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Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church in Wilbraham pose for a group photo during final preparations for the Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner.

Knights of Columbus Council 10195 gives back at annual benefit dinner

The dinner supported the Community Survival Center

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WILBRAHAM -- The community gathered at the St. Cecilia Parish Center on Oct. 14 for the Knights of Columbus Council 10195's annual benefit dinner to support the Community Survival Center.

The dinner included a traditional Italian meal of pasta, meatballs, sausage, salads and desserts served by the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 members and St. Cecilia Church's youth groups.

Additionally, attendees enjoyed Italian music and bidding on raffle prizes donated by Randall's Farm & Greenhouse, Karen Madden Insurance, Life Care Center of Wilbraham, Scented Garden Gift Shop, Wilbraham Seafood & Restaurant, Graziano Gardens, The Cutting Crew and many more.

The Community Survival Center,

located in Indian Orchard, is a non-profit organization helping families struggling to provide the basics of food, clothing and household items, with their emergency food pantry supporting the towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden and the 16 Acres, Pine Point and Indian Orchard neighborhoods in Springfield.

George Reich explained the dinner is one of many events the council holds, raising between \$5,000 - \$7,000 for the survival center.

Reich said the dinner returned to

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From youths to the elderly, Rotary Club has widespread community impact

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The Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club presented its 2023 scholarships to students from Wilbraham and Hampden in ceremonies at the Country Club of Wilbraham on May 9. The students are (from left) Ian Dzierwinski, Ava Aguiar, Samuel Manteria, Reese Jordan, Audrey LaPre and Molly Olsen. All of the students except Aguir are from Minnechaug Regional High School. Aguir is from Wilbraham & Monson Academy. Other recipients, not pictured, were David Noel, Isaiah Kozub and Marissa Warren all from Minnechaug.

The Rotary Club of Wilbraham-Hampden has bridged the community and connected residents of all ages in both towns since July 1974.

From offering dictionaries to elementary-aged students and scholarships to high school graduates

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HISTORICAL WILBRAHAM

Slavery in Wilbraham

Rev. Noah Merrick had three slaves

By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

A dictionary definition of slavery in America is: "The legal institution of human chattel slavery, comprising the enslavement primarily of Africans and African Americans, was prevalent in the United States of America from its founding in 1776 until 1865, predominantly in the South."

However terrible that custom was, you can't ignore the fact

that it was practiced here in Wilbraham.

Upon looking through "The History of Glendale Methodist Church" by Henry Edson I found a passage referring to the 19th century of the church, located on Glendale Road and now a private residence.

Edson found that in 1850 an African-American man, Rev. J. N. Mars, who was once a slave, preached in Wilbraham for some time. Edson said he didn't have much education, but he was very eloquent and was probably influential in two Glendale brothers becoming Methodist ministers, Daniel E. and Solomon Chapin.

A class was formed at the Methodist Church on Main Street with 29 students. In the class was Lorenzo Kibbe, who lived on the west side of the Mountain and was appointed Leader.

Gettysburg

In his "History of Wilbraham 1731 to 1913" author Chauncy E. Peck included a chapter about slaves in Wilbraham. You have to understand that when Peck wrote his history of the town, he had been a Civil War veteran and served in the Union Calvary with Gen. Custer at Gettysburg. And, he probably had a vicious hatred

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(Charles F. Bennett photo)

The graves of Revolutionary War veterans Caesar Merrick and Joseph Cutt, who were slaves in Wilbraham, are along the fence on the west side of Adams Cemetery.

of slavery and had put his life on the line to end it.

Peck told his readers that he had gathered as much informa-

tion that was available from "old records and traditions and that he found that at least five families who owned eight or more slaves

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Wilbraham Lions Club holds successful food drive outside Big Y



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The Wilbraham Lions Club held a food drive outside of Wilbraham Big Y on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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WILBRAHAM -- The threat of rain didn't deter members of the Wilbraham Lions Club from completing a food drive outside of Big Y on Boston Road Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We collected food and money. We ended up collecting 387 pounds of food and about \$400 in cash, which we passed on to the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard," Lions Club member Charles Libowitz said.

This was the second food drive the Lions Club completed outside of Big Y this year; the first one was in June. Libowitz said both initiatives were very successful.

"The initiative is that people are hungry; they need food," he said. "We have a small group in the Wilbraham Lions Club, and it's something where with not a lot of people we can make a little bit of a difference."

Libowitz was proud of those who donated, noting that some people dropped off substantial amounts of cash or entire grocery bags of food. He was happy there were more collections than expected.

Outside of money, the items collected were nonperishable food products.

"Anything from peanut butter to pasta to drinks," Li-



bowitz said. "I'm sometimes so surprised by how much is donated. I mean I expect people to maybe drop off one or two items, but we were getting shopping bags full."

To promote the food drive, Lions Club members posted notices in community spaces such as Town Hall, the Wilbraham Public Library, the Scantic Valley Branch YMCA and local churches.

Skies were ominous, and it rained throughout the early morning, but by 10 a.m. that Saturday, the weather relented, and the shoppers came out in droves. Libowitz explained why Big Y was chosen to host both food drives.

"To be honest it's a natural (location). People are shopping so it's not an extra trip or burden for them to purchase whatever they want, and we're right there. They just drop it off when they head for their car," he said.

Libowitz said Big Y was a great host and has been very open to having the Lions Club hold their food drives there.

"They do their own in-store advertising with their



workers and they also make announcements while we're there that we are there," he said. "They're very helpful, and we've already talked to them about having another drive in the spring."

While the COVID-19 pandemic played a negative role, the Lions Club is working hard to expand its membership. Libowitz said there are 1.4 million Lions Club members worldwide.

"Currently, they have five global causes; vision, hunger, environment, childhood care and diabetes," he said.

The Wilbraham club has been existent for over 70 years. Libowitz acknowledged the club has gone through tough times, like all clubs do, but said members are doing the best they can to make an impact on the community.

He explained what it takes to be a Lions Club member.

"(We're looking for) someone who believes in some of the goals of the Lions Club and someone who has a little bit of spare time to give. We have a meeting once a month. Since we're a small club, we're looking for people want to lead as well as participate," he said.



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Hampden Selectmen make offer to firm to search for next town administrator

Offer contingent on salary vote passing at Special Town Meeting Oct. 30

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HAMPDEN -- The Board of Selectmen has arranged for Community Paradigm Associates, LLC to assist in the search for its next town administrator, contingent on a vote passing to increase the position's salary at the Special Town Meeting Oct. 30.

Current Town Administrator Bob Markel has announced his retirement is on the horizon, and the Town of Hampden must begin searching for his successor. Markel listed what candidates will seek during the Oct. 16 Board of Selectmen meeting.

"I think most administrators and managers ask three questions. Obviously, what's the salary? Secondly, what's my span of authority, and thirdly do I think I can have a good relationship with the Board of Selectmen. If it's positive on those three, the candidate becomes very interested," Markel said.

Bernard Lynch, principal at Community Paradigm Associates, spoke to the board for about 15 minutes Monday in an introductory meeting. He said the town is making a wise choice in hiring a firm to assist in the process.

"We appreciate you choosing us to help with this town administrator search," he said. "I'm here tonight to answer any questions you might have as we start to kick off the process but also, we'll walk you through the steps we see moving forward."

Lynch acknowledged that the town meeting vote will determine if he is hired by Hampden and said that his firm has some commitments it must also clear up. Lynch anticipated that the introductory meeting wouldn't occur for at least another week but was prepared with a timetable on Monday.

Lynch said the kickoff to the process is consulting with the Board of

Selectmen, which would occur the week of Nov. 6. He said his firm would like to spend time by phone or Zoom with each of the Selectmen to determine what they are looking for in the town administrator position moving forward so that the firm can search for adequate candidates.

Lynch said his team will be interested in hearing from the Selectmen about the issues the town is facing.

"We'll also be interested in hearing the skills and attributes that you think are necessary in order for a town administrator to be successful and have some conversations with you about ideas related to compensation, related to experience of the candidates (and) all of those ideas and thoughts you might have to narrow in on the type of individuals we will be looking to bring forward to you as we move through the process," Lynch said.

Simultaneously, the firm will be gathering information about the town from department heads.

Lynch said that Markel provides "a wealth of information about the town and the ongoing projects" and that the firm hopes to develop a position profile or statement that serves multiple purposes, noting that it is important for the community to step back and consider what their issues and needs are.

"We use it as a recruiting brochure," Lynch said. "We take it and send it off to potential candidates that are in our database that we're aware of that are out there in the field that are interested in being a town administrator in the state, particularly in that geographic region."

In the first part of November, the firm would "play out" the criteria by which it will determine what a successful or ideal candidate would look like. Lynch said it takes time to accomplish gathering this information before it will be presented to the board in the third week of November.

After getting the board's approval, active recruitment would begin, as the firm makes its initial contact with candidates. Lynch said that they will do multiple recruitments from the area.

"We'll be seeing candidates that might be the perfect fit for Hampden

that may not be the perfect fit for somewhere else. And candidates that may be interested in Hampden that may not be interested in other locations," Lynch said.

Lynch said Community Paradigm Associates has developed a database of candidates over the years that will assist in the process of building up candidates. He said that during December active recruiting will occur with that profile in hand.

Once all the candidates are received, the list will be narrowed down to three or four people.

"We would then bring to the board along with background checks on those candidates that we would then refer to you in the beginning of January and then help you through the process of interviewing those candidates and making a selection by roughly the middle of January," Lynch said.

Lynch acknowledged it is a hard time to hire in any industry. He said Hampden might have to think outside of the box and consider hiring a department head from a large organization.

"Geography plays a big role. You don't necessarily have the candidates out in your area that are ready and rearing to go," he said.

However, many people could potentially be interested in the position, as over two-thirds of the municipal communities in the commonwealth have changed administrators or managers over the past five years.

"It's a staggering number we've never seen before," Lynch said.

Lynch said again that Hampden is in good hands, as his firm has done 100 recruitments for town administrators over the past nine years.

Board Chair John Flynn informed Lynch that he hopes Markel will call with good news on Halloween, following the meeting.

"Bernie, we will have the best sales pitch available to the town on Oct. 30, and hopefully Bob will be calling you on the 31st saying, 'Oh my gosh, it was such a good sales pitch they want to give you more money,'" Flynn said.

Women's Club to hold Rummage Sale Nov. 3

WILBRAHAM — The Saint Cecilia Parish Women's Club is holding its annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, on Friday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. until noon. (Saturday is Bag Day!)

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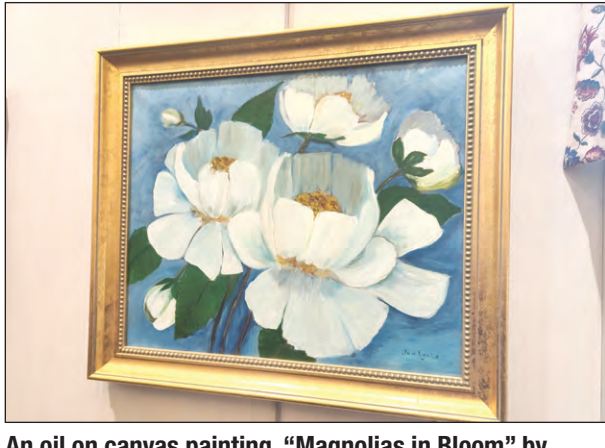
Melissa Graves, administrative assistant of Conservation, for the Town of Wilbraham, shows off her diamond art paintings on display in the Brooks Room during the Artists Reception at Wilbraham Public Library.



Sharon McKeon smiles next to her watercolor paintings, "Laughing Brook Fall" and "Laughing Brook Winter", on display in the Brooks Room during the Artists Reception at Wilbraham Public Library.



An acrylic painting titled "The Royals" by Lois Kalesnik, on display in the Brooks Room during the Artists Reception at Wilbraham Public Library.



An oil on canvas painting, "Magnolias in Bloom" by Janet Earle, on display in the Brooks Room during the Artists Reception at Wilbraham Public Library.



A stained-glass art piece called "Cardinal" created by James Sadoski is on display in a window in the Brooks Room at Wilbraham Public Library.



A mixed media acrylic art piece called "Yellow Orchids" by Newell Guy Murri is on display in the Brooks Room at Wilbraham Public Library.

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WILBRAHAM -- The library held an arts reception from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the Brooks Room to

introduce the artists featured in the Wilbraham Friends of the Library Art Show.

The art is on display through Oct. 31.

The event was made possible through the Friends of the Wilbraham Public Library.

During the event, residents met the artists exhibiting their work this month,

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showcasing acrylic, watercolor, stained glass, oil on canvas and mixed media acrylic art pieces.

Sharon McKeon is a first-time exhibitor and showed off her watercolor paintings, taking inspiration from the Laughing Brook, native Brook Trout and her begonias.

McKeon said she's been doing watercolors since she was fifteen and recently returned to painting, hoping to make people smile and connect with art.

"I like that they let you hang them here for a month so people that come through the library can enjoy them and check them out," McKeon said.

McKeon added people creating art can help them separate from the chaos of life, fostering a creative outlet.

"I do this, but other people will paint on wood or they're a musician. There's so many different things that you can do to help people recover and heal. It's a healing experience," McKeon said.

Melissa Graves, who works for the town, was also a first-time exhibitor. She showcased her diamond art canvases comprising of horses and wolves.

Graves explained her sister-in-law got her into diamond art when she did one at her house, later starting to do her own, and the process involves working on the canvas itself, with each color having a diamond.

"So, then you take your diamonds. You have to categorize them in the different colors and symbols and then there's a pen that you work with, and you pick up your tiny little diamond and put it on the symbols on the canvas," Graves said. "They call it diamond art because all the sparkles are diamond-cut. That's why it sparkles."

Graves encouraged residents to take the time to check out local artwork, adding she hopes to do more shows in the future.

"I love it. I wish more people would come and see everybody's art, you know, because all these local people want to display their things and maybe sell some things just to keep the art in the community," Graves said. "(So that if) somebody sells their pieces of art, it's still here in Wilbraham or surrounding communities."

Lois Kalesnik showed off new art to attendees during the reception, having displayed artwork at the library for several years.

Kalesnik enjoys meeting people and her fellow artists, including up-and-coming ones showing off their paintings.

"You see other interesting people with different kinds of media. The different ways of displaying paintings and painting. You can be creative in your painting in many different ways," Kalesnik said.

Kalesnik appreciates the library's support of local artists, featuring art shows, and encourages the community to take the time to check them out.

"It's just a good place to display your art, and I enjoy doing it and the people in the Wilbraham Library are all very nice," Kalesnik said.

Kalesnik also encourages aspiring artists to display their art whenever they can do so.

"If it's something that you enjoy and you feel that it's worth people seeing and it's been entertaining for you to do, because to me that's what art should be, shouldn't be just something on a wall that you look at. If you want to paint or want to draw, just do it, whether it's good or bad. It's self-satisfying," Kalesnik said.

Hampden's Fall Fest to bring seasonal fun for all

The event takes place on Oct. 21 at TWB

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HAMPDEN — Hampden's Fall Fest will bring seasonal fun to the community on Oct. 21 at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School.

The rain date is Oct. 22.

Kicking off at noon, Hampden's Fall Fest includes crafters, a chili competition between the fire and police departments, Minnechaug Regional High School's Marching Band performing their halftime show and Halloween-themed activities, including a costume parade, a "Thriller" dance performance, trunk-or-treats, a spookysense room, jack-o-lantern illuminations and more.

Laura Salerno is one of the organizers; she explained the event started last year as Hampden Spooktacular. After over 400 people came, the event moved from the spray park to the middle school.

Additionally, it's under a new name.

"Since we had to move it and we moved it to Thornton Burgess — the middle school, the grounds there — we have a lot more room, so I said, 'You

know what? This year we're doing it big. It is no longer a spooktacular. It is a full-blown fall festival for all ages,'" Salerno said.

Salerno loves the fall season and putting events together, having partnered with Carrie Joseph and Hampden Parks & Recreation to organize last's year event.

"I like planning events for people. I like seeing people smile and laugh and kids giggle," Salerno said. "I don't

weeks after that, but they decided this year that they weren't going to put that on anymore and they would like to be part of our event, so that's where the fireworks are now coming into ours," Salerno said. "So now instead of two big events a year, we'll have one event, and it'll incorporate both the Fall Fest and the Safety Night."

Salerno said the event will also help businesses and organizations get their names out there, including The Recreation Association of Hampden, or RAH for short.

"They fundraise a lot of activities so they can raise money for the town, raise money for Memorial Park, you know, but nobody knows about that. So, if you want to make donations for Memorial Park, and you have no idea where to donate, (you can donate to RAH)," Salerno said. "It's a great way for them to get out there and say 'Hey, this is who we are, this is what we do.'"

Salerno wants the community to know Fall Fest "is not just for little kids" and encourages everyone to come. Additionally, they're still looking for volunteers.

"It's really for the entire community to come out," Salerno said. "Even for a little while just to see what's going on or just come up for the fireworks at the end of the evening, whichever they want to do."

To learn more, call Salerno at 413-244-2618 or Joseph at 413-246-3606.



Hampden's Fall Fest kicks off Saturday, Oct. 21, with seasonal activities for all to enjoy.

need the recognition for myself, but I just like to watch how it all unfolds for people. That's all. That's all it's ever been for me."

Salerno said Hampden usually has a popular Safety Night event that includes fireworks, but that will be changing this year.

"Our event would have been two

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How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limit-



ed income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing

government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033.

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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LeConte's sparrow

On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte's sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte's sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape. The upper breast and flanks are buff colored.

It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch. Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground. They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night. LeConte's sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like "tika-zzzzzz-tzt."

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend's warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs. They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

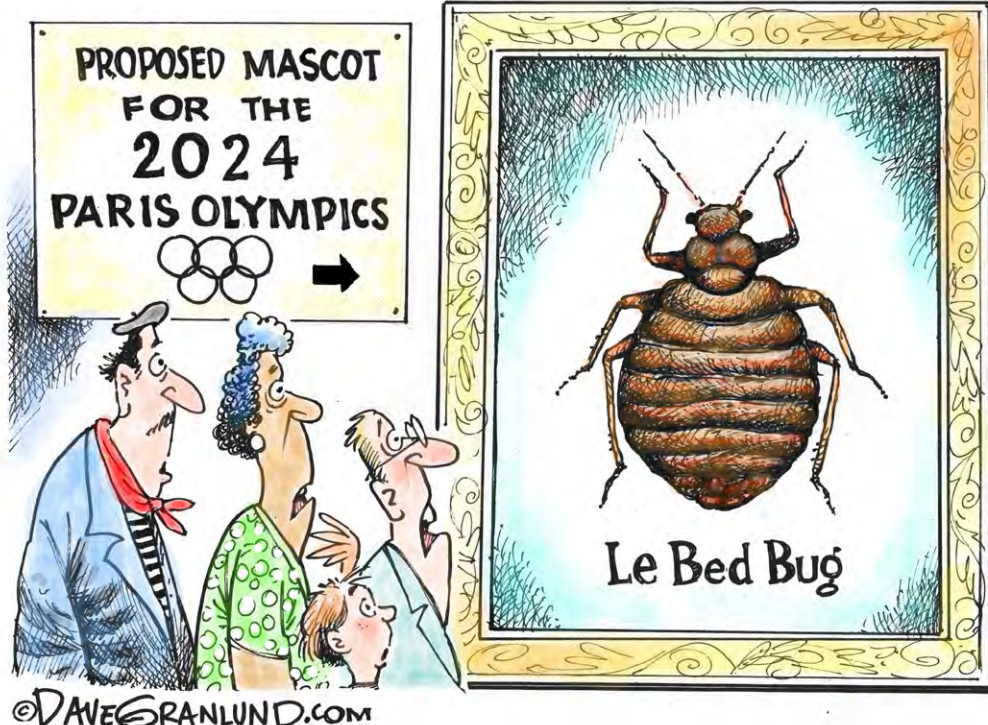
Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeder that way. I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of the meal worms and seed each day. The birds empty the feeder so the bears only find an empty tray.

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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Hampden Garden Club shifts focus to planting trees



Submitted photos

HAMPDEN — The Hampden Garden Club is beginning a new and exciting project. After 20 years of planting thousands of daffodils in various areas around town, the club has decided to focus their attention on planting trees, large numbers of which have been destroyed over the

years due to disease and storms.

It is the goal of the club to assist in protecting the environment and beautifying the town wherever possible. A tree committee was established and will continue to work toward accomplishing this goal. Five trees have been planted this fall.

The Hampden Garden Club would like to say thank you for the generous support they have received over the years at their annual Memorial Day plant sale.

It is because of this support that it is possible to fulfill this project.

Elder Financial Abuse Workshop at HSC

HAMPDEN – Today, Thursday, Oct. 19, the Hampden Senior Center is holding an Elder Financial Abuse Workshop from noon to 2 p.m.

Financial Elder Abuse affects between three to five million seniors each year. During this workshop, you will learn how to spot potential threats and what to do to avoid financial fraud. You will hear from local law enforcement, community leaders and town and government officials.

FREE Boxed Lunch will be served, provided by The Polish National Credit Union.

Please call 566-6688 on Thursday morning to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

TWB Transition Program to host Food Drive

HAMPDEN – The Transition Program at Thornton W. Burgess School is hosting its Food Drive from Oct. 23 to Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Help donate to those in hunger! The drive is accepting unexpired goods or non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned soups-pop tops, water bottles, rice, pasta, canned pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruits, hot and cold oatmeal, bagged snacks, granola bars or hot and cold oatmeal.

All proceeds to benefit Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, located at 170 Pendexter Ave. in Chicopee. The drop off location is TWB at 85 Wilbraham Road.

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OBITUARIES

Death Notices

Dawn McNamara
Died on Sept. 12, 2023
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Cecilia Church
Oct. 21, 2023

Bernard A. Sears
Died on Oct. 13, 2023
Calling hours at
Nowak Funeral &
Cremation Services,
15 Ludlow Ave.,
Springfield on Monday,
Oct. 23, 2023, from
4-7 p.m.

Dawn Michelle McNamara

Dawn McNamara crossed over to heaven on Sept. 12, 2023, at her home in West Roxbury. She was 58 years old.

She moved to the area in 2008 and quickly found her calling as a home health aide to the elderly. She absolutely loved hearing their stories, listening to their favorite music, learning new card games, and caring for them in any way she could.

Dawn spent most of her youth in Geneva, NY, where she was in the school's color guard and volunteered as a candy striper. After graduation, she moved to Wilbraham, and then to Springfield, before her final home in Boston. The night before her death, she was packing for her move back to Springfield which was scheduled for just three days later.

She didn't have grandiose dreams or plans for anything too far into the future. She truly lived in the moment, treasuring the small blessings in life such as a phone call from a friend, her mother's pot roast recipe, a new hair style, winning at Yahtzee, a great find at Savers, and on occasion, a strawberry milkshake. If she had one big wish for herself, it was to swim with the dolphins which she did years earlier.

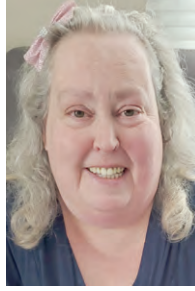
Her hopes and dreams were for her children Tom and Mary. She prayed for their happiness and success wherever life led them. Profoundly proud of them both, Dawn never missed an opportunity to share an update, photo or memory of them with anyone. She was over the moon to be just two minutes away from Tom in her new Springfield home. God had other plans.

Dawn had her share of challenges, but she bore her crosses with tremendous grace – especially in her final year. She was also sober for more than a decade, taking great pride in knowing she beat this generational curse. Her superpower was unconditional love, always choosing to see the good in someone.

She is survived by her son Tom McNamara, his wife Maryn and their children Avery and John; her daughter Mary Flores and Mary's father Mike who was Dawn's partner of 20 years; twin sister Diane McNamara; brother Dan McNamara and his wife Christy Hamilton; uncle John Helme and his wife Renee; cousins Helen Haggerty, Ingrid Van Slyke and Heather Harrison Moran; and the friends she cherished throughout her life. She was predeceased by her mother Anne, father Thomas, grandparents Omar and Alice Helme and Thomas and Peggy McNamara, whom she loved beyond measure and called LaLa. That was the name her precious granddaughter Avery called Dawn too.

Dawn wasn't afraid of death, confident that her mother and LaLa would greet her at the gates of heaven. If you would like to honor Dawn's life, please consider a donation to The Dolphin Project or simply do something kind for an elderly person and think of her.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Cecilia Church in Wilbraham on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. She will be buried with her father, mother, grandparents, great grandparents and great aunts in Syracuse, NY next spring.



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Events & announcements schedule

Hampden Garden Club celebrates 92nd year with guest speaker Ginny Blake

HAMPDEN – The Hampden Garden Club is celebrating its 92nd year by hosting guest speaker/member Ginny Blake to present "The Tulip: Not Just Another Pretty Face". Learn the fascinating history of this beloved spring bulb as well as view the many stunning varieties in bloom at the Keukenhof in Holland at the height of the tulip season.

The presentation will occur Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Academy Hall at 625 Main St., Hampden. The guest fee is \$5. Please contact Lil Fedora at 566-1137 with any questions. Thank you!

Wilbraham United Church to sell pumpkins until Oct. 31

Fall Festival to occur Oct. 21

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham United Church will be selling pumpkins at their Pumpkin Patch daily from Oct. 15-31. Shoppers can pick their perfect pumpkins and take advantage of photo opportunities Monday through Saturday between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays between noon and 7 p.m.

Pumpkin sales benefit the Wilbraham United Church Steeple Repair fund. Cash or Credit Cards will be accepted. Donations to the Steeple Fund are also gratefully received!

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the church will hold an outdoor Fall Festival featuring the pumpkin sales as well as pumpkin painting activities, food trucks, a bake sale, arts and crafts vendors and more fall fun!

The festival begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

Wilbraham United Church is located at 500 Main St. in Wilbraham.

Hike along the New England Trail set for Oct. 22

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Hiking Club is delighted to announce that a Moderate Mount Holyoke Hike along the New England Trail is now set for Oct. 22! Participation is limited to 12 hikers, so please sign up soon at wilbrahamrec.com to take part in this wonderful opportunity for an uphill hike with very rewarding views. Please note that the terrain is very rocky with several steep climbs. There will be one point where hikers might need to climb down some rocks.

Wilbraham library to host program on John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Public Library will host actor George Baker for his one-man-show "John Adams and Thomas Jefferson - Their Historic 50-Year Friendship" on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Brooks Room.

George Baker, as John Adams, will present his views of the nation, history and family life in a humorous and inspiring speech. He will be dressed in the clothes he would have worn as the Second President of the United States 1797-1801. Adams will describe how he and Thomas Jefferson met in 1775 at the Continental Congress, how they worked on the Declaration of Independence, their comradeship as fellow ambassadors in England and France, the bitterness of the presidential elections of 1796 and 1800 and their famous reconciliation.

The program is free of charge and registration is suggested through the library's Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, or by calling 596-6141. This program is funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

Wilbraham library to bring back Jack-o-Lantern contest and StoryWalk

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Friends of the Library's second annual Jack-o-Lantern contest and StoryWalk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29. Please register through the library's event calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. Families may enter one Jack-o-Lantern for display. (LED tealights please, no real candles). Set-up begins at 4:30 p.m., and the display will run from 5-7 p.m. Prizes will be announced at 6:45 p.m. In the event of rain, we will hold the event inside. This event is free. Hot Cider will be available. Donations to the Wilbraham Friends of the Library will be gratefully accepted.

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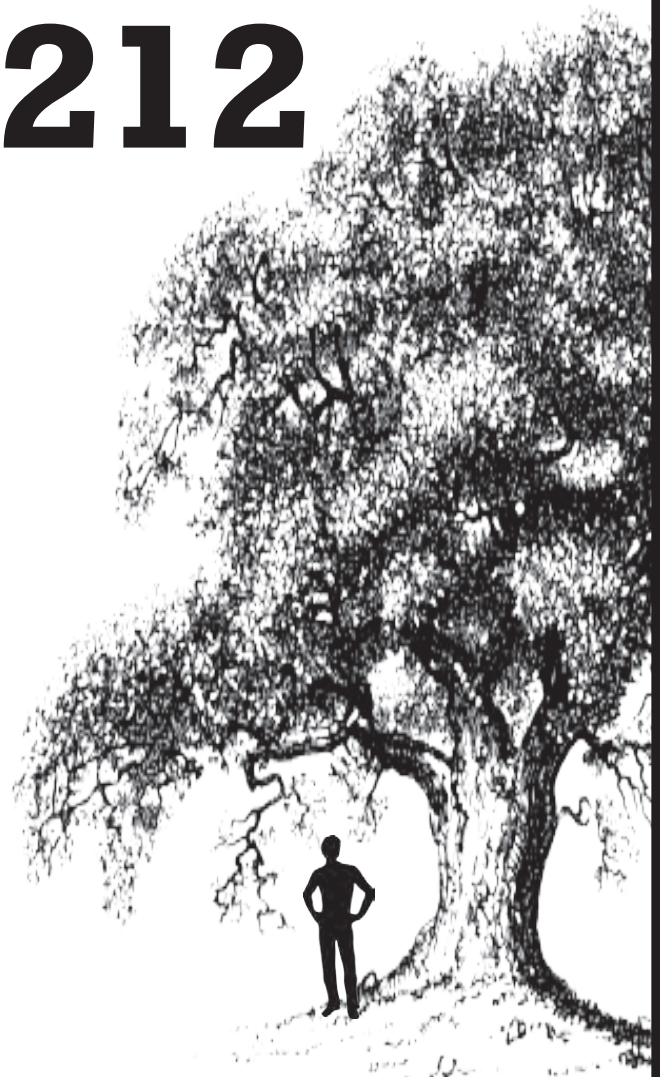
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Volunteers from St. Cecilia Church youth groups are ready to serve during the Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner.



Susan Baldwin, board president of the Community Survival Center's Board of Directors gives remarks during the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church's Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner.

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in-person dining last year, with the past few years being takeout only due to the pandemic.

"We had a big year last year and we raised, I think, nearly \$7,000 last year," Reich said. "It's a fun event for us, but it's a worthwhile event."

Don Flannery, a past grand knight and longtime member, enjoys doing events with the council, sharing how members took part in the recent Tootsie Roll Drive, giving out tootsie rolls outside Walmart and collecting donations.

That event supported people with mental disabilities. "Just another way of doing something that's good for society and good for people that need help," Flannery said.

George Flanagan is on the Board of Directors for the Community Survival Center and a Knights member; he served as the dinner's head chef.

Flanagan enjoys supporting a good cause and the camaraderie with his fellow members while working in the kitchen, calling them his "best kitchen crew imaginable."

"We love to see the people enjoy their meals, and when I see all these kids out here mowing away, then I know we did something right," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said residents can support the Community Survival Center "any time, any place."

"They're always looking for food, they're always looking for money, they're always looking for volunteers," Flanagan said.

Grand Knight Ron Hale said the benefit dinner to support the Community Service Center has gone on for 30 years and he was looking forward to a great turnout.

"It's a good evening for all. It's a great, great cause," Hale said.

Hale added the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 is active all year round with more events coming up, including the Thanksgiving Food Drive next month, followed by Wreaths Across America and Coats for Kids in December.

"We stay busy. We're not very stagnant and that's what helps keep our membership up," Hale said. "People volunteering and doing good things for the community."

Reich wants the community to know the Knights of Columbus is always looking for new members, and they're heavily involved in community support.

"Like I said, we do a lot of things to support the community. We have fun doing it and we're always looking for Catholic men that want to join us," Reich said.

Flanagan encouraged residents to support the events held by the council, thanking residents for attending the benefit dinner.

"Everything we do is based on donations from the Knights and the monies that we raise at events like this," Flanagan said.

Flannery shared this simple message.

"Bon appetite!"

To learn more about the Community Survival Center, visit communitysurvivalcenter.org.



Knights of Columbus Council 10195 Advocate Eric Forni and his granddaughter, Lily Stebbins, pose for a photo as the Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner held by the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church gets underway.



George Flanagan, member of the Community Survival Center's Board of Directors and the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church, and Carol Adamski-Maggi sing an Italian song together during the Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner held by the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church.



A wide shot of the many attendees who came to the Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner held by the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church.



Father John Connors and volunteers serve attendees during the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 at St. Cecilia Church's Annual Community Survival Center Benefit Dinner. The dinner took place in the St. Cecilia Church Parish Center.

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to feeding the homeless and delivering meals to seniors, the Rotary Club's responsibilities are abundant. There is great evidence to support its commitment to Wilbraham and Hampden.

"We're all about service to others. That's really the motto of Rotary International; service above self. We do a number of different projects focused on youth, families and seniors," Rotary Club Secretary Brad Sperry said.

Last year, the club established a children's library at the YWCA of Western Massachusetts, which provides support, shelter and self-sufficiency services for pregnant women, out-of-school youths and women and children who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault. The YWCA also offers a 24-hour crisis hotline.

The Rotary Club began its affiliation with the YWCA by donating books and toys for youths each year at the club's holiday party. Sperry said last year's book drive was motivated in part by research revealing that children who witness regular domestic violence suffer academically and have significantly lower reading levels.

"We wanted to set up a library for children right there. It was a blazing success," Sperry said. "Ultimately, we had over 700 books that we (donated); a combination of new books and gently used children's books."

To collect books and receive advice as to which books were the most age-appropriate, the Rotary Club held a donation drive and leaned on the support of local entities such as the Wilbraham and Hampden libraries, Springfield Public Schools, Rice Fruit Farm, LUSO Federal Credit Union and the Scantic Valley Branch YMCA, to name a few.

The Rotary Club was able to purchase dozens of books using a discount, and the Hampden County Sheriff's Department built and donated a bookcase.

"We're a small club, and for us to punch out of our weight class, for example, we really need to collaborate with community partners, which we've done to a large degree. I think that's a message that folks need to hear," Sperry said.

Every April for Earth Day, the Rotary Club completes cleanup projects in Wilbraham and Hampden. Last year, under the leadership of Alternative Learning Program Teacher Jay Dalessio, at least a dozen student members of Minnechaug Regional High School's Above the Influence Club contributed to cleaning around Memorial Park in Hampden and Memorial School and Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

While it hasn't happened yet this year, it has been a tradition for the Rotary Club to provide every third grader in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District with a dictionary.

Last month, members of the Minnechaug Class of 1973 held a fundraiser to purchase STEM books and promote young people getting involved in science and math in honor of their late classmate Janice Voss, an astronaut. "We donated money to sponsor a local child who next summer will be attending space camp in Huntsville, AL," Sperry said.

Annually, on the first Sunday of December, the Rotary Club holds its tree lighting ceremony at Wilbraham's Gazebo Park. This year it falls on Dec. 3.

"We have Jared Sasen, our veterans' agent, as Santa," Sperry said. "He will be brought to Gazebo Park by the town's fire department, who will bring him there on a fire engine with the siren wailing, with all the kids waiting for him."

At the event, the Rotary Club will collect hygiene items for the homeless to be donated to the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard. On a regular basis, the Rotary Club also brings bread there from the Wilbraham Big Y.



Next year, the Rotary Club of Wilbraham-Hampden will celebrate its 50th anniversary.



Photos submitted by Charles F. Bennett

New Selectman visits the Rotary Club...

Wilbraham's newly elected selectman, Mike Squindo, right, is presented with a Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club coffee mug by President Don Flannery, for being the guest speaker at the club's Aug. 9 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Squindo said he would like to see more citizen participation, efficient government and a creative way to solve the town's housing problems.

Hampden Selectman visits Rotary Club...

As guest speaker, Hampden Selectman Don Davenport (right) receives a gift from Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club Vice-President Peter Salerno at the club's April 27 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Davenport said both Hampden and Wilbraham are sharing challenges of citizen participation in town government.



"Homelessness is increasing big time. I spoke with (Executive Director) Mary Cassidy at Community Survival Center; she told me last week they had 80 more people than usual line up for their food pantry," Sperry said.

The Rotary Club is also working with the Springfield Rescue Mission, which Sperry described as one of the region's largest nonprofit service providers for the homeless. The club received a small grant and is donating sheets, blankets, towels and hygiene items.

"We really know how to stretch resources and stretch a buck," Sperry said.

Several members of the club work as volunteers for the Wilbraham Senior Center, serving as drivers for the Meals on Wheels program, which

delivers meals to seniors.

During the spring, the Rotary Club gives out scholarships to local high school graduates from schools such as Minnechaug and Wilbraham & Monson Academy. This year, awardees were recognized on May 9.

Club President Donald Flannery said he joined to further his business interests but quickly learned the club is about so much more, especially on an international level.

"After I joined, I learned about some of these things we do worldwide. We work toward peace, we work for clean energy and clean water, sanitation, eradicating diseases, all these things," Flannery said.

Tim Tracy joined the club last summer. When he joined, he didn't know a single member, but that changed in no time.

"It's a great opportunity to meet new people," he said. "A lot of people here have a lot of community experience. They've done a lot of things around town, and it's great to learn from them and learn about what they do for the community; what they've done and what they still can do."

Alan Kane enjoys participating in the Christmas tree lightings and community cleanups. He especially enjoys scholarship night.

Kane gave insight into what it means to be a Rotarian.

"With Rotary, you really have to care. You really have to have it inside you that you care about your community and that you care about what's going on," he said.

For more information about the club, one can visit its Facebook page.



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A COMMUNITY GALLERY



Learning about Boston Tea Party... Wilbraham youngsters William and Shalan Gregory and their mother Anna meet history interpreter Rich Howell after his talk about the Boston Tea Party at the Old Meeting House Museum Open House Oct. 8. The next Open House is Sunday, Nov. 5. Photo by Karen Geaghan, submitted by Charles F. Bennett

Speaking from the pulpit...

History interpreter Richard Howell of Wilbraham, in period costume, explains what happened at the Boston Tea Party almost 250 years ago. Howell was guest speaker at the Old Meeting House Museum Open House Oct. 8 starting off at the Wilbraham & Monson Chapel next door. Photo submitted by Charles F. Bennett



Patrick Farrow, Wilbraham Fire Department Fire & Life Safety Educator, with Wilbraham Women's Club Vice President Sue Rigney and President Maureen Mikuszewski. Farrow presented an informational program for the club on Oct. 12. Photo submitted by Sue Agnew

Life in & WILBRAHAM

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Patriotic tee shirt...

Mike and Ann Kober were the winners of the Wilbraham Tee Shirt raffle donated by the Gift Shop of the Old Meeting House Museum at the Wilbraham Athenaeum Society's Open House Oct. 8. At left is Charlie Bennett, Athenaeum Program Chair and History Interpreter Rich Howell, who talked about the Boston Tea Party. The next Open House is Sunday, Nov. 5. Photo by Karen Geaghan, submitted by Charles F. Bennett



The Knights of Columbus held their annual Tootsie Roll Drive Oct. 6-7 at Walmart on Boston Road. It was to be held the previous weekend, but it was raining and there were no children there to hand Tootsie Rolls to. We thank Walmart for allowing us to be there and also their very generous customers who gave to the cause of helping those who are mentally impaired. Pictured are Grand Knight Ron Hale speaking to a customer and a child. Photo submitted by Chairman PGK Don Flannery

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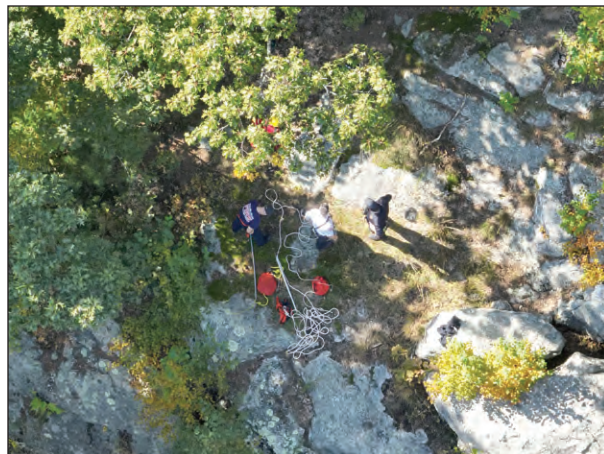
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Wilbraham-Hampden Times Editor Dalton Zbierski served as the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Wilbraham-Hampden meeting on Sept. 13. Submitted by Don Flannery



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Falcons football rebounds with win over Holyoke



Jack Lucarelle takes the snap.

WILBRAHAM – After a tough couple of weeks with losses to Westfield and Central, Minnechaug football picked up a much-needed win over Holyoke 56-6 last Friday night. The Falcons are now 3-2 on the season and have matchups with Chicopee Comprehensive and Longmeadow coming up.

Wilfred Lara muscled through a pair of defenders.



Nick Patrakis looks to make a kick.



Max Baroni runs the ball near the middle.



DJ Johnson fights off a defender.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande

Falcons squeak by Orioles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—The Minnechaug and Belchertown varsity field hockey teams entered last Friday's non-league match-up with a 17-3-2 combined record.

The Lady Falcons, who haven't lost a regular season match to a Western Mass. opponent since last October, scored an early goal and managed to hold on for a 1-0 road victory versus the Lady Orioles.

It was an extra special game for Minnechaug senior captain Mary Woytowicz and Belcher-

town sophomore Mya Philpott, who are second cousins.

"It was a lot of fun playing a field hockey game against one of my cousins," Woytowicz said. "We played Belchertown in a home game last year and Mya has really improved a lot. I was really looking forward to today's game. Our whole family was here watching us play."

Whenever Woytowicz does get together with her younger cousin in the coming years, she'll have the bragging rights.

The Lady Falcons (10-1-1), who are a Division 2 team, also posted a 3-0 shutout victory in last year's meeting against the



Kate O'Connor fights to keep possession.

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Zoey Cardano gets the header.



Claire Poindexter plays the ball off her toes.



Zorih Wray sends a pass away.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande



Bianca Fachetti fights to keep possession of the ball.



Kylie Ray separates from her opponent.

Chaug suffers loss to Lancers

WILBRAHAM – West Springfield and Longmeadow would break up a four-game win streak for the Minnechaug Regional High School girls soccer team. The Falcons would tie West Springfield 0-0 and

then the Falcons suffered a rare loss to Longmeadow 1-0. Minnechaug would rebound with a 3-1 win at Wachusett last Saturday. Minnechaug has qualified for the state tournament and is 8-3-1 this season.

T-Birds rebound to beat Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) overcame a subpar second period and battled their way to a 4-3 win over the Providence Bruins (0-1-0-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the Mass-Mutual Center.

Vadim Zherenko got the nod in net for Springfield and picked up the win, stopping 38 shots on the afternoon. On the other end, Brandon Bussi got the start for Providence in the net, making 20 saves on 24 T-Birds attempts.

After a flurry of chances in the Providence zone about halfway through the first period, captain Matthew Peca got the T-Birds on the board first as he knocked a rebound home at the 7:48 mark. On a seemingly harmless play, Wyatt Kalynuk wristed a point shot toward Bussi, who appeared like he would squeeze it in the glove to get a whistle. Instead, the puck popped out of his trapper, and Springfield kept the puck in the zone the next half minute, culminating in the goal by Peca, which came as a sixth attacker was jumping on the ice following a delayed Providence penalty.

Peca's first goal of the season would be the only tally of the period, as the T-Birds marched back to their dressing room with a 1-0 lead. Nathan Walker picked up a point

for a second straight day, getting credit for the primary helper, while Dylan Coghlan accrued his first point as a T-Bird with the secondary assist.

Providence had a golden opportunity to score five minutes into the second frame when Vincent Arsenneau took advantage of a turnover and found teammate Joey Abate in the slot, but Abate's shot nailed the post and the score remained 1-0.

The T-Birds had a golden opportunity of their own to capitalize on with 7:28 to go in the second after Zachary Bolduc intercepted an errant pass, but Bolduc just missed on the glove side of Bussi as the shot sailed over the crossbar.

John Farinacci finally got the P-Bruins on the board, hammering home a rebound past Zherenko on the power play, tying the game up at one apiece.

With just over a minute to play in the second, after an unforced giveaway in the defensive end by Springfield, the Bruins took advantage as Farinacci found Luke Toporowski for a one-timer in the slot, giving the P-Bruins a 2-1 lead going into the dressing room.

It didn't take long for the T-Birds to get even in the third, as Walker recorded his second goal of the season just nine seconds into the period to open up the scoring, with

Adam Gaudette and Calle Rosen getting credit with the assists.

Just 4:19 later, Bolduc joined the scoring party on a 2-on-1 rush as he rifled home a shot past Bussi on the blocker side. The first-round pick's first career pro goal made it a 3-2 game.

Providence did not go away quietly though, as Marc McLaughlin tipped in a Reilly Walsh point shot on a Bruins power play at the 13:21 mark, bringing the game to a 3-3 tie.

In need of another response, and with another delayed penalty situation, the top line delivered in the clutch. Finding a quiet area in the slot area, Gaudette snapped a perfect shot under the crossbar and recorded his first of the year and second point on the day, making it 4-3 with just 4:52 to go in the third.

Despite pulling their goalie and several dangerous scoring chances, Providence could not tie the score and the T-Birds escaped with their first victory of the year in thrilling fashion.

The T-Birds return to the Mass-Mutual Center on Friday to complete their season-opening three-game homestand as they take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.



Kendall Gates intercepts the ball just outside the circle.

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Lady Orioles, which took place under the lights at Minnechaug.

Belchertown made another visit to Minnechaug's turf field a month later. They defeated East Longmeadow, 1-0, in the Western Mass. Class B finals.

The Lady Orioles, who are a Division 3 team, had an 8-3-1 overall record following last Friday afternoon's home setback.

"We're having another very good season," Philpott said. "We've been able to win most of our games."

The Lady Falcons lost to rival Longmeadow, 2-0, in the 2022 Western Mass. Class A finals.

Minnechaug's only setback so far this fall was a 2-0 non-league home loss to Algonquin Regional of Northborough in the season opener. The Lady Falcons also tied Frontier Regional.

"We just didn't communicate very well in our first game of the regular season," Woytowicz said. "We've improved a lot since then and we're working together a lot better now."

Woytowicz, who's a three-sport varsity athlete, is a starting defender, along with senior's Emily Esteves, and Ainsley Sheehan.

"The three of us have been playing together for the past three years," said Woytowicz, who's also a member of the swimming and tennis teams. "It's always very important to stop the other team from scoring a goal."

Minnechaug senior goalie Kayleigh Kinsman, who only made two saves against the Lady Orioles, posted her sixth shutout of the season.

With 13:35 remaining in the first quarter, the Lady



Audrey Izzo looks to advance up the field under pressure.



Emily Esteves possesses the ball while trying to evade a defender.

Falcons took a 1-0 lead following a penalty corner goal by junior Alayna Lucas, who banged a shot into the back of the cage. Junior captain Audrey Izzo was credited with the assist.

"We're always looking to score more than one goal in every game that we play," Woytowicz said. "After we took the early 1-0 lead in today's game, we were able to keep them from scoring a goal, which was very crucial."

Philpott was hoping to beat her older cousin at least once before she graduates.

"Minnechaug beat us both times that we faced them," said Philpott, who's a midfielder. "It's kind of disappointing, but they came out on fire in the first quarter, but we only allowed them to score one goal against us."

Philpott dribbled the ball past her older cousin a couple of times during the game.

"Mary is a very good field hockey player," Philpott said. "I was able to get around her a few times, but she did make a couple of stops."

First-year Belchertown head coach Dina Brunetti was disappointed with the way her team started the game.

"My girls were flat during the first five minutes of the game, and Minnechaug was able to score a goal against us," Brunetti said. "We did play very well after that. I really wish that we could face Minnechaug again this year."



Rose Caltabiano reaches out to take possession of the ball.



Mary Woytowicz makes her way toward the sideline.

With seven minutes left in the second quarter, a shot attempt by Belchertown sophomore Edith Audette was saved by Kinsman. It was the Lady Orioles' best scoring chance.

Down at the other end of the field, Belchertown senior goalie Brooke Stelmokas was credited with eight saves.

Minnechaug also had ten penalty corners during the third quarter, but they couldn't put the ball into the cage.

With a little more than five minutes remaining in regulation, Belchertown senior Laura Cote was given a yellow card and was forced to sit on the sideline for five minutes.

"Laura is one of our best players and not having on the field for five minutes was a big factor," Brunetti said. "If she was on the field, we could've made one final push to score the tying goal. I would've been ecstatic with a tie. I'm still very proud of my girls."

Railers fall to Mariners in opener

AUBURN, ME – The Worcester Railers HC (0-1-0-0, 0pts) fell to the Maine Mariners (1-0-0-0, 2pts), on Friday night by the final score of 4-2 at Norway Savings Bank Arena. The Railers are at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center against the Maine Mariners on Saturday, October 14th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Maine started the game with two quick goals in the first from Ethan Keppen (2-0-2) and Wyl-lum Deveaux (1-0-1) to grab a 2-0 lead through one period. Worcester got on the board in the second thanks to Zach White's tip in front to make it 2-1. The Railers and Mariners traded goals midway through the second, as Jimmy Lambert (1-1-2) for Maine put the Mariners up 3-1 just before Jake Pivonka (1-0-1) got the Railers back to within one. Keppen scored the only goal of the third, as Maine would go on to beat Worcester 4-2 on Friday night.

The Mariners poured on the offense in a hurry to open the first, scoring twice in the first 3:06 of the game. Ethan Keppen (1st) finished off a cross-ice passing sequence from Tyler Drevitch to beat Tikkanen far-side and make it 1-0 Mariners. Wyl-lum Deveaux similarly capped off an up-ice rush with a backdoor tap-in past Tikkanen off a feed from Reid Stefanson (1st) to make it 2-0 Mariners. Former Railer Jimmy Lambert was in the lineup for the Mariners and managed to record the secondary assist on Deveaux's goal. Shots in the first favored Worcester 14-6.

Zach White (1st) got Worcester on the board early in the second with his first as a Railer. John Copeland unleashed a shoulder-high shot from the point that White redirected past Starrett to make it 2-1 Maine. Lambert (1st) recorded his second point of the night as he beat Tikkanen with 8:01 to go in the second, and put Maine back up by two, 3-1. Just 19 seconds later, Jake Pivonka (1st) got Worcester back to within one off assists from Riley Piercey and Ashton Calder. The second period came to an end at 3-2, with Worcester continuing to outshoot the Mariners 12-11. The Railers led in shots through two at 26-17.

Intensity & physicality escalated midway through the third period. Mike Higgins and Cole Dubinsky dropped the gloves in response to a check on Worcester's Artyom Kulakov, which left him slow to get up. Maine scored first in the third when Ethan Keppen (2nd) found the puck alone far side off a feed from Stefanson to beat Tikkanen and make it 4-2. Worcester went on the power play late in the game with 1:46 remaining as Connor Doherty was sent to the box two minutes for roughing. Kulakov then dropped the gloves with Doherty, with both players ejected for the rest of the game after the fight. Neither team would score to wrap up the third, as the Railers fell 4-2 to Maine to open the preseason.



This Week in Rec

Bryan Litz, Director

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But we have some great options as to where to put them and hope to have a final decision on the location by the end of October. If we can nail that down by the end of October, then the next step would be to bid the project. Now since we are a municipality, the procurement process is rather lengthy, so the goal is to get that taken care of over the winter. Then if all goes according to plan, we can have construction and the courts open for play in the Spring of 2024.

We are anxious and excited to get this project moving forward! If you have any questions and or concerns regarding the pickleball project please feel free to reach out to me at any time, Bryan Litz, blitz@wilbraham-ma.gov

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Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Roast raises money for the club's scholarships for area high school seniors pursuing journalism as their academic major or minor.

The event features club members and area politicians taking the stage to perform in skits and trade political jabs.

It is open to the public. The event offers pizza, snacks, a cash bar and lots of raffle prizes.

The John Boyle O'Reilly Club is at 33 Progress Ave., in Springfield.

Some of those expected to participate this year include Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, West Springfield Mayor William Richetti, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, and Springfield mayoral candidate Justin Hurst.

The emcee is Tony Cignoli, political consultant and president of A.L. Cignoli.

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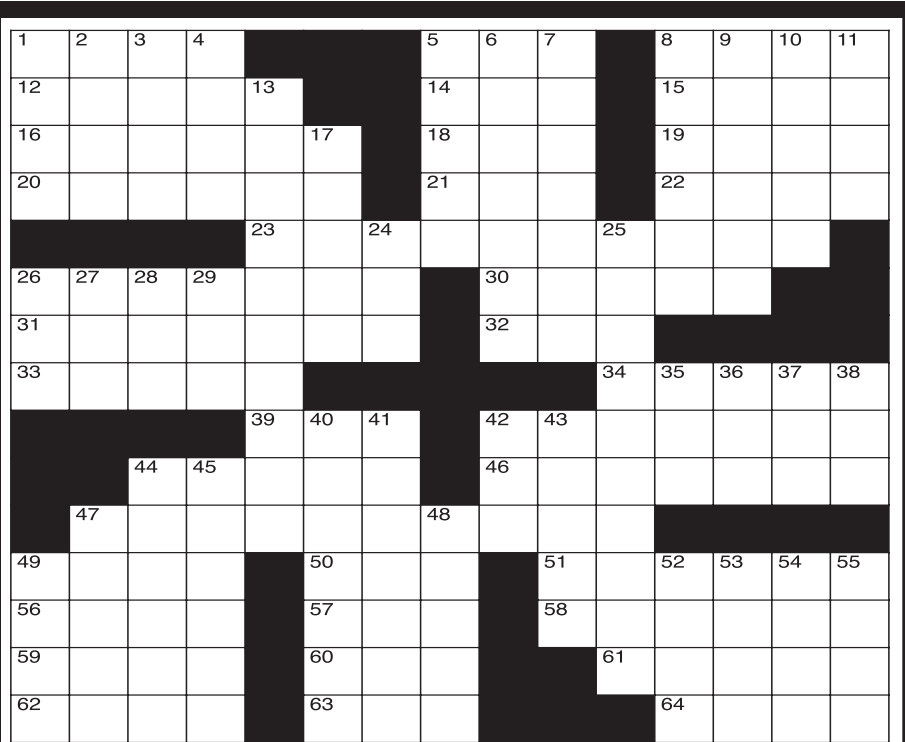
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- 37. They ___
- 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 40. Places to play video games
- 41. Medical event
- 42. When you hope to arrive
- 43. Fixed prices
- 44. Popular Boston song
- 45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
- 47. Omit when speaking
- 48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
- 49. Stick around
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Heroic tale
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Eat

Wilbraham Garden Club to meet Nov. 6

Meeting will occur at St. Cecilia's Parish Center

WILBRAHAM -- The Nov. 6 meeting of the Wilbraham Garden Club will take place on MONDAY at St. Cecilia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham at noon. A luncheon of sandwiches and dessert will be served. Please note the change of meeting date is on a Monday.

The speaker for this meeting will be Robin Desrochers, who will give a talk on Bird Watching in Wilbraham. Welcome to Robin's nest! She will discuss the different birds in our neighborhoods, and we will view some beautiful photos.

Robin will inform us how we can help them survive, as many bird populations are becoming endangered. This is a presentation that can be enjoyed by all!

Genealogy Series at the Library

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

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

Fold 3 (military), Newspapers.com, and HeritageQuest – Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
FamilySearch.org – Tues-

day, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.

American Ancestors – Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

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

"Ancestry Library Edition has by far been our most popular genealogy research database," said Bell. "I designed this series to dig into more of what we offer, whether it be a War of 1812 pension through Fold 3 or

Mayflower descendant research in American Ancestors. Each product has its own unique features and records."

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

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

For more information or to register, contact the Wilbraham Library at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar online at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Wilbraham Women's Club to meet Nov. 9

NOVEMBER -- The November meeting of the Wilbraham Women's Club will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon at the Saint Cecilia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham. The cost will be \$12 for a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon, catered by the Village Store Café. Please make your reservation by calling Linda Raffa at 596-8245. The deadline is Nov. 2!

The speaker for the day will be Bobbie Albano, local artist, who will demonstrate how to transition holiday wreaths into the winter months. Her wreaths will be raffled at the end of the presentation. Also at this meeting we will be collecting miscellaneous items and cash donations for our Veterans. These donations will be given to the Veterans Hospital in Holyoke.

Polish Plate Dinner to be held Oct. 21

Mini Penny Sale to be held same day

INDIAN ORCHARD — A Polish Plate Dinner (Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi (4), Kapusta, Bread) and Frozen Polish Food

Sale will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, Ma (Eat in or Take Out) on Oct. 21, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets at \$20 please call:

Maria Kowalski 413-222-6229 or Maria Bukowski 413-

427-9464.

Also: on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Altar Servers will have a Mini Penny Sale with Door Prize of a Salt & Pepper Set from Poland (worth \$150) donated by Father Piotr. Prizes will be drawn at 4 p.m.

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in Wilbraham between 1745 and 1780.

The first minister in town, Rev. Noah Merrick, had three slaves, Mr. David Merrick had one slave and Capt. James Shaw, a veteran of the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, had one slave. Dr. Samuel F. Merrick had two slaves that he had inherited from his father. Rev. Noah Merrick.

Luke and Luc

Luke and Luc were the names of Dr. Merrick's slaves and according to Peck there was a strange and tragic story passed around about them. Peck said that Luc was a plump, kind-hearted person. She performed household chores.

Luke was a worker on the farm but he had a violent temper and would fly into wild, angry rages. In today's world he might be labeled as "bi-polar" but in Peck's day he was described as going into furious fits. When he was in one of his moods Peck said, "He would throw chairs or other furniture around the kitchen sometimes doing considerable damage. If he was working in the barn, he would take his anger out on the tools there. Luc described him as having "tantrums".

According to Peck, one day the menfolk were out haying and Luke was sent up to the house to get some water. Luc was sweeping out the out the kitchen and positioned a chair in the doorway to make room. "Luke sprang at the chair, insane with passion, and flung it out in the yard but Luc slammed the door in his face and locked it."

She quickly locked all the other doors and Luke drifted away toward the barn, venting his spite upon everything that came in his way," remembered Peck. Mrs. Merrick came into the kitchen, planning to start the dinner meal. With her back to an open window, she turned suddenly to see Luke's very angry, distorted face in the window and thought he was ready to violently spring at her. Screaming, Mrs. Merrick ran out of the kitchen comforted by the faithful Luc. Needless to say, Luke did not get any dinner that day.

Cutt and Merrick

According to the "Military Rolls of the Outward Commons" compiled by former Wilbraham resident Bruce Tingle, two African-American slaves from Wilbraham served in Capt. Joseph Browning's Company, part of Col. Seth Murray's Regiment. Murry was a veteran of the Battle of Concord and Lexington.

Joseph Cutt and Caesar Merrick from Wilbraham fought in the Revolutionary War in the Continental Army in Suffolk Country. Cutt, listed as "Black" enlisted at age 40 and was 5 feet 4 inches; Merrick, listed as "a negro", enlisted at age 45 but

his height was not mentioned. They served from July 21 to Oct. 10, 1780.

They are buried in Adams Cemetery along the west fence. I recently visited their graves and found that volunteers had placed American flags on their graves and inserted a round plaque with the image of a Colonial soldier that read: "Revolutionary War".

53 Years Ago Gas Station Held Up

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 an October 1970 edition: "A gasoline service station attendant was held up at knife point Thursday night at 8:15 p.m. and an undisclosed amount of money taken according to police."

Police said two men walked into Alberici's Service Station at 1985 Boston Road and told Donald Clark, 17, of 1215 Stony Hill Road, "We want your money." One man had a knife about five inches long. Clark was ordered into the back room and told to stay there until they left. Both men were not masked and were 6 feet one inches tall, 165 pounds, with brown hair. One had a beard and wore a plaid wool shirt. The other wore a blue denim jacket."

Underground Railroad

You can't mention slavery in Wilbraham without comment on "The Underground Railroad". At our Wilbraham Historic Commission meetings (Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in Town Hall) the Underground Railroad is brought up often. I've mentioned this before but its worth repeating. Commissioner Peter Ablondi, past president and former secretary of the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham, often explains to the other commissioners, Roberta Albano, Ted Malyz and Yours Truly, how the Old Meeting House Museum, overseen by the Society was used to shelter runaway slaves.

Local historian Joan Paris wrote a column for the Wilbraham-Hampden Times about the subject. in July of 2014 and then another follow-up story in October of that year. Paris defined the topic very well: "The Underground Railroad was a series of safe houses that stretched from the south all the way to Canada providing shelter and protection for runaway slaves trying to find freedom in the north."

In 1864, a history of Wilbraham in honor



Former president of the Wilbraham Atheneum Society, Sandy Sanders, points out to her right where the Underground Railroad tunnel is believed to connect from the cellar of the Academy Chapel, under Mountain Road, to the Old Meeting House Museum cellar. (Times file photo)

of the town's 100th birthday was written by Rufus P. Stebbins, as the Civil War raged. It was entitled "The Historical Address of the Town of Wilbraham". He mentions the Underground Railroad and runaway slaves that were hiding in a deep ravine in the Glendale Section, a stop on the way. Slave bounty hunters came upon the fugitives and Stebbins writes: "Their masters and hunters came after them, and a desperate fight ensued in which one escaped to the woods, and the other was taken and bound and carried away."

There was a small chapter in the 1963 "The History of Wilbraham Bicentennial Edition" written by Mrs. C. W. Burgess and edited by Charles Merrick about the railroad. She names the people in Wilbraham and South Wilbraham (Hampden) who played a part in helping fleeing slaves. They were John Calkins a shoemaker and his wife Lucia Day Calkins. At one time he and his wife were known to have nursed a slave, "Black Isaac" back to health before sending him on his way. The Calkins were helped by Edward Morris, Hiram Hendricks and Davis Pease; all who lived on the Mountain.

The prep school in the center of town, originally called Wesleyan Academy then Wilbraham Academy, now Wilbraham & Monson Academy says it was part of the Underground Railroad and had enrolled students of color since before the Civil War.

It is believed that the Wilbraham & Monson Academy Chapel, where the Atheneum Society now holds their monthly history lectures, had a tunnel under Mountain Road to the cellar of the Old Meeting

House where they would hide the Underground Railroad slaves.

A Tunnel?

In her Times column, Paris said construction of the Chapel began in the era leading up to the Civil War, and when the war broke out construction was temporarily halted, and the unfinished church cellar hole was capped. After the war the chapel was finished and became part of the Academy.

Was the capped church cellar hole really a connection to a secret tunnel used to convey fugitive slaves through the opening, under the road, from the cellar of the Old Meeting House to the capped cellar of the unbuilt church on their way fleeing to freedom in Canada? The capped, abandoned cellar hole was a perfect hiding place for escaped slaves. Historic Commissioner and history buff Ted Malyz is looking into a project using underground radar to investigate.

Sources: "History of Wilbraham Bicentennial Edition 1763-1963" edited by Charles Merrick; Chauncey Peck who wrote "The History of Wilbraham, 1731, 1763-1913."

Editor Emeritus Charlie Bennett is a member of the Historic Commission and a trustee of the Wilbraham Atheneum Society. Readers can contact him with comments or ideas for the column at cbennett4765@charter.net.

national **business** *WOMEN'S* week

Katie is a Wilbraham resident and the Co-Chair for the Wilbraham Council on Aging Board of Directors. Katie has dedicated her entire career to serving older adults and their loved ones across New England. She is the Director of Placement and Aging Services with Assisted Living Locators as well as a Certified Aging Life Care Manager with TUCKed In Eldercare.



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Attorney Carmina Fernandes, founded her law practice in 2004. She has always had a passion for diversity, justice, and entrepreneurship. In addition to her 19 years of legal experience, she's also an entrepreneur, landlord, and business owner, a wife, and a mother. As a result, she personally understands the business and the many needs of her clients. Attorney Fernandes has built a multi-faceted, trusted, and friendly boutique law firm that is focused on the single goal of helping clients solve their legal issues in a friendly, non-judgmental setting. She is a quick thinker known for an outside of the box approach. She is a trusted adviser to clients who seek sound legal guidance in an easy-to-understand non-legalese language in such areas as Business, Real Estate, Wills & Trusts, Landlord/Tenant, Probate Law, Immigration, and International Law. Though rooted in Ludlow, the law firm has a national and international clientele, including but not limited to clients in Boston, Brazil and Portugal. Attorney Fernandes also works closely with the Portuguese and Brazilian consulates/embassies. This law firm really speaks your language, literally and figuratively, by offering services in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and French. This is important in this fast-moving, multi-jurisdictional world. Attorney Fernandes especially delights in breaking down and explaining the all-too-complex legal issues to her clients so that they walk away better educated and have a better understanding of their matter.

Attorney Fernandes has travelled the world and has met people from presidents and prime ministers to Rwandan genocide victims. She served on the UN Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. She is also very involved in Politics and was a past member of the Ludlow Board of Selectmen where she even had the pleasure of serving as chair. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Pink Way Foundation (she is also a cancer survivor so this organization is near and dear to her). She was past president and member of the Board of Directors of the ERC5 Chamber of Commerce, and a Board Member of the Ludlow Rotary Club and served on numerous committees including the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Her experience enables her to understand the challenges and opportunities facing her clients and to think about the broader impact of legal decisions that all individuals face.

The law firm is open 9:00 am to 7:30 pm, Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday. Consultations can be done in person or virtually. Attorney Carmina Fernandes gives her clients the peace of mind that comes with knowing that they are being well-represented and protected. Attorney Fernandes is originally from Portugal but grew up in and has lived a good part of her life in the Town of Ludlow. She has also lived in New York City and Brazil, however her love continues to be for Ludlow. Schedule an appointment with her today.



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As the studio grew, more of the student body became serious dancers. Now in addition to the recreational dance classes, the studio now has a pre-professional program and a competition team. Many of their students have gone on to dance careers and to colleges like Emerson College, UMass Amherst and Lowell, Westfield State, Western New

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As a member of the Coldwell Banker family, Jen is a licensed Realtor in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She is a member of the Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley, Massachusetts Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. She also holds membership with the Young Professionals of Springfield and the East of the River Five Town Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer also is an active member of the Western Massachusetts Track & Field Officials Association, serving on the Executive Board.

In her downtime, Jen enjoys running local road races, walking the neighborhood with her dog Ellie, and diving into a good book. Reach out to her today to see how Jen will Go the Extra Mile for You!



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I'm Brittney Procon, owner of Kinderhook Florals & Gifts. October 1st marked two years in business. Congrats to us! Kinderhook is killing it, with the support of my incredible husband and my amazing staff. While I've been doing my best to manage day to day store ops from home with a 14-month-old I'm proud of what has been accomplished! Our extremely talented team has knocked some serious event florals out of the park, traveling from New Paltz, NY to Plymouth, NH and a styled floral shoot in Richmond, VA. Who would have thought a little flower shop in Hampden did event florals all over the east coast? Probably nobody in Hampden...but we are right here in your backyard available for your special events.

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Amy is very active in the community through the Link to Libraries, Square One, DFS, Wilbraham / Hampden Schools PTO, YMCA and the American Cancer Society. Amy and her husband, Jeff, have two daughters, Paige who is ten years old and Reese who is seven. The family lives in Wilbraham.

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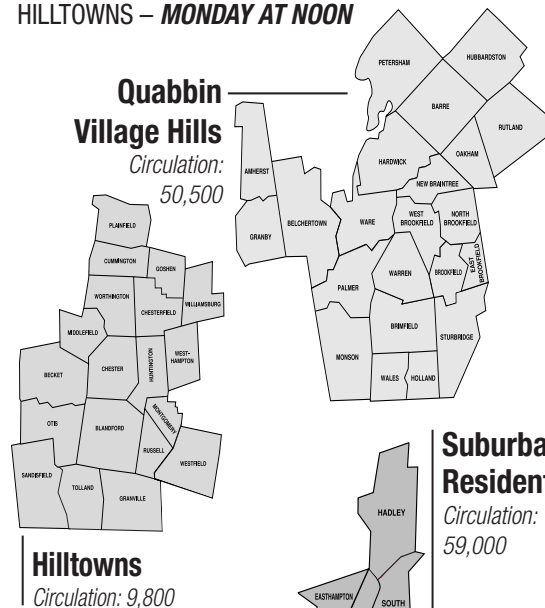
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OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

This month's Random Acts of Kindness article is a little different. First, it's a HUGE thank you to Turley Publications' now retired lead editor, Eileen Kennedy, for allowing me to pursue my vision. Then a further thank you to the editors of the Agawam Advertiser, the Chicopee Register, the Ludlow Register, which includes Indian Orchard, and the Wilbraham-Hampden Times. Some editors I've worked with for two years and others only one, but they have continued to share my monthly stories about the kindnesses you in these communities are doing.



By Barb Turcotte

In my opinion, this was Turley's Random Act of Kindness bestowed on me! Doing these stories, I have met some of the most incredible people that would never have crossed my path otherwise. During this time, it's often been suggested that I share my story so at my two-year anniversary I decided to do that.

When I first began visualizing these stories, I thought "Random" meant doing for strangers. I've since come to realize it's means offering an unexpected kind gesture to both strangers and those we know.

My desire to give back began when I was young and has continued throughout my life. Being able to share with or network people has always given me great pleasure and why I feel I've lived a 'rich' life, yet it has no financial value. Some things are priceless! I've found that giving of your time and energy are sometimes more valued than a monetary donation.

I volunteered for the Rays of Hope (the local breast cancer charity) for over 20 years wearing numerous hats and orchestrated many large events to benefit this charity. If you support a charity in any way, you are doing a Random Act of Kindness because what you offer

helps so many.

I am also very proud of a social group (not romanced focused), for singles I created and facilitated as a volunteer for 10 years called Just 'Cause. To this day over 20 years later, many of us continue with the lifetime friendships we made.

After retiring, I'm privileged and love working per diem at an Independent/Assisted Living facility. While at lunch with some residents, a young couple paid for the table's meals (amazing!), and that inspired me to create a monthly Random Act of Kindness basket. With its proceeds, we in turn do various Random Acts of Kindness on behalf of the facility. I was so excited to be able to coordinate nine florists within the towns where I'm published, to donate over 700 flowers that the residents gave away to shoppers at two different malls. Such a united effort of Random Acts of Kindness, it created so many smiles!

Many years ago, I was the recipient of someone unexpectedly paying for my groceries. It was such a surprising experience and confirmed my belief there are truly many more kind and caring people than not. And so began my personal goal of doing Random Acts of Kindness for others. I've bought flowers and given them to strangers or those buy one-get-one sales, I've always managed to find someone who could use the second one. I've bought gift cards at a store I'm shopping and then given them to unsuspecting customers. I'm assuming

these things made their day better, I know it did mine, just envisioning them enjoying that surprise.

I had a friend ask if I would help her sell her products at a Vendor Day, and I readily agreed. It was a wonderful experience, and at her suggestion, I brought the monthly Random Act of Kindness basket with us. I loved a particular hand-made, hand-painted table ornament one of the vendors had done and was going to buy it for my next basket. When I went to purchase it, he inquired if I was going to use it for a basket and when I admitted I was, he loved the concept of what we were doing and donated it! My friend also donated an item!

And the best, though I didn't win, was the Salute to Heroes created by three local Hyundai dealerships; someone nominated me! I must say I was shocked and absolutely feel like I won just in the fact that someone thought I was worthy of such an honor. Congrats to comedian Jess Miller who has done some amazing work through her comedy shows to benefit various local charities!

I hope you all continue to extend niceties to one another because doing Random Acts of Kindness truly does make a wonderful difference in all our lives. It starts with us as individuals doing one thing at a time by spreading positivity! Be contagious in a good way!

I'd love to hear from you about your gestures or perhaps you'd like to tell me about someone you think should be recognized for the good things they do. Please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514, who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done. Next month I'll be telling your incredible Random Acts of Kindness stories again. Thank you for reading!

CAMPUS NOTES

Wilbraham students graduate from the University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CT -- Congratulations to the following Wilbraham students who graduated as part of the University of Hartford Class of 2023! Lea Kuselias and Katie Shea.

Elms College Summer 2023 Graduates

CHICOPEE -- College of Our Lady of the Elms congratulates the following Wilbraham students who graduated after the conclusion of the summer 2023 semester.

Alba Albo, Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies

Molly O'Donnell, Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

Nicholas Taylor, Master of Science in Nursing

They were among 75 students who received their degrees this summer.

Wilbraham students named resident advisors at WNEU

SPRINGFIELD -- The following Wilbraham students have been named Resident Advisors for the 2023-2024 academic year at Western New England University. They are among 43 resident advisors.

Alexandra Karpinski is working toward a BSBA in Accounting.

Noah Love-Walsh is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Alexander Armitage named peer advisor for 2023-2024 academic year

SPRINGFIELD -- Wilbraham resident, Alexander Armitage, has been named a peer advisor for the 2023-2024 academic year at Western New England University.

Peer advisors are a group of highly selected and comprehensively trained students dedicated to helping first-year and transfer students throughout their transition to Western New England University. Peer Advisors undergo more than 150 hours of training to better support first-year and transfer students.

HCC fall session III classes start Oct. 30

HOLYOKE - Prospective students have one more chance to sign up for classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2023 semester.

Fall session III classes begin Monday, Oct. 30, and run for seven weeks. All fall semester classes conclude by Dec. 21.

Students who enroll for HCC's flexible fall start dates have the opportunity to take a variety of courses both on campus and online in anthropology, biology, business administration, communication, culinary arts, economics, English, English as a Second Language, geography, human services, Latinx Studies, law, management, marketing, math, nutrition, music, psychology, sociology, Spanish, and veterinary and animal science.

To see a full list of courses and sections, please visit hcc.edu/flex-fa23

Registration for Wintersession classes and Spring 2024 classes opens Monday, Oct. 30. Wintersession classes start Dec. 29 and run for two weeks. The Spring 2024 semester begins Jan. 16.

The HCC Admissions and Advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (4:30 p.m. on Fridays).

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 /admissions@hcc.edu or visit online at hcc.edu

Healthcare scams after personal information

Healthcare scams are as varied as just about any con out there, according to the Better Business Bureau. The fraudster often poses as a government authority to persuade you to provide personal information related to your Medicare or Medicaid account for identity theft. In other cases, the con artist is after your health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare information to submit fraudulent medical charges.

How the scam works:

The scam typically starts with an email, text message or phone call that appears to be from a government agency. Con artists use a variety of stories. In one common version, the "agent" tells you that he or she needs to update account information to send a new medical card. In another version, the scammer

asks for your account number in exchange for free equipment or services. A third version involves a threatening robocall purporting to be from HealthCare.gov or the Health Insurance Marketplace. You're told you must buy health insurance or face a fine. Sure enough, you're soon asked to provide personal information. A more recent version has reported Medicare recipients receiving notices that new Medicare cards with microchips will be sent out and further verification is required.

Tips to avoid this scam:

Don't trust a name or number. Con artists use official-sounding names or mask their area codes by spoofing to make you trust them. Don't fall for it.

Hang up and go to official websites. You can enroll or re-enroll in

Medicare at Medicare.gov or a marketplace health plan at Healthcare.gov.

Never share personally identifiable information with someone who has contacted you unsolicited, whether over the phone, by email, or on social media. This includes banking and credit card information, your birthdate, Social Security or Social Insurance number, and, of course, your health insurance number.

Guard your government-issued numbers. Never offer your Medicare ID number, Social Security number, health plan info, or banking information to anyone you don't know.

Know the signs. Medicare will never contact you via email, text message, or phone, asking you to verify personal information.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD
The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Diana McIntyre, for a Special Permit as required under sections 3.9.2.15 and 4.10 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow construction of an addition to the existing McIntyre residence located at 7 Oldwood Road to be used as an accessory apartment as shown on information on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation

are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/387039565> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 387-039-565).

John McCloskey
Chair

10/19, 10/26/2023

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SENIORS



Progress continues!! Since our last building update, our friends at P-3, the Project Manager the Town has hired to oversee the construction of the new Senior Center, has reported substantial progress:

Siding is near completion! As you can see in the photo, taken from the back of the property, the two-toned blue siding has improved the aesthetic of the project – the building now looks official!



Walkways have been installed, including a pad for the emergency generator. Concrete walkways in the front of the building are nearing completion and landscaping has commenced. The parking lot has been paved with a base coat. Final coating and sealants will be applied as weather dictates. Storm drainage systems were put to the test with recent rains and successfully dealt with the deluges.



Inside progress is less able to be seen or photographed, but drywall installation, electrical, mechanical and plumbing progress has been made. The first and second floor HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems have passed inspections. The sprinkler system is partially installed.

And then, there is this new structure which appeared on Springfield Street.....
What will it be???



Keep your eyes on the road.....but get excited!! More photos of the ongoing project are and will be available on the Town Website and the present Senior Center Facebook page. We ask that you enjoy the construction of our new Senior Center from a safe distance. Please do not enter the construction site during or after work hours and be respectful of the workers, as we are asking that they be respectful as guests of our Community.

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

Linda Cooper for the Wilbraham Senior Center Building Committee

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