



Deanna Congo reveals a butterfly scarf.

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niors are my favorite. I absolutely love them. I spend a lot of time with my 95-year-old grandmother, and I have so much love and respect for the senior community that it is.”

Barbara Harrington, the social service coordinator for the town, spoke about the Memory Café.

“Our Memory Lane Memory Café meets on the first Monday of every month at 11 a.m. Each gathering features a program that may include music, games, crafts, guest speakers, or other enjoyable activities, followed by a shared lunch,” Harrington said. “At our café, we lovingly refer to those living with memory challenges as our ‘friends.’ We welcome individuals at all stages of memory loss, creating an environment where there is no pressure, no expectations, and

absolutely no judgment. For a few precious hours, caregivers can relax and connect with others who understand their experiences, while our friends enjoy companionship, laughter, and meaningful moments.”

Harrington shared what she enjoys most about the Memory Café.

“One of my greatest rewards is watching the smiles appear, hearing the laughter fill the room, and seeing friendships grow. Those moments remind us that even though memory may change, the need for connection, kindness, and belonging never does,” Harrington said. “Whether you are living with memory loss, caring for a loved one, or simply want to learn more, we invite you to join us. Everyone deserves a place where they feel welcome, valued, and understood—and that is exactly

what Memory Lane Memory Café strives to provide.”

Assistant Activity Coordinator Amanda Renna also took a moment to talk about the Café.

“It’s great. We like to offer a variety of programs and we try to change it up each month. So the fact that we can offer someone like Deanna, especially since it was paid for with a grant, was very generous,” Renna said. “It’s a wonderful thing because it gives them a little bit of time to relax and enjoy themselves.”

It was a wonderful program which was able to help bring people together under great local entertainment.

This program for the senior center was made possible by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency, sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Turley photos by Noelle Hisgen
Deanna Congo holds up a picture of a butterfly.

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kind of accumulated. Each year you get a certain amount of money and then if you don’t spend it all, you can carry it forward with you to the next year. So, we have a little bit left that would be able to pay for some things like maybe an additional year. However, with the new administration here—the United States administration—our grants officers have been a little grim about the potential of getting this extension approved,” Berneche said. “This extension is something we have done for our grants many times. Gina Kahn has done this many times. Our coalition grant, which was drug-free communities, we were granted—it’s called a no-cost extension year—so you just use those funds you’ve accumulated. We did that with the coalition last year. So, this is something that over the last 10 years has been something that we’ve always been able to do. However, we’ve been told, like I said, by our grant program officers that it’s unlikely to be approved this year. We will still apply, but we are now in this limbo where if that’s not approved, we don’t have any funding to keep the coalition going.”

the coalition employs,” which would mainly impact Hafner’s role, as the other people who have had roles in the coalition “also are being funded by other sources within the district, and unfortunately, Jackie is the only one who is fully funded by our grants.”

“So, right now, we are really looking for funding opportunities. We’re looking for donors, we’re looking for anyone that wants to help us with fundraising efforts and it will be a bit of a tight turnaround within the next couple months. We’ll need to see how much we can raise and see if that can support any part of Jackie’s salary,” Berneche said. “It would be great if we could secure it for at least a year. Any amount of time to just try and keep this going as much as we can.”

On additional funding, Berneche also noted there weren’t any grants that the coalition could apply to “that we would qualify for as a school district” and a lot of federal funding “has been severely cut.”

Opioid abatement funds are also being explored, with Berneche saying she reached out to the Wilbraham Select Board and Hampden Select-board to explore that option and begin that process if they can pursue that.

There was also an instance where the funding was pulled for one day—which was Sep-

tember 13, 2025—until it was restored due to lawsuits and people speaking out.

“It has definitely been a tumultuous year with the funding and there have been no federal funding opportunities for this work, unfortunately, so that’s why now we are turning to the community to see if there are any businesses or donors who feel really strongly about this prevention work and want to see it remain in the district and in the community,” Berneche said. “So we’re really just hoping to get the word out as much as we can.”

Hafner pointed out how in the last seven years, for example—2019 to now—prevention efforts, education and messaging have helped educate and empower students to make better decisions, leading to decreases in use.

“Prevention is like planting a seed. Again, you’re not going to see it right away, but in time, you are going to see it kind of blossom into these young people into successful adults,” Hafner said. “I think another thing too that’s very interesting is the way that social media has increased accessibility for young people to learn about these harmful products and the industries are not in support of these young students. They want their money and if they become addicted, the richer they’re going to be and as they go into adulthood, the more

money that they’re going to get from these young people because of the addiction.”

Hafner hopes that if students can continue to be empowered with “those skills and those tools” for prevention, “that’s making their livelihood probably more positive as they continue on into their adult life.”

She added that Springfield just got a coalition and Ludlow, West Springfield and Longmeadow have one. However, many other communities, such as Chicopee, don’t have one right now.

“I think having the coalition remain is important. There’s a lot of student engagement and opportunities that were brought out for these young people, like going to Boston and advocating for different things. But they’re becoming leaders within their own school and I think peer-to-peer leadership is so much more powerful than from an adult to a young person as well,” Hafner said.

Hafner stressed “we are in a safe community” and “we do have a lot of positive attributes to give to the community,” but there’s “lack of interventions within our own community,” which means people have to go to outside communities.

She also hopes to continue planting seeds for the students and inspiring future leaders.

“It just would be really sad.

I think coalitions are complete assets to communities in helping families and whatever the need may be and if that was to dissipate, it would be really saddening to see this loss within the community,” Hafner said.

Berneche added she planned to speak with the School Committee at their June 11 meeting about this and share data from the youth risk behavior surveys to show those impacts, thanks to the coalition’s work, emphasizing it’s their last attempt to make their case to the School Committee and try again.

The Times will have more on that meeting in a future edition.

“For the district to not have that I think is going to be a really great disservice to the students and their families. So, I hope presenting this to the School Committee and just have them hear it out again to hopefully change their minds about funding Jackie’s position in some capacity and if they have any other ideas for us or can collaborate with the town more, so we will see,” Berneche said. “It’s just a hard situation to be in because we know that the district is experiencing very large budget cuts and whenever that happens, these types of services are always the first to go, which is always hard to see. I know it’s not easy to make those budget

cuts and to determine what gets cut and, so I don’t envy that position either that they’re in, but it would not be right if we didn’t at least make everyone aware of how much the coalition does and how much it supports the students and the families and I think how much it down the road there will be a negative impact of not having this program here.”

Hafner also stressed maintaining relationships from the YMCA to the police and fire departments and the District Attorney’s Safety and Outreach Team, M.A.D.D. and the YWCA, which also impacts the students.

Also, events such as the Night at the Y, which brought 70 teens together earlier this year.

“When you can plant seeds of prevention work, I just think it’s powerful and it does save the ones that do listen and are receptive,” Hafner said.

If anyone is interested in learning more about what the donations would be used for, to donate or learn more about HWP4Y, contact Brianna Berneche, director of HWP4Y, at bberneche@hwsrd.org or Jackie Hafner, community engagement/communications coordinator for HWP4Y, at jhafner@hwsrd.org.

“We appreciate any help that anyone is willing to give us,” Berneche said.

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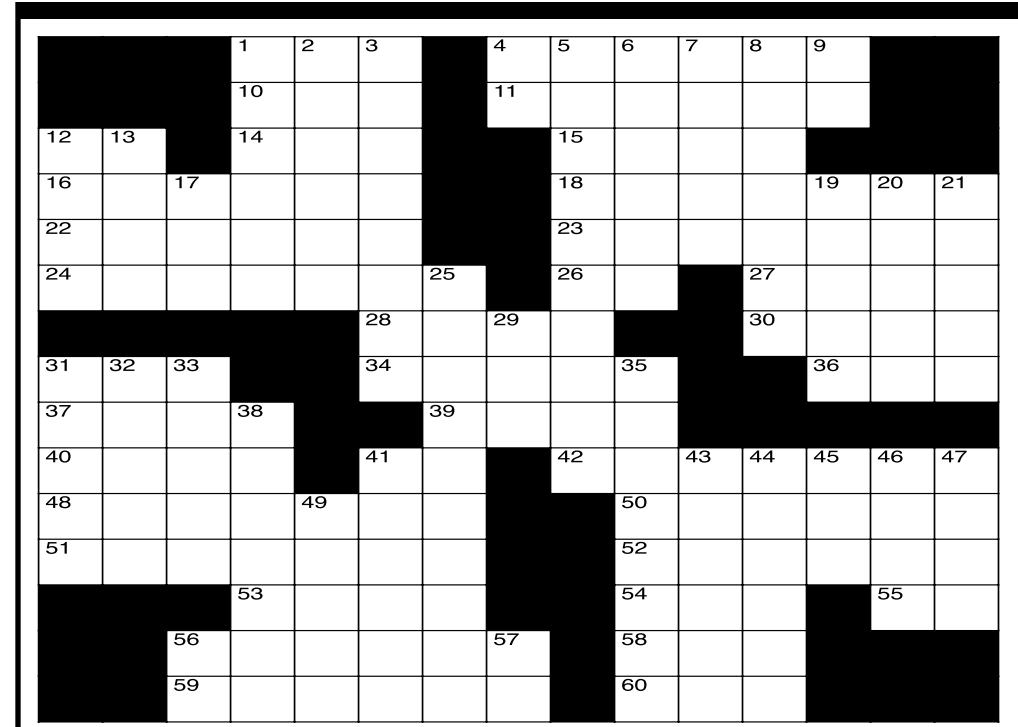
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 - 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
 - 10. No (Scottish)
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 - 12. Morning
 - 14. Senior’s son (abbr.)
 - 15. A notable achievement
 - 16. European nation
 - 18. Endings
 - 22. Puts into place
 - 23. Former
 - 24. Grenadier
 - 26. Sea patrol
 - 27. Algerian port
 - 28. Norwegian river
 - 30. Precipitation
 - 31. Sunscreen rating
 - 34. New York is one
 - 36. Patti Hearst’s
 - 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
 - 39. Retired Brazilian footballer
 - 40. An Indian nursemaid
 - 41. Atomic #24
 - 42. Immobile
 - 48. Insignia of royalty
 - 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
 - 51. Begin again
 - 52. Round root
 - 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
 - 54. What newlyweds just said
 - 55. Empire State
 - 56. Give back
 - 58. College hoops tournament
 - 59. Unstable situations
 - 60. Young women’s association
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Administer a drug
 - 2. Holy places
 - 3. Contrary opinions
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 - 6. Micturating
 - 7. Silly
 - 8. A type of “cuff”
 - 9. Spanish be
 - 12. Austrian river
 - 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 17. Consume food
 - 19. California supermarket
 - 20. Electronic communication
 - 21. Cassia tree
 - 25. Written works
 - 29. Cool!
 - 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
 - 32. One who was compensated
 - 33. National symbols
 - 35. Raising
 - 38. A type of talk
 - 41. Cloud
 - 43. Middle Eastern peoples
 - 44. Pouches
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