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"We have an emergency food pantry and a thrift shop. The thrift shop supports the food pantry," noted Turcotte who explained how important this event is to the Center. "It's a tremendous help. It will help us buy a lot of food to help get us through the holiday time and pay a couple of bills."

Asked if she's seen an increase in need, Turcotte responded, "Yes, a lot of need, especially with the SNAP cuts and everything. There's a lot more families in need."

George Reich, who has been a Knight for 10 years and was in his third year chairing this event, was pleased with what they've been able to accomplish.

"Last year, at this dinner, we raised and donated $9,000 to the Survival Center," Reich said.

When asked why this event was important for the Knights, Reich replied, "This is one of the opportunities we have to give back," and highlighted the many volunteer man-hours their members provided in the kitchen as well as with ticket sales, soliciting raffle prizes, decorating the room and serving as bartenders for the event.

Judging from the packed parking lot, it was no surprise that the Knights had another sell-out crowd that came for the dinner. On the menu for the second year in a row was a crowd favorite of Chicken Parmesan, pasta, salad, bread, coffee and a plate of two cannolis to close out the meal.

What was the audience reaction to the meal?

"They love what they're getting. You can see their eyes light up….It's all made from scratch," said Eric Forni from Hampden, a Knight and one of the sauce servers.

(L-R) Clinton Mathias (Wilbraham), Autumn Mathias (Wilbraham), Fabienne Dubois (Wilbraham) and Patrice Dubois (Wilbraham) enjoy the event.

Many members of the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 were present to handle the various tasks for the evening such as cooking and serving the entrée buffet style as well as selling tickets for their "legendary" raffle consisting of 45 items donated by many local businesses, organizations, parishioners and Knights.

Many gift cards, gift baskets and other items were available for lucky attendees to win with a separate raffle drawing for the Grand Prize of a set of assorted lottery tickets and a $100 bill.

Youth volunteers from St. Cecilia's Parish were on hand to help with the serving of tables as needed as well as the clean-up and putting away chairs after the event.

In his comments before the meal blessing, Fr. James Nolte, St. Cecilia's Pastor, expressed his gratitude to everyone for coming and especially for the hard work of the Knights and their helpers.

"It's wonderful that we're doing this for the Survival Center and to help out those less fortunate," Nolte said.

Turley photos by Harold Anderson

From left to right, Knight Bill Jolivet (Ludlow), Knight Matt Villamaino (Wilbraham) and Knight Eric Forni (Hampden).

Background music during dinner was provided by Minnechaug student Ella Gagliarducci playing the piano with fellow student Elijah Mathias playing violin. After the meal, the audience enjoyed Italian classics and sing-a-long selections sung by Carol Adamski-Maggi, a cantor at St. Cecilia's Parish, with piano accompaniment by Gagliarducci.

"I think it's a wonderful way to bring community together," Adamski-Maggi said.

At each table was a small printed songbook featuring the lyrics to the evening's song set of "Funiculì, Funiculà", "Torno a Surriento," "That's Amore," "O Sole Mio," "Volare," "Non Dimenticar," "Santa Lucia" and "Arrivederci Roma."

Here is Grand Knight Josh Mitchell with the banner.

Knight Giuseppe Danielle of Wilbraham joined in with his powerful baritone voice to accompany Adamski-Maggi in a few of the musical numbers, much to the delight of the audience.

Turcotte was pleased with how the evening turned out.

"The food was great. It was a sellout. It was a good night," Turcotte said.

Grand Knight Josh Mitchell stressed the importance of the work of the Knights of Columbus.

"It's charity, it's faith, the unity that we have with our brother Knights, all that encompasses into one. We're helping not only our parish, but our community (as well)," Mitchell said.

Reich was proud of the work the Knights of Columbus Council 10195 has done over the years, noting, "Over the last 10 years, we have donated $346,000 to groups such as this (all events combined)…. We do a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We do an Easter Food Drive…..We just completed a Coats for Kids Drive…They were doing a Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend…..We do numerous events throughout the year."

"The Knights are always looking for new members. We have a wide range of ages… We have a vibrant, active group," Reich said.

To learn more about the Knights, visit kofcwilbraham.com. Information about the Community Survival Center is available at communitysurvivalcenter.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Wilbraham Community Preservation Committee Annual Public Hearing

The Wilbraham Community Preservation Committee will hold its Annual Public Hearing on **Thursday, November 5th, 2026 at 6:00 PM** in the conference room at the Wilbraham Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street.

The purpose of this hearing is to get input from the general public as it relates to Community Preservation efforts in Wilbraham in the categories of Open Space, Historic Resources, Recreational Land and Community Housing. Members of other municipal boards and committees as well as Town employees are also welcome to attend. This hearing will be followed by a regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee. The agenda for the hearing/meeting will be posted on the Town Hall outdoor bulletin board and on the Town's website at https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time and date

10/22, 10/29/2026

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM PUBLIC HEARING: TAX CLASSIFICATION

(Posted October 20, 2026)

The hearing will begin at 6:30 PM, November 10, 2026

The Wilbraham Select Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Town Office Building, Select Board's Meeting Room, 240 Springfield Street, for the purpose of explaining, and soliciting comments relevant to, the establishment of the property tax rate for fiscal year 2027. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25. Residents may comment relative to the adoption of the tax levy percentages required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended. Anyone wishing to testify or comment should participate, virtually or in person, at the hearing at the time and date noted above.

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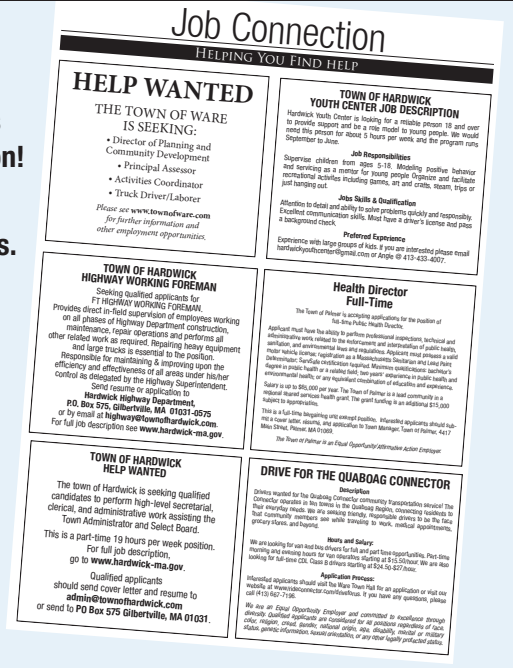
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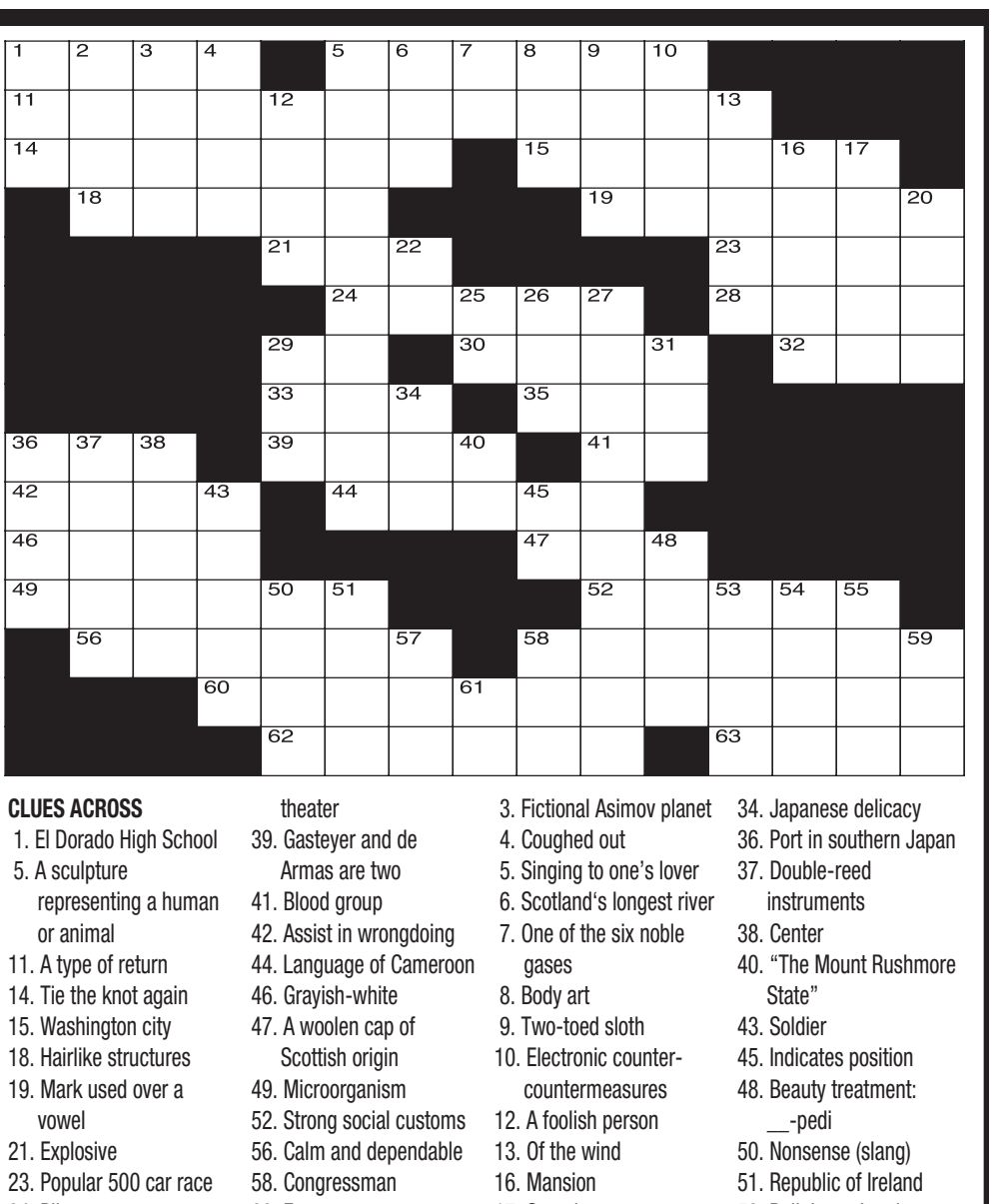

CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I