

SCHOOLS

This Week in Rec

Falcon Girls Lacrosse Signups for the 2024 Spring Season

Does your daughter want to be part of the fastest growing youth sport in the United States? You are in luck because we will open registration for the 2024 Falcon Girls Youth Lacrosse program on Jan 8, 2024, through Feb 16, 2024. The Falcon Girls Lacrosse Association (FGLA) will be fielding teams for the following age groups this season: Bantams (grades 3-4), Juniors (grades 5-6), and Seniors (grades 7-8). This is a Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department (WPRD) program that is co-managed by the FGLA. The program has a strong history and is supported by a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are open to players and volunteers of all abilities. The goal is to expose your daughter to the dynamics of team play, build/enhance coordination and the fundamentals of lacrosse in a competitive and fun environment.

Your daughter can be signed up in-person at the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department office located at 45C Post Office Park Wilbraham, MA. Registration fees are: Bantam \$100, Juniors \$125, Seniors \$125. There will be a \$50 deposit required for the uniform for all age groups. This deposit will be returned to you when the player's uniform is returned to the WPRD at the end of the season. You will also be given the option to donate the \$50 uniform deposit back to the Falcon Girls Lacrosse Association (FGLA) to benefit the program. These funds are used for equipment purchases, development clinics, spirit wear, tournaments, etc. Players are asked to provide their own girls lacrosse stick, face mask and mouth guard. USA Lacrosse has an equipment guide that can be found on their website: www.usalacrosse.com/equipment.

We are also scheduling 2-3 tournaments for the season. Tournament play has been very well received in the past and is a fantastic opportunity to expose our players to other organizations outside of our league (Western Mass Girls Youth Lacrosse). Your daughters will also have a chance to warm up with the "big kids" on the turf at Minnechaug during the season and have some game time on the new high-tech playing surface we are so fortunate to have. Regular season play for the Junior and Senior teams will be held on the incredible grass surface at the Spec Pond Recreation Facility.

Additionally, there will be three indoor clinics held on March 13, 20, and 27 at Soccer City, 2041 Boston Road Wilbraham (Field # 3 - the back indoor field). Start time is 4:30 PM and these will run for 1-hour. Cost is \$10 per player (collected on site at the clinics) and all participants should be previously signed up as a Falcon Girls Lacrosse player through the WPRD. We will have an insurance waiver form available for any athletes looking to feel out the sport prior to signing up and making a team commitment for the season. This is a great opportunity to introduce the game to new athletes, dust off the sticks for returning players and meet some of the coaching staff.

Any questions can be directed to the FGLA through the WPRD and financial assistance can be provided if this is an obstacle for any aspiring players.

NOTE: For more information on all our programming, please visit WilbrahamRec.com.

Hunter Hembdt Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Hunter Hembdt, of Hampden, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Mia Drumheller Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Mia Drumheller, of Wilbraham, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Wilbraham native named to SRU Dean's List

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa – Jacob Ferri, of Wilbraham, was named to the Dean's List at Slippery Rock University for the fall 2023 semester. The Dean's List consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

HCC gets \$600k grant to expand free child watch program

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation to expand its Itsy Bitsy Child Watch program to serve more student-parents.

Itsy Bitsy Child Watch is a free center on HCC's main campus for parents in need of short-term childcare while they attend class, study, or meet with tutors and advisers. It opened as a pilot program for the fall 2022 semester with a \$100,000 state allocation. At the time, HCC was only the second community college in Massachusetts, and the only one in western Massachusetts, to offer a free campus child watch service.

The center is open to HCC student-parents with children three months to 12 years old.

Since its launch, the program has proven to be widely popular and transformational for many HCC students.

Without it, "I could not come to school," said biology major Alondra Serrano, of Holyoke, one of the first HCC student-parents to sign up for the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch program last year for her daughter, Anna, now 3.

"Our first semester, we had 19 students enrolled," said Kimm Quinlan, director of HCC's Early Childhood Initiatives, which includes the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch. "Now we have more than 40. After just one year, it has become clear

that there is a demonstrable need and demand for expansion."

The \$600,000 grant will enable HCC to relocate the center to a larger, fully renovated new space, hire additional staff, and extend its hours of operation to accommodate more children, especially during public school vacations, which do not always align with the college calendar.

"HCC remains at the forefront of pioneering innovative pathways to enhance educational accessibility for every student," said Paul Bel-sito, executive director of the Davis Foundation. "At HCC, the concept of community is a verb in action, and the success of The Itsy Bitsy Child Watch is a testament to this commitment. Here at the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, we are honored to be able to contribute to the growth of this vibrant and impactful program, which not only offers the highest quality childcare support to student-parents but also positions HCC as a proactive leader in early education and care as well as higher education."

Sometime in 2024, the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch center, now located on the first floor of the Marieb Science building, will move to a renovated space on the second floor of the Frost Building, closer to other student service and support programs, such as the Thrive Student Resource Center and Food Pantry; Homestead Market, which

accepts SNAP benefits; CHD Mental Health Services; Financial Aid; and the new Elaine Marieb Adult Learner Success Center (also scheduled to open in 2024).

"This investment will enable our early childhood team to provide high-quality early learning experiences for more children," said President George Timmons. "The remodeled space will provide the youngest members of our campus community with ample opportunities to explore, play, and learn. Dozens more HCC student-parents will be able to attend classes and access campus-based student resources without having to worry about childcare."

Based on one year of data, the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch has already proven to be having a positive impact on student retention, course completion, and success, said Quinlan. Fall 2022 to spring 2023 retention rates for students who used the child watch center were 86 percent, "which is a really great number," while 82 percent completed all their courses, and on average saw their grade point averages increase by more than 1 point.

"So, we do think that reducing the barrier of child care and allowing students to attend class, meet with their advisers, and meet with tutors has absolutely helped this small group of people, and we hope that continues," Quinlan said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD
The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of 2 Crane Park, LLC for a Special Permit as required under Section 12.11 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law for a Sign Master Plan to govern all commercial signage for businesses owned or leased by 2 Crane Park, LLC on premises located at 6 Burt Lane as shown on information on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/274121677> or call 877-309-2073 (Access Code: 274-121-677).
John McCloskey
Chair
01/11, 01/18/2024

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING
The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM** on the application of Robert Ward for a special permit (ZBA23-09) under section 3.4.5.4 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow the operation of a beer and wine retail store in a portion of the existing building owned by 2 Crane Park LLC located at 6 Burt Lane as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals.
Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/952191069> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 952-191-069).
Edward Kivari Jr.,
Chairman
01/11, 01/18/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23C0369CA
In the matter of: Elizabeth Boyer
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Elizabeth Boyer of Wilbraham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Elizabeth Powell
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2024.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 26, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
01/11/2024
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD24P0023GD
In the matter of: Rosa Soto Lopez
Of: Hampden, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Vantage At Hampden of Hampden, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Rosa Soto Lopez** is

in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Marianna Diaz of Holyoke, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/05/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must

file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 05, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
01/11/2024

