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Firefighter Drew Bzoska, Retired Police Officer Mark Wilkes holding his commemorative jersey from the Chicopee Fire Department and Firefighter/EMT Val Stein smile for a group photo on March 27.

## Ret. Officer Mark Wilkes reflects on recovery one year after heart attack

First responders also share their story

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CHICOPEE - Ret. Officer Mark Wilkes is forever thankful to the first responders who saved his life after his massive heart attack last year.

On March 12, 2023, Wilkes suffered a heart attack after taking part in the Battle of the Badges and was hospitalized for 175 days, enduring additional health struggles, including a stroke, septic shock, another heart attack, his gall bladder removed and complete kidney failure that came back.

Wilkes was, also, revived twice.

Since then, the community has rallied behind him through

charity events at Leadfoot Brewing and the Portuguese American Club, umbrella sales at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grille, a charity golf tournament at the Chicopee Country Club and window decals with the character Shrek, a nickname Wilkes went by, available for purchase at the police station.

Fast forward to now, Wilkes retired from the police department on March 8 after 23 years and recently served as the guest of honor at this year's Battle of the Badges, dropping the ceremonial first puck and receiving a commemorative jersey from the fire department and a sweatshirt from the Boys & Girls Club.

Recovery-wise, he had a defibrillator put in on March 1 and is scheduled to have an ileostomy bag reversed on April

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## CFD tops CPD in Battle of the Badges



TURLEY PHOTOS BY NICK BOONSTRA

The Chicopee Fire Department mounted considerable early pressure, forcing Officer Kevin Robert into a number of saves.

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CHICOPEE - The fire and police departments faced off at Fitzpatrick Arena in Holyoke for their annual Battle of the Badges hockey game on March 23.

The fire department sealed a late 6-4 win to secure the trophy for their side of the Public Safety Complex.

However, everyone participating agreed that the most important aspects of the event were the good causes behind it, with Retired Police Officer Mark Wilkes honored prior to the start of the game one year after suffering a life-altering heart attack, and funds raised to benefit local charities and students.

Wilkes suffered a shock heart attack shortly after participating in last year's Battle of the Badges and received life-saving resuscitation from some of the same people he had competed against on the ice only a couple hours prior.

Fire Chief Daniel Stambor-



Retired Officer Mark Wilkes was honored before the game after having suffered a heart attack following last year's Battle of the Badges

ski reflected on the response to Wilkes' emergency after this year's game.

"We were at an afterparty last year and our hearts sank when we saw the ambulance going by where we were at," Stamborski said.

Stamborski added that it had been an honor for his department "being able to participate in saving a coworker's life."

Police Chief Patrick Major also highlighted the miracle

of seeing Wilkes return for this year's event.

"One of the best parts about the game today was seeing our friend and brother Officer Mark Wilkes back on the ice," Major said.

Wilkes was recognized at center ice before the game commenced, receiving a standing ovation, and was also given the opportunity to perform the cere-

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## Chicopee honors Vietnam Veterans on Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members, veterans and their families gathered at the senior center on March 27 for Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day.

The event not only honored Vietnam War Veterans but also remembered the 15 fallen veterans from Chicopee who never made it home.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees viewed a display from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11 about the Vietnam War, the state and a memori-

al space for the 15 fallen, met with resources and programs including the American Legion, attended a presentation recognizing Vietnam Veterans Day and participated in a candlelight ceremony for the 15 fallen.

For the presentation, the Chicopee High School Junior ROTC presented the colors and conducted a sabre demonstration, with welcome remarks provided by Louis Brault, commander of Post 275, the invocation by Frank Kolek, American Legion Post 353 member, John Beau- lieu of the Chicopee Veterans Advisory Board conducting the POW Table ceremony, remarks from Mayor John Vieau, Col.

Jordan Murphy, maintenance group commander at Westover Air Reserve Base, State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Rosemary Duchowski, officer of the Friends of the Senior Center at RiverMills, and Delfo Barabani, commander, from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111.

The National Anthem was performed by Larry White, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111, while Sydney Benoit, a student at Pope Francis High School, performed "America the Beautiful."

A rendition of "TAPS" was

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From the left, Army Specialist 5 Larry White, Army Sgt. Lou Arasate, Army Specialist 4 Glen Wiley and Army Sgt. Josh Morin smile for a group photo during the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day event at the RiverMills Senior Center on March 27.

# New DPW projects to bring wing snowplow and street resurfacing to Chicopee

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CHICOPEE - Mayor John Vieau announced on March 19 two Department of Public Works requests for street resurfacing projects and a wing snowplow purchase.

First, an appropriation of \$3 million for the City Wide Ward Program from the Stabilization Fund.

Vieau said the project would use Chapter 90 funds to work on street resurfacing projects for multiple streets, which are Johnson Road, Griffith Road, three sections of Better Way, Moore Street, Lemuel Avenue, Glenwood Street, Gilbert Avenue, Bromont Street, Ludlow Road, New Ludlow Road, Lawrence Road and Gardner Road.

Vieau clarified Chapter 90 funding is reimbursement from the state.

"So it's approximately about just over a year and a half worth of work that we're going to be doing this spring and into the summer and probably into the fall," Vieau said.

DPW Superintendent Elizabette Batista added it should go "fairly quickly."

"These are road resurfacing projects, so they go pretty fast," Batista said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello called it "great news for the city."

"Resurfacing these roads are very, very important to our constituents," Costello said.

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky thanked Vieau and Batista for including



The Department of Public Works in Chicopee.

Johnson Road.

"I know that I have received constituent concerns specifically about this road, so I'm sure the residents will appreciate it," Shumsky said.

Next, an appropriation of \$38,940 to purchase a wing snowplow.

Vieau explained the request came from a working foreman "who felt that he could more effectively help during the winter snowstorms by adding a wing plow."

"I have the utmost confidence in his abilities and certainly feel this could help, again, using technology to help clean our streets in a more effective, more efficient

manner," Vieau said.

Batista explained how a wing plow is often used by the state and for wider roads.

"What it does is that when you see the trucks typically plowing, it's a kind of like three trucks in a row. You have the initial push, then you have an intermediate push and then you have the final push to the gutter," Batista said. "What a wing plow does is, essentially, takes two plows and trucks and helps push it to the gutter. So, instead of having three in a train, you would only have two."

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner asked if the equipment would require additional training, citing snowplows hitting

mailboxes on residents' properties.

"Or how are we going to make sure that people are going to be using it safely to avoid any city liability in the future?" Wagner said.

Batista replied mailbox damage is "not an uncommon thing."

"It's not that the plows actually hit the mailbox directly. You see, sometimes, people build like a shield in front of their mailbox," Batista said. "Because when you're pushing snow, sometimes it's the force of the snow. It pushes against the mailbox, and if the mailbox is maybe older and not as strong, it sometimes breaks."

Following Wagner's thoughts, Costello asked this.

"Would this type of plow be more for a larger street, like you said, than a side street?" Costello said.

Batista confirmed yes.

"It's mounted to one of our bigger dump trucks," Batista said. "You have to be able to support the weight of the plow. So, this is not something that we would use on side streets or anything that would be narrow."

Vieau added the plow is retractable too.

"It could be moved back against the to the side of the vehicle as well," Vieau said.

Costello was satisfied with the answer.

"That's great. You're being innovative in regards to getting this new equipment into our city," Costello said.

Both requests were later approved by City Council 12-0.

## Annual Scholarship Family Game & Card Party takes place on April 11

CHICOPEE - Franco-American Womens' Association is sponsoring their annual Family Game & Card Party on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. It is being held in the Church Hall of Ste Rose de Lima Church, Grattan Street, Chicopee.

Plan an evening out with your friends and family playing cards and games. Sandwiches, beverages, and desserts are available or you can bring your own snacks. Lots of raffle prizes, including cash, will be given away.

We have been active in the area for over 70 years and we are also looking for new members who are Women of Franco-American Heritage. Our mission is to provide scholarships for higher education to

member's children and grandchildren. In 2023 through the generosity of our patrons and donors, we awarded sixteen \$500 scholarships to children and grandchildren of our members.

Members are from Chicopee and surrounding cities. We meet once a month and have this one fundraiser every year. For donations to the fund or to the raffle prize table, please contact Christine at 413-530-6113 by Friday, April 5 to have your name or business included on the Prize List.

To purchase Admission Tickets (\$5 each), please call Renelle at 413-315-8285 or Michelle at ML141@aol.com.

## CPD read to students at VOC and local schools



Photos courtesy of Chicopee Police Department

CHICOPEE - Members of the police department and C3 Units spent time reading to kids at the Valley Opportunity Council, Bowe Elementary School and St. Joan of Arc School this month.

On March 21 the C3 Center Unit, accompanied by Ofc. Beaulieu visited Bowe Elementary School, while the C3 Willimansett Unit stopped by the Valley Opportunity Council on March 22. On March 18, Ofc. Jusino of the C3 Willimansett Unit visited St. Joan of Arc School.



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## City Council approves Municipal ADA Improvement Grant after review

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved a Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Award totaling \$66,990 on March 19 after review from the Finance Committee.

The grant, announced by Mayor John Vieau at the March 7 meeting, would be used for a new vertical lift and create a connector bridge between the main building and the annex at city hall.

Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski said, "It's crucial that it gets approved tonight."

"Because we want to get it going because of limited workload on the contractor's part," Zygarowski said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello thanked the Finance Committee for having a meeting so the order would go before the City Council that evening.

"This is an important order because it's an ADA Improvement Grant award that we were talking about and discussing whether or not to accept this," Costello said.

The motion passed 12-0.

Another highlight were the appointments of Planning Director Lee Pouliot, Stephanie Shaw, director of Veterans Services, Planning Board members Michael Sarnelli and Eric Oulette and Chicopee Housing Authority member Brian Hickey.

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff said Pouliot would be appointed for three more years in the role.

"I think we're very lucky to have him and he's done wonderful work in the city," Goff said.

The motion to appoint Pouliot passed 12-0.

Next, Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks said Shaw would be reappointed in her role.

"She's done a wonderful job," Brooks said.

The motion to reappoint Shaw passed 12-0.

On the appointment of Planning Board member Cynthia Labrie, the motion was to withdraw.

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner explained why.

"This was a mistake on the part of the mayor's staff. They have lots of appointments to keep track of, so they accidentally put up someone up for nomination who's term had not yet ex-

pired," Wagner said.

Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie then said this.

"I just wanted to point out it's not a relative of mine. Just the same last name," Labrie said.

The motion to withdraw passed 12-0.

For Sarnelli's appointment, Costello said his would be a five-year term.

The motion to appoint Sarnelli passed 12-0.

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits said Oulette "has served successfully on the Planning Board."

"We want him to continue his good work for another five years," Krampits said.

The motion to reappoint Oulette passed 12-0.

Finally, Wagner said Hickey was a reappointment to the housing authority.

The motion to appoint Hickey passed 12-0.

Next, two applications for a new zone change and new special permit were approved.

The first pertains to a zone change from Business and Residential A to Business B with mill conversion and commercial center overlay for the entirety of property located at 0 Chicopee Street and 445 Chicopee Street to create one contiguous zoning district.

The change would add the mill conversion and commercial center overlay for the purpose of a proposed residential development.

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier said the application would be received and sent to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee and the Mill Conversion Commercial Center Overlay District Committee for a public hearing.

"We'll take this up in committee," Balakier said.

Following this, a special permit application to install one 20 x 10 inch Conex storage box and move the existing one for more storage at the public safety complex was presented.

Balakier said the application would go to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee and the Engineering Department for a public hearing.

"We will also take this up in committee," Balakier said.

The motion passed 12-0.

The final agenda item, a 2024 auto repair license renewal for Atlantic Coast Enterprises dba Jiffy Lube #119 at 2017 Memorial Dr., passed 12-0.

## Two suspects under arrest in fatal Interstate 391 shooting

SPRINGFIELD - On Wednesday, March 12 at 10 p.m. a vehicle with multiple occupants arrived at Baystate Medical Center, some of whom were suffering from gun-shot wounds, one of the individuals passed away. The surviving occupants were uncooperative, leaving investigators trying to locate a crime scene.

Investigators were able to locate a scene early the next morning on Interstate 391 South between exits 3 and 4.

The deceased victim was identified as Mr. Guyton Winspeare, 35, of Chicopee.

Since the evening of the shooting, investigators from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office have been conducting a thorough investigation into the shooting death of Mr. Winspeare. Through this investigation, investigators were able to develop probable cause for two individuals allegedly involved in the homicide.

On Friday, March 22, an arrest warrant was issued for Noah Torres, 19, of

Springfield. He has subsequently been arrested and arraigned on March 26, 2024 on the following charges: murder, possession of a large capacity firearm without an license, possession of a large capacity feeding device without an license, possession of ammunition. He is currently being held without the right to bail, his next court date April 25, 2024.

Also arrested in connection with this investigation is Kiana Gonzalez, 22, of Holyoke, She is charged with: accessory after the fact, tampering or destruction of evidence, possession of a large capacity firearm without a license, possession of a large capacity feeding device without a license, possession of ammunition without a license. She was arraigned on March 25 and is currently in custody, bail was set at \$100,000. Her next scheduled court date is on April 12, 2024

This investigation is being conducted by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden DA's Office, and the Hampden District Attorney's Murder Unit.

## Elms College presents 5th Annual Rev. Hugh Crean Lecture

CHICOPEE - College of Our Lady of the Elms and the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture will present the 5th annual Rev. Hugh Crean Distinguished Lecture in Catholic Thought on Thursday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. The lecture will take place in-person in the college's Alumnae Library Theater.



Dominic Doyle, Ph.D.

The Distinguished Speaker for this lecture is Dominic Doyle, Ph.D., associate professor of Systematic Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (STM). The theme for Doyle's remarks will be "Christian Humanism and the Theology of Hope."

Most recently, Doyle led the STM's "Neuroscience Education for Theological Training" grant from the Science for Seminars program sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science / Dialogue on Science, Religion and Ethics.

Doyle is currently working on a book exploring the history of the theological virtues, tentatively titled, "Thematic Variations in Theological Virtue."

The St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture at Elms (CERC)

was launched in October 2020 with support from an anonymous naming gift and several significant contributions. The Center aims to increase engagement and discourse on the most pressing and complex questions related to ethics, religion, and culture in today's society, and to lead the regional community in thoughtful, engaging dialogue.

The founding executive director of the CERC is noted bioethicist Peter A. DePergola II, Ph.D., Th.D.c, MTS, HEC-C, Shaughnessy Family Chair for the Study of the Humanities and associate professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities at Elms.

The annual Rev. Hugh Crean Distinguished Lecture was established through an endowment made by B. John (Jack) and Colette Dill to honor the legacy of Rev. Hugh Crean, recognizing Crean's academic work at Elms College and his pastoral ministry throughout the Diocese of Springfield and the entire region.

To register for the in-person lecture, visit: <https://www.elms.edu/events/st-augustine-rev-hugh-crean-distinguished-lecture/>.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Veteran uncertain about Social Security and healthcare coverage

Dear Rusty

I'm not sure what I should sign up for in terms of Social Security; I am 64 and I am still employed full time and intend to stay employed until age 70.

I am retired from the Navy and receive military retirement payments and have military TriCare, as well as medical, dental, eye and life insurance through my employer. I don't want to lose benefits, but I also don't want to take Social Security until it reaches the maximum at age 70 (I think that is correct?). I will turn 65 in four months. Can you advise me?

Signed: Uncertain Veteran

Dear Uncertain Veteran

First of all, thank you for your service to our country. From what you've shared, and since you're still working full time, not claiming Social Security yet is a smart decision. If you were born in 1959 your Full Retirement Age is 66 years and 10 months and, if you claim SS before your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's earning test, which would likely make you ineligible to receive SS benefits at this time.

The 2024 earnings limit (limit changes yearly) when collecting Social Security early is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). If you significantly exceed the limit, SS will declare you temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less.

The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA. So, if you're now employed full time and plan to stay so until age 70 and you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for someone your current age), delaying until age 70 to claim Social Security is how to get your maximum Social Security benefit.

As for your healthcare coverage as a veteran: TriCare requires you to enroll in Medicare Part A inpatient hospitalization coverage and Part B coverage for outpatient services at age 65, but you do not need to take Social Security when you enroll in Medicare. You must, however, enroll in Medicare at age 65 or you will lose your TriCare military healthcare coverage.

You could choose to delay enrolling in Medicare at 65 because you have "creditable" employer coverage, but if you do so you will lose your current TriCare coverage and need to rely solely on your employer healthcare plan. In that case, you would still be able to enroll in both Medicare and TriCare-for-Life without penalty prior to your employer coverage ending and have coverage under both programs thereafter. I suggest you contact TriCare directly at 1-866-773-0404 to discuss your personal TriCare coverage after age 65. You can also go to [www.TriCare4U.com](http://www.TriCare4U.com).

Whenever you enroll, Medicare will be the primary payer of your healthcare costs and TriCare will be the secondary payer. Your vision, dental, and prescription drug coverage would be through TriCare (Medicare does not cover those services) or acquired separately. Just remember, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to have TriCare-for-Life coverage after age 65.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Primroses serve double duty

This week's column was half done when I received a text from a good friend who I haven't seen in a few months.

She had just read last week's article and was reaching out to congratulate me on my impending delivery. What? If I were having a baby, my name may end up in more than just the local paper- try the Guinness Book of World Records.

Anyhow, I accidentally sent an old column in, not the one I revamped in honor of my first born's birthday. I am sorry you all missed out on a few new things I had to say about the Gerber daisy, but I hope this gave you a good laugh.

Another dear friend visited Cape Cod this past week. She left the morning that we had some freezing rain and light snow.

Later in the day I received a picture in a text message that said, "at least it's spring somewhere!" I chuckled as I looked at the pretty Polyantha Primroses (Primula spp.) planted outside of an establishment, almost beckoning tourists to jump start the busy season!

I countered her picture with one of my own, a picture of a primrose in my garden, just greening up but still weeks away from flowering. Why not take a closer look at this double duty plant, just in time for Easter giving.

What exactly do I mean by double duty? Pick one up at the grocery store to enjoy indoors this spring and then plant it in the garden.

Better yet, purchase a primrose as an Easter hostess gift and it will be a spring har-

binger for years to come - a memory of you! Even though they are usually sold in small pots, it's hard to miss their brightly colored flowers poking up through basal foliage.

They come in almost every color of the rainbow. Like the infamous pregnancy gift from last week's column, primroses also fall into the happy plant category!

Many types of primroses make great garden plants; check the label to make sure the one you purchase is hardy before planting it outdoors. I have had a clump of primroses blooming for years now that originally started out as a potted plant.

If it's been growing indoors for a while, be sure to let it harden off a bit before planting it in the ground; a partly shady spot with moisture retentive soil is best.

Typically, primroses need to be divided every three years or so, evident by die-out that begins in the center of the plant. Simply separate a chunk from the outer portion of the plant and replant it in rejuvenated soil.

I prefer to do this early in the season, but it can also be accomplished right after flowering has ended. In the heat of the summer, and especially in drier soils, the plant can look a little yellow and ragged.

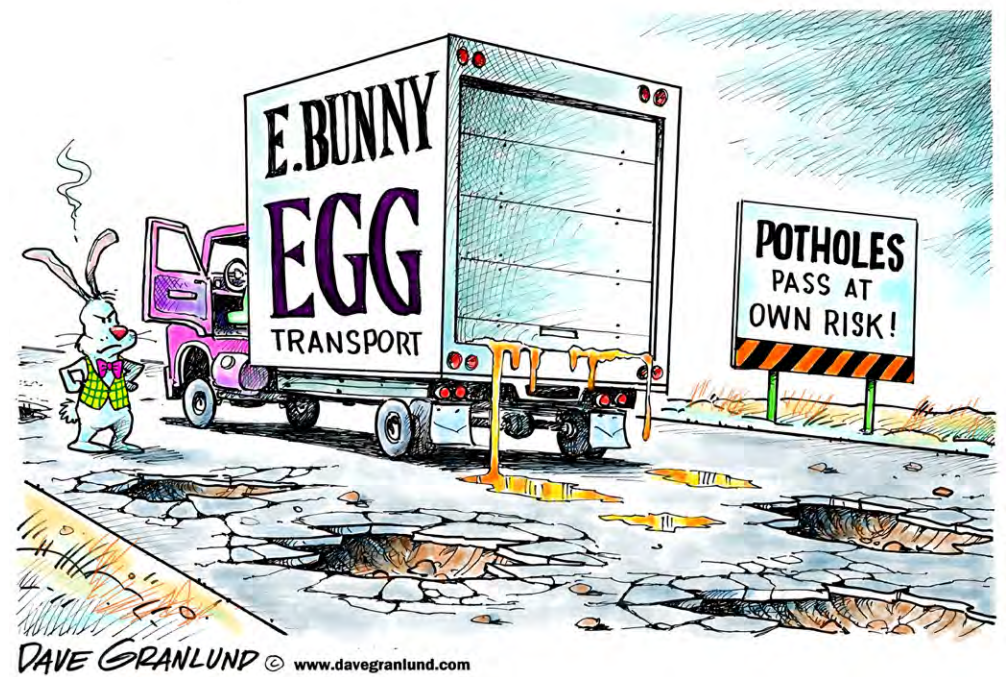
Keeping it well watered helps.

One year, when money was tight, I divided a plant and potted up one of the divisions and gave it to my sister in law as a hostess gift. She still has it growing in her garden, and every once in a while, will send a picture of it happily blooming.

I've tried in earnest to grow Japanese Primrose (Primula japonica) but something in my soil apparently isn't right. I will probably buy another one this year and hope beyond hope to eventually end up with a stand of them like they have in the display gardens at Positively Perennials.

The sea of whorled flowers in light and dark pink is arboretum worthy.

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# Residents request speed limit reduction on New Ludlow Road

Concerns shared with Public Works Committee

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CHICOPEE - The Public Works Committee held a public hearing on March 21 to hear from residents about reducing the speed limit on New Ludlow Road.



Lynn Robinson speaks at the podium about the speed issues on New Ludlow Road during the March 21 meeting.



Amy Santiago offers her thoughts during the public hearing for reducing the speed limit to 25 mph.

The speed reduction would begin at the intersection of Memorial Drive and New Ludlow Road, traveling east to the South Hadley town line.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello explained several residents were concerned about increased traffic and requested a hearing "to determine if that speed limit of 35 miles an hour can be reduced to 30 miles an hour, possibly 25 miles an hour."

City Engineer Douglas Ellis shared how that section of road is governed by a special speed regulation, an agreement the city has with the state.

"The state came in, did speed studies (a) number of years ago and they set these speed limits. So this is governed by the state, not by the city," Ellis said.

After Costello read into the record Section 17c, which pertains to the establishment of a 25 mph speed limit in thickly settled areas or any business district in a city or town in violation, she asked if there was anything the city could do for any modifications to the speed limit.

Ellis replied, "Not without approval from the state."

DPW Superintendent Elizabeth Batista provided additional context, reiterating Ellis's comments on how a petition would need to go to the state to rescind what's in place.

"Even if the city had accepted it or ordinance, the special speed regulation would supersede whatever was set in ordinance. So, if the special speed regulation was set by the state, we have to comply with that," Batista said.

Batista added how there, also, would be "no guarantee, even with petitioning the state, that we would actually be successful" in the speed reduction.

"But, it's something that we can attempt to do," Batista said.

Alan Proulx has seen the road get busier over the years along with the speed of vehicles increasing above the posted 35 mph, working with Costello on more safety measures for the road.

"I watch every morning the kids crossing the road to catch their school buses and many have almost been hit by speeding vehicles. Do we truly have to wait until there's a catastrophic incident like we had on Chicopee Street here on New Ludlow Road before something's done?" Proulx said. "I personally shouldn't have to come to meetings for safety of our roads. This should be done and dealt with by the city officials."

Proulx added the "city doesn't need a road survey."



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

From the left, Ward 9 City Councilor Mary Beth Costello, Ward 8 City Councilor Gary Labrie, Ward 7 City Councilor William Courchesne and Ward 5 City Councilor Frederick Krampits during the March 21 Public Works Committee meeting.

"We're the road survey. We live here," Proulx said. "Safety shouldn't have a price. Safety shouldn't have to wait. Safety is now. We can't keep waiting until something happens. It's just a matter of time before it does."

Lynn Robinson is familiar with New Ludlow Road as her grandparents lived on that street and she owns two houses there, saying speeding has always been a problem but "it has gotten out of control."

"I don't think this is unique to New Ludlow Road. I think it's across the city. I have noticed that the city of Springfield and their thickly settled areas has gone to 25 everywhere, and I think that's something that Chicopee should look into," Robinson said.

Robinson understands why the city is going to the state regarding Chicopee Street as "the amount of accidents that were there is horrific and the amount of people that were hurt," but New Ludlow Road "is an accident waiting to happen."

"Something should be done and it needs to be done and it should happen sooner rather than later," Robinson said. "I think the investment into a state-funded traffic study is well worth it."

Alaina Coakley, a mom who has a child with a disability, encouraged the city to do something.

"I don't think that just because one street is already being

worked on to get a speed change done means that we can't look at another one. They need to be done together. I agree, Chicopee Street needs to be looked at, desperately, but so does New Ludlow (Road)," Coakley said.

Coakley shared how in addition to concerns about children getting hit, she's worried about vehicles passing school buses.

"So not only do we have the problem with the speed, we have a bigger problem with enforcement, or rather the lack thereof," Coakley said. "So we really need to do more to get the police involved to protect us in the neighborhood."

Coakley stressed, "This needs to change."

"Just because it's hard doesn't mean we can't do it. In the meantime, could somebody please have a conversation with the police department and ask them to do more for us?" Coakley said.

Batista clarified Chicopee did adopt the 25 mph for thickly settled areas that Springfield has but "that is only applied in the same in Springfield to unposted speed limit areas with unposted speed limits."

"So, that means neighborhoods or centers where there isn't an actual defined speed limit, then the speed limit is 25, which was enforceable. That's what that is for," Batista said.

Batista stressed she under-

stands the residents' concerns about reducing the speed limit.

"We will," Batista said. "It's not that it's too hard. It's that we don't know the process yet. So, we're going to go through the process and see what it entails."

Batista, again, stressed the modification is not a guarantee and agreed that enforcement is also an issue.

"From what I'm gathering, it sounds like it's an excessive speed issue. By reducing it from 35 or 30 to 25, you're not going to see the result without enforcement. So I just want to stress that," Batista said.

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits asked Attorney Tim Riley about the next steps, including doing a speed study.

"Is that something that the committee, in other words, as part of the report, say we recommend DPW perform a speed limit study?" Krampits said. "Or is that something that Councilor Costello would need to file a separate order to request that, and this would just be placed on file since we've heard from the public?"

Riley said, "It would be better if Councilor Costello filed an order for a speed study."

"But I suggest that, after what the superintendent said, that you have to go to get state approval," Riley said.

The motion to recommend an order for a speed study to be filed passed 4-0.

## Sunshine Village celebrates World Autism Day with interactive experience and reception

CHICOPEE - Sunshine Village invites the community to a special event in celebration of World Autism Day. On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., join us at Chicopee City Hall located at 17 Springfield Street for an engaging sensory showcase highlighting individuality, ability and talent.

In the Mayor's Hallway, guests can explore an interactive exhibit curated by Sunshine Village clients - showcasing their remarkable talents. "We are so happy to again partner with the City of Chicopee to celebrate the unique abilities of so many of the people who attend Sunshine Village's programs. On World Autism Day - and every day - it is important for us recognize that everyone - including those on the autism spectrum - can contribute to our community in meaningful ways," said

Gina Kos, executive director of Sunshine Village.

Following the exhibit, a reception will take place on the 3rd Floor in the Auditorium where attendees will have the opportunity to:

Meet the creators of the exhibit and learn more about their inspirations and processes.

Enjoy refreshments provided by Sunshine Village's Catering Team.

Explore and shop from a unique collection of art, photography, and more - created by Sunshine Village Artists with Distinct Abilities. Every purchase supports entrepreneurial opportunities and instills pride in the individuals who crafted them.

For more information, please contact Corinne Dumont, Community Relations Manager at cdumont@sunshine.us.

## Chicopee Historical Society presenting research tools talk on April 17

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society presents a program about simple research tools and handy resources to use when exploring local history. The talk by Society President Chet Kobierski will illustrate how to research town and neighborhood history, family history and genealogy, and will answer questions on easily available methods to search popular topics.

Jacqueline T. Lynch, local author and Society member, will also be selling her recently published books: "A

Tragic Toast to Christmas: The Infamous Wood Alcohol Deaths of 1919 in Chicopee, Massachusetts"; and the novel "The Little Engine That Killed." The setting for both books is Chicopee Falls. A portion of the proceeds from sale of the books will be donated to the Chicopee Historical Society.

Join us Wednesday, April 17 in the Bazan Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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# IN THE CITY

## BATTLE OF BADGES from page 1

monial first puck drop.

Wilkes announced in recent weeks that he was officially retiring from the police department, having started with the department in 2001.

The game itself was a back-and-forth affair that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats throughout. Despite early pressure from the fire department, the police department went into the first intermission ahead after scoring two goals late in the first period, the second of which came on a power play.

Firefighter Steve Willett scored less than three minutes into the second period, the first of three goals he would net for the squad in black and red. Both sides continued to push for the rest of the period, and the teams went into the second break level tied at 3-3.

The third period saw multiple penalties called on both sides, indicative of the competitive and close nature of the game throughout. Officer Liam Whitman scored four minutes into the period to restore the police department's lead and secure a hat-trick of his own.

After briefly leading only once earlier in the second period, Capt. Ryan Lynch made it 5-4 for the fire department with five and a half minutes remaining in the game. Fire Dispatcher Alex Cunningham further extended that lead three minutes later with a breakaway shorthanded goal, and despite being down to three on the ice for the final stretch, they



Officer Chris Kuenzel and Firefighter Kevin Waller faced off at center ice to start the game



The Chicopee Fire Department mounted considerable early pressure, forcing Officer Kevin Robert into a number of saves.



Dispatcher Jared Boudreau celebrates scoring the game's first goal with his teammates in the first period.



Firefighter Steve Willett celebrates pulling one back for the Fire Department in the second period to cut the deficit to 2-1.



Members of the Chicopee Fire Department celebrate on the ice with their trophy after the game.

were able to hold on for a hard-fought 6-4 win.

The police and fire departments were able to raise over \$9,000 in conjunction with the game, according to a Facebook post on the Battle of the Badges page. Funds raised will be donated to local charities including the Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee as well as to a scholarship fund

for students at both Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

Willett said after the game that the funds being raised were what the annual game was ultimately all about, but that it was still a lot of fun to be able to compete and deepen the bonds within and between both departments.

"We're all competitive, but it

stays on the ice," he said.

Stamborski echoed the same sentiment.

"I really commend all their efforts, to go out there and raise money for such a worthy cause," Stamborski said.

He added, "They get out there, use their personal time — no one's paying them for it," applauding both sides for their

effort not only in the game but in the hours of practice that they put in beforehand.

The chief also admitted that it felt good to win such a close match.

"It was a very good game this year, very competitive," Stamborski said. "It was awesome to finally have the trophy on our side of the safety complex."

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11 and more physical therapy and cardio rehab.

Reflecting on that day, Wilkes explained he has no memory of what happened and didn't know who saved his life until after the fact.

"It's just pretty amazing, to save my life," Wilkes said.

Among the heroes were Firefighters Drew Brzoska and Brandon Haden and Firefighter/EMT Val Stein.

Brzoska said he and Haden were on the ambulance and picked up Stein at the fire station, receiving support from the fire and police departments and private ambulance companies. The police department also escorted them to the hospital.

He added, "It's different when it's someone you know."

"(The) private ambulance company, National Ambulance, they heard everything that was going on over the radio, so they cleared up from Baystate and we picked them up too on the way to the hospital," Brzoska said. "And then we got there, Baystate was all ready to continue care."

Stein said seeing Wilkes in the ambulance was a different experience, adding she got to see him recently and it "was good to see him standing."

"I've always seen him on calls and when it became an emergency, we just stepped into the job," Stein said.

Wilkes continues to receive love from the community and beyond, receiving cards and Facebook posts, adding he was humbled to be honored at this year's Battle of the Badges.

"The outpouring's amazing. The area that I worked in down in Willimansett, the officers that



Fire Capt. Benjamin Turnberg to "John James, manager/organizer of the Chicopee Fire Department hockey team for Battle of the Badges" to create a caption "From the left, Police Capt. Doug Lambert, John James, manager/organizer of the Chicopee Fire Department hockey team for Battle of the Badges, Firefighter Drew Brzoska, Retired Police Officer Mark Wilkes, Firefighter/EMT Val Stein, Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski and Police Chief Patrick Major in a group photo at the Chicopee Fire Department.

work down there now....people are asking, 'How's Shrek doing?'" Wilkes said. "I'm very grateful for the community and all the businesses and sponsors that supported me through this whole journey."

Stein said how Wilkes responded to CPR and getting his pulses back kept her hopeful that day.

"We checked in on him throughout the night. It was very scary there for a couple of weeks," Stein said.

For Brzoska, it was how quickly they responded.

"Like Val was saying earlier, with the early recognition, as soon as possible this was, like, CPR was started immediately and just without the delay," Brzoska said. "It makes a difference."

Stein also credited Brzoska for radioing over to dispatch to get them on the truck as a factor

in saving Wilkes.

"If he hadn't made that decision and we went with one in the back, the outcome would have been different for sure," Stein said.

Brzoska also stressed the importance of recognizing the signs of a heart attack.

"Definitely never be afraid to call 911 and always respond. Any time you have chest pain or anywhere radiates through your arms or your back. Call 911 and we can get you checked out at the hospital," Brzoska said.

Stein added the importance of providing CPR when someone is having a heart attack.

"That's what makes a difference is early CPR. That's what helped Mark for sure. It started immediately as soon as he lost his pulse. That's a changing factor and that'll keep people alive," Stein said.

Moving forward, Wilkes

hopes to be an inspirational speaker.

"If I can be an inspiration to people, that's what I would like to do," Wilkes said. "Maybe talk to academy classes or even people that are having a bad day to say, 'Hey, look what I went through. You can make it. Day's not that bad.'"

As for what keeps him hopeful today, Wilkes said this.

"Just my progress, absolutely, and obviously knowing there is a higher power out there," Wilkes said.

These were the messages Wilkes, Brzoska and Stein wanted to share with the community.

"Just to have hope. That's basically it. I appreciate all the support and stuff," Wilkes said. "You're having a bad day, there's always tomorrow. I'm a testament that, you know, live for today because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."



Retired Police Officer Mark Wilkes with Firefighter/EMT Val Stein, one of the first responders who saved his life after his massive attack on March 12, 2023.

row."

"24/7, the city's got your back. Firefighters and cops working around the clock. We do training constantly and just don't hesitate to call," Stein said.

"We get a lot of support from the community. I just love Chicopee, I grew up in Chicopee, but working, and protecting our citizens is just (great)," Brzoska said.

Brzoska and Stein then turned to Wilkes, sharing these messages with him.

"Just keep grinding," Brzoska said. "I followed your story on Facebook. Every post you made, seeing the growth. It's awesome to see."

"You will always be a brother and you're always welcome in my home," Stein said.

In-kind, Wilkes said this. "Thanks to you two, it's because of you I'm here today," Wilkes said.

# Sports

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Cayden Jimenez goes after the hoop under tight coverage.

## Chicopee 7-8 finishes as runner-up

BELCHERTOWN – Two weeks ago, the Chicopee 7-8 boys Suburban Basketball team competed in its division

finals at Belchertown High School. The Pacers came up short, losing to Agawam in the tough matchup.



Jalen Stone makes his way down the court.



Alex Chebotarev looks to fake around an Agawam player.



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Gabe Pluta shoots in traffic.

## Titans go after Szlats title

CHICOPEE – Earlier this month, the Chicopee Titans were able to compete in the 5-6 division of the Szlats Tournament. The Titans were able to play several matchups with area teams during the four-day tournament.



Sydney Irish looks to shoot.



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Yovita Rzemien extends for a long shot.



Makayla Stodulski goes for a basket at the free throw line.



Olivia Hastings heads for the layup.

## Pioneers fall in Open Cup

LUDLOW – Last Thursday night, the Western Mass. Pioneers opened their season with a matchup in the US Open Cup. The Pioneers faced Union Omaha and unfortunately were shut out by a 4-0 decision. With the loss, the Pioneers Open Cup chances have ended after just one game. The Pioneers will now gear their preparations toward the May 18 season opener. The Pioneers will also have an exhibition contest on May 10 against Third Eye FC.



Abdel Talabi sends a pass away ahead of pressure.



Gianluca Cersosimo sends a free kick away.



Joaquin Lauria Calvo settles the ball before making a pass.



Tomas Duben and Khalid Rose fight to keep the ball with some pressure from the opposition coming on.

# T-Birds rebound to defeat Crunch

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (28-29-3-2) got a hat trick from one of their key stars en route to a 6-4 triumph over the Syracuse Crunch (35-20-4-2) on Saturday night before the 11th consecutive sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center.

It was the home team that drew first blood on the scoreboard. Right winger Will Bitten intercepted a Syracuse pass in Springfield's defensive zone and went in alone on a breakaway. Bitten made a nifty forehand to backhand move before tucking the puck past Syracuse netminder Hugo Alnefelt, notching his 14th goal of the season and giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead at 3:37 of the first.

Unfortunately, the Springfield lead slipped away in the waning seconds of Syracuse's first power play. After taking off on a rush up-ice into the T-Birds zone, Felix Robert filtered a pass into the blue paint that glanced off a defender before slipping in past Vadim Zherenko at 16:22.

The T-Birds, though, responded in kind and regained their one-goal lead with less than a minute to play in the opening period. After a brief give-and-go between Hugh McGing and Hunter Skinner at the offensive blue line, Skinner made a terrific pass through traffic to the left-wing side. Ryan Suzuki received the pass and wasted no time whistling a release past Alnefelt on the glove side of the net for his 10th tally on the year. That marker gave the T-Birds a 2-1 lead going into the first intermission, and Zherenko made that stand up with a sensational diving stop on Walteri Merela with barely a second remaining on the clock on a crease scramble at the end of the frame.

It only took 30 seconds for the Thunderbirds to add to their lead in the second. Mikhail Abramov found his linemate Jakub Vrana streaking down the left wing on a stretch pass. Vrana took the feed and ripped a perfect shot past the glove of the Syracuse netminder to give Springfield a 3-1 lead.

Still, Syracuse would not go away as they narrowed the Springfield lead back to one less than three minutes later. After a Syracuse shot took a crazy carom

off the plexiglass behind Zherenko, the puck found the stick of Crunch defenseman Devante Stephens, who quickly spun a turnaround shot through Zherenko to make it 3-2 at 2:44.

Tempers flared shortly thereafter as Sam Bitten and Tyson Feist dropped the gloves at the 14:11 mark of the period. As he had done all season, Bitten's fight fired up the sold-out crowd in the Thunderdome, and it, in turn, led to offensive fireworks a few minutes later. After Quinn Schmiemann was called for a hooking infraction, Will Bitten got his second of the night, taking advantage of a crazy carom off the corner glass that skittered right to him in front of Alnefelt. While the Crunch goalie got a piece, the puck squeezed home, and the two-goal lead was restored, 4-2, at 9:59 of the middle frame.

Vrana and Bitten's line was not done, either. As the game went to 4-on-4 in the closing minutes, Vrana and Abramov capitalized on a 2-on-1, as Abramov slipped a left-wing shot over Alnefelt's glove, giving Springfield a 5-2 lead at 17:46, a lead that carried into the intermission.

Syracuse did not go quietly into the night, and Ilya Usau's goal at 4:46 made it a 5-3 game. Zherenko kept the Crunch at bay until Alnefelt went to the bench for an extra skater with under six minutes to play. Just moments after the ensuing faceoff, Cole Koepke redirected a pass in the slot from Alex Barre-Boulet, and the Springfield lead was down to 5-4 with just 5:05 to go.

Things got dicey for Springfield with just over a minute to play when a Barre-Boulet shot squeezed through Zherenko's legs and rolled precariously across the goal line. Jack Finley seemed to have a wide-open net, but he could not get the puck across the line, and the T-Birds survived the threat.

Bitten capped off his sweet night by racing up ice and chipping the loose puck into the empty net with 1:01 remaining, making it a 6-4 final.

Springfield begins a crucial six-game road trip on Friday night in Hartford against the Wolf Pack.



A wide shot of the memorial space honoring the 15 Vietnam Veterans of Chicopee who never made it home post-candlelight ceremony during the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day event at the RiverMills Senior Center.

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also performed near the end of the presentation.

Vieau said on this day, "We honor those who laid down their lives in service to our nation and, equally, to hold close in our hearts, those who remain missing in action."

"It is a day to acknowledge the cost of freedom, a price paid dearly by the 15 Chicopee and many others whose fate is yet to be known," Vieau said. "The cold rain and challenges of our times has not dampened our spirit in the past and we gather, whether in person or in spirit, to honor these brave individuals. At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, each of the 15 brick pillars stands as a testament of their courage, their names etched in stone and in our hearts forever."

Murphy reflected on how Westover Air Reserve Base has participated in each war conflict since World War II, specifically focusing on the Vietnam War and how those on base had to cross protests and sit-ins at the Industrial and Central Avenues fences just to come to work.

Families of the deployed living nearby also endured the hostility.

"However, we again have this opportunity today to extend to you all that welcome home you should have received and your families should have received a long time ago," Murphy said.

Oliveira spoke on behalf of the State Legislature, saying how Chicopee is "one of the most Veterans-friendly communities in all of Western Massachusetts."

Oliveira stressed how his generation has learned to respect veterans.

"Even if you disagree with the politics of a war, you can still support and honor and respect the troops. That's what my generation learned and as we celebrate all those who have served our nation, those

ensuring that we're protected back here, we have an obligation as a commonwealth, as a community and as a country to always invest in our veterans and ensure they have access to the services that they earned by sacrificing for all of us," Oliveira said.

White, who worked in intelligence at the command headquarters in Vietnam, said the senior center "has a wonderful thing in recognizing a special day for Vietnam Veterans," stressing the importance of also recognizing the fallen.

When he returned, he was told to get into his civilian clothes and go home and not mention the war.

"We came out of our hiding when Desert Storm happened. A lot of us decided we were going to do something to make sure the young men that were going overseas to fight another war were going without knowing that people cared about them or worried about them and supported them," White said.

White added the 15 fallen "are here with us."

"Make sure that they're there with us. They're not on the wall on the columns up in Willimansett. They're here with us. They're part of this event. They can't speak to us, but their service certainly does speak to us," White said.

Army Sgt. Josh Morin served as a French interpreter during the war, having displayed his photos and a bell to attendees of his time stationed in Saigon.

When Morin returned home and interviewed for a job, he shared he served in Vietnam and the interview was over immediately.

"That happened two more times that week. So, I ended up going to a place in Agawam and when they interviewed me, I didn't say anything about being in Vietnam," Morin said. "And I was there 18 years."

Morin wants the community to check out all events recognizing veterans and hopes attendees learn about respect.

"Just come over here. We do this once a year and it's a very nice event," Morin said.

White's message is to teach the young people about the veterans and encourage them to serve their country.

"So, I would like to see more of that as far as those younger people becoming more aware, becoming involved and more invested in their country, because it's the only one they have," White said.



Army National Guard Sgt. and Coast Guard Quartermaster, Second Class Joe Donald Loiselle Jr. and Navy Petty Officer Third Class Charley Burke Jr. at the American Legion table during the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day event at the RiverMills Senior Center on March 27.

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Date of Death: 04/01/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Gregory LaFountain of Springfield, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law 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 04/05/2024.

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.  
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 18, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

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1999 Toyota Corolla  
VIN: 2T1BR18E4XC231505  
Elizabeth Santiago-Bonilla  
110 Hampshire St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
1994 Mercury Sable  
VIN: 1MELM50U2RA649841  
Ronald Banister  
66 S Prospect St  
Turners Falls, MA 01349  
2013 Nissan Sentra  
VIN: 3N1AB7AP5DL772587  
Devondrick Ines  
473 Stafford St.  
Cherry Valley, MA 01611  
2010 Ford F250 Super Duty  
VIN: 1FTSW2BRXAEA27001  
Alexander Resnikoff  
124 Joel Dr.  
Hebron, CT 06248  
2013 Ford Fusion  
VIN: 3FA6P0H76DR239913  
Lucas Santos Da Silva  
206 Pilgrim Ave. Apt 1  
Worcester, MA 01604  
2013 Nissan Sentra  
VIN: 3N1AB7AP1DL562987  
Madison Boothe  
27 N Main St Apt 3  
Webster, MA 01570  
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VIN: 5N1AT2MV8FC760869  
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Chicopee, MA 01020  
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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. HD24P0622EA  
Estate of:

Robert Joseph Lavoie  
Date of Death: 01/23/2024  
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 Renate-Marie Riley of Chesterfield, 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: Renate-Marie Riley of Chesterfield, M be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Date: March 21, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

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. HD24C0094CA  
In the matter of:

Beatrice Matos  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 15, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD14P0550GD  
In the interests of

Krystyna Pilat  
Of: Chicopee, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Wladyslaw Pilat of Chicopee, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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 04/25/2024. 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.

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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 expenses.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 21, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

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. HD24C0059CA  
In the matter of:  
Donald Recado Roache  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Donald Recado Roache of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Don Recado Roache  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
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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: March 21, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

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. HD24C0102CA  
In the matter of:

Rhonda Lynn Santiago  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Rhonda Lynn Santiago of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Rhonda Lynn Johnson  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 20, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

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. HD24P0265EA  
Estate of:

Susan Marie Rebello  
Date of Death: 11/09/2023  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Allison L. Rebello of Chicopee, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Allison L. Rebello of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses

Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
03/29/2024

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"This is the third year we are holding this event, and after the high caliber of nominees we received during first two years, we're even more excited to review this year's candidates," said Amie Miarecki, JAWM president. "As we have seen, there are many students who are making meaningful impacts in their local communities across our service area. We encourage teachers, youth group leaders, mentors, parents or other community members to submit nominations."

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 5, 2024. The judges will then select finalists to interview via Zoom. The final 18 will be notified of their selection in late April. Recipients will be honored at an event at Tower Square in Springfield, MA on May 16. They will also be featured in various local media outlets and benefit from a meaningful new network of community leaders and peers. They may also receive additional opportunities through event partners.

Nominations are open to students 18 years or younger who attend school in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire counties; Tantasqua and Quaboag Regional School Districts; or the State of Vermont. Involvement in JAWM programs is not required; however, it is considered favorably during the evaluation process. A letter of reference and an academic submission to support the nomination are required.

The judging criteria is divided into three categories: Innovative Spirit, Leadership and Community Involvement. For more information about the criteria and the event, or to request a nomination form, please email [amiarecki@jawm.org](mailto:amiarecki@jawm.org).

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The Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation (WMDC) invites sealed bids for Contract No. CEF-EFS-2024, Install Epoxy Floor System in Hangar 13 at Westover Metropolitan Airport.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 149, Section 44A through 44J as amended. The estimated construction cost is: \$225,000. Bidders shall be General Contractors certified through DCAMM in "floor covering" work.

The work includes but is not necessarily limited to replacement of a 10'x25'x22" deep section of concrete floor slab; surface preparation (i.e. grinding, spall/delamination repair, crack routing/filling, joint treatment, etc.); and the installation of an epoxy floor system (31,200 SF) in an existing aircraft hangar.

All work under this Contract must be completed within thirty (30) consecutive calendar days of the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed".

Prospective bidders are instructed to send an email to [airport.bids@stantec.com](mailto:airport.bids@stantec.com) to request an electronic copy of the bid documents. The documents will be available after 2:00 P.M., (EST) Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

A Non-Mandatory Site Walkthrough will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., (EST) at

Westover Metropolitan Airport - Hangar 13, 239 Lonczak Street, Chicopee, MA.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Westover Metropolitan Airport, 255 Padgett Street Chicopee, MA 01022 until **2:00 P.M., (EST) Wednesday, April 17, 2024.**

Work under this contract will be funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Aeronautics Division, and by the WMDC.

The contractor must pay wages to employees in compliance with the minimum wages established by the latest Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards Prevailing Wage Rates.  
03/29/2024

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. HD24P0522EA

Estate of:  
Izabela I. Ziobro  
Also known as:  
Izabela Ziobro  
Date of Death: 01/07/2024  
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 **Thomas A. Duda of Chicopee, 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: **Thomas A. Duda of Chicopee, 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 04/08/2024.

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.

**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: March 11, 2024  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
03/29/2024

**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.**

## Senior Center celebrates National Puppy Day

By Nick Boonstra  
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CHICOPEE — The senior center held their 2nd Annual National Puppy Day Photoshoot on March 22, giving local residents the opportunity to show off their furry four-legged friends in style on a day dedicated to raising awareness about pet adoption.

National Puppy Day was initiated in 2006 by Colleen Paige, a pet expert and advocate from California, and has grown to receive national and international recognition in the years since. It is observed annually on March 23 as an opportunity “to celebrate the

magic and unconditional love that puppies bring to our lives,” as well as “to help save orphaned puppies around the world,” according to the holiday’s official website.

The senior center began their annual photoshoot last year and found it to be a great success. Program Coordinator Casey Conroy said that people “always like to bring their puppy in,” and added that all of the dogs were very well behaved during this year’s event.

The Chicopee Council on Aging has a variety of programs available for members of the community. Information can be found on their website at <https://www.chicopeema.gov/202/Council-on-Aging-COA>.



Donna dances with her one-year-old French Bulldog puppy.



Donna Frederick poses with her puppy Jaxon.



Terri and Rene smile with their happy dog Amber.



## CFD responds to recent fires

CHICOPEE – The fire department responded to two recent fires on March 25 on Erline Street and Plante Circle.

On Erline Street, units responded to a garage fire earlier in the day while crews responded to a structure fire

later that evening.

No injuries were reported in both cases and all occupants of the structure fire on Plante Circle escaped safely.

The causes of both fires are currently under investigation.



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