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## Police Chief Scott Trombly retires

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HAMPDEN - Police Chief Scott Trombly has retired from the police department after 31 years of service.

Trombly will serve as interim police chief during the search for his successor after signing a contract with the Selectboard on July 7.

During his retirement, he plans to spend more time with his wife, Barbara, his mother and two children, crediting his family for their unwavering support throughout his career. Other plans include relaxation, travel and enjoying his hobbies of fishing, hunting and golfing.

Trombly first entered policing in the late 1980s as an auxiliary officer with the Palmer Police Department and then got hired part-time

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Hampden Police Chief Scott Trombly is retiring from the police department after 31 years of service. In this photo, this shrine in his office chronicles his career over the years. Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

## Longtime town employee retires, local youth advocates for paper bags

And more from the June 30 Wilbraham Select Board meeting

By Dalton Zbierski  
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WILBRAHAM - During the June 30 meeting of the Wilbraham Select Board, Town Administrator Nick Breault and the board members shared several developments.

First, Breault praised a town employee who is retiring after serving the people of Wilbraham for nearly four decades in various positions.

"I wanted to mention if I could for the record really is that one of our colleagues, Herta Dane, is retiring this week after 37 years of service

to the town of Wilbraham in several roles. She's retiring as our HR Coordinator," Breault said.

Breault noted that he had the privilege of working with Dane for 10 years and knew her for 10 years prior to that after meeting her through several committees they were both on.

"I just found her to be a real professional person, and she helped me a lot when I first got here and every day since basically," Breault said.

Breault described Dane's retirement as well-deserved. He also thanked the board for letting him give a shout out to an individual who went above and beyond for the town of Wilbraham.

"She's been in tough

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## Wilbraham officially a Dementia Friendly Community

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WILBRAHAM - The town of Wilbraham has officially been certified as a Dementia Friendly Community.

The announcement came during a celebration at the senior center on July 7, where the town was presented with a certificate from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging and remarks provided by Katie Krupka, senior care advisor at Assisted Living Locators, Meghan Lemay, the Western MA Regional Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, and Hayley Wood, economic security and outreach manager for the Massachusetts Councils on Aging.

The Dementia Friendly Wilbraham Initiative was launched in September 2023 and guided by a committee comprised of Krupka, Paula Dubord, director of elder affairs at the Wilbraham Senior Center, Barbara Harrington, social services coordinator at

the Wilbraham Senior Center, Tracey Perry, assistant vice president and retail banking officer at Country Bank, and members of the ERC5 Chamber of Commerce.

The initiative's efforts included Dementia Friends training for local businesses and town offices, dementia simulation experiences, the launch of a Memory Café at the senior center and information and updates on dementia research and its importance.

Fourth and fifth-grade students at Soule Road Elementary School were also offered an opportunity to become Dementia Friends, lending their support to the community effort.

A Caregivers Support Group is also coming to the senior center next month.

Krupka said the official recognition "is more than just a milestone" and "a reflection of our community's heart, dedication and shared commitment to inclusion and support."

"A dementia-friendly



From the left, Barbara Harrington, social services coordinator at the Wilbraham Senior Center, Paula Dubord, director of Elder Affairs at the Wilbraham Senior Center, Hayley Wood, economic security and outreach manager for the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, Katie Krupka, senior care advisor at Assisted Living Locators, and Tracey Perry, assistant vice president and retail banking officer at Country Bank, with the official certification declaring the town of Wilbraham a Dementia Friendly Community.

community is a place where people living with dementia and their caregivers are not only supported, but truly included and empowered and supported in their local communities," Krupka said. "We have focused on education to reduce the stigma and promote awareness so that those living with dementia and their caregivers can feel safe, included and empowered to live their best lives."

Lemay shared how over seven million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and "that number is expected to only increase in the next couple decades until we can really find some kind of prevention treatment and cure."

"We want to make sure our communities and our society is better prepared for those changes and, also, it means that if over seven million people are living with Alzheimer's and dementia, a

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## WPL holds Teddy Bear Picnic

By Noelle Hisgen  
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WILBRAHAM - On July 10, the library hosted a Teddy Bear Picnic event for children.

This program was part of the library's summer reading program for children. Also, it was sponsored by the Friends of the Wilbraham Public Library.

Children, their parents, and their stuffed animals joined Julie Stepanek in the Brooks Room for an afternoon of fun, which included singing songs such as "The Teddy Bear's Picnic," "Old MacDonald had a Farm," and "The Bear Missed the Train," a storytime reading of "The Teddy Bear's Picnic," and a craft where children made their own teddy bear masks.

The children came into the room with their stuffed animal friends, as well as picnic blankets and snacks, and placed them in a circle as they listened to music done by Stepanek on her guitar. Then, she invited everyone to see the pictures in the sto-



Turley photos by Noelle Hisgen  
Julie Stepanek holds up her own teddy bear for the activities in the library.

ry that she read. The children finished the day decorating their "disguises" such as like those in "The Teddy Bear's Picnic."

Stepanek, who has been working with libraries since 2009, has been very involved with various activities regarding library involvement. Along with the Teddy Bear Picnic that day, she also taught teens at the library how to play the ukulele.

Stepanek travels to dif-

ferent libraries with the interest of sharing music with others.

"It's a great way to spend the afternoon," Stepanek said. "Libraries are very important. And I'm a firm believer that libraries are something that we have done right. The best way to support your library is to go and visit it, check out their books, and go to their programs."

Children's Librarian Jaime Hageman was also in attendance and expressed excitement for the event, as well as the importance of being involved with local libraries.

"I'm thrilled to bring in the community to celebrate something so wonderful that is music," Hageman said. "It's important to interact with public libraries because it increases reading skills, social skills and meet new friends. So, take advantage of the resources the library provides."

It was a great way for children and their families

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## HPL hosts Pony Storytime

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HAMPDEN - The library held a special Pony Storytime event with Scout the pony and Cloverbrook Farm from East Longmeadow on July 8.

Taking place on the front lawn, families gathered for a storytime with Cloverbrook Farm Owner Shannon Gallagher reading "Unicorn (And Horse)" and "My Pony" and a craft making horseshoe dreamcatchers.

Gallagher was also joined by her daughter, Laura, and one of the farm's teen volunteers, Maya, for the event.

The children also got to meet Scout, who, at one point, sported a horn on his head, thus becoming a unicorn.

Recently, there was a Goat Storytime on June 24 with Moo the goat and other baby goats and Gallagher reading "Goats Go Nuts for Head-butts" and "Three Billy Goats Gruff"; a Chicken Storytime event will be coming up next on July 22 at 2 p.m. with chickens in attendance and



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers  
A wide shot of Shannon Gallagher, owner of Cloverbrook Farm, reading to families during the Pony Storytime event on July 8 in Hampden.

Gallagher reading "Chicken Little" and "The Little Red Hen."

Gallagher shared that the farm also offers homeschool classes, preschool reading groups and groups for kindergarten through sixth grade. Other programs include teen meet-ups, goat yoga, art classes, farm tours and many more.

"When we've come to the

library, they heard about our programs and they asked to partner with them for their summer reading program," Gallagher said.

On Scout the pony, Gallagher shared he's "our most famous pony on the farm" and also works birthday parties, does pony rides and enjoys meeting the kids. She was

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# Selectboard and Advisory Committee hold FY25 discussion

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HAMPDEN - The Selectboard met with the Advisory Committee on July 7 for a preliminary expenditure re-cap for FY25.

Chair John Flynn noted, "There's still a little work to be done."

"Some transfers back and forth that will go through your committee as well. We did touch on, perhaps, the need for the Reserve Account Transfer. We had--I think Brad was preparing a request looking at the work we did at the town meetings would need a bit of a thing here," Flynn said. "Brian were you going to put that together or...?"

Town Administrator Brian Domina affirmed yes, noting the town meeting items were two invoices for the audio production.

"The total around just over \$16,000," Domina said.

Advisory Committee Chair Doug Boyd asked about this next.

"Brian, did the AV get put into the Selectboard expense line? Is that why it's over as much as it is?" Boyd said.

Domina replied yes.

"And then in FY26, they requested the additional amount as a separate line item

moving forward," Domina said.

Flynn then noted other accounts under the Selectboard including Temporary Help.

"Surprising because we had done some work for planning under that, correct?" Flynn said. "But, I mean it is under the same kind of department if you wish to go back and forth that way. I think there's also (a) bit of an average that may have just been a put in the wrong folder type thing."

Advisory Committee Member John Matthews then pointed out \$11,000 for tax title expense that was spent, which led to this explanation from Flynn.

"That may be something that Eva (Wiseman) always has in there as a backup," Flynn said. "She can use it for the overage and elected expense, which is probably the federal election..."

"Yeah, she had mentioned that a couple months ago that that was going to be an issue," Boyd said.

Selectboard Member Don Davenport then asked about the law claims, with Flynn providing an answer for that as well.

"Brian said he did a little bit of research on that and that had to do with a couple of personnel issues during the year," Flynn said.

After Davenport pointed out information technology, Domina said, "That should be moved to office equipment acquisition."

After Flynn noted money left for the Conservation Commission clerical, Domina clarified this too.

"I think Bonnie only puts up for the time that she actually works, not what's budgeted," Domina said.

Flynn's main question was on employee benefits, which Domina explained.

"Employee benefits, there's still \$80,000, but when I went back into the account details, we've only paid 11 months for health insurance, so it should be another 50-something thousand dollars out of the account (for) FY25," Domina said. "Because we should be making 12 payments in that each year."

"Would there be enough to handle the employee retirement number that was in the other account?" Flynn said.

Domina replied yes.

"And then next year we increased that because we were aware that Sgt. Cooney was retiring and that buyback was in there for next year," Flynn said.

"That's my recollection of it," Boyd said.

Flynn added the number for soon-to-be retiring Police

Chief Scott Trombly is "not in that budget at this point."

"It'll have to be figured out in the fall," Flynn said.

After Flynn asked what the Advisory Committee sees for areas of concern, other Advisory members mentioned the school district's boiler repair and split units, saying it "has nothing expended, but it has nothing allocated."

"Is that because it was not in the budget?" they said.

Flynn clarified no.

"I think if there's zero and zero, then it was done," Flynn said.

Domina added the allocated amount "for some of the ones that are zero it's just not correct."

"They need to be filled in," Domina said.

"Because obviously the money was allocated and spent," Flynn said. "I don't know. Why is there a zero at the beginning?"

"Right, it just looks off obviously," they said.

"Now, there also could have been they weren't quite sure. It was not to exceed or something like that when the bid finally came in. 'Okay, this is the number you're going to owe,'" Flynn said.

Boyd said on the overview that "generally, I'm frankly pleased with it."

"I mean, the couple of overages that are here we

knew were coming and the others look like they're essentially ordinary variances that you see," Boyd said. "Of course, I mean, obviously, it's not the final accounting where we end up to the positive. It's something for free cash. But, nothing jumps at me."

Boyd then noted snow and ice. "It looks like the total snow and ice was over \$225,000," Boyd said. "Which, you know, given the kind of winter we had doesn't seem working out of line at all."

The radio service agreement allocation for \$28,608 was also brought up by Advisory members, with questions on if this would be spent too.

Flynn said he noticed that before. "That's a question I think for the chief, but that was the agreement done for that tower by Commercial Drive," Flynn said. "Why it hasn't been built yet, I don't know."

"And that was a very specific number. I mean, that was a contract number," Boyd said.

\$28,607 was also noted for police and fire communications by the Advisory members, with them saying "But then you have the operations that's allocated and there's nothing allocated for that police fire communication, so

that could just be a swap out."

Boyd asked about the timeline for final numbers.

"When do you think we'll have the final numbers? And secondly, when will there be the specific transfers that need to be voted?" Boyd said.

Domina said the treasury account set for the final FY25 warrant was to be signed on July 14 "because they're doing one more vendor warrant for 25 payrolls."

"Payroll for '25 is done," Domina said. "I'll follow up with Cliff again, but it needs to be done soon. Very soon."

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## Chain Reactions & Creative Contraptions: hands-on workshop for kids and teens

WILBRAHAM - This summer, the Wilbraham Public Library invites children and teens to get hands-on with science, creativity, and a whole lot of fun at Chain Reactions & Creative Contraptions, an interactive STEM workshop led by Playful En-

gineers.

On Tuesday, July 22, participants will dive into the exciting world of chain reactions, levers, pulleys, and more as they design, build, test, and play with their very own contraptions. From whimsical machines to classic

Rube Goldberg-style devices, this Make & Break Workshop is a hit with budding inventors and curious minds alike.

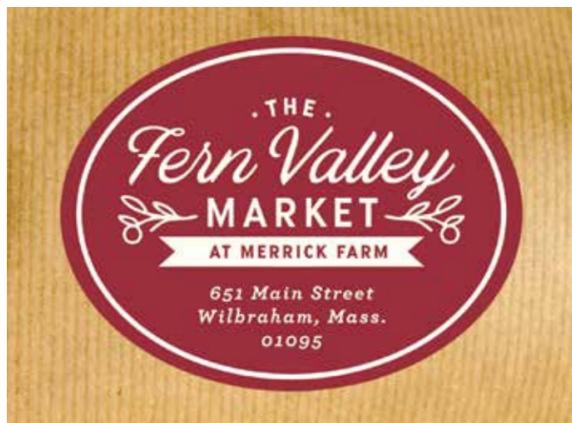
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Online registration is required and begins Monday, July 1. To sign up, visit our website or call the library at 413-596-6141.

This event is free to attend and is generously sponsored in part by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and

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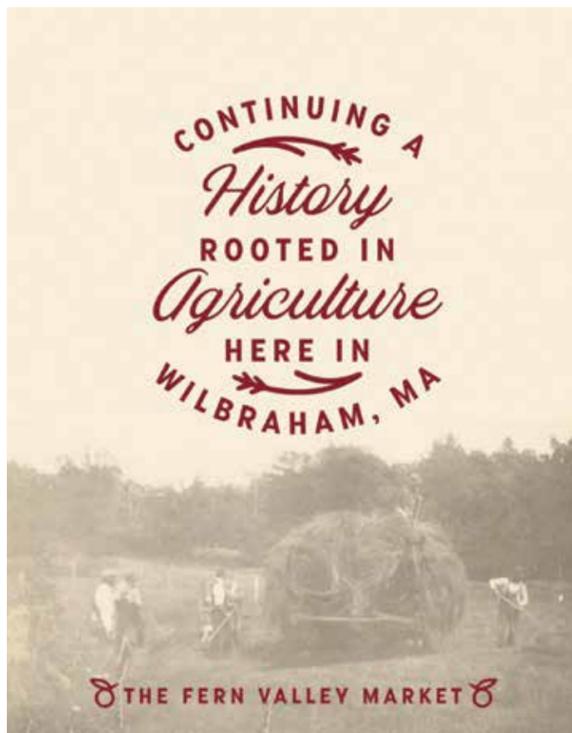


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# Wilbraham Select Board members critique the Hill Climb

The event took place on May 10.

By Dalton Zbierski  
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WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Hill Climb on May 10 brought people from all over the region to town, but members of the Select Board are hesitant to hold it again next year.

During the board's June 30 meeting, Police Chief Ed Lennon presented a post-event report, in which he discussed various aspects of the day, both positive and negative.

Following Lennon's recap, the elected officials expressed reservations about the Hill Climb and pondered if it should be an annual event.

Clerk Sue Bunnell said the library's Board of Trustees noted that their parking lot overflowed with the vehicles on the day of the Hill Climb, as event attendees found it to be a convenient location to park. Library Director Karen Ball even suggested that it might be easier for the library to close for the day if the Hill Climb occurs again.

"I would hope that we would not have to do that. I think the idea of blocking off the parking would at least create a better circumstance in that regard," Bunnell said.

Bunnell added that the town has received additional input from abutters that "they're not fans and don't necessarily want to see this be an annual event."

She also acknowledged that the event takes nearly a year to plan and event organizers will soon be asking about next year's status.

"So, I almost feel like we, as a board, need to be in a position to let them know as soon as possible if it's our intention not to do it again," Bunnell said.

Bunnell concluded that the town has hosted the event three years in a row, so the people who don't want to see it happen a fourth year in a row should be given consideration.

"I think we've heard pretty emphatically from some of the impacted people. We get a lot of feedback," Bunnell said. "I'm willing to give the people who are saying, 'You should have never said yes,' a break for one year, and then we can talk about 2027."

Vice Chair Marc Ducey said he has never been to the Hill Climb but was surprised to learn how fast the vehicles traveled on a town street during the event.

Lennon assured Ducey that the spectators are positioned out of harm's way. Ducey asked what would happen in terms of liability if something bad occurred, and Town Administrator Nick Breault responded.

"They carry their own insurance for the event, and we have our own insurance for in case there's any kind of a suit against the town. There are limits to how much the municipality can be sued for damages," Breault said. "And, this is not a 100% guarantee, but if there's no defect in the road that caused the issue, [the town shouldn't be liable]."

Ducey appreciated Breault's input but was still hesitant. He said he was "on the fence" about it.

"If the community wants it, then I think we should do it," Ducey said. "I understand the inconveniences for the local people it impacts, and I'm mindful of that, but when we do concerts around town, peo-

ple are also [inconvenienced]. Maybe we need to reach out to the townspeople to see if they want to continue this on an every year basis or should we move it to every other year."

According to Ducey, the town should be clear with the organizers "that they don't have a yes."

In fact, Ducey said which way he was leaning if he had to make the decision immediately.

"My take about notifying the organizers, if they were pushing me now to make a decision, it would probably be a no," Ducey said. "So, it's only to their advantage to collect more data and confirm this is what the town wants. If they want a yes, they have to give us some time to figure this out."

Chair Michael Squindo echoed the sentiments of his colleagues. He pointed out that while organizers said they worked with community organizations that held events the same day, some townspeople said otherwise.

"I'm hearing murmurings that it was impacting other events in negative ways," Squindo said. "I would like some more formal feedback.

I've said this to the folks that have murmured that they have to get on the record on this, but I just put it out for us to consider that it would be nice to solicit some formal feedback. I don't know how we do that effectively."

Squindo also wasn't in favor of holding the event hours after a rainstorm passed. He said that considerations should have been made to postpone the Hill Climb, although he didn't specify if he meant by several hours or days.

While Squindo did say he was a "no" on holding the event

every year, he does believe certain aspects of the event should be made annual.

"I would just throw out that I think the Hill Climb itself, not necessarily the community event, the car show and the vendors, I think you can have something where you do a climb every other year or whatever timeframe and still do a community event to keep the energy there on the off years," Squindo said.

No final decision regarding the Hill Climb's future was made on June 30.

## Wilb. transitions to CodeRED for notifications

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in Monson and Warren. He then had an opportunity through the Monson Police Department to become a full-time cadet training.

He had also gone into the police academy as a self-sponsor and came out of there a free agent, landing his first full-time job in Hadley.

Wanting to always work in the Western Massachusetts and Palmer and Hampden area, Trombly then began his career in Hampden in March 1993 as a reserve police officer and part-time dispatcher and was later appointed to a full-time police officer on June 1, 1994.

This year, Trombly marked 31 years of full-time service to the Hampden Police Department, with the last four years as police chief.

On why he decided to retire, Trombly shared how he realized it was time.

"The job has changed and I feel that I kind of completed my career. Usually, when we hit our career around the 32 mark, hit 55 years of age, we hit an 80%, which is in our retirement world our top," Trombly said. "I'm young enough still, I'm healthy, I feel good to have another chapter come up in my life and do something different."

Looking back on his three-decade-plus career, Trombly emphasized caring about people and compassion being key to the job, also noting the department's growth over the years and becoming the town's first detective during the pandemic.

"You got to treat other people with respect, the way you want to be treated. We have a great town here in Hampden. The residents are very supportive of their police, their fire, their highway, and I saw how supportive they were of me, in general, as one of their police officers," Trombly said. "I don't even live in town--had an opportunity to consider moving to town--but they take you--

the residents--as one of their own. This small knit family that we had that I grew into and stayed with, I didn't look elsewhere to go anywhere else."

He added how he's learned so much from the town as well, including the lessons of thinking of others and giving back to others.

"Everybody has a bad day. I have bad days. I might be pulling you over, I might be a little bit angry or I could be pulling someone else over in a traffic stop and they might come back at you. You got to kind of step back and catch yourselves," Trombly said. "We're humans, we're not perfect, we're not super-humans. We all make mistakes, even us as professionals on the job, right? And so, we got to really care about those others and try to calm each and every situation. This town has allowed us to have--me--to do that with dealing with some of the instances in town as you talk people down and work with them and you move on."

Trombly said in his letter to the Selectboard announcing his retirement, he shared how "the opportunity that the town's given me" was very positive and helped him stress the impact of public service to the younger officers who have come on.

"The embracement of a positive community behind you really gives you that positive thought to work and continue to work for them and know that we are good people. We are human people and people understand that we do make mistakes, but they stand behind you," Trombly said. "That's just allowed me to continue on with this career."

On what inspired him to go into law enforcement, Trombly shared he's always been a people person.

"I was a volunteer, on-call firefighter in Palmer, I enjoyed being in that public setting working with people, talking with, helping others

and had aspirations," Trombly said.

What also inspired him was seeing a Palmer police officer coming by to check on and wave to the kids when playing in one of the park areas or skating during the winter. Also, seeing them walking around downtown in another park area.

"It would be like, 'You know, that's pretty cool, that's neat, I think I'd like to do something like that,' and I was taken under the wing by one of their police officers out there. He talked to me about the job, I became an auxiliary officer over there, was a volunteer. Then I started working with a lot of men and women over in Palmer at the rank and file, knew what I wanted to be. I wanted to be a part-time police officer," Trombly said. "The positive interactions that I saw and the helpfulness and the benefit that I saw that people gave back--genuine people--that really cared about others. I think I can do that, I want to do that and I did that."

Knowing he left a mark is what fulfills him most, reflecting on his time as a School Resource Officer for Green Meadows Elementary School and how, several years later, when at Minnechaug Regional High School, he was recognized by two girls who said, "Officer Trombly! Holy cow, I remember you!"

"So, things like that really go, 'Wow!' It shows you that you meant something in somebody's life," Trombly said.

Trombly summed up his career this way and offered this advice.

"It's been an awesome, awesome trip. For me, I've had a great time, it's been an awesome career and I really recommend for those thinking about it, again, a lot's changed in the years. It's not all about the money. You got to go into it for other reasons," Trombly said. "We just need more people to kind of come

back down and really want to go out there and help and be involved in helping, get into public service. Whether it'd be policing, whether it'd be fire department. But, I had an awesome career and it's just been great. I do attribute a lot to family, friends and the community you work in, really, and this community has been nothing but great to me."

He offered this advice to his future successor.

"I would just say for that new person, have an open mind, be transparent, be fair, be understanding and have the back and support of everyone within the agency and just work well with others. Be willing to work, listen," Trombly said. "Needs to have that communication, open door policy, willing to go above and beyond and lead and by example to get those others to follow you and it's going to be a good career for them."

This was his message to the community.

"I just want to say thank you for allowing me to give a good part of my life--31 years--to you and you've been great to me," Trombly said.

His department, meanwhile, this message.

"It's been a good team, coming up the ranks. I've met a lot of different people, part-time officers, full-time officers, there's a lot of people that have led me along the way to give me those right ways of how to do the job and understanding of care and passion. So, I thank all those who helped me in my career and allowed me to excel at different points of my career," Trombly said. "My officers here, the team has been a very good team, they've been very helpful, we've moved Hampden to a better place and it's all about teamwork. So, I say thank you to that team that's allowed us to move forward."

CODE RED from page 3

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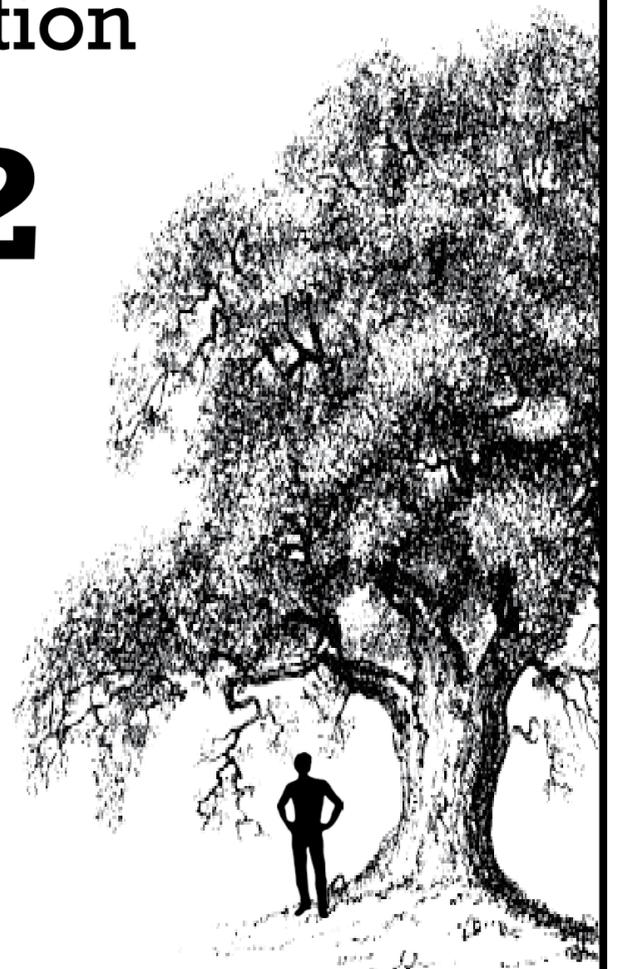
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**SOCIAL SECURITY Matters**  
By Russell Gloor

**When will funds stolen from Social Security be replaced?**

**Dear Rusty:**

When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced?

They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills.

**Signed: Concerned Senior**

**Dear Concerned Senior:**

I must tell you that no funds have ever been "stolen" from the Social Security Administration despite the persistent myth. All money received by SS from payroll taxes, interest on investments and income tax on SS benefits is - and always has been - immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments), which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds and which pay interest at the current federal bond rate.

Those bond investments held in reserve have been and are used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Only U.S. citizens and legal residents can get Social Security benefits. Illegal aliens cannot receive Social Security benefits.

For information, repayment of the special issue bonds held in SS reserves occurs every day, because incoming revenue has been insufficient to pay all Social Security benefit costs for several years now, which means that the bonds must be redeemed regularly so that full bene-

fits can be paid to all SS recipients, who have earned them. There were about \$2.8 trillion in SS reserves as of the end of 2023, but that balance is steadily decreasing due to being redeemed to pay full benefits. As of the last report by the Trustees of Social Security, the reserves will be depleted in about 2033, unless Congress passes reform legislation to restore SS to full solvency.

FYI, the Association of Mature American Citizens is working hard to prevent depletion of the Trust Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC's Social Security Guarantee proposal. AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone's benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here for many generations.

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**A self-sown surprise**

I was pleased to come home from vacation and see the changes in my work gardens over 10 days time. It was astounding to witness the growth that many of the plants put on!

One other thing I enjoyed seeing was a few "volunteers" that had popped up here and there. Celosia, portulaca and my favorite, the cleome, had germinated in bare spots in the garden.

While most of these plants did not fit in to the current year's design and had to be removed, the cleome, better known as "spider flower," popped up exactly where I would have wanted it. In a month or so I will have dome gorgeous flowers in the center of a bed, providing height right where I need it.

Spider flower goes by the scientific name *Cleome hasslerana*. Older cultivars such as "Helen Campbell" and the "Queen" series top off at an airy four or five feet tall, while the newer "Sparkler" hybrids are a bit shorter and bushier. Besides white, spider flower comes in pink, cherry and lavender.

It was given such a unique name because of the flower's long, slender stamens that remind one of spider legs protruding from the plant. The stamens hold the eventual seed pods a distance away giving them even more "popping power" once ripe.



haps if I met those requirements I'd have better luck.

I had always known that cleomes prefer full sun and well-drained soil. What I didn't know was that they also like fertile soil and space away from one another. Regular doses of liquid feed are a

As a child, I was drawn to the seed pods of this peculiar plant - if you waited until they were "just right" and gave them a squeeze, the seeds would fly everywhere. What fun!

This attribute gives the plant tremendous "staying power" in the garden - in other words it pops up everywhere the following season! This can be a very good thing if you enjoy having the cleome around as much as I do.

Because cleomes are flower producing powerhouse they sometimes become exhausted by midsummer; their lower leaves yellow and flowers start to fade. I always thought that if they were dead headed like other, more common annuals were, maybe they would last longer into the season.

So, as an experiment I clipped the seed-pods close to the plant as soon as they began to form. Unfortunately, the overall form of the plant was altered - not for the better and with little reward for my work. Then I began to search out what exactly cleomes need in order to thrive - per-

In the north, the cleome's habit of self-sowing doesn't become annoying, but in warmer areas it can become weedy. Clipping the seed-pods as mentioned above would "nip this problem in the bud." Seedlings that develop from volunteers will likely be a blend color-wise of the plants you grew last year because they are cross-pollinated by insects.

I will have to wait and see what color my self-sown cleome seedlings end up being, but lucky for me the rest of the flowers in the garden bed are in pink and lavender shades and will blend perfectly the volunteers.

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**in my BACKYARD**  
By Ellenor Downer

Last week on a trip to Rhode Island with my brother and cousin, we saw two osprey when we stopped by Point Judith Lighthouse.

We watched them as they flew over the ocean and hovered as they looked for fish. One got ready to dive as it tucked in its wings, but then stopped and flew to another spot to hover.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk, eats a diet of live fish, has the ability to hover and dives into the water to catch them. They are often seen soaring over shorelines.

Ospreys are brown birds with a white head and a brown stripe through its eye. Underparts are grayish. They are over 24 inches long and have a wingspan of 71 inches. They are the only raptor whose outer toe is reversible, allowing it to grasp its prey with two toes in front and two behind.

Ospreys are very successful in catching fish. According to a study at least one out of every four dives results in catching fish. The average time ospreys spend hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

Ospreys often build large stick nests on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, and nest platforms designed for their use. Their eggs do not hatch all at once with the first chick emerging about five days before the last one. The oldest chick dominates the younger ones. When food is scarce, the younger chicks may starve to death.

A Brimfield resident, who likes to visit inland ponds, often watches osprey nesting. Ospreys migrate and this resident reports their return in the spring. An osprey, equipped with a tracking device, flew 2,700 miles from Martha's



**Osprey**

Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana South America during 13 days in 2008.

**Other seashore birds**

In addition, to the osprey we saw cormorants, seagulls, bank swallows, grackles and even a redwing blackbird whose epaulets were bright red. There were new benches installed along the cliff bank. When we stopped there last year, the benches were in poor condition.

**Birds in Sutton**

My brother lives in Sutton. He sets out grape jelly and a hummingbird feeder. The Baltimore orioles, catbirds, and even house finches come for the jelly. The ruby throated hummingbirds come for the sugar water.

**Mass Audubon Society**

**sightings**

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reports several unusual bird sightings. They included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich, a Franklin's gull and two royal terns in Provincetown, a continuing prothonotary warbler in Concord, a Wilson's phalarope at Belle Marsh Reservation in Boston and a Brewster's warbler in Amherst.

Berkshire County sightings were a worm-eating warbler on Mt. Washington Road in Egremont, a least bittern in the Post Farm Marsh in Lenox, an Acadian flycatcher at the Jug End Reservation in Egremont and six red crossbills at the summit of Mt. Greylock in Adams.

In Franklin County, there

were four sandhill cranes on Plainfield Road in Ashfield and two hooded warblers on Falls Road in Sunderland.

Hampshire County highlights were a Brewster's warbler on the Narwottuck Rail Trail in Amherst and a least bittern near Station Road on the Narwottuck Rail Trail also in Amherst, three purple martins and four blue grosbeaks in the Honey Pot on Moody Bridge Road in Hadley and a common goldeneye on the Windsor Dam in Belcher-town.

Hampden County notables were two upland sandpipers on the Perimeter Road in Ludlow and two blue grosbeaks at the Southwick Wildlife Management Area in Southwick. Worcester County had an Acadian flycatcher near the Uxbridge Rice City Pond in Uxbridge and five evening grosbeaks at a private residence in Royalston.

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

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### Ofc. Jason Roath sworn in as sergeant for HPD



Photo and caption courtesy of Hampden Police Department  
Jason Roath (pictured second from left) was sworn in as Sergeant during the July 7 Selectboard meeting. Sergeant Roath joined the department in 2005 and has been a full-time officer for 17 years, most recently serving as our detective.

### WFD responds to Chapel Street accident



Submitted photo Richard Scott  
In this July 3 submission, the fire department responded to a motor vehicle rollover accident on Chapel Street in Wilbraham.

### WFD performs rescue drills with lifeguards

Photos and caption courtesy of Wilbraham Fire Department  
On June 24, the Wilbraham Fire Department teamed up with Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department Lifeguards for essential rescue drills on the Spec Pond grounds! As we prepare for a busy summer ahead, training together ensures our team is ready to keep everyone safe.



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**DEMENTIA** from page 1

lot of those people--millions of people--are living in the early stages of memory loss and dementia, and so those are people who are living in our communities in the early stages and middle stages of dementia who are our neighbors, who are at the grocery store with us, who are at other community events and clubs, etc," Lemay said.

Lemay noted "we are making strides with this disease" and "research has come a long way," leading to two treatment options coming out in the last few years "that treat some of the symptoms of Alzheimer's and dementia and, actually, modify the genes in the brain which we have not had before."

A blood test for detecting Amyloid plaque, she added, was also approved by the FDA in May.

"Until we have some kind of cure, we still need to support people, educate people, support caregivers and care partners in the community," Lemay said.

Noting 11.6% of people over 65 in Wilbraham live

with Alzheimer's or related dementia along with their caregivers, Wood expressed confidence in the town to tackle the stigma, provide education and be a friend and ally.

"It's just a real testament to your community's commitment to aging, aging in place and being in community," Wood said. "COAs all over the state are doing this work whether or not they're dementia-friendly, but please know that you are among 141 communities that are considered dementia-friendly in Massachusetts. Have gone through the process of seeking the designation, signing the pledge, putting together an action plan and then continuing the work and that's the hard part, but that's also the joy is to stay committed, keep your eye on this, know that they'll be ebbs and flows, but find ways to pitch in."

Wood then presented the certificate to Krupka and the committee members.

Lemay stressed the importance of awareness and education while offering support, also noting that there

are some younger onsets of dementia affecting people in their 50s.

She was amazed by the community effort.

"We want as many people as possible to understand this disease, to be involved in this initiative, and part of it is also educating people about brain health too and that includes younger people too and making sure that people understand that whether you have dementia or not, we can all do things to increase our brain health," Lemay said. "That means (it) could lead to someone living healthier or longer with dementia or potentially preventing or lowering your risk of dementia."

Krupka encouraged the community to continue getting involved.

"It's wonderful. I was really proud of this turnout and with the Dementia Friends, we are Dementia Friend Champions--Barbara Harrington and myself--so we can actually come out to local businesses and provide that Dementia Friends training. To local restaurants, grocery stores, shops, anywhere so



Select Board Clerk Sue Bunnell, Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), and Select Board Vice Chair Marc Ducey were among the officials celebrating the milestone.



Hayley Wood, economic security and outreach manager for the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, was one of the speakers during the announcement.

is not done and there is more to come.

"It's a great accomplishment," Harrington said. "They do it for the residents. I worked with a great group of women who have their own special gifts and heart--very compassionate people--and we just want them to know that we are here no matter where we are. Katie and Tracey from Country Bank, everybody's out here to help anybody that needs assistance."

Harrington wants the community to know how

significant this milestone is, stressing the senior center will, also, continue to support anyone who needs help.

"We are here, we are here to support them and we are here to give any type of resources they want," Harrington said. "Our doors are always open. The senior center's doors are always open for anyone with any type of dementia or Alzheimer's or even head injury. We are here for them."

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## Wilbraham grabs shutout over Belchertown



Avery Knox kicks off.



Taylor Bartosz sends a pass away.



Lauren Hoar advances up the field.

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**WILBRAHAM** – Last Wednesday evening, Wilbraham defeated Belchertown 1-0 as the Falcons picked up their sixth win of the season. Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League action resumed last week. Wilbraham remained undefeated this summer with six wins and two draws heading into the final two weeks of regular season action. The Falcons hold second place with 20 points. Longmeadow holds first place, currently.



McKenna Sacco sends a pass left.



Maya Usher clears the ball.

## Extra time goals hurt Pioneers in draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**LUDLOW**—The task wasn't a very difficult one for the Western Mass. Pioneers entering the regular season finale against rival Vermont Green FC.

The Pioneers needed a victory to clinch the top spot in the USL League Two Northeast Division table for the first time since 2021.

The home team held a 2-0 lead in the 90th minute before referee Stephanie MacFarland decided to add 10 minutes of stoppage time. That's when everything fell apart for the Pioneers like a house of cards.

The Green managed to score two goals during extra time and last Friday night's match, which was played in front of the largest crowd of the regular season at historic Lusitano Stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

"I've never been involved in a soccer game before where the referee added ten minutes of stoppage time," said Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly. "We just crumpled under the pressure, but it's something that we're going to learn from. It's very disappointing,

but we're looking forward to the playoffs now."

Longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari was upset with how the home match ended.

"I have no words to describe tonight's game," Molinari said. "We played very well until extra time. There isn't anything we can do about it now."

The scoreboard clock was stopped when the match reached the 90th minute. MacFarland kept the rest of the time. Soccer is the only sport that uses a clock where the players and fans have no idea when the match is going to end.

While it was a heartbreaking way to end the regular season, the Pioneers (10-1-3), who lost, 2-0, to the Green on June 17, were scheduled to host the Long Island Rough Riders in an Eastern Conference play-in match on Tuesday night.

"We've qualified for the playoffs again," Molinari said. "We just have to prepare for Tuesday's playoff match now."

The Pioneers qualified for the playoffs for the sixth time since 2019. They've also finished in second place in the

Northeast Conference standings in each of the past four seasons.

Vermont (12-0-2) captured the League title for the first time since joining USL League Two in 2022.

When the Green made their annual visit to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. The first meeting of the 2024 regular season ended in a scoreless draw.

The overall series record between the two squads is now tied 3-3-2.

The Pioneers posted a pair of 1-0 victories against Vermont during the 2023 regular season.

Since suffering the shutout loss at Vermont back in June, the Pioneers had gone 5-0-0 and outscored their opponents, 18-1 during that span.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about 30 minutes due to a thunderstorm.

The Pioneers starting goalie was Trey Sheppard, who started a home match for the first time this season.

"We decided to go with him (Sheppard) tonight," Molinari said. "He's been train-

ing with us the whole season and he deserved a chance to play."

Sheppard, who'll be a sophomore on the Amherst College men's soccer team in the fall, started his first match of the season for the Pioneers on the road against New England FC, which was a 3-1 victory on July 7.

During the third minute, Sheppard made an outstanding save on a shot taken by Arnaud Tattevin resulting in a corner kick.

The Western Mass. squad took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the 41st minute.

Gustavo Barbosa booted the ball into the box with his left foot from the right sideline near the Pioneers bench. Juan Hermoso, who's a defender, headed the ball into the right corner of the net past Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg. It was Hermoso's third goal of the season.

"It was very important for us to score the first goal of the match," Hermoso said. "I saw the ball heading towards me, and I was able to head it into the net. It was a great feeling."

A year ago, Hermoso was



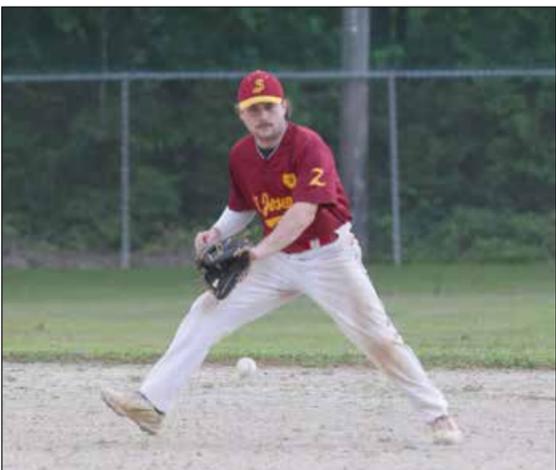
Jose Suarez Monaco tries to make a stop.



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Jaiden Williems gets the quick touch.

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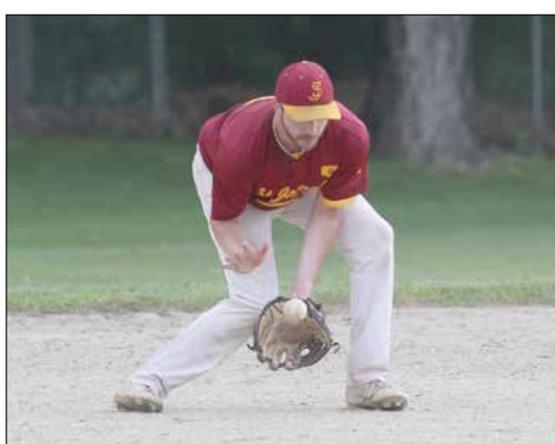
## Saints keep first place in Tri-County



Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes the stop.



Colby Harrington delivers a pitch for St. Joe's.



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Brandon Magni fields a grounder to third.

**PALMER** – Following the Fourth of July, Tri-County Baseball League action resumed with a full week of action. Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joseph's were among the several games that took place. Both teams had a few games during the week. With a couple of weeks remaining in the season, St. Joseph's holds first place with 20 points and a 10-6 record. PeoplesBank is second with 16 points and an 8-2 record and several games to make up. BankESB is third with 11 points, and Teddy Bear Pools holds fourth with nine points and a 4-7-1 record.

# T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year's Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative's mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team's connection to local families and fans. This summer's Caravan dates are as follows:

Saturday, July 19 - Sonny's Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \*

\*The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To register your team, click here.

"After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we're thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We're equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome."

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by

Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations. "We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it." The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The

Gray House. Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry. Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels.

For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

# Registration open for 3v3 soccer jamboree

BELCHERTOWN – The Third Annual Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree is scheduled to be held at the State Street Fields in Belchertown on Aug. 16. The annual event is held in memory of 13-year-old Julia Haynes who passed away in March of 2023 following a battle with brain cancer. All of the funds the Jamboree raises benefit the Julia Haynes Scholarship Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) founded by four of Julia's classmates.

The first two events hosted more than 60 teams, each year, in grades 3 through high school for the all-day event bracket which also featured food trucks, raffle

and dunk tank. Registration is open until July 20 and is \$100 per team for up to four players and includes an event t shirt. There is also a new bracket for class of 2022 - 2025 participants. There will again be food trucks, a DJ and some fun activities for attendees including a raffle. Those interested in registering a team, becoming a volunteer, sponsor or donating to the raffle can get more details on the @julias3v3jamboree Instagram or Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree Facebook pages or through Runsignup: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Belchertown/Julias3v3SoccerJamboree>



Goalie Rees Sheppard punts the ball away.

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a senior on the University of Charleston men's soccer team, which lost to Lynn University, 3-2, in the NCAA Division 2 finals.

It was the first time that Vermont, who only needed a tie to finish in first place, had trailed in a match this season.

The Pioneers had a couple of other scoring chances early in the second half before Israel Neto blasted a shot into the back of the net in the 64th minute. Barbosa was credited with his second assist.

Twenty minutes later, Neto had another shot on goal, but Herceg was able to make the save.

The visitors cut the deficit in half following a goal from Zach Zengue.

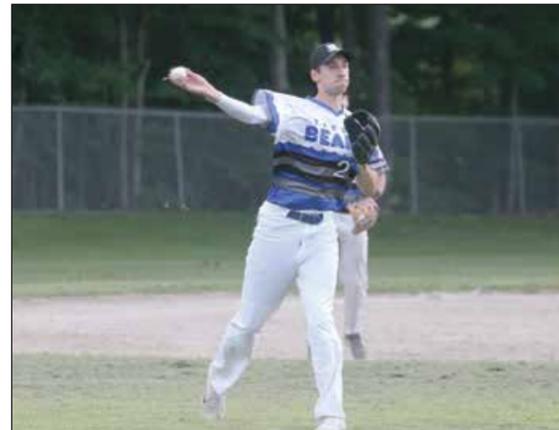
A couple of minutes later, Owen O'Malley, who had entered the match in the 69th minute, lined a shot from the top of the box over Sheppard that landed in the right corner tying the match.

Then the Vermont players raced across the field and celebrated with their many supporters, who made the three hour trek to Ludlow from Burlington.

It wasn't the way the Pioneers players wanted the regular season to finish, but they had a clean slate entering Tuesday's home playoff match.



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Robert Lyons eyes an opponent up the field.



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Breddan Fournier cuts across the diamond and gets the out.



Jake Delaney picks the ball out of the dirt.



Mason Barcomb slings a throw to first.

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**Shannon Gallagher, owner of Cloverbook Farm, reads "My Pony."**



**Families begin crowding around to begin the craft event during Pony Storytime.**

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**Scout the pony spots a horn, becoming a unicorn.**



**Children circle around Stepanek as she reads "The Teddy Bear's Picnic."**

Turley photos by Noelle Hisgen

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thrilled with the turnout. "We love it. We love that animals are like a universal icebreaker. Everybody loves animals and when you pair that with reading and with a craft, it really gets the kids excited," Gallagher said. "There's a lot of programs where children can read to animals and it takes away that fear of being made fun of or picked on for maybe not being as articulate or reading as quickly as others. The animals don't judge and so they feel very safe with them and it's very fun for them."

In addition to reading, Gallagher added events like this also bring the farm right to the kids.

"I think it's really important. We're very fortunate to have a farm, but there's a lot of children who don't get to interact with animals on a daily basis, and so, this really is an opportunity for them to get up close and personal with an animal that they may not have an opportunity to do so, and then when you pair that with a book, it really can set the stage," Gallagher said. "The second book we read talked about a little girl who wanted a pony and how just drawing the pony, thinking about the pony, made it real for her, and

so having a pony here and pairing it with a book, it really can get their imagination going."

Youth Services Librarian Kate Rumpalik credits Director Ellen Moriarty for the partnership with Cloverbook Farm and said the event "was a blast" for the kids.

"As always, the whole goal is just to get the kids to the library, give them some fun things to do over the summer, especially free," Rumpalik said. "It gets them in here. Usually, most of them leave with books also. I think most of those kids that were here today are doing our Summer Reading program, so they're doing our Read and Bead for our younger kids where they read and earn beads for however much they read. That's the whole goal is just to keep them entertained and reading over the summer."

Rumpalik noted this year's summer reading has been fun and busy at the library, enjoying planning the different activities for the kids and getting them reading.

"We're probably about halfway with our programs, but it's just seeing the kids coming in and out. They're always so much fun and excited about summer reading, getting their books," Rumpalik

said. Rumpalik encouraged residents to visit the library website for more upcoming programs and email her at [krumpalik@cwmares.org](mailto:krumpalik@cwmares.org) to sign up.

"We have another storytime with the chickens coming up, we have a juggler, we have a Paint Sip Fun where they can come and paint. We have that for ages kindergarten through 12th grade. That's a big one with everybody," Rumpalik said. "So, lots of things going on for kids and teens they can check out on the website!"

After thanking the families for coming out for the event, Rumpalik had this message for Cloverbook Farm and Gallagher.

"We love Cloverbook Farm. Super easy to work with, very nice people, great with their animals, they're great with the kids. It's a really nice partnership I think to get her name out a little bit and get our kids some animals," Rumpalik said. "It's a lot of fun."

Gallagher praised the community for not only their support, but welcoming them and encouraged people to continue supporting their local library and farms.

"There's so many books



**Children meet Scout the pony during Pony Storytime at the Hampden Free Public Library on July 8.**

on animals and that is just one way to get your child interested in that," Gallagher said. "Visit your local farms. There's so many local farms here in Hampden County that are family-owned and they take a lot of work and going and supporting those farms just means the world to the farmers that are running it."

She had this message for the library.

"I think it's great that the library's willing to open their doors to animals. Sometimes you would think of the library as being stuffy or you can't make noise or you can't touch things," Gallagher said. "They're really supportive and they are open to do anything that will get a child interested in reading."



**Children sit at tables and make their very own bear mask.**

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to come together and enjoy a nice little picnic at the library with their teddy bear friends.

Up next for the summer children's programs at the library, there will be Trevor "The Games Man" on July 16 at 11 a.m., a DIY Jigsaw Puzzle Art on July 17 at 1 p.m., Story Yoga on July 23 at 10 a.m., a Monster Pil-

low Workshop on July 26 at 10 a.m., a Birds of Prey presentation on July 26 at 11 a.m., Music and Movement on July 30 at 11 a.m. and Judi the Hula Hoop Performer on July 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

To learn more about upcoming programs, visit [wilbraham.libnet.info/events](http://wilbraham.libnet.info/events).

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roles, and you know, delivering news that sometimes is not welcome; sometimes it is welcome, but I think she's done it with great professionalism," Breault said.

Following Breault's comments, Clerk Sue Bunnell said that she recently met up with local student Lilliana DiGrande, who has spent more than a year educating the public about the hazards of using plastic bags. DiGrande recommends the use of paper bags instead.

"I went to a local restaurant with Lilliana to talk about plastic bags, and actually it turns out that this particular location is already essentially using paper," Bunnell said. "They do have what is marked as a sustainable or recyclable plastic bag that they use when they need to."

Bunnell added that the objective is to eliminate plastic bag use, not all plastics that are found in a restaurant setting like containers.

Bunnell and DiGrande also went to another nearby business, which is also using paper shopping bags.

Bunnell is hopeful, however, that more local businesses respond to DiGrande and work with her.

"Lilliana is going to be doing more door-knocking, and she had already sent out a survey to a number of businesses in town, none of which responded. So, she's doing follow-up work, and I've encouraged her to show up and ask questions," Bunnell said.

Chair Michael Squindo also shared information regarding the library's "Library of Things."

"I want to share with the public and particularly with

my colleagues on the board, I had no idea until a random Facebook post that our library has a 'Library of Things,' which I thought was very fascinating. It has everything from an ice cream maker to a gym parachute. My personal favorite to go try is going to be the metal detector," Squindo said.

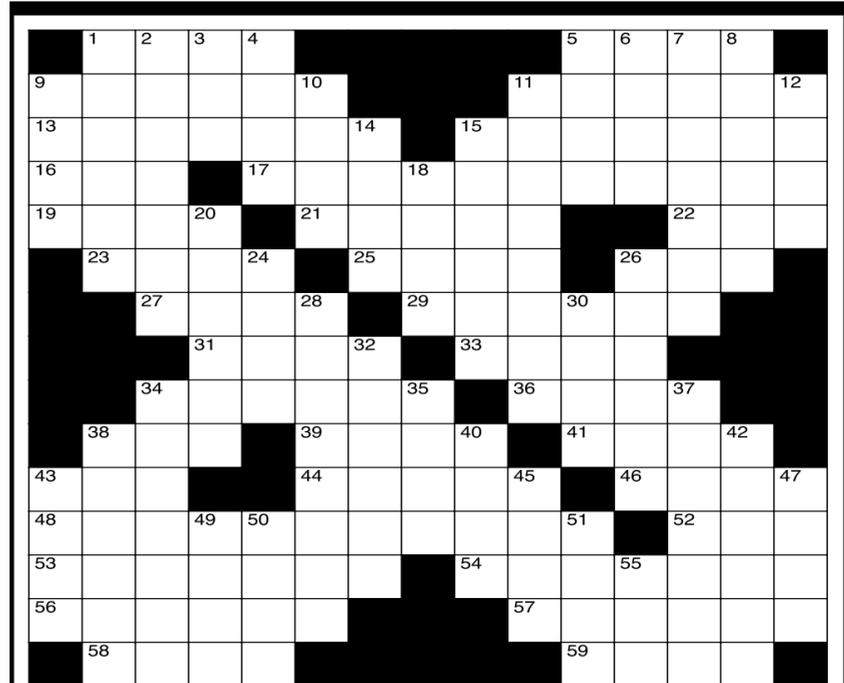
According to the library's website, the "Library of Things" includes frisbee golf, a digital film scanner, a happy light, a home energy kit, a metal detector, a Nintendo Switch Console, a Nintendo Switch Lite, pickleball sets, a sewing machine, a Speck air quality monitor, a telescope and a ukulele.

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13. Four-footed animal part
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16. Type of leaf
17. Preparatory
19. Walk heavily
21. Succulent plants
22. Rectangle of grass
23. Lump in yarn
25. Too
26. Foot (Latin)
27. Afflicts
29. Smoothed
31. Mind (Greek)

**CLUES DOWN**

33. Tampa ballclub
34. Semitic language
36. Sheltered sides
38. Ocean
39. Electronic point of sale
41. Thrust a knife into
43. 12th month (abbr.)
44. Ringworm
46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
48. Fighting back
52. Cease to exist
53. Insects in adult stage
54. Freestanding sculpture
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57. Repents
58. Brown and Wallace are two
59. Moved quickly

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Goes bad
2. Yard structure
3. They \_\_\_
4. Marine invertebrate
5. European river
6. Office supplies firm
7. Physically abused
8. Service stations in Australia
9. Kills
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# Wilbraham-Hampden Softball celebrates fun season



14U Falcons Softball players receive a special farewell at the closing ceremony Friday June 13.

### 10U All Stars after a 12-9 win over Longmeadow at McLaughlin Field.

WILBRAHAM/HAMPDEN – Wilbraham-Hampden Softball is celebrating another fun season of softball, also thanking the community, coaches, families, restaurants and local businesses for their support.

This year, the team also put together All Star teams for the very first time and had a 10U and 12U team. The 10U team—meaning players ages 10 and under—also made the Little League District 2 Championship and secured the number two seed, competing in the championship game on July 2 against Southampton. 12U, meanwhile, means a team of players ages 12 and under.

It was a great—and hot season—for sure for the Falcons girls!

### Falcons Softball 10U All-Stars have a team huddle during a tense game at McLaughlin Field on Saturday June 21.



8U players after a game in May.



10U All Stars and Coaches after a 4-1 win in East Longmeadow on Friday June 27.



Falcons Softball Players and Families march in the Hampden Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 26.



Falcons softball players dance at the closing ceremony and party at Spec Pond on Friday June 13.

This year's sponsors were Gio's, Pafumi's on Main, Neighborhood Pizza and Pasta House, Venice Pizza and Spartan Autocare Center.

The team was, also, selected to be part of the 2025 Chevy Youth Baseball & Softball program through Balise Chevrolet GMC.

Enjoy this photospread showcasing this year's season and also the End of Season Party the players enjoyed on June 13.

Wilbraham-Hampden Softball thanks everyone for their continued support and looks forward to next season.



12U All Stars line up after a 7-5 win over Westfield at McLaughlin Field on Sunday June 29.



Falcons softball players and friends celebrate during the closing ceremony and party, Friday June 13 at Spec Pond.



Submitted photos and captions Martha Queiroga Rookies during team picture day.



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# Special Olympics in HWRSD: Focus on Soule Road School



By Kylie Smith and Savannah Pryor

WILBRAHAM - "Imagine a place where, regardless of ability, you are met with acceptance and respect. Your unique talents are celebrated and you are empowered to chase your dreams. Hurtful stereotypes are challenged and barriers that keep you from doing what you love are shattered."

This is the motto of the Special Olympics. Fifty-eight students throughout HWRSD participated in the Special Olympics events in Monson on May 2.

They were accompanied by 12 Falcon Friends and 9 Wilbraham Middle School Peers. The students at Soule Road School had been looking forward to this since they heard about it.

Their classroom teacher, Mrs. Foley, had especially been looking forward to the event day.

We are all different in our own way. The Special Olympics allows everyone to be accepted despite their differences. It reminds us to always respect others for who they are, and especially for their

uniqueness.

When we interviewed Mrs. Foley, we asked her: What is your favorite part of the special Olympics? What does it mean to you?

Mrs. Foley responded, "Seeing the joy, smiles, and pride that our amazing students get from attending this special event. Also, the support that they received from their peers was amazingly heart warming to watch."

When asked about who participated and which events the students were entered into, she replied, "There was 100% participation from our Soule Road, room 13 students. All ten students from our school participated, and were able to attend along with their families. They participated in many events such as relay races, soccer, long jump, basketball, football, and even obstacle courses."

We then asked about how long she has been taking students to the Special Olympics, Foley explained, "I have had the honor and privilege to attend this special event for a number of years; each time has been more memorable than the last."

When we asked her about



a success story she answered, "The Special Olympics event itself is a success story! At this event, every student athlete had their chance to show off their skills."

The next question we asked Mrs. Foley was: What ways have you seen the Special Olympics impact your students' confidence, social skills and academic performances? She responded, "The way the Soule Road community came together and cheered on the student athletes was incredible. This has increased their confidence, social interaction and academics. This entire experience has had such a positive impact on every student."

We also interviewed one

of the students, an 11-year-old girl named Mia Vargas. She is a role model in their room.

We first asked, "What is your favorite part?"

Vargas responded, "My favorite part of the Special Olympics was the Olympic Town. All of my friends got to participate together."

Next, we asked her how she felt about this event.

"I felt excited about participating with all my friends and getting to help them all," Vargas said.

Lastly, we asked her what their biggest challenge was and Mia had said, "The obstacle course was tricky, but we had middle school, high school, and parent helpers. We



even had a real Olympian. She was a figure skater in the 2002 Olympics at Salt Lake City. Her name is Tiffany Scott, now known as Tiffany Pryor. She awarded the medals to the Special Olympians at the end of the Special Olympics."

The Soule Road School community welcomed the Olympians back by lining the hallways and giving snaps as they paraded through the halls back to their classroom. Their smiles were like sunshine as they marched proudly.

Overall, it was an incred-

ible experience for the entire HWRSD community.

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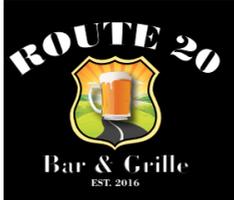




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