

Wilbraham gets in holiday spirit at Holiday Bazaar



(L to R) Kate Belsky, recording secretary, Deb Gormley, membership director, Liz Crivilli, Ann Marie Gaudette and Judy Cmero, director, of the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors pose for a festive group photo during the Holiday Bazaar at the St. Cecilia Parish Center on Nov. 18.



Judy Cmero, director, and Lee Tyrell, treasurer, of the Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors smile at the bake sale table during the Holiday Bazaar at the St. Cecilia Parish Center on Nov. 18.



Nancy Jez shows off her embroidered creations during the Holiday Bazaar at the St. Cecilia Parish Center on Nov. 18.

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Linda Courtney of Wreaths & Crafty Creations smiles at her vendor table of festive crafts during the Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish on Nov. 18. Courtney was joined by her sister, Lorraine, for the event.



Leon and Doris Gaumond of D & L Creations display their creative crafts and novelties for sale during the Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish on Nov. 18.



Residents browse and check out raffle items during the Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish Center on Nov. 18.

The event supported the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors

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WILBRAHAM -- Residents came out bright and early on Nov. 18 for the 13th Annual Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish.

The event took place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church's parish center with 25 crafters, a bake sale, meat-



The Hill Family, consisting of Megan and her sons Christopher and Jason, takes a family photo with Santa Claus during the Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish on Nov. 18.



Sofia holds up her gift from Santa Claus as they take a photo during the Holiday Bazaar at St. Cecilia Parish. The children's gifts were sponsored by the Hampden VFW.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P0593EA
Estate of:
Robert L Sweeney
Date of Death: 06/20/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **David R. Sweeney of Indian Orchard, MA** requesting that **Susan A McCoy of Springfield, MA** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 pro-

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ball grinders for sale, raffle prizes and more.

Additionally, Santa Claus stopped by to give out gifts and candy canes. The gifts were sponsored by the Hampden VFW.

Ann Marie Gaudette oversees the Holiday Bazaar, explaining the proceeds will go towards building the new senior center. She was also a vendor, selling handmade greeting cards through A.M.G. Creations.

Gaudette was ecstatic at the turnout, pointing out the huge crowds in attendance shortly after the event opened.

"This is fabulous. We were really shocked as they start coming in the door. I mean, they really came in a lot at a time, which is wonderful for my crafters. So, they'll be able to sell their things," Gaudette said. "Being a crafter, I like to do good for them also."

Leon and Doris Gaumond of D & L Creations were selling their homemade clocks created with books and records and homemade ornaments, tissue boxes and storage boxes.

The Gaumonds are members of the Friends and have done this event for many years.

"It's been a really nice day for people to come out and buy some nice things for the holidays and get some good bargains," Doris Gaumond said.

The couple also appreciated the turnout, explaining it shows people love homemade items.

"It supports the vendors and supports people who do this," Doris Gaumond said.

"People like to come out and buy homemade items. That's the big thing. Especially unique items," Leon Gaumond said.

Nancy Jez did the event for the first time, selling embroidered items including table runners, quilts and pillows.

"I'm doing very well. It's very crowded today,

it's really good," Jez said.

Jez appreciates the opportunity to give back while showcasing her creations to residents.

"It's for a good cause. That's why I do it," Jez said. "I'm retired so it also gives me something to do in my spare time. I enjoy sewing. I've been sewing since I've been six years old."

Linda Courtney and her sister, Lorraine, of Wreaths & Crafty Creations make wreaths for many different occasions, ornaments and more.

Courtney said this is the sisters' second year as a vendor.

"It's nice to see the foot traffic because you get to talk with people and the time goes by faster. You get to meet a lot of nice people," Courtney said. "A lot of people have a story, and it's kind of nice to be out with people."

Santa Claus was excited to meet the children and their families, asking what they wanted for Christmas and taking pictures. Also, adults and seniors stopped by to meet Santa and take a photo with him.

"Like I said, children are children of all ages. There's no age where you can't come and sit and tell Santa what you'd like for Christmas," he said. "It's good to see this showing of community."

Santa Claus wants the community to know he's always watching and loves to see residents come together and support each other.

"That's what makes Santa's heart fill with joy, and that's always my Christmas present every year," he said.

Gaudette encourages residents to support the senior center.

"If anybody would like to join the Friends, we could use more help. We'd love for anybody to come. There's no charge to join it," Gaudette said. "We're all like family, which is nice."

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