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## Trailer Trash

### kicks off Summer Concert Series



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**Ben Mailman shows off his honorary guitar from Trailer Trash during the Summer Concert Series. Mailman also got to perform with the band on stage and later joined numerous other children for another performance.**

The concert took place at Fountain Park

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WILBRAHAM -- Massive crowds came to Fountain Park on June 29 to watch Trailer Trash kick off this year's Summer Concert Series.

Attendees enjoyed concessions from Ferrindino Maple, Batch Ice Cream, Iron Duke Brewing and LUSO Federal Credit Union.

Additionally, the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club held a snack shack, with proceeds going toward the park.

Michelle Zaluga served as the opening act.

Ethan LaFreniere, a board member for Fountain Park, shared this year's lineup and concert information.

"This year, we have a great lineup of musicians, including Trailer Trash on June 29, Savage Brothers on July 6, Fever on July 13, Tom Ingram on July 20 and Jeff Holmes Big Band on July 27. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m.

Parking is a \$5 per car donation and the concert itself is free. All donations go towards maintaining the park and paying for the concerts," LaFreniere said.

LaFreniere said everyone is welcome to attend, can bring their own food or drinks or support local businesses by purchasing their food.

"We have a great new vendor, Ferrindino Maple, who is serving up their famous Big E specials - Maple Hot Dogs, Maple Creemee, Affogato's, Cotton Candy and more," LaFreniere said.

Bob Stanek heads Trailer Trash, plays guitar and oversees the business side, explaining the five-member band has been around for 11 years and plays various genres, including modern country.

Stanek enjoys watching people have fun at the shows and is grateful to perform again post-pandemic.

"It's awesome. People come out more now than ever. I think the pandemic actually gave us an appreciation for what we have. Less people are taking it for granted and (more are) taking

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## Ice Cream Social to dish out history, art and a scavenger hunt



The doorway of the Old Meeting House Museum, from last year invites folks to the garden of the museum on Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Wilbraham Art League will be exhibiting and there will be a scavenger hunt for children 6 to 12. The event is free and open to the public. (Times file photo)

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

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## Springfield artist Lesn101 creates mural in Hampden

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HAMPDEN - A Springfield artist recently completed a large scale mural in Hampden.

Lesn101, or Porn Siphonoum, created his four-wall masterpiece on a shed located at 85 Woodland Drive.

"I'm working full-time as an artist and just recently took the leap of faith in trusting the power of art," Lesn101 said. "Really, I was trying to capture the moment as I was working on it. I was really trying to draw inspiration from the space itself; from the environment."

A friend reached out to commission him for the piece in support of his decision to pursue art full-time. It was a welcome opportunity.

"I'm working on really converging the abstract, graffiti and portraiture, and this was kind of a good springboard or space for me to practice that," Lesn101 said.

Lesn101 is an Lao-American artist who was born in 1979 in Nashville, TN. He grew up in Columbus, OH in the 1980s be-



Submitted photos by Rita Vail

Lesn101, a Springfield artist, recently took his talents to Hampden.

fore relocating to Springfield in 1989, where he fell in love with hip-hop music and the graffiti culture.

Lesn101 focuses his current work on the context of self-identity. He enjoys using acrylic paint, markers, spray paint, stencils, oil paint and found objects to bring his works to life.

Creativity is at the center of his artistic process.

"It's more just really explor-

ing ideas and being spontaneous and really trusting what comes, even if it's an accident, allowing the process to take over and being open as far as anything that may be inspiring or even trying new things," he said.

Lesn101 believes in pushing the boundaries of his art. He said he strives to use art and the process of painting to capture the sound an energy

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# Informational meeting provides information on new senior center

The meetings took place on June 26 and 27

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WILBRAHAM -- Residents gathered in the library's Brooks Room on June 27 for an informational meeting on the new senior center.

Matthew Villamaino, president of the Friends Board of Directors, provided fundraising updates, while Paula Dubord, director of elder affairs, explained the features.

Villamaino shared he and Friends Vice President Maria Cacula visited several senior centers in surrounding communities, including Ludlow, Longmeadow, South Hadley and Chicopee to learn about their fundraising campaigns and costs.

"We took all of that information and modified it to fit what we felt was the best thing for the Wilbraham Senior Center," Villamaino said.

Villamaino explained why there's a capital campaign.

"The net of it is that the fixtures, the furnishings, equipment and other items were removed from the building and construction budget. With COVID and rising inflation numbers and supply chain issues, costs were just going up and up and up," Villamaino said.

To date, fundraising stands at \$460,000.

"We still have a ways to go. We're cautiously optimistic out there and we still have a lot of fundraising to do. We're optimistic that we're going to reach our goal," Villamaino said.

Dubord said construction



Matthew Villamaino, president of the Friends of the Wilbraham Senior Center Board of Directors, discusses the latest updates on the new senior center's capital campaign during the June 27 Informational Meeting in the Wilbraham Public Library's Brooks Room.



Paula Dubord, director of elder affairs at the Wilbraham Senior Center, shares information on the features for the new senior center during the June 27 Informational Meeting in the Wilbraham Public Library's Brooks Room.



An information table provides information on the new Wilbraham Senior Center capital campaign Meeting in the Wilbraham Public Library's Brooks Room at the June 27 Informational Meeting.

is "ahead of schedule" and "on budget."

"Next week, the shingles are going on the building and by the middle of August, the outside of the building will pretty much look done. It will have the shingles, so windows, the siding will be on. Once it's watertight they

can start working on the inside, the electrical, all the little things that are going to make this a great center," Dubord said.

Dubord said she's excited about several features of the new senior center, including a full commercial kitchen, a fitness room, space for health

programs, lounge spaces, more storage spaces and more.

For programs, Dubord hopes to open a Memory Café, offer art classes, start cornhole and chess leagues, provide monthly veterans programming and expand volunteer opportunities.

"If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let us know. We're going to have a whole list of positions open so we look to fill those," Dubord said.

Dubord stressed to attendees "It is your senior center."

"So, really, what do you guys want to see happen, programs, activities, please just let us know. We're open to try anything," Dubord said.

Villamaino said feedback from the meetings "has been pretty good."

"A number of people have already stepped up and donated money directly as a result of the meetings," Villamaino said.

Villamaino is also happy everything is on schedule, praising

P & P General Contractors for their work.

"The fact that it's on schedule is excellent because there are no problems in the construction side that would result in additional costs, change orders and so forth," Villamaino said. "If that happened, then where does that money come from and that needs to be determined. But at this point, everything is really looking good."

Villamaino credits Kathy Phipps and Bob Page, past presidents of the Friends, for spearheading the efforts.

"It's because of their effort and drive that we are where we are today. I take my hat off to both of them," Villamaino said.

Villamaino was also thankful to local businesses for their support, including Monson Savings Bank, Country Bank, Luso Federal Credit Union and more.

"A lot of them are stepping up. They know the community has been good to them and supporting their business and they're responding by supporting us," Villamaino said.

Villamaino wants residents to know they can contact the Friends directly about the campaign.

"We can meet with them individually or as a group, like we did that recently with the Gardens (of Wilbraham). We met with a group of people over there and we can do the same thing with any organization. Or, you can contact Paula directly about the senior center and what it's going to look like and the features and benefits," Villamaino said.

To learn more, visit <https://friendsofwilbrahamseniors.org/capital-campaign/>.

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# Board of Selectmen appoints new officer to the police department

Also, updates from the Department of Public Works

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WILBRAHAM -- The Board of Selectmen interviewed Kyle Kalin for an appointment as a police officer to the police department.

Kalin has worked for the Springfield Police Department for the past two and a half years and graduated in May with a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

When asked by Chairman Theresa Goodrich why he would like to be a police officer in Wilbraham, Kalin explained he's been around the town a lot for numerous soccer games at Wilbraham & Monson Academy and trained with teams and "never heard anybody say a single bad thing about Wilbraham."

"Everybody in this town seems to be very, very close-knit. Everybody seems to support each other, and I really think that this town is the last in having that help thy neighbor attitude, which I feel as though seems to be extremely lost in society these days," Kalin said.

Kalin added he likes to be involved in his community and get to know people.

"I like being able to get out of the car. I like to be able to walk in and

get to know my business owners and stop by the high school practices and be able to talk to everybody so that there's a comfort level to know I'm here to try and help them with whatever might come up in their lives so that they feel comfortable coming up to me," Kalin said.

Chief Ed Lennon presented a recommendation for Kalin.

"After reviewing candidate Kyle Kalin's education, experience and background, we've determined that he would be a good fit for our agency. I recommend that he would be appointed as a Wilbraham Police Officer," Lennon said.

Kalin was appointed 3-0 contingent upon successful screenings, tests and basic training courses, with dates to be determined.

Meanwhile, Department of Public Works Director Tonya Capparello presented updates on a Household Hazardous Waste Day event and the Cottage Avenue Bridge project.

Household Hazardous Waste Day takes place on Aug. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Minnechaug Regional High School for all residential households and is open to Disposal & Recycling Center customers.

Capparello clarified "It's not for businesses."

"You're going to be able to go online, basically log in everything you want to bring so it quantifies what you're bringing, and then we can tally it because obviously, we have a cutoff," Capparello said. "Residents who are not comfortable with online

can just call our office."

Appointments can be scheduled online at <https://tinyurl.com/WilbHaz23> on a first-come first-serve basis, and residents must register by July 22.

To learn more, contact the DPW at [DPW@Wilbraham-MA.gov](mailto:DPW@Wilbraham-MA.gov) or (413) 596-2800 ext. 208.

Meanwhile, the Bulky Waste Disposal Pilot Program has been "very successful" and "very well received" by DRC customers.

Capparello explained since the project started, however, prices for disposing of mattresses and the requirements have increased, with USA informing the DPW of the fee increase.

"So it only makes sense to increase the fees to, basically, have a good balance so I have proposed from \$40 to \$60," Capparello said.

This item will have a vote on July 10.

Goodrich praised the project. "It's a great program and it's a great way for people to dispose of things properly so that they can get recycled. It's huge and I'm glad we're able to do that for folks," Goodrich said.

On the Cottage Avenue Bridge project, Capparello said by July 5 there will be a quote.

"Once we have our number, we can preemptively schedule a meeting to make a report and then get started right away," Capparello said.

Capparello clarified the bridge is still safe to drive on.

## Hungrytown afternoon concert at the Wilbraham library

WILBRAHAM – Rebecca Hall and Ken Andersson, who make up the duo Hungrytown, will be giving an afternoon concert outside the library on Saturday, July 8 at noon. Hungrytown's years of worldwide touring and tireless devotion to many classic genres of music have crafted the duo into a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair -- not only within the same album, but within the same song. Hungrytown has garnered excellent reviews for their concerts, so it promises to be a delightful performance. Bring your lunch and picnic blanket! (if it rains, the event will be moved to the Brooks Room)

## Evening Book Discussion at the Wilbraham library

WILBRAHAM – The Evening Book Discussion wants to know "What are you reading now?" on Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month and is facilitated by Assistant Director Mary Bell.

"The summer is such a busy time for people, that we decided instead of reading one book we would have a laid-back discussion about what we're reading," said Bell.

Come with a title (or two!) and be prepared to share a little bit about what you're reading and what you think of it. Add to your TBR pile by getting others' recommendations! Newcomers are welcome and no sign up is necessary.

For more information contact Mary Bell at 413-596-6141 or email [mbell@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:mbell@wilbrahamlibrary.org).



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# Cruisin' all summer long

Ludlow Elks present  
2023 Tuesday Cruise  
Nights

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LUDLOW – For the past 30 years, residents and neighboring community members have gathered at 69 Chapin Street every Tuesday night to see vehicles of all years, makes and models while supporting the Elks of Lodge 2448.

The Elks organization is a fraternal order dedicated to educating youth, giving back to the community and patriotism.

Cruise Night Chairman, David Kenniston said the weekly car shows aim to “make money and donate [it] back to the community.”

Event volunteer and Elks member, Terry Papesh said “historically, Cruise Nights are our

biggest event fundraiser of the year,” adding the Elks donate proceeds to “support veterans and scholarships in Ludlow.”

Kenniston said he believes the Elks fraternity is the “second largest organization that gives back to the veterans other than the federal government.”

The event is made possible by volunteers from neighboring towns such as Ludlow, Palmer, Wilbraham and Belchertown, said Kenniston.

He said “350 cars usually enter the show,” and “50/50 raffles and trophies are given away,” at each event.

Many attendees said they enjoy the shows because they create a sense of community.

Tim Gleason of Monson said he attends Cruise Nights because he knows “a lot of local people,” “the beer is cold” and he enjoys seeing the vehicles.

“They are all engineering marvels,” said Gleason.

He added he “love[s] the at-



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon  
Logan Silva, Jay Koziol and Kelly Silva are shown standing before Koziol's 1974 Plymouth Duster.

mosphere” as “it’s all positive.”

Elks member and volunteer, Adekunle Odugbile said for him “it’s about the community,” and that’s what he “enjoy[s] about it.”

Jay Koziol of Wilbraham said he “tries not to miss a Tuesday show,” as they are something he used to attend with his Dad.

At the June, 27 Cruise Night, Koziol entered his purple, 1974 Plymouth Duster in the show.

While a pendant of ashes hangs from the rear view mirror, a decal clings to the rear window reading “Forever cruisin’ with Ken ‘Koz’ Koziol 1950-2018.”

Koziol said his Dad shared his love of cars with him and it was always their “dream to build one together.”

Growing up, Koziol and his father worked on vehicles together, adding his Dad used to street race and in the 60s’ and 70s’.

However, in 2018 ‘Koz’ was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away only 27 days after his diagnosis.

“The day before he passed away he told me to go get my hot rod,” said Koziol.

One day, after “scouring” the internet, Koziol found 11 cars he was interested in. He then spent over 13 hours looking at the vehicles in person.

Koziol said the 74’ Plymouth has always been his “dream car.”

According to Koziol, he first took an interest in the Plymouth when he saw it at a car show at eight or nine years old.

“It looked fast sitting still,” said Koziol. He added the shape and style caught his eye.

Although Koziol said did not complete the body work himself, he did “touch every nut, bolt and screw in this car.”

Since purchasing the vehicle in 2018, Koziol said it has been entirely rebuilt and restored.

“Building this car is my therapy...it kept me moving through life after I lost my Dad,” said Koziol.

Koziol is often joined by finance Kelly Silva and nephew Logan Silva.

He said sharing an interest in classic cars with younger generations is important because “it’s an amazing piece of history that’s going to go away if they aren’t involved.”

To support the Elks Lodge 2448 in their initiative to give back to local communities, embrace a community of car enthusiasts or check out some classic cars, stop by the Elks Lodge on Tuesdays, between 5 p.m and dusk.

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Freddy Fender of Ludlow is shown holding his award for "Best Classic."



Logan Silva is shown sitting in the passenger seat of Koziol's Plymouth.



Elks club members Neal Chagnon, Adekunle Odugbile, Terry Papesch and Chris Papesch are shown standing outside of Elks Lodge 2448.



Fender is shown holding a large ratchet wrench in one hand and his trophy in another.



Trophies labeled "Best Classic" and "Best Custom" are awarded to car show participants after judging takes place.



Shown are Elks members who volunteer every Tuesday to help with the car show.



Shown is a red Oldsmobile on display at the June 27 car show.



Shown is an old-school tan and black Plymouth.



A side view of the beige and black Plymouth is shown. Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

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**This is how divided government should work**

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next new drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanship are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side. But Washington has a way of imposing the discipline of hard numbers – in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin; and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and

ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling debate was a success – even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad outline of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Catie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending – even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to grow – while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic programs from the severe cuts."

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden – and their parties – to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for every-

one to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations – and especially their aftermath – reflects a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

The recent floor rebellion by some disgruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country.

That's what our system offers – the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work.

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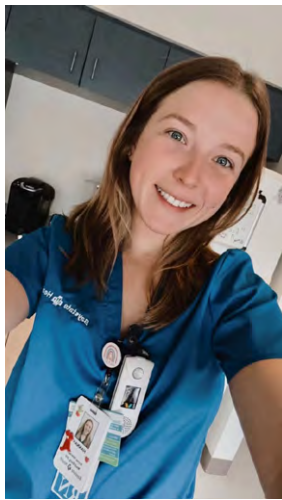
**GUEST OPINION**

**What drew me to caring for people in my community**

By Hannah Niemiec

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was young.

My journey into the health field began while in high school when I signed up for a Certified Nurse Assistant program and this started me on my career path. Since graduating from nursing school, I completed the Baystate Health Nurse Residency Program and have



been working at Baystate Wing Hospital since July, 2022.

I completed my one-on-one preceptorship for nursing school at Baystate Wing on the Med/Surg Unit during my last semester of nursing school. Being able to start a job on the same floor I had done my clinical rotation on gave me great headway in the world of nursing and I felt so welcome in the unit when I took a full-time job there.

I became a nurse to make a difference. I love being able to be a light to my patients on some of their darkest days. Caring for people living in my community is another important part of what I do, and I am proud of the knowledge, compassion, and skill that go into the care I provide each shift I work.

I love coming to work! Each day I learn something new, from skills, to fun facts, and about different diseases. Being a nurse means being committed to constant learning, practice, and reflection for continuous improvement.

My favorite moments with patients are the everyday moments of caring for them and spending time

getting to know them better. I love when I can discharge a patient home and can see the improvement they have made. I love when they thank our team for the care we have given them that makes them feel better and able to go home with the education we give them to stay healthy.

We have a great team, and we work so well together. Our team makes each member feel welcomed and valued. I am grateful for the great relationship I have with all my coworkers. The Patient Care Technicians I work with daily play a huge role in the care I give to each patient. We all work side by side and make each day a good day while taking care of our patients as a team from admission to discharge.

I make compassionate connections with my patients each shift. Each connection I make is different and how to make that connection

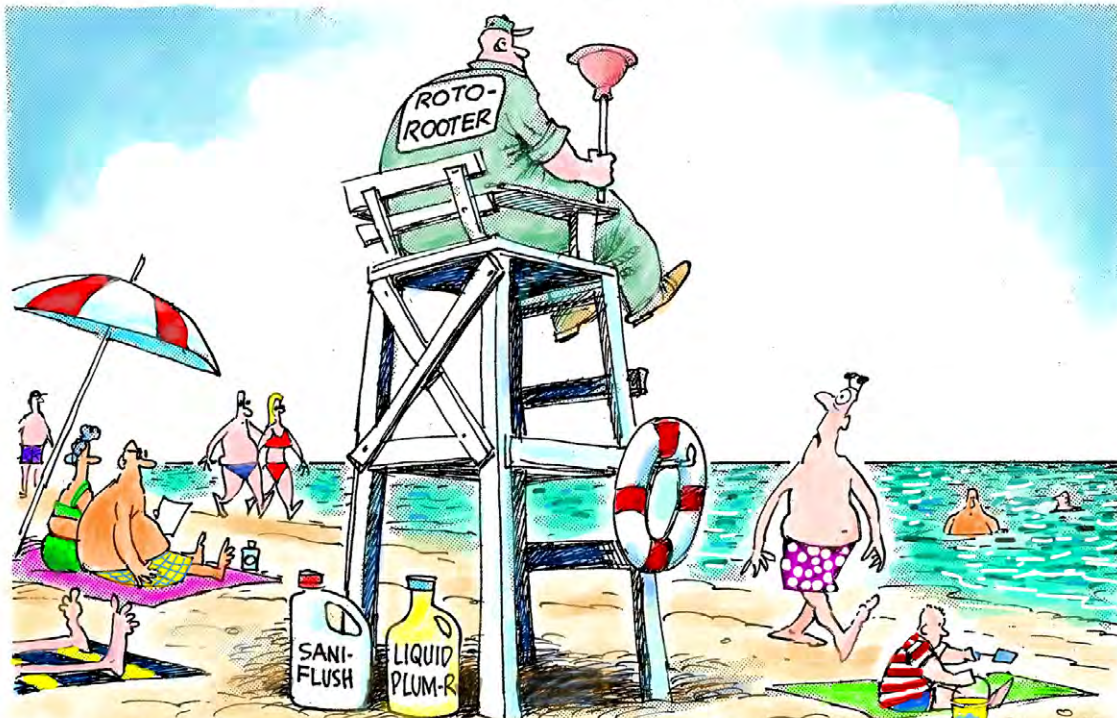
sometimes has to change based on the patient and their personalities. Because I am from the local area and live in the community, I can relate to my patients many times.

Something many people would find surprising about being a nurse is a nurse's role is more than just being a nurse. We can have different roles each day depending on the needs of our patients. Many would not know how many different types of patients/diagnoses and skills we use and see on a day-to-day basis.

These experiences help build a good foundation for each nurse. I am grateful for the team I work with each day.

Hannah Niemiec, BSN, RN, works in the Med/Surg Unit at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. For more information visit Baystate-health.org/wing

**Clues that your local beach may have problems...**



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# Events & announcements schedule

## Main Street Farmers Market

WILBRAHAM – Come support local farms, specialty food producers, artisans, food trucks and community groups every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. between June 14-Aug. 30. Market is located on the front lawn of Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham. We are grateful to our sponsors for their support of the market: InfinityEd, Iron Horse Flower Farm, Premier Exteriors & Design, Jeni Mei- Coldwell Banker Realty and Katie Beliveau- Geneva Financial Home Loans.

## Genealogy series at the Wilbraham library

WILBRAHAM – Have you already searched Ancestry and want to know what else the Wilbraham library has to offer in your family history research? Join Assistant Library Director Mary Bell in discovering the genealogy resources available, both in-library only and at home.

Each session will cover a different product, and participants can come to one or all three. Here are the dates:

- Fold 3 (military), Newspapers.com, and HeritageQuest - Friday, June 30 at 3 p.m.
- FamilySearch.org - Friday, July 7 at 3 p.m.
- American Ancestors - Friday, July 14 at 3 p.m.

The sessions are designed to give a broad overview of searching records in each database, and be interactive with searches that Bell will perform based on the audience's questions as well as her own research.

"Ancestry Library Edition has by far been our most popular genealogy research database," said Bell. "I designed this series to dig into more of what we offer, whether it be a War of 1812 pension through Fold 3 or Mayflower descendant research in American Ancestors. Each product has its own unique features and records."

All of the products covered are available in-library during regular library hours; HeritageQuest and FamilySearch are accessible remotely.

This program is free and open to the public. Sign-ups are going on now.

For more information or to register, contact the Wilbraham Library at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar online at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org).

## Amended instructions for Adult Summer Reading Challenge

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge for 2023 started on Saturday, June 17 and will run until Saturday, Aug. 12. Participants can register by downloading the free Beanstack app onto their device. Readers can also register by going to <https://www.beanstack.com/find-a-site>. Type "Wilbraham" and then click on the image for Wilbraham Public Library. Create an account and then follow the prompts to the Adult Summer Reading Challenge.

Patrons have the option of participating in the challenge by filling out review forms each week at the library. A raffle ticket will be given for each review.

Contact [tsymington@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:tsymington@wilbrahamlibrary.org) for information.

Contact [tsymington@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:tsymington@wilbrahamlibrary.org) for answers to any questions.

## Vacation Bible Camp Registration

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham United Church invites you to register for our summer vacation Bible camp program "Stellar".

We welcome campers ages 4 (as of July 31) through sixth-grade.

Program runs July 31- Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50 per child. Registration is online at

<https://wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/>

Volunteer opportunities available!

## Hampden Senior Center Trips

HAMPDEN – A tribute to Garth Brooks at the Log Cabin will entertain us

on Wednesday, July 12 with your choice of Lobster or Prime Rib for lunch all for only \$85/pp. Payment deadline June 23. No bus, Self-Drive.

A great trip to The Aqua Turf Club on Tuesday, Aug. 15 for "Come Fly with Me", a musical journey through the decades; coffee/donuts, free drink, lunch, show & door prize, all for only \$119/pp. Payment deadline Aug 1.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, start the day with a great lunch a Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston; the Fun begins when you board your Boston Duck Boat for a fascinating tour, including background info on the Ducks, Free Time in Quincy Market, all for only \$140/pp. Payment deadline Aug. 29.

Any questions/for more info call Bobbi at 413-566-8271.

Newport Playhouse on Thursday, Sept. 28 is offering a Hilarious play "Ghost of a Chance", along with an All-u-Can-Eat Buffet and a second Cabaret Show, all for only \$142/pp. Payment deadline Sept. 14.

Above prices based on a minimum of 35 passengers; any questions/for more info call Bobbi at 413-566-8271

## Still time to sign up for summer dance and drama programs

PALMER – Kids and teens ages 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers through Aug. 27.

The program instructor is Torie Jock, who started singing and acting at 9 years old. She has been writing her own music since she was old enough to write and has been in many theatrical performances in various starring and supporting roles. Jock has written many plays and film scripts and has been working with youth as a dance assistant/teacher since she was 12.

The cost is \$120 for drama only, \$100 for dance only or \$150 for both.

Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. A registra-

tion form is available at [tinyurl.com/mrx-2ek57](http://tinyurl.com/mrx-2ek57).

For more information, email Jock at [trulytorie2000@gmail.com](mailto:trulytorie2000@gmail.com), call or email the PHCC at [palmerhcc@gmail.com](mailto:palmerhcc@gmail.com) or 289-9295 or go to [palmerhcc.org](http://palmerhcc.org).

## 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*

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 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.

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.bhninc.org/kamp-kids](http://www.bhninc.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.

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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 and the Scavenger Hunt.

The annual event will be a mix of art and history and of interest to many generations. The adults can enjoy the ice cream sundaes while the children's scavenger hunt will be going on.

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 the building from the back garden where the ice cream will be served.

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 during last season's Christmas Tree Festival.

"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.

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 comprised of artists, patrons, businesses and all other people interested in and supportive of fine arts. They will be displaying their artwork in the museum and some artists may have plein air work outside.

The museum's Gift Shop will

also be open, featuring Wilbraham-centric merchandise and town history books. There will be books, notepapers, sweatshirts, tee shirts and hats labeled "Wilbraham" for sale.

For more information about the Old Meeting House Ice Cream Social, visit Facebook or email [president@wilbrahamatheneum.org](mailto:president@wilbrahamatheneum.org).

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## Tighe & Bond: Hampden is meeting MS4 stormwater requirements

By Dalton Zbierski  
Editor  
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HAMPDEN - Representatives from the consulting firm Tighe & Bond presented to the Board of Selectmen on June 26 to communicate that the town of Hampden is meeting its MS4 stormwater requirements.

Tracy Adamski, ACIP, led the presentation last Monday, providing Hampden with its annual update about the town's ongoing stormwater management program.

"Stormwater is rainwater that falls on paved surfaces and lawns and it doesn't soak into the ground but captures other pollutants and things that are on the pavements and lawns and goes into our wetlands, our streams, our waterways," she said.

Stormwater pollution is one of the fastest growing forms of water pollution in both the state of Massachusetts and the United States.

The Department of Environmental Protection previously focused on point source pollution, coming from large industrial buildings and complexes. Now, the EPA is focused on non-point source pollution such as stormwater, which is harder to address.

The MS4 program, and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, is jointly administered by the EPA and MassDEP. Hampden's MS4 area includes all drainage within the "urbanized area," or the western part of town.

Hampden was most recently submitted a permit on Sept. 28, 2018. The five-year program was set to expire but was administratively continued on May 16, 2022.

"Your authorization under that per-

mit has been administratively continued until the new permit is issued, and we don't know exactly when that is yet," Adamski said.

During the presentation, Adamski addressed minimum control measures that the town of Hampden must implement to maintain its permit.

The first is facilitating public involvement, participation, outreach and participation surrounding stormwater. A number of items have been posted on the town's website to inform residents.

"What all of us do on our own properties has an impact on point sources," Adamski said.

Other mandates include following the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program, controlling stormwater runoff at construction sites, adhering to stormwater management in new development and redevelopment and good housekeeping and pollution prevention, which includes maintaining catch basins, bi-annual street sweeping and record keeping.

The EPA and MassDEP are extremely focused on nitrogen pollution in Long Island Sound. Effluent nitrogen makes its way to the sound, fueling the growth of algae, which depletes the water of oxygen and kills marine life.

The town's Nitrogen Source Identification Report was completed in 2022.

"(Nitrogen pollution can come from) wastewater treatment plants, there could be some from farming, septic systems, there could be even lawn care; people put fertilizers on their lawns, and things could be coming from there so there's some different sources," Adamski said.

At the end of her presentation, Adamski concluded that "Hampden is meeting its MS4 requirements."

Adamski was joined at the meeting by Kelly Doherty, a project manager for Tighe & Bond, although she did not speak.

Selectboard Chair John Flynn thanked Tighe and Bond for making the appearance.

"Great job Tighe & Bond, you guys have been terrific partners over the years. Thank you," he said.

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## Monthly highlights for July at the Hampden Senior Center

HAMPDEN - The following programs will occur in July at the Hampden Senior Center, located on Allen Street.

### HELP US STOCK OUR SHELVES with Disinfecting Wipes!

Thank you to those that donated toilet paper last month. Every month we will target a different item to fill our shelves.

D & R FARM Summer Farm Share, Starts Wednesday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m.

D & R FARM is offering fresh produce weekly on Wednesdays, FREE with SNAP/HIP if you qualify. If interested, contact Wendy ASAP to get your application in! If you do not qualify for SNAP/HIP you may purchase a share for \$40 cash per month. Shares are limited. Please call Wendy at 566-5588, or email outreach@hampdenma.gov to sign up.

### Senior Farmer's Market Coupons 2023

To be eligible to receive Senior Farmers Market Coupons, you must be:

- 60 years of age or older, or
- Disabled and living in senior housing where congregate nutrition services are provided
- Your income must be lower than the income limits outlined below.

### Coupons Income Guidelines:

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$2,248
2	\$3,041

Coupon Books will be worth \$50.00 this year and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

If you qualify to receive these coupons, please call Wendy at 566-5588.

Coupons will be available for distribution in July.

Reservations for special events and Grab & Go Dinners will be taken on the first business day of the month, on a first-come, first-serve basis. All other reservations will be accepted anytime.

### Calling all hidden

#### "Chair Volleyball Players!"

More fun than you can possibly stand while seated! Come enjoy this fun-filled game. It is great for upper body mobility & joint flexibility. It enhances your muscle tone, reflexes, hand-to-eye coordination, and endurance. The game is played with a beach ball and a five-foot-high net. Rules are similar to regular volleyball, except "cheeks are on the chair!" Please call 566-5588 to register.

Beginning in the Fall. More details to follow.

### Create your own Greeting Card with Ellie! Monday, July 3, 1-3 p.m.

The cost is \$3.00 per person; all mate-

rials are provided. Please call 566-5588 to reserve your seat for June or future dates. Future scheduled dates are Mondays, Aug. 7, and Sept. 11.

### Drumming & Movement with Tara Wednesdays,

July 5, 12 & 19 10-11 a.m.

Playing the drums has substantial positive effects on your mind and body!

The cost is \$5 per class as a drop-in, space pending. Please call ahead to schedule a drop-in class.

Space is limited.

Our Garden needs Creative Rock Designs! Rose Sullivan will be here to teach a Rock Decorating Class on Tuesday, July 11 from 1-3 p.m.

Come and learn some new & fun techniques and be a part of beautifying the entrance to our wonderful Senior Center for all to enjoy!!

There is no charge for this class. Please call 566-5588 to reserve your seat, space is limited.

### Here's the Scoop....

Ice cream makes the world a better place, so come out of the heat and join us for an Ice Cream Social. Friday, July 21 at 12:30 p.m.

This is our treat! But space is limited, so please call 566-5588 to sign up.

Sponsored by Bluebird Estates

Come join the Hampden Assessor's Office to learn about Real Estate Tax Exemptions

Wednesday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m.

The Town of Hampden offers exemptions to Seniors, Veterans, and Blind Persons. Exemptions are also available for surviving spouses, minor children, and for temporary financial hardship.

Certain requirements must be met to qualify for each type of exemption. Applications must be submitted annually by April 1st. The Assessors will be happy to provide you with information, answer questions, and let you know if you would meet the criteria for an exemption. Please call 566-5588 to RSVP for this event.

### Grab and Go Dinner, Thursday, July 27

Pick up is 2-2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious dinner of Pasta with Meatballs,

Salad, Bread, and Dessert

The cost is \$5 per person. Please call 566-5588 starting July 1st to order your dinner.

### Alzheimer's Fundraiser Dinner Dance - Saturday, Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a fundraiser dinner dance with entertainment provided by Off The Record

The cost is \$30 prepaid, per person. Includes Appetizers, Chicken Parmesan and Pasta,

Complimentary Cocktail and Dessert.

More details will follow. Cash Bar & Raffle Prizes!

Reserve and purchase your tickets today by calling 566-5588.

Please make checks payable to the Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens.

All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

### Join the Tri Town Team with the Hampden Senior Center and Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke

Register online at act.alz.org, click on Find a Walk Near You, click on Find a Team and select the Tri Town Team and follow the instructions to register. Call 566-5588, we can help you register.

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Trailer Trash hits the stage to kick off the 2023 Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park in Wilbraham.



(L to R) Sonia Henderson, Bella the dog and Charlie Smith were all smiles ahead of Trailer Trash performing during the Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park.



(L to R) Jack Dubord and sisters Victoria and Caroline Manning man the snack shack with the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club during the Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park.



A massive crowd sits back, dances and enjoys Trailer Trash perform at the gazebo during the Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park.



Barbara Valentine, general manager of Iron Duke Brewing, shows off drink offerings for attendees during the Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park.



Michelle Zaluga performs on stage as the opener for Trailer Trash during the Summer Concert Series at Fountain Park.

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advantage of something like this," Stanek said. "We're very lucky. We don't take it for granted."

One of LaFreniere's favorite things about the concert series is bringing the community together not just from Wilbraham and Hampden, but surrounding communities to introduce Fountain Park to them.

"We have such a wonderful nature preserve for all to enjoy year-round that many do not know about, and hosting these concerts brings in more than just our small community. Seeing friends reconnecting, enjoying local artists, and eating local foods is such a great thing for the community and seems to be found less and less," LaFreniere said.

Sonia Henderson has been a fan of Trailer Trash since 2013 and came with Charlie Smith and Bella the dog.

"They're just really good. They got a lot of energy. I love their songs," Henderson said.

"I like how they do covers, but it's almost like it's their own because of how they change them up. It doesn't seem like covers, you know?" Smith added.

Henderson loves how communities hold outdoor concerts, including in Wilbraham.

"It's just great to get people out for the concerts, but it's really great to be outside like this because you can take the kids. It's a family thing. You're going to see all these little kids up there dancing and all excited," Henderson said.

Smith is thrilled to have concerts back and encouraged residents to keep attending.

"The people enjoy them," Smith said. "Just to keep doing them. I like how it brings the whole community together."

Stanek wants the community to know how much the band appreciates their support.

"We just appreciate it. We appreciate everybody's support. We played an event at Fern Valley last fall and it was just a perfect weather day," Stanek said. "We were blown away by the amount of people that take time out of their schedules to come check us out and they have fun doing it. It's pretty awesome."

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WILBRAHAM – This summer, PV Financial and LUSO Federal Credit Union have joined together to create a fun and interactive event to promote safety with the Wilbraham Community and its children. On Tuesday, June 20 they hosted Wilbraham’s first ever “Slide Into Summer Safety” event held at Spec Pond.

In conjunction with the local police and fire departments from both Wilbraham and Hampden, the local DPW and the Parks and Recreation Dept., we were to put on a wonderful event that hosted over 300 children in our first year.

PV Financial hosts this event annually to promote engagement between children and local first responders at the start of the summer.

PV Financial Managing Partner, Edward Sokolowski says that “while summer break is very exciting, it brings a number of dangers for children, including fireworks, sun

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# PET PAGE



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## Summer Heat Safety Tips

Every summer, hundreds of cats and dogs die needlessly due to their owners not taking the proper precautions regarding the extreme heat. Follow these simple tips to ensure your beloved pet enjoys - and survives - the warmest time of the year.

**If its above 70° leave your pet at home!** Temperatures inside cars can reach fatal levels within minutes. Even with the windows cracked, the interior of a car can reach 99° when its only 80° F outside. If you see a pet (or child) alone in a car, call it in. Your call could save a life.

**Ensure access to fresh, cool water.** All animals need to quench their thirst. If there are feral cats or wildlife in your neighborhood, set out a bowl of fresh, cool water for them as well.

**Limit time spent outdoors.** On days when its super-hot out, limit your pets outside time to potty breaks only. On cooler days, your pet can be outside more often, but be sure they always have access to fresh water and shade.

**Avoid hot cement or asphalt.** You can still go for your walks or jogs, but make sure to do them during the coolest parts of the day, early morning and late evening and do not overdo it. It is much easier to overheat in high temperatures. Also be sure to feel the cement with the back of your hand. If you cannot keep your hand pressed to the cement for five seconds, it is too hot for your pet's feet and can cause burns and blistering.

**Keep auto coolant out of reach.** This is something that should be done year-round, but summertime is when coolant puddles are more likely. Do not let your dog ingest auto coolant. It is poisonous!

**Ask before you shave your dog's coat.** Always consult with your groomer before clipping or shaving your dog's coat. Even though your pet may look hot, their coat actually protects them from getting sunburned. Brushing your pet regularly can help get rid of any loose hairs and allows for better air circulation.





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**SCHOOLS**



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# The Horace Smith Fund awards \$316,000 to area students

WEST SPRINGFIELD - On Thursday, June 15, The Horace Smith Fund held its 124th Annual Corporators' Meeting and scholarship awards ceremony at the Carriage House at Storowton Tavern for recipients, their parents, school counselors, and Corporators. This event was funded, in part, by a Community Cares grant from PeoplesBank.

Wayne Webster, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced that this year there were 25 Walter S. Barr Scholarships awards, with 22 going to graduating high school seniors and three to students already attending college. The William R. Rooney Award was granted to one high school candidate who has received special education services. Additionally, five Walter S. Barr Fellowships were given to

students pursuing graduate education.

The Keynote Speaker, Jordan A. Keirahn, was a 2017 graduate of Longmeadow High School and Walter S. Barr Scholarship recipient, a 2021 graduate of Brown University, a current Yale University law school student and recipient of a Walter S. Barr Fellowship.

Entertainment was provided by the Wolf Pit Jazz Duo, Edward Orgill and Scott Sasanecki.

The 2023 scholarship recipients in attendance from Wilbraham who graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School were:

Molly L. Brewer, David D. Noel and Lauren B. Tomala.

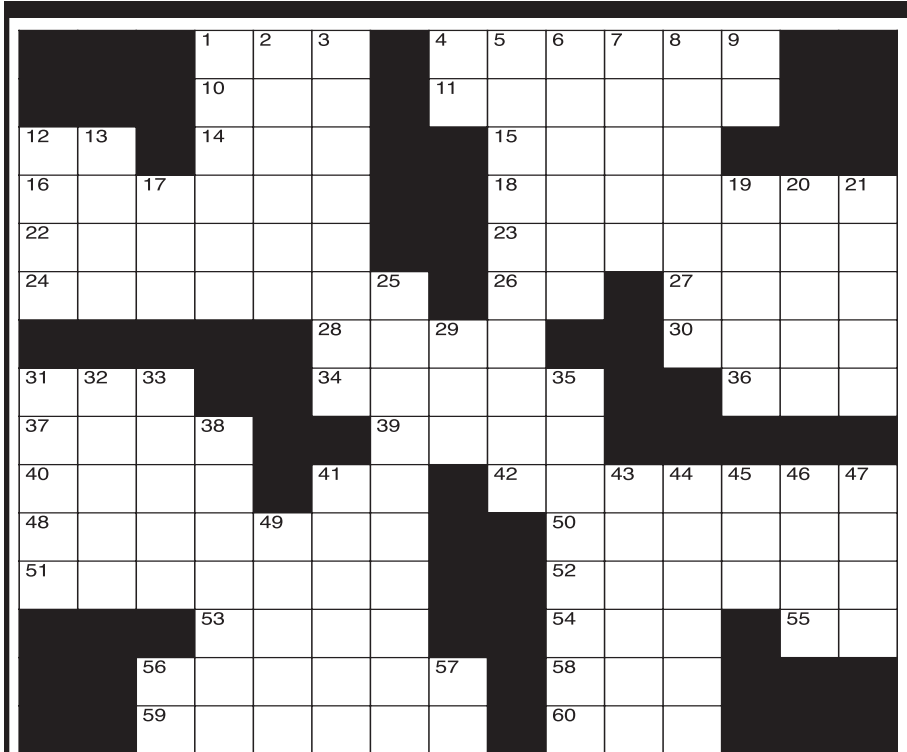
Providing that students maintain at least a B average in college, each schol-

arship provides a total of \$12,000 over four years and each fellowship provides \$15,000 over three years. Therefore, The Horace Smith Fund is happy to be able to grant a total award of \$316,000 to area students this year.

The Horace Smith Fund was established in 1899 by the successful and generous philanthropist named Horace Smith. He and Daniel Wesson were the founders of Smith & Wesson, located in Springfield. Mr. Smith's will provided that the residual of his estate, after several bequests to relatives and institutions, was to be used for public purposes at the discretion of his executors. They decided that it should be used to help deserving students finance their education.

The Walter S. Barr Scholarships and Fellowships are named for a West Springfield businessman, whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to The Horace Smith Fund in 1950. The William R. Rooney Award is named for a past Executive Director with a desire to assist special needs students. All recipients must be residents of Hampden County.

Students were selected on a variety of criteria, including their test scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance. Applications for next year's awards will be available Sept. 15 on-line at Horace-SmithFund.org or by calling (413) 739-4222.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith

- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Make up for
- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
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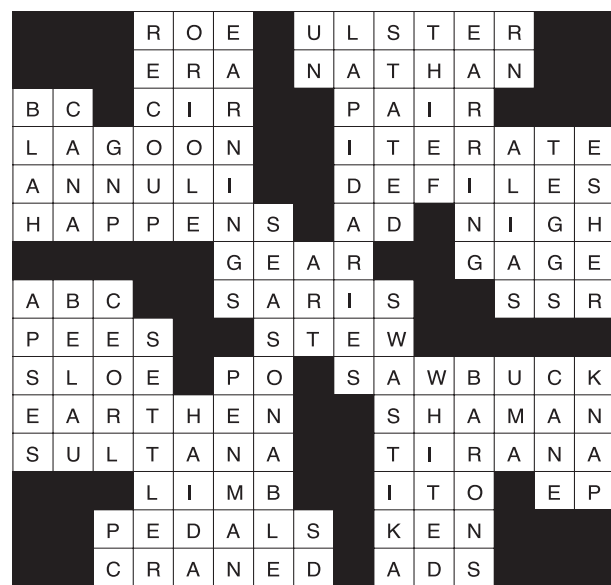
# SCHOOLS

## Natalie Falconer named to President's List

FRANKLIN - Natalie Falconer of Hampden has earned a place on the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students named to the President's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

## Nicholas Hunt of Wilb. makes Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, NY - Nicholas Hunt of Wilbraham was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Hunt is in the computer science program.



## Local students named to WNEU President's List

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University recently named over 540 students to the Spring 2023 President's List. The following are from Wilbraham and Hampden.

### Wilbraham

- Angelo Fiore is majoring in Finance.
- Brian Rostowski is majoring in Business Analytics & Information Management.
- Ella Henry is majoring in Psychology.
- Emily-Jane Sullivan is majoring in Psychology.
- Grant Maziarz is majoring in Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics.
- Kylie Rodrigues is majoring in Criminal Justice.
- Luke Stefaniak is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- Michael O'Toole is majoring in Finance.
- Noah Dailey is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- Sean Monteiro is majoring in Criminal Justice.
- Shea Harrison is majoring in Health Sciences.
- Thomas Taylor is majoring in Health Sciences.
- Thomas Cheng is majoring in Information Technology.

### Hampden

- Juliana D'Agostino is majoring in Psychology.
- Justis Barbeau is majoring in Actuarial Science.
- Kyle Biermann is majoring in Sport Management.

## Still time to sign up for summer dance and drama programs

PALMER - Kids and teens ages 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers through Aug. 27.

The program instructor is Torie Jock, who started singing and acting at 9 years old. She has been writing her own music since she was old enough to write and has been in many theatrical performances in various starring and supporting roles. Jock has written many plays and film scripts and has been working with youth as a dance assistant/teacher since she was 12.

The cost is \$120 for drama only, \$100 for dance only or \$150 for both.

Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. A registration form is available at [tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57](https://tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57). For more information, email Jock at [trulytorie2000@gmail.com](mailto:trulytorie2000@gmail.com), call or email the PHCC at [palmerhcc@gmail.com](mailto:palmerhcc@gmail.com) or 289-9295 or go to [palmerhcc.org](http://palmerhcc.org).

## Students named to the Univ. of Hartford President's Honors List

WEST HARTFORD, CT - The University of Hartford congratulates the students who have been named to the President's Honors List for Spring 2023. The following are from Wilbraham: Lea Kuselias, Peter Kuselias and Katie Shea.

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## Legion Post 286 edges Springfield



Lucas Stonger pitches for Wilbraham Legion.



Ben Lagone throws the ball around after making a play.



Cade Norris swings and connects.

WILBRAHAM – Last Monday evening, Wilbraham Legion Post 286 #1 scored another win, getting a 7-6 decision over East Springfield. The Falcons are now up to 6-0 on the summer, but also have three games still to make up on their schedule. Wilbraham is back in action on Friday, July 7 taking on Ludlow Post 52.



Nick Burns rounds first after getting a hit.



Jacob Ferri swings at a pitch.



Catcher Vince Charazio reaches out to catch a pitch.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande

## Mutiny shut out at home

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The forecast called for thunderstorms, but the New England Mutiny lucked out with a beautiful night to play their third home match of the regular season. The weather turned out to be the only bright spot for the Mutiny.

Sporting CT, a first-year member of United Women's Soccer, made the trip north to Ludlow from Middletown, Connecticut and posted a 4-0 shutout before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, June 24.

"We faced a very tough opponent tonight. They played a 3-5-2, which is more of an attacking formation, against us," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We did have a couple of scoring opportunities. If we could've capitalized on them,

it probably would've been a different result."

Kochanek took over the head coaching duties from first-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra for one night. Coimbra missed the home match because he was in Virginia coaching his club team at the Regionals.

The Mutiny (3-2-1), who lost 3-2 to the Albany Rush on the road on June 16, suffered their first regular season home loss during the past two years. They did lose to FC Buffalo, 2-1, at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals, last July.

"We've had a couple of setbacks, but that doesn't define you as a team," said forward Hope Santaniello, who's one of the Mutiny veteran players. "Our main goal now is to win our final two regular season matches."

If the Mutiny can post victo-

ries at the Worcester Fuel on Saturday night and at home against the CT Rush in the regular season finale on July 8, they should be able to clinch a berth in the U.W.S. playoffs for the second consecutive year. The top eight teams in the East Division will automatically qualify for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"We're still vying for a playoff spot," Kochanek said. "If we do want to make a long run in the playoffs, we'll need to capitalize on our scoring chances. This game was a good learning experience for us."

Santaniello, who's from Agawam, has been a member of the University of Rhode Island women's team during the past couple of years. She recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is in the process of searching for a new school to play soccer at in the fall.



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Ela Kopec gets set to punt the ball away.

In last Saturday's match, Santaniello had a couple scoring chances in the first five minutes of the contest. Santaniello's

first shot attempt sailed wide, and her second shot on goal was

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# PeoplesBank blows out St. Joe's



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**Dave Clark makes a throw to first.**

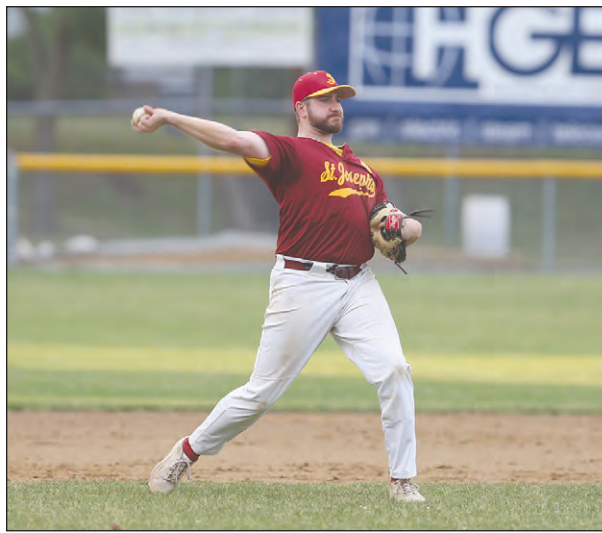
HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday night, PeoplesBank kept their momentum with a 14-0 mercy-rule shortened win over the St. Joe's Saints. Both teams, which feature players from all over the region, will be back in action following the Fourth of July holiday. PeoplesBank holds down first place with 18 points.



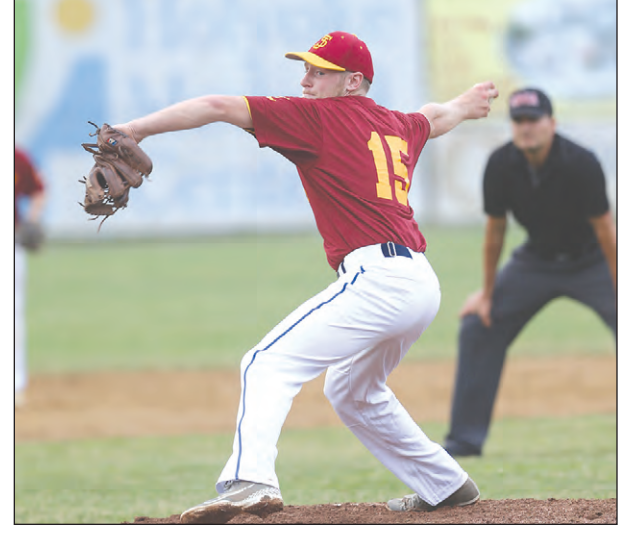
**Cam MacDonald fires across the diamond.**



**James Flahive delivers a pitcher for the Bankers.**



**Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.**



**Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.**

## Coby finishes fifth at Seekonk

SEEKONK – Doug Coby rebounded after being collected in a mid-race wreck to finish fifth during Open Wheel last Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway. Coby won his qualifying heat race to start off the night in the Mayhew Tools No. 10 and rolled off ninth for the 100-lap, \$10,000 to win race.

Coby ran around the bottom of the top-five for much of the first half of the race until the wreck off turn two on lap 49 left him nowhere to go. During the caution period, the team worked to repair the car and Coby returned to the track, re-starting from 19th. He was able to pass 14 cars up into fifth before the finish.

“It was a way different race compared to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race here a few weeks ago,” Coby said. “I thought it was a really competitive race. We raced hard out there, risking using up your stuff for track position, but you had to do it. To come back from a wreck and grab a top-five, we’re happy. The Mayhew Tools team worked hard.”

Doug Coby will return to the track driving for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Mayhew Tools No. 7NY during the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday, July 8. For more information on Doug Coby, visit DougCobyRacing.com and follow his page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on both race days.

## Blue Sox falls to Danbury

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners last Thursday night 8-4. Valley’s record now sits at 9-10.

Danbury got out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, following a two-run homer from Luke Boynton. The Westerners added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth after an RBI double and error from Blue Sox starter Jonathan Bautista.

Bautista made his team debut for Valley, and pitched five innings allowing five runs, and striking out seven batters.

Valley answered back in the top of the sixth inning. The offense hit back-to-back home runs to lead off the inning, with solo shots coming off of the bats of AJ Guerrero and EJ Kreutzmann. Both outfielders went 3-for-5 on the night with an RBI apiece.

Michael Zarrillo would add another solo home run in the inning, cutting the Danbury lead to 5-3.

Leo Harris relieved Bautista in the bottom of the sixth inning, and allowed two runs in two innings of work out of the bullpen.

The Blue Sox scored one run in the top of the eighth inning off of a sacrifice fly from Sean Scanlon.

Jason Arrigo took over for Harris in the bottom of the eighth, allowing one run and striking out two batters in his one inning of work.

Last Tuesday evening, the Valley Blue Sox are back in the win column following a 5-4 victory over the Bristol Blues in 10 innings. The Blue Sox’ record stands at 9-9, and they hold a 1.5 game lead in the West Division.

Valley scored five runs off of nine hits in this game. The bats were rolling early after Matt Bergevin hit an RBI single to put the Blue Sox in the lead 1-0 in the top of the first inning. Bergevin went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a walk on the night.

The pitching staff was on point tonight for the Blue Sox. Graham Jeffries started the game for Valley, and pitched four innings allowing two runs and striking out one batter.

Bristol took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning following an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly.

Manager Pedro Santiago turned the ball over to Dillon Ryan in the bottom of the fifth, who pitched a scoreless inning with one strikeout.

Thomas Ballard was the next man out of the bullpen for Valley. The right-hander pitched one inning al-

lowing one run along with one strikeout.

The Blues would add one more run in the bottom of the sixth off of an RBI double to make it a 3-1 game.

Michael Weidinger struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh, his one inning of work in this game.

Valley would fight back to tie the ballgame in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs off of an RBI fielder’s choice from Matt Bergevin and an RBI single from CJ Willis.

Zach Cameron took over for Weidinger in the bottom of the eighth inning, keeping the game tied in his first two innings of work to force extra innings.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the top of the tenth after an RBI double from CJ Willis scored Michael Zarrillo from second. Cian Sahler would pinch run for Willis and score on a wild pitch, making it a 5-3 game heading into the bottom of the tenth.

Cameron closed the door in his third inning of work, working a double play after a leadoff RBI single. The right-hander struck Bristol’s Dixon Black to end the game, and snap a five game losing streak for the Blue Sox.



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**Laci Lewis sprints up the field.**



**Agawam's Hope Santaniello looks to take a shot.**



**Jenna Kalwa tries to maneuver through the opposing defense.**

**MUTINY** from page 15

saved by Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

Midfielder Lily Fabian, who graduated from Monson High School in 2018, played in her first match of the season for the Mutiny.

"Lily has been one of our leaders during the past couple of years," Kochanek said. "We're grateful to have her back for today's match."

Sporting CT (6-0-0) took a 1-0 lead during the 21<sup>st</sup> minute when forward Aubrey Kupla fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Naya Lipkens. Tiffany Weimer, who's the Sporting CT player/head coach, was credited with the assist.

Kupla finished her first ever soccer match at Lusitano Stadium with a hat-trick.

"The atmosphere at this stadium is electric," Kupla said. "It was a lot of fun playing in front of a large crowd. Getting the win is the most important thing to me. Scoring the three goals was just the icing on the cake."

Weimer, who's also an assistant women's soccer coach at Yale University, was a member of the Penn State women's soccer team from 2002-2005. She holds the school record with 91 career goals.

Kupla, who'll be a senior at Cromwell High School in the fall, will be following in Weimer's footsteps. She has verbally committed to playing college soccer at Penn State.

"Tiffany holds the record for goals at Penn State," Kupla said. "I'm really hoping to score 92 goals during my col-



**Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, eyes an open teammate.**

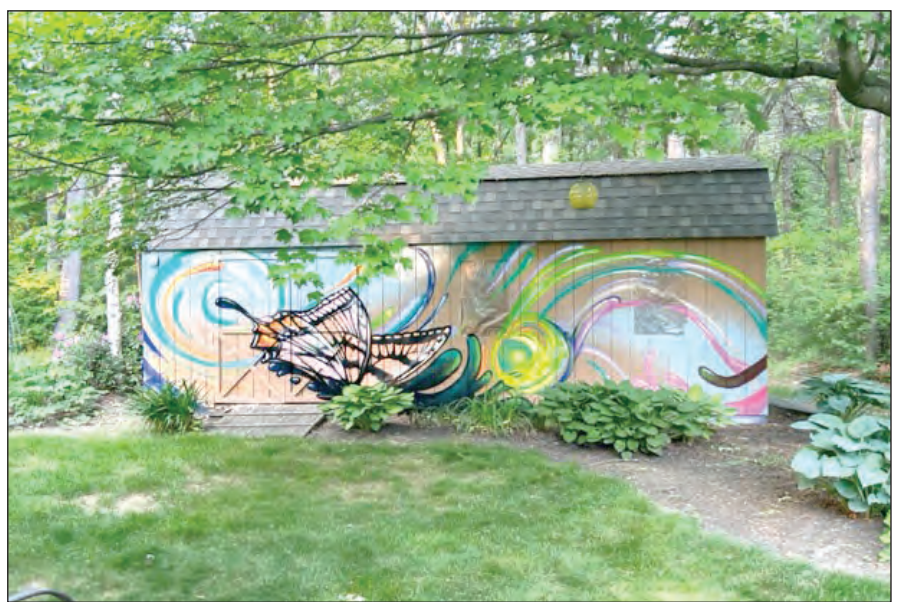
legiate career, so I can break her school record."

Early in the second half, Mutiny forward Chandler Pedolzky stole the ball away from Abby McCarthy, who was the Sporting CT starting goalie, but her shot attempt sailed wide. She also had a header, but it was saved by McCarthy.

The score remained 1-0 until Sporting CT scored three goals in a span of seven minutes late in the second half.

The duo of Kupla and Weimer combined for the second and third goals.

Weimer finished the match with three assists. She netted the final goal of the match in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute.



Submitted photo by Lesn101

**ARTIST**  
from page 1

of emotional experiences, allowing him to find empowerment and healing.

Coming from the culture of graffiti, Lesn101 grew accustomed to battling for space and having opposition from other graffiti artists. As he's grown older, however, he no longer competes against other artists and their styles.

"It's really about competing against myself at this point," he said. "What excites me is going into the unknown. Really, it's more pushing in a way where the art becomes liberating for me. I think that's very important to me; to really feel free of restrictions. I think that's kind of where some of the graffiti practice comes into play with it."

Lesn101 has left his mark in a number of places; he just completed a large scale wall painting in the North End of Springfield.

His next project will take him to the Springfield Jazz & Roots Festival in downtown Springfield. He spoke regarding how he handles the pressure of creating artwork on such large surfaces.

"There is a little bit of planning, measuring and just kind of scaling the mural. The challenge I had with that is it's a four-dimensional piece," he said, of the Hampden creation. "I wanted to make sure it wasn't isolated to one view so I wanted it to flow together at



**Springfield artist Lesn101 takes pride in pushing his boundaries.**



different angles. That's where some of the preplanning comes in as far as what my intentions are. The results were kind of a combination of being very spontaneous and just being in the space."

For more information, one can follow Lesn101 on Instagram or visit Lesn101.com. In the near future, he plans to take his talents to New York City's Houston Bowery Wall.

"It's iconic," he said. "A lot of well-known artists have touched that wall so I want to contribute my work to that wall as well."

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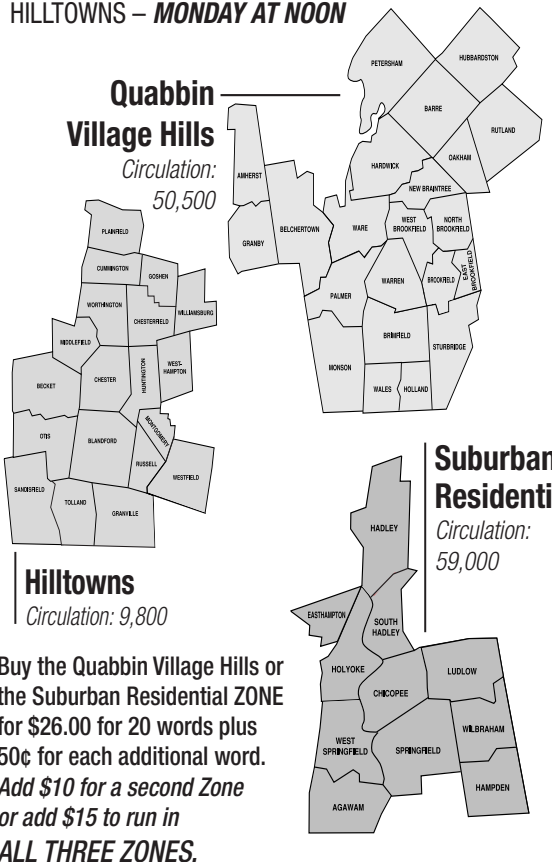
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The Hampden Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 6 PM** in the Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA on the application of Raymond

Kuselias for a Special Permit under Section 7.2.4 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaw for a Substandard Frontage Lot on property owned by the applicant on Burleigh Road, Parcel 28-029-000. Information related to this application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for review by the public during normal business hours. For the Board,  
Madison Pixley, Chair  
Hampden Planning Board  
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On Behalf of the  
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Judy McKinley-Brewer,  
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### Town of Hampden Notice of Public Hearing

The Hampden Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 6:45 PM** in the Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA on the application of Alston Graham of Graham Construction for a Special Permit under Section 7.5.42 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaw for a Common Driveway to provide access to three adjoining lots owned by the applicant located on Highland Circle and South Monson Road (lots 45, 46, and 47). Information related to this application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for review by the public during normal business hours.

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