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## Meet Sierra, the newest member of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office

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SPRINGFIELD — The smallest member of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department is making a big impact.

Sierra, an English Labrador puppy, is training to become the office's newest therapy dog. She's already had an incredible effect on her handler, Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, as well as his team.



Photos courtesy of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office  
**Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, holds Sierra, the newest addition to his team.**

"She's had a huge impact on our team and our mission in terms of the unconditional love she shows to all of us," Hoffman Jr. said. "I see the stress and

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Photo courtesy of Sue Agnew

**A group shot of members of the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club during the Annual Rummage Sale at St. Cecilia Parish Center. The day and a half long event supports local charity.**

## Great deals at annual Rummage Sale support a good cause

The event was held by the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club

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WILBRAHAM — The community came ready to shop to support a good cause during this year's Rummage Sale at St. Cecilia Church Par-

ish Center.

The annual event, held by the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club, took place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Nov. 4.

Throughout the day-and-a-half-event, visitors browsed and purchased various items, donated by parishioners at St. Cecilia Parish, at bargain prices from jewelry and housewares to gently used clothing and holiday decor and more.

Saturday's sale was advertised as

"Bag Day" where people could fill a bag for three dollars.

Ann Mango has been part of the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club for over 50 years and serves as chair of the Rummage Sale, explaining the event has gone on for over 40 years and typically takes place on the first Friday of November.

"It's a wonderful sale because it helps so many people. It reaches out to so many people," Mango said.

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## Volunteer effort repairs VFW Post 9397 pavilion roof



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HAMPDEN — On a beautiful Thursday morning along the Scantic River, a team of volunteers transformed a dream into a reality, repairing the pavilion roof at VFW Post 9397 on Main Street.

Professionals from Vista Home Improvement, a West-Springfield-based business, donated their time, coordinating and completing the job at no cost. Home Depot of Wilbraham also donated over \$15,000 of materials.

Turley photo by Dalton Zbierski  
**Ron Szafir, assistant store manager at the Wilbraham Home Depot, stands beside VFW Post 9397 Clerk Don Talbot on Nov. 1.**

Custom Gutters, also located in West Springfield, installed new gutters for free, and USA Hauling and Recycling contributed a dumpster, waiving as many fees as it could.

All the while, a team of community volunteers helped haul away old pieces of the roof, using wheelbarrows to cross the bridge above the Scantic River again and again as they made their way to the dumpster.

"We were in real serious bad condition with our pavilion roof. It was much worse than we (thought). This is happening right when it needed to," Post 9397 Quartermaster Jered Sasen said.

Renting out the pavilion is perhaps Post 9397's primary means of raising money, as it hosts a variety of events during the year. Observing damage and leaks, Sasen originally posted on Face-

book during the summer, hoping to gather a team to make basic repairs.

The response was well beyond what Sasen envisioned. He was overwhelmed by the support.

"It really is the epitome of 'it takes a village.' Everyone came together to make sure that this was something we could do to continue to serve our community," Sasen said. "For the past 75 years, this has been one of our key structures. Right across the river, a lot of people know one of the things that make this VFW so amazing is the fact that we're right on the Scantic River. There's nothing more tranquil, more beautiful, more peaceful than this establishment can be and has been for years for many people."

Ron Szafir, assistant store manager at

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# Select Board approves pickleball courts for Memorial School project

## New appointments to Open Space and Recreation Committee and Cultural Council

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WILBRAHAM – On Nov. 6, the Select Board approved the placement of pickleball courts at Memorial School.

Bill Scatolini, chairman of the Playground & Recreation Commission, said the pickleball courts would be built in the back left corner of the school.

“So, we are interested to know if we have support from the Select Board to put those courts out to bid and get going on building those courts,” Scatolini said.

Sue Bunnell explained how the discussion in executive session presented several factors at play, including the constrained parking at Spec Pond.

“While I don’t feel like we’re in a position to be clear about our full-intended use

for Memorial School over the long haul, I do think that at least speaking for myself, it makes sense to put those courts at Memorial and get it done,” Bunnell said.

Michael Squindo agreed with Bunnell’s points.

“I think based on the information that was shared, it’s the right option,” Squindo said.

Chairman Theresa Goodrich said she doesn’t “really see any reason why we shouldn’t go to Memorial School.”

“All the work that you’ve done, the preliminary stuff, the noise test studies that you guys did, which I really truly appreciate, were really well done and made it kind of clear on things,” Goodrich said. “So, it has my support, and I see that building as a great asset to our town.”

John Hegarty, who spoke on behalf of the many supporters in attendance for the pickleball courts, explained how \$300,000 was approved at the May 15, 2023, Town Meeting, “so that money is already there.”

“A year and a half ago, we approved \$300,000 in 2021, and that didn’t go any-



(L to R) Bryan Lutz, director of Parks & Recreation in Wilbraham, Select Board Clerk Michael Squindo, Select Board Chairman Theresa Goodrich, Bill Scatolini, chairman of the Playground & Recreation Commission, and Select Board Vice Chairman Sue Bunnell discuss the placement of pickleball courts at Memorial School during the Nov. 6 Select Board meeting.

where, so I just want to thank everybody for all the hard work that they’ve put in, thank all the people here today supporting pickleball and, yeah, let’s get it going,” Hegarty said.

The move to support the placement of pickleball courts as funded by the Community Preservation money approved at previous town meetings at Memorial School passed 3-0.

Next, two town committees received new appointments.

First, William Shepard interviewed to join the Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Shepard retired a few years ago and spent five years on the committee, later departing for a year after the arrival of two grandchildren, explaining he was looking to return.

“They do good work, and I really enjoy the trail maintenance and the concept of open space. I like participating on a committee where there’s a wide diversity of opin-

ion, but people really work well together,” Shepard said.

Shepard was appointed 3-0 for a term beginning Nov. 6, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

For the Cultural Council, Anna Gregory and John Slavick were presented as candidates.

Gregory, originally from Utah, moved to Wilbraham over a year ago and previously worked with an arts center.

“I really loved it, so I wanted to continue doing that here,” Gregory said.

Slavick, the husband of Co-Secretary Julie Slavick, likes the idea of the Cultural Council.

“I’ve made my living as a musician before and I’m still in the music business and piano business, so I think I can contribute a lot to that,” Slavick said.

Gregory and Slavick were appointed 3-0 for a term beginning Nov. 6, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026.

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# School Committee receives update on bus transportation concerns

Also, new updates on the Minnechaug Regional High School Booster Club

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WILBRAHAM — The School Committee received a bus transportation update on Nov. 2 via a memo from the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative.

The memo, submitted by Executive Director Alvin Morton, was read by Aaron Osborne, assistant superintendent for finance, operations and human resources, to the committee.

In the memo, LPVEC said they are working on improving bus arrival and dismissal times for picking up and dropping off students from respective school districts.

“Some reasons for the delays in the transportation service are not having fully complemented drivers even with our continued robust efforts in advertisement and recruitment, coupled with the fact that we have recently had a significant amount of drivers out sick,” Osborne read.

For the improvements, the memo said LPVEC is monitoring bus arrival and dismissal times daily, offering current employees a \$200 bonus for each individual they recommend for a position that gets hired and stays at least one year and having the assistant transportation managers and supervisors drive the buses.

Regarding Wilbraham-Hampden specifically, the memo said the deficit “is primarily due to the pandemic,” and Hampden-Wilbraham-Ludlow Garage “has received five new drivers so far this year.”

Of nine drivers currently in training, five of them will go to Wilbraham-Hampden-Ludlow Garage upon completion.

“Once again, the Low-

er Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative apologizes for any inconvenience that these transportation delays are causing your member districts. However, please know that we as an organization are constantly strategizing and working to remedy these issues and are very hopeful that the transportation services will be better in the near future,” Osborne read.

Vice Chair Sean Kennedy noted one reason for being limited was due to a nonprofit structure and binding Union contract.

“Are unions against paying drivers more? Is that what they’re trying to say here? That they’re not able to pay drivers more because of union contracts?” Kennedy said.

Superintendent Dr. John Provost said he knows “some agencies are not within the structure of a collaborative” where drivers are guaranteed a certain number of pay for a certain number of hours.

“I think that the collaborative feels that that might not be permissible under their fiscal oversight,” Provost said.

Kennedy then asked if the committee could invite Morton to speak with them.

“It’s a nice letter, but I don’t think it answers any of the questions that we really asked, and we still have this problem. We have no time frame, we have no end in sight and we have parents that are really frustrated about this because they have jobs and they have to coordinate

this,” Kennedy said.

Provost said he invited anyone from LPVEC to attend that evening’s meeting, but “would certainly extend the offer to continue the conversation at the next meeting.”

He also agreed to extend the invitation to the union head.

Another meeting highlight was updates about the Minnechaug Regional High School Booster Club, which Provost shared on behalf of Athletics Director Steven Burndrett.

Provost said former Booster Club President Ron DeCurzio has “graciously assisted” in the transition and leadership of the club will go to Peter Dufresne, adding when the transfer of leadership is complete, a public forum to appoint new board members will take place on either Nov. 8 or Nov. 9.

“Once again, Minnechaug Athletics would like to thank Mr. DeCurzio and Mr. Flynn for their tireless work and commitment for the betterment of the athletics program,” Provost said.

Chair Michal Boudreau asked Provost how people would be notified of the meeting.

“Will it be posted somewhere? Will there be a message sent out to the district?” Boudreau asked.

Provost was unsure but said he would follow up with Burndrett for more information.

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# Hampden to create first master plan since 1982

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HAMPDEN -- Hampden can now work towards creating its first master plan since 1982 after a favorable vote was cast at the Special Town Meeting.

On Oct. 30, a majority of voters supported the appropriation of \$57,000 to supplement \$75,000 of state grant money to update the master plan, as part of Article 12.

Now that the item has been approved, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin is the firm that will assist Hampden in creating its new master plan. The firm's fee is \$132,500.

"I will be taking the lead for the Planning Board on updating the master plan," Planning Board member Patrick Coyne said. "The idea behind the updated master plan is that it will help set priorities for long-term physical development in the town over a period of decades or perhaps generations."

Coyne noted that state law requires towns with planning boards to develop master plans to document development priorities for the next five to 10 years.

"Of course, that has not happened here in Hampden," he said.

Coyne said the mission statement of the town's Planning Board says the board is authorized to develop the town's master plan for growth and make recommendations to make sure development is consistent with the plan.

"As a planning board, we've been unable to execute that objective because we've been working with a set of 1982 views of Hampden, the only available plan," he said. "I think one of the assumptions in that plan was that, at this point, Hampden would have over 7,000 residents. I think we have less than 5,000. Clearly, as a planning board, we need a document we can work with."

In May, at the Annual Town Meeting, residents voted down a nearly identical request. For that reason, the Ad-

visory Committee recommended negative action on the article, as was explained by Advisory Committee Member Kathy Pessolano.

"Now, we are seeing a repeat, for albeit a few thousand dollars less. I believe the original (request) in the May town meeting was \$75,000; now they're asking for \$57,000, but the advisory board feels that the voters have already heard it, voted on it, and voted no," she said.

Coyne said that in conversations with Town Administrator Bob Markel he learned that the state inquires if a project is consistent with a town's master plan when deciding to distribute grant funding. He said the 1982 document puts the town in a bad position and a new document could serve to pay for itself as a "difference maker."

Coyne pointed out that Longmeadow updated its master plan this year and East Longmeadow did so in 2021.

Town Treasurer Richard Patullo spoke against granting the funding on Oct. 30. He noted that Wilbraham's master plan dates to 1963 and that in his 25 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, no one has ever asked him what the master plan says.

"We voted it down six months ago, and I hope we do the same thing now, so people don't bring back the same stuff over and over again," Patullo said. "I've heard the statement that we don't qualify for grants if we don't have a master plan. Show me the facts. I don't believe that because (Markel) has been doing a heck of a job bringing in grant money without a master plan."

Planning Board member Heather Beattie said it isn't just about being given a grant.

"This is about competing with other towns for grants. We're a small town. We tend to get a little overlooked once in a while and with a 41-year-old master plan, it looks like we don't care. It looks like we're complacent, like we're not looking towards the future," she said.

Beattie asked the audience members if they were concerned about their property values and said the master plan could have a direct impact.

Informing the audience that he was recently elected as an associate member of the Planning Board, Joe Sibilia addressed those who opposed the article.

"Although some of our detractors in the audience would suggest we don't need a plan, they are people who make their business doing plans," he said. "No one in this room would build a house without a plan. No one would survey any property and buy it without a plan. There are very few things we would do without a plan."

Audience member Connie Witt asked if the money might be better spent on updating zoning bylaws, which are also outdated.

"The thing is, we don't do what's in the master plan. You have to do what's in the zoning bylaws," she said.

Beattie responded, noting that the new master plan will be the first step in deciding how the town proposes to its residents how to change the zoning bylaws.

"You don't just pull out of thin air an idea to change the zoning bylaws. It has to get careful consideration and thought and a look to the future for what you want," Beattie said.

Ultimately, it may have been Board of Selectmen Chair John Flynn who swayed the vote. As one of the last speakers, he vocally supported creating a new master plan, believing that the decision does right by the Planning Board members.

"We've got volunteers here just like we have volunteers for the fire department, and we had no compunction about getting them the tools they need to do their job. A new master plan is part of the tools the Planning Board, unpaid volunteers, need to do their job; to do it right for us in town," Flynn said. "They're not asking for a lot of money. (Markel) has gone out and gotten a grant for more than half the amount. Give them what they need to do their unpaid job to help and direct all of us."

## Wilbraham Community Chorus to present winter concerts Dec. 3, 9

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Community Chorus will present its annual winter concerts on Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 at First Church of Christ, Longmeadow at 2 p.m.

The 70-voice Chorus is accompanied by both Marcia Jackson and Todd Rovelli and conducted by Raymond Drury. Drury has selected an intriguing and varied program consisting of choral masterpieces from yesterday and today, folk songs, pop tunes, Broadway classics and seasonal numbers from composers such as Vivaldi, Forster, Gjeilo, Bernon, Blake, Berlin and others.

Of particular interest will be performances by Jackson and Rovelli of 4 - hand piano music, and a small chamber choir selected from the larger group. The concerts are open to the public and admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken. Both concerts are partially supported by The Longmeadow and Wilbraham Arts Councils.

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# Resident shares thoughts on raised property tax rate during open forum

The tax rate was approved during last week's Select Board meeting

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WILBRAHAM -- During last week's Select Board meeting, a public hearing took place on establishing the property tax rate for fiscal year 2024.

After the hearing, raising the property tax rate was approved, with no action taken on options to shift the tax burden.

This week, a resident shared his thoughts and concerns about the raised property tax rate during open forum.

Presenting a copy of last week's Times about the public hearing during his comments, Mark Bish apologized in advance to the board and explained he's lived in Wilbraham since 1976, raised his family in town "and has seen a lot of changes." Bish said how \$30,000 was

approved for crosswalk upgrades for the Wilbraham Golf Course at the 2021 Town Meeting, but he never saw that \$30,000 for those upgrades.

Next, he mentioned the new senior center, which was approved at this year's town meeting in May, that he dubbed "the big dig."

"The point is that Wilbraham is spending money that senior citizens are not going to be able to see. The senior center that you guys are building now is basically a nice convention center," Bish said.

He then delved back into the tax rate, sharing his thoughts on provided services.

"The tax rate for Wilbraham that you guys have just raised, we get no services for. We are one of the top 10 highest rates in Massachusetts, in Western Mass. We get no services at all," Bish said. "Yes, I understand we got a nice fire department, we got a nice police department. We've got a highway department that takes care of the roads. That's with everybody."

As examples for comparison,

Bish cited the town of Longmeadow, which also has a high property tax rate, explaining the services they provide their residents.

"They take your trash, you put your leaves at the center on the end of the road, they come out and collect the leaves all the time," Bish said.

Additionally, Bish described Ludlow, where his daughter lives.

"Their tax rate is 7.25% or something like that. They collect the trash also," Bish said. "We have to pay \$100 and take our own trash or we have to hire somebody to collect it here in Wilbraham. We have never got any kind of services except the basic necessities in the town of Wilbraham."

Bish also explained how many residents in Wilbraham who don't have life savings less than a million dollars live on pensions.

"The tax rate when we first moved here in 1976 was only \$2,000 a year," Bish said. "Senior citizens cannot afford to live in the town of Wilbraham who

have nothing to provide for."

As he continued speaking, Bish expressed his anguish.

"I cannot afford to live in Wilbraham almost anymore. The tax rates are too high for me. I cannot go anywhere else," Bish said.

Bish finished his thoughts by sharing that he's disabled and lives on Social Security, which "doesn't pay that much"; he

doesn't want to leave Wilbraham, as the house he lives in was left to him by his parents.

"It's too high. You have to consider the town of Wilbraham is forcing out the senior citizens that live here in the town of Wilbraham. Period. That's my only problem. Take that in consideration to the town or citizens," Bish said.

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## VIEWPOINTS



Ruby crowned kinglet

I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its

head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were

in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a

week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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.



My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground. That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in spring-time and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early spring.

## Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed them.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips 14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own id-

iosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

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# 17 articles pass at Hampden Special Town Meeting

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HAMPDEN -- A total of 20 articles appeared on the warrant at the Hampden Special Town Meeting on Oct. 30; 17 passed, no action was taken on two and one failed to receive enough votes.

Few seats were open, as the auditorium at Thornton W. Burgess School was packed last Monday.

Article 1, funding for an architectural design for the expansion of the senior center, passed. Article 2, funding for the fiber optic program, failed to gain enough votes, and Articles 3 and 4, pertaining to the town administrator position and search, both passed.

A full recap of Articles 1-4 can be seen in the Nov. 2 edition of the Wilbraham-Hampden Times.

## Article 5 – Funding for Academy Hall projects

Article 5 requested voters approve two community preservation projects at historic Academy Hall on Main Street. First, the majority of voters elected to appropriate \$3,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for four-foot-high fencing to be installed behind the building, where two granite blocks create a fall hazard.

"It is quite a drop. It is six feet, a little bit more maybe, and it is a liability to the town. If someone should fall over that edge or think they can jump off and then break both legs or their head, then the town could be sued. Yes, we have insurance. Our insurance would go up if we had this type of thing happening," Historical Commission Chair Connie Witt said.

Debbie Johnson said she has lived directly behind Academy Hall for 60 years and opposed the installation of the fencing.

"I've looked at that stonewall for years, we've never had an issue with it," she said. "Then you talk about putting a fence on the side of it. Well, the kids can climb the fence and jump off or just push it over and fall over. (The space) has been there forever, and we've never had an issue there."

The second part of Article 5 requested the town approve spending \$7,238 from the Community Preservation Fund for the rehabilitation of the Academy Hall fire escape.

"In addition to rehabilitation, this includes an inspection and a certification because of the age of the fire escape that it meets the necessary criteria," Advisory Committee Chair Doug Boyd said. "This project will not trigger ADA compliance because it's the rehabilitation of an existing (piece of the building)."

Both parts of Article 5 passed by a majority vote.

## Article 6 – Additional funding for the Animal Control Account

The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee both recommended no action on Article 6, which requested the town raise or appropriate \$1,000 for the Animal Control Account. Board Chair John Flynn explained.

"Basically, because of a situation with a dog that the animal control officer had to take care of the budget line was overspent," Flynn said. "However, we think it's such a low amount that sometime during the rest of the year we're going to



Turley photos by Dalton Zbierski  
**Highway Superintendent Mark Langone speaks to residents during the Oct. 30 Special Town Meeting.**



**Town employees on the left sit next to the Selectmen on the right on Oct. 30 at Thornton W. Burgess School.**

be able to transfer funds and take care of the shortfall. Rather than impact the money we need for other things, we're taking no action."

Voters elected to take no action on the article.

## Article 7 – Property acquisition for Minnechaug Land Trust

Voters approved Article 7, a property acquisition for the Minnechaug Land Trust, a nonprofit that is dedicated to balancing the development and protection of open space areas in Hampden and Wilbraham.

The \$59,000 necessary to purchase the property at 0 Walnut St. had already been appropriated, but approval at a town meeting was required. The previous owner was the late Antony Mazzarino.

Jennifer Bagge, vice president of the MLT, noted that the town voted to appropriate CPA funds at the spring town meeting for the parcel.

"It's about 14 acres," she said. "If this goes through, this town-owned land will have access to the Scantic River. It also abuts the VFW property. We plan to put in some hiking trails to access the river and also to meet up with current hiking trails that are on Minnechaug Mountain."

The article required and received a two-thirds vote.

## Article 8 – Conservation restriction at 0 Walnut St.

After Article 7 passed, so too did Article 8, granting the MLT a conservation restriction at 0 Walnut St.

"When town owns land and uses CPA funding to acquire the land, the state requires that a separate nonprofit hold a conservation restriction, so the Minnechaug Land Trust does hold conservation restrictions on all the land that has been acquired over the past 20 years. We

maintain the trails, take care of any problems and ensure the conservation values are upheld," MLT President Sherry Himmelstein said.

## Article 9 – Funding for a Highway Department tractor

Article 9 passed, appropriating \$108,127 of unappropriated available funds to the Highway Department for the purchase of a new tractor, which will replace a 1999 Ford and side attachment that are no longer reliable.

"The past couple of years, we have been experiencing some issues with either our tractor or our side sickle bar attachment. Either one works and the other one doesn't or vice versa. It's been a difficult past couple of years to keep up on our roadside mowing," Highway Superintendent Mark Langone said.

Langone also noted the importance of timing. If the article wasn't approved until the spring town meeting, the tractor wouldn't arrive until next winter, and the town would be without it during the spring and summer.

"If this motion was to pass tonight, and we can order the tractor tomorrow, while the tractor is about three to four months out, the attachment we're looking at is about six months out, so we wouldn't see that tractor and attachment until around April or May, which is when we like to get start-



**Fire Chief Ed Poulin reads statistics to the audience during the Oct. 30 Special Town Meeting.**

ed on our first round of roadside of mowing," Langone said.

## Article 10 – Additional funding for the fire department's new brush truck

Article 10 passed, granting the fire department an additional \$42,600 of unappropriated available funds to supplement the \$10,952 that was approved during the spring town meeting. Alongside a FEMA grant worth \$219,047, the fire department can now pay for the \$272,600 truck, which will be custom built.

Poulin explained why the fire department had to ask for funding at consecutive town meetings. He said inflation caused the price of the truck to rise and that the fire department didn't change its order.

"So, we didn't change anything. We

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(L to R) Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, intern Antonella Mikolyuk, Sierra, Emotional Support Division supervisor Nina Valentino and Senior Public Information Officer Robert Rizzuto pose at the Hampden County Sheriff's Office in Springfield.

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strain on the staff in terms of what we do, and she has infused an element of joy and pride that really is unlike anything I've ever witnessed."

Hoffman Jr. said his office is responsible for serving civil processes, or court documents, to people during very difficult moments in their lives. Whether it be delivering divorce papers or eviction notices, Hoffman Jr. and his team are often tasked with being the bearers of bad news.

"The mental health crisis that we read and hear about in the media we are on the front lines of," he said.

When Hoffman Jr. proposed the idea of bringing a therapy dog into his office, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi was highly receptive. Hoffman Jr. hopes that Sierra can make a difference by brightening the day of his staff and the individuals they encounter daily, whether it be those who ask for papers to be served or, eventually, those who are on the receiving end.

Thus far, Sierra has had a positive influence on the Civil Processes Division. Hoffman Jr. described Sierra as a "rock star."

"The moment I walk in the door in the morning with her, she's a game changer," he said. "A month into it, we already recognize the value of her. We think it's just going to continue to grow and grow."

Hoffman Jr. acknowledged he wasn't a "dog guy" and never even had a dog before becoming Sierra's caretaker, but the impression she's left on him has been life-changing.

While Sierra has interacted with and had a positive effect on individuals who hire the office to serve papers, she is not quite old enough to venture out into the community to impact those who are being served.

Nina Valentino, the Emotional Support Division supervisor for the Hampden County Sheriff's Office, said Sierra is undergoing a training process that will take about a year to complete. She noted that the Hampden County Sheriff's Department has a total of six therapy dogs; Sierra would be the seventh.

Valentino said Sierra is getting into a routine. Valentino has worked with many handlers and agencies and has considered her time in Springfield to be a phenomenal experience.



Sierra is the newest member of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office's Civil Processes Division.

"Sierra is doing great. (Hoffman Jr.) is hitting and meeting all our expectations and he's a natural at it. When he told me this was his first dog, I was so surprised because he just was so confident and comfortable and asked good questions and follows through so he's a perfect fit for the program as far as what we look for in a handler," Valentino said.

Valentino said therapy dogs have to be trained in obedience, be well-socialized and have good manners. It is important they feel comfortable in busy areas, as there is a lot of unpredictability when out in the community.

Valentino and her colleagues look at dozens of dogs to find the perfect fit. The dogs must be versatile, enjoy the job and be comfortable in difficult settings, as many times they'll be working in the Hampden County Correctional Center.

So far, Sierra has passed all her tests with flying colors. Hoffman Jr., who said the job has gotten more challenging during his 18 years with the office, is happy to have a new friend and teammate.

This year, the office is on pace to serve between 30,000 and 35,000 papers, which Hoffman Jr. described as sad but necessary. He said empathy is a critical component to doing the job well, and Sierra brings that to the table.

"She has this aura about her that is universally loved for the most part. In this short period of time, I've witnessed her impact and can only say that it's going to continue to grow. I think the more I potentially get out there in the community... I think it's endless in terms of the impact she might have," he said.

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are trying to purchase a truck that's more than a brush truck. It's something we can use all year round instead of seasonally," Poulin said. "There will be lights on it so we can bring it to the scene and light it up better. It's also going to have four-wheel drive with a larger pump on it so if we need to get to a water supply in the wintertime or springtime where it's muddy, we can drive up closer to a pond or a river with it. It's going to be a universal of a piece of equipment for us."

#### Article 11 – Funding for new defibrillators

Voters approved Article 11, a request for 11 new defibrillators for the police department, using \$23,400 from unappropriated available funds. Each cruiser will receive one.

"With the old defibs, there's a \$400 trade-in," Police Chief Scott Trombly said.

#### Article 12 – Additional funding to create new master plan

After much debate, Article 12 passed. See the article in this edition of the Wilbraham-Hampden Times for more information.

#### Article 13 – Interim report from the Government Study Committee

Residents approved Article 13, granting the Government Study Committee time to present on its progress. Created at a town meeting, Hampden's first government study committee is dedicated to examining government in Hampden to see if it is properly functioning.

The group has recently interviewed each of the Selectmen, the town administrator, the town clerk/tax collector, the Board of Health coordinator, the town treasurer and the now-retired administrative assistant among others to learn more about how government works in Hampden.

"Different areas have come up naturally as we've talked to the people we've talked to. We've been discussing different ways we might be able to improve the way the town functions," Committee Member Keith Pixley said.

The committee will continue to talk with other department heads and town officials and will engage with outside communities that have made governmental changes to evaluate how their transitions have gone.

The committee is holding a community forum on Dec. 12 in the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. and residents are asked to attend.

"Once we've talked to everyone we can and have gathered all of our information, at that point, the committee's going to author a report outlining our findings and recommendations. The report will be submitted for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2024," Pixley said.

The committee is exploring ideas such as a five-person Board of Selectmen and handheld voting at town meetings to curb the "herd voting mentality."

"It can be very hard to vote against something the person next to you is proposing to do. If it's anonymous voting, it's quick and instantaneous," Pixley said.

#### Article 14 – Authorization of a pilot for ground mounted solar

Article 14 passed, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement with the operator of the solar photovoltaic energy facility to be developed at the rear of Somers Road.

"This has nothing to do with approving a solar project. It has to do with how we're taxing it. You're not voting to put any new solar in," Treasurer Richard Patullo said.

#### Article 15-18 – Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Capital Requests

Articles 15-18 all pertained to the

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District and specifically Minnechaug Regional High School. Former Selectwoman Mary Ellen Glover questioned why Hampden must help pay for the items at its town meeting when she noted the school district has a budget of approximately \$32 million.

Boyd explained that, for each item, Hampden is being asked to pay only approximately 20% of the cost, with Wilbraham residents responsible for the other 80% approximately. He also referred to what he feels doomed the old high school.

"The new Minnechaug should not suffer the fate of the old Minnechaug. The old Minnechaug was torn down prematurely because it hadn't been maintained properly. We were all responsible for that," Boyd said.

He noted that he isn't pointing fingers, as Hampden voters elected year after year to defer maintenance on the building.

"There is an effort underway to avoid making that same mistake so with any luck we'll be seeing similar articles to this at each town meeting as the high school has issues that come up. Rather than deferring them, we'll be bringing them to town meeting. If town meeting votes them down, it's with the understanding there's a cost and a consequence to that," Boyd said.

Article 15 passed, granting \$24,917 to the school district for capital improvements to the boiler heat exchange of the HVAC system at Minnechaug. Aaron Osborne, assistant superintendent of finance, operations and human resources for the HWRSD, explained that there is a crack in the boiler.

"The boiler sits on the second floor of Minnechaug so we will need to bring a crane in to replace that heat exchange. This heat exchange has a warranty that lasts 10 years, and Minnechaug is over 10 years old, so the warranty is past. Heat exchanges typically last anywhere from 10 to 30 years, and we have five boilers in Minnechaug. All the others are fine," Osborne said.

Article 16 also passed, providing the school district with \$5,980 to help fund capital improvements to the split units of the HVAC system at Minnechaug.

"These are AC units," Osborne said. "The split units are room by room units. The building as a whole is not filled with schoolwide air conditioning. We have students with health needs... One by one we have installed mini-split units in a number of classrooms, and we're going to need to continue that."

Article 17 passed as well, as the town appropriated \$10,764 to help purchase classroom projectors and monitors for Minnechaug. As was recommended by the school district and the Advisory Committee, no action was taken on Article 18, which requested funding to update the Minnechaug camera system.

#### Article 19 – Reducing the Tax Rate

Residents voted in favor of Article 19, reducing the tax rate for fiscal year 2024. Town Moderator Rick Green walked the audience through the process.

"Before we proceed with the motion, the Advisory Committee along with the treasurer and the Board of Selectmen have been working on the structure for this. In order to vote to reduce the tax rate, the funds are going to come from two places. One is unappropriated available funds, commonly known as free cash. The second is the town's General Stabilization Account," Green said.

The Advisory Committee recommended using \$545,708 from unappropriated funds and \$344,290 from the General Stabilization Fund to reduce the tax rate. Before the motion passed, it was announced the town had approximately \$2.2 million in its stabilization account.

#### Article 20 – Transfer to the General Stabilization Account

Article 20 passed, as residents transferred a sum of money from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

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(L to R) Ann Mango, chair of the Rummage Sale, Pat Serra, membership chair for the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club, Liz Geib and Mary Jerz smile for a group photo during the Annual Rummage Sale.

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Mango said proceeds from the event will go to charity, with the club's fundraisers supporting several local organizations throughout the year.

"This year, we've donated so far to the (Springfield) Rescue Mission, the Community Survival Center, Life-Care, The Gray House," Mango said. "We also do donations from what's here plus the sale."

Mango praised the volunteers for their dedication and wanting to give back and support the community.

"It's just that these women really enjoy doing things for other people. They want to be helpful," Mango said.

Pat Serra serves as the membership chair for the club and has overseen the jewelry department for nearly 11 years, explaining people come from surrounding communities just to check out the jewelry.

Serra said many people were standing outside waiting for the doors to open at 9 a.m. Friday morning.

"A lot of them are regulars. They come every year. They head for different departments. Some people want to head for the clothing right away, some immediately come to jewelry," Serra said.

The Rummage Sale, Serra said, is one of the club's biggest fundraisers, and she works all through the summer packaging, pricing and organizing the donations.

For upcoming events, Serra said the Calendar Raffle Fundraiser has already begun and the Card & Game Party Luncheon will be forthcoming.

"I love every minute of it. The gals will help. I can call on them to help with any of the packaging that needs to be done, and we have a good time doing it, so again it's that camaraderie that comes with being part of a group," Serra said.

Serra enjoys being part of the club and said more women have been joining each year, eager to help and support one another and the community.

"It's just a great group of women. They all pitch in, they all want to work, whether it's at a meeting and somebody's working in the kitchen providing the coffee, the tea, the goodies for after we have our program. They love to get together," Serra said. "We're

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A hanging rack displays beautiful jewelry available for purchase during the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club's Annual Rummage Sale at the St. Cecilia Parish Center. Proceeds from the event will go to charity.



A collection of artistic items from plates to figurines on display for sale during the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club's Annual Rummage Sale at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

an organization that's still thriving, which is in this day and age you don't hear too much about, so we're really pleased about that."

Serra wants the community to know the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club is always looking for new members and to consider joining.



Volunteers and shoppers check out items for sale during the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club's Annual Rummage Sale at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.



A shopper checks out the jewelry section during the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club's Annual Rummage Sale at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

"They don't necessarily have to belong to the parish. We'd be more than happy to accept any members from surrounding towns and from surrounding parishes," Serra said.

To learn more about the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club, contact Serra at 413-279-1945 or Serra8446@hotmail.com or the parish office at 413-596-4232.

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# Hampden Selectmen speak on audio issues that plagued Special Town Meeting

By Dalton Zbierski  
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HAMPDEN -- The Special Town Meeting had its highest attendance in years on Oct. 30, but many audience members were often left asking the same question, "What?"

That is because the portable sound system brought to Thornton W. Burgess School for the meeting underperformed. Joined by Advisory Committee Chair Doug Boyd and Town Administrator Bob Markel, the Selectmen spoke on the issue on Nov. 6 during their first meeting following the STM.

"I would like to see the sound system (improved). It's frustrating, frankly," Boyd said. "That is something that we have to address because it becomes a distraction... I'm sure at minimum it's an annoyance to attendees and at worst it may actually deter some people from getting up and saying their piece on whatever the issue is."

While some residents who took to the center of the room to ask questions could be heard naturally without a microphone, others relied on the microphones to get their point across. Too often last Monday the sound system failed to be effective.

"It's frustrating going back and

watching the YouTube video. The sound quality is just so darn bad," Select Board Chair John Flynn said. "I've been watching a lot of other towns on YouTube, and some of them, gosh the quality of their meetings, even their town meetings they have, they've solved these things."

Flynn recalled the 2018 Special Town Meeting, which was held at Bethlehem Church on Allen Street after a sizable storm knocked out power at Thornton W. Burgess School. The church features a state-of-the-art sound system.

"How much does the church want to host again?" Flynn said. "We were spoiled by Bethlehem (Church). Certainly, the chairs were a lot nicer."

Flynn proposed the idea of hiring a firm to rewire the sound. He noted that was accomplished by Minnechaug Regional High School.

"It's a school building. If you look at what they did at Minnechaug, they hired the firm from South Hadley that handles the audio/visual in the auditorium," he said.

Selectman Craig Rivest recommended upgrading the sounds system so the town isn't forced to use using the school's "outdated stuff" or bring equipment from the Town Hall.

"Here (Town Hall), it's fairly ad-

equate. In that large room there, it's not adequate," Rivest said. "When we use their projectors and stuff, it looks like secondhand equipment, honestly. You look at the projector they lent us, and there's cracks on the thing or scuff marks on the lenses. You couldn't see stuff on the screen. So, it's our building. Do we invest for the two times a year so town meeting has a good projection system and audio system in the building that will come in use over the years?"

Selectman Donald Davenport noted that the town needs to do a better job scattering the microphones.

Flynn also noted that there is an issue with the YouTube version of the STM.

"For anyone watching the YouTube video, the YouTube cuts off in the middle of Article 12 just after two hours so Bob is going to work on seeing how he can join Part A and Part B together," Flynn said. "Or I don't even care if you put them on as two separate parts just to get it done because we missed the government study, all the school stuff and half the stuff with the master plan."

When asked how the issue was progressing, Markel said, "I spent some time with that this afternoon. The news is not good."



Following a significant volunteer effort, the VFW Post 9397 pavilion has a new roof. Photo courtesy of Jered Sasen, VFW.



Don Talbot, VFW Post 9397 clerk, hauls old pieces of the pavilion roof as Quartermaster Jered Sasen follows.



On Nov. 1, a team of volunteers gathered to repair the roof at VFW Post 9397.

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the Wilbraham Home Depot, is the Team Depot captain. On Nov. 2, he represented Team Depot, a collection of Home Depot associates who gather together and donate time to projects such as repairing the pavilion roof.

"It is a great collaboration, and it's great to see it in the community," Szafir said. "The Home Depot Foundation has committed to donating a billion dollars to these veteran projects and causes. We are well on our way."

Szafir also described the pavilion's position overlooking the river as beautiful. He had a similar sentiment when describing the volunteer effort that occurred.

"These businesses came out and volunteered their time, the Home Depot provided the materials. Obviously, we're not professional roofers, and that is what this job required. These guys came out and what an incredible job they do. It's just amazing the hard work they put in. Again, completely voluntary," he said.

Vista Home Improvement Owner Brian Rudd noted that his production manager, Rick Lajeunesse, who lives in Wilbraham, saw Sasen's Facebook post, and the connection was made.

"They needed some help over here, and we decided we'd come in and help out, join with everyone else here and do what we do," Rudd said. "I love it... This right here is great because it's organic. It came right out of the community, and it doesn't get any better than that."

Rudd also took time to explain how his business contributed to the project that occurred last Thursday.

"The pavilion roof here is in some rough shape so we did what's called a two-layer rip. We had two layers of shingles that were taken off and we're disposing of. Then, from there, we're ripping all the wood that's existing on there and replacing it with brand new plywood and then coming through with a new GAF roofing system," he said.

## Rotary Club to sell lucky raffle calendars

WILBRAHAM -- December could be a lucky month for 31 winners of the Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club's Lottery Calendar fundraiser. The club is selling its popular winter version of the Calendar Raffle throughout November for a chance to win a daily prize each day in December. See any club member for a chance to win gift cards or cash.

Raffle calendars are also on sale at the LUSO Federal Credit Union branch at 1 Crane Park in Wilbra-

ham. There will be a winner every day and after the daily drawing, your ticket goes back into the mix for another chance to win.

Samples of gift cards to be drawn include those to Rice's Fruit Farm, Home Depot, Amazon and Staples, plus many more. There will be three cash winners of \$100 each, according to the chairman of the fundraiser Tim Tracey of LUSO.

The fundraiser will benefit local community projects and scholarships. Calendars will be on sale

now through the end of November for \$10 each and are available from any club member.

"There will be a winner every day. That gives every entry 31 chances to win and they make good Christmas presents," commented Tracey. To purchase a calendar call Tracey at 413-279-3002 or email TTracey@LUSOFederal.com.

For more information about joining the Rotary Club, call 413-537-4171.

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Story Yoga with professional instructor, Lisa Katz. This was a four-week session made possible by donations to the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and everyone was very happy with it. Photo courtesy of Children's Librarian Heidi Kane.

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This photo is of Nicole Landry, from Pathways for Parents, and the children from her group all dressed up for Halloween. She conducts an early education and intervention play group throughout the year at the library. Photo courtesy of Children's Librarian Heidi Kane.



Teen Librarian Rachel Hapgood helped Children's Librarian Heidi Kane give out books to the local preschool, Wilbraham Community Preschool, on Monday, Oct. 30. Erin Kiernan, co-founder and director, scheduled a little Halloween parade and rain was not going to cancel it. Photos courtesy of Children's Librarian Heidi Kane.



Members of the Falcons 12UA Boys Baseball team would like to say a quick thank you to their neighbors for helping them experience an unforgettable trip to Cooperstown. The boys have made some memories that will last a lifetime and it was all made possible from the support of our generous community. Photo courtesy of Dave Costello.



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On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Wilbraham Public Library held a Teen Paint Sip Fun event. Teens in grades 6 - 12 painted "Blue Moon" with local artist Erin Boughamer. This event was sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.



Five trees, three sugar maples and two flowering cherries were planted along the Tinkham Road entrance to Minnechaug Regional High School thanks to a grant from the Wilbraham Community Association awarded to the Wilbraham Women's Club's Commemorative Tree Program. Pictured left to right are: Mark Graziano (owner of Graziano Gardens), Mike Messier (Director of Maintenance at Minnechaug), Jennifer Nowak (past president and financial chairman of the Wilbraham Community Association), Cheryl Wesolowski (Wilbraham Women's Club's Commemorative Tree Program chairman) and Dave Graziano (owner of Graziano Gardens). Photo courtesy of Sue Agnew.

## Community Bulletin Board

**Congrats to Kelliher for being named Wilbraham Veteran of the Year**

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Rotary District Governor visits club...

Rotary District Governor Christine Burns is welcomed by Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club President Don Flannery at the Oct. 25 meeting at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Burns is advising the club on ways to recruit new members. For more information, call Brad Sperry, 413-537-4171. Photo courtesy of Charles F. Bennett.



The Saint Cecilia Women's Club held its annual bake sale after Masses in the church rotunda. Profits are sent to various ProLife organizations in the area. The sale has been held and chaired for 50 years by Gail Finnegan. Pictured left to right are Gail's family members: Kathleen Sandman (daughter), Mary Carlson (sister) and Susan Yelinek (daughter). Photo courtesy of Sue Agnew.

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**(L to R) Loretta Forsyth, Carol Keeney, Lara Kline, Clarice Cecchi, Marilyn Munger, Joyce Bergeron, Martha Clark, Diane Santaniello, Sharon Kida and Linda Nichols (not shown).**

## Quilter's Group shares talent and time

Group meets in Hampden on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

HAMPDEN -- Clarice Cecchi spoke on behalf of the Hampden Senior Center's Quilter's Group, which meets on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The group consists of women from Hampden, East Longmeadow, Springfield, Stafford Springs and Feeding Hills. Most of these ladies met at the senior center and became fast friends often enjoying lunch together in our dining room. They are a welcoming group and are more than willing to guide anyone new.

In addition to working on their own projects, these ladies have found ways to give back to the community by sharing their talent and time. Each of them has various degrees of expertise in sewing and quilting and everyone has their niche, so if one person is good at one thing and another person might be good at something else, they often join efforts when working on specific projects. Some of the things this group has made this year include:

- 45 Craft Turkeys that will be delivered with Thanksgiving dinner to those who are homebound. The pattern for the turkeys was provided and perfected by Diane Santaniello.

- 25 Stockings for local Veterans to make their holiday a little more special

- 50 Festive Holiday Placemats

- 40 quilted and sewn Microwaveable Fabric Bowls, to go in the Warming Hearts bags delivered in February, that Outreach Coordinator, Wendy Cowles organizes for people that are homebound.

We receive fabric donations that may seem like scraps to most people, but to our quilters, it may be just what their project needs. If you're ever wondering where your donations end up, it could be part of something heartwarming and great. We are very proud of our members at the Hampden Senior Center and their contributions to giving back to our community.

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### Assisted Living Locators Western MA gives back

Partners with One Tree Planted for its 20th anniversary celebration

WILBRAHAM -- Assisted Living Locators' Western Massachusetts franchise is embracing a green initiative to mark Assisted Living Locators' 20th anniversary. Joining forces with the esteemed reforestation nonprofit One Tree Planted, the local franchise pledges that for each senior placed in a new home, a tree will be planted in their name.

In celebration of two decades of unparalleled service in senior care, the franchise is set to donate to One Tree Planted for each senior placement. This donation comes with the added touch of a personalized certificate for the client or their family, honoring their contribution to the environment.

"Our mission has always been anchored in care and community. We're immensely proud to amplify this commitment to our environment. Trees not only purify the air and provide a livelihood to billions, but they also might hold keys to medical breakthroughs. With each tree we plant, we're nurturing hope for our environment and potentially unlocking solutions for diseases our seniors face," Katie Krupka, Western Massachusetts franchise manager, said.

One Tree Planted is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is on a mission to make it simple for anyone to help the environment by planting trees. Their projects span the globe and are done in partnership with local communities and environmental organizations to create an impact for nature, people, and wildlife. Reforestation helps to restore forests that have been degraded or deforested, provide jobs

for social impact, and restore biodiversity habitat. Many projects have overlapping objectives that contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

This collaborative effort by Assisted Living Locators and One Tree Planted promises a brighter, greener future, reflecting a commitment to care both at home and globally. Collectively, this partnership will oversee the planting of thousands of trees across the nation.

Assisted Living Locators, part of the Evive Brands family, offers a no-cost service for seniors and their families providing expert advice on top rated in-home care, independent retirement options, assisted living and memory care.

For more details or to become a part of this inspiring initiative, please visit: <https://assisted-living-locators.raise.ly.com/>.

### Skoler Abbott receives Empowering Women award

SPRINGFIELD -- Skoler, Abbott & Presser, P.C., a leading labor and employment law firm serving employers in the greater Springfield area, has been named to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's inaugural Empowering Women list. The award recognizes Skoler Abbott for its strong commitment to hiring and promoting women, providing mentoring and opportunities for professional advancement to women attorneys, and establishing programs and policies to help women attorneys thrive professionally.

Two of Skoler Abbott's female partners, Marylou Fabbo and Amelia Holstrom, are Wilbraham residents. Skoler Abbott was the only law firm in Western Massachusetts to receive

this honor.

"Skoler Abbott is committed to providing female attorneys with the time, mentorship and support to promote their success within the firm, to become recognized leaders in the legal profession, and to build meaningful relationships within the community," said Attorney Erica Flores, a partner at the firm. "Three of our five partners are female, all of whom were promoted from within. Our female attorneys have been recognized with a variety of awards, including Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's Top Women of Law. We are incredibly proud of our women attorneys and staff, and we will continue to make the empowerment of women a high priority."

Founded in 1964, Skoler Abbott is a boutique firm that exclusively practices labor and employment law and represents only the interests of management. The firm's practice areas include all aspects of labor and employment law, including traditional labor law, contract negotiations, union avoidance, and arbitrations; employment litigation in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies; employment counseling, policy review and training; compliance with state and federal employment statutes and a wide range of other areas of the law related to the workplace and the management of employees.

### People ages 18-24 lose more money to scams than seniors

People ages 18-24 reported losing more money to scams than older age groups, according to a new report published by the Better Business Bureau's Institute for Marketplace Trust, the International Association of Better Business Bureaus' educational foundation. Targeting our youth: How scams are impacting ages 18-24 highlights scam types, tactics, and trends based on data submitted to BBB Scam Tracker between January 1, 2022, and June 24, 2023.

#### Riskiest scams

Employment scams continue to be the riskiest scams for ages 18-24, making up almost 30% of scams reported by this age group to BBB Scam Tracker. This scam type had the highest median dollar loss of

all scam types reported by this age group (\$1,819).

#### Riskiest scams for 18-24-year-olds:

1. Employment
2. Online purchase
3. Cryptocurrency
4. Rental
5. Investment
6. Fake check/money order
7. Phishing
8. Romance
9. Advance fee loan
10. Credit repair/debt relief

"It's important that we spread awareness about employment scams, especially to younger people," said BBB Institute Executive Director Melissa Lanning Trumppower. "About 43 percent of employment scams reported by this age group included a mention

of fake check scams. Many reported being told to deposit checks into their accounts and then transfer funds to a vendor to pay for training or office equipment. By the time they realized the check was bad, the money was gone. We must make sure young people understand it takes time for checks to clear and to be sure they're good."

About 19% of employment scams from this age group mentioned schemes involving inspecting or re-shipping packages.

Online purchase scams made up 29.1 percent of all reports submitted by 18-24-year-olds, with 81.4% reporting a monetary loss.

#### Contact method

Ages 18-24 were more likely to report being targeted by text message or internet messaging than other age groups. The contact methods with the highest likelihood of a monetary loss (susceptibility) included website and social media. The contact methods with the highest reported median dollar loss were phone call, text message, and in person.

This group reported a higher percentage of scams targeting them on Instagram and X (Twitter) than other age groups.

#### Payment method

Ages 18-24 reported a higher percentage of scams via online payment system and bank account debit. The payment methods for this age group with the highest median dollar loss were wire transfer (\$2,150), check (\$1,500), and cryptocurrency (\$1,200).

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## Lucas overtime breakaway goal seals title for Chaug



Minnechaug field hockey captured the Western Mass. Class A Championship by beating Longmeadow in overtime last Monday night.

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WILBRAHAM – Not very many goals in field hockey are scored on the breakaway.

But in the overtime period of last Monday night’s Western Mass. Class A Championship game, Alayna Lucas got possession of the ball in the waning seconds and took it a little more than two-third across the field and shot once inside the circle, finding the left side of the goal for a 3-2 win for the Falcons.

The Falcons were once again in a Western Mass.

Championship game with Longmeadow, their long-time rival. Longmeadow has own the Western Mass. title for many years in the sport, but Minnechaug was finally able to break through.

Coach Margaret Kennedy was jumping up and down as Lucas shot sounded in the goal, sending her team into a frenzy.

“My heart almost stopped,” Kennedy said as she went out to celebrate with the rest of her team.

Minnechaug has already had an excellent season, winning 13 games in the regular season against just two losses. They were the

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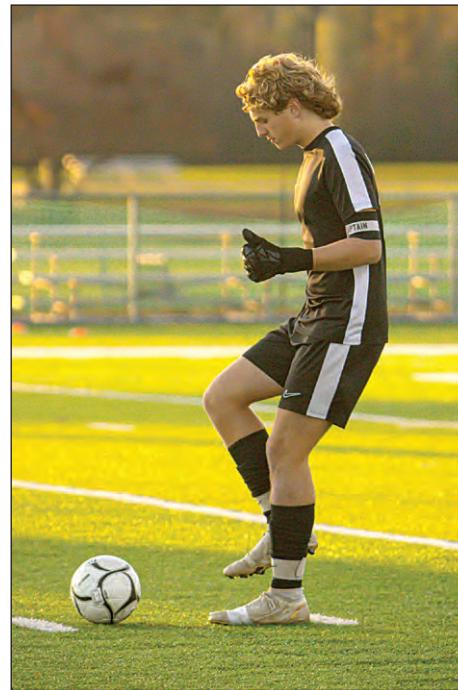
## Falcons fall in quarterfinals



Jonathan Barton Camino looks to play the ball.



Ryan Ice sends a pass up the field.



Ben Wilson makes a stop near midfield.

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Alex Sleeper attempts to run down the ball.



Bryce Barlow heads the ball behind him.



Matt Ryan hustles up the field.

WILBRAHAM – On Oct. 26, Minnechaug boys soccer fell in the Western Massachusetts Class A Tournament to East Longmeadow 2-1. All the goals were scored in the second half. Matthew O’Keefe had Minnechaug’s only goal. Ben Wilson made six saves in goals. The Falcons followed that with a 5-2 win over Longmeadow in non-playoff action. Then, last week, Minnechaug was able to enter the State Division 2 Tournament, making it into the Round of 32.

### Girls soccer stopped in penalty kicks

WILBRAHAM – All season long, Minnechaug girls soccer has been putting up lots of zeroes. The Falcons did that in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Division 2 tournament, defeating Westfield 1-0. They put up a second zero in the semifinals, but were not able to score themselves.

The Falcons would battle West Springfield to a 0-0 tie after two overtimes, and a 3-2 advantage in the penalty kick phase would spell the end of Minnechaug’s section tournament run.

Minnechaug marched into the state tournament, winning their first-round matchup and then heading to Hingham for their second round matchup earlier this week.



# Candlepin League News

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## Monday Night Men's League

PALMER – In one match, the Pin Heads bowled against Tag Team. In game one, Pin Heads defeated Tag Team by a score of 370-353.

Dave Dutton of Pin Heads led the team by scoring 107. In game two, it was close but Pin Heads managed to win by one pin by a score of 368-367.

In game three, Pin Heads won by a score of 370-356. For total pinfall, Pin Heads were the winners by a final score of 1108-1076.

Team Yahtzee faced off against Team Boom. In game one, Boom was victorious over Yahtzee by a score of 374-358.

John Carmichael of Boom was well over average by score a 112 game against Yahtzee. In game two, Yahtzee countered with a good game of their own winning 371-331. Rick Clark of Yahtzee scored 102.

In game three, Yahtzee won by a score of 401-371. Mike Wadas of Yahtzee finished strong by scoring 103. For total pinfall, Yahtzee won by a final score of 1130-1076.

The Juicers took on Pin Pigs for a three-game match. In game one, Juicers won by a score of 314-309.

In game two, Pin Pigs won by a score of 330-301. Mike Forgue of Pin Pigs scored 101. In game three, Pin Pigs took the last game of the night by a score of 380-311.

Forgue stayed strong finishing with a 108 final game. His team-

mate, Bill Kerr finished with a 110 game.

Pin Pigs won total pinfall by a final score 1019-926.

The Four Stooges bowled against the Mugwumps. In game one, the Four Stooges won by a score 358-324.

Marc Pelissier of the Stooges began with a 105 game. In game two, The Four Stooges defeated Mugwumps by a score of 331-307. Pelissier continued staying about his league average by score 102 in game two.

In game three, Four Stooges won the third and final game by a score of 352-322. Pelissier finished with his high game of the night with a 107. Pelissier's series for the night was 314.

For total pinfall, Four Stooges won with a final score of 1041-953.

## Thursday Night Mixed League

As of Oct. 26, there is a tie for first place between Team One and Team Three with 18.5 wins through round 1 of the season.

In one match, Team Two bowled against Team Four for league night. In game one, Team Four defeated Team Two by a score of 399-385.

In game two, Team Four won by a score of 404-394. Danny Fen-nyery of Team Two scored 103 in game two.

In game three, Team Four took all three games by winning the last one 416-407.

Team Four took total pinfall for a final score of 1219-1186.

Team Three bowled against Team Six as Team Three hopes to take over 1st place before round one ends. In game one, Team Six was victorious by a score of 401-

389. In game two, Team Six stayed strong and won again by a score of 392-372. In game three, Team Six won the third and final game 418-384.

Team Six took total pinfall by a final score of 1211-1145.

The other top seed Team One bowled against Team Five. In game one, Team One was victorious over Team Five by a score of 437-420.

In game two, Team One had another good game and won by a score of 428-392. In game three, Team One took all the points by winning the final game 444-421.

Kris Rickson of Team One had a good night with all three games over 100. His scores consisted of 107, 104, and 125 for a three-game series of 336.

Total pinfall was in favor of Team One by a final score of 1309-1233.



Alayna Lucas turns play around. She had the winning goal in overtime for Minnechaug in the Western Mass. finals.



Kendall Gates takes a big free hit.

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Ainsley Esteves eyes a teammate up the field.



Audrey Izzo pulls the ball back away from an opponent.



Kate O'Connor looks for an opening to pass.



Alayna Lucas tries to block a Longmeadow pass.

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top seed in this year's tournament and had a rare regular season win against the Lancers. Minnechaug would lead 2-0 at halftime in the championship game, which was held

at Agawam High School. But Longmeadow would scored in the third quarter, completely changing the momentum in the matchup. From that point, Minnechaug was on the defensive for the remainder of regulation, and Longmeadow broke through

again late in the fourth quarter, tying the game 2-2. The overtime period saw a lot of end-to-end action as each team was really trying to end the game quickly. But neither team was able to put together the right sequence until Lucas'

breakaway, which saw her go the length without any opposition catching up to her, giving her the opportunity to shoot all alone. With the Western Mass. title in their pocket, Minnechaug moved right into the state tournament, facing their Western Mass.

semifinal opponent, Northampton, in the first round of states. The Falcons, ranked No. 5, prevailed 3-0 and were scheduled to face Leominster in the second round, the Round of 16, earlier this week.



# Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

“It wasn’t a good play,” he said. “I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me.”

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

“That’s just the kind of guy he is,” Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game’s first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

“That can’t happen,” Smotherman said of the late lapses, “especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can’t happen in small margin games.”

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox’ blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive zone trying to get off the ice

when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second period.

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of a minute but as things progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goalmouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhand from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers two men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes.

From there it was on to overtime and the 5-4 final.

# T-Birds fall to Islanders in weekend finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker’s seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally.

Walker’s goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin’s goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds’ power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait

even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby’s equipment to restore Springfield’s lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds’ defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds’ offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club’s five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

# This Week in Rec

by Andrea Rust  
Administrative Clerk

Fall is in full swing with leaves falling and temperatures dropping. Here at Parks and Rec, we are wrapping up with outdoor sports and transitioning to indoor programs. Basketball season is starting next week for grades K-8, and registration for High School Intramural Basketball begins in a few weeks. Wrestling, Pickleball Tournaments and Wilbraham Hiking Club registrations are open as well. There is always something to do in Wilbraham year around.



One of our fastest growing sports this year is wrestling. The aim of this program is to provide the basic tools necessary to compete in youth wrestling through physical drills and discipline. The coaching staff provides a nurturing environment and mentoring through positive leadership, both on and off the mat. While there is definitely a team aspect to the sport, there are also individual barriers and obstacles that our wrestlers are encouraged to face head-on and overcome, including any obstacle life may bring, to reach heights that were never imaginable. If you are new to wrestling and want to check it out, there will be a free clinic at Memorial School on Tuesday Nov. 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration for the Youth Wrestling program is available on our website.

High School Intramural Basketball for Grades 9-12 is a fun recreational

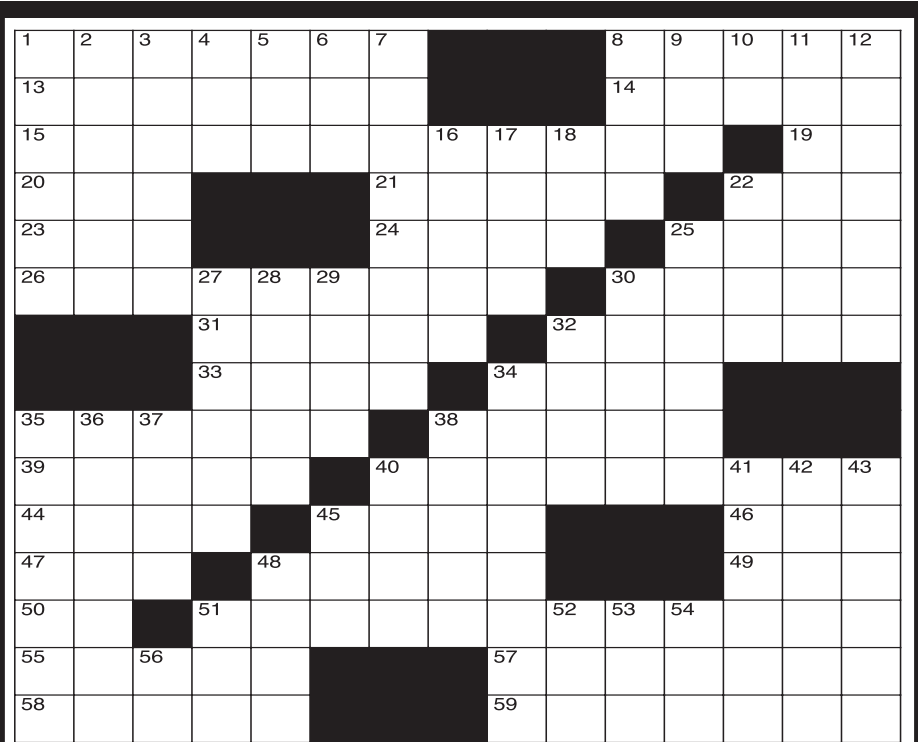
league with games only and no practices. There is a separate girls division and a boys division. Registration runs Nov. 21 through Dec. 4, and games begin in January. This program is a great way to be active and have fun during the cold winter months.

Edge Pickleball Instructor Dennis Windoloski organizes several Tournaments throughout the year allowing players to engage in a friendly competitive environment.

The upcoming Female Tournament and Male Tournament will be held at Memorial School Gym on Friday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 25 respectively. Players must be at least 18 years old and have some pickleball experience, understand the basic rules of the game, be able to keep score, serve and return, and sustain short rallies. If interested, grab a partner and register by Monday, Nov. 20.

Hiking is another great way to enjoy winter. The Wilbraham Hiking Club offers several hikes on various days each month in Wilbraham and the surrounding towns. All hikes are listed on our website as well as a description of each including length, difficulty and location specific terrain. Registration for all hikes is free.

Whether indoors or outdoors, we offer several programs and activities for all ages to enjoy and pass the colder months. Please visit WilbrahamRec.com for more information about all our programs and to register.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen

- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. “Pets” you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time
- 59. Houses temporarily

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman’s tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. “Night Train” author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer

- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
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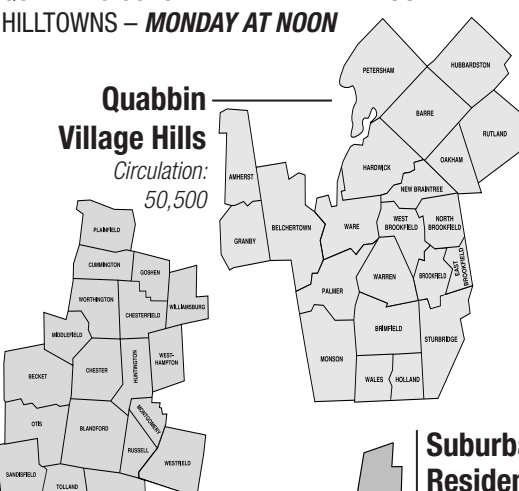
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 starting at 5:30 PM** on the application of Colene Melikian for a variance from the provisions of Sections 4.4.5, 4.4.6 and 4.4.10 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to construct a 1,008 square foot accessory building (garage) within the front and side yard setbacks at 5 Vista Road as further specified in the application and plan that are on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at [www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals).

Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/333605845> or call 877-309-2073 (Access Code: 333-605-845).

Edward Kivari Jr.,  
Chairman  
11/02, 11/09/2023

## WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Colene Melikian for a Special Permit as required under Section 4.4.8 of the Zoning By-Law to allow construction of a detached accessory building (garage) with a building footprint area of 1,008 square feet and a maximum building height of 17.4 feet and under Section 3.9.2.2 to allow a combined total of four garage doors on property owned by Colene Melikian and Martin Ryan at 5 Vista Road 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](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board). Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/165685941> or call 877-309-2073 (Access Code: 165-685-941).

John McCloskey  
Chair  
11/09, 11/16/2023

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court HAMPDEN, Division Docket No. HD23P2041EA

To all persons interested in the estate of CAMILLE C. BIENVENUE, of Daytona Beach, in the State of Florida.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Brenda Farnsworth and Connie R. Burke, Co Personal Representatives of said decedent, appointed by the State of Florida in the Circuit Court for Volusia County, Florida, for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said Decedent, situated in Hampden, MA.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-first day of November 2023**, the return

date of this citation. Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire. First Justice of said court, this fourth day of October 2023.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register  
10/26, 11/02, 11/09/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden, Division Docket Number: HD23E003 1QC

**Philip D. Burdick, Plaintiff(s)**  
v.  
**Denise M. LaFountain, Defendant(s)**

To the above-named Defendant:

A complaint has been presented to this Court by **Philip D. Burdick**, plaintiff, on a **General Complaint for Equity**.

You are required to serve upon - **Philip D. Burdick** - plaintiff, whose address is c/o **Atty. Michael A Frazee, Esq.**, 425 Union Street - Box 21, West Springfield, MA 01089, your answer on or before **November 30, 2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Springfield.

Witness, **Barbara M. Hyland**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, this **twenty-fifth day of October 2023**.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/09/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2242EA

Estate of:  
**Anastacia T Cambo**  
Date of Death: **08/27/2023**  
CITATION ON FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Timothy LaMotte** of **Wilbraham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/28/2023**.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the

return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 30, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/09/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2068EA

Estate of:  
**Sonia Lally**  
Date of Death: **05/13/2023**  
CITATION ON FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Susan McCoy** of **Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/28/2023**.

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

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may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 31, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/09/2023

## PUBLIC HEARING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

(Posted 10/27/2023)  
The Wilbraham Select Board will hold a hearing under Chapter 140, Section 181 and 183A, and Chapter 136 of the General Laws, to consider new applications for an annual (Monday - Saturday) entertainment license and an annual Sunday entertainment license submitted by **Dominic John Inc. dba The Local Table-n-Tap** at 2039 Boston Road, managed by **Christopher Arillotta**, to include entertainment during business hours on Monday - Saturday and on Sundays. The hearing is scheduled for **Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:05 PM** at the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed entertainment licenses will be heard. The hearing will be available in person and virtually (see the meeting agenda for login access).

WILBRAHAM SELECT BOARD  
Local Licensing Authority  
11/09/2023

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of **November 24, 2023** the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

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11/09, 11/16, 11/23/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2269EA Estate of:

## Helen T. Simonowicz Date of Death: 09/23/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nancy Walas of East Longmeadow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Nancy Walas of East Longmeadow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/04/2023**.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a writ-

ten appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 06, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/09/2023

## JOB OPENING

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# Events & announcements schedule

## Minnechaug Land Trust seeking new Hampden board members

HAMPDEN -- Residents of Hampden may have seen our President Steve Lawson and Jenn Bagge at a recent Hampden Board of Selectmen meeting promoting Minnechaug Land Trusts' conservation efforts and increasing public awareness of our group. During that meeting we addressed our need of volunteers from Hampden who are interested in holding a seat on our Board. We generally like to maintain a balance of Hampden and Wilbraham Board members; currently Wilbraham Board members outnumber Hampden members almost 2:1.

We are a volunteer-run organization and understand how busy life can get. Board members typically spend one to two hours a month on Land Trust-related projects. Board members are appointed for three-year terms and Board of Directors' meetings are held in person and take place 4 times a year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more information about our Board or joining us, please reach out to Steve Lawson at [contact@minnechauglandtrust.org](mailto:contact@minnechauglandtrust.org) or Jenn Bagge at [jenn.bagge@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.bagge@gmail.com).

## Wilbraham United Players to present 'The 39 Steps'

The Wilbraham United Players will be presenting the comedy 'The 39 Steps' on Nov. 10, 11 and 12 at Fellowship Hall, 500 Main St. in downtown Wilbraham. Based on Alfred Hitchcock's classic movie that thrilled audiences in 1935, the stage version is now a "comic thrill ride" performed by a cast of only six actors. Adapted by Patrick Barlow, this 2005 comedy hit played in London's West End for nine years and was nominated for six Tony Awards on Broadway in 2008.

"The 39 Steps" tells the story of an ordinary man flung into extraordinary circumstances. When a spy is murdered in his London flat, Richard Hannay is chased by a team of killers across England and Scotland, defying death in one seemingly inescapable scrape after another - including a romance! Based on a 1915 spy novel by John Buchan, Patrick Barlow's adaptation not only spoofs old movies and Hitchcock tropes ("Psycho", "Vertigo", etc.), but also adds a dash of Monty Python comedy as six actors instantly transform into over dozens of characters with lightning precision.

Performance dates and times for "The 39 Steps": Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. - Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. - Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are now available online at [www.wilbrahamunit-edplayers.org](http://www.wilbrahamunit-edplayers.org). Premium seating \$27, Regular Seating \$22, Regular Seating with Student / Senior discount is \$17.

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## Genealogy Series at the Wilbraham Public 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 either or both. Here are the dates:

FamilySearch.org - Tuesday, 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.

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

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

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

## 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.

## Saint Cecilia Women's Club November meeting

WILBRAHAM -- The St. Cecilia Women's Club's November meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. It's time to start thinking about your Holiday shopping and what better way than with So Cool Gifts & Accessories with Ana Capela. Ana will have lots of ideas for gifts and decorations to help make your season bright!

## Friends' Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 18

WILBRAHAM -- Kick off the holidays by joining The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors for a fun filled day! Come to their 14th annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St, Wilbraham, MA from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This bazaar is a full day of shopping with over 25 exhibitors, offering handmade soaps, greeting cards, Christmas ornaments, doggie goodies,

and more! Their famous huge Raffle offers many chances to bring home a lovely gift basket or other gifts. Stay for lunch as the folks at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing-Springfield cook up Meatball Grinders or pick a sweet treat from our Bake Sale of muffins, cookies and more - and hot coffee will be available too! But, best of all SANTA CLAUS will be riding into town at 11 a.m. and will stay 'til 2 p.m. for visits with children of all ages who can get their picture taken, and all children receive a FREE GIFT! This year's event proceeds will support Recognition Programs of Friends Volunteers.

For more information, call AnnMarie at 413-599-4803.

## Rick's Place honors Children's Grief Awareness Month with art exhibit

WILBRAHAM -- Rick's Place, a beacon of support for children, teens and families navigating grief, is proud to present a special gallery exhibit and opening reception in commemoration of Children's Grief Awareness Month in November.

Titled "Reflections: A Grief Awareness Exhibit", this event will take place at Rick's Place on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

The exhibit will showcase poignant artwork created by both youth and adult participants from Rick's Place. Art and creative expression offer a profound channel for individuals to convey thoughts and emotions that words may struggle to capture. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their unique grief journeys and how these experiences have left an indelible mark. Each piece presented will encapsulate an intimate, heartfelt narrative of personal journeys through grief.

Rick's Place aims to have this event serve a dual purpose: raising greater awareness about the profound impact of death, grief and loss on youth and families, and providing a platform for individuals to tell their stories through art. With over 5,000 children in Hampden County experiencing loss of a parent or sibling, Rick's Place, a non-profit organization, extends its helping hand to youth between the ages of 5 and 18, along with their caregivers, who have confronted death. The peer support programs, both on-site and in local schools, help youth feel supported, understood and less alone in their grief.

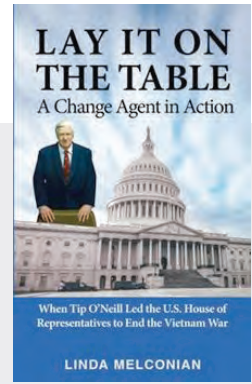
We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating these courageous artists as they generously share their personal grief stories. By participating in this event, you will contribute to a broader awareness of the profound impact that grief has on the lives of our youth and their families.

Please contact [bflores@ricksplacema.org](mailto:bflores@ricksplacema.org) for more information or to attend.

## Hartsprings Bin receives extended stay at Hampden Senior Center

HAMPDEN -- The Hartsprings Bin will stay at the Hampden Senior Center at 104 Allen St. We have been allowed an extended stay of the bin and will gladly accept your donations. As you begin your Fall Cleaning, please consider donating your unwanted clothing, purses, shoes, jewelry, bedding (no pillows or rugs) small kitchen supplies, dishes, glassware, suitcases in good working order, duffle bags or tote bags. Books are also accepted, however, NO Encyclopedias.

If items are placed in The White Tall Kitchen plastic size bags, they will easily fit in the drop-down door of the bin. If you have large bags or boxes of items or any-



## Library to host former state senator Nov. 13

WILBRAHAM -- The Wilbraham Public Library welcomes former State Sen. Linda Melconian on Monday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her book, "Lay it on the Table: A Change Agent in Action - When Tip O'Neill Led the U.S. House of Representatives to End the Vietnam War".

Copies of her book will be available that evening to purchase with all proceeds benefiting the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Please register through the library's website, [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org) or call 596-6141.

thing breakable to donate, please feel free to contact Joan Shea at 413-566-8224 to arrange a special drop off.

Items left at the senior center are also accepted, and Joan will pick up from there for the truck. However, please refrain from leaving bags next to the bin. Please call Joan for help with any questions in regard to what you can donate if you are unsure. Thank you for your continuing support of this fundraiser, which supports The Building Fund of the Hampden Senior Center.

## Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry

HAMPDEN -- On Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m., the Federated Community Church in Hampden is offering healing touch sessions. The group of people offering this to the public is trained and certified in energy work.

It will be first come, first served and will have a free donation.

A chairlift is available. For more information, one can contact 413-566-3711 or [hampdenfederated@gmail.com](mailto:hampdenfederated@gmail.com).

## Wilbraham Girl Scout Troops 11714, 65269 welcome new girls

WILBRAHAM -- Girls in grades 2-12 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 11714.

The troop meets monthly on Mondays, from 6-8 p.m. in Wilbraham.

Register now to claim her spot as troops fill fast. Annual membership cost is \$35 and financial assistance is available. You can register for a spot in the troop at <https://bit.ly/troop11714>.

Girls in grades 1-3 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 65269.

The troop meets every other week on Thursday, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Wilbraham.

Annual membership cost is \$35 and financial assistance is available. You can register for a spot in the troop at <https://bit.ly/troop65269>.

See for yourself what Girl Scouts have to offer. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, science and technology,

the outdoors, and community service. Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

Questions? Email [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org) or call 413-584-2602.





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# Eclectic vintage shop, artists studio opens

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PALMER – An eclectic, vintage shop and artists gallery opened their doors at 1500 N. Main St.

“The Victorian” will provide locals a convenient shop close to home, offering quality painter’s products, painted furniture, unique gifts, candles home decor, and more.

The shop features a wide variety of Fusion Mineral Paint products, including materials to re-purpose, refurbish and re-imagine furniture.

“Fusion Mineral Paint is primarily a furniture paint,” said owner Julia Dias. However, she said the paint works well on a variety of materials, such as wood, metal, glass and fabrics.

In addition to the mineral paint, The Victorian will also offer milk paint, stains, antiquing glazes, a variety of decorating waxes and both natural and synthetic paint brushes.

The shop caters to artists seeking to add a splash of color to their homes and get creative with refinishing their furniture.

“I always wanted to open my own shop,” said Dias.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in fine arts with a focus on interior design from UMASS Amherst.

Dias’ experience allows her to provide guests with expertise and a wealth of knowledge in design as well as the Fusion Mineral Paint product line.

“I live for making what is old new again,” said Dias. “It’s exciting.”

She added the Victorian age has always been her favorite period in time, prompting her to scout out the perfect location for her shop.

“It has always been a dream of mine to have a Victorian. The



Submitted Photos

The Victorian is located at 1500 Main St., in Palmer, in the former Moulton Insurance building.



The Victorian carries Fusion Mineral Paint for furniture re-purposing and re-finishing.



For sale are 100% soy candles made in the USA.

building is a Queen Anne with all the traditional moldings,” said Dias.

The Victorian was built in 1868 and is 155 years old.

Shoppers will not only have access to a Fusion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also experience the charm of the old Victorian.

The shop features an array of colors, furnishings and art;

some Victorian style, others more abstract.

Vintage style “sassy talkin’ towels,” are on display, adding style and humor to the main shopping area.

For those interested in purchasing, duplicates are for sale.

Additionally, vintage-style match boxes are available for purchase, delicately wrapped in wax paper and sealed with a postage stamp.



Shown is the shopping area in the building, with items in display cases, which are for sale.



The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building’s architecture.

The Superior Dry Good Vintage Stick matches are a perfect compliment to those interested in gifting a locally sourced, 100% soy, 1803 candle.

Dias said the shop is Victorian themed to add an element of creativity and charm to the guests’ experience.

“After the first of the year, we will offer Fusion Mineral Paint workshops” said Dias.

She added services and

products available at the shop will expand within the upcoming year, including the introduction of a parlor styled tea room.

While the room is not yet ready for renting, guests will eventually have the option of renting a Victorian-themed space equipped with art, comfortable vintage furniture, tea table near a decorative fireplace and a large, antique Victrola player.

Guests interested in adding a Victorian touch to their home also have the option of purchasing from a collection of vintage glassware.

Dias thanked and credited her husband, Joao Dias, for all he has done to make her dream come true.

Dias is inviting all to stop by today for all of your unique holiday shopping needs.

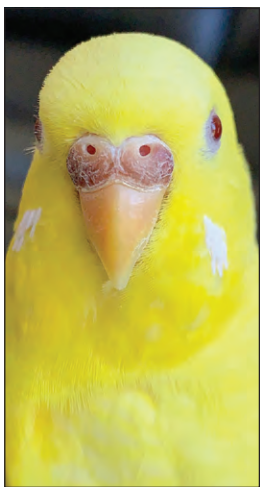
Shop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 11 am to 2 pm.



# PET OF THE MONTH

## Meet Maestro!!

She is a lutino budgie. Her birthday is November 13th and she is turning 6 years old. Maestro is "the little princess" of the Langlois family in Hampden. She is very energetic and hilarious to watch and play with! She has a hollowed-out coconut that she often goes into and rests in; her family says it is "her way of getting some alone time," since she lives with one other bird in her family.



# PET PAGE

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Send in your pet picture for our "Pet of the Month" and receive a free weekend get-away or spa package for your pet courtesy of Porter Road Pet Care. Email your photos to: [jwalker@turley.com](mailto:jwalker@turley.com). Please include your name and your pet's name.

## Transitioning Your Pets to Winter

Winter means cold temperatures, freezing rain, and snow! As winter approaches, there are some things you should do to ensure your pet is fully prepared for the cold weather.

### Ensure your pet gets plenty of exercise

Winter still offers plenty of opportunities for you and your pet to enjoy the outdoors. Take him out for a run or a hike, visit the local park together, or toss a Frisbee or ball. Increased exercise helps prevent injury. And just like us winter means adding extra layers like sweaters and coats. Small dogs and short haired dogs may need one during the colder weather.

### Feed your pet more to keep him warm

As it gets colder, pets need more energy to stay warm. Food generates body heat. During winter, feed your pet more food to ensure he doesn't get cold. But also make sure he gets enough exercise, so he doesn't become overweight. You should also provide clean, fresh water for him.

### Keep him away from outdoor pests

As the temperatures turn colder, some snakes prepare for hibernation. They can be very grumpy and bite any pets they come across. Learn about the snakes in your region and know where they are likely to be found so you can keep your pets from those areas. Pests like fleas and ticks can still be around even in the winter months. Continue flea and tick prevention year-round and each time your pet comes indoors, check him to ensure he isn't carrying any undesirable guests.



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