control and crossed for the win. Chicolas was second and Waterman third.

It was a dominant type of night for Kyle Wing in the Mini Stocks. Wing won his qualifying heat in dominant fashion, then followed it up by leading all 15 laps to win the Mini Stock feature race. It was his first career win in racing, he said in Victory Lane. Kevin Moore crossed the stripe second and Glynn Roy in third.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park's oval track is promoted by the American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series again in 2023. The track will return to racing action on Wednesday, July 26, with the Twisted Tea Open Modified Dash For Cash round two, set for 50 laps and \$5,000 to win. The SK Light Modifieds will run double features, while the Late Models, Limited Sportsman and Mini Stocks will also be in action. Racing begins at 6PM and a full schedule of events will be released one week prior to race day.



Lucio Berron passes up the field.



Alec Hughes tries to outrun his opponent.



Connor Bagdon follows through on a pass forward.



Lawrence Goddard stops the ball.

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the 62nd minute and they were able to celebrate a 2-1 road victory at Lusitano Stadium. "This result really hurts a lot because we clearly performed better than they did in tonight's match," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "You win soccer games by scoring goals. We just didn't score more goals than they did."

Last Friday's setback was the Pioneers first regular season home loss since June 22, 2018, when they lost to Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers also lost a home match to Flower City Union, who are from Rochester New York, in the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The Pioneers (5-1-3) have posted a 1-1-2 home record this season. Their only victory at Lusitano Stadium was a 3-0 shut-out win versus the Boston Bolts in the home opener, which was played on a rainy night in the

middle of May. The Pioneers do have a 4-0-1 road record. The road tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with Seacoast, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

"Our home matches have been disappointing this year," Molinari said. "The ball has been going into the net in our away games, but for some unknown reason it hasn't been going into the net at home."

The Pioneers and the Phantoms also faced each other in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium. The Pioneers advanced into the finals that season by outshooting the Phantoms, 5-4, in a penalty shootout.

"This isn't a very easy place to win a soccer match," said Seacoast head coach Alex Ryan following last Friday night's match. "We had a very good game plan and my players played very hard in tonight's match."

Seacoast United, who took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division table,

played their second match in a span of 48 hours. The Phantoms posted a 3-1 home win versus Boston City FC last Wednesday night. Their trip to Ludlow took a little longer than they expected because of traffic.

"It did take us a little while to get down here this afternoon because the traffic was really bad," Ryan said. "We also played a match two nights ago. We played very well in tonight's match."

Seacoast grabbed a 1-0 lead during the 18th minute of the opening half when Taig Healy split a pair of defenders before firing a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (4 saves) for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. forward Alec Hughes blasted a shot that deflected off the face of Seacoast goalie Jackson Lee (4 saves), who laid on the ground for several minutes before coming out of the game.

"Jackson has a slight concussion and we're going to have him checked out by a doctor," Ryan said. "Our back-up goalie (James Lowell) came in and did a very good job for us. We do have a couple of very good keepers."

Late in the first half, another shot attempt by Hughes was deflected over the endline by Lowell, who was credited with five saves, resulting in a corner kick.

Jared Smith also had a free kick for Western Mass before the first half ended.

Three minutes into the second half, Augustine Boadi gave the home fans something to cheer about. After gaining possession of the ball at midfield, Boadi dribbled down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner tying the score at 1-1. "We were down at halftime and we really wanted to tie the score early in the second half," said Boadi, who faced a couple of his Boston College teammates. "I just the ball coming towards me.

Then I had a lot of open space and Alec drew the defender away for me. Then I fired a shot into the net, and it felt very good scoring the tying goal. It got us back into the game."

The contest remained tied until Ted Cargill scored the go-ahead goal, which was assisted by Austin Brummett, during the 62nd minute.

The home team had several scoring chances during the final 25 minutes of regulation, but they couldn't tie the score again.

"It's always tough whenever you lose, especially at home," said Pioneers captain Nicholas Obberauch. "We had several opportunities, but we couldn't put any of them away. We just need to keep working hard during the rest of the season."

After playing a road match against Pathfinder FC on Tuesday night, the Pioneers will be looking to start another home winning streak when they host the Albany Rush at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

Blue Sox hit tough skid, lose four straight

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners on Sunday by a score of 9-5. The team fell to 8-8 on the season.

It was a tale of two halves of this game for the Blue Sox. Danbury jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after an early two-run homer. Valley was able to fight back in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring two runs making it a 3-2 game.

Danbury quickly increased their lead, scoring six combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings. The Westerners hit three home runs in this game after none had been hit in MacKenzie Stadium in the first nine games at home this season.

Terry Murray started for the Blue Sox and struck out four batters in four innings, allowing three runs.

Harrison Durow and James Vaughn both pitched two innings out of the bullpen, allowing three runs each.

Zach Cameron pitched a clean top of the ninth, with one strikeout.

Right Fielder EJ Kreutzmann broke out of a slump today, batting 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

The utilityman Michael Zarrillo also went 2-for-4 with an RBI double.

Last Saturday evening, the Blue Sox were defeated by the North Shore Navigators by a score of 4-0.

Valley was limited to just four hits thanks to solid pitching from start to finish from the Navigators. North Shore starter Nate Espelin pitched six shutout innings. Espelin had no strikeouts on the night, but was able to force soft contact and limit traffic on the bases, stifling Valley's offense.

Kurt Thomas started the game for the Blue Sox, and pitched four innings, allowing three runs and four walks, with no strikeouts.

The ball was turned over to Thomas Ballard who pitched two innings, allowing one run off of two hits while striking out four batters.

The back end of the bullpen continued to shine for the Blue Sox, with Michael Weidinger and Jason Arrigo both tossing shutout innings. Both pitchers struck out two batters in their inning of work.

Eliot Dix went 2-for-2 on the night, reaching base in all three of his at-bats.

Matt Bergevin went 1-for-2 with two walks, continuing to see the ball well at the plate as he has all season.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics. The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to July 21. Athlete Prep strength and conditioning program from June 27 to Aug. 10, Basketball from July 10 to 14, High School and Beach Volleyball June 20 to Aug. 15, Volleyball Basics July to Aug. 16, and Wrestling July 10 to Aug. 16. All clinics are held on the campus of Ludlow High School and are geared toward the development of fundamental skills. For more information log on to lionspridesc.wix.com/lpsc or contact Tim Brillo TBrillo1723@gmail.com. Registration is now online at <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lions-pride-sports-clinics>

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Hampden author awarded Unify Against Bullying grant

The grant supports organizations combatting bullying

By Kristin Rivers
Staff Writer
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HAMPDEN – Author Sandra Howell received a grant alongside her co-author, Courtney Vail, from Unify Against Bullying on June 20 for the Angels Club book series.

Howell and Vail were among 11 recipients honored in a ceremony at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

Unify Against Bullying, founded in 2005 by Edward and Susanna Zemba, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to end bullying by celebrating true diversity, with grants supporting organizations in anti-bullying initiatives.

Howell shared the series' intent in her acceptance speech: all-inclusive books weaved with education and adventure.

"Each of our books, we try and do something special that will affect the communities so that they'll want to buy these books, the children will read the books and find something of themselves in there," Howell said.

Vail explained the grant will provide books to organizations, clubs and children's hospitals.

"We're so thankful to give away several sets because our books are empowering and inspiring. It's important that we can get them into the kids' hands," Vail said.

Howell reflected on the grant's impact.

"It makes us feel like we have accomplished so much to help with the bullying that goes on," Howell said. "To be recognized by this great organization is the most important piece that we know we're doing something right."

During the ceremony, Wendy Stechmann, secretary for Unify Against Bullying's Board of Directors, expressed to Howell and Vail the series' impact on her.

"As the mom of a daughter with autism who has been bullied, she has read your books," Stechmann said. "I really appreciate it. It really does mean a lot to me."

Stechmann's story touched Howell. "That made me feel so great. That was very important to us that she had said that," Howell said.

Vail said each book has an anti-bullying message with topics including cyberbullying, shunning and more.

"So our books feature pointers for children and also educational things, but in an entertaining way because they're all mystery adventures," Vail said.

The fifth book, "The Lost Warrior Princess," focuses on online stranger danger.



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

(L to R) Authors Courtney Vail and Sandra Howell pose for a photo with Unify Against Bullying Board Chair/President Sarah Goff during the Unify Against Bullying Grant Award Reception ceremony. The grant award will provide copies of the Angels Club book series to organizations including Ronald McDonald Houses, schools, children's hospitals and more.



A close-up of the display table spotlighting the Angels Club book series, written by Sandra Howell and Courtney Vail, during the Unify Against Bullying Grant Award Reception ceremony.

"That's an important book. We usually sell that pretty well at book fairs and things like that because parents want to stay vigilant about who their kids are talking to online," Vail said.

Howell and Vail said other books focus on foster children, different ethnicities and disabilities, including autism and cerebral palsy.

"The central theme though is this farm where they all volunteer for therapeutic riding, which brings in disabled kids, so that's their common goal. But the other common goal is to be kind," Howell said.

The latest book, "The Hero in the Eagle," mentions Wilbraham and focuses on a biracial boy.

"This boy is biracial and for him to find this underground railroad, that's how it hooks together. Because he was so bullied because he was biracial in school. He didn't know where he be-

longed. That to me, is such an important, important story," Howell said.

Howell and Vail said they're deciding where to send the books.

"If somebody has a club or an organization or a therapeutic riding, we want to provide the books. That's what the grant will do. It will allow us to give. So if somebody has a local club, they can contact the publishers' website and let her (Howell) know," Vail said.

"We will go there and speak about our books. We will donate our books," Howell added.

Howell was, again, humbled by the grant.

"It makes us feel really happy to be recognized by Unify Against Bullying and to receive a grant so we can share our books and our stories for kids," Howell said.

To learn more, visit www.angels-clubkids.com.

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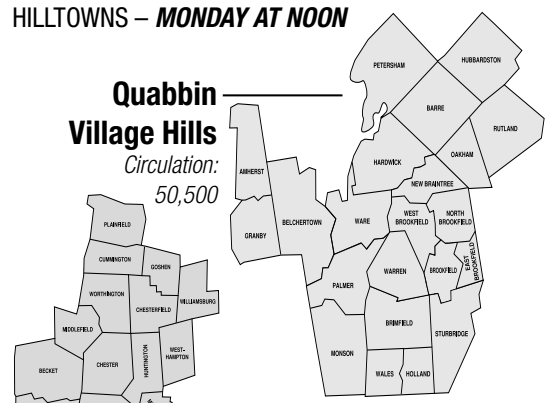
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Our friends at P-3 tell us with the steel up, the decking has been installed on the floors and roof surfaces. The plumbers and electricians have installed all of the below slab utilities including the electrical conduits, kitchen plumbing and the drain for the elevator pit.

The site contractor has installed the majority of the underground storm drainage and utilities to the building including the data conduit. They have also rough graded the site to ensure that these newly buried utilities are protected during construction.

The sub grade was compacted and prepped and all of the utilities backfilled in anticipation of the floor being poured. The under slab vapor barrier was installed and was carefully taped all of the seams and joints. This will restrict moisture movement through the foundation slab. The first floor and attic concrete was placed on the same day with over

200 yards of concrete coming onsite. To achieve the long reaches required a concrete pump truck was brought onsite to properly place the concrete. The second floor concrete was placed the next day.

The contractor has installed the stair pans which are steel forms that will have the concrete placed into them. The building framing will take place next with all of the cross bracing being installed in the walls.

In the background are decisions being made for furniture, fixtures and equipment to be purchased. The “look and feel” of the inside space will be fresh and welcoming to all who enter and use the building, as well as durable to withstand constant use. We are on target for an opening in Spring 2024.

As always, photos of the ongoing project are and will be available on the Town Website. We ask that you enjoy the construction of our new Senior Center from a safe distance. Please do not enter the construction site during or after work hours and be respectful of the workers, as we are asking that they be respectful as guests of our Community.

If you have questions or comments about the new Senior Center, please call the Senior Center information line at: 596-2800 extension 315 and leave a message, or emailSeniorInfo2021@gmail.com. Someone will get back to you.

Linda Cooper for the Wilbraham Senior Center Building Committee

SCHOOLS

Green Meadows School announces Term 4 Honor Roll 2022-2023 School Year

HAMPDEN - The following students received Honor Roll status for Term 4 at Green Meadows School.

Seventh Grade High Honors
Emmy Foisy, Daizy McDonald, Arianna Soler, Kylie Walters

Eighth Grade High Honors
Brielle Foisy, Caitlin Hebert, Gracie Smith

Seventh Grade Honors
Kayden Bain-Purdy, Emilia Imbriglio, Isabella Kupis, Layla Lozano, Ashley McDonald, Miyani Tessier

Eighth Grade Honors
Jason Abeid, Ismael Colon, Kiera Connors, Andrea Lyon, Matthew Perkins, Haley Powers, Jayne Quackenbush, Ethan Rose-Vialpando, Dominick Tessier

Sixth Grade High Honors
Madeleine O’Sullivan

Sixth Grade Honors
Aurora Broussard, Juan Alfonso Tamayo

Cupka graduates from University of South Carolina

COLUMBIA, SC – Cameron Cupka, a MRHS 2019 graduate, recently earned his degree in Engineering at the University of

South Carolina. He also earned a GPA of 4.0 and was named to the President’s List.

BHN’s Kamp for Kids™ in Westfield to hold ‘Kamp Welcome Day’ July 18

Founded by Judy Hoyt, Kamp serves children with and without disabilities

Togowauk on Russell Road in Westfield, is for children and young adults ages 3-22 – both with and without disabilities – and offers an opportunity to experience growth, inclusion and fun in a summer camp setting that includes a spray park; expressive arts; outdoor education; arts & crafts; and non-competitive sports.

WESTFIELD — Kamp for Kids™, a summer day camp for children and young adults with and without disabilities, will be holding an open house event, “Kamp Welcome Day,” on Tuesday, July 18 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Camp Togowauk, 754 Russell Road in Westfield.

State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) will be in attendance, along with other public officials, representatives of BHN and parents and friends of Kamp for Kids™. A brief program will be held with remarks by elected officials and BHN staff, and “Kampers” will give demonstrations that they prepared of their creative work including skits, songs and artwork.

Kamp for Kids™, located at Camp

Kamp for Kids™ operates every summer during July and August with about 150 Kampers over three sessions. This year, Kamp runs from July 10 through August 18, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.bhnc.org/kamp-kids.

Kamp for Kids™ was founded by Judy Hoyt, whose son Rick was the inspiration behind the camp. Rick recently passed away in May 2023 at the age of 61. He became well known through his participation in several Boston Marathons with his father, Dick.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM NOTICE OF TAKING

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