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Puppolo wins primary

Defeats Michael Lachenmeyer for 12th Hampden District

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WILBRAHAM - State Rep. Angelo Puppolo Jr. (D-Springfield) defeated opponent Michael Lachenmeyer in the 2026 Democratic Primary for the 12th Hampden District. Puppolo received 4,136 votes and Lachenmeyer received 2,303 votes, a difference of 1,833 votes. The percentages were 64.23% to 35.77%. As there is no Republican opponent on the ballot, Puppolo will run unopposed in the general election this November.

Puppolo looks ahead
 Puppolo said he was "totally elated" with his campaign and "it was a great victory." "I want to thank all the residents of the 12th Hampden District for their continued support and confidence in me. It's very rewarding, it's humbling and I'm really gratified by the margin of victory and again, the continued confidence that the constituents and the residents of the 12th Hampden District have shown me," Puppolo said. "We worked very hard at it. We didn't take anything for granted,

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Jean White (Wilbraham) being served ice cream and toppings by (L-R) April Kosuda and Lorna Stone.

Ice Cream for lunch? Why not?

By Harold Anderson
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - On Thursday, Aug. 27 at Noon, the Wilbraham Senior Center delighted a crowd of over 100 area seniors with their August Special Ice Cream Social. Sponsored by Christopher Heights of Belchertown with engaging entertainment from Stephen George, this special event offered seniors a chance to enjoy two large scoops of Gifford's Ice Cream with their choice of many available toppings. Jen Finnigan, Activities/Volunteer Coordinator for the Senior Center, explained that their usual monthly Special Lunch changes once-a-year. "We usually get catered



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Here we have Steve and Lori Paolucci (Wilbraham).

meals and dessert come in, but a lot of people are on vacation and starting up school in August so we just keep it simple with an Ice Cream Social," Finnigan said.

Amanda Renna, Program Assistant at the Wilbraham Senior Center, called it "a

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PB announces zoning changes

Comprehensive Plan initiative to be developed

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WILBRAHAM - The Planning Board wants to make the community aware of recent changes to zoning laws in the state, along with the board's plans to develop a new Comprehensive Plan.

ahead and begin the process of (it). We're going to call it a Comprehensive Plan." Rooney said the MBTA Communities Act "although it doesn't directly affect us, it shows that the state is willing to mandate specific zoning outcomes." "There's talk of minimum lot-sized reform. Wilbraham is broken up into four or five residential zoning lots. Our smallest is 15,000 square feet all the way up to 60,000 square feet and that's the minimum a residential lot can

"THERE'S TALK OF MINIMUM LOT-SIZED REFORM. WILBRAHAM IS BROKEN UP INTO FOUR OR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ZONING LOTS."

- James Rooney
Planning Board Chair

Planning Board Chair James Rooney explained the Commonwealth has passed laws impacting zoning and home rule, along with "several proposals out there that could impact our town." "We wanted to get the word out to the people to let them know the things that the state is doing and how we're adjusting to it," Rooney said. "Part of coming out of all these discussions, Massachusetts General Law allows for the Planning Boards to periodically do—but not necessarily have to do—what's called a Master Plan. Wilbraham did one back in '63 and we are the last community to have an updated one. Everybody else has an updated one. But, we decided to go

be," Rooney said. "The state is considering making it a 5,000 minimum by-right across the state, so every lot can be only 5,000 square feet." This by-right item is also a referendum ballot question that will be on the ballot in November. He added that in February 2025, a report called "Building for Tomorrow" was released as one of the state's recommendations. "So far, everything that they've recommended and brought forward, they've enacted it into law. There's also discussion of expanding the by-right for multiple-family dwellings. Wilbraham is, historically, a single-family

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HISTORICAL WILBRAHAM

Glendale Methodist Church had the pulse of the community

The chandelier was electrified in 1926

By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

Reading Wilbraham Historian Henry Edson's (1868-1963) memoirs about Glendale Methodist Church can sometimes bring up some fascinating details about the church building itself, such as the need to do some remodeling of the historic structure in the early 1880's. It didn't hurt, commented Edson, that its pastor at that time, the Rev. H. A. Jones, was also an interior decorator. So, no one was surprised one Sunday morning when the Glendale churchgoers were greeted with brand new wallpaper that was hung by local paper-hanger Frank Mason.

The Brooks

"It wasn't particularly artistic but folks got used to it," wrote Edson, "And several years later this paper was removed too, and a plain white buff was placed on the walls and white on the ceiling."

Around 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Brooks moved to Wilbraham and joined the Glendale church. Respected industrialist, successful business owner, printing pioneer and founder of the Eastern States Exposition, Joshua L. Brooks was known to have the mindset to accomplish anything. His Eastern States success can be traced back to the young businessman. From Brookline, Mass. Joshua L. Brooks settled in Glendale. Known as a gentlemen farmer, Brooks was the kind of person that you would love to join your church. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Brooks solicited funds from her well-off friends in Springfield to pay for an expensive dark green wallpaper, which was applied in 1908 by William Crocker, a longtime Glendale resident who had moved to nearby Monson. In 1922 and 23 the church trustees decided they liked painting better than wallpaper, so a Mr. Authier of Palmer was hired to remove the wallpaper and paint the walls and ceiling white for the sum of \$155.



Charlie Bennett

64 Years Ago

Minnechaug Issues First Smoke Signal

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 a September 1962 edition: "The first issue of the Minnechaug Regional High School publication "Smoke Signal" was distributed to the student body Friday. The initial issue announced the new teachers at the school, recognized the three students who attended summer courses at science institutes and announced water safety tests will be administered to all junior and seniors."

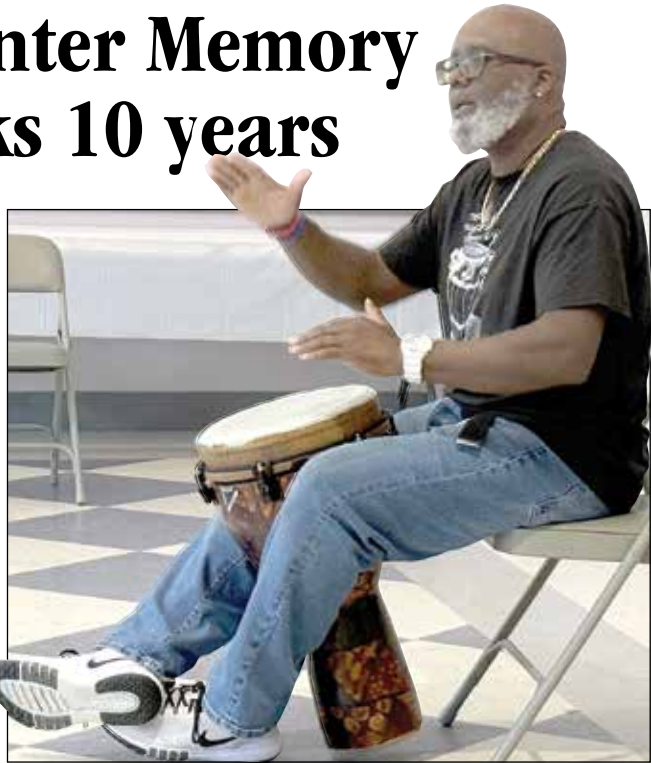
When 1934 rolled around the Women's Community Club said the church needed a new carpet and raised more money from friends of the church. Mrs. Howard Orr was a graduate of the Columbia University School of Art and she influenced the walls to be painted again. For 50 years the large

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Senior Center Memory Café marks 10 years

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HAMPDEN - The senior center's Memory Café celebrated 10 years with a special African drumming event and lunch on Aug. 28. The Memory Café meets every Friday morning at 10:15 a.m. During the anniversary celebration, Jason Arnold, who oversees the African Drumming Class on Fridays at the senior center, came by to teach attendees how to play the African drums. Afterward, a light lunch was held with Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator Wendy Cowles and Christina Vernon reflecting on the milestone, along with attendees sharing how much the Memory Café means to them. Executive Director Rebecca Moriarty expressed excitement for the celebration. "The Memory Café is a very important part of the Hampden Senior Center and being able to celebrate this milestone of 10 years in existence was special for us. What started out 10 years ago with a small group of participants has grown into a



Turley photo by Kristin Rivers

Jason Arnold leads the group on the drums.

program where every week feels like you're getting together with your family and closest friends," Moriarty said. "This celebration not only recognizes the strength of this program but celebrates the participants who attend every week and also remembers participants who started the program with us who are no longer here as well as celebrates those who helped to make the Memory Café what it is today." She added that the milestone was a huge deal. "Hitting a 10-year program milestone is a wonderful achievement and

speaks to the dedication of staff and volunteers who come together to make sure the Memory Café will always have a home here in Hampden," Moriarty said. "Wendy Cowles, Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator, spearheaded the café 10 years ago and continues to keep the café as a top priority. We also wouldn't hit this milestone without the participants who come week after week and share their lives with us." Moriarty said a program

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Select Board navigates new energy regulations

Buck appointed as local government representative

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

WILBRAHAM – The Select Board gathered on Sept. 1 to discuss the new state regulations around clean energy facilities.

Planning Director Michelle Buck was present to advise the Board on the new regulations.

“So, I understand you have a lot of the background materials on this,” Buck said. “The state passed a law and implementing regulations that are regulating what they call small clean energy infrastructure facilities, but they’re not really small.”

Buck divulged the bill targets facilities which export up to 25 megawatts, a figure which she said was an “order of magnitude larger” than any solar project housed in Wilbraham.

Buck recalled the biggest solar project in town was at 285 Three Rivers Road, which was six megawatts.

“So, anything over that size limit goes directly to the state for permitting and bypasses local zoning,” Buck said. “Under that level, the developer has the option to go through this consolidated permitting process that requires an appointment of the local government representative.”

Buck stated the zoning laws around such a request is “very complex” and was more complicated than the local zoning in place within town.

She mentioned in an email

to Select Board Clerk Michael Squindo that the main reason a developer would choose the permitting process would be how appeals are handled.

“For a normal special permit, like with the Planning Board, if the town denies it, the appeal is a court process,” Buck said. “Whereas, with this local consolidated permitting process, the appeal process is directly to the Energy Facility Siting Board and it’s anticipated that they would have a higher likelihood of success in appealing a local decision through that process than through the courts.”

Vice Chair Sue Bunnell shared her thoughts first.

“I heard a lot of this through the Massachusetts Municipal Association Policy Committee that I’m on with Energy and the Environment,” Bunnell said. “They’ve been talking about this for a while, since the regulations were proposed. So, I think that’s great that they could use you as the point person for that. I was not aware that the Three Rivers solar facility’s only six megawatts. So, that would certainly change the probability here.”

Squindo brought up the previous email conversation he had with Buck, where he stated she had “some concerns about certain aspects of the review.”

Her concerns centered around the site availability score evaluation process and “assignment of project minimization and mitigation measures.”

Buck elaborated on Squindo’s question.

“As part of this process when they apply to the state, they have to—the applicant—

it goes through a rating process and a site suitability score,” Buck said. “The applicant submits what they think their score should be and then it’s up to the local government representative to evaluate that site sustainability score.”

Site sustainability scores are based on a number of factors, which include environmental impact and carbon sequestration; which is the site’s ability to capture and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

“I have a little bit of discomfort on that, but there’s a lot of resources out there,” Buck said.

Buck elaborated further.

“Based on that site suitability score, depending on where they are. So, if somebody gets a low score, like the site really isn’t suitable for solar. It requires a lot of clear cutting or there’s endangered species, that kind of thing. They get a low score, then they have to provide mitigation,” Buck said. “So, the local government representative is involved in determining what the mitigation might be and that’s something I want to learn more about. I would seek input from the Planning Board on that kind of thing because they do that kind of thing, but I’m continuing to attend webinars on it and learning as much as I can on that.”

On Chair Marc Ducey’s question on the role of the position, Buck clarified it’s “primarily a coordination role.”

“So, the consolidated process, say your project requires Planning Board and the Conservation Commission and DPW, my role would be to make sure that all of the relevant permitting authorities

go through their processes within the required 12-month period but then, also, I would write up a consolidated permit document. So, each individual board still goes through their normal process and issues their normal decision and then there’s a consolidated permit issued at the end and sort of has that as attachments in a way,” Buck said. “But I can include conditions in that final permit addressing those minimization and mitigation measures. But I would be relying heavily on Conservation and Planning Board for it.”

If appealed, she added, that’s where the State Energy Siting Board would come in.

Squindo asked about the part of issuing mitigation.

“Is that similar in concept to what you’re doing now as the Planning Director and this is just expanding through the consolidated process that it might be more heavily involved with the Conservation and some other public committees?” Squindo said.

Buck replied yes as she’s frequently drafted decisions for the Planning Board and proposed conditions that they would review.

“So, this would be similar,” Buck said.

She also has experience overseeing Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals in a prior planning director job.

“So, I feel comfortable taking this on,” Buck said.

After further discussion, Buck was unanimously appointed as the Local Government Representative for the Mass Department of Energy Resources Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting.

Wilbraham and Hampden primary voting by the numbers

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W I L B R A H A M / HAMPDEN – Voters in Wilbraham and Hampden made their voices heard at the polls as they voted in the primary on Sept. 1.

Here are the numbers for both the Democratic and Republican primaries for each community.

Wilbraham

In the Democratic primary, Senator in Congress had Edward Markey receiving 1,388 votes while Seth Moulton received 975 votes.

Congressman Richard Neal 1,313 votes, while challenger Jeromie Whalen received 1,074 votes.

Councilor Tara Jacobs received 895 votes while challenger Michael Fenton received 1,363 votes.

Governor Maura Healey received 1,954 votes, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll received 1,948 votes, Attorney General Andrea Campbell received 1,941 votes, Secretary of State William Galvin received 2,062 votes, Treasurer Deborah Goldberg received 1,963 votes and Auditor Diana DiZoglio received 1,942 votes. All of these positions ran unopposed.

State Rep. Angelo Pupolo Jr. received 1,435 votes while challenger Michael Lachenmeyer received 928 votes. Readers can learn more about this race in this week’s edition.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira, who was unopposed, received 2,058 votes.

District Attorney Anthony Gulluni, also unopposed, received 2,113 votes.

Register of Probate Rosemary Saccomani received 2,007 votes. She was, also, unopposed.

For the Republican primary, John Deaton received 810 votes for Senator in Congress. He was unopposed.

For governor, Michael Minogue received 734 votes while Brian Short-sleeve received 174 votes.

For lieutenant governor, there were two primary candidates on the Republican side. Shawn Oliver received 737 votes, and Anne Martin received 56 votes.

The next ones were unopposed.

For Attorney General, Michael Walsh received 792 votes.

For Secretary of State, Anne R. Brensley received 137 votes.

For Treasurer, Elizabeth Dionne received 757 votes.

Gary Grossi for Representative in Congress received five votes.

For Councilor, William

Faketano received five votes.

For Senator in General Court, Jesse Michael Barnaby received 59 votes.

Representative in General Court, District Attorney and Register of Probate were all write-ins at 45 votes each.

Hampden

In the Democratic primary here, Senator in Congress has Edward Markey receiving 369 votes and Seth Moulton receiving 241 votes.

For Representative in Congress, Richard Neal received 373 votes and Jeromie Whalen received 240 votes.

For Councilor, Tara Jacobs received 251 votes while Michael Fenton received 320 votes.

The following were all unopposed.

For Governor, Maura Healey received 495 votes.

For Lieutenant Governor, Kim Driscoll received 490 votes.

For Attorney General, Andrea Campbell received 504 votes.

For Secretary of State, William Galvin received 536 votes.

For Treasurer, Deborah Goldberg received 508 votes.

For Auditor, Diana Dizoglio received 513 votes.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira received 527 votes.

State Rep. Brian Ashe received 527 votes.

For District Attorney, Anthony Gulluni received 540 votes.

Register of Probate Rosemary Saccomani received 520 votes.

On the Republican Primary side, meanwhile, John Deaton received 328 votes for Senator in Congress.

For Governor, Michael Minogue received 303 votes while Brian Short-sleeve received 56 votes.

For Lieutenant Governor, Shawn Oliver received 281 votes while Anne Martin received 20 votes.

The next ones listed all ran unopposed.

For Attorney General, Michael Walsh received 308 votes.

For Secretary of State, Anne Brensley received 45 votes.

For Treasurer, Elizabeth Dionne received 305 votes.

For Senator in General Court, Jesse Michael Barnaby received four votes.

For Representative in General Court, Peter Warren received 271 votes.

Auditor, Representative in Congress, Councilor, District Attorney and Register of Probate had no candidates listed.

Old Meeting House Museum hosts talk on Colonial America’s First Witch Panic

WILBRAHAM — The OMH Museum invites the community to hear the story behind the first witch panic in America on Sunday, September 20, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Elizabeth Kapp, Curator of History at the Springfield Museums, will present on the 1651 witchcraft accusations in Springfield, MA, more than four decades before the trials at Salem. The presentation begins at 2:30 PM. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Guests will gather at the Old Meeting House Museum at 450 Main Street and walk over together to the Wilbraham & Monson Academy Library, where the larger space allows the museum to welcome more people. After-

ward, everyone is invited back to the Old Meeting House for cider and donuts donated by Rices Fruit Farm to celebrate the fall season.

“This is one of those stories that hits close to home. It happened just down the road from us,” said Lindsey Bourcier, Director of Marketing. “We moved Liz’s presentation to the Wilbraham & Monson Academy Library so we could fit everyone who wants to come, and we’re grateful to Rices Fruit Farm for the seasonal treats waiting for us back at the museum afterward.”

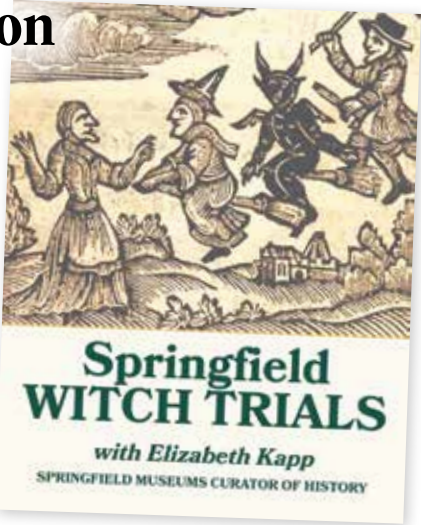
About the Speaker

Elizabeth Kapp joined the Springfield Museums as

Curator of History in March 2024. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a master’s degree from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, and has previously worked at the Arizona Historical Society, the Eiteljorg Museum, Colonial Williamsburg, and Old Sturbridge Village.

About the Old Meeting House Museum

Operated by the Athenaeum Society of Wilbraham, the Old Meeting House Museum preserves and shares



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HSC presents ‘Friends Across Generations’ initiative

By Harold Anderson
Correspondent

HAMPDEN – Area seniors gathered at the Hampden Senior Center on Wednesday, Aug. 26 to hear Executive Director Rebecca Moriarty and Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator Wendy Cowles present the details of an intergenerational initiative they developed entitled “Friends Across Generations”.

The program seeks to connect seniors with fourth grade students at Green Meadows Elementary School in Hampden, an idea that resulted after the Senior Center was contacted by Kristen Chapdelaine, a fourth grade teacher at the school.

“We’ve always been very strong at advocating for intergenerational programs,” Moriarty said. “I think it’s very important for the younger generation to be able to connect to the older generation, so this is a really great way to do that and keep it right here in town.”

During the school year, each senior and their assigned student will exchange one letter each term. The terms run from September to November, December through February and March until June. The two fourth grade classes have 17 students each.

Program participants were asked to provide information about themselves including previous work experience, hobbies, special gifts/talents and fun facts so that they can be matched with a fourth grade student with similar interests.

“If you would consider having two pen pals....You would have a student from both of the fourth grade classes,” Moriarty added.

Moriarty told the audience that their first letter to the student would be “more generic and more about yourself.... The school and the students will not get your last name unless that is how you choose to be addressed by the student.”

She explained that, however someone signs their letter, “the student will respond to you in the same fashion.”

Asked if the letters should be written, printed or typed, Moriarty shared this.

“We know that students today aren’t taught cursive writing anymore. But this is a very good opportunity. Students still need to know how to sign their name and



A group that checked out the new Friends Across Generations initiative. From left to right we have Martha Clark (Hampden), Linda Nichols (Hampden), Cathy Albert (East Longmeadow), Joyce McMann (East Longmeadow), Florence McCormick (East Longmeadow) - Joyce’s Mom, Joan Shea (Hampden) and Mike Shea (Hampden).



Turley photos by Harold Anderson
Executive Director Rebecca Moriarty speaking to the audience.

read cursive writing because it still exists for those of us who know how to write in cursive,” Moriarty said. “You are welcome to type the letter if you do not feel comfortable (with) printing or script.”

Guidelines for program participants concerning what to write in their letters were provided in an information sheet with headings containing typical questions from fourth graders for seniors about when they were younger.

“Growing Up & Childhood,” had questions related to a favorite game or toy, pets that they had, chores, a favorite book and what they collected when they were young.

“School Days & Friends” suggested writing about a favorite subject and playground game, how they got to school, field trips and dress codes.

“Technology & Pop Culture” listed ideas such as de-

scribing what they did for fun before video games or the internet, what television was first like, a favorite style of music and what the senior thinks of modern technology.

“Food, Holidays & Traditions” included inquiries about a favorite meal or treat when they were a kid and how they celebrated birthdays and holidays.

“Life Adventures & Wisdom” questions ranged from how long they lived in the area, the coolest place they traveled to, any advice they have for a fourth grader, to a hobby/skill learned later in life.

Finally, “Changing Times & Daily Life”, asked about what the senior did on a rainy day, something that used to cost a nickel or a dime, what their neighborhood was like, popular hairstyles or clothing and the biggest difference they saw between being a kid in their generation versus being a kid today.

The first letter from the senior to the student is due back unsealed at the Senior Center by Sept. 18 for forwarding to the school.

Moriarty told the audience that “It’s rare that we’re writing a lot of letters anymore, so we’re glad to bring this back...they (the students) will definitely be learning a lot of things and seeing how different things were when you all went to fourth grade versus now when they’re going to fourth grade.”

Martha Clark from Hampden also saw the advantages of the program.

“I think it’s very useful...I think that we will benefit and

the kids will benefit as well,” Clark said.

Joyce McMann, who was at the informational meeting with her mom, Florence McCormick, both from East Longmeadow, mentioned that she has three grandsons, two of whom are now at Green Meadows School.

“Love this idea”, McMann said.

Sandy Selkirk of Hampden, who enjoys writing to her four grandkids who are in pre-school through third grade, agreed.

“I love it. I think children need to learn to write more and communicate through letters,” Selkirk said.

Afterwards, seniors shared memories of learning to write, the Rinehart penmanship system, blackboard writing examples and about family members who learned under the same system having similar writing styles.

Asked about her own experience as a kid, Moriarty, who went to fourth grade at Soule Road School in Wilbraham, said this.

“I loved fourth grade. I had the best fourth grade teacher (the late Mr. Ingulli). One of my favorite things in fourth grade is that we learned calligraphy...We also made a movie about going to space.... It was so much fun....That was one of my most memorable years of school,” Moriarty said.

Interested seniors who were not able to attend the meeting can still participate by calling the Senior Center at (413) 566-5588 to request information or to sign up for the program.

Adult Crafternoon at the Wilbraham Library

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham Public Library is offering a Crafternoon for Adults on Friday, Sept. 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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fun crafting opportunities! At this month’s program we will have four different crafts to choose from, as long as supplies last.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why change Social Security now?
It's a working 'Ponzi Scam.'

Dear Rusty:
Maybe everybody has the same reaction that I do to Social Security insolvency.
I do not understand a system that has been basically run like a Ponzi Scam since its inception; why have you decided (in 2026-2027) that now is the time to change a perfectly good Ponzi Scam.
In all reality, this began with Babylon. I'm sure that if you searched the meaning of the words "Babylonian money magic," you would understand what I'm talking about.
If this is as good as the Earth has, why would you mess with a perfectly rotten thing. Why would you decide to change currencies to some sort of fragile digital currency?
Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical Senior:
You touch on an item that the Association of Mature American Citizens Foundation has dealt with many times over the years, specifically the notion that Social Security has the characteristics of a Ponzi Scheme.
Our position in response to that notion is that Social Security was created and operated with full transparency with its financial status, formulas and long-term deficits completely and publicly documented and reported to the President and Congress annually.
Unlike the infamous Charles Ponzi, the government has a permanent pool of contributors through mandatory FICA and SECA (self-employment) payroll taxes and is designed to remain in operation infinitely as long as there's a taxpaying workforce.
Moreover, the Social Security system is overseen by Congress, specifically the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Government Accountability Office. The Social Security Administration is subject to routine hearings by these congressional overseers and maintains an independent Office of the Inspector General to ensure the integrity of its financial operations.
Contrary to Ponzi victims, all participants retiring from the workforce and their dependents recover their Social Security contributions via benefit payments, some more

than others based on their level of participation in the system. Also, contrary to Ponzi Schemes, Social Security was designed as a social insurance system and has operated successfully in that mode for over nine decades.
What raises the notion of a Ponzi Scheme comparison these days is the looming insolvency facing Social Security just six years from now. This financial problem, however, has nothing to do with fraud.
Rather, it is a function of workforce demographics and the fact that Congress has long deferred corrective action on a problem that has been known for the past four decades.
We sometimes hear well intended, but sometimes uninformed comments from some Washington politicians invoking the Ponzi Scheme reference, but we believe that Congress is finally waking up to the urgency.
And we also believe Congress is now starting to move seriously to set a course for correction in time to ward off the impact of insolvency. AMAC is proud to be a part of the collective thinking currently surfacing, and our Social Security Guarantee is in play as a plan to be considered.
We invite you to review our SS reform plan (at <https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee>) and likewise to stay tuned to our Social Security Report website (<https://socialsecurityreport.org/>) where we post regular updates on a variety of matters pertaining to Social Security and retirement.
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Rooting cuttings is a great way to overwinter your favorite plants

Late summer is a great time to take cuttings of summer plants such as geranium, fuchsia, and coleus.
Oftentimes planters containing these beauties are too big to overwinter. Likewise, these plants may be growing in your yard and maybe you are fearful of trying to dig them up and move them inside before frost hits.
It's also fun to root herb plants like rosemary or mint, so that you can enjoy them as seasoning in your favorite dishes over the winter months.
Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success.
First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting.
A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season.
Spring is also a great time to take cuttings of plants that you've overwintered provided they are growing well.
Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material.
Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node.
Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three-four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant.



able. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant.
These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go.
Play it safe with stout cuttings.
There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem.
Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.
Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting.
If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder

or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container.
I have found that "less is more" when using these products. When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first- do not push in with the stem!
After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location.
The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting.
Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.
Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows.
The Ware Grange will be hosting workshop on this timely topic on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the hall on Route 9 in Ware. Bring a potted plant to share cutting material or use a selection of plants that I will bring to try your luck at this skill.

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Doug Moore of Belcher-town took this photo of an osprey protecting its young from a red winged blackbird at Lake Wallace on July 17.
The osprey, also known as the fish hawk has the ability to dive into water to catch fish. It also has the ability to hover.
Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds' feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.

These hawks are excellent anglers. Over several studies, ospreys caught fish on at least one in every four dives with success rates sometimes as high as 70%. The average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.
The osprey readily builds its stick nest on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds and nest platforms designed especially for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in reestablishing ospreys in areas where they had disappeared. In some areas nests are placed almost exclusively on artificial structures.

Massachusetts to French Guiana, South America.
The oldest known osprey was at least 25 years, two months old and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.
Glossy ibis
On July 13 Doug Moore saw a glossy ibis at Lake Wallace. They expanded their range over the past century from the southeastern United States to include much of eastern North America.
At a distance the glossy ibis looks uniformly dark, but a closer look in sunlight reveals deep maroon, emerald, bronze and violet feathers.

Large flock of grackles
I saw a large flock of grackles in late August. I did not count them, but there were at least 50, probably more.
They flew from one side of the road to the other. I stopped the car and waited for them to safely pass. There were stragglers and some flew behind the car as well as in front of it. Seeing them reminded me that the fall migrations are happening or at least the birds are gathering in flocks to make their journeys south.
Some species of birds travel long distances to their winter habitat. Ospreys are just one of many that travel thousands of miles.
People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

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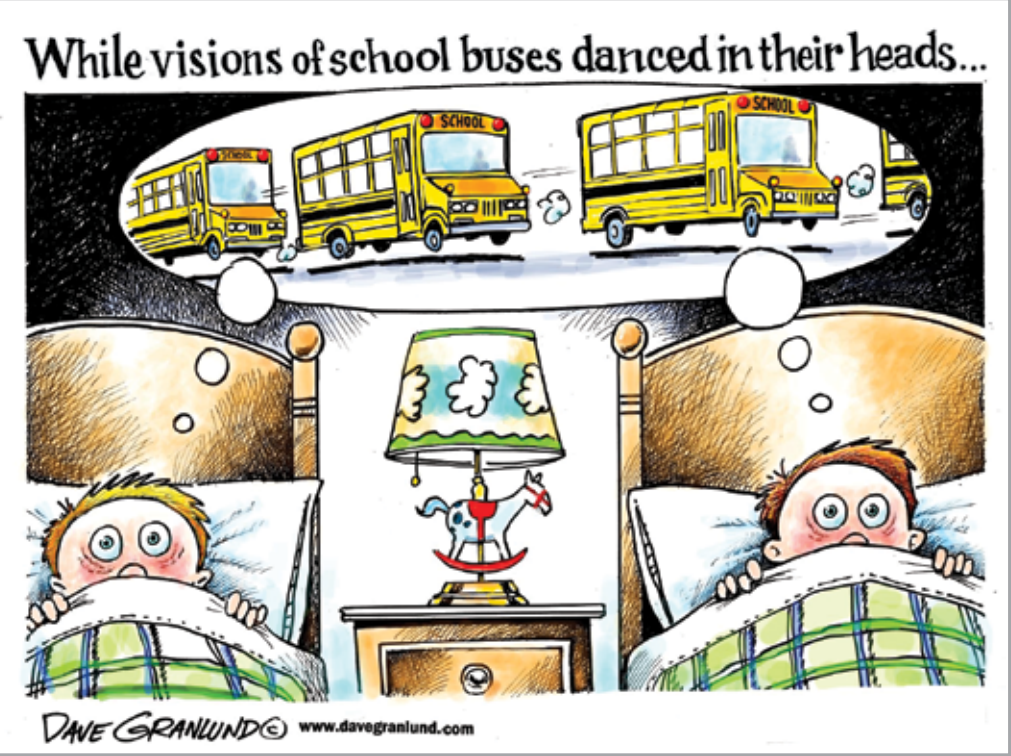
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Local girls give back to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital



Two eighth-grade middle school students, Zoe Harrigan and Claire Lareau, spent an entire week of their summer putting their time and energy toward helping others. They planned and held a weeklong bake sale, baking fresh treats every day and offering an open

drive-by pre-order for the community. They worked incredibly hard throughout the week and were thrilled with the success of their fundraiser. At the end of the sale, they made sure that nothing went to waste. All of the leftover baked goods were brought



to our local police and fire departments as a thank-you for everything they do for the community. These girls chose to spend their summer doing something positive and meaningful, and we couldn't be prouder of them.



WFD receives new custom fire engine

This past week, we received our new custom fire engine, a significant investment of \$1 million, fully funded through federal funds, including a \$700,000 Assistance to Firefighters grant. We want to thank the hard work of the department members who wrote the grant and the truck committee for their focus on practicality and functionality in the design. In the coming week, firefighters will be busy training, mounting equipment and loading hoses to prepare the engine for service.



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chandelier graced the ceiling of the church. It finally got electrified in 1926 when electricity was installed there by a class of the Springfield Vocational School.

The Sociables

Aside from the church suppers the folks of Glendale often held what they called, “Sociables”. Edson described them as being held sometimes by the women of the church in their own homes. Quilting or sewing bees were held in the afternoon, and the men-folk came to supper after the chores were done.

Cake would be served if the gathering was held in the evening and seasonal refreshments served. After the entertainment a collector asked each one for ten cents. Edson wrote, “There usually were games, like, “Black Art”, “Button-button Who’s Got the Button”, “Drop the handkerchief”, “Copenhagen”, “Roll the Trencher” and many other old-time amusements.”

Regarding some of those games I just mentioned, I have no idea how you play them, except, maybe: “Button-button Who’s Got the Button.”

Who attended these Sociables? People from different sections of Glendale, like Silver Street and Colton Hollow. They filled the homes to overflowing. It was said that so many people attended that the floors on some started to sag and settled.

The hulled corn suppers drew a big crowd, said Edson. There were also “Mum Sociables” held at the church with mimes and shadow pictures. If someone mistakenly spoke, they had to pay a fine. Other Sociables were called a “Writ-



Joshua L. Brooks, founder of the Big E, and his wife, were prominent members of Glendale Methodist Church. (Times file photo)

ers Winter Sociable” where each event was devoted to a particular author.

Organized spelling bees were also very popular. Sometimes they became contentious when the older generations tried to out-spell the college-educated and, if they did, wouldn’t let them forget it!

Edson, who was known as a Wilbraham social critic of his day, commented, “The sentiment of the world broadened, so dancing took the place of the old-time games and card parties were the highest intellectual effort.”

War Comes to Wilbraham

Then, the fabric of Glendale changed: “Suddenly the

community was snapped out of its apathy by World War I,” wrote Edson. Strong woman and town leader Evanore O. Beebe, of the Maplehurst estate on Monson Road, changed her focus to work on Red Cross projects. She helped form the Helping Hand Society, which morphed into The Community Club. Also, many Glendale women joined The Hampden County Improvement League.

The Men’s Club was organized at the church. It was very popular, reached out and started to compete with other communities.

One of their most interesting programs was a presentation of moving pictures of the construction of the great



Town leader Evanore O. Beebe, of the Maplehurst estate on Monson Road, changed her focus to work on Red Cross projects during World War I. (Times file photo)

Quabbin Reservoir, sponsored by Massachusetts State College.

Revolutionary Moment

We continue to honor our country’s birthday, 250 years of freedom, each month. Seth Stebbins joined Capt. Joseph Smith’s Company in Col. Josiah Whitney’s Regiment on May 25, 1776 through August 1, 1776 for the defense of Boston until Nov. 21, 1776. He served for 49 days as a corporal.

Stebbins also served on board the sloop “Betsey” to Falmouth, Casco Bay, as guards for cannon being shipped. There were three Seth Stebbins; one born in 1739, his brother in 1753, and their cousin in 1754.

Sources: “History of Wilbraham Bicentennial Edition 1763-1963” edited by Charles Merrick; “The History of Wilbraham, 1731, 1763-1913 by Chauncey E. Peck. “Glendale Methodist Church” by Henry Edson. “Military Rolls of Outward Commons, Soldiers of Wilbraham, Mass. 1730-



Henry Edson (1878-1963) chronicled the happenings that went on in Glendale. (Times file photo)



A photo taken in 1913 of the intersection of Monson and Glendale Road, at Glendale Methodist Church and across from Glendale Cemetery. It was the scene of the town’s 150th anniversary celebration. (Photo courtesy Joe and Greg Roberts)

1840”.

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but I think that my work over not the only past couple years, my time as being a legislator here in the 12th Hampden District. Worked very, very hard on constituent service and really bringing home not only funding for the district, but good policy—good, sound policy—and I think that was rewarded and again, I’m very grateful and thank you to all the residents and I’m just looking forward to getting back to work.”

On his goals, Puppolo said before the next legislative session begins, “we still have a lot of unfinished business this

session” including energy, environmental, economic development and healthcare reform bills in Conference Committee that need to be moved forward.

“So, there’s still significant pieces of legislation that need to get done, which are going to have a tremendous, I think, mark on moving forward,” Puppolo said.

Looking ahead, having necessary funding and the budget are his biggest priority along with work on education, transportation, energy and the environment.

“I think there’s some significant goals that we need to look at,” Puppolo said. “In addition to some real some



Rep. Angelo Puppolo Jr.



Michael Lachenmeyer

homegrown stuff, if you will. We need to make sure that we get the East-West Rail continued. It’s the farthest progress we’ve ever made, but we have to make sure we keep that on track. We have to make sure that continues to hit the timeframes that we’ve outlined.”

The Roderick Ireland Courthouse in Springfield, he added, is a concern when thinking about the whole region.

“It’s not physically in my district, but again, justice is everywhere, so we have to make sure that we put forth, I think, the best proposal. DCAM has made their decision, but there still is a lot of questions about it. That, at this second, isn’t a done deal and we want to make sure that project doesn’t get delayed wherever it may go. Obviously, the site is selected, but there’s still some issues relative to the courthouse.”

Puppolo had this message for Lachenmeyer.

“We ran a good campaign. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors,” Puppolo said.

His message to the supporters and voters was this.

“I just want to say thank you. Again, the continued confidence and belief in me is overwhelming. I’m humbled by it and I’m not going to take anything for granted. I continue my hard work and I look forward to getting back to providing top constituent service as well as continuing to work, bring home continued funding and policy initiatives that are critically important to the 12th Hampden District—and really, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at large—but in particular the 12th Hampden District to make sure that we get the resources that we need and deserve and I will continue to stand tall for all the residents and to be their voice in Boston,” Puppolo said. “I continue to be humbled by that, I appreciate their vote of confidence and I won’t let them down.”

Lachenmeyer reflects

Lachenmeyer said he was very proud of his campaign.

“I was a first-time candidate. I think we built quite a strong movement. We brought together people from all across the region to work on this campaign and we got endorsements from some very prominent, powerful organizations like the UTA and UAW. We ran an issues-based campaign that was focused on the themes of transparency, affordability and accountability,” Lachenmeyer said. “My opinion, politics is really the work of a single cycle. Change takes a lot of time. There’s many examples of politicians who have lost and then they gone on to win. I want my supporters, especially, to not feel discouraged, but rather to take hope from this race.”

He noted how the race was unprecedented, as the last time Puppolo had an opponent in a primary was in 2006.

“Definitely demonstrated the difference between what it’s like in times where he’s not being contested versus

where he feels pressure and I think that juxtaposition is valuable for people,” Lachenmeyer said.

On what he’ll do next, Lachenmeyer explained he hadn’t decided on whether he’d run again, but he wants to remain involved in politics and the community.

“I never felt as alive in my working life as I’ve felt on this campaign trail. I have no regrets about running, but I also think that, right now, we need people who are working to make systemic change, and obviously, that’s what I was trying to do, but you look at the results from across the state and every single incumbent basically wins. I think it’s a little bit bigger than me, at least, like, this individual race,” Lachenmeyer said. “All that to say, I’m open to all opportunities related to nonprofit work, union organizing, community organizing. There’s plenty of issues-based campaigns that need good people.”

Lachenmeyer’s message to Puppolo was this, which he had shared on his Facebook page last Tuesday night.

“Congratulations on your victory. I hope that you will make good decisions on behalf of our community in the coming years. Should we run against each other again, I’m also hoping for a debate,” Lachenmeyer said.

Also this.

“I just hope that he does not take his position or this community for granted because we do need a representative who is very passionate and energetic and working to create the changes that people need to see in their lives,” Lachenmeyer said.

For his supporters and the voters, the message was this.

“I don’t want people to despair. I want them to have hope and to take from this that it’s possible to change the world,” Lachenmeyer said. “I believe strongly in competition. I encourage people to remain involved. I think that’s the worst thing that people can do in this kind of situation is disengage. Don’t disengage, don’t give up hope, keep working and fighting for change because it is possible.”

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Carson Humphries tries to pass ahead of pressure.



Katelyn Hoar is closely pursued by a defender.



Emerson Atkin hustles up the field with the ball.

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Paige Holt tries to settle the ball.

Falcons compete in preseason jamboree

SOUTH HADLEY – On Saturday, Aug. 29, Minnechaug Regional High School girls soccer took part in several small scrimmages at South Hadley High School. The Falcons are getting ready for the regular season, which was scheduled to start on Sept. 9 against Westfield. The Falcons will next host East Longmeadow at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

RIGHT: Izzy Usher goes after the loose ball looking upfield to make a pass.



Keira Horne makes a header.



SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 10.

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Andres Conde delivers a pitch for the Knights.

Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League's title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer's merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win

five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular season and were defeated in winner's bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt Dogs. They would go on to beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.



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Parents and players keep and eye on the workout.



Evelyn Caney sends a pass away.

Coaches for Minnechaug's youth field hockey program watch practice last week.

WILBRAHAM – Minnechaug's youth field hockey program was hard at work last week. The youth teams help feed Minnechaug's very successful varsity field hockey program. Games will be getting underway soon.

Rosie Michel gets ready to make a practice hit.



Fall preseason picks up

T-Birds announces series of promotional themes

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are excited to unveil a stacked promotional and theme schedule for the 2026-27 AHL season, marking the 100th anniversary of professional hockey in the City of Firsts. This year’s promo calendar blends fan-favorite traditions with new giveaways and never-before-seen surprises sure to delight T-Birds fans of all ages.

“As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of professional hockey here in Springfield, we take immense pride in knowing this game has been a staple of our community for a century—and in the atmosphere we’ve cultivated for fans of all ages,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “Our mission has always been to create traditions and marquee nights that people look forward to year after year—blending pop culture, meaningful community initiatives, and inventive, spirited experiences that make every game memorable. Thanks to our incredible fans, the Thunderdome has grown into one of the most electric environments in the league, and that passion and deep connection to our fanbase continues to fuel everything we do.”

Once again this season, fans should note that all Saturday home games will kick off with 6:05 p.m. puck drops, along with one

Wednesday night matchup on March 10. Paid parking will continue to be available throughout the season at the nearby Convention Center CarPark, and The Landing—the outdoor plaza next to the CarPark—will be open and activated for select nights during the season. Fans seeking free parking can still take advantage of the MGM Springfield garage.

The puck drops on Saturday, Oct. 10, with Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield as the T-Birds welcome the Laval Rocket to town as head coach Steve Ott and captain Chris Wagner leads their squad into an exciting new season. Ahead of puck drop, fans can stop by The Landing for the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, presented with support from the Springfield BID, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., featuring live music by Fever, food & drink, and plenty of energy to launch another unforgettable season. The T-Birds are poised to celebrate an 11th consecutive Opening Night sellout inside the Thunderdome.

In addition to the appearances and themes below, fans can expect to see specialty jerseys corresponding to the following themes: Teddy Bear Toss, Heritage Night, Ice-O-Topes Night, Pink in the Rink, and St. Patrick’s Day.

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WILBRAHAM – Please join us for a good cause.

Who: Friends of Wilbraham Seniors

What: Dine to Donate Fundraiser and 50/50 Raffle

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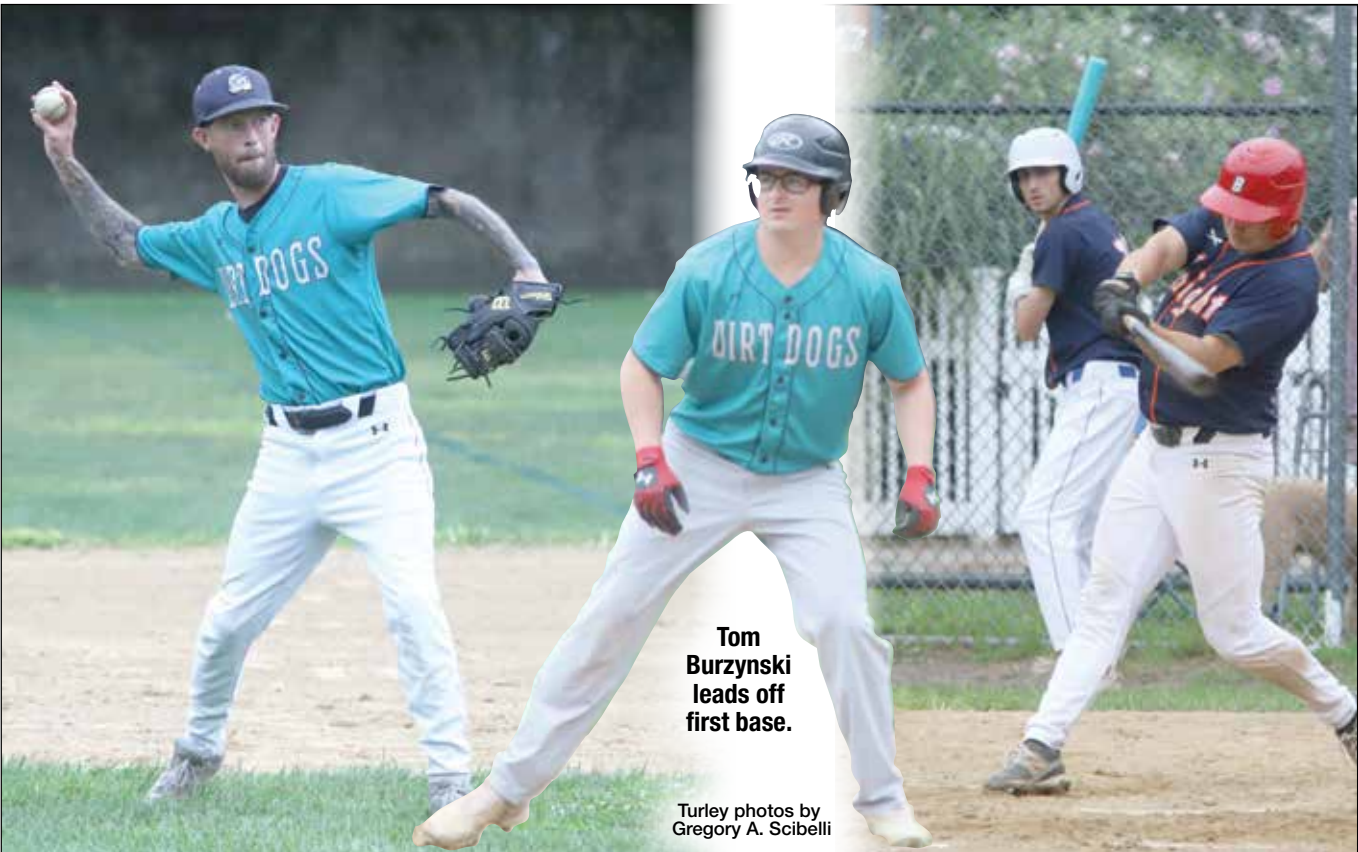
valuable programs and services through the Wilbraham Senior Center.

What Else:Route 20 Bar & Grille will make a generous donation to the Friends based on all food and beverage purchases! (dine in only.)

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Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship



Matt Morin sends a throw to first.

Tom Burzynski leads off first base.

Tory Buck takes a swing and fouls off a pitch.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Racing heats up Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – With Stafford Motor Speedway approaching its final races of the 2026 season, drivers are quickly running out of time to either establish themselves as a championship contender, or make a move up in the standings before the season ends. Here is a division by division breakdown of how each of Stafford’s five weekly divisions has played out thus far in 2026:

SK Modified® Division

Stafford’s premier weekly division sees Keith Rocco on track to claim a fifth career track championship. A fifth SK track title would tie Rocco with Bob Potter for the second most in Stafford history, trailing only the late great Ted Christopher with 9 SK titles.

Todd Owen kicked off the 2026 season with what was his first SK Modified® feature win since Sept. 2024. Owen, defending SK track champion Jon Puleo, and Tyler Chapman all took turns holding the SK point lead in the early stages of the season, but Rocco’s consistency

sees him currently holding a 66-point advantage over Puleo with Marcello Ruffano and Owen tied for third, 86 points behind. Rocco took the point lead for the first time following the July 10 feature event and he has not relinquished the lead since. Rocco heads into the Sept. 4 Paradise Insurance LM 50 program riding a streak of 10 consecutive top-8 finishes, but all it would take is one bad night for Rocco for his comfortable 66 point margin to disappear.

Late Model Division

Stafford’s Late Model division is the tightest championship fight going at Stafford with the top-8 drivers spread less than 50 points, or one race win, apart. Five different drivers have each held the Late Model point lead at some point during the 2026 season. Chris Buffone opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and after losing the point lead to Kevin Gambacorta and then Chris Meyer, Buffone was back on top before Adam Gray took over the lead following the June 12 feature event. Gambacorta would swap the lead with both Gray and Meyer once more before Gray went back into the lead following the July 10 feature event and he has held the lead ever since. Much like Keith Rocco in Stafford’s SK Modified® division, Gray is racing for what would be a fifth career Late Model track title at Stafford. Meyer goes into the final 4 races trailing Gray by 10 points, Gambacorta is third 24 points behind, Wayne Coury, Jr. is fourth, 34 points behind, Michael Bennett is fifth, 40 points behind, Darrell Keane and Buffone are tied for sixth 42 points behind

and defending track champion Paul Varricchio, Jr. is eighth, 46 points behind.

SK Light Division

Stafford’s SK Light division has seen its 2026 season evolve into a story of two dominant seasons. Chris Matthews opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and looked like he would have things on cruise control as he posted podium finishes in the first 7 races with 1 win, 5 second place, and 1 third place finish among those 7 races. Although Matthews has added 3 more wins to his season total since that streak, he has also finished outside the top-15 five times since then and he has fallen to 4th in the standings, 66 points behind Nick Anglace.

Anglace has been the other hot SK Light driver during the 2026 season, racking up 7 wins over the first 17 races. Anglace’s win total trails only Ryan Waterman, who has 10 wins in the Street Stock division, for the most feature wins at Stafford this season. Former SK Light champion Tyler Barry has quietly kept himself in contention for a second track title, holding the point lead himself for several weeks before Anglace took over the top spot in the standings. Barry has yet to win a race in 2026, but he is the co-division leader with 11 top-5 and 14 top-10 finishes this season. Barry goes into the Sept. 4 race 20 points behind Anglace with Daltin McCarthy, who scored his first career SK Light victory earlier this season, sitting third, 42 points behind.

Limited Late Model Division

Jason Lafayette opened the Limited Late Model sea-

son with victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler, which vaulted him into the early season point lead. Lafayette would hold the point lead until the middle of June when Jeremy Lavoie took over the top spot. Lavoie and Lafayette traded the point lead several times with former track champion Rich Hamman also taking the lead for a week before Lavoie went back to the front, where he remains going into the Sept. 4 feature event. Lavoie is seeking what would be his fourth career track championship in the Limited Late Model division and he leads Norm Root, III, who is still looking for his first win of the 2026 season, by 10 points. Lafayette and Hamman are currently tied for third in the standings, 28 points behind Lavoie.

Street Stock Division

The Street Stock division has been a one-man wrecking crew in 2026 as Ryan Waterman has absolutely dominated the competition. Waterman has amassed 10 wins over the first 16 races this season to see himself 48 points clear of Brent Gleason in second place. Waterman has been so dominant this season that he has finished 15 of the 16 races this season in the top-4 with the lone blemish on his record a 17th place finish in the July 31 feature event. Gleason has yet to win this season but he is the only driver to have recorded a top-10 finish in each of the first 16 races. Jason Raymond is currently third in the standings with 3 victories and he is 58 points behind Waterman. The only other driver within 100 points of Waterman is PJ Evans who is fourth in the standings, 96 points behind.

Wilbraham Junior Women’s Club to host Community Fleece Blanket Making Event

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Junior Women’s Club is hosting a FREE community Fleece Blanket Making Event! All are invited to attend and help out!

This community get-together will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to Noon at The Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street Wilbraham, MA.

It’s an opportunity to meet new people and come together to create warmth for those in need. No sewing experience is required and all sup-

plies will be provided.

Bring a friend (or two!), lend a hand and make a difference!

Every blanket made will be donated to the children in the bereavement program at Rick’s Place who have lost someone significant in their life.

Rick’s Place provides compassionate grief support to children, teens and their families through facilitated peer activities, school-based programs, and community outreach.

Rick’s Place’s vision is for children, teens and families who are grieving to find comfort, develop resilience and grow stronger together. For more information about Rick’s Place, visit their website Ricksplacema.org.

For more information or questions about the blanket making event, go to WilbrahamJuniorWomens.org or contact Cate (413) 244-7447.

Let’s wrap our community in kindness – One blanket at a time!

Locals named to Simmons University Dean’s List

BOSTON - The following local residents were named to the 2026 spring semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston.

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MEMORY CAFE
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like this is important for the participants.

“It gives caregivers the opportunity to bring their loved ones to a safe and welcoming place where there is no talk about dementia. It is a fun environment that strives to bring entertainment, exercise, and other activities to everyone in the room. Building connections, making friends, and getting out of the house once a week is important for the caregivers and the care recipients. Living with dementia and being a caregiver for someone with dementia comes with a rollercoaster of emotions and challenges along the way,” Moriarty said. “The Memory Café serves as a place to leave the challenges and difficulties at the door and to just enjoy time together and with others who are dealing with similar challenges.

For Arnold, he loves the group, calling it “always a blast” and everyone is “always willing to participate and having a good time and laughing.”

“That’s what it’s all about. Having fun,” Arnold said.

Arnold explained when he used to work at Glenmeadow, they were told how music would help bring folks with dementia back.

“Like they heard a certain song, they would go like, ‘Oh, I heard that song!’ So even doing this, at first they don’t remember but once they start going they’re like, ‘Oh, I remember this!’” Arnold said. “I think it’s great because it just helps them remember—just for that moment—it’s a great thing.”



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

Attendees and caregivers get into the rhythm and sounds of the drums.



Attendees have fun on the drums.

Reflecting on his class, Arnold shared that he loves coming to Hampden and his participants later bought their own drums to bring with them. The next class starts on Sept. 11.

“The people are great. The class that I’ve been working with, we’ve going about two and a half, three years straight,” Arnold said. “They love it. They’re here every week and we just have a blast.

It’s like a family.”

On what most fulfills the HSC about the program, Moriarty said this.

“The best part about offering the Memory Café to the community is the positive feedback we have received from participants. The only reason we have this café is to help those who are dealing with dementia at some level. It is great to know that this program has had such a positive impact on so many people over the last 10 years,” Moriarty said.

For Arnold, he loves seeing the look on everyone’s faces.

“Smiling and laughing, having a good time. That’s the biggest joy for me. As long as they’re having a good time and smiling and laughing, it’s great. What more could you ask for?” Arnold said. “It’s great to see when they’re laughing and having a good time.”

Moriarty encouraged the community to check out the



Christina Vernon reflects on the impact of the Memory Café.

Memory Café.

“We encourage people to try the café to determine if it’s a good fit for them. There is no charge to attend the program and there is no requirement that people attend every week. Prior to visiting for the first time, it is good to reach out to Wendy at 566.5588 to talk about the program and ask any questions about what to expect. Everyone is welcome,” Moriarty said. “The only requirement of the program is that the caregiver attend the program with the care recipient. It is not a drop-off program, but a place for both people to enjoy time together. In September and October at the café, people will enjoy Ukulele and Drumming classes, a Rhythm and Motion Class and Mindful Movement and a Pumpkin Painting Class.”

Arnold’s message was to enjoy life and also told the senior center to keep up the great work that they’re doing and he will come by anytime. “Enjoy life and have a

great time and just enjoy your loved ones. Don’t let things get to you. Sometimes, even if it’s just for an hour playing music or whatever you’re doing, just to kind of take the mind off of things and have a good time, go for the gusto,” Arnold said. “YOLO, you only live once.”

Moriarty’s message was this.

“We are so grateful to those who came to the celebration and enjoyed the drumming class and lunch with us. We also thank the Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens and several private donors who continue to financially support and contribute to the Memory Café so we can keep it going,” Moriarty said. “We could not run this program without our amazing sponsors and volunteers. Special thanks to Cathy Albert, who is currently on-site every Friday to greet participants and assist Wendy with running the group. We hope to continue this amazing group for years to come!”

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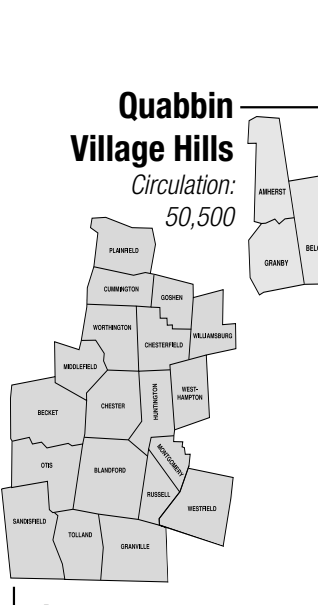
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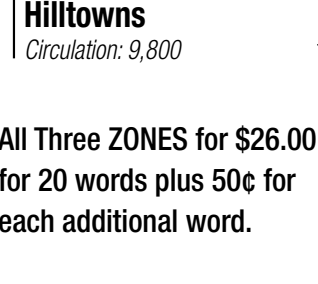
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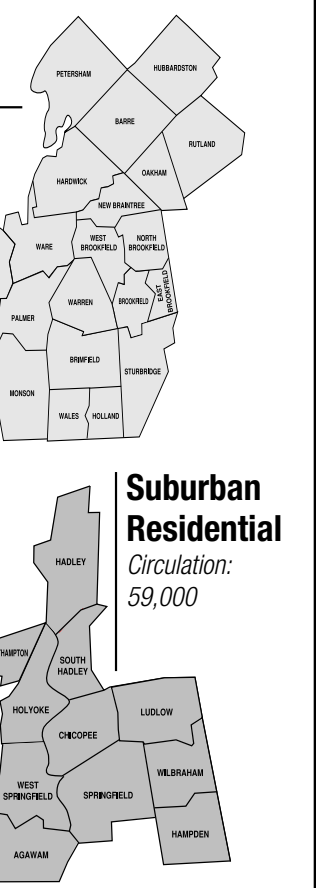
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Mat Pilates at HSC

HAMPDEN – New program: Mat Pilates at the Hampden Senior Center!

Come and enjoy a FREE demonstration class on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Curious about Pilates? This is a welcoming introduction to a low-impact form of exercise that focuses on building strength, improving balance and mobility, and moving with greater control and confidence. Classes will use simple, intentional movements that can be adapted to a variety of fitness levels and abilities.

Whether you're completely new to Pilates or already have some experience, this is a great opportunity to learn the foundations and experience the benefits of Pilates in a supportive environment.

NEW 4-week session starting Oct. 14 through Nov. 4

Cost is \$5 per class, paid directly to the instructor.

Led by Alexis Knight, a Balanced Body-trained Pilates instructor and co-founder of Degree Pilates, a new mat Pilates studio opening this fall in Wilbraham. Degree Pilates will offer mat-based classes in heated and room-temperature settings, designed for a range of experience levels and fitness goals.

Request of information announcement from Town of Hampden

HAMPDEN - Hampden’s Old Town House Committee has been studying the possible reuse of the now vacant Hampden Town House located at 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA. As part of that study process, the Committee has conducted a survey of residents, held a public information forum, held public meetings, and researched possible alternative uses. The next phase is to issue a formal Request for Information.

The purpose of the Request for Information is to gather information from qualified developers, institutions, nonprofit organizations, and other partners interested in purchasing, leasing, or partnering with the Town on the reuse of the property.

The Old Town House served the Town of Hampden for many years as a school, town offices, library, and

community meeting place. In 2025, the Town Offices, town library and parks and recreation departments moved into the vacant former Thornton Burgess School to provide better service for Hampden’s residents.

The Old Town House Study Committee believes the building’s impressive facade, location on Main Street Hampden, the economic potential and desirability of be-

ing located in Hampden provide a unique opportunity for the right interested party with a vision for the future.

Therefore, the Town of Hampden is seeking information and conceptual proposals from qualified organizations, institutions, developers, nonprofit entities, educational providers, recreation operators, and public-private partners regarding potential adaptive reuse, redevelopment,

ment, lease, partnership, and/or purchase opportunities involving the former Hampden Town House and property at 625 Main Street Hampden.

The Request for Information can be downloaded from the Town’s website at www.hampdenma.gov. Interested parties should complete and submit an Expression of Interest to the Town on or before September 21, 2026.

Hampden Historical Society Talk Sept. 23

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Historical Society presents Dana Pixley.

He will talk about “Emergencies in Hampden on Roadmaps” on Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Academy Hall on Main Street in Hampden.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Questions, call Linda Krawiec at 566-8447.

Theatre Guild of Hampden presents ‘Gypsy: The Musical’

HAMPDEN – The Theatre Guild of Hampden will be presenting their fall production of “Gypsy: The Musical.”

Gypsy tells the story of the dreams and efforts of one hungry, powerhouse of a woman to get her two daughters into show business. Gypsy is loosely based on the 1957 memoir of famous striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, entitled “Gypsy: Memoirs of America’s Most Celebrated Stripper.”

The memoir and the musical focus on the story of Gypsy Rose Lee’s mother, Rose, and earned Rose a place in the

theatrical and literary canon as the quintessential, archetypal “Stage Mother.”

The musical features songs that have become standards of the musical theatre canon, including “Some People,” “Let Me Entertain You,” “Rose’s Turn,” and the show-stopping “Everything’s Coming Up Roses”.

Gypsy is famous for helping launch lyricist Stephen Sondheim’s career, and features a book by Arthur Laurents that is widely considered to be one of the classic examples of a traditional “book musical.” At the heart of the

musical is the gregarious Rose, whose journey made critic Frank Rich call Gypsy, “Broadway’s own brassy, unlikely answer to King Lear.”

Tickets go on sale Sept. 1. The shows dates are Oct. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

The shows will be at the Hampden Town Hall, (Formerly Thornton Burgess School), 85 Wilbraham Road Hampden, MA.

The showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.

To purchase your tickets, visit theatreguildofhampden.org.

Barefoot in the Park Auditions

HAMPDEN – Auditions are currently going on for the Theatre Guild of Hampden’s production of “Barefoot in the Park.”

The audition dates are Sept. 14 and 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hampden Town Hall (Formerly Thornton Burgess School) on 85 Wilbraham Road Hampden, MA.

The show dates are March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14.

For more info, please call Margie at (310) 210-6705.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, September 17, 2026 starting at 6:00 PM** on the application of Ed’s Custom Muffler Shop, LLC for a special permit (ZBA26-05) under section 3.4.5.16 of the Wilbraham Zoning Bylaw to allow the construction of vehicle repair shop with a gross footprint of 5,136 square feet on property owned by 2132 Boston Road, LLC located at 2132 Boston Road as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

Edward Kivari Jr., Chairman
09/03, 09/10/2026

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM** on the application of Jessica Lynn Bergen, for a special permit (ZBA26-03) under section 3.4.5.13 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow the operation of a body art establishment (Highly Natural Ink, LLC) on property owned by Palazzesi Realty, LLC located at 2141 Boston Road, Unit A-C as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

Edward Kivari Jr., Chairman
09/03, 09/10/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD26P1874EA Estate of: Bronislawa Jayne Boden Date of Death: 01/04/2004 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lois B Heaphy of Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Lois B Heaphy of Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administra-

tion is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 01, 2026

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P2327PM CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Steven R Mattocks of Wilbraham, MA** requesting Petitioner Seeks instructions regarding Petitioners duties and responsibilities all as more fully set forth in said Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2026.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T.

Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 13, 2026

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09/10/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P2328PM CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Steven R Mattocks of Wilbraham, MA** requesting Petitioner Seeks instructions regarding Petitioners duties and responsibilities all as more fully set forth in said Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2026.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 13, 2026

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Register of Probate

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and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25C0309CA In the matter of: William Luis Enrique Pramberger NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **William Luis Enrique Pramberger of Wilbraham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Luis Enrique Toc

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filling an appearance at: Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **09/21/2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 24, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate

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of work as, **Pavement- Surfacing**, for the project with an estimated value of **\$692,405.00**, will be required. The Town of Hampden reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional 12-month options.

Valuation for purposes of MassDOT Prequalification is based on first year times three (3) to arrive at an estimated total value of all bid items. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to Bid is for one year. Vendors are expected to be able to provide their services over three (3) years at three (3) times the initial estimated value totaling approximately \$2,077,215.00.

The Town of Hampden reserves the right, acting through its Selectboard, to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to advertise for new proposals, as deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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09/03, 09/10/2026

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 5:45 PM** on the application of Steven Giroux, for a special permit (ZBA26-04) under section 3.4.5.11 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow the operation of a martial arts studio on property owned by Breakaway Real Estate, LLC located at 1872 Boston Road as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

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