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Wilbraham United Church welcomes new pastor

Rev. Janet Skagerlind began last month

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WILBRAHAM – Rev. Janet Skagerlind is embracing her role as Wilbraham United Church’s newest pastor.

She brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and experience, accumulated over 25 years of ministry. Skagerlind began her tenure at the church last month and is already impressed by the community she serves.

“This church has given me the warmest welcome, and I mean the warmest welcome. That is deeply moving,” she said. “At worship, the people have been very engaged. For a pastor, it’s appreciated when people are engaged in what you’re up there trying to communicate.”



Submitted photo
Rev. Janet Skagerlind is the new pastor at Wilbraham United Church.

Skagerlind graduated from Clark University in Worcester, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Humanities. She attended the then-Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, earning a Master of Divinity and doctoral credits.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Skagerlind originally intended to become an opera singer. Before deciding to go into ministry, she attended the New England Conservatory of Music as a voice major and is a trained classical singer.

Skagerlind grew up in the American Baptist Church, in which she was ordained. She explained her decision to pivot.

“As I progressed through seminary, I realized that I was better suited for the United Church of Christ,” she said. “I ended up going back to seminary to take UCC Polity, and I had to kind of go through the ordination process again... It took me a year, but I was granted standing in the United Church of Christ.”

Skagerlind noted that she loved her previous position, but it was time for something new. Her family moved from Templeton to Hardwick, and she sought a position that was within an acceptable commute.

Entering the search process, one church quickly captured her attention. She described how she became a pastor at Wilbraham United Church.

“The moment that I saw Wilbraham listed, I knew it. I said, ‘That’s the one!’ All I can say is sometimes it’s as simple and as mystical as the working of the Holy Spirit. I knew that was the one, and evidently, they decided they wanted me as well,” Skagerlind said.

While she hasn’t had much of an opportunity to explore the town, Skagerlind praised the church community for its level of engagement and noted that there is strong leadership.

“They seem to be a very active congregation that has a true desire to engage with the larger community, and I’ll tell you, for any pastor, that’s very, very enticing,” she said, complimenting the missions the church supports, its vacation bible camps and its contemporary and traditional music among other exciting facets.

Outside of the church, Skagerlind enjoys solitary activities because they help refuel her. She spends time in prayer and is careful not to burn herself out because over the course of her career she realized that benefits no one. She listed several of her favorite activities.

“I like to garden, I like to run, I like to spend time with my animals and my family; not necessarily in that order. I do those things, and they’re very fulfilling to me,” she said.

Beyond her passion for the church, Skagerlind has a passion for doing good in the world. While she’s in

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Kids have tie-dye fun at Library



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Joel Johnston shows off his bleach tie-dye shirt creation during the Bleach Tie-Dye event at Hampden Free Public Library.

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HAMPDEN – Children and teens visited the library from noon to 1 p.m. on July 15 to create bleach tie-dye shirts.

During the event, participants folded, twisted, scrunched and tied up with rubber bands a black shirt and soaked it in water. From there, the shirt got sprayed with bleach from spray or squirt bottles.

After 10 minutes, the shirts were washed in the Charles R. Mel-

ville Room, revealing the tie-dye patterns.

Young Adult Librarian Maxine Girard oversaw the event, explaining tie-dye events have gone on for the last couple of summers.

However, this year’s was the first to use bleach, an idea credited to library employee Gracen Moriarty.

“We thought it would be fun to switch it up and use black shirts and bleach instead of your traditional white shirt and colored dye,” Girard said.

Girard added tie-dye “has been

such a popular activity here” and that making tie-dye coincides with summertime.

“I feel like tie-dye is such a summer activity that it really is just a fun, timeless activity for everybody to participate in. So, we love hosting it and our participants really seem to enjoy it as well,” Girard said.

Adrienne Moretz heard about the event after signing up for summer reading.

She made a tie-dye shirt and later created a tie-dye bucket hat.

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HISTORICAL WILBRAHAM

‘Timeframes’ unique to Wilbraham

From Native Americans to the Minnechaug dress code

By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

Native Americans

Don’t forget to stop in at the Sunday, Aug. 7 Open House at 2 p.m. in the garden of the Old Meeting House Museum at 450 Main St. to hear local historian Patrick Duquette’s talk about Wilbraham as the center of Native American culture. The talk is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served after the talk.

And that reminded me of the tales about the Indians told in Chauncey Peck’s “History of Wilbraham” published in 1913 at the 150th birthday of the town.

When Peck was a child his great-

aunt, Mrs. Gideon Kibbe, told him about an experience her mother had when she was a child of 8 or 10 years of age, probably around 1740 or 1750.

She was riding on a sled with her parents and other children at the end of a winter’s day. They saw three Indians suddenly appear standing in the snow on the side of the road. Peck wrote, “The hearts of the children sank down into their little shoes as they cowered under the blankets, but the father drove right on to where the Indians were standing in the snow.” Each Indian held out their hand saying, “Tobac.” “tobac” “tobac.” Peck went on to say that the only good thing tobacco was good for, was to kill flies!

No history of Wilbraham could



Courtesy Photo

Minnechaug Principal Lincoln Dexter imposed a dress code in 1969.

be told without mentioning the Native American soapstone dishes and fragments of implements and the considerable numbers of them, including arrowheads found in the eastern part of our town. We are sure that when Patrick Duquette gives his talk, he will mention the famous soapstone quarry site that lies off Glendale Road, not far from the former Glendale Meeting House across Glendale Cemetery on the corner of Glendale and Monson Roads.

Another legacy of the Indians discovered in town in 1890 are the remains of three Native American fireplaces. The fireplaces were found among numerous artifacts and arrowheads near the north of the Center Village and west of Main Street,

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Town administrator offers updates on tech to Hampden BOS

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HAMPDEN – When the Board of Selectmen met on July 10, Town Administrator Bob Markel shared several tech-related updates with those in attendance.

First, he noted that the town will not receive an EV charging station any time soon.

“EV charging, I think that program is on hold indefinitely,” Markel said. “The state has a grant problem called MassEV-IP. That program itself is closed right now, and we don’t know when it’s going to open. The speculation is they’re waiting to see what the money is like that they’re going to get from Washington.”

The Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program provides grants for up to 60% the cost of Level 1 or Level 2 EV charging stations, with up to \$50,000 able to be allotted to a specific address.

Private, public or nonprofit workplaces and fleets with 15 or more employees on site are eligible. The Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funds the program.

A Level 1 EV charging station provides charging through a common, residential 120-volt AC outlet. A Level 2 EV charging station uses a 240v outlet and is faster.

Markel proposed bringing in a Level 3 DC charging station, which is the quickest and most powerful type of EV charging available.

“That would allow residents to go and get their car charged in 20 minutes or so,” Markel said. “These Level 2s that the state is now financing take six or seven hours (to charge a car) so presumably if we did something over at the senior center parking lot, people would pull in, let their car sit there and occupy those ports.

I don’t think that’s going to be functional so, until we can get something I think more suitable for our need or our future need, I think we’re going to hold off.”

Next, Markel updated the board on the potential implementation of Laserfiche, the leading SaaS provider of enterprise content management and business process automation.

Laserfiche is used by businesses of all sizes in industries such as accounting, construction, real estate, education, healthcare and manufacturing. It provides those companies with document scanning capabilities, data capture, search features, workflow automation tools and metadata modification, according to its website.

Without saying his name, Markel proposed that Selectman Craig Rivest, known for his technical prowess, lead the introduction of the technology in Hampden. Markel had previously spoken to someone affiliated with Laserfiche who gave him the following advice.

“He is urging that we have a champion; someone internally like a member of the Board of Selectmen who is a tech guy to champion this process because what tends to happen is one or two departments will embrace it, and there’s some trouble getting the other departments, particularly if they are independent of the Selectmen or independently elected boards, to buy into it,” Markel said.

On its website, Laserfiche notes that it uses powerful workflows, electronic forms, intelligent analytics, document and records management and more to enable entities to focus on growth across their enterprise.

“We help companies digitize their business and manage their information lifecycle,” it says. “Our platform empowers people everywhere to work smarter, so that together, we create innovative solutions that enrich our world.”

DPW shares information on Bulky Waste Disposal Program

Information on gas line replacement project

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WILBRAHAM – The Department of Public Works is sharing information about the Bulky Waste Disposal Program to help residents learn more about the program.

The disposal program helps residents properly dispose of bulky waste products.

DPW Director Tonya Capparello explained the disposal program was “well received” by members of the Disposal & Recycling Center “since it enables the proper disposal of the larger waste items in a cost-effective manner.”

Additionally, the disposal program “eliminates the need to hire a costly hauler.”

“A DRC member can simply buy stickers at Town Hall for the disposal of the bulky items. The program itself speaks for the success because it has been very popular from inception to the point that it is no longer a pilot program. The Bulky Waste Disposal Program is a service that will be available at the DRC for the foreseeable future,” Capparello said.

Capparello shared residents can join DRC by applying for their annual membership.

“Residents can apply by visiting the Collector’s Office, by mail--they must include a self-addressed and stamped envelope--or online at Wilbraham-ma.gov,” Capparello said.

She explained how the program came together.

“Bulky waste, simply put, are items that are too large to put in the regular waste. There seemed to be a need for this type of program based on inquiries and feedback, which prompted the launch of a pilot program,” Capparello said.



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The Wilbraham Department of Public Works.

carpet and toilets,” Capparello said.

Mattresses, specifically, received a recent fee increase of \$40 to \$60, approved during the July 10 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Capparello explained the fee increase.

“The waste ban that became effective in late 2022 included mattresses, which meant that mattresses would need to be recycled unless contaminated. The processing cost for mattresses increased due to the need for compliance work and specialized vendors,” Capparello said. “The language of the waste ban included box springs as part of the definition of ‘mattress,’ so the cost of both mattress and box spring disposal had to be increased in order to keep the program financially feasible to maintain operation.”

Capparello wants residents to know the Bulky Waste Disposal Program has benefits for everyone.

“Having the Bulky Waste Disposal Program readily available helps residents dispose of items that are damaged, non-functional or difficult to donate at a reduced cost compared to commercial drop off or companies that will do pickups,” Capparello said. “Residents from other communities are also able to purchase an annual membership from the DRC and take advantage of the program. Hopefully, this program will result in a reduction of illegal dumping.”

Lastly, Capparello wants residents to know about a main gas line replacement project taking place on Main Street in July, August and September.

“Eversource is planning to install a new gas line underneath the sidewalk on Main Street from Tinkham Road to McIntosh Drive. Abutters to the project have received an informational letter and a door hanger from Eversource and their contractor, NPL Construction, to help address questions and resolve problems throughout the duration of the project,” Capparello said.

She added residents are welcome to contact the DPW if they have any questions or concerns.

To learn more about the Bulky Waste Disposal Program, visit the town website or contact the DPW office at DPW@Wilbraham-ma.gov or 413-596-2800 ext. 208.




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Board of Selectmen receives updates on regional dispatch

Also, newly appointed roles for committees and boards

By Kristin Rivers
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WILBRAHAM – The Board of Selectmen received updates on July 10 about adding Belchertown to the regional dispatch.

Regional Communications Director Anthony Gentile explained the dispatch, which includes Hampden, currently receives \$413,139 from the state.

“If we were to bring on Belchertown in fiscal year ‘25, that would pop up to \$660,471. It’s an additional \$247,332,” Gentile said.

With adding Belchertown, Gentile explained he was not sure what “the town would assess Belchertown at.”

“They have a higher-call volume than Hampden does, so I just started off at the \$250,000 range. That could be different between what the two boards decide for the assessment. So, all in all, that would be about \$1.2 million within the three years that we would be able to save and or get an assessment from Hampden and from Belchertown as well,” Gentile said.

Gentile shared the next steps. “Right now, I’m looking for the board’s approval to move forward to speak with Belchertown more, do a study together and have that letter of attestation signed by the Board of Selectmen in Belchertown and given to the state that both communities are interested in moving forward and exploring a study, which I believe will benefit all parties involved, especially the town of Wilbraham,” Gentile said.

No motion was presented as the discussion will continue.

Next, new appointments to committees and boards.

Bruce Williams was interviewed for Planning Board Associate, wanting to “be more involved in the front end of those changes” for zoning, saying he enjoys educating people and being involved with the



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Wilbraham Board of Selectmen Clerk Michael Squindo, Chairman Theresa Goodrich, Vice Chairman Sue Bunnell and Town Administrator Nick Breault listen as Regional Communications Director Anthony Gentile updates them on Belchertown’s interest in joining the regional dispatch during the July 10 meeting.

Planning Board.

“As an associate, I can fill in for a permit hearing where somebody lives – one of the board members – is close to it, so they have to recuse themselves, and I have had enough background in the earlier meetings to fill in and vote,” Williams said.

Williams was appointed 3-0 for a term beginning July 10, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

Next, an appointment to the Finance Committee after two interviews with Xiomara Alban DeLobato and Carmela Blair on June 26.

DeLobato was appointed 2-1 for a term beginning July 10, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Sue Bunnell said “it’s a delight to have had two such qualified candidates” and hopes Blair “would still be willing to serve” when there’s another open seat.

Michael Squindo appreciated the vote being postponed so he could re-watch the interviews, agreeing with Bunnell that both candidates were heavily qualified.

“I felt that Xiomara brings a vision and a mission-oriented conversation and I felt that Carmela focused well and appropriately on really making sure that we expense appropriately looking at what the budgets are for the need of the taxpayers, and I just felt that at this time, the

Finance Committee really could use that broader picture understanding,” Squindo said.

Chairman Theresa Goodrich also agreed.

“They’re both extremely qualified. They’re both obviously eager to serve the town and committed to the town, and I truly value that commitment,” Goodrich said.

Next, another police officer was appointed to the police department.

Kyle Venancio received his degree in Criminal Justice from Springfield Technical Community College and took part in the field training program in Northampton.

“I’ve always idolized the heroism and bravery of a police officer in serving the community and being a part of helping others and supporting others, welcoming, educating, and I see myself, hopefully, being an excellent officer in the town of Wilbraham and growing with the members of the community and my neighbors,” Venancio said.

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

Lastly, the Historical Commission and the Broadband Committee have open seats available.

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The bridge on Rock-A-Dundee Road overlooks the Scantic River.



The state will replace the makeshift fence on the sides of the Rock-A-Dundee Road bridge.



The bridge on Rock-A-Dundee Road will receive state funding for repairs.

Three Hampden bridges are in need of improvements

State funding is available for two of them

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HAMPDEN – Three bridges in Hampden are in need of repairs, but all are safe for driving.

“Really, the three bridge projects we have in town right now: Rock-A-Dundee, Ballard Brook on South Road and the East Main Street Aka Laughing Brook Bridge, two of which will not cost the town anything,” Selectboard Chair John Flynn said.

The state will cover the cost of the work on Rock-A-Dundee Road and East Main Street, but improvements to the Laughing Brook Bridge will require town funding.

The bridge on Rock-A-Dundee Road stands over the Scantic River and was the subject of conversation during the July 10 Selectboard meeting. Board Chair John Flynn spoke after the meeting.

“The state inspects every bridge in the commonwealth. We got a letter in 2020 saying that they looked over the bridge and there were some things they wanted to start engaging the town about a course of action,” Flynn said.

During meetings with the state, Flynn was assured that the bridge itself is in no danger of failing. State inspectors noticed scouring, where the action of the water

eroded a small amount of concrete.

“Not the main part. It’s two box culverts side by side, and the scouring is on the outflow part,” Flynn said.

The state has applied for a Transportation Improvement Program grant that will cover the cost of the repairs.

Highway Superintendent Mark Langone said the project could be put out to bid in 2025 and construction could begin in 2026, although there is a possibility construction could begin sooner. He discussed the process that helped identify the scouring in the Rock-A-Dundee bridge.

“(The state) comes out annually to inspect the structure above grade, but they also do underwater inspections annually so they get to see what’s going on under the water. It’s a great tool for us and great help for us to be able to have another set of professional eyes,” Langone said.

How exactly will the bridge be repaired? Flynn said there has yet to be a consensus decision. Some people propose tearing down the bridge and building a new one, but others feel the damage does not warrant replacing the bridge, which was built in 1987.

“Part of the conversation, (the state) kicked around three or four different scenarios, one of which included a sidewalk from one end of the bridge to the other. And somebody would have to shovel it too,” Flynn said. “They

did talk about potentially widening to include a bike lane. If they can do it, that’s a great thing. We see (bicyclists) using the road. Anything for safety is a good thing.”

The biggest concern for the town is traffic when repairs are to occur. Flynn is optimistic they can keep one lane of the bridge open at all times as repairs are completed so as not to disrupt residents.

Flynn described the bridge over Ballard Brook as “one of those, little hidden bridges.”

He said people don’t always realize when they come across little culverts in town, and the bridge sits at one of them. The bridge was approved for funding through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

No state funds have been committed to the Laughing Brook Bridge. Flynn noted he remembers scouring on the bridge dating all the way back to the flooding of 2005.

Barricades are present there to block the bridge’s number 1 and 10 beams, the outer most beams on each side. Langone said the bridge is still usable.

“A lot of the bridges in town, when they were built, they were built well. They were built outside of their scope too so they had some redundant measures put in place with extra beams so a lot of these



The fire department uses this device to pump water from the Scantic River at the bridge on Rock-A-Dundee Road.

bridges have beams well off the travel way,” he said. “In most cases those are the beams that start to show decline first; the outer most beams because they’re more exposed to the weather, snow and ice.”

100 Books for 100 Kids

WILBRAHAM - Local author Kelly Partridge will be signing her book “How Owls Become Wise” during an author signing and free book event at the GRATI Shop at 2440 Boston Road, Unit C.

The event is sponsored by Unify Against Bullying and will raise awareness and open up conversation around the issue of bullying.

A child must be present to receive a book.

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The Summer Program Car Wash

HAMPDEN – From July 31 – Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Thornton Burgess School, a car wash will occur to benefit the Hampden Police Department’s Public Safety Night Out in October. A donation of only \$5 is required. The school is located at 85 Wilbraham Road.

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Fun Field Day in Hampden July 22

HAMPDEN – On July 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Fun Field Day will occur at Life Stream Church, 216 Allen St. The event will be hosted by Christina’s House and feature exciting outdoor activities.

Come and join the fun for an exciting outdoor event to keep your children and family moving. Don’t forget your chairs.

Activities for all ages, including sand castle building, face painting, live worship, arts and crafts, field games, food trucks, vendors and more.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, email: Kareem@christinashouse.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 for information.

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://wilbrahamunit-edchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/>

Volunteer opportunities available!

Cornhole Tournament sign-ups

WILBRAHAM —Whether you enjoy playing CORNHOLE just for fun or you are a serious league player, the Bushels of Fun Fest event on Aug. 27 at Fern Valley Farms, 758 Main St, Wilbraham is where you need to be.

Here’s the opportunity to try your skills against other like-minded enthusiasts. There will be three single elimination tournaments, at 12, 2, & 4 p.m. Each winning team will walk away with a Trophy, gift cards, and bragging rights!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors programs and the new Senior Center. Sign-ups for 2 person teams are going on NOW, so email Kate at katebelsky13@gmail.com to register your team.

For more information, call Kate at 413-949-6466. Spots are limited! Cost \$20 per team payable at the event. So, here’s your chance to smoke out all your friends & family and attain the glory of “Bushels of Fun Fest” Cornhole Champions title while supporting the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors with their programs.

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Moretz is currently reading mangas, including “Jujutsu Kaisen” and “Spy x Family.”

“I do like the prizes they give out for reading, and it really helps people achieve goals of reading and helps people read more,” Moretz said.

Joel Johnston said this is the first library event he’s taken part in.

He’s currently reading Marvel comics and “Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales” this summer.

“I also heard about it, so, I thought ‘Oh this could be fun’ since I’ve done it before,” Johnston said.

Both Moretz and Johnston encouraged teens to visit the library and check out their events.

“You can really meet new people here too and it can help you socialize more. Also, when you do some of these events after, most of them you get tickets and stuff and then you can go into a raffle, so that’s fun to do,” Moretz said.

“Make new friends or hang out with the friends that you love the most,” Johnston added.

Olivia Kupis brought her children, Isabella and Daide, to the event, explaining the family had attended last year’s event too.

“They did a really good job bleaching. One did a tie-dye shirt and another did a tie-dye tank top, so they’ll get to wear those and have fun,” Kupis said.

Kupis and her family also enjoy coming to the library. “You get to hang out with kids a lot more,” Isabella Kupis said.

“They see some of their classmates at the library and they just really enjoy reading. They did the escape challenge this summer, so that was fun,” Kupis said.

Kupis wants the community to know there is a lot to check out at the library.

“You don’t realize all the fun activities until you come and try it out, so it’s really fun. Socializing is very important to the kids, so I think, you know, having these activities is really important,” Kupis said.

“You might end up finding something you like,” Isabella Kupis added.

Moretz and Johnston also encourage residents to visit the library and read during the summer.

“I really like the program and all, because like I said, it helps me reach a goal with my reading and the events are really something fun to do during the summer so that’s what I like about it,” Moretz said.

“I would say (I love) learning new stuff about every program that comes along,” Johnston said.



Isabella Kupis shows a tie-dye tank top she made with bleach tie-dye during the Bleach Tie-Dye event at Hampden Free Public Library.



Adrienne Moretz shows off her tie-dye bucket hat she made during the Bleach Tie-Dye event at Hampden Free Public Library.



(L to R) Maxine Girard, young adult librarian at Hampden Free Public Library, assists Joel Johnston and Adrienne Moretz in tying their black shirts to create bleach tie-dye shirts during the Bleach Tie-Dye event at Hampden Free Public Library.



Daide Kupis holds up the bleach tie-dye shirt he made during the Bleach Tie-Dye event at Hampden Free Public Library.

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Church Thrift Shop to close in July and August

INDIAN ORCHARD – St. Gregory Armenian Church Thrift Shop, 135 Goodwin St. in Indian Orchard has been happy to be a place where everyone has found various treasured items. We will be CLOSED July-August and REOPEN again Sept. 9 on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with quality items at affordable prices. For more information please call the church at 413-543-4763.

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VIEWPOINTS

Rainy weather equals slug paradise

I was so excited to be growing my cabbage, kale and cauliflower plants under bug netting this year in an attempt to keep them free from cabbage worms and loopers.

Formerly I had used a row cover with moderate success. It kept in the heat and seemed to encourage tall spindly growth on the broccoli.

So, I did some research and ended up with some netting that so far was working out great, until I saw the holes on my outer cabbage leaves. Slugs.

And of course, bug netting would not have an effect on slugs. Not at all.

Has the recent bout of rainy weather made your garden slug paradise? If so, here is a recap from a previous article so that you too can wage your own private war on the slug.

Your first strategy should be to alter your surroundings to make them less slug friendly. Slugs feed during the night and hide during the day, for that reason we should rid the garden of popular daytime hiding spots, or at least conduct a search and destroy mission on these spots regularly.

I use old boards as garden paths, separating plots of greens. First mistake; boards, bricks, and rocks make great cover for slugs from the midday sun.

From now on I'll turn these boards over once a day and play "salt a slug" or better yet, "squirt a slug." A couple shakes of the salt



shaker will dehydrate slugs, and a mixture of half-water, half-vinegar in a spray bottle will take care of business as well.

You can also bring a container of vinegar water or salt water to the garden and simply drop them in, using gloves, of course, less be stained by soap resistant goo.

Mass trapping also works. Probably the most famous trap around is made from stale beer.

To be effective it must be set up correctly, otherwise slugs will be lured but not trapped. Bury a container level with the soil surface and fill it with beer to one inch from the top.

Ideally, slugs stretch out their bodies to reach the liquid, fall in and drown. Dump the container often, especially after it rains, since water will dilute the beer as well as raise the level of the liquid.

Commercial slug "motels" come with a

yeasty powder you mix with water - these work on the same principle as our homemade version.

Some folks also have good luck trapping slugs in watermelon or cantaloupe rinds placed about the garden. Dispose of the slug filled fruit into the trash each morning without an ounce of slime on your fingers!

Barrier methods are also used to keep slugs off of your plants.

The most common is diatomaceous earth, a sharp substance formed from the skeletons of microscopic organisms called diatoms. Slugs avoid it, less they be cut to shreds.

My mom had reasonable success using lime, and I have heard the same regarding wood ashes. The most common recommendation is a two inch strip around the plants you want to be spared.

Slugs also reportedly hate crossing over copper. Line the perimeter of your garden with copper strips, or just target specific plants that slugs seem to go for.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Great crested flycatcher

A Brimfield resident reported a great crested flycatcher using a nest box in his yard, a first for him for this species.

He said he saw them several times in his yard this year and recently saw a bird enter the box. He set up a wildlife camera and got a photo of the flycatcher at the nest box.

The great crested flycatcher is about eight inches long and has a crest as its name implies. The belly is bright yellow and the tail is reddish brown. The bird is gray overall with a darker gray throat and two white wing bars.

It raises its crest in alarm or curiosity. During aggressive displays it shows the reddish-brown feathers on its wings and tail by spreading them open. Its warning call is a loud, ascending "wheep" and a "preeet."

The female lays five to six whitish eggs with darker marks in a new lined with grass, fur, bits of paper and occasionally bits of snakeskin. It will nest in a natural cavity, old woodpecker hole or nest box. They

breed in the east and middle states in the north and south and some parts of Canada.

The great crested flycatcher inhabits woods and wooded urban areas. It flies from a perch to catch insects and often feeds high in the tree tops. Occasionally, it eats berries.

Flycatcher at Lake Winnisquam
Sunday, June 25 I spent the day at my camp on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, New Hampshire with one of my daughters and granddaughters. While standing on the dock, I noticed a great crested flycatcher flying out from tree branches along the shore. Its yellow belly was the identifying mark.

Other birds at the lake
I also saw double-crested cormorants. One swam by the dock and another landed on a rock in the lake.

I did hear the loon, but I did not see them. The call came from a cove across the lake where the Loon Preservation Committee maintains a loon sanctuary with a floating nest.

There were several boats anchored in the cove. I think one boater got too near the roped off area as the loon started making its tremolo call, an alarm call. Loon chicks usually hatch sometime around the Fourth of July week or second week in July.

The water was quite warm and great for

swimming. I hoped to make the trip to the lake again on the Fourth of July, but the weather did not cooperate.

Fledglings in Brimfield
I received an email from a Brimfield resident the end of June. He reported several fledglings in his yard. He saw at least three cardinals with dark bills being fed by their parents.

Other youngsters included three fledging downy woodpeckers following their mother and begging for food, a young chipping sparrow, eastern towhee and a red-bellied woodpecker. He said the eastern towhee resembled the female, but it had a streaked breast. He saw the red-bellied at the feeder.

He also said, "House wren have nested in the yard for several years, unfortunately they stuff several nesting boxes with sticks that don't get used. On at least two occasions have evicted black-capped chickadees, who had stared to use a box.

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



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OBITUARIES

Death Notices

Gerald Franklin Kane

March 7, 1937
July 3, 2023

Warren J. Rothschild

Nov. 23, 1945
July 10, 2023



Gerald Franklin Kane



MONSON/WILBRAHAM – Gerald Franklin Kane, 86, passed away on July 3 at his home where he resided with his beloved wife Irene Anna (Mercier) Kane of 66 years in Monson. Gerald (Jerry) was born in Washington, D.C. On March 7, 1937 to the late Maurice Kane and Lena Berman Kane. He graduated from Central High School in Manchester, NH. Jerry was the President and CEO of several trucking and logistics companies. He resided in New England until he and Irene and his five children moved to West Orange, NJ where they lived for many years. After moving to Wilbraham, and living there for many years, New England winters inspired them to live full time in the

Villages, FL. Wanting to be closer to family, they eventually moved back to the area to Monson.

Jerry is a past Master of the Wilbraham Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Hampden-Wilbraham Rotary, Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, American Legion and the Lions Club. His work was central to his identity, and he was still working every day. Jerry enjoyed participating in backgammon and poker tournaments and even rose in stature to the World Series of Poker - twice in the US and once in Australia. Jerry was a very strong patriarch of his adored and adoring family, and he was always there as well for his many friends. Over his lifetime, he amassed an amaz-

ing storehouse of jokes, which were always right at his fingertips. In the words of his grandchildren and everyone he knew, there is no question that Jerry always lived his life to the fullest and on his own terms.

Jerry leaves Irene; sons Larry Goodijohn and his wife Laura of Florida, Garry Kane and his wife Lisa of New Jersey, Alan Kane and his wife Veronica and Jeffrey Kane and his fiancée Maria Siciliano all of Massachusetts; daughters Donna Emmerson and her husband Dave of Delaware, Brenda Nicolazzo and her husband Nick of Massachusetts; his sister Ellen Dow and her husband David of

Massachusetts; nephew Steven Kane of Florida, 17 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Gerald was predeceased by his brothers Barry Kane and Michael Kane formerly of NH.

Calling hours were held on Friday, July 14 at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson. A memorial service and celebration of his life was held on Saturday, July 15 at Lombard Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the American Heart Association.

For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

Warren J. Rothschild



WILBRAHAM – Warren J. Rothschild, Jr. passed away on Monday, July 10, surrounded by his family. Formerly of Wilbraham, he and his wife Deborah moved to Dennis Port, MA in 2018, fulfilling their lifelong dream of retiring on Cape Cod.

Warren was born on Nov. 23, 1945 in New York, NY to Warren J. Rothschild Sr. and Helen (Wiesner) Rothschild. He and his family moved to Springfield in 1957. Warren attended Springfield Technical High School and Springfield Technical Community College, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He graduated from The University of Massachusetts in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Fire Science.

Warren loved this country and joined the Army in 1965, serving as a field meteorologist in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam. He qualified as Expert Rifleman. He was later assigned to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Upon discharge from the Army, he and Deborah moved back to Western MA, settling in the beautiful town of Wilbraham where they raised their family. He joined the Wilbraham Fire Department in 1967. In addition to his firefighting and EMT duties, he implement-

ed many classes for the town including home safety, wood stove safety and babysitting safety. He served as the Fire Safety Officer and Arson Investigator. He was instrumental in organizing the union, and was one of the original signers of the union charter. He retired in 1999 after 31 years of service.

Due to his strong belief in our military, Warren joined the Air Force Reserves, where he served for 19 years. He was instrumental in devising, implementing and teaching new programs at various Air Force bases across the country. He served as a Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Instructor and retired with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant as an Assistant Fire Chief.

Throughout his nearly 23-year military career, Warren was awarded two Air Force Commen-

dations, five Outstanding Unit Medals, two National Defense Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Length of Service Medal.

Warren was predeceased by his parents, his sister Janet and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judith (Backus) Cummings and James Cummings.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 56 years Deborah, his four daughters and sons-in-law; Jennifer and Kevin Rothschild-Shea, Meredith Rothschild-Ely and Joseph Ely Jr., Heather and Jon Levesque and

Meghan and Andrew Rothschild-Mankus and his nine grandchildren; Brynna Rothschild-Shea and fiancé William Walker, Liam, Maeve, 2nd Lieutenant Gracyn Rothschild-Shea, Keelin, Delaney and Linnea Rothschild-Ely, and Veronica and Jack Levesque.

Calling hours were held on July 14 at the Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Road, Wilbraham. Warren's funeral was held on July 15 from Wilbraham Fu-

neral Home to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Military Honors were held in the church rotunda immediately following the Mass. Burial took place on Monday in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, 895 Parker St., Springfield.

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A COMMUNITY GALLERY



A photo from the Wilbraham Public Library's Henna workshop that took place on July 12. Mandy from "Wicked Good Henna" had two events on that day, one for kids and one for teens, that allowed people who registered to get a free henna tattoo from the many designs she had available to choose from. This free program was funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and in part, by the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. (Photo submitted by Heidi Kane)

Dad, Cori Lomas and son, Cal, enjoy a break from the heat and a story in the Children's Department at the Wilbraham Public Library. (Photo submitted by Heidi Kane)



Life in & HAM

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Rotary Club's newest member inducted...

The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club's newest member, Susan Grimaldi, was inducted at the club's June 28 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham. (From left) Past District Governor Larry Ottoson, Susan Grimaldi and current Vice President Peter Salerno. (Charles F. Bennett photo)




New officers and directors...

The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club's officers and directors were greeted at a meeting. (From left) Ann Marie Ottoson, Alan Kane, Vice President Chris O'Connor, Peter Salerno.




(R to L) Members of the Rotary Club, featuring Charlie Bennett, Peter Salerno, Chris O'Connor, Ann Marie Ottoson, Larry Ottoson and Alan Kane. (Photo submitted by Don Flannery)

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at the club's June 28 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham.
r Salerno and incoming president Don Flannery. (Charles F. Bennett photo)

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Wildwood Crest, NJ has a shortage of lifeguards so, they resorted to using Seagulls as lifeguards. (Photo and caption submitted by Peter Manolakis, Wilbraham)



Peter Manolakis of Wilbraham captured these two does on camera.



Robert Koziol captured this image of a bobcat on Rice Drive in Wilbraham. (Photo submitted by Stevens Koziol)

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DPW organizing Household Hazardous Waste Day event

By Kristin Rivers
Staff Writer
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WILBRAHAM – The Department of Public Works is organizing a Household Hazardous Waste Day event to help residents properly dispose of hazardous waste materials.

The event takes place on Aug. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Minnechaug Regional High School.

Registration for the event is on a first-come, first-serve basis and runs through July 29 by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/WilbHaz23> or contacting the DPW office at 413-596-2800 ext. 208 or DPW@Wilbraham-MA.gov.

DPW Director Tonya Capparello explained the event is open to all residential households, with Disposal & Recycling Center customers from outside Wilbraham also eligible to participate.

However, it is not open to businesses.

Additionally, proof of residency will be required to enter the collection area to dispose of the waste materials.

Capparello explained how the application process works for those applying online at the link on the town website, encouraging residents to register early to get their slot as they are appointment only.

“Select a time slot, then click ‘Save & Continue.’ A prompt for Name, Address, Types of Waste, etc. will need to be completed. After all the required fields are filled, click ‘Sign Up Now’ and a confirmation email will be sent immediately following registration,” Capparello

said.

Capparello said the DPW organized the event with support from town employees, town boards including the Board of Selectmen, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District and volunteers.

The event, also, is free.

“Western Recycling and USA Waste and Recycling are sponsoring most of the cost of it for the event as part of the Host Community Agreement negotiated between the Town and the Transfer Station located at 120 Old Boston Road,” Capparello said.

Capparello said there are some materials the event will not accept, adding the event flyer includes more details.

“Biological, commercial, industrial waste, explosives, latex paint,” Capparello said.

Acceptable items include motor oil, aerosol cans, mercury-bearing waste, fertilizer, floor cleaner, kerosene, ammonia solution, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, furniture polish, floor cleaner and many more.

Capparello expressed gratitude to the town for their support of the event, saying Wilbraham is “made up of very contentious hard-working people who take great pride in their town, their property and how to properly dispose of their household hazardous waste.”

“Over the last few years, residents have requested that we host another Household Hazardous Waste Day, and now we are making it happen. It is very rewarding to organize this type of event for such an appreciative community and a well-rounded group of supporters,” Capparello said.

Capparello said hosting the event “will have a positive effect on the community and environment by preventing the improper disposal of hazardous material,” explaining the concerns that can arise.

“Many people may not know that these hazardous chemicals can explode, leak or cross contaminate if disposed of in the normal waste stream,” Capparello said. “Getting outdated or unused chemicals out of homes makes for a safer community.”

She explained the other dangers household hazardous waste materials can create.

“Hazardous chemicals can cause a serious threat to residents if a container becomes damaged or is stored improperly. In the event of an emergency, such as a fire, a stockpile of unneeded chemicals can make a bad situation worse by accelerating flames and creating hazardous fumes in the air,” Capparello said.

Capparello wants residents to know the event will help provide a convenient and safe place to dispose of the household hazardous materials.

“This event, coming at no cost to the residents, provides for a convenient and safe way to dispose of household hazardous material that can be difficult to dispose of otherwise,” Capparello said.

To learn more, visit https://wilbrahamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5653/2023_HouseholdHazardousWaste_Flyer?bidId=.



Turley photo by Seth Chaffee
State Auditor Diana DiZoglio poses for a group photo during her meet and greet at Cima Restaurant & Chop House.

State Auditor holds meet and greet

By Seth Chaffee
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – On July 12, a meet and greet for State Auditor Diana DiZoglio was held from 4-6 p.m. at Cima Restaurant & Chop House on Boston Road.

Diana DiZoglio works for the state’s accountability office.

“I am the state’s watchdog for tax dollars,” DiZoglio, a former state senator, said. “We conduct audits to conduct transparency, accountability and equity, and to help prevent fraud and abuse across our stated government.”

This event was a great opportunity for DiZoglio to discuss challenges facing local communities. This would include hearing the opinions from residents on the challenges that they would like to make. She even

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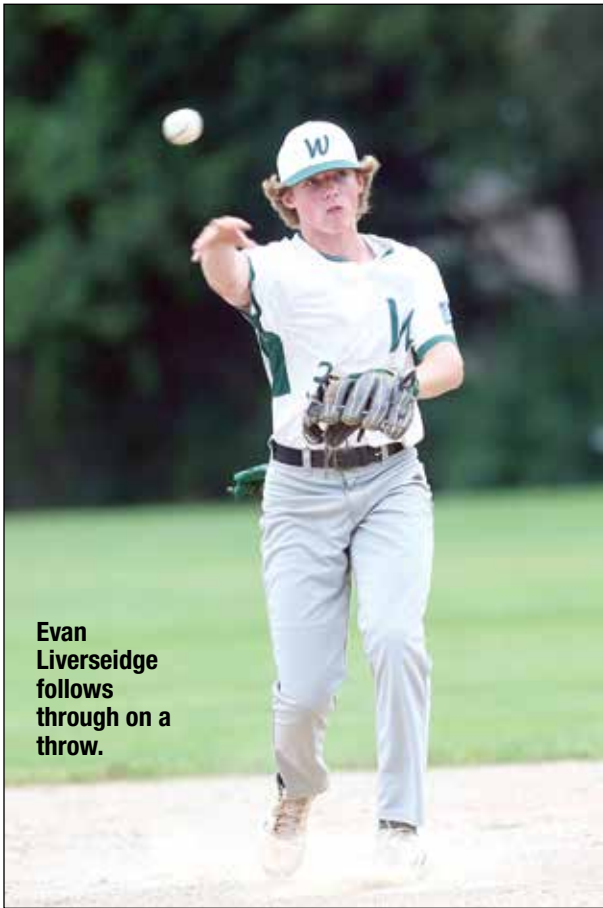
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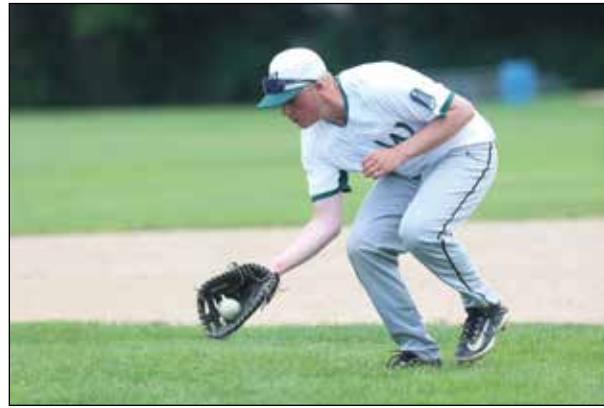
Wilbraham #1 defeats Ludlow



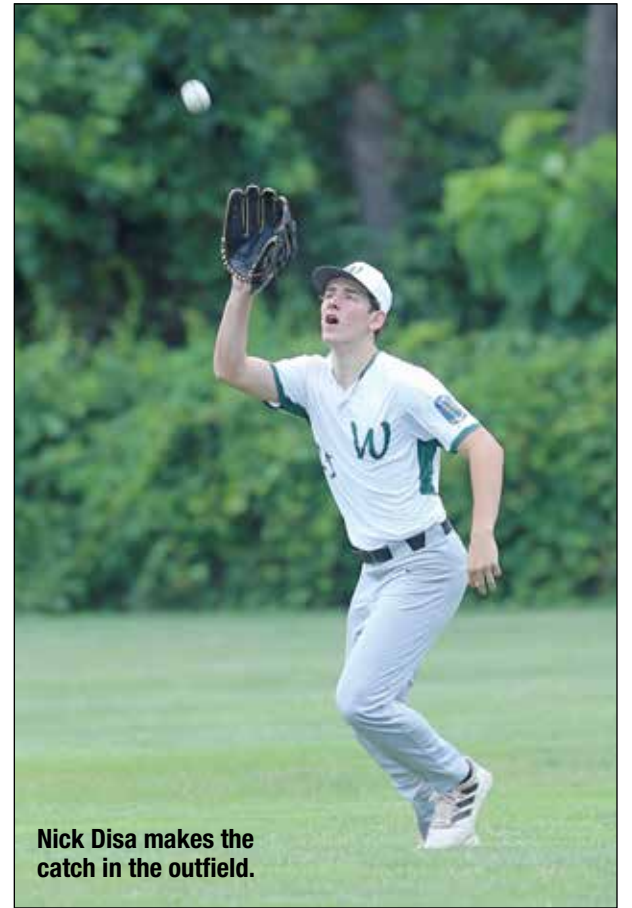
Evan Liverseidge follows through on a throw.



Ethan Purcell sends a pitch to the plate.



Tim Harrigan gets the in-between hop at first.



Nick Disa makes the catch in the outfield.

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WILBRAHAM – During the past week, Wilbraham Post 286 #1 defeated Ludlow 10-0 as well as Pittsfield 14-6, and suffered a close, Post 286 has an impressive 11-1 record, good for second place in the Senior Division.

Blue Sox doubled up by Westerners



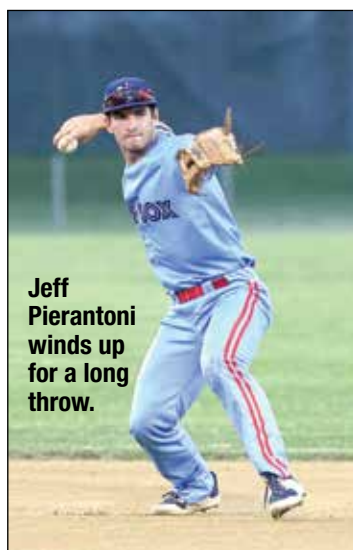
Matthew Garcia fields a grounder.

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners by a score of 10-5 last Saturday. The team fell to 16-15-1 on the season.

Sean Scanlon started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching five shutout innings with four strikeouts.

Valley led the game for the first five innings. Eliot Dix lead-off the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI ground-out by Efrain Correa Jr. in the top of the second. Michael Zarrillo added a solo home run in the top

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Jeff Pierantoni winds up for a long throw.



Hope Santaniello maneuvers through the middle of the field.

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Mutiny makes playoffs following tie with Rush

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny managed to qualify for the United Women’s Soccer (UWS) playoffs for the second consecutive year.

The Mutiny officially clinched a berth in this year’s East Conference playoffs following a 2-2 draw against the Connecticut Rush at Lusitano

Stadium in Ludlow on July 8.

However, it wasn’t the result that the Mutiny players or coaches were really looking for in the regular season home finale.

“You don’t always get the result that you’re looking for in the game of soccer,” said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. “We tried a slightly different formation with the personal that we had for tonight’s match.”

First-year Mutiny head coach Maurico ‘Toto’ Coimbra was unavailable for comment following the home match.

The Mutiny, who finished the regular season with a 4-2-2 overall record, entered the playoffs as the sixth seed. They were scheduled to make to Lancaster for a quarterfinal match on Wednesday July 12.

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Bonsignore wins photo finish

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Bonsignore scored his second win of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday evening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – and did it in a photo finish coming to the line. The driver of the No. 51 for Ken Massa Motorsports machine was out front when rain hit the track with just under 35 laps to go and the field pulled down pit road.

It looked as though it might be over - but the rain stopped - NASCAR and track officials dried the track - and the Mohegan Sun 100 went back under the green flag. Bonsignore pitted during the caution and had to restart outside the top-10. He charged through the field and was in position to race for the lead in the final few laps in the Phoenix Communications ride.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby to take the lead when the field crossed at the white flag. Off turn two on the final lap, Coby went to



Justin Bonsignore was a winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last weekend.

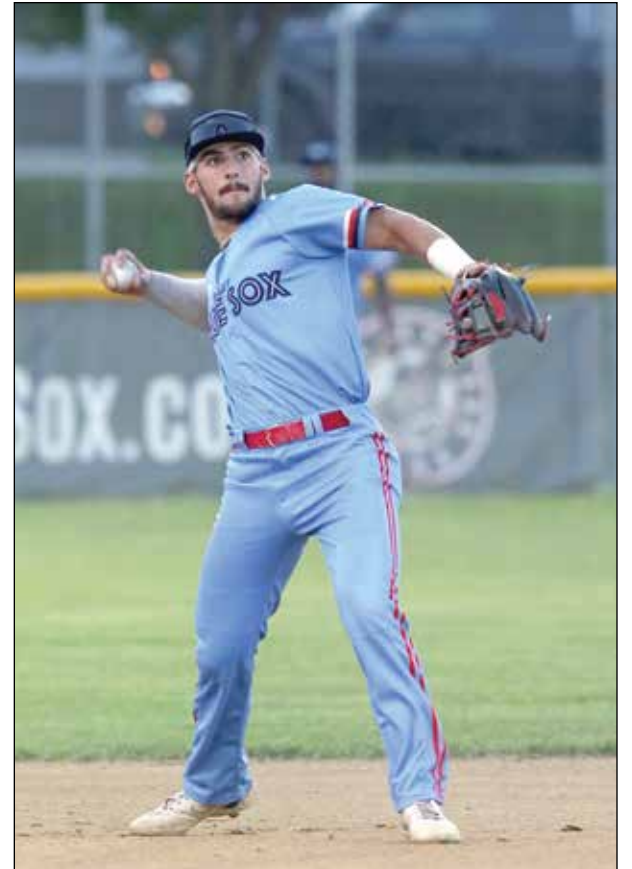
the outside of Bonsignore for the lead with Ron Silk looking three-wide to the bottom. Bonsignore led through the middle of turn three before Coby crossed to the bottom and got inside coming off turn four to the finish line.

Bonsignore and Coby drag-

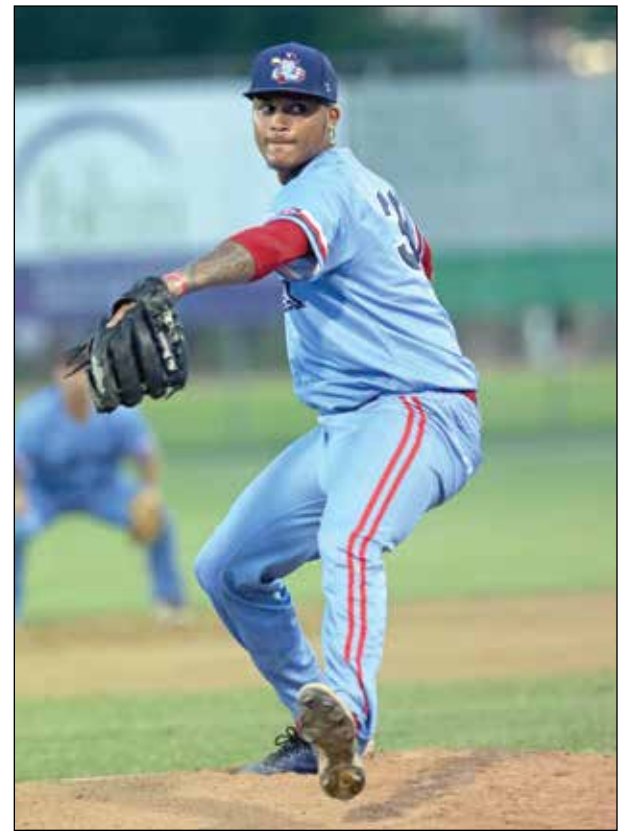
raced to the line and made a little bit of contact, with Bonsignore coming out on top by a small margin. It was the 37th career win for the Holtsville, New York, native and his second points-paying win at New Hampshire.

“It was just crazy,” Bonsignore said. “The way we were able to drag-race back to the line and beat Doug, it was amazing. This is our Super Bowl, our Daytona 500. There’s nothing like racing a Modified here. I’m glad we got the race back going and the fans stuck it out. Coby, Silk and I have a good rivalry but there’s a ton of respect involved. I knew where I wanted to be on the last lap.”

Bonsignore will be back on the track at Claremont Motorsports Park for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event on Saturday, July 29. For more information on the three-time series champion, visit JustinBonsignore.com.



Michael Zarrillo gets the out at first.



Jonathan Bautista pitches for the Blue Sox.

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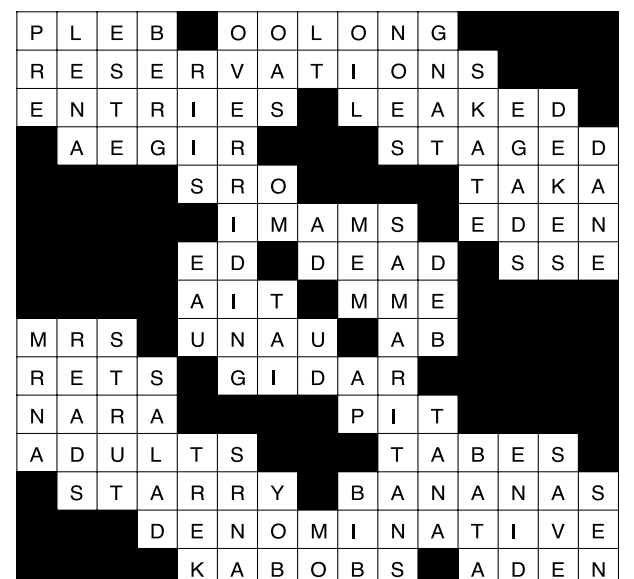
of the sixth inning to make it 3-0. Zarrillo batted 2-for-3 on the night with a walk.

The trouble began in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Blue Sox gave up seven runs off of back-to-back home runs followed by a fielding error and a sacrifice fly to allow the Westerners to take the lead 7-3.

AJ Guerrero hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to cut the Danbury lead to three runs. The left fielder went 3-for-5 on the night.

Danbury added three more runs off in the bottom of the seventh following a two run home run and an RBI double, allowing the Westerners to increase their lead 10-4.

Valley would take one more run back following a solo home run from CJ Willis, making the final score 10-5.



Laci Lewis gets ready to clear the ball.



Laura Gauvin gets past an opponent.



Meghan Cunningham looks to make a decision with the ball.



Catherine Bean tries to corral the ball.

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“We come into every season expecting to make the playoffs. That’s our number one goal,” said Meghan Cunningham, who has been playing for the Mutiny for more than ten years. “It’s disappointing that we’re not a higher seed this year.”

The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at a site to be announced this weekend.

Following a 3-0 road win against the Scorpions SC on June 12, the Mutiny had a 3-0-1 record.

Their leading goal scorer at that point of the regular season was Catherine Berry, who headed back to University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.

Had Berry been able to play in every regular season match, the Mutiny, who posted a 1-2-1 mark during the second half of the regular season, would’ve probably been hosting a playoff match for the second consecutive year.

A year ago, the Mutiny lost to FC Buffalo, 2-1, in the East Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium.

“Having to play a midweek playoff game on the road is always a very difficult thing to do,” Cunningham said. “Hopefully, we can get a good group of players for our

playoff game. It has been a lot of fun being a member of this soccer team and I’m hoping to come back again next year.”

The start of last Saturday’s match was delayed for an hour due to lightning.

Once the weather did clear up, the Mutiny took a 1-0 lead during the second minute of the opening half.

Jenna Kalwa, who’s the head coach of the University of Saint Joseph women’s soccer team, began the scoring play by sending a pass to Catherine Bean in the middle of the box. Bean finished off the play by blasting a shot into the upper left corner past Rush goalie Alessandra Augur.

Bean, who’s from Westfield, will be a junior on the Bryant University women’s soccer team in the fall.

She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage by converting a rebound goal during the 23rd minute.

The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello

(Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper.

The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery Winkler’s first goal of the contest.

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide.

The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2.

Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.

Bankers in great shape heading for playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—PeoplesBank has been one of the best baseball teams in the Tri-County League during the past few decades.

PeoplesBank has won the last nine TCL championship titles and a total of 18 since 1995. They entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 15-1 record.

"We were the second seed in last year's playoffs, which I believe was only the second time that we weren't the top seeded team during the past nine years," said Joe Ferry, who has been the PeoplesBank player/manager since 2019. "We finished the regular season with the same record as Easthampton Savings Bank, but they won the tiebreaker against us."

PeoplesBank wound up defeating Easthampton Savings Bank in last year's finals.

Because Easthampton Savings Bank is no longer a member of the TCL, the Chicopee Falls Tigers will probably be PeoplesBank biggest challenge in this year's playoffs.

"We're looking forward to playing any team in the playoffs," Ferry said. "All of the teams are gunning for us. We do have a big target on our backs, but we know how to deal with the pressure."

St. Joe's celebrated a 3-1 home win over PeoplesBank on June 6.

"We haven't lost a game since St. Joe's beat us in the second game of the season," Ferry said. "We won the next three games against them by the final scores of 14-1, 14-0, and 14-4."

The only other PeoplesBank managers during the past 30 years have been Jim Long, who passed away on July 12, 2017, and Fred Perry.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jim Long," Ferry said. "He meant a lot to this baseball team and we're trying our best to carry on the winning tradition here. We just want to have fun and win another championship title."

Most of the PeoplesBank players have been playing together for many years.

"We do have a very good team chemistry," Ferry added. "We also have a lot of other guys who can fill in. We're always looking to add new players every year."

PeoplesBank will enter this year's TCL playoffs as the top seed. They clinched first place following a 10-0 home victory against 413 ATC on July 11. Jimmy Flahive hurled a sixth inning no-hitter in that contest.

The other members of the PeoplesBank pitching staff are Johnny Gegetskas, Matt Gardner, Zach Handzal, and Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke.

"We do have a solid pitching staff," Ferry said. "We play a couple of games each week and the starting pitchers know which day they're going to pitch."

Ferry was the j.v. baseball coach at Palmer High School when Handzal was a member of the team.

"I just love playing on the same baseball team with Zach. He's a bulldog on the mound," Ferry said. "He always gives 110% effort in every game."

Several other players listed on the PeoplesBank roster are Dave Clark, Pete Hogan, Kyle Platner, Seth Allen, Sam Allen, Rey Rivera, and Aiden Consendine.

The Tri-County League playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 24. Each of the playoff series will be a best of three series.

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probably not far from the former Memorial School.

The stones of the fireplaces were about the size of a person's head and laid in a circular wall leaving space in the center of about 20 inches in diameter. Two of the three fireplaces had been disturbed by farmers plows, said Peck. But one of them was undisturbed.

Peck said the fireplaces were, "well-filled with the ashes of many fires, and the soil within the others were blackened by the same cause," wrote Peck.

Getting back to 1740, approximately when Chauncey Peck's great aunt encountered three Indians in the colonial Wilbraham winter, here is what else was going on in the world: Anne, the daughter of Peter the Great of Russia died and was succeeded by Czar Ivan VI; English antiquarian, physician William Stukely discovered Stonehenge in England; The Berlin Academy of Science was founded by Frederick the Great.

Levis Acceptable

The year 1969 was the first time that Levis (or "blue jeans", "dungarees" or "denims") were acceptable for the student dress code at Minnechaug Regional High School. Principal Lincoln A. Dexter proclaimed new guidelines for student dress at the high school, which was eight years after it graduated its first class. The strait-laced elder, Dexter, must have felt that something must be done about what rebellious youth in town were wearing to high school.

One must remember the late 1960s when the Vietnam War protests raged and "hippies" ranged over the land and had influence on the younger set in Wilbraham and Hampden.

In a May, 1969 article in the Springfield Morning Union, Dexter emphasized that apparel should be, "neat clean and appropriate." He also mentioned that the appearance of hair, footwear, accessories and makeup should also be neat and appropriate.

Here is some of what he said in the newspaper: "Since changing fashions result in a change of acceptable standards, blue Levis, will be acceptable as are brown, green and white ones. The preference for sandals has resulted in a better quality, which are also allowable."

"However, as a health measure, boys will be required to wear socks if they wear shoes."

He further explained that it was only a rumor that Bermuda shorts for both sexes and slacks for girls would be OK. That was incorrect, he said. He noted, how-

60 Years Ago Cuban Refugee Family Arrives

Here is a news clipping reported by my mom, Ethel M. Bennett, who was the Wilbraham correspondent for the Springfield daily newspaper The Morning Union from the 1940s through 1970s. From the July 25, 1963 edition: "The second refugee family from Cuba to be sponsored by the World Fellowship Committee of Wilbraham United Church spent their first day in their new home Wednesday after arriving in Wilbraham Tuesday night where they were dinner guests of the committeeman chairman James L. Wallace of Colonial Road.

Lincoln Dexter met the Cuban family at Logan International Airport and transported the family to the Wallace home."



Times file photos

Lt. John Hitchcock 3rd fought at Ft. Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War.



History author Chauncey Peck in his history book remembered a colonial era story from his great aunt about Native Americans.

ever, that girls may wear culottes or pant-dresses.

Dexter, who had a face like Abraham Lincoln, may be remembered by some current baby-boomers in this town as a straight-laced conservative who carved his rules in stone. And he was known to use his knowledge of language to motivate the citizenry. Of the new dress code, "It is hoped that the good judgement of the majority will so persuade the others that further specifics will be unnecessary," he said.

In 1969 Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of the murder of Sen. Robert Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated the 37th President. Hundreds of thousands of people in several U.S. cities demonstrated their protests against the war in Vietnam. More than 100 combat deaths were reported in one week in Vietnam. Trouser outfits became acceptable for everyday wear for women. Charles Manson, leader of a hippie commune, was indicted for the murder of actress Sharon Tate (wife of director Roman Polanski) and for others found at her L.A. home.

Military Service

In this column, we are highlighting Wilbraham soldier Lt. John Hitchcock 3rd who was born in Springfield in 1722. He had a varied military career. According to researcher Bruce Tingle he served on the Western Frontier of Massachusetts in September of 1754 at the start of the French and Indian War, contested by the British and French and their Indian allies. He signed the Non-consump-

tion Pledge in 1774 along with many other Wilbraham soldiers. (The Non-consumption pledge was part of a group of agreements supporting American colonists in the 1774 Declarations and Resolves of the First Continental Congress.) Hitchcock was a Wilbraham Minuteman who marched on the Lexington Alarm, April 20, 1775 (when British soldiers infamously fired on American colonial militiamen at Concord and Lexington.) He served there 10 days. Later, he fought in the Revolutionary War at Ft. Ticonderoga, enlisting Christmas Day 1776; he mustered out April 2, 1777. In 1778, back living in Wilbraham, he was appointed to look after families of men gone off to war. There are notes showing that he also served at the Battle of Bennington, but town records don't confirm that. He died at the age of 85 in Wilbraham Oct. 11, 1807.

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Hall presenters named

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of Hall of Famers scheduled to present the Class of 2023 at the Enshrinement Ceremony to be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." 45 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony, including all presenters.

Members of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2023 were asked to select previous inductees to accompany and present them to their peers. The choice is solely the decision of the incoming Hall of Famers or their family members if recognized posthumously.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters:

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David Hixon, presented by Jim Calhoun ('05), John Calipari

('15)

Dirk Nowitzki, presented by Jason Kidd ('18), Steve Nash ('18)

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Jim Valvano, presented by John Calipari ('15)

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Tony Parker, presented by Manu Ginobili ('22), Tim Duncan ('20)

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addressed what she and her colleagues have accomplished and would gain feedback from her followers.

During the event, DiZoglio discussed pilot reform.

"(This) has a significant impact on Western Massachusetts, what they need for transportation, funding, formula and reform as well," she said.

She addressed the impact that lack of equity has on schools as well as the current audit of the state legislature. And while DiZoglio was recognized, the event wasn't possible with Joe Lupa who contributed to hosting the function.

Lupa met DiZoglio when she

was still working as senator and helped fight for transparency in the legislature. Volunteering for Diana's campaign allowed him to build connections with people who had the same concerns about the state government.

"After the elections are over and promises are made, it will be business as usual," Lupa said.

DiZoglio's passion was always evident to Lupa, in a way that wasn't familiar with other elected officials. As someone who fights for equal treatment, "she knew the struggle of working in an unfair system."

DiZoglio's fight and dedication has made her a champion to make the commonwealth equitable for everyone in the community.

After being elected, DiZoglio has followed through with her promise to "exercise the extent of the auditor's preview" and "to continue engagement with western mass."

Lupa hopes that citizens can learn from DiZoglio's work by staying involved outside election years and to achieve excellence by staying dedicated. Overall, Lupa works to spread awareness and build support for DiZoglio's campaign.

"She has continued to fight a fight on our behalf to make good on her promises," Lupa said. "So it is only right that I continue with my friends and colleagues here in the region to share her dedication."

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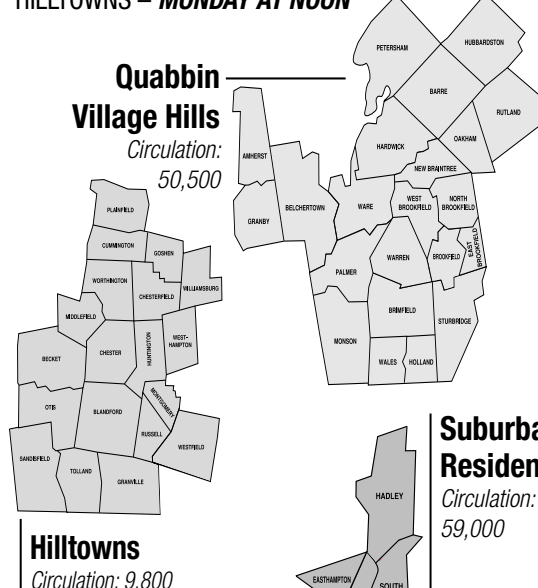
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MiraVista now no-cost distribution site for Narcan

HOLYOKE – As part of a recently-launched statewide program to reach those most at risk, MiraVista Behavioral Health Center is able to make available for free and without a prescription the life-saving medication naloxone that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose in minutes.

The medication, which is best known as an easy-to-administer nasal spray under the brand name Narcan, is available at the reception desk in the hospital's main lobby. It is recommended for anyone who is at increased risk for an opioid overdose or knows someone at risk, and has been available without a prescription from retail pharmacies in the state but with costs paid out of pocket if not covered by insurance.

"Our front office staff have been trained to both use Narcan and educate those who request it on how to administer it," said Kimberley Lee, chief of Creative Strategy and Development at MiraVista that offers a range of substance use recovery services. "It is our hope that this free distribution without any barriers will encourage individuals to come in and obtain a box of Narcan with two nasal sprays to have for themselves or to administer to someone they know who is at risk for an opioid overdose. Having it available to quickly use in the event of an opioid overdose can be a matter of life and death."

MiraVista also has magnets in English and Spanish available to anyone that concisely review how to administer Narcan, symptoms to look for, when a second dose might be needed and other rescue steps.

Naloxone has been credited with saving thousands of lives and helping to plateau the rise in drug overdose deaths that last year in the U.S. claimed some 110,000 lives. Education around it seeks to promote understanding of addiction as not a moral failing as sometimes is perceived, but a disease that can be fatal without intervention and treatment.

MiraVista met state regulations to become an affiliate of the Community Naloxone Purchasing Program, recently created by the state with money it received from a national settlement involving lawsuits against wholesalers and manufacturers of opioids.

CNPP allows affiliates to bulk purchase Narcan at partial or full subsidy – similar to access that already exists for entities that distribute it to first responders – from the State Office of Pharmacy and to dispense it to individuals for free for their personal use. Affiliates are required to provide training in how to administer the nasal spray and education around harm reduction.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least one report has shown that 80% of overdose deaths have occurred in the home and that 40% of overdose deaths occurred with someone else present.

Research suggests wider distribution of the medication is needed in many states and estimates that greater distribution of the nasal spray through community-based programs that reach both those at risk and potential bystanders to an opioid overdose, the more likely it will be used and the largest number of lives saved.

A spray into one nostril quickly reverses an opioid overdose by blocking receptors that opioids bind to in the brain. A second dose can be given in the other nostril if a person does not wake up from overdosing within 2 or 3 minutes of the first dose.

MiraVista has a continuum of outpatient substance use recovery services that includes Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder for which there is same-day admission and in which free Narcan is distributed as well and an intensive outpatient program for those with a substance use diagnosis and that includes a structured curriculum and supportive therapies.

Expansion of Massachusetts law in 2018 to help lower the epidemic rise in overdose deaths from prescription pain relievers, heroin and fentanyl requires pharmacies licensed by the state to keep an adequate supply of naloxone available and allows them through a standing prescription order from the state to dispense it to anyone at increased risk for opioid overdose or a potential bystander with or without a prescription. Most insurers covered the cost.

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved the sale of Narcan without a prescription to help increase access to naloxone across the country but such over-the-counter availability has raised concerns over who will be able to afford the drug as a two-dose package is said to cost \$150.

For information on obtaining no-cost Narcan at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center, call the hospital's main number, (413) 701-2600.

Osmani earns a spot on the Dean's List at CCU

CONWAY, SC – More than 2,400 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester, including Lela Osmani, from Wilbraham. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (3.25 for freshmen) for the semester.

Wadzinski named to College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List

WORCESTER – Luke Wadzinski of Wilbraham was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2023 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2026, Wadzinski was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Local students graduate from WNEU

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University held its graduate commencement ceremony on May 21 in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center, celebrating the Class of 2023. The following local students graduated.

Bonnie R. Mannix of Wilbraham graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor.

John J. Williams IV of Wilbraham graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor.

John K. Cushman of Hampden graduated from Western New England University with a MSE in Mechanical Engineering/Acoustic Processing.

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Wilbraham to serve God, she made it is her responsibility to serve the people of the church who have called on her to be their pastor.

She said the church is not a community of judgment but a community of welcoming and encourages people of all walks of life to attend worship or find a faith-based community that best suits them.

"I don't know how people navigate day-to-day without faith. Without spiritual guidance, I don't know how people can just face the struggles of daily life, and we all have struggles at one point or another," she said. "Having faith, having prayers; they've done scientific studies (that) people who attend worship have better outcomes, live longer. There's just so many good things that come out of being part of not a perfect faith institution but one that is a healthy institution or place of worship."

Kelley named to Spring Dean's List at WNEU

SPRINGFIELD, MA – Autumn Kelley of Hampden has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England University for the Spring Semester 2023. Kelley is working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Cheng named to the President's List at WNEU for Spring

SPRINGFIELD – Vivian Cheng of Wilbraham has been named to the President's List at Western New England University for the Spring 2023 Semester. Cheng is working toward a Doctor Pharmacy degree.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

SCHOOLS

Wilbraham students graduate from the University of Vermont

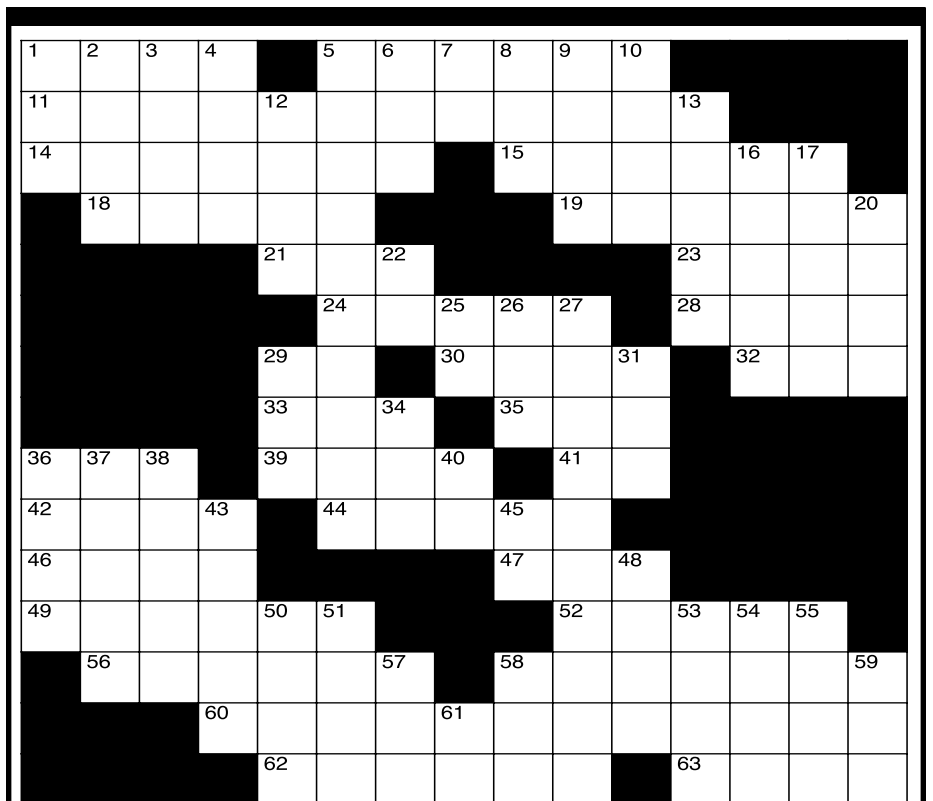
BURLINGTON, VT – UVM President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,383 graduates at the university's 222nd Commencement ceremony. Speaking on the spirit of excellence, the Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan, director of the U.S. National Science Foundation, delivered the keynote address. The following local students graduated.

Alexandra Garrison of Wilbraham graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Animal Sciences.

Abbey Gentile of Wilbraham graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Psychological Science.

Olivia Springer of Wilbraham graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Environmental Sciences.

Elanore Worthington of Wilbraham graduated Cum Laude from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Secondary Education: English.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Commoner
- 5. Tea leaf
- 11. They save you a table
- 14. Submissions
- 15. Secretly revealed
- 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
- 19. Unreal
- 21. No seats available
- 23. Bangladeshi currency
- 24. Leaders
- 28. Famed garden
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Not living
- 32. Midway between south and southeast
- 33. Small island (British)
- 35. Woman (French)
- 36. Wife

- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Soaks
- 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- 46. Japanese prefecture
- 47. Place to be during a rock concert
- 49. Fully grown humans
- 52. Emaciation
- 56. Sparkling
- 58. Fruits you peel
- 60. Derived from a noun
- 62. Popular items to grill
- 63. Port in Yemen

- 5. Dominant
- 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
- 7. NY Giants legend
- 8. It's in the ground
- 9. No No No
- 10. Pesky insect
- 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
- 13. Kids love to do it
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Fakes
- 20. A citizen of Denmark
- 22. Mystic syllable
- 25. Commercial
- 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Water (French)
- 31. Young woman
- 34. Red-brown sea bream
- 36. Messenger

- 37. Comprehends
- 38. Walk with confidence
- 40. Home of the Flyers
- 43. Appetizer
- 45. News organization
- 48. Source of the Nile
- 50. A way to march
- 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 53. Egyptian bull-god
- 54. Children's author Blyton
- 55. Baseball pitching stat
- 57. Rude young person
- 58. Table napkin
- 59. Monetary unit in Asia
- 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Before
- 2. Actress Dunham
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Director Peter

Hampden Senior Center to host Alzheimer's Fundraiser

HAMPDEN – Join the Hampden Senior Center for a fundraiser dinner dance on Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment provided by Off The Record.

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.

Hampden Senior Trips

HAMPDEN – Below are the upcoming Hampden Senior Trips. For more information, call Bobbi at 413-566-8271 or email bobbijg2@charter.net

The Aqua Turf Club Tuesday, Aug. 15: "Come Fly with Me". Dance to music from Sinatra, Kenny Rogers, Tim McGraw & more; coffee/donuts, free drink, family-style lunch, show & door prizes, \$119/pp. Payment deadline Aug. 1.

Boston's Duck Boats Tuesday, Sept. 12: with lunch @ Maggiano's Little Italy, Duck tour, Quincy Market; \$140/pp. Payment deadline Aug. 29.

Newport Playhouse Thursday, Sept. 28: All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, Hilarious Show "Ghost of a Chance" & Cabaret, NEW LOWER PRICE \$132/pp. Payment deadline Sept 14.

Atlantic City Tuesday – Thurs-

day, Oct. 10 – 12: Caesars Resort Hotel, two shows, \$50 food & slot bonuses; \$295/pp double, \$285/pp triple, \$395/pp single; \$50 deposit due @ sign-up. Payment deadline Sept. 8. Cancellation Ins. Avail.

The Aqua Turf Club – ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING! on Wednesday, Nov. 8; coffee/donuts, free drink, family-style lunch, show & door prizes, \$119/pp. Payment deadline Oct. 18.



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