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Turley photo by Kristin Rivers
Nancy Clark, Director of Government Affairs for Charter Communications-Spectrum, welcomes attendees.

WSC hosts Spectrum Smart Devices Workshop

By Kristin Rivers
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WILBRAHAM - The senior center hosted a Spectrum Smart Devices for Seniors Workshop on Oct. 28 to help seniors build their digital skills.

The tips included protecting your identity and information online, how to use apps for transportation, food, medical information and ways of better connecting with family and friends. Also, how to avoid phishing and smishing scams, block scam and robo calls and the types of digital passwords to use to protect information online.

Two laptops were also raffled off to attendees and everyone received a tote bag with screen cleaners and remote controls.

The workshop was led by Destiny Easler, the Western Massachusetts program manager at Cyber Seniors, a nonprofit organization offering free technical support and training for senior citizens.

Nancy Clark, director of

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'LOST IN YONKERS' a triumph of comedy and drama

By Patricia Sullivan
Correspondent

HAMPDEN - A stellar cast is bringing "Lost In Yonkers," the award-winning play by Neil Simon, to full tragicomic life at the Thornton W. Burgess School.

The production opened on Nov. 7. Tickets are still available for its remaining performances on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

On opening night, actors with the Theatre Guild of Hampden gracefully balanced the script's light moments with its underlying dark themes. Under the direction of

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The cast of "Lost in Yonkers" was showered with audience appreciation at their curtain call.

Turley photo by Patricia Sullivan

Hampden to replace HVAC system at senior center

Residents voted in favor during STM

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

HAMPDEN - During the Nov. 3 Special Town Meeting, a majority of Hampden residents voted to appropriate \$130,000 of available funds to replace the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning, or HVAC, system at the senior center on Allen Street.

This item was listed as Article Six on the STM Warrant, which was to see if the town will raise and appro-

appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to replace the HVAC system at the senior center.

The senior center is approximately 25 years old and still uses its original HVAC system.

Gary Weiner, chair of the Senior Center Building Committee, provided details on why the request was being made.

"When we came in the spring, we asked for \$140,000 for three maintenance reasons, if you will," Weiner said. "The roof

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Ellie and Violet with their blinged out books.

Photo courtesy of Rachel Hapgood

WPL holds Teen Book Bedazzling Workshop

By Natalie Proulx
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - On Monday, Nov. 3, the library invited teens grades six through 12 to a Book Bedazzling event.

Participants were told to bring a favorite book with them or choose one from the provided selection.

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library made this

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Local veterans honored at Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast

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WILBRAHAM - Local veterans and their families were celebrated ahead of Veterans Day during the Annual Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast at the senior center on Nov. 6.

The breakfast was sponsored by the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club and the menu comprised of fresh fruit, orange juice, egg and strata sausage and potatoes. Also, cider donuts donated by Rice Fruit Farm and patriotic cake pops from Wilbraham



A photo of the Veterans and their families in attendance at this years Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast at the Wilbraham Senior Center.

Photos courtesy of Patrick Renna

Junior Women's Club President Brenda Willard.

Patrick Renna, director of Veterans Services, said the event was "a tremendous success."

"We completely maxed out the available space, which is a wonderful 'problem' to have, and we're already looking at ways to expand for next year to accommodate even more veterans and families. The energy in the room was incredible, constant conversation, laughter, and connection from start to finish. It truly felt like a gathering of family," Renna said.

Renna enjoyed seeing the

Veterans from every branch come together, sharing stories and "reconnecting with that sense of camaraderie we all miss after leaving service."

"There's something special about watching people who may not have met before instantly bond over shared experiences," Renna said. "It feels less like an event and more like a reunion. It also provides me a great opportunity to introduce myself to veterans that I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet and give them a brief synopsis of the services that I have to

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Selectboard approves tax work-off program for 2026

By Kristin Rivers
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HAMPDEN - The Selectboard approved the tax work-off program for 2026 during their Nov. 3 meeting that was held ahead of this year's Special Town Meeting.

Hampden Senior Center Executive Director Rebecca Moriarty explained there are 14 slots and each person gets a \$2,000 abatement.

"Just looking to see if you're in favor of the program continuing through 2026. The assessor sent an email and they said that the 14 positions at \$2,000 would still be affordable," Moriarty said. "No increase for 2026."

When Chair John Flynn asked how many were used last year, Moriarty replied all 14 were used.

"Town House, Zoom Operator. Are you going to want that again next year?" Moriarty said.

Administrative Assistant Lauren McCormick asked this.

"Is it possible to get two for two?" McCormick said. "One for the Selectboard and one we can use for the Planning (Board) and ConCom?"

"If we're expanding to two,

does that mean somebody else loses what they had last year?" Flynn said.

Moriarty clarified yes, but it's also first-come, first-serve for what people would like to do.

"It's all based on the application. It says check off what you're interested in working. So, it will continue to be the police department, the library, the senior center, the Town House. I know Parks had some questions about maybe adding some," Moriarty said. "So, I don't know if Parks would be included in that as well. But, then people check off and it's a lottery."

"A lottery for the people per job or the actual jobs?" Flynn said.

Moriarty explained the process.

"So, if seven people said they want to work for the library, those seven people go into a lottery for the library. If they said they want to work at the library or the senior center, then they're in the lottery for both departments," Moriarty said.

Flynn then asked if 16 people were presented for 14 slots, how does that get decided?

Moriarty said this. "If we did for some reason, we would

have to lottery those as well," Moriarty said.

"That's what I'm saying. If we used all 14 and now we're hearing from Parks that they're interested, potentially, there could now be, gosh, one more than we have," Flynn said. "So either we lottery it, maybe we go back to the assessors and say, 'Gosh, can you sneak one more in or something like that?'"

Moriarty later explained the requirements for the tax workoff program.

"You have to be 60 and over and you have to be an assessed owner of a property as of Jan. 1 and you have to have owned your property and paid property taxes for at least five years," Moriarty said.

On the question of an income level, Moriarty said there is not.

"So, for next year, everybody has to work 134 hours to get the full abatement," Moriarty said.

After Flynn said, "We're very in favor of it," the motion was read by Selectboard Member Don Davenport to approve the tax work-off program for 2026, and approved unanimously.

GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Volunteers support the YWCA of WMass

WILBRAHAM - Members of the GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club recently volunteered their time to assist the YWCA of Western Massachusetts in Springfield spending an evening sorting and organizing donations to support the organization's ongoing community programs.

For more than 155 years, the YWCA of Western Massachusetts has provided critical services and resources to women and girls across the region. Guided by its founding mission to offer shelter, support, and the tools necessary for self-sufficiency, the YWCA remains a vital force in promoting safety, empowerment, and opportunity. It is now the fifth-largest YWCA in the nation, serving nearly 12,000 individuals annually.

The GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club has supported the YWCA in a variety of ways over the years, including the donation of



Pictured from left to right: Brenda Willard, Barbara Croteau, Kathy Fuss, and Cate Duquette.

household goods, personal care items, and other supplies to benefit women and families in need. The club is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service, leadership,

and civic engagement. To learn more about the GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club or to get involved, please visit www.wilbrahamjuniorwomens.org or contact Brenda Willard (413)279-1394.

Update on Hampden Public Library hours

HAMPDEN - The library has shared the following information on their hours ahead of the upcoming move to the former Thornton W. Burgess Middle School.

Week of Nov. 10: Open at 625 Main St. for regular hours Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except on Tuesday, Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day holiday. Also closed on Wednesday, Nov.

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Week of Nov. 17: Open at 625 Main St for regular hours Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Week of Nov. 24: Open at 625 Main St. for regular hours Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except on Thursday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving

holiday.
Week of Dec. 1: Library closed for moving.

Week of Dec. 8: Open at the new Town Hall at 85 Wilbraham Rd. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be at the new library location on Saturday Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Theatre Guild of Hampden presents 'Lost in Yonkers' this weekend

HAMPDEN - The Theatre Guild of Hampden is proud to present Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play "Lost in Yonkers," directed by Rick Rubin, stage manager Steven Weber.

The year is 1942, and Eddie Kurnitz (played by David Martin) needs to take a job as a traveling salesman to pay off the medical bills incurred after his wife died. He decides to ask his stern mother, Grandma Kurnitz (played by Trish Neil Barry) from whom he is estranged, if his two

young sons can live with her and their Aunt Bella (played by Khara Hoyer) in Yonkers. She reluctantly agrees.

Jay (played by Josh Barry) and Arty (played by Aiden Quin) don't like their new living situation as they're afraid of their Grandma and find it difficult to relate to their crazy Aunt Bella, who has two other siblings: Louie Kurnitz (played by Nathan Alvarez) a henchman for some gangsters, and Aunt Gert (played by Gail Weber) who struggles with speaking due to her mother's harsh

parenting style. Over the course of the play, the boys learn about love, responsibility, and the importance of family that will carry them into adulthood.

Location: Thornton W. Burgess School, 85 Wilbraham Rd., Hampden.

Show dates and time: Friday and Saturday Nov. 14 and 15 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

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A group photo of the Veterans during the Veterans Dinner at the Hampden Senior Center on Nov. 6.

HSC honors Veterans at Annual Veterans Dinner

By Kristin Rivers
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HAMPDEN - The senior center honored the town's Veterans during its Annual Veterans Dinner event on Nov. 6.

The dinner was sponsored by Nathan Bill's Bar & Restaurant, VSO Jason Burgener and Rick Green.

Also featured at the dinner was a table showcasing photographs of Veterans in their uniforms, showing their time in service to this country.

Executive Director Rebecca Moriarty explained the dinner is "a wonderful annual tradition that honors and thanks the men and women who served in the armed forces."

"The generosity of community sponsors was overwhelming this year as Nathan Bill's Bar & Restaurant provided a delicious dinner of salad and rolls, chicken francaise, rice pilaf and green beans. VSO Jason Burgener and Rick Green also generously sponsored the event. Staff and volunteers worked hard to make this a special evening for Veterans and family members and friends," Moriarty said.

For Moriarty and her staff, she emphasized the importance of honoring those who served.



Here, we have the table of photographs showing the town's Veterans in uniform during their times in service.

"It is so important to take time to celebrate and honor Veterans for the sacrifices they made when they went into the military to protect the freedom of our country. We know that we would not be here today if not for the brave men and women who enter the military, so it is only fitting that we thank everyone," Moriarty said.

She also wants to make sure the town's Veterans know they are supported through Burgener and everyone at the senior center.

"We want Veterans to always feel supported and know that they are appreciated for their sacrifice and commitment, which is why we make this dinner, and our annual Stocking for Veterans program in December, a priority,"

Moriarty said. "The town is fortunate to have VSO Jason Burgener who is available on Wednesdays at the new Hampden Town Hall on Wilbraham Road. Jason can help Veterans with benefits and encourages all Veterans to reach out to him to talk about programs and services."

On the photographs of the Veterans in uniform that were on display during the dinner, Moriarty said that they helped serve as a reminder to the attendees about their service, a step back in time and history.

"We were happy to receive such a great turnout when we requested military photos from Veterans and their families. We set up a table in the lobby to display the photographs for people to see when they came into the building. The

photographs are important as we celebrate Veterans Day as they are reminders of military service and also show just how young some people were when they joined the military! We were also able to experience the great deal of pride that so many people had as they dropped off their photographs at the center. We hope to have even more photographs on display next year," Moriarty said.

Moriarty's message was this. "The senior center staff and volunteers want Veterans to know that we are grateful for their service each and every day, not just on Nov. 11. It is an honor for us to host a Veterans Dinner each year, and we hope to continue the tradition for years to come," Moriarty said.

Hampden Town Offices moving to 85 Wilbraham Road

HAMPDEN - Hampden Town Offices will Close on Thursday (Nov. 6) and reopen on Tuesday (Nov. 18) at 85 Wilbraham Road.

The Hampden Selectboard has announced the schedule for moving the Town Offices from the current Town House to the former Thornton Burgess School at 85 Wilbraham Road.

Town Administrator Brian Domina stated, "We ask residents for patience while we effectuate this move. The goal is to minimize public inconvenience, but it is essential given the importance and volume of the public documents that care is taken each step of the way." The Selectboard is confident once completed the

new offices will enhance service to the Town residents.

Starting at the close of business on Thursday, November 6, 2025, the Hampden Town Offices at the Town House will be closed to the public. There will be no in-person services available after this date until the office move is completed. Any person who needs to conduct business with the Town is advised to plan ahead and visit the Town House prior to the move.

Affected Town Departments will operate remotely during this time. Email is the best way to contact department staff. Department specific email addresses and phone numbers can be found on the individual Board/Committee

or Department webpage at www.hampdenma.gov.

The Town's phone system will be inoperable for a period of time during the move; however, callers will be able to leave voicemail messages at any time. The drop boxes outside the Town House will remain available for use until Friday, November 14, 2025, for those needing to submit documents or payments.

The Town Offices will reopen to the public at 85 Wilbraham Road (former Thornton Burgess School) on Tuesday, Nov. 18, for regular business hours.

The Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department and Senior Center will operate on a normal

schedule. For emergencies, please continue to call 911.

The Hampden Public Library will continue to operate at the Town House with modified hours. Closed - Wednesday (Nov. 12), Open - Thursday (Nov. 13, 4 to 8 p.m.), Closed - Friday, Open - Saturday (Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The Library anticipates moving the first week of December.

For questions during this time please email the individual Board/Committee or Department that you need or you can email townadmin@hampdenma.gov. The Selectboard extends its gratitude for your patience and understanding during this time.

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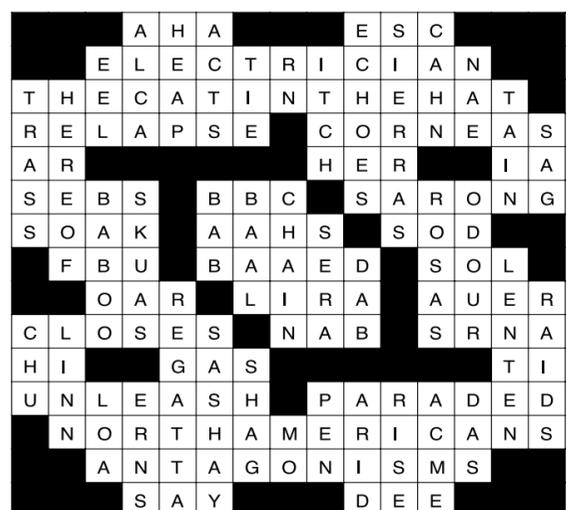
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Wilbraham Historical Commission adds two new members

The group still has one vacancy to fill.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Historical Commission made major progress in its effort to fill its ranks during the Nov. 3 meeting of the Select Board.

Two new members – Charles Clark and Judy Theocles – were appointed to the commission. They'll each serve terms starting immediately that last through June 30, 2027. The commission now has filled six of its seven positions and has one more vacancy to be attended to.

Clark was appointed first on Monday evening. He explained his interest in joining the group.

"If appointed, I would attempt to work with the current and future members of the commission to identify, preserve, protect and promote historical assets within our community," Clark said.

Clark, who has lived in town for 30 years, also noted that he resides across the street from what was once a tavern where the key conspirators in Shay's Rebellion plotted their actions.

The rebellion took place on Aug. 29, 1786. The armed uprising in Western Massachusetts was in response to a debt crisis affecting citizens. It was also held to oppose the state government's increased attempts to collect taxes on people and their trades.

"Unfortunately, that building is no longer there, but who knows? Maybe the Historical Commission can identify other assets that are of value to the town and attempt to promote, protect and preserve them," Clark said.

Theocles was appointed shortly after Clark on Monday. She said that she was asked to step up and responded.

"They needed someone, and I said yes, of course," Theocles said. "I'm on other committees also, but this one was really close to my heart. I've been a lifelong resident of the town of Wilbraham, my mom was born here, and I have great grandchildren in town that are fourth and fifth generation. We've been around a while."

Theocles pointed out that her family owned and operated Theo's Restaurant in town for 23 years, and she hopes to make future contributions to Wilbraham as a member of the Historical Commission.

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As can be seen on its webpage, the Historical Commission has several distinct goals. These include preserving, protecting and developing historical and archaeological assets to the town while reporting the existence of sites and objects with historical relevance.

Members of the commission are also tasked with conducting research for places of historic and archaeological value while communicating and cooperating with other committees or unofficial bodies for similar interests or purposes.

The commission is responsible for working with the state as well and making recommendations to the Select Board throughout the year.

As was noted, the commission is one member short of becoming a full board.

On Monday, Select Board Chair Michael Squindoff offered encouragement to residents to consider joining the commission so that it can fill its ranks.

"With that, if I'm not mistaken, there's still one vacancy on the Historical Commission," he said. "If anybody in the public is interested, there's still a vacancy on the Historical Commission."

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offer to them with hopes that they will come see me if they need my support."

Community coming together also leaves an impact.

"It's incredibly meaningful. When the community steps up to honor its veterans, it reinforces exactly what service is all about—taking care of one another. Seeing the room filled with residents, volunteers, and veterans side-by-side reminds me why this work is so important. It's a privilege to serve those who served, and events like this show our veterans that the residents of Wilbraham truly appreciate their service," Renna said.

He also shared why events like the breakfast are important.

"Events like this are incredibly important because they create a space where veterans can truly connect with one another. When you put veterans side-by-side—regardless of branch, rank, or when they served—they immediately have something in common, and the conversations start flowing naturally. Many veterans tell me they sometimes feel isolated or different around people who haven't experienced military life. So creating a setting where they can simply show up, sit down with peers, share stories, and enjoy a good meal is not just meaningful—it's therapeutic. It reminds them that they're not alone, that there's a community of people who understand them, and that they have a family of fellow veterans and supporters right here in Wilbraham. This sense of connection is just as important as honoring their service," Renna said.

Wilbraham Junior Women's Club Treasurer Cate Duquette shared that seven members helped with set up the night before and the morning of, which were Ann Matthews, Barbara Croteau, Brenda Willard, herself, Cheryl Stanko, Kathy Gard-



ABOVE: Volunteers from the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club hard at work getting the meal together.



Photos courtesy of Patrick Renna
The patriotic cake pops provided by Wilbraham Junior Women's Club President Brenda Willard.

ner and Tina Windolowski.

"Additionally, Tom Duquette and his son Tom Duquette helped with the shopping, cooking and cleaning up. We hosted this event last year and enjoyed it so much that we made it a commitment to do it again in 2026 and beyond!" Duquette said.

Duquette said the club enjoys organizing and hosting community events like the breakfast.

"We want to volunteer in our community as much as possible. Our membership has a wide range of skill sets and playing to our strengths makes these projects satisfying and fun," Duquette said.

She added how the junior womens club although focuses on a wide variety of projects, their biggest focuses are on women, children and Veterans.

"We have 'adopted' some veteran families providing them with gifts, clothing and food for the holidays. We have shopped for and donated many, many bags of food for holiday meals. These activities have all been done anonymously with us supplying the items to the Veterans Agent for distribution. So, this breakfast is a chance for us to see, thank, and honor our local veterans in person," Duquette said.

Renna expressed gratitude to the juniormwomens club for their support.

"Anytime a local organization can step up and plan an entire event start to finish for our Veterans is just amazing. Having the Wilbraham Junior Women's Club sponsor, prepare and cook this entire breakfast means the world to us. Their commitment, the hours they put in, and the genuine care they show our veterans is truly remarkable," Renna said. "This tradition exists because of their hard work and generosity, and our community is incredibly lucky to have them. Their support sends a powerful message that our veterans are valued, appreciated, and celebrated. The one complaint that I heard is that the veterans wanted to tip the volunteers because they were so happy with their meals and the service that they were given."

Duquette encouraged other community groups to connect with Renna to learn more on how they can get involved to support local Veterans. This was her message to the community.

"This year's Veterans Day Breakfast is more than a meal—it's a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who have served our country with courage, honor, and sacrifice. The breakfast is a chance to come together as neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens to express our gratitude. It's a moment to listen to stories, share memories, and remind our veterans that their service will never be forgotten," Duquette said.

As for the Veterans: thank you.

"To our Veterans and their families: Thank you. Your dedication has shaped the freedoms we enjoy today. We honor your bravery, your commitment, and the quiet strength of your families who stood beside you. This breakfast is a small gesture of appreciation for the immense contributions you've made—and continue to make—to our community and our nation," Duquette said.

Renna's message was this. "I'd like the community to know how grateful we are for the overwhelming turnout and support this year. The room was full, the conversations were meaningful, and the sense of community was stronger than ever. For me personally, it was especially rewarding to reconnect with many of the veterans I've already had the privilege of working with, and to meet so many others for the first time," Renna said. "To our veterans and their families: thank you—thank you for your service, your sacrifices, and your continued presence in our community. You are part of the less than five percent of Americans who have worn the uniform, and our job as a town is to take care of you the way you took care of our country. We look forward to continuing this tradition, expanding it next year, and creating even more opportunities to bring our veterans together."

15th Annual Holiday Bazaar November 22

WILBRAHAM - The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors invite you to enjoy our popular 15th Annual Holiday Bazaar to be held at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield Street, Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Bazaar Chair Dee Mitchell, this popular event will feature favorite crafters for gifts of jewelry, pet products, pottery, greeting cards, metal work and holiday décor! New artisans will also exhibit with unique art and specialty creations.

Featured will be our large Raffle with a wide array of items to bid on. Homemade freshly baked goodies will be available to purchase for your holiday table or to en-

joy with a beverage while shopping.

Children can enjoy Miss Deb's stories in the Senior Center Café from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. And Santa is taking time from his busy schedule to visit with us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

Be sure to bring special wish lists to share with him! A light lunch will be available for purchase.

All Bazaar proceeds will be used to support the Wilbraham Senior Center's programs and services, and to enhance the lives of our area seniors.

This year, as a special project, The Friends are asking attendees to help STUFF THE SENIOR CENTER'S VAN with gifts for Veterans' Children, ages birth to



17-years-of-age. These donations will be given to area Veterans families who have registered with Project New Hope's Jeepers Christmas program. Donated gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped but need to be labeled by gender and age range. We hope to make their holidays brighter!

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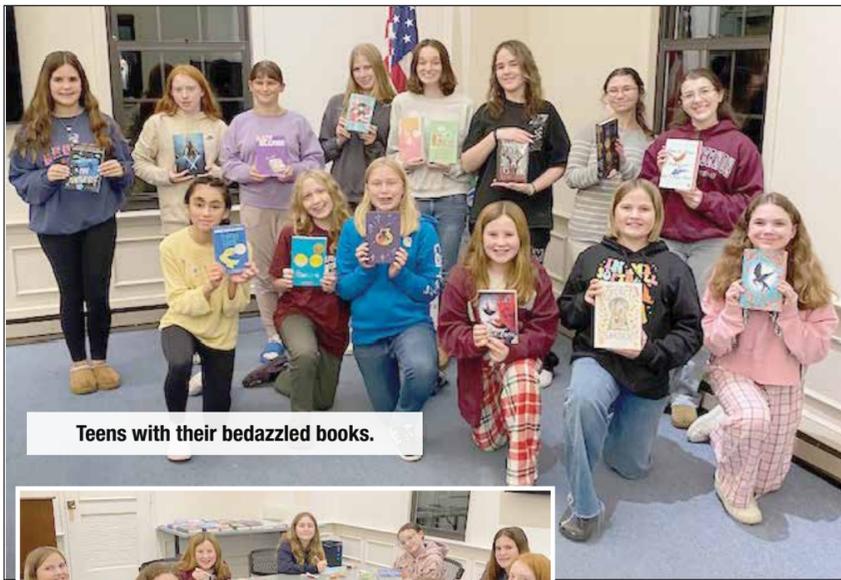
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"Hi Paul, she was great! Lots of plump meat and just enough fat to help prevent her from drying out. We will be having leftovers for a very long time."
— Beth from Belchertown

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Teens with their bedazzled books.



Group of teens bedazzling their books during the workshop.

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hand eye coordination, focusing, and very sticky glue, but adapted and helped each other out.

One mentioned, "All the library events are incredible and it was so awesome getting together with the rest of kids your age, getting to meet other people, and even if it doesn't look interesting at the time, I always go and they are always so much fun!"

Similarly, another discussed that she typically doesn't see herself socializing with the younger students but during this workshop, it was much easier to connect with them.

Hapgood discussed this topic of connection among the adolescents.

"They were able to chat about books, characters, and other interests. Many teens brought a favorite book from home which sparked conversation among the teens..." Hapgood said.

Teenagers of all ages worked both independently creating but also bonded with new people about different books, genres, and even the ethics behind watching the movie before and after reading the novel.

"My favorite part," Hapgood said, "was seeing 16 teens socializing, laughing, relaxing and chatting about books."

Since this was such an in-demand event, "a few teens asked if we could do this program again," Hapgood mentioned, "so we will be hosting another Teen Bling Your Book soon."

for stuff hands on, learning a new craft," Hapgood said.

She mentioned the significance of the word "workshop" that tends to draw in this younger demographic and typically indicates a hands-on learning event. While adult events typically fall under independent creation and lecture-based learning, teenage events tend to focus on connection and interactive learning elements.

With this Book Bedazzling Workshop, more seats were sold out in the younger demographic than the adult experience, distinguishing where this event falls on that line.

Another important aspect of the teen workshops is the self expression and freedom that comes with an event like this.

"It wasn't a specific diamond painting design, this kind of activity allowed the teens to get creative and express themselves in their art. They were able to choose their own colors and sizes of rhinestones, and bling whatever parts of the book cover or spine that they wanted to," Hapgood said.

A group of teen participants who consider themselves readers, stated that they faced challenges like

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night possible, a community funding program for all demographics who believe in the importance of the public library. All materials were provided, from tools to gems of all different colors and sizes, allowing for full creative freedom to bedazzle any novel participants brought.

This is a new event for the library, Rachel Hapgood mentioned, the Teen Services and Young Adult Librarian.

The Adult Services Librarian, Emile Lang, had seen a video of book bedazzling and was inspired by the idea.

And was it more than a hit, Hapgood discussed, originally hosting up to 12 spots, the demand for this workshop was huge, they ended up opening it up to four more spots.

Hapgood stated it was important to her that everyone "wanted to be here," and the passion for it is what makes it such a fun event.

That same night, the same experience was hosted for adults. Hapgood discussed the differences between the two demographics and both their passion and learning types.

"Teens are always looking

YONKERS from page 1

Rick Rubin, the play is funny, moving and thought-provoking from start to finish.

"Lost in Yonkers" is set during World War II and tells the story of two boys who are forced to live with their bitter grandmother after their mother dies. Their father reluctantly leaves them in Yonkers while he travels South to pay off medical debt.

In his script, Simon drew on his childhood memories and created characters with great emotional depth. It's clear why "Lost in Yonkers" won both a Pulitzer Prize for Drama and a Tony Award for Best Play.

The play begins with the quick-paced wisecracks Si-

mon became famous for in his earlier works, such as "The Odd Couple." One of the boys' remarks that kissing his grandma is like putting your lips on a wrinkled ice cube.

Josh Barry sensitively plays the older brother, Jay. We are moved by his struggles as he tries to understand his difficult relatives and cope with the recent death of his mother, the absence of his father and money troubles.

Aiden Quinn brings crafty comic energy to the role of the younger brother, Arty.

The boys are joined by their Aunt Bella, whose child-like mind is inclined to wander. Although good natured, her excitability frightens the boys. Khara Hoyer excels in the challenging role of Bella,

embodying her likability as well as her distress.

Even amid the comedy, the tension builds during the first act as we await the entrance of Grandma, who does not want to take in her grandsons. Wielding a cane like a weapon, Trish Neild Barry as Grandma drips contempt with just a single opening word: "So?"

In her brutal honesty, Grandma is even more terrifying than we have imagined. We can see why her family fears her. She proclaims, "You have to be like steel to survive in this world."

The boys' Uncle Louie has taken this advice to heart and prides himself on his "moxie." Nathan Alvarez brings slick gangster gusto to the role of

Calendar Raffle coming in November

WILBRAHAM – A Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of November is being held by the Saint Cecilia Women's Club.

Thirty very generous local businesses have sponsored a day in November with most of the days award-

ing \$100 and up to the name drawn for that day. Raffle tickets are \$25 each. The proceeds help to fund the club's scholarships and donations to many charitable organizations in the area as well as to the needs of the church. Tickets can be found

on the St. Cecilia Parish, Wilbraham, website under downloadable forms, on the table on the rotunda at the church, or from parish members.

Call Sue Agnew, 596-9480, with questions.

HVAC from page 1

needs replacement, the bathrooms need upgrading, and the septic system had minor issues that needed to be taken care of based on the Title V report."

According to Weiner, as of Monday evening, the senior center's septic system had been upgraded, and bathrooms have gone out to bid for improvements. The Building Committee anticipates this month that the bathrooms will be upgraded with new toilets, new urinals, new dividers and new interior painting.

This summer, the Building Committee planned to put the roof out to bid. Unfortunately, in August, the HVAC system sprung a leak.

"The condenser froze up. The system is 25 years old and it has had yearly maintenance. However, at this point it's an old system, and the costs, if you will, to keep it upgraded and functioning correctly are going to be extreme," Weiner said.

Weiner added that the Building Committee felt that the replacement of the HVAC system and the heating system together should be prioritized. Working with longtime vendor B-G Mechanical HVAC Plumbing, a review was recommended and completed, and the vendor recommended a replacement.

To be thorough, the Building Committee also had a review completed by Pioneer Valley Environmental – another local HVAC specialist – and received another recommendation for replacement.

The total cost of replacement will be approximately \$250,000, Weiner said.

"So, we put the roof off. We still need a roof. But we put the roof off recognizing that the senior center's HVAC system certainly has more priority. It's the heating

Senior Center HVAC Replacement
Why total replacement

- Air Conditioner system new refrigerants & oils are not compatible with existing components such as the condenser, compressors, and lines.
- Old refrigerants are no longer used, new refrigerants are more environmentally friendly.
- Heating system is Gas Fired Hot Air System.
- The heating system is nearing the end of its service life.
- A new HVAC system will be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Screenshot Town of Hampden YouTube
A slide explains why the HVAC system needs to be replaced at the Hampden Senior Center.

and cooling center for the town in the event of catastrophes where we need to have citizens use that facility," Weiner said. "So, we're here in front of you tonight asking for the additional funds to fund it."

A PowerPoint presentation at Monday's meeting listed several reasons why the replacement is necessary.

First, regarding the air conditioning system, new refrigerants and oils are not compatible with existing components such as the condenser, compressors and lines.

Also, old refrigerants are no longer used, and new refrigerants are more environmentally friendly.

"So that you know, the Building Committee will be meeting with a number of heating and cooling specialists this month and probably early December so that we can get a review of the best technology that will be available to keep that center efficient with heating and cooling over the next 25 to 50 years," Weiner said.

To cover the remaining funds, the Building Committee will be exploring the possibility of grant money that could be available.

Weiner noted that the price of \$250,000 stems from the recommendations given by B-G Mechanical

and Pioneer Valley Environmental.

After Laura Netherwood received clarification that this was for both the heating and cooling systems, she asked this question.

"Where's the \$250,000 price tag come from if it hasn't gone out for any bids yet?" Netherwood said.

Weiner replied with this explanation.

"When we asked B-G Mechanical and Pioneer Valley, they took a look at both of the systems, both the heating and cooling system," Weiner said. "We asked them for an estimate of replacement, and we have received estimates in that range for the replacement from both of them. They were within about \$10,000 each, but again, it was replacement of that system and what we want to do is look at the newest technologies. Mini splits for maybe a couple of the rooms that now have a problem, heat pumps and, potentially, a solar system. But, again, we're going to explore those options. But, the number—the \$250,000—came from estimates given by those two mechanical people."

Article Six then passed by majority vote.

Next week, the Times will have a full overview of the Special Town Meeting.

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VIEWPOINTS

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor

Consider the 'wearing out' factor while deciding when to claim Social Security

Dear Rusty:

Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits.

I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the "wearing out" factor. Yes, financial need, health and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem, I just turned 83, is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65.

Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision, waiting to max out SS, might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed.

I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62 and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that "hill" will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible.

Signed: Glad I claimed at 62

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62:

Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the "wearing out" factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because "it is there," without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct, enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important.

Fulfilling one's "bucket list" is, indeed, an important

consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62, after evaluating all factors, enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your "golden years" a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment, had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62, would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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Cheers to the Season of Giving: Hops for Habitat and Holiday Socks are back!

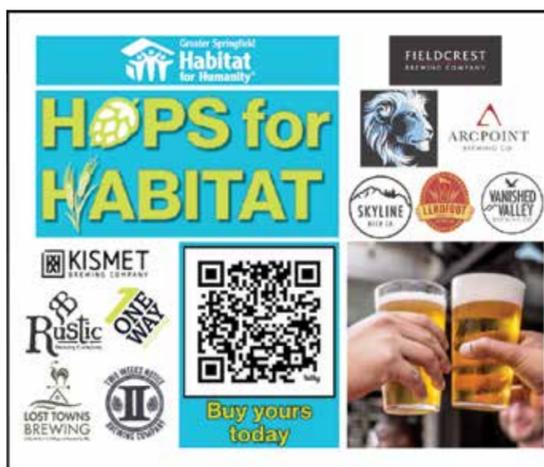
By Brandice J. O'Brien
Marketing and Communications Manager, Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Cue the twinkle lights, stretchy pants, and spirit of generosity. It's officially the giving season, and Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) has you covered with some fun gift-giving solutions that not only make shopping a breeze but help those in need this holiday season and beyond.

Back by popular demand are Hops for Habitat beer passports and in-house designed holiday-themed socks.

"The holidays are a special time to celebrate with loved ones — and also a time to give back to our community," said Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director. "This year, we're excited to offer holiday socks and Hops for Habitat beer passports that make perfect stocking stuffers — and they do more than just bring a smile."

Hops passports are available for a donation of \$50 and allow travelers to visit 11 participating area breweries. As you visit each stop on this special Hops for Habitat tour and purchase a pint, you will receive a gift of equal value from the brewer and receive a stamp on your passport. When stamps have been collected from each of the breweries, passport holders should



include Fieldcrest Brewing Company, One Way Brewing, Two Weeks Notice Brewing Company, Leadfoot Brewing, Skyline Beer Company, Vanished Valley Brewing Company, Rustic Brewing Company, Kismet Brewing Company, Arcpoint Brewing Company, and White Lion Brewing Company.

To purchase a Hops for Habitat passport, visit habitatspringfield.org/hops-for-habitat

Greater Springfield Habitat also has two holiday-themed sock designs available for purchase. Choose from a festive house all decked out in holiday lights or a more classic red and green checked pattern with small white houses.

"Who doesn't love a holiday gift that is cute, comfortable, and contributes to positive changes within the community?" Olga asked.

The socks are one-size-fits-all dress socks style. Get yours today for just \$10/pair when purchased in person or for an additional \$2.95 per pair, we will ship them to you. To order, visit habitatspringfield.org/socks.

return them to Greater Springfield Habitat or one of the listed breweries by Tuesday, June 30, 2026, to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a grand prize.

"The passport is a fun way to explore local businesses, especially in the colder months, and make new friends, because everyone will be asking you about it when you're getting it stamped," said Olga Calligos, GSHFH Homeowner Programs coordinator. Participating breweries



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The Wilbraham-Hampden Times welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Wilbraham-Hampden Times, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to krivers@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No acknowledgment will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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in my BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer

Recently, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a horned lark on the summit of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

Only the male horned larks have "horns." They are tiny and hard to see. Males are sandy to rusty brown above with a black chest band and a curving black mask. The face and throat are either yellow or white. The female lacks the horns and face mask. She is brown with darker streaks and has a white eyebrow and white below.

They are about the size of a robin and the only lark



Horned lark

species in North America. The female lays three to four pale gray to greenish white, blotched and spotted with brown eggs in a slight depression in the ground. Incubation is by the female and young are fed by both parents. Young may leave the nest after nine to 12 days. They are not able to fly for about another week. Larks forage entirely by

walking and running on the ground. Except when nesting, they usually forage in flocks. They eat seeds and insects. They also eat berries. They are present all year in most areas from southern Canada south. They are strictly migratory in the far north.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

On Oct. 25 Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, hawk watchers reported sighting from the summit two northern harriers, ten sharp-shinned hawks, nine Cooper's hawks, 18 red-shoulder hawks, four red-tailed hawks, two American kestrels and one merlin. In addition, people saw two bald eagles, 37 turkey vultures and one horned lark.

Helping birds

With more than 40 million acres of lawn in the U.S. alone, there's huge potential to support wildlife by replacing lawns with native plantings. People will have less grass to mow by adding native plants. They then will be able to watch the birds come into their yard. They also provide shelter and nesting areas for birds. The nectar, seeds and berries help feed the birds.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident emailed on Oct. 17 that he

went to the Brimfield State Forest a few days ago and checked three ponds. He said, "Not much about, one pond had eight Canada Geese and another had a group of wood ducks. Maybe a couple dozen in a beaver pond, it was difficult to get a count with all the stumps and branches in the water."

He said, "In the yard the Eastern Towhee and Northern Catbird were last seen the second week of October. Besides the usual suspect there have been white-throated Sparrows (most were the tan-striped color form), common yellowthroat (female). An unusual sighting was a male northern flicker taking a drink at the bird bath. That is the first time that I have seen a woodpecker take a drink." He also saw two dark-eyed juncos, the first of the year in his yard. One took a bath.

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A COMMUNITY GALLERY

Life in &

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WILBRAHAM HAMPDEN

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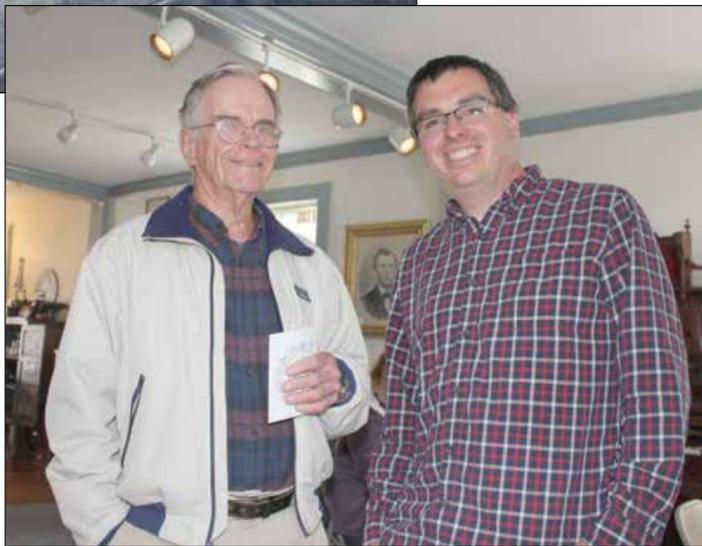
4-year-old Golden Retriever "Patsee" catching up on this week's news.

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Bumping into Derek...

Submitted photo and caption Charlie Bennett

Longtime Hampden resident Ben Bump bumped into Old Meetinghouse Museum guest speaker Derek Strahan after his talk about old cemetery carvings at the museum's Open House Oct. 26. (Charles F. Bennett photo)



WPD Trunk Or Treat

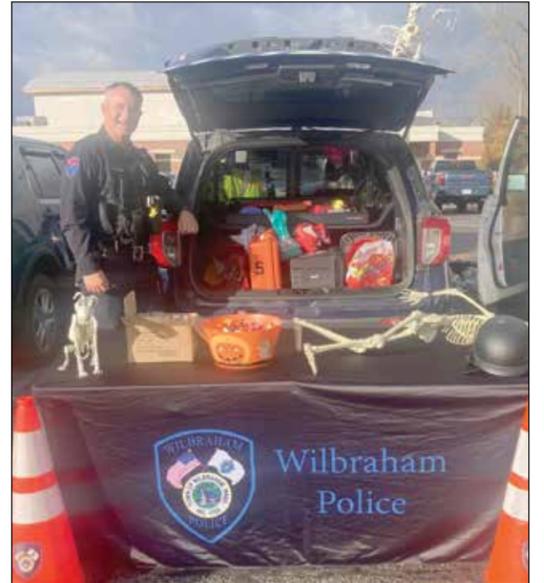


Photo and caption courtesy of Wilbraham Police Department Officer Glenn prepping the Wilbraham PD Trunk Or Treat mobile at the Scantic Valley YMCA Branch over the weekend.

Rainbow sighting

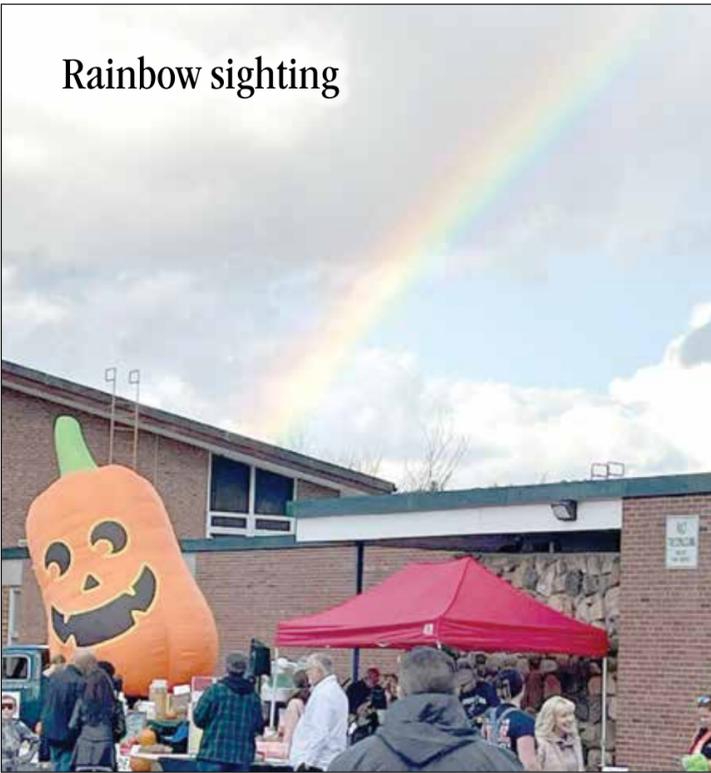


Photo courtesy of Hampden Fire Department

A rainbow made an appearance in the sky ahead of this year's Public Safety Night Out held on Oct. 24.



Photo and caption courtesy of Hampden Police Department

Missing dog found, later reunited with owner

A citizen stopped by the police station on Oct. 27 after locating this very friendly dog roaming Allen Street. After a post on Facebook asking for the public's help to find the owner, the owner was located.

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COMMUNITY

Monson Savings Bank urges community to join the fight against hunger

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is calling on the community to come together to make a difference during its Food Drive, happening the first two weeks of November. With food insecurity affecting families across Western Massachusetts, the Bank invites everyone to donate non-perishable food items, paper goods, and toiletries to help neighbors in need.

During the first two weeks of November, donations can be dropped at any of the following Monson Savings Bank Branches during regular business hours:

- **Monson Branch:** 146 Main Street
- **Hampden Branch:** 15 Somers Road
- **Wilbraham Branch:** 100 Post Office Park
- **Ware Branch:** 136 West Street
- **East Longmeadow Branch:** 61 North Main Street



Each Bank location is partnering with a local food pantry to ensure donations go directly to those in their communities who need them most. In total, the Bank will hold six food drives benefitting four local food pantries.

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- Monson Branch: Monson Community Pantry
- Hampden, Wilbraham, and East Longmeadow Branch-

- es: Springfield Open Pantry
- Ware Branch: Ware Jubilee Food Cupboard
- Loan and Operations Center: The Gray House

“This is a moment for our community to step up and show what we’re made of,” said Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank. “We’re proud to be part

of this effort, and we’re asking our neighbors to join us. Every can, every box, every donation makes a real impact.”

Monson Savings Bank’s commitment to fighting food insecurity goes beyond this bank-wide initiative. This year, the Bank has contributed \$32,500 to local organizations that are fighting hunger in the communities the Bank serves. This includes \$20,000 to The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, part of a \$100,000 pledge; \$10,000 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services Food Pantry; \$1,000 to Rachel’s Table, \$1,000 to the Wales Food Pantry, and \$500 to the Feed the Kids Golf Tournament.

To learn more about how Monson Savings Bank supports our local communities, please visit: <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>

Senior & Veteran Tax Work-Off Abatement Program seeks applicants for 2026

WILBRAHAM - The Town of Wilbraham is accepting applications for 43 positions under the Senior Citizen & Veterans Tax Abatement Program. Senior Citizens and Veterans selected under this program will work during calendar year 2026 to receive an abatement on their property tax bill for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

Basic requirements are that taxpayers must be an assessed owner of property in Wilbraham, and must have owned and occupied a home in Wilbraham for at least five years. To be eligible for the Senior Citizens program the resident must be over 60 years of age. To be eligible for the Veterans program the resident must be a Veteran defined by MGL (a copy of your DD 214 is required).

The current compensation is calculated at \$15.00 per hour, and the maximum allowable abatement is \$1,500.00 per property. Abatement workers will need to work 100 hours to receive the full abatement of \$1,500.00 (less federal income tax and Medicare deductions).

The 43 positions being offered are:

- **Clerk’s Office:** 4 Office Assistants
- **Treasurer/Collector’s Office:** 2 Office Assistants
- **Public Access Television:** 5 Production Producers

Library: 4 Library Pages
Library: 1 Local History Assistant

Senior Center: 15 Office Assistants

Select Board Office: 1 Office Assistant

Parks & Recreation: 3 Assistant Gym Supervisors

Facilities: 2 Facilities Laborer/Helpers

Facilities: 4 Gardeners

Engineering: 1 Engineering Assistant

Veterans: 1 U.S. Flag Custodian & Veteran Event Support

Hours are flexible and will be worked out on an individual basis between the department director and the abatement worker, but must be completed by November 30, 2026.

This program is beneficial for both senior and veteran residents and Wilbraham taxpayers. Seniors and Veterans have an opportunity to lower their property tax bill, and taxpayers are benefitting from the superior talent and work experience these individuals bring to the job at a very low cost to the town.

Interested residents can pick up applications and information packets at the senior center, library, or Select Board Office, or print it from our website: www.wilbraham-ma.gov. Applications should be submitted to the Select Board Office no later than December 12, 2025.

Teen Canvas Tote Bags with Paint Sip Fun, Nov. 18

WILBRAHAM - The Teen Department at the Wilbraham Public Library announces a tote bag painting workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Erin Boughamer, owner of Paint Sip Fun, will lead grades 6–12 through creating their own unique painted tote bag.

“We are excited to be painting on tote bags for a change, and teens will have a choice of images, either ‘Citrus Fruit’ or ‘Colorful Fish,’” said Teen Services Librarian Rachel Hapgood. “Erin of Paint Sip Fun created both images specifically for our teens, and will be offering step-by-step

instructions on each design at the event. Art and painting programs are some of our most popular teen programs.”

All supplies will be provided; each teen will receive 1 tote bag. No experience necessary. Lemonade and water will be available. This program is free to attend and sponsored

by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Registration is required as space is limited. Both painting choices can be seen on our website when registering. Register at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, “Teens”, “Event Calendar”, or call the library at 413-596-6141.

Building Utilization Committee seeks input

WILBRAHAM - The Town of Wilbraham announces the ongoing work of the Building Utilization Committee and invites community participation through a public survey on municipal building usage.



The Wilbraham Select Board formed the Building Utilization Committee in early 2025 in response to the need to optimize the town’s facilities amid growing demands for efficiency and cost savings. Comprising nine members, including six community residents and one representative each from the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and Planning Board, the committee’s primary purpose is to assess current town-owned buildings and properties, identify opportunities for improvement, and recommend cost-effective solutions to enhance functionality, repurpose underutilized spaces, and improve overall operational efficiency.

As part of its mandate, the committee is required to report its findings, analyses, and recommendations directly back to the Select Board, providing actionable insights to inform future town planning and budgeting decisions.

To ensure the committee’s recommendations reflect the needs and perspectives of Wilbraham residents, a municipal building usage survey has been developed to gather community feedback on how town facilities are currently used and potential improvements. The survey is quick and anonymous, covering topics such as building accessibility, usage frequency, and ideas for optimization.

Community input is vital to shaping a more efficient and responsive town infrastructure. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey by Dec. 1 to help guide the committee’s work.

Contact: Jeffrey Smith, Chairman Wilbraham Building Utilization Committee Phone: (413) 596-2800 Email: townhall@wilbraham-ma.gov or Wbuc@Wilbraham-ma.gov.

Wilbraham Community Chorus 2025 Concert Series

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Community Chorus, accompanied by Marcia Jackson and directed by Raymond Drury, will perform two concerts this December. Sunday, Dec. 7 at St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church, Wilbraham at 3 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 13 at First Church of Christ in Longmeadow at 2 p.m.

Drury has chosen a varied and compelling program including classical masterworks of Vivaldi, Lauridsen, Purifoy and Navarud plus a selection of folk tunes, pop songs and seasonal numbers. Of particular interest will be a

performance by both Jackson and local keyboard artist Todd Rovelli of music for piano four-hands, and a chamber choir consisting of WCC members singing music of the incomparable P.D.Q. Bach.

Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

Find us on Facebook @ Wilbraham Choral Society

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Stuff a Cruiser Dec. 6

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Police Relief Association will be holding its annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Y located at 2035 Boston Road in Wilbraham.

They will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for local families in need. More information to follow.

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Hundreds turn out for Out of the Darkness Community Walk



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State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and youth volunteers pose for a group photo with this year's Out of the Darkness Community Walk t-shirt.

By Kristin Rivers
Editor
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AGAWAM – Hundreds gathered at School Street Park on Oct. 25 for the 2025 Out of the Darkness Community Walk in support of raising awareness for suicide prevention.

The annual event featured a Honor Bead Ceremony with community members sharing their stories and wearing a color sharing their connection to the cause whether the loss of a child or spouse to a personal struggle or attempt, remarks from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), community resource tents including free hugs and information on the 988 hotline, raffle prizes, music overseen by a DJ at Siagel Productions, hope seeds given out by youth volunteers during the walk itself and more.

As each honor bead was presented, participants also lifted their own to show their personal connection to the cause.

In 2024, fundraising from this walk has helped support mental health first aid training in schools including in Ludlow, South Hadley, Chicopee, Monson, Palmer and Ware, local colleges including Elms College and the University of Massachusetts – Amherst—who did a Talk Saves Live event and a Campus Walk—presenting and sponsoring a portion of the Western Mass Veterans Conference and other programming in schools and communities throughout Western Massachusetts.

The top five fundraising teams were Team Nathan, Rusty's Free in the Wind, Randi's Rainbow, Team Edwards/First Churches and Whalen 3:16, while the top five individual fundraisers were Carol Beal, Karen Carreira, Michael Carreira, Kristin Rivers and Denise Lemnager.

The walk was sponsored by Easthampton Savings Bank (bankESB), Elm Electrical, Westfield Gas & Electric, Pioneer Behavioral Health, Color for Resilience, the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Helpline and Westek Architectural.

To learn more, visit afsp.org/chapter/Massachusetts.

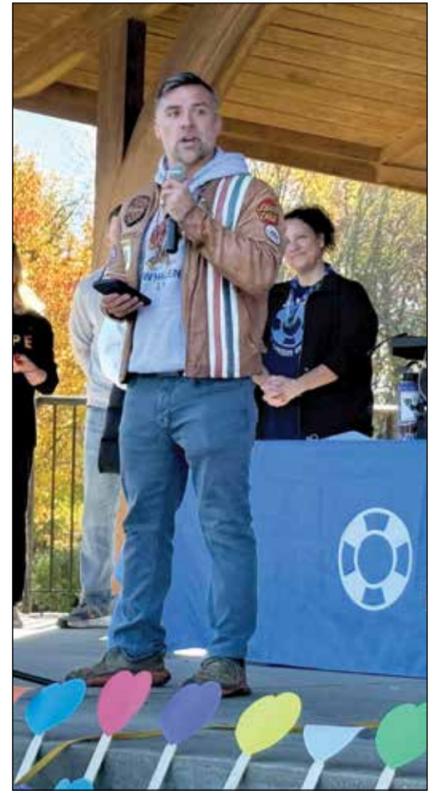


Participants gather at the Free Hugs tent.

LEFT: The angel statue walkers stop at to pay their respects during the walk.



State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) provides remarks on supporting those struggling with mental health and suicidal thoughts.



Jeromie Whalen shares the story of his late brother, Christopher, who died by suicide in February.



A shot of attendees during the walk ceremony.

The hope seeds walkers received from youth volunteers, a reminder to plant hope wherever you go.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes open the ceremony.
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Stanley the Squirrel, the mascot for the Westfield Starfires, also stopped by for a visit.

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Isabella Usher looks to shoot.



Isabel Horne makes a diving save during penalty kicks.



Ava Kearney is pressured with the ball.

Girls soccer picks up PK win

WILBRAHAM – Last Tuesday evening, Minnechaug Regional High School girls soccer defeated Melrose in the Round of 32 2-1 to advance in the Division 2 state tournament. Makenna Sacco had the only goal for the Falcons. Following that, Minnechaug and Melrose played through two overtimes tied 1-1 and went to a penalty kick shootout. Minnechaug made all five PK's while Isabel Horne stopped a late shot to clinch the win for the Falcons.

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www.sweetdogphotos.com

Zoriah Wray takes a penalty kick.



Katelyn Hoar is pursued by an opponent.

Falcons fall in opening round of tourney



HINGHAM – Last Friday night, Minnechaug Regional High School football was defeated 35-14 against Hingham in the first round of the Division 3 State Tournament. The Falcons have yet to win a state tournament game when qualifying. Minnechaug will face Chicopee Comprehensive High School in Week 10 on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Jack Lucarelle rears back to pass during recent action.



Reese Magee sends the ball into the other end.



Ava Eggsware sends the free hit toward the right side.



ABOVE: Aidan Dzierwinski takes a handoff.

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Max Baroni looks for a big return.



Tess Morrow looks for a teammate up the field.

Falcons pick up preliminary round win

WILBRAHAM – It was definitely not a usual feel for the Minnechaug Regional High School field hockey team. But with just one win on a very tough schedule, the Falcons squeezed into the Division 2 state tournament. On Oct. 29, No. 32 Minnechaug welcomed No. 33 Marblehead and scored the win after the penalty stroke phase. The Falcons converted two strokes to pick up the win and advance into the round of 32.



Anna Taylor gets ready for a self-start.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Kennedy Burgmyer guides the ball into the circle.



Gabriella Eggsware reaches out to grab the loose ball.

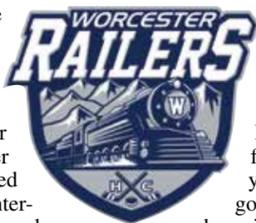


Katherine Britt makes the play on the backhand.

SPORTS

Worcester Railers fall to Maine 4-2

WORCESTER — The Mariners won again Sunday afternoon, 4-2, although it was a close game that the Railers might have taken, or at least tied.



Worcester had yet another goal disallowed due to goalie interference, this one deposited by Riley Ginnell at 19:28 of the first period. It would have closed a 2-0 deficit to 2-1 but was waved off. Since the fourth Maine goal was into an empty net, the wave-off was huge.

It was also the second in the last two games that call went against the Railers.

“Both nights, I think they were wrong,” coach Nick Tuzzolino said. “They decide what they decide but I think it happens a lot to us in this building.”

These goalie interference reviews are becoming a plague. There seem to be one or two every game. They take up time and kill the flow. They are like football pass interference calls. If six people look at them you’ll get six different interpretations.

“I definitely saw our guy being physical with their defenseman outside the paint,” Tuzzolino said. “There was a fight for ice. That’s bound to happen...I think you can call goalie interference on almost

every goal, but it is what it is.”

The game marked the Railers debut of former Holy Cross goaltender Thomas Gale, who played two ECHL games for Wheeling last year. Worcester’s goaltending has been inconsistent thus far. Gale seemed to play well enough to earn another start.

“He was good,” Tuzzolino said. “I think maybe the first two he might like back. Then in the second period he stops maybe two or three Grade As, at the end of the first he stops a breakaway. Great energy, great attitude, really fought down to the wire.”

“He was a fire starter, a spark. Not a knock on our other goalies but they’ve had a lot of mental battles and needed a mental break.”

The Railers goals were scored by Drew Callin and Kolby Johnson, playing in just his third game of the season. Lynden McCallum had two for Maine, giving him five for the two games here this weekend. Jacob Perreault and Sebastian Vidmar had the other Maine goals, Vidmar into an empty net.

Luke Cavallin made 22 saves for Maine to improve his career record versus

Worcester to 11-5-0.

Maine scored early and late in the first period.

Perrault notched a power play goal at 1:58, blasting a shot home from the left circle on the first shot Gale faced in a Worcester uniform. Maine’s man advantage came about after Railers forward Jesse Nurmi was called for an obvious slashing penalty at 1:50.

McCallum scored his fourth goal of the weekend at 17:17. He snapped a shot under the crossbar from the right circle; the Mariners have been very good so far this season against Worcester at putting the puck on the top shelf.

The home team closed the gap on a power play goal of its own just 1:48 into the second period. Callin beat Cavallin from between the dots with a quick wrist shot after taking a pass from Ryan Miotto. It was a one-goal game for about six minutes.

McCallum went top shelf at 7:46 to re-establish the Mariners’ two-goal lead. It could have been worse for the Railers, though. Maine had a 17-7 edge in shots and Gale made several excellent saves.

Johnson scored at 9:35 of the third period, right off a draw in the left circle. The puck found him alone about 15 feet away from Cavallin and he beat him with an instant release.



The Holyoke Community College Women’s Basketball team was set to open up their regular season this week.

Cougars set for opener

HOLYOKE — The Holyoke Community College women’s basketball schedule

began this week with a matchup against Quinsigamond Community College. Their

next home game is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. against Five Towns College.

Falcons alumni invited to take part in game

WILBRAHAM — The Minnechaug Boys Varsity Soccer annual alumni game will be held Friday, Nov. 28, at 10:30 am., the day after Thanksgiving, at the Falcon Soccer Club Fields off

of Stony Hill Rd. This will mark the 26th year of the game being played. All former and current varsity players, parents, and friends to the program are encouraged to attend. Players are responsi-

ble for the appropriate gear to play. All are invited to gather at the Taproom Grill following the game. Help keep this great tradition alive.

T-Birds suffer tough loss to Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, CT — The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-8-1-1) fell victim to a second-period surge by the Bridgeport Islanders (5-6-1-0) in a 6-1 loss on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena.



Starting his first game of the season, Will Cranley was busy in the opening period in the Springfield crease, but the 23-year-old answered the bell with 14 first-period saves, which included a handful of beauties as the T-Birds survived nearly 90 seconds of a two-man disadvantage at the end of the period.

At the other end, Marcus Hogberg was equally sturdy in the Bridgeport crease, keeping Springfield off the board through nine shots in the first 20 minutes.

Bridgeport finally broke through on Cranley at 1:26 of the second when Alex Jefferies picked the corner over Cranley’s blocker to give the Isles a 1-0 lead. Eetu Liukas added to the lead during a Bridgeport penalty kill just 2:10 later, driving to the front of the net and tipping a Daylan Kuefler pass over Cranley’s shoulder.

The Islanders only added to the T-Birds’ tough stretch at 9:02 when Adam Beckman crashed the paint and deflected a Matt Maggio cross-ice pass in behind Cranley to make it a 3-0 game.

The T-Birds finally answered the Bridgeport run with a power play tally from Juraj Pekarcik at 15:32, as the rookie fired a shot from the left-wing circle off a defender’s legs and past Hogberg, cutting the margin to 3-1 entering the third. Marc-Andre Gaudet picked up his first AHL point on the primary assist.

Springfield had two more opportunities to cut into the lead in the third on the power play, but again Hogberg and the Bridgeport penalty kill stood tall. Joey Larson, who scored three times in the first two meetings between the clubs, added to his red-hot start when he fired a wrister past Cranley at 13:39, and Chris Terry and Marc Gatcomb followed that up with goals 23 seconds apart to round out the scoring in the back half of the third.

Wilbraham United Players to present ‘Five Golden Rings’

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham United Players are staging a holiday production of “Five Golden Rings – A Greeting Card Channel Holiday Musical”.

Performance dates are Nov. 28 through Dec. 7. Performances on Fridays and Saturdays are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Player’s website wilbrahamunited-players.org

In Five Golden Rings, Holly, a business exec from “the big city” gets snowed in at a quaint Vermont B&B for Christmas and begins to fall for its non-threateningly rugged owner, Lance. The issue: it’s the very B&B her company is supposed to take over! Everything you want (and expect) in a cable-TV Christmas movie, from flannel shirts to flirtatious snowball fights

to overt product-placement, mixed with fun songs and a lot of holiday cheer! Add a townspeople who “could” be a visitor from the North Pole, overly exuberant residents of the town, Lance’s adorable daughter Grace, Holly’s best friend Trish and “current” fiancé, Bradley and you’ve got the usual characters all covered!

The musical is directed by Deborah Trimble with musical direction by Graham Christian and choreography by Jacqui Panasian.

The cast includes Ava D’Agostino as Holly and Nick Adams as Lance, with Rylee Santiago as Grace, Kiernan Cone as Trish, Joe Lessard as “Nick”, and Casey Dion as Bradley. Also included are Shannon Martin, Amanda Emet, Jeff Erb and Jim Martin.

Polish Food Sales are back

INDIAN ORCHARD — Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard, Ma will be holding five Polish Food Sales on these Saturdays:

Nov. 15 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nov. 22 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dec. 13 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 20 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Golabki (3) \$12; Kapusta (Large) \$10; Pierogi (12); Cabbage; Potato & Cheese \$14-; Sweet Cheese, Blueberry \$15. Sales take place in the church cafeteria (lower section of the church)

Credit cards not accepted.

This week in recreation

Ron Dobosz,
Parks Forman

WILBRAHAM - It is hard to believe fall sports are already winding down and it is time to prepare our fields and facilities for winter. We will apply late-season fertilizer, dethatch, aerate, and over-seed our fields now that sports are finished. We also do some sodding work on worn areas that have a lot of damage.

The 2025 growing season was a challenging one. We had a cool spring, followed by heavy rain, then a record drought starting in July, which continues now. Our small but dedicated Parks staff did an amazing job keeping our playing surfaces safe and high-quality despite the weather challenges. Turf and grass health and player safety are always our top priorities. Agronomic practices such as aerating,

dethatching, and sand top-dressing are the keys to providing safe field conditions for our athletes.

I am grateful and would like to thank our residents for providing the resources that allow us to incorporate all the necessary agronomic practices to provide our users with safe playing conditions. The help of volunteer coaches taking such good care of the facilities before and after games and practices is also appreciated.

The Parks Department thanks all coaches, players, and guests for using and enjoying Spec Pond and our other facilities. Without their support, we wouldn’t be able to provide such an enjoyable park and the programs that use it. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday season, and I look forward to a happy and healthy 2026.



Wilbraham Hampden Scholarship Foundation awards record \$100,750

WILBRAHAM — The Wilbraham Hampden Scholarship Foundation celebrated another successful year, awarding a record-breaking \$100,750 in scholarships to Wilbraham and Hampden graduates of Minnechaug Regional High School pursuing higher education.

The Foundation’s Board of Trustees — Kristen Harvey, Stefanie Falzone, Sandy Polom, Sandra Sheehan, Lynn Diefenderfer, John Drost, Kelly Haber, Michael St. Marie, Celia Hixon, and Barbara Trombley — met monthly throughout the year, focusing on increasing individual scholarship amounts in

response to the rising cost of college tuition.

“Our goal has always been to help make higher education more attainable for our community’s students,” said Barbara Trombley, President of the Foundation. “We’re thrilled to have been able to increase several award levels this year.”

The Foundation, established in 1960, now requires a minimum of \$1,000 to fund a named scholarship, and many donors have raised their awards to \$1,500 or more. Foundation-sponsored scholarships were also increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Throughout the year, the

Foundation kept the community informed through local publications, as well as via updates on its website and Facebook page. Posts included scholarship announcements, application reminders, fundraising updates, and fun facts about the organization’s mission.

Fundraising efforts remained strong. The Foundation’s annual fall business appeal once again garnered generous local support, and its spring raffle — the organization’s primary fundraiser — saw enthusiastic participation from residents across Hampden and Wilbraham.

This year, the Foundation

was proud to introduce seven new scholarships:

- The Andrew Clines Memorial Scholarship
- The W. Scott Goden-Decoteau Scholarship
- The Jeffrey G. Jones Memorial Scholarship
- The MRHS Class of 1974 Scholarship
- The Dylan Pariseau “Follow Your Passion” Scholarship
- The Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Polom Scholarship
- The C.J. Cronin “Live For Others” Scholarship

A total of 74 applications were received, and the selection committee commended the high caliber of submissions. The Foundation award-

ed 54 scholarships during its Evening of Recognition on May 15, 2025, where donors and trustees had the opportunity to present awards in person.

Looking ahead, the Foundation hopes to see even more students apply for scholarships in the coming year. “We encourage all graduating seniors and college students from Wilbraham and Hampden to apply,” said Trombley. “With the rising cost of higher education, every dollar of financial help can make a real difference. Our mission is to ease that burden for as many local students as possible.”

The Foundation emphasize-

es that numerous scholarship opportunities are available each year, with varying criteria that include academic achievement, community service, leadership, financial need, and personal interests. “We want students to know that there’s something for everyone,” said John Drost. “No matter their background or goals, chances are there’s a scholarship that fits.”

As the Foundation looks ahead, it does so with “new ideas and renewed energy,” committed to expanding its reach and continuing to support the educational dreams of Hampden and Wilbraham’s youth.

Monthly Highlights for November at the Hampden Senior Center:

Please call 566-5588 to register for all events or classes at the senior center.

If you plan to have lunch on the day of the event, please reserve your lunch by 11:00 am at least one day before the event. Feel free to schedule your lunch reservations for the month.

Thanksgiving

Grab and Go Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025
Pick up between 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings, and dessert!

Compliments of the Hampden Senior Center, and our generous sponsors:

Assisted Living Locators, Brodeur Campbell Fence Company, Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens,

Great Horse, JGS Life-care, Monson Savings Bank, Texas Roadhouse, Hampden Senior Center Quilt Group, Saint Mary's Parish, and Vantage Health & Rehab of Hampden.

Delivery in Hampden is available. Thanks to our sponsors, there is no charge for this meal.

Please let us know when ordering if you need your meal delivered.

Please call 566-5588 starting November 1st to order your dinner. Meals are limited.

Crafts with Kim

Tuesday, Nov. 18,

from 10 a.m. to Noon

4-pack of adorable cork ornaments - \$5 fee; materials included.

Cork Trivets - \$5 for class, materials included.

All projects are on display in the lobby.

November's Scrapbooking

Theme is Holiday & Winter

Tuesdays, Nov. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop-ins welcome!

Cost is \$10 per class. A choice of 12" x 12" or 8" x 8" page will be provided for your album.

Tape runners, archival pens, and other supplies are available for purchase.

No Scrapbooking in December. Class resumes in January.

Lobby Learning

for the Holidays

Lobby Learning in No-

vember and December welcomes local vendors with great gift ideas and yummy treats that will be available for purchase here in the lobby.

Don't have time to get to the store to purchase a gift this year? Stop by the senior center on a

Lobby Learning Day and pick up a great gift for someone, or treat yourself to something new!

Buy local and help support small businesses.

11/6—Behavioral Health Network, holidays can be an emotional time but thankfully, help is available if you need it. Stop by the table for more information about dealing with holiday stress and more.

11/13—The Cookie Fairy
11/20—Ferrindino Maple
12/4—Sue Kendrick with local honey products

Perhaps there is an organization you would like us to welcome? Please let us know.

FREE Tech Support

Monday, Dec. 15

Everyday Tech Support will be available by appointment only for 30-minute sessions on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. to meet with you to address your technical questions.

To get the most out of your appointment, come prepared with your charged portable device, mobile phones, laptops, and/or tablets, know your passwords, and have your questions written down.

Appointments are limited, and pre-registration is mandatory. Please call 566-5588 to schedule your appointment

Handmade Gift Card & Money Holder Class

Make your holiday gifts look extra special with handmade gift cards and money holders.

We will also make a variety of festive gift tags.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 11 to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$3.00 per class for as many as you can make. All materials will be provided.

Greeting Cards with Ellie

Monday, Nov. 24,

1 to 3 p.m.

Discover endless possi-

bilities for creating your own personal greeting cards and learn new techniques each month. Cost is \$3.00 per person. All materials are provided.

Do you have Parkinson's Disease or you know someone who does?

PWR! Moves Group Exercise Classes with Lisa Kern, OT, Reiki Master/Holistic Therapist

Mondays from 9 to 10 a.m.

A Parkinson-specific exercise class that "makes function exercise" to keep you moving and doing more of what you want to do! As you practice, you will be challenged physically and cognitively while working on fitness goals: strength, balance, agility, aerobics, and flexibility. Exercises are designed to improve your fitness, counteract your PD symptoms, and increase your daily activity. This whole body, function-focused exercise class will push you to do more than you think you can in a fun, empowering, and enriched environment! Pre-paid rate for 8 classes: \$65. Drop-in rate: \$10.00 per class.

Shuffleboard Anyone?

Or are we playing Cornhole? The courts are open! Indoors or out! Mondays at 10 a.m.

Plan on playing outside until the weather becomes prohibitive, and then we will be going indoors to play Corn Hole. All are welcome! No experience necessary!

Please call Tina at 566-5588 to let her know you are interested in playing.

Common Threads Led by

Joan Tompkins, PhD

Mondays,

from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

We share memories and learn new coping skills of how to deal with loss, loneliness, and adapting to life changes. There is no charge to join All are welcome.

Common Threads will NOT meet in December but will be back in January with a new format.

Stay tuned for details.

Ukulele Classes

with Amy Scott

Current session runs through Dec. 15.

Beginner Ukulele - Mondays, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. \$7 per class for drop-ins.

Advanced Ukulele - Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$80 for the session. \$10 per class.

Choral Group

Are you interested in singing in a choral group? Please let us know by calling 566-5588.

Living Stronger... Longer...

with Lamar Moore

Tuesdays from

2:15 to 3 p.m.

Current session runs through Dec. 16. No Class on 11/11.

Classes in November will be on the 18 and 25.

Join Lamar to learn about balance and how it impacts your overall health and wellness. Get tips on strength training and cardiovascular endurance to increase mobility and flexibility. "It's never too late to start making progress on your health span. Muscles and balance are the two things you can train and improve even as you age. Cost is \$6 per class for drop-ins.

Pickleball at Thornton

Burgess,

85 Wilbraham Road

Three time slots are available on Wednesday mornings: 8 to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 to 11 a.m., or 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This program is for new players and beginners looking to hone their skills and learn the rules of the game. You must call the senior center to sign up.

Please call Tina at 566-5588 to register and schedule your court time.

Ballroom Dance for Balance and Longevity!

Thursdays, from

2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Current session runs through November 13th. Lessons will continue through year-end at the drop-in rate of \$10 per class. We will offer a session rate starting in January. All are welcome! Let's Dance!!

Social dance classes led by Amy Villalobos-Schold, a skilled occupational therapist. Focused on strengthening, stability, and modifications...

so you can dance! Beginners and singles welcome!

MEMORY CAFÉ

EVERY FRIDAY

AT 10:15 a.m.

The Memory Café is a welcoming place for individuals with memory challenges, along with their caregivers, family, or friends, to gather in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment.

Here's what's happening at the Memory Café in November:

11/14—Rhythm & Motion with Sara

11/21—Music with Renee

11/28—No Café—Happy

Thanksgiving

Please call Wendy for more information.

Sponsored by: Friends of Hampden Senior Citizens & private donations.

African Drumming" with

Jason

Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m.

Drop-ins are welcome!

Current session runs

through Dec. 12

No class on 11/28. All are welcome! No previous experience necessary.

Cost is \$7 per class for drop-ins.

HELP US STOCK OUR SHELVES with Dish Soap.

Thank you to those who donated disinfecting wipes last month. Every month, we will target a different item to help fill monthly Personal Needs Bags.

Due to space constraints, please refrain from purchasing warehouse-sized items.

D & R Farm, Farm Share

Winter Farm Share resumes in January.

"Come What May" Boutique... is open in our lobby for all to shop during normal business hours,

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We accept donations of new or gently used clothing, outerwear, accessories, and footwear.

All proceeds from Boutique sales will benefit the needs of the Senior Center.

Did you know we offer the following services....

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Tuesdays with Ann Maggion, RN, or Ruth Haley, RN

Thursdays with Karen Blair, RN

Chair Massage with Min-

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Tuesday, Nov. 18. Cost is

\$10 for 10 minutes.

Gift Cards are available and make great gifts!

Anyone is welcome to schedule appointments for these services.

Please call 566-5588 to schedule your appointments.

Save these Dates and sign up now!

Trish Pilon will be here from Creative Roots Studio to teach a two-week class in abstract painting on Wednesdays, Dec. 3 and 10, from 10 a.m. to Noon

Cost is \$20.00 per person. All materials will be provided.

Please call 566-5588 now to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

The New England Air Museum will be here to do a presentation on the Warbirds of WWII.

Please call 566-5588 to reserve your spot.

Sponsored by: Pat Sherman of Edward Jones Financial Group

Upcoming HSC Trips

HAMPDEN - The following trips are being arranged at the Hampden Sr Ctr, 104 Allen St, Hampden; prices include the driver's tip.

Mon, Dec 8 - The Aqua Turf Club "Rock This Town Orchestra" - Coffee on arrival, delicious family-style lunch, Swinging '50s and '60s tunes - \$127pp.

Full Payment Deadlines are usually 2 weeks before the event. Flyers are available @ the Sr Ctr or via email. Questions call Bobbi @ 413-566-8271 or email bobbijg2@charter.net.

November Art Show at Wilbraham Library

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Art League will be showcasing original artwork in the Brooks Room of the Wilbraham Library, 25 Crane Park Drive, through the Nov. 27. The library is open Monday through Wednesday 9 am to 8 pm, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm. There will be a reception from noon to 1:30 pm on November 8.

On display will be paintings in a range of styles and sizes. The League has members from various towns in the area, who work in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, graphite, photography, and other media. They have held shows in numerous local venues with many of their members winning awards for their work. Two of the artist who will have their work in show are Trish Pilon from Springfield and Joanne from Wilbraham.

Trish Pilon, a newer member of the WAL, lives in Springfield. Even as a small child she was interested in art. She says, "A painted picture to me has always been

like a snapshot in time. I like all works of art and I am inspired by it." She creates her art with a mix of mediums from oil pastels, watercolors, aquarelle crayons, acrylics, embossed inks, distressed gel pens, and colored pencils. "I used to only paint realistic paintings. Now I enjoy painting abstract art that represents a variety of objects. It took a while to trust myself to be free to create art using a variety of colors, textures, whimsy and so much more." Some of her inspiration comes from Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, and Matisse. She says, "I love the use of colors and the vividness of their paintings." Trish has a studio in her house and spends at least 20 hours a week creating art. You will see her work at the upcoming Library show.

Joanne Bell from Wilbraham uses photography as an art form. Her parents gave her a Polaroid camera when she was 11 years old. Her interest in photography as an art form was rekindled when she took a course at the Palmer Library over 20 years ago

that introduced her to DSLR cameras. She bought a Canon Rebel and got out in the field as much as she could. Joanne joined the Wilbraham Art League. She says, "I was greatly encouraged by many of the artists that are still members now. For continued education in photography, I read a great deal and participate in webinars and workshops." Her favorite subject is nature photography. In 2023 she was awarded best color photograph at the Big E in the adult age group. Since then, she has won a number of other awards. She gets out to photograph regularly. "My go-to photography spots are Shelburne Falls, Quabbin Reservoir, and Old Sturbridge Village. It seems that whenever I go out to shoot a particular subject, something entirely different presents itself, and it becomes the "shot of the day."

The group was founded in 2007 and continues to meet the second Tuesday of the month, except for July and August, at the Wilbraham Senior Center at 250 Spring-

field Street. It is an opportunity to meet other artists, exchange ideas and encourage one another. Meetings begin at 6:30 and most include an art-oriented program. Any interested non-member is welcome to attend. In addition to supporting each other the group seeks to bring art to their local communities.

For more information about the Wilbraham Art League visit their website at <https://wilbrahamartleague.org/> or their Facebook page.

BACKYARD from page 6

Sunflower seed heads

The Brimfield resident reported the tufted titmouse and northern cardinal really like the sunflower seed heads that he has been hanging on one of my feeder stations. Because of the black bears, he has no bird feeders out yet.

Warren ponds

The Brimfield resident drove past the ponds in Warren. At the one on New Reed Street, there was an adult bald eagle, three mallards and two double-crested cormorants.

Canada geese

I saw a flock of about two dozen Canada geese land in a harvested cornfield in Barre this past Saturday. I do not know if they were local geese or some migrating south from the north.

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

Happy Thanksgiving

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The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Michael Strycharz (contractor) for Site Plan Approval (SPA25-05) under Sections 3.4.2.8 and 4.10 of the Wilbraham Zoning Bylaw to allow construction of a 795 square foot attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on property owned by Paul and Keena Gravanda located at 1134 Glendale Road as shown on plans on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/971040493> or call 877-309-2073 (Access Code: 971-040-493).

James Rooney, Chair
11/13, 11/20/2025

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Docket No.
HD25P2311EA
Estate of:
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Date of Death: 07/08/2025
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FOR FORMAL
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **William P Romenius of Falls Church, VA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **William P Romenius of Falls Church, VA** 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 12/05/2025. 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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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 05, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2025

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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 31, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2025

Town of Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals

The Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6 PM** in the Hampden Town Hall (formerly Thornton W. Burgess Middle School) located at 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, for those interested in the petition of the Minnechaug Land Trust Inc., Sherry Himmelstein, Board Member, for a variance/special permit for the minimum lot frontage require-

ment on Lot A, North Road (Parcel 23-47-0) owned by the Minnechaug Land Trust. The petition and related materials are on file in the Town Clerk's office and may be viewed during normal business hours. For the Board, L. Jed Berliner, Chair. Published November 6 and 13, 2025 in the Wilbraham/Hampden Times. 11/06, 11/13/2025

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE AMENDMENT: Change of Location

The Wilbraham Select Board will hold a public hearing under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 15 on **Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:15 PM** at the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, to hear public comment on an amendment application for an annual Section 15 Wines and Malt Beverages license submitted by The Guilty Grape LLC, to change its location from 6 Burt Lane, Suite 103, Wilbraham to 461-465 Main Street, Wilbraham. Anyone wishing to comment on the application will be heard. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

**WILBRAHAM
SELECT BOARD**
Local Licensing Authority
11/13/2025

EARLY DEADLINES FOR ADS & LEGAL NOTICES

Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all legal notices to run in **TURLEY PUBLICATIONS** the week of November 24-28, 2025.

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue

- Agawam Advertiser News • Country Journal
- The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Friday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue

- Sentinel • Quaboag Current

Monday, November 24 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue

- The Journal Register • Ware River News • Barre Gazette

Tuesday, November 25 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue

- Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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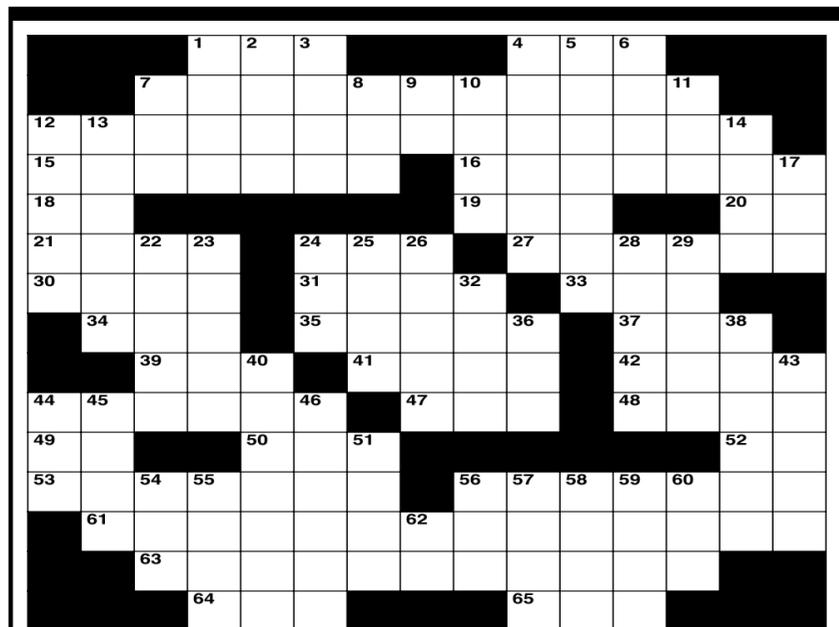
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of southeast
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)

35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale
39. Paddle
41. Monetary unit of Italy
42. American classical pianist
44. Shuts down for the day
47. Seize
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need it
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public
61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
63. Hostilities
64. Speak aloud
65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Razorbill genus
2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
3. Performs on stage
4. Supports a sentiment
5. Rugged mountain ranges
6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
7. Snake-like fish
8. Men's fashion accessory
9. Hospital worker
10. Something to scratch
11. No (Scottish)
12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this
14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet
54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
60. Government lawyers
62. Larry and Curly's pal



Logan Distler

September 22, 2024

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Grandparents: Christopher & Michele Mues, Warren
Carole & the late Bruce Distler, Long Island, NY

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- The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

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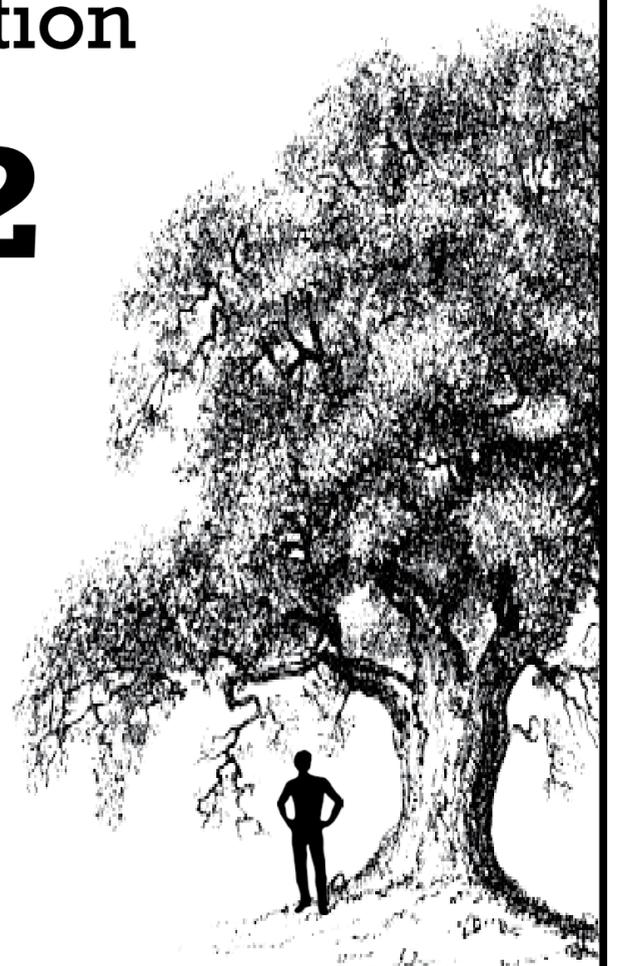
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