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Plans and these teachers can't do it by themselves."

"It, really, it's a lot to cut there from what I understand. Not saying we're bare bones, but certainly we can't lose these paras and these programs that we have that make our school great. There's a lot of great departments here, we want to look after all of our employees, but, last thing I want to do is see our schools get cut and seeing these kids lose out on the opportunities of learning the way they intended to when we moved here. I mean, this is such a great district," Hodges said.

Aurora Pierangelo Frias said, "This budget is not just about the School Committee, but we really need to start thinking creatively about our entire town" and "we really need to take a hard look and act" on where and how money is spent and getting perspective from residents.

"I'm happy to hear that you guys are making future priorities a priority, but I got an email today from someone who texted me from 10 years ago when we were having these same conversations and it's exhausting as a parent and as a resident to continue to come to the table every March and figure out how your kindergarten teachers are going to be supported. How your ESL programs are going to continue. We know

that costs are rising," Pierangelo Frias said.

Genevieve Rose spoke about possible cuts for the elementary band program, listing the many benefits that would be lost for students' development including cognitive skills and brain development for hand-eye coordination when learning an instrument, auditory skills and memory and problem-solving and critical thinking skills, fostering creativity and artistic expression and a sense of discipline and commitment, which can be applied to all academic areas.

"So, taking away of that removes a humongous creative outlet for all of those students potentially and then all of those extra benefits that go along with it," Rose said. "I'm just hoping that with a little more reflection that people might realize that taking away the elementary band program would probably not be in our best interest. Definitely not in our best interest as a town."

Kira Smith, a fourth grader at Green Meadows Elementary School, was joined by her mother, Tracy, when addressing the School Committee. She has done chorus for two years and is in her first year of drama.

"I will give you a couple of reasons to not shut down these activities. One reason is that kids could find their passion and socialize. An-

other reason is drama course, strings and band are part of our lifestyle, but field trips are only once a year and not that important," Smith said. "Therefore, I think you should not shut down these activities."

Karen Romano--who also spoke at the Finance Committee meeting the night before and organized a petition with Renee Bracey to advocate for no cuts--stressed making sure the needs and talents of everyone are supported, along with coming together as a community with elected officials to have conversations on how to find other funding sources for the school district "outside of just taxes."

"You are put into a very difficult position, the Finance Committee's put into a very difficult position, but I can tell the people in this room right now or anybody who's listening online the conversations I have had this week with the elected officials in this town have been positive. They have shown support for the school, they have shown support for all of those programs and I just think it's important for everybody to know that. Nobody is out there saying that there's something more important than education, but it's a matter of balancing all of those needs, which is a difficult job to do," Romano said.

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I will be stepping down this year. People usually stay for two years but the club asked me to stay on it. I love it and enjoy it, but there are other people that would like to step up so it's my time to step back and pay it forward," Pahl said. "I joined this club before the pandemic, I've been retired for around eight years but there are people who've been part of this club for over 40 years."

The St. Cecilia Women's Club started in 1952, with one of the more memorable details the women did back in the day was the Traveling Food Sale.

"They would go in their station wagons and would drive around selling baked goods. When you hear about a bake sale, it's usually held inside, but not them. It was nice!" Pahl said

In the year 1965, in 13 years, the club grew from 35 members to a total of 309 members. In 2025, the Women's Club has around 225 members in attendance, a statistic that Pahl is proud of.

Describing the inner workings of the club more, Pahl mentioned the variety of committees members can belong to and the freedom of volunteering time in the club. By having the ability to choose your own months, different people can pitch in at different times, making it accessible for members who are still working or leading a busy schedule.

"You choose your months and can choose different activities and events that you are interested in. You have chair people for all the committees, then that chairperson works with their committee in developing a schedule that would eventually be produced in a booklet. If peo-



Submitted photo Sue Agnew
Left to right: Jackie Pahl, club president, Chris Veale & Kim Lawler, co-chairs of a fun evening.

ple are interested, guests are welcome to join our meetings and learn about the club. If they're interested, they can join, it's open to everyone. Any women in the parish," Pahl said. "I have been in this parish for over 25 years, I joined because I had family members that live in the town and had been to masses here and I just really liked the parish. Belonging here for over 25 years is unique, it's a very welcoming parish and this club is very welcoming. Everybody helps each other and people are friendly."

This Mardi Gras meeting was meant to be entertaining and offer a spiritual offering to make the members feel good about themselves. When asked if this meeting was particularly her favorite, Pahl said this.

"There's no particular

meeting of the year that I can say I like better, I like them all. They're all interesting. There's a lot of planning involved, when we determine what we want the vice president that's in charge calls speakers and sets up the meeting," Pahl said. "This Mardi Gras meeting is different because it was run by two members, Chris and Kim who both decorated the place with balloons, tablescapes, and ran all the activities."

Ending with a few words, Pahl summed it up this way.

"It's nice seeing the fun that people were having, you know? They were really having a good time with the games and it being Fat Tuesday, it's special because we know tomorrow and for the next few weeks, it's Lent. We won't be partying like this," Pahl said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM** on the application of Matthew Reid for a special permit (ZBA25-02) under the provisions of Section 3.9.2.13 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow a Screen Printing and Graphic Design (t-shirt printing) business to be operated as a Home Occupation in the existing attached garage on property owned by Matthew Reid located at 10 Joan Street 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/400439277> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 400-439-277).

Edward Kivari Jr., Chairman
03/06, 03/13/2025

WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:45 PM** on the application of Western Recycling for a special permit (ZBA25-01) under the provisions of Section 3.4.6.9 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow the installation of a 6,000 gallon diesel above-ground storage tank on property owned by 120 Old Boston Road Recycling Co., LLC, located at 120 Old Boston Road 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.

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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 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P0340EA Estate of:

Lawrence W Hatch Date of Death: 03/11/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eva A Wiseman of Hampden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Eva A Wiseman of Hampden, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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 03/19/2025.** 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

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of **March 28, 2025** the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien: Vehicle : 2009 Nissan Frontier VIN#: 1N6AA07C29N317650 COLOR: Gray LKO: Jarrett Kirsche 52 Hilltop Dr Manchester CT 06043 R & S Assoc. Inc PO Box 543 Wilbraham MA 01095 413-596-4374 03/13, 03/20, 03/27/2025

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any

matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 19, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
03/13/2025

Town of Wilbraham Invitation for Sealed Bids

The Town of Wilbraham invites sealed bids for the mowing of Town properties.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Specifications and bid instructions available beginning Thursday, March 13th and can be acquired by visiting the Town of Wilbraham website at wilbraham-ma.gov or by emailing sboyd@wilbraham-ma.gov

Sealed bids will be accepted at Wilbraham Town Hall, 240 Springfield St., Wilbraham, MA at the Select Board office **until March 27th, 2025 at 12:00 PM** at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. 03/13/2025



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