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fires this year, both near East Wilbraham. One was caused by a locomotive, the other by a criminally neglected camp-fire."

But he was pessimistic about the future of the forests. "Imported tree diseases seem likely to destroy our forests," he wrote.

The chestnut blight had ruined the larger portion of the local woodland, and then the white pine disease very seriously threatened what native white pine the town had left, and it halted reforestation.

The 1923 national and state campaigns against the pine disease had started more promptly than in the case of chestnut blight that was wiping out those trees.

Outside World

What was going on in the world while Wilbraham inhabited 1923? Hearings were held in Washington about the Teapot Dome Scandal. Hitler's coup d'état (The Beer Hall Putsch) in Munich fails. U. S. President Warren G. Harding died and was succeeded by Calvin Coolidge who had been the mayor of Northampton. The Nobel Prize for Literature was won by William Butler Yeats. George Gershwin wrote "Rhapsody in Blue".

Source: "The Timetables of History" by Bernard Grun, a Touchstone Book published by Simon & Schuster. Chauncey Peck who wrote "The History of Wilbraham, 1731, 1763-1913

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Upcoming adult programming at the Wilbraham Public Library

WILBRAHAM – The following events will occur in the coming weeks at the Wilbraham Public Library at Crane Park Drive.

Wilbraham library's Classics Book Club to tackle "Middlemarch"

The Classics Book Club at the Wilbraham library will be discussing George Eliot's masterpiece, "Middlemarch", on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Brooks Room. "Middlemarch" is about life in an English village in the 1830s, and the stories of the village's memorable characters intersect throughout. Readers can pick up a copy of the classic for Sept. 27: "The Grapes of Wrath", by John Steinbeck.

History Book Club to End the Summer with "Freedom Summer"

The American History Book Club will be talking about what happened in Mississippi during the civil rights movement in 1964. Bruce Watson's

book, "Freedom Summer: The Savage Season That Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy", covers the violence that voting registers faced from Southern racists and the KKK in the summer of 1964. Freedom Summer also conveys the courage and persistence of black and white volunteers who tried to get America to live up to its promise of equality. The discussion will take place in the Brooks Room at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28. The book for the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25, will be available: "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President", by Candace Millard.

Cookbook Book Club Going Meatless in September

The Cookbook Book Club at the Wilbraham library will meet on Monday, Sept. 11 in the Brooks Room at 6:30 pm to share vegetarian dishes from the book "Vegan Vegetarian Omnivore: Dinner for Everyone at the Table", by Anna Thomas.

With dishes inspired by the vibrant produce of farmers' markets and private gardens, Vegan Vegetarian Omnivore shows us how to navigate a world of change and bring all our friends and family together at one big, generous table.

Important Political Music

Bring your lawn chairs to the library for an important outdoor concert given by singer-songwriter and jazz musician Pamela Means on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. Pamela's political music has been compared to a cross between Suzanne Vega and Jimi Hendrix. Even Neil Young has given her positive reviews. Her performance should be both entertaining and informative, and it comes at an important time. Register for this event on the library website: www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

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

Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

Turley Publications is looking for a "hands on" energetic candidate who loves telling stories to be the editor for two weekly publications. This position will include managing and coaching a small news staff that will provide the community with a great local newspaper.

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who thoroughly enjoys community journalism.

This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
• Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
• Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
• Proficiency in Associated Press style
• Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

Please send resume and writing examples to:

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Summer spurs increased rate of lawn mower injuries

American Family Care physician offers tips to safely navigate your lawn

SPRINGFIELD -- The hum of lawn mowers is a common sound of summer, making it easy to forget that these machines can cause serious harm if proper safety protocol isn't followed. In fact, approximately 80,000 lawn mower accidents occur annually in the United States, including over 6,300 among children under the age of 18. The medical experts at American Family Care, with locations in Springfield and West Springfield, are reminding local residents to use caution when operating this equipment.

"While mowing the lawn is a routine chore for many, lawn mowers can be dangerous and using them improperly can lead to devastating consequences," said Dr. Andrew Koslow, associate medical director of AFC for Massachusetts. "A lawn mower blade is extremely sharp and revolves rapidly, making it easy for someone to get critically hurt in the blink of an eye."

The most common lawn mower-related accidents are linked to cuts, often caused by debris that is kicked out from under the mower. Injuries also happen when replacing mower blades or removing debris from the blades, touching a hot surface on the mower or falling on a slippery surface while mowing.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be at least 12 years old to safely operate a walk-behind mower, and 16 to operate a riding mower," said Koslow. "However, parents should consider the individual child's coordination, maturity level and good judgment."

Koslow offered the following safety tips to help prevent lawn mower injuries:

Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, rather than flip-flops or sandals.

Cover your eyes with goggles or sunglasses.

Opt for long pants to protect your legs from flying debris.

Before mowing, walk the lawn and pick up large sticks, stones or other items that could jam the mower or become a projectile.

Turn the mower completely off before removing debris from blades.

If doing repairs or maintenance, disconnect the spark plug first. Normally this is done by removing the rubber boot that connects the spark plug to the wire and turning it around, so the back of the boot faces the spark plug.

Never stick anything into the blade area while the lawn mower is powered on.

Avoid touching the area around the mower's engine until it has time to cool down.

Minor abrasions and burns can be cared for at home but seek medical care for more serious burns or cuts that may require stitches. Amputations, deep cuts, eye injuries or severe burns require prompt emergency care.

The medical providers at AFC Springfield and AFC West Springfield offer convenient, walk-in care seven days a week for patients of all ages. Services include urgent care for illnesses, sprains and strains; stitches for minor cuts and lacerations; diagnostic rapid tests and antigen tests for COVID-19; physicals and on-site x-rays.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of August 25, 2023 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 2000 Volkswagen Beetle

VIN: 3VWBC21C84M12804

COLOR: Yellow

LKO: Madeline Cortez

112 Lyons St

Indian Orchard MA 01151

R & S Assoc. Inc.

Wilbraham MA 01095

413-596-4374

08/10, 08/17, 08/24/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of September 8, 2023 the following motor vehicle will be

for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

E-Ton Moped

VIN: RFZ5BB0C95A003037

Color: Black

LKO: Unknown

R & S Assoc. Inc.

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413-596-4374

08/24, 08/31, 09/07/2023

FY24 MULTI-TOWN INVITATION TO BID ROCK SALT FOR SNOW & ICE CONTROL

Sealed bids for Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt), for the purpose of snow and ice control, will be received by the Director of Facilities & Operations Department of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District at the office of the

Superintendent of Schools, 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095, until Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the above stated time and date will be rejected. Towns included in this Multi-Town Bid are as follows: Agawam, Brimfield, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Holland, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Wales, Ware, Warren, Wilbraham, and the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. Bid specifications and other bid related information is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., excluding holidays, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095, located at Minnechaug Regional High School, and

on the HWRSD website, www.hwrso.org, beginning Tuesday, August 22, 2023. No Specs will be Faxed. Envelope to be marked:

"MULTI-TOWN BID: ROCK SALT FOR SNOW & ICE CONTROL - FY24"

The Director may reject any and all bids or waive defects in same in the best interest of the towns.

This procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. Chapter 30B, Section 5, and those provisions are hereby Incorporated by reference into this Invitation for Bid.

Michael Messier
Director of Facilities & Operations
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District
08/24/2023

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