

Family Marshmallow and Toothpick Challenge Oct. 18

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Public Library is pleased to announce our first annual “Family Marshmallow and Toothpick Challenge”.

Do you have a budding engineer? Please join in the fun, Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m. for this event. Teams will compete to make the tallest free-standing tower, with a marshmallow on top, for 10 seconds!

Teams must consist of at least one adult and one child under 12 years of age. Teams may have up to four players.

All materials will be provided. We’d love to have your Team come join in the fun!

Registration is required for this event. Please either register online at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, or by calling the front desk at 413-596-6141.

Wilbraham Garden Club

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Garden Club will hold its annual “Welcome Back” meeting in the St. Cecilia Parish Center at Noon on Oct. 2.

Rebecca Sadlowski, the owner of Rooted Flowers in Agawam will share “Flower Farm Life & Lasagna Layering in Pots” and will demonstrate how this method of bulb placement will yield a concentrated burst of spring. All levels of gardeners are welcome to attend and there is no guest fee for this meeting.

Please contact Anna Howell at (413)537-5788 with any questions.

OBITUARY

DEATH NOTICE

John S. Jackson, Jr.
Died Sept. 10, 2025
Wilbraham Funeral Home

Wilbraham-Hampden Times OBITUARY POLICY

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lawsuit if someone got hurt, Tirabassi noted it could cost the school district “hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

Tirabassi said there is currently little support from town officials to replace the bleachers, and indicated there could be other priorities before the bleachers.

“We know a fire truck needs to be replaced, the town usually put extra money into their Stabilization Fund for two to three years in a row knowing that the money’s there and there’s a commitment that, ‘Okay, in 2027, we’re going to do the bleachers,’”

Tirabassi said. “But, I haven’t even garnered support for that, unofficially, with anyone I’ve talked to.”

On repairs, Rogers explained during the summer, boards are reviewed—and replaced, if needed—along with the bolts and any concerns presented by Hale, students and staff throughout the year, also get addressed.

“I know there was some questions on the previous large amount of money. I did find out for the Stabilization Fund, I think it was for \$50,000 that the School Committee approved in 2022. So, we ended up using, it was only \$16,000 in change for that. That was mostly for the walkway as you first walk up the stairs. That main walkway—the widest one—had the bigger boards and

that was completed and replaced down to the metal,” Rogers said. “Some supports, but that was fully replaced.”

Rogers later added when

asked about the total hours put in and the man-hours by Vice Chair Sean Kennedy, he estimated, “over the summer at least, we’re about 100 hours into replacing boards” and it varies by year depending on the numbers.

He didn’t have information at that time about how much was spent in the last 10 years, but in 2024 and 2025, the estimated amount on boards and hardware was \$4,719.

Messier added, also, over “10, 15 years ago” that Charlie Arment Trucking was brought in to assist on “a complete refurbishment” of the bleachers, which included stripping down the frame, priming and painting and replacing all the boards.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations and Human Resources Dr. Douglas Slaughter shared how plans “from about 2014” were found with a CPA application for two designs looked at.

“One that had more seating and no cutouts and one with cutouts in the middle of the bleachers to sort of walk through, and the two price ranges there—so for the larger one that didn’t have the cutouts and more seating for cost that was about \$745,000 and the one for the fewer seats and the cutouts it wasn’t a huge difference in the seats but a much different structure, it was just under \$600,000, \$590,000 roughly. So, that was 10 years ago,” Slaughter said.

On more recent estimates from a little over a year ago, Slaughter said, the number was \$1.4 million.

Messier said in the past, locker room shower areas, team rooms under the bleachers, a new ticket booth and new concession stand were also proposed.

“Complete redo of that whole section through there and we started getting CPA involved with it. I don’t really remember the price of the project, but it was way over \$1 million back then for sure,” Messier said.

Hale clarified, “There is no interest in us proposing any bleachers that has locker rooms or showers or a steam room or a sauna or a trainers room.”

“The only thing that we’re proposing is to try and get replacement bleachers,” Hale said.

Hale said the school averages 757 paid tickets for home football games since 2022, and numerous more people get into the game for free. He also said the pep band has grown to more than 100 members.

The discussion on the bleachers will continue at the Sept. 25 meeting.

John S. Jackson, Jr. 82

John S. Jackson, Jr. passed away on September 10th 2025 at the age of 82,

UConn Huskies Women’s Basketball were among his favorites.



In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his wife Susan of 54 years in 2015, as well as his sister Shirley Gauthier. John is survived by his two daughters, Sherry Jackson of Ludlow, MA,

Diane (Alan) Murray of Sutton, MA, granddaughter Tiffany (Stephen) Murray-Morella of Holliston, MA and grandson Christopher Murray of Sutton, MA, and his best friend, sidekick, and constant companion “Storm” his beloved Beagle mix who passed on March 21, 2025.

Services are private and entrusted to Wilbraham Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial donation in John’s name to Shriners Children’s Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or online at www.shrinerschildrens.org.

John loved his sports. The Red Sox, Patriots, and

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD24P0492EA
Estate of:
Cynthia E O’Sullivan
Date of Death: 11/11/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Lisa Malsbury of Monson, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 10/23/2025.

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.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/25/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of October 10, 2025 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien: Vehicle: 2004 Monte Carlo VIN#: 2G1WW12E149232487 COLOR: Brown LKO: Antonio Cousins 213 State St Ludlow MA 01056

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Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD25P1901EA
Estate of:
Patricia Vigneault
Also known as:
Patricia A Vigneault

Date of Death: 08/08/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael R Vigneault of Rye, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Michael R Vigneault of Rye, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 15, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/25/2025

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for people with dementia and to get support from the community.

Unfortunately, there’s no one-size-fits-all magic approach that works every time for every person. I try to remind people that you cannot reason with someone with dementia. They are living in a different world, sometimes in a different time, and you have to go with the flow and go on that journey with them.”

The support groups can also offer a forum to exchange information on physicians and pharmacists and for caregivers to share their triumphs and even vent their frustrations.

“Sometimes you just want to scream,” Jagodowski said. “The group is a safe place to get things off your chest.”

Jagodowski recognizes that it may be hard for some caregivers to share their concerns with strangers.

“Some people need to observe and feel out the group at first and that’s totally fine,” Jagodowski said. The senior center also offers a Memory Care Café where those with dementia and their loved ones gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. The group is facilitated by Heather Hmieleski, a certified dementia practitioner who is the director of mind and memory at

Benchmark Senior Living in Wilbraham.

The Memory Care Café offers companionship, information, games, and entertainment as well as lunch.

“When we held our first group a year ago you could feel the nervousness in the air,” says Harrington. “Once everyone started talking a little bit, you could feel the stress disappear. It’s a no-judgement zone. We’ve had a lot of laughs, a lot of tears. People have built wonderful friendships.”

Harrington is proud that programs like these have helped Wilbraham achieve designation as a Dementia Friendly Community.

“The devotion of the caregivers touches my heart,” Harrington said.

If you have questions about the Memory Care Café or Caregiver Support Group or would like to attend, please contact Barbara Harrington at the Wilbraham Senior Center at 413-596-8379 or bharrington@wilbraham-ma.gov.

Jagodowski recommends that caregivers with questions about dementia utilize the Alzheimer Association’s 24-hour hotline (1-800-272-3900) for unbiased information and advice.

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