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## District Governor visits Rotary Club

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CHICOPEE – The Rotary Club of Chicopee welcomed District Governor April Beston on March 24, where newer members of the club also received their Rotary pins at the meeting.

The members who received Rotary pins were Eugene Lapierre, Katherine Lockridge, Kate Riley, Secretary Chelsea Parker, Mayor John Vieau, Vice President Scott Channell and Lou Arasate.

President Fred Borys shared these remarks after the members received their pins.

“To our newest members, today we formally admit you into the membership of the Rotary Club of Chicopee and to the friendship of Rotary throughout the world. Your qualifications were reviewed in accordance with our club’s constitution and bylaws and they were accepted. It has already been explained to you that the ideal of Rotary is service. Our principal motto is service above self and the object of this club and all Rotary Clubs is to encourage and foster the ideal as a basis of worthy enterprise. You are to share in this effort,” Borys said. “You have been approved for membership in this club because we believe you to be a worthy representative of your vocation, interested in the ideals of Rotary and willing to do your share in translating those ideals into action. You have agreed to accept the obligations of



Governor April Beston visited the Rotary Club of Chicopee on March 24, also taking this photo with President Fred Borys.

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membership into this club and to obey the club’s constitution and bylaws. Just hope that you will wear your new pins with pride.”

Arasate and John Arthur also received Avenues of Service Awards, which Beston presented.

“These are presented to worthy Rotarians recommended by a president and approved by the district for service in one of the five avenues of service and those are vocational service, club service, community service, youth service (and international service),” Beston said.

During her visit, Beston discussed membership, noting the Chicopee contingent

has “a thriving club.”

“We want to have everyone to be a part of Rotary. As I always say, if you have a heart for service, that makes you a Rotarian. So, we are working behind the scenes to help you out,” Beston said.

Another topic was marketing.

“We do have a Marketing Committee for the first time this year, led by Heather Pantano, who is a current assistant governor and had been for many years before this year as well, so she’s been a great asset to the district,” Beston said. “And we’re working on several things to get the name of Rotary out there, because what

do they always say? Rotary is the best-kept secret out there, right? We don’t want it to be a secret. We have a large footprint—geographically—and we want more people to be part of the exciting things we do.”

The initiatives the marketing team is currently working on, Beston added, include yard signs with a QR code and getting on social media and doing advertising.

Another goal is by the end of this year, to let people know Rotary is here and a service organization.

“We want people to

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2026 Potentate Matthew Herman, Chief Rabban Rob Aubin, and Assistant Rabban Dave Wolanin at the 2026 Easter Feztival on March 29.

## Melha Shriners hosts Annual Easter Feztival

By Christina Gioscia  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – On March 28 and 29, at the new Melha Shriners center in Chicopee, the Melha Shriners hosted their Third Annual Easter Feztival event.

All proceeds from the Easter Feztival go directly towards Melha Shriners. This allows them to use that money to benefit their organization so they can do all the fundraising work they do for Shriners Children’s Hospital.

The 2026 potentate, Matthew Herman, explained that this event is a great example of a fun fundraiser. By making fundraisers into community events, they are able to make more profit and ultimately raise more money for Shriners Children’s Hospital, whilst also giving back to the community.

“That was the one thing we wanted to do this year, is

now that we’re here in our new home, try to get the community, our neighbors, try to get them more involved, try to get them in here,” Herman said.

Wendy Cote, the chairperson for the Easter Feztival, was also the first lady for the organization in 2024.

“So, my husband was potentate in 2024, and he and I started this. We wanted to do a fun fundraiser for Melha Shriners, and we had seen another shrine center do it with success up in New Hampshire, and we decided to try doing it ourselves. We asked each of the units to donate. We asked the women’s organizations that are associated with the Masonic background,” Cote said.

Cote was also thrilled with the community support.

“Honestly, I just asked friends. My goal, the first

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## Vietnam Vets honored at remembrance ceremony

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CHICOPEE – The community gathered at the senior center on March 30 to remember and honor the city’s Vietnam Veterans during this year’s Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrance ceremony.

National Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day is officially recognized on March 29.

The ceremony included remarks from Mayor John Vieau, State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), RiverMills Senior Center Executive Director Sherry Manyak, Friends of RiverMills President Mike Wilk, the invocation led by Frank Kolek, American Legion Post 353 Chaplain, the National Anthem sung by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111 Board of Directors Larry White—who also shared a poem later on—the POW/MIA Table ceremony led by John Beaulieu, a member of the Veterans Advisory Board, the posting of the colors by the Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC and a military tribute song by The Earls.

Al Picard, president of the Veterans Advisory Board, Vietnam Vet and member of The Earls, served as emcee.

Following this, a candle-lighting ceremony led by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111 took place to remember the 15 fallen veterans from Chicopee who never made it home.

Each Veteran in atten-

dance also received a special American Eagle 250th birthday pin. Also, a raffle for a \$100 Big Y gift card for a Veteran.

Vieau reflected on the 15 fallen veterans, who are also remembered in a Candlelight Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Park on Chicopee Street every Sunday evening before Memorial Day.

“Some of those names just resonate with everyone in the room, like Stefanik, Jablonski,” Vieau said. “As you sit there and think of the ultimate sacrifice made by those who served and the dates of 1961 to 1975. Certainly a time of country divided like we experience here today, and I couldn’t think of any other way than to have a ceremony like today to welcome home the Vietnam Veterans who proudly served our country and made that sacrifice, so gentlemen, thank you. Thank you for your service and on behalf of the city, I’m here to say, officially, like we’ve done for six years—this is the sixth anniversary of doing this ceremony—and I want to say welcome home.”

Oliveira noted how the Vietnam Veterans “did not get the welcome” they should have when they returned home, emphasizing the story State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) shares every year around this time about his return from deployment in 2018, where many Vietnam Veterans welcomed him home.

“Vietnam Veterans didn’t

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The 2026 Group Team Photo of the Chicopee Fire and Police Department members who took part in this year’s Battle of the Badges.

## Battle of the Badges unites the community

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD/CHICOPEE — A historic moment transpired from

within the Olympia Ice Center on March 28 as the 10th Annual ‘Battle of the Badges’ took place.

The annual friendly hockey matchup between

the CFD and CPD drew the attention of nearly 400 people, consisting of close family, friends, local dignitaries, long-time first-responder supporters and even the 2026

Chicopee Colleen Charlotte Rae Fields and her court, who also made an appearance.

The highlight for many, also, was the various posters showing sportsmanship for both teams placed all around the rink, designed by the youngest of fans.

And this year, the fire department earned some bragging rights with a thrilling 9-6 victory over the police department, solidifying a three-peat dynasty; something Team Captain and Firefighter John James reflected on during the post-game, while promoting good sportsmanship, and expressing that everyone is a winner today.

“We have officially hit the 10-year mark now, and I want to add we had some defeats in the past, but it’s also great to know we three-peat-



A group photo of the CPD.

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# IN THE CITY

## Polish Center hosts Pisanki Easter Egg Workshops

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning (PCDL) hosted two Pisanki Easter Egg Workshops on March 21.

Discussing the importance of the workshops and revealing a little bit about how it came together was PCDL Education Committee Chairperson Jean Jonker.

“We felt, given the season with Easter around the corner, that what better thing to do than Pisanki. So, I reached out, and I found Susan Urban, who has done prior classes at the Springfield Public Library, and she said yes,” Jonker said. “So, we then created the poster, we got everything all arranged, and so we scheduled one session, but the response was more than we expected, and we had to set up a second.”

The workshops were run by Urban, a Polish Folk Art Artist who used to be a teacher and specializes in *wycinanki* (traditional Polish paper-cutting) and other cultural crafts, such as *pisanki* (Easter eggs), and folk history. Urban prides herself on incorporating international influences into her intricate designs, as she continues to preserve the importance of timeless Polish traditions while instilling her timeless knowledge into the next generation and all those who partake in her craft classes.

The first class consisted of close to 40 college students who came from out of state, hailing from Quinnipiac University, earlier in the morning, and were greeted with a private tour of the museum, along with an instructional course on how to make authentic style Pisanki eggs, led by Urban. In addition, the students and their professor took a picture outside in front of the building and left feeling everything was incredible, and with some sharing they are looking forward to returning.

The second class transpired in the afternoon and featured close to 50, so in total 90 were in attendance throughout the day, and it was standing room only during both sessions, but it was clear that a ton of excitement was generated throughout the building.

Jonker added that the center is already looking towards the future, noting they are considering a two-day process, given the influx of signups.



Students from Quinnipiac University posing outside the PCDL to cap off their first official visit.

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Sylvia Kuczek carrying the wooden Pisanki, which was handed out at the end of the workshops.

### How to do Pisanki

Reflecting on the workshop was Urban herself, who felt the event was an overall success.

“I thought today went very well. We had all the materials organized, and I was able to get around to everyone, so I thought it went well, and I think people enjoyed it, and I understood the process a little bit more after doing it, because it can be a bit hard to process how everything comes together in your head when you add each color to the wax,” Urban said.

Urban then explained the

process of how Pisanki is performed.

“The word Pisanki is actually derived from the Polish verb *писаć* (“to write”), so we were actually writing a design with melted wax,” Urban said. “So, we start by sketching designs on a clean, raw egg with pencil, then use a *kistka*(applicator) to apply hot beeswax, covering areas to remain white.”

Upon observation, the process then shifted to participants dyeing the egg from lightest to darkest (yellow, orange, red, black), and putting wax over the colors between



A basket full of wooden Pisanki that the museum came into contact with.

baths to preserve them. From there, you would then go on to the scratching (*Skrobanki*) phase, where the eggs were then dyed a solid dark color, and a sharp tool was used to scratch a design onto the surface.

Finally, you would then melt the wax off over a candle, which was repeated for multiple colors, with the wax being removed last to reveal the colorful design.

### Timeless traditions are still going strong

Urban explained it’s a tradition that many continue to use, and it started out a long time ago.

“I feel this is an interesting craft that has been passed down for multiple generations. For example, you have to think about when a hen lays an egg, it’s a sign of new life and resurrection, so the farmers back in the old days used all the materials on their farm to make crafts, and so they

there was various meaning to the colors and designs selected and placed upon the eggs. For example, white represents purity, yellow for youth and love, green for fertility, red for joy and life, and black for eternity.

Floral patterns symbolize life and nature, while geometric shapes often represent the sun or the cosmos. The eggs have been passed along to some as cherished gifts and to others as cultural symbols of the spring season.

Olen Bielski III, the center’s director of business development also showed a Pisanki exhibit that featured a plethora of designs, including one of the biggest Pisanki displays being an ostrich egg, that caught the attention of many, along with some wooden ones that featured immaculate designs, that many in attendance used as reference and walked away with some outstanding creations as well.

Jonker offered insight into why the PCDL matters and how many feel the museum has found a newfound sense of credibility in this modern era.

“Well you know Olen(-Bielski), and Ken Lemanski and several others of the board have worked very hard to get the Polish Center’s name out there, and now people are now being made aware of it, and I feel programs like today will help further that cause, but what I really like is seeing the level of high engagement from younger generations taking note in a meaningful way, and it’s great to see all ages of all racial and ethnic backgrounds taking and interest and finding a sense of purpose in our exhibit and Polish heritage as a whole,” Jonker said.

The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning is always open Monday through Friday, from the hours of 1 to 5 p.m. and tours can be booked by calling 860-508-8868, 413-537-1732, or 413-885-1909.



Debra Lemanski-Couture, sister of PCDL Board Member Kenneth Lemanski showing off her Pisanki she just made.

## Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee to hold Designer Bingo event

CHICOPEE - The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee will hold their Designer Bingo event, presented by PeoplesBank, on Saturday, May 9 at the Chicopee Elks Lodge #1849 431 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Doors will open at Noon and games begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is a donation of \$30 pp or \$25 pp if you have a table of eight and includes 10 games for a chance to win a designer bag.

Attendees can enjoy lunch for a fee from Noon

to 1:30 p.m, cash bar, raffle prizes and a special raffle featuring a Louis Vuitton, which you must be present at the event to win. For more information and to join in the fun, check out [www.bgccchicopee.org](http://www.bgccchicopee.org).

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# IN THE CITY

## Polish National Credit Union host 4th annual luncheon

Invites surrounding community members to celebrate

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LUDLOW – On Mar. 24, the Polish National Credit Union held their 4th annual St. Joseph’s Day luncheon at the Polish American Citizens Club that brought together community leaders, members, and local partners to celebrate Polish heritage, faith, family, and spirit. The lunch served was a traditional Polish cuisine catered by Bernat’s Polish Deli, based in Chicopee, and featured several speakers throughout the day.

The main host was AVP, Area Manager at Polish National Credit Union Zaneta Grasakis with Member Service Representative and Polish Miss Massachusetts 2026 Dominika Jasinska, opening prayer by Father Twohig, and guest speakers ranging from State Senator Jake Oliveira and Vice Consul Wiktor Cichcki, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York. The keynote speaker was locally known business owner of MMK Virtual Solutions Magdalena Kafinska.



The City of Chicopee was represented by officers from the CPD and CFD, like the Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski

Beginning her career at the bank in her senior year of high school, Grasakis said her career spans over 20 years, “I love it here! I grew up in Chicopee, the heart of Polish people, and I currently live in Ludlow.

We have seven branches in Western Mass, and our closest one is in Wilbraham, right over the bridge, and Ludlow holds a special place in my heart. It’s my adopted hometown.

I immigrated to the United States from Poland when I

was five years old and went to Saint Stanislaus School from first to eighth grade and then went to Chicopee High School. Chicopee has been a central location for a lot of immigrants that came from Poland, the factory workers, and I think that it’s a great city and full of traditions and heritage,” said Grasakis.

When asked about the plannings of this luncheon, Grasakis shared that PNCU CEO James Kelly encouraged the staff to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions.

“He gave me the opportunity to host the luncheon, which Saint Joseph is the patron of Poland, and we celebrate that every year on Mar. 19.

This is now our fourth annual luncheon where we invite local business owners, entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations, police and fire departments, teachers; bringing our Polish roots together and celebrating the hard work of first, second, or third generation immigrants. It’s about celebrating the success and achievement of Polish people.



Polish Miss Massachusetts 2026 Dominika Jasinska represented the Commonwealth at Miss Polish America national competition, who shared that her mom is her biggest supporter and is proud to represent Poland in her community.

Every year we try to outdo ourselves, it’s definitely growing with the number of people in attendance. I just look forward to meeting new guests and faces; our lists keep growing every year!

In collaboration with the Polish American Citizens Club, Club President John Diotalevi, he and his team have been amazing. Helping us and doing everything they can to make this lunch a success,

this being my new adopted hometown, I’m really proud to have a PACC here in Ludlow, I am a member!

It’s important to have our younger generations join these clubs and organizations, to keep these traditions alive for generations to come. Thank you to my husband and my kids, to the committee, and the employees that came together to create this event,” said Grasakis.

## Chicopee Chamber hosts Business Expo at Castle of Knights April 7

CHICOPEE - The Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce hosts the Chicopee Business Expo on Tuesday, April 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., bringing together local businesses and community members for an evening of networking, discovery, and connection.

The event provides an opportunity for attendees to explore a wide range of local products and services, meet business owners, and strengthen relationships within Chicopee’s business community. The expo also marks the return of a regional tabletop-style showcase that recurred annually until 2019.

“This event is all about visibility and connection,” said Chamber Executive Director Melissa Breor. “It creates a space where businesses can showcase what they do, build new relationships, and engage directly with the community.”

The Chamber invites residents, professionals, and fellow businesses to attend and connect with over 50 local businesses. Guests will be encouraged to play a Bingo-style game to enter the door prize raffle.

The Expo takes place at the Castle of Knights from 4 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

For more information, please visit Eventbrite or contact the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce at 413-594-2101.

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CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host a Drug Takeback Event on Wednesday, April 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

The Hampden County Sheriff’s Department will be at RiverMills Center from 9 to 11 a.m. for a drug take-back program. Programs like this provide safe ways to get rid of unused medication,

which helps combat misuse as well as reducing pollution.

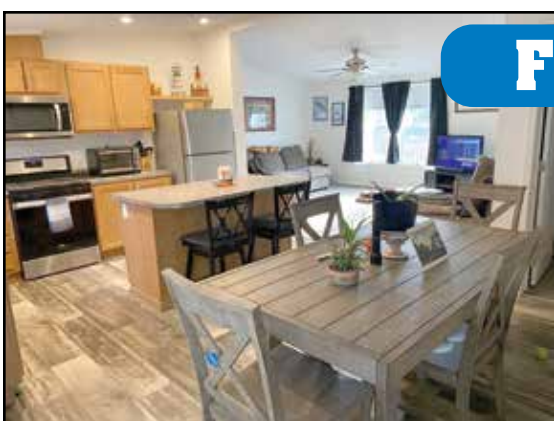
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# OPINION



## Pruning your hydrangeas

It was encouraging to see so many gardeners out in force this past weekend, regardless of the fact that it remained a little chilly.

I got outside too, mainly to clean up some leaves and debris from a bed near the front door. While I was there, I began pruning my pink flowered Hydrangea (*H. paniculata*), mainly by removing last year's blooms.

I often get questions about blue hydrangeas and how to prune and what to do to coax it into bloom. So, before you get the pruners out and have at it, read on.

Most established hydrangea bushes, the "Mop-head" types (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) say those older than 15 years or so, flower on "old" wood, in other words, from buds made on the previous season's stems. That is why they are not pruned in the fall or in the spring for that matter, unless the stem is dead or partially dead.

An early autumn frost, a hard winter, or a late spring frost can kill buds or even entire stems. If the stem does not leaf out at all the further we get into spring, it is likely dead, and you should cut it down to the ground.

Usually the plant's roots are not harmed, and new growth will emerge from the base of the plant.

However, with these older cultivars, you will be left with just foliage in summer because the buds made the previous year will have been cut away. Sometimes a stem is only partially winter killed and it may leaf out midway down the stem.

In that case, just prune away the portion that is dead and leave the rest. Don't worry that you may remove flower buds in the process; more occur further down the stem and will bloom if they too haven't been eliminated by Old Man Winter.

Perhaps you have one of the newer cultivars such as "Endless Summer," "Penny Mac," or others that bloom on new growth as well as old growth. In that case how much you cut

away is not as critical. You should get flowers even if last season's stems are cut to the ground because soon enough new stems will produce new buds.

Sometimes people complain that they still don't get flowers and this is very perplexing. I've been to forums where everything from proper siting (morning sun, dappled shade) to fertilization is discussed (not too high in nitrogen, please).

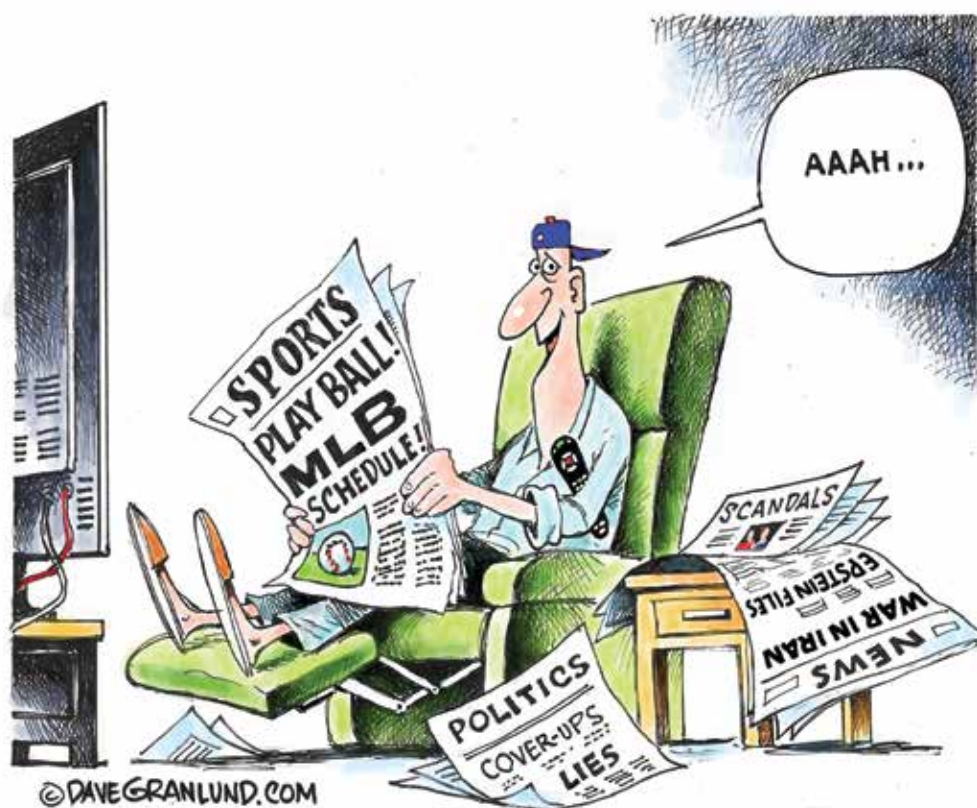


One complaint was that our growing season is just borderline long enough for flowers to appear on new growth and reportedly some of these early repeat bloomers are being phased out because of it. If that's the case, I am sure they are breeding more dependable cultivars as we speak.

I had always wanted a hydrangea and finally bought one as a Mother's Day gift to self maybe four years ago. It is a newer generation and so far I have been very happy. It's filled out nicely and had well over two dozen flowers last year.

Hopefully the harsh winter will not effect my hopes for a repeat performance this summer. I wish you much success and many blooms on your hydrangeas!

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## Nature is our Cathedral

By Julie Midura

I belong to two churches. One is brick and mortar-built by human hands. There is a large sign out front. A foundation. Walls. A ceiling. Padded chairs are lined up in rows. Carpeting covers the floor.

A worship team plays music. Guitars, a keyboard and drums. A harmony of voices blend with my own, ringing out in praise. The lyrics speak to me. Words which stir my emotions and feel more like a spiritual encounter than mere singing.

My other church is a cathedral. There is no sign out front. No doors or windows. No foundation. No floor or walls or ceiling. At least not in the manmade sense.

Gravel, granite and earth are the floor. The vast canvas of blue sky is the ceiling. The sentinel of trees lining the path form



the walls. The foundation is made from mountains rather than poured cement, but they hold me up and give me far more strength than concrete ever could.

In my church, I listen to our pastor preach words of truth, faith and hope. Inspiring me. Redirecting me. Providing spiritual nourishment. Leading me along the path to a life of purpose.

In my cathedral, I listen to nature preach a homily in a language all its own. No words are needed, but it speaks to me nonetheless. Giving my life meaning and

purpose. Deepening my faith. Restoring my soul.

The melody here is different. The music does not reach my ears from a speaker in the corner of the room, but through a tapestry woven from rustling leaves, cascading streams and roaring waterfalls. The sounds blend together, proclaiming God's glory not through spoken words, but through something equally powerful.

This place is no less sacred than the church where I worship every Sunday. It is a sanctuary created by the hands of God himself. Built out of unflinching love. When I am standing in the quiet stillness and immense grandeur of Creation, I bear witness to God's profound greatness.

There is a sacredness in this cathedral of earth and trees and sky which transcends human understanding. A peace which contradicts life circumstance. A gratefulness in spite of the many trials and challenges.

Out here, I experience deeply personal moments of connection. As though there is a thread joining heaven to earth. A yarn woven of reverent awe and immeasurable joy linking my human heart to the Divine.

My worship is not restricted to the confines of a building. It flows from me in equal measure out here in the wild places... where the wind dances and the water flows and the heavens themselves declare glory.

My soul is fed at both my church and my cathedral. But some days, I can hear God speaking to me louder in the church that was *not* built by human hands.



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## Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens, and families. The Youth Services Department provides opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for April 2026.

Storytime will be held on Thursdays, April 16 and 30 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is for children ages 3-5. This program features about 30 minutes of structured circle time, followed by 15-30 minutes of a craft or activity. Circle time will include 2-3 read aloud books, rhymes, songs, and felt boards. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer simple questions and recognize things like shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. No registration required.

The Holyoke Chicopee CFCE will facilitate a School Readiness Playgroup on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m., April 2 - May 7. Children ages 3-5 are invited to

meet new friends and practice school readiness skills with a kit from the Boston Children's Museum.

Sensory Play Saturday will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers, no registration required.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays at 1 p.m. in April. We'll put out some extra toys in the play-space. It's a great time for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play, no registration required. No playgroup on April 25. Come to a Mini Circus Show instead!

Monday Crafts will be held on April 6, 13 and 27 at 4 p.m. Different projects each week. April 27 will be a rock painting project, outside weather permitting.

Terrific Twos will be held on Tuesdays, April 14 and 28

at 10:30 a.m. Terrific Twos is for two- year-olds and their caregivers. This program features about 25 minutes of structured circle time, followed by about half an hour of semi-structured playtime. During circle time, we will sing songs, do rhymes, do some big movements, and read one book. The book choice rotates between either a read aloud picture book or a group read of a board book. Playtime involves a choice of craft, activity, or play. No registration required.

The Kids Room Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, April 15, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Learn basic stitches and practice skills by making fun projects. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Kids who are not familiar with using a needle and thread should attend with an adult. Teens are welcome, no registration required.

The library Homeschool Meetup will be on Friday, April 17 at 11 a.m. This group meets once a month

September - June for homeschooling families with kids of all ages to hang out, do activities and learn together. This month we're celebrating Poetry Month. Bring a poem in your pocket to share with the group.

### April School Vacation Week

The library will be celebrating 30 years of Pokémon with a Pokémon Party on Tuesday, April 21 at 3 p.m.! There will be exciting, Pokémon-themed activities for all ages, and everyone is welcome to stop by at any point during the event. Can't make it to the party, or just want even more Pokémon? There will be a special scavenger hunt around the Children's Room all week long!

The library will host a Big Kid Dance Party on Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 am. A bit like our regularly scheduled Little Kid Dance Party, but geared specifically towards elementary age kids. We'll sing and dance and get out the rhythm

sticks. Caregivers and young-kids are welcome, no registration required.

The library will host a Mess-tival on Wednesday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. Join us outside for a messy party! We will be exploring lots of different ways to get messy, from water to sensory tables and more! Dress to get messy!! For all ages, no registration required.

The library will have Bingo for Books on Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. Play a few rounds of bingo and win the best prize: books! For kids and families of all ages, no registration required.

On Thursday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to Noon, Fermata Arts Foundation will host a Global Art Exchange between Kharkiv, Ukraine and Chicopee, MA geared towards students in grades 4 & 5. Let's Build a Roof Over the World: What happens when the animals move north? An art exchange between Kharkiv, Ukraine and Chicopee, MA. For 4th and 5th

graders. Students will participate in a Zoom meeting with a virtual tour by the students in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Students will create an art piece inspired by the drawings they like most that Fermata Arts Foundation will send to Kharkiv, Ukraine. Hosted by Fermata Arts Foundation.

This program is supported by a grant from Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Get your little groove on at a Baby Rave on Friday, April 24 at 11 a.m. Join us for a baby dance party with lights, glowsticks, scarves, shakers and, of course, music! Recommended for kids ages 0-2, no registration required.

Help create a Community Craft: Cardboard Kingdom on Friday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. Stop by the Activity Room anytime after 12:30pm to cre-

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District Governor April Beston presents the Avenues of Service Award to John Arthur.



Lou Arasate, Rotary Club of Chicopee President Fred Borys and John Arthur in a group photo. Arasate and Arthur were presented with Avenues of Service Awards.

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know we're here and that opens up conversations at the local level, because I know the best way to bring in new members is to know people and talk to people and invite them to meetings. That's how people become part of what we do," Beston said.

Also, the eradication of polio.

"So, right now, we've had a total of one case of polio this year. That's late-breaking news that just happened in Pakistan and I believe the end of the year, about 42 last year," Beston said. "As compared to the year before that, 2024, we were at 99 cases over the course of the year. So, we've never been closer by the numbers to eradicating polio, and so that is Rotary's number one initiative as far as the foundation goes, or the single-largest initiative as far as the foundation goes, and I really encourage you to think about donating to polio."

After sharing a story

about a fellow district governor who was a polio survivor, Beston shared how the two of them began a challenge to see how many members could become PolioPlus members during their year as district governors. To get involved, members would donate \$100 annually to the PolioPlus Fund until the World Health Organization would certify the world as polio-free.

Later on, Beston presented an idea to see if all 42 districts could get behind the challenge.

"And so, we ended up with 16 districts that are now participating in this. So, 16 district governors talking to people like you saying, 'Hey, let's do this,' and so that represents over 20,000 Rotarians and that's just an amazing number and imagine the good we could do together, and that really is the power of Rotary is that there's 1.2 million of us working towards these causes and we really have this opportunity to do good things," Beston said.

Beston said her successor as district governor would be EJ Neafsey, who would continue to pursue the goals of the organization and the foundation. She then took questions from the members on how the district could best be served from insurance for events to matching grants and what other districts have done with those.

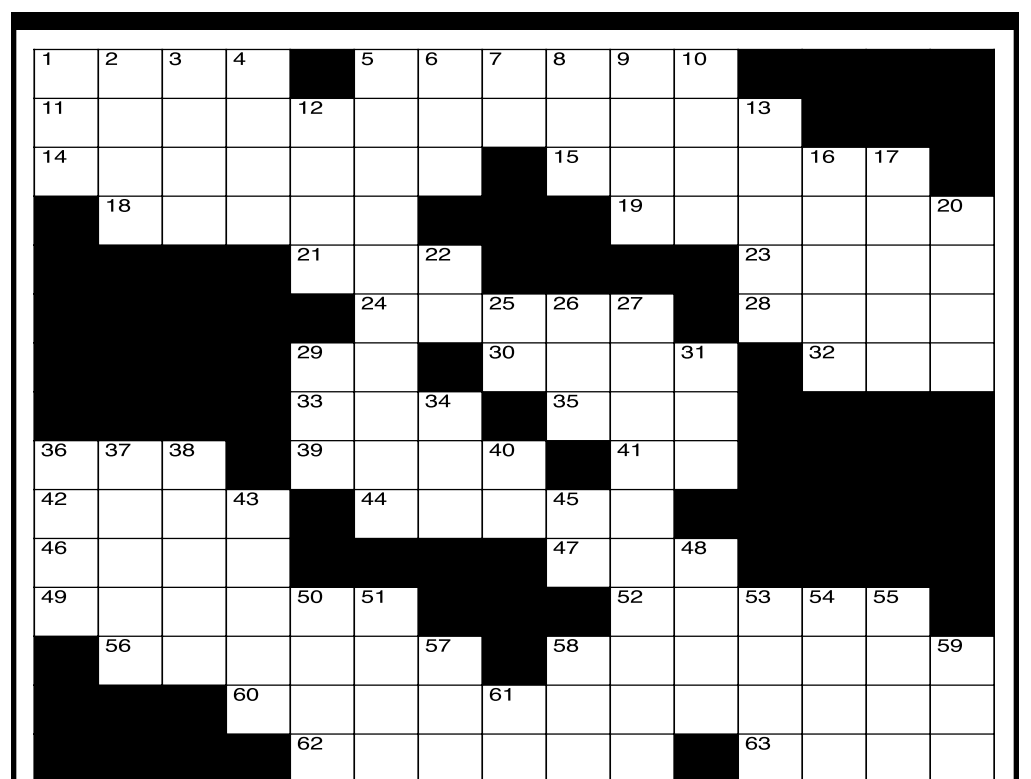
Her final comment was this.

"Please check out the district website. We have a lot of events coming up. We have a Thunderbirds Game. If you haven't gotten your tickets, please get them now and that's on the district website, so that's April 10," Beston said. "April 18 is our District Learning Assembly. If you have new Rotarians or incoming officers, that's going to be in Stafford, so not too far."

Other big events are the District Conference and Picnic at High Meadow on June 6 and the District Installation on June 27.



District Governor April Beston takes questions from members of the Rotary Club of Chicopee.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. More cushy
18. Visionaries
19. Large fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA and CIA critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Hammer is one
30. Selfs
32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
33. Nowhere to be found

### CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel or eject (variant sp.)
4. Sea eagle
5. Taxonomic category
6. Chinese languages
7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL legend Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. It says who you are
25. Atlantic coast state
26. Grow older
27. Associations

### CLUES DOWN

29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush genus
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's father
43. Mackerel genus
45. Morning
48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
50. Type of molding
51. Small, thin or twisted bunch
53. Worn by exposure to the weather
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. "To the \_\_\_ degree"
59. Residue when something is burned
61. It cools a home

# IN THE CITY

## Author Talk at The Arbors

CHICOPEE - Join us for an inspiring talk at the Arbors of Chicopee on April 28 at 6 p.m. with Sean Terwilliger.

This event is free and open to the public. Sean Terwilliger, a former technology leader and teacher, will share his own inspiring story about how being diagnosed with Alzheimer's led to writing, advocacy and a sense of purpose.

Learn about how his experiences with clinical trials, newly approved medications and lifestyle change led to his belief that he could outpace the progression of the disease, and how he is now an advocate through foundations like the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please RSVP by calling or texting 413-530-5916 to reserve your spot.

## Annual Scholarship Family Game & Card Party

CHICOPEE - Franco-American Womens' Association is sponsoring their Annual Family Game & Card Party on Thursday, April 9, 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. Members are from Chicopee and surrounding cities. We meet once a month and have this one fundraiser every year. Our mission is to provide scholarships for higher education to members' children and grandchildren.

In 2025 through the gen-

erosity of our patrons and donors, we awarded ten \$500 scholarships to children and grandchildren of our members.

For donations to the fund or to the raffle prize table, please contact Christine at 413-530-6113 by Tuesday, March 31 to have your name or business included on the Prize List. Christine can also provide information about becoming a member.

## "Dragoon, Musketeer, Prisoner: The Hessians of the Revolutionary War in Western Massachusetts?"

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society will present "Dragoon, Musketeer, Prisoner: The Hessians of the Revolutionary War in Western Massachusetts?"

Folklore holds that the Hessians soldiers of the Revolutionary War period were bloodthirsty mercenaries

purchased by King George the Third to fight in the rebellious colonies. Even though there were no battles during the American Revolution in western Massachusetts, there were, in fact, Hessians here. Hear how these men got to our area, why they were here, who they really were, and in

the end, why some stayed. Presented by local historian and museum professional Dennis Picard.

The event is free and open to the public, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 in the Bazan Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee.

## CPD continues looking for answers for missing man



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CHICOPEE - Although a year has passed, Daniel has not been forgotten. The Chicopee Police Department remains committed to this case and continues to seek any information that may help bring answers and closure to his loved ones. Our thoughts remain with Daniel's family and friends as we mark this somber anniversary, and we remain hopeful that information will come forward that will help provide the answers they deserve.

### SHRINERS from page 1

year, was 20 baskets and we ended up with 50. This year we have, I think, 63 baskets that we're raffling off. Because it's important to bring awareness to who Shriners are and what they do. And also, more importantly, the women behind the Shriners," Cote said. "It's really important because, I think, the women work just as hard as the men. It's really about exposure. The proceeds today go to Melha Shriners, not to Shriners Children's. That allows them to do the work that they do. Every single person that's in this room believes in the philanthropy of Shriners Children's, and that's what we're working for. Is to raise awareness about Shriners Children's."

Cote has done an outstanding job getting the community involved in Melha's Easter Feztival, exceeding her own expectations.

Herman mentioned some of the other fun fundraisers Melha Shriners has planned throughout the year.

"We have a Feztival of Trees that we do every year in December. It's our 15th Annual. We have, like, an ice fishing thing we're doing in July. It's a new event we're gonna do," Herman said.

Loryn Carutchfield was at the Feztival selling her handmade crafts. These included resin wine classes, resin and wire earrings, key chains, and hand drawn stickers.

"I've been involved with Shriners all my life. My parents are heavily involved. I enjoy crafting, and this is the perfect mix. I get to help a good cause and sell my crafts," Carutchfield said.

2026 First Lady, Jodi Herman, shared her fundraising project for the year.

"I have a fundraising project for Shriners Children's New England, in Springfield. I'm raising money all year for their cranial



2020 Potentate Leo Plourde and 2025 Potentate Chris Parker and helping direct parking at the 2026 Easter Feztival on March 29.



Easter themed stuffed animals and toys, donated for the 3rd Annual Easter Feztival.

remolding helmet program. So, every dollar that I raised this year will go right towards the cost of making the helmets. So, the helmets cost about \$2,000 each. So that takes the burden off the families," she said.

Included in the donations for the raffles were baskets containing items such as board games, stuffed

animals, Easter candy, gift cards, children's toys and so much more. This event was a warm welcome to the Chicopee community and a fantastic way for people to get involved in the work Melha Shriners does.

For more information about Melha Shriners visit melhashriners.org.



Loryn Carutchfield selling her crafts at the 3rd Annual Easter Feztival on March 29.



2024 First Lady and Chairperson of the event, Wendy Cote, 2026 Potentate Matthew Herman, and 2026 First Lady Jodi Herman, at the 3rd Annual Easter Feztival on March 29.

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Arianna Bird takes her at-bat.



Alexis Wojcik leads off first base.



Ashlyn Warwick sends a pitch home.

## Colts win big over Palmer

CHICOPEE – On a sun-splashed Monday afternoon, spring was in full effect for Chicopee Comprehensive High School softball. The Colts scored three times in the first inning and kept the momentum going en route to a 14-2 win over visiting Palmer.

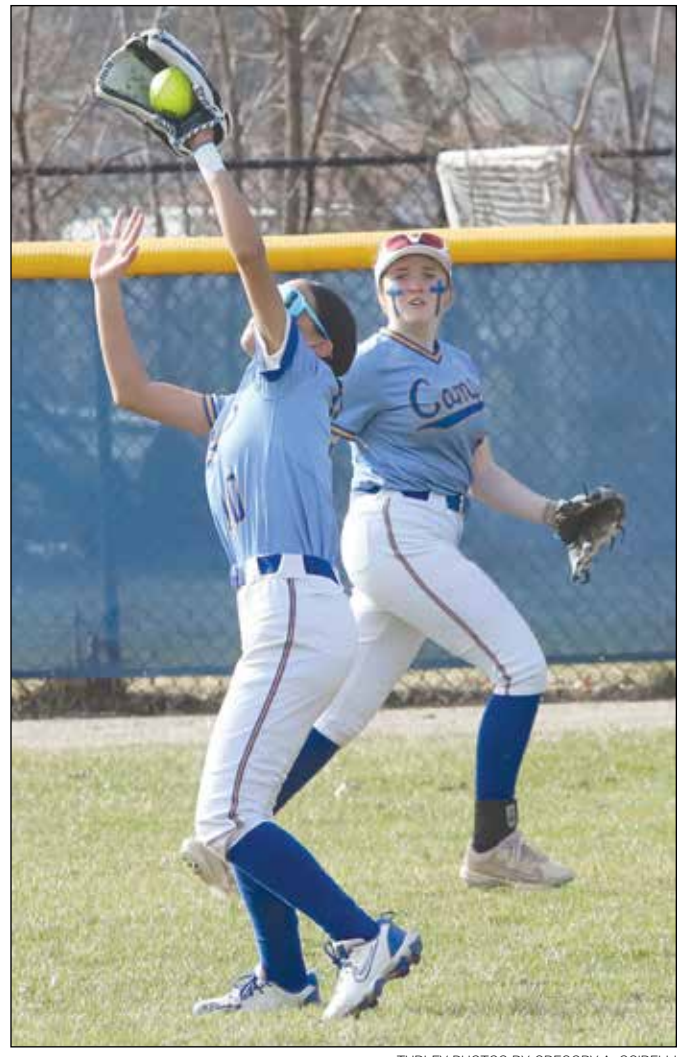
The Colts improved to 1-1 on the season.



Arianna Bird takes her at-bat.



Miley Santiago makes the throw to first.



Janyah Jones makes a great catch in the shallow outfield.

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## Safety first: Extra bag coming to baseball

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Over the past decade, safety has been a key theme for many of the rule changes that come through either the National Federation of High Schools, or the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Rule changes have centered around taking care of athletes, limiting unsafe play, and especially anything that can result in concussions.

Years ago, softball implemented an orange bag, a safety bag, at first base. It's more commonly known as a double bag since there are literally two. The orange bag is directly to the right of first base and is mostly for the runner's use.

Any runner running out a ground ball in a way where they would run through first base, utilize the second bag, typically colored orange. The runner is required to step on the orange bag while the fielder can use the standard white bag. The



Softball has utilized the double first base bags for safety for many years.

purpose has been to avoid collisions between a hustling runner and the first baseman, who could get carried in a different direction by an errant through. The second bag puts a little space between the runner and the fielder.

After seeing success with safety in softball, the double bag is coming to high school baseball. The NFHS is making the base a requirement for high schools beginning in 2027. However, several high schools, including Agawam and South Hadley, have opted to install the double bags this season and implement the new

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rules to help high school students get used to playing with them before the rule is fully implemented.

Some schools will wait until next year depending on the time it takes to install another anchor for the double bag.

High school umpires are also being educated on the new rules concerning using the double bag in a baseball game. Andy Rogers, who is the coordinator and assigner for high school games, said it has been a part of recent meetings with umpires to prepare for this year. There are nuances to the double bag rule that um-



Now the double first base is coming to high school baseball fields.

pires will need to enforce.

Among them, while the standard practice is that runners running through first base such as in the situation of trying to beat out a ground ball will use the orange bag and fielders trying to record a force out will utilize the white bag, there are couple of exceptions.

One is the dropped third strike. If there is a dropped third strike and a catcher throwing on the outside of the baseline to first base, the first baseman is allowed to utilize the orange bag to field the throw and record the out. The runner, in this

situation, can use either base.

After a runner has run through first base, typically after beating out a ground ball, that runner must come back and touch the white bag. If the runner comes back and touches the orange bag, that runner is in play once they touch the orange bag and can be tagged out.

On situations like a clean base hit, a batter/runner who heads for first and rounds the bag, will utilize the white bag. But a runner

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## Pacers defeat Granby in extra innings

CHICOPEE – On Monday afternoon, Chicopee High School baseball won its season opener by scoring two runs in the top of the eighth inning to defeat Granby 6-4. The Pacers held a 4-2 lead when Granby scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to send the game to extra innings.

Chicopee would answer right back and held off Granby in the bottom frame to get the win. Adrian Ramos had two hits in three at-bats and scored three times. Damian Sroka also had two hits.

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An action shot as the game is underway.

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ed this year. And in the end, this is a great day for the community, we all come together for the Boys & Girls Club, and it's just been one heck of a ride," James said.

Echoing similar thoughts was Mayor John Vieau, who shared that this is one of his favorite events throughout the year, including how that this fundraiser helps build camaraderie among all first responders.

"It's great to see them playing a hockey game for a wonderful cause, which is one of my favorites, the non-profit, the Chicopee Boys & Girls Club, a place where kids go to build up their own self-esteem and morale and teach them how to be great members of our community," Vieau said. "I'm a proud alum, and to see the support from everyone here coming together to not only help our first responders, but the Boys & Girls Club as well, truly means a ton and



The Chicopee Fire Department poses for a photo with the trophy.

goes a long way."

Proceeds from the game also went towards a scholarship available to Chicopee High and Chicopee Comprehensive High School stu-

dent-athletes.

Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh touched upon the importance of why an event like this matters.

"Every year it's always a

great year, because we get to come together, we get to skate together, play together, real, and a monumental win for the city of Chicopee, and we are thankful for all the sponsors,

and everyone who donated," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Attendees were also treated to a variety of 50/50 raffles and even had the chance to get some mer-

chandise, including licensed t-shirts to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the fundraiser.

This year's presenting sponsor was PeoplesBank.



The players congratulate each other after another successful event.

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ate a cardboard creation for display! For kids and families of all ages, no registration required.

The library will host a Mini Circus Show for all ages by Small But Mighty on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. The show includes aerial silks, hula hoop acrobatics, aerial hoop, and a fun inter-

active segment to teach the audience hula hoop tricks and other ground skills. The show will be outside, weather permitting. No registration required.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Celebrate Poetry Month on Wednesday, April 29 at

4 p.m., Read Poetry to a Dog! Pediatric therapy dog Lena will be all ears while kids practice reading poems aloud. Bring a poem, or pick one when you arrive. No registration required.

**Friday Teen Hang**

Join us every Friday after school in the Teen Space for some games and crafts! We'll have the Nintendo Switch available to play, coloring pages and paper to doodle,

and more!

Join us for Anime Club on Wednesday, April 29 at 3 p.m. to celebrate the premier of the highly anticipated anime adaptation of Witch Hat Atelier! Whether you're already a fan of the series, or have yet to check it out, we'll be showing off what makes this fantasy series unique and even getting to practice some of the magic showcased in the series!

Girls Who Code Workshop Series every other Saturday, beginning April 11.

April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 6 and 20, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Computer Lab.

Girls Who Code is dedicated to increasing gender equality in the tech field. In this workshop series taught by local cybersecurity analyst Alexandria Rosado, girls in grades 9-12 will learn about AI, Coding and Cybersecuri-

ty in a fun environment with peers.

Sign up by going to [clubs-hq.girlswhocode.com/login](https://clubs-hq.girlswhocode.com/login) and sign up for an account on the Girls Who Code website and then join our club with this code: MA67606

Visit the library website for more info about all of the library's events! [www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).



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running out a ground ball who touches the white bag instead of the orange bag could be called out on appeal because it can be treated like missing a base.

While the normal white base is the border of fair

territory, the orange bag is in foul territory. If a batted ball hits the orange bag, the ball will be called foul. A ball that hits the white bag or rolls over it is still fair.

The second bag at first base is orange in most cases, but can be another color.

For 2026, players playing

on fields that have the double first base bag will use them with the rules that come with them. Adult leagues in the region have pledged to observe the rules of the double bag if they play on fields that have them. Most adult leagues go by MLB rules, which do not require a double bag at first base.

# IN THE CITY

## Events & announcements schedule

### Powerback Rehab To-You

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host Powerback Rehab for Physical Therapy appointment every Monday starting Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Powerback Rehab To-You is a mobile therapy program that brings care directly to you! Powerback Rehab will be at RiverMills Center for appointments to help your recovery whether dealing with a recent injury chronic pain or seeking performance enhancement. These appointments are free. This program is open to members 55 and older. There are limited appointments, so you must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

### City of Chicopee Data Collection Program begins

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Board of Assessors is notifying businesses that data collectors from the assessors' office will be visiting all businesses starting January 27, 2026 to collect personal property information. Each data collector will carry an official

photo identification card issued by Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. and a letter from the Chicopee Board of Assessors.

The Department of Revenue requires the Assessors to visit businesses every five years to re-list the taxable personal property that is used by the business. The data collectors will also confirm the legal owner, business name and mailing address for each location.

Data collectors will have identification and any questions can be directed to the Assessors' office at 594-1430.

### First Central Bible Church Announces Programs for Children and Youth

CHICOPEE - First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street in Chicopee, is now offering five age-suitable programs from infants through grade 12 that are designed to help children and youth come to know the Bible, grow closer to God, and build a Christian community.

Sunday Morning: Before Sunday service, from 9:15

to 10:15 a.m., the church's Sunday School partners with parents and caregivers in nurturing children's faith through engaging lessons and activities. Classes are held for ages two through grade 9. Nursery care is provided for children through age two. For adults, a variety of studies are available during this time.

During the service, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., First Central offers Junior Church for age five through fifth grade. While adults attend the service, children experience Bible teaching at their level through lessons, songs, games, and projects. The nursery is available for children through age four.

### Wednesday Evening

Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. children ages two through fifth grade are invited to participate in Awana, which combines Scripture memorization, Bible teaching, fun activities, and mentorship to help children know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Please register on the church website at [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., young people in grades six through twelve can join the church's Youth Group, which combines large- and small-group discussions. Sample topics include how the world's values differ from God's and the nature of sin. Participants explore their viewpoints while learning to apply Christian principles to their lives. No registration is required.

First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street, Chicopee, exists to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus. Sunday service is held at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us in worship, prayer, learning from the Word, glorifying God, and feeling the warmth of fellowship. For more information, please visit [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).

### Polish Junior League of Massachusetts launches Annual Scholarship Offering

REGION - The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts has announced its annual scholarship program for students of Polish heritage.

The League will be awarding scholarships to undergraduate students, and one scholarship will be granted to a graduate or returning student. In addition to the Undergraduate Scholarship program, there are two memorial scholarships, the Helen Weber Scholarship and the Josephine Karwoski Memorial Scholarship, each offering a focus on specific areas of study.

The scholarships and services provided by the Polish Junior League would not be possible without funds raised through the League's Annual Fashion Show and public donations. By contributing, individuals, businesses and corporations are helping to expand the level of awards and positively affect students.

Sheryl Mardeusz, president of the Polish Junior League says, "we are proud to continue helping graduate and undergraduate students throughout New England and are extremely pleased to be able to help even more individuals pursue their educational goals."

To be eligible, applicants,

in addition to being part of the Polish community, must have a permanent address in the Western Massachusetts counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden or Hampshire. Applications can be received after January 2, 2026 with an application deadline of May 1, 2026 and scholarship criteria can be found on the League's website [polishjuniorleague.org](http://polishjuniorleague.org).

For 87 years, the Polish Junior League of Massachusetts, a nonprofit organization of women developed as civic leaders, has made a demonstrable impact on their community. True to its mission, the League has worked diligently to help students obtain the best education, so they may contribute to enhance the social, cultural and political fabric of civil society.

### \*Scholarship Program Key Information

Applications can be submitted between January 2, 2026 and May 1, 2026

Permanent address in Western MA counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden or Hampshire

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The Earls pose for a group photo with hats symbolizing their respective military branches they served. A crowd-favorite, the men also performed their Patriotic song at the ceremony.



Larry White of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 111 Board of Directors reads a poem. He also performed the National Anthem during the ceremony.



Sherry Manyak, executive director of the RiverMills Senior Center, thanked the community for their support of the ceremony.

### VETERANS from page 1

get the same recognition of service that every service member should get when they serve their nation. My generation—the generation that had many members serve in Afghanistan and Iraq in the Post 9/11 Wars—Chicopee continues to recognize them through the Post 9/11 Park that we have right outside the gates of Westover," Oliveira said. "But, what my generation learned from the Vietnam War—and my father taught me and instilled this into me, who's of the Vietnam generation but didn't serve—is you can be against a conflict for people who make decisions, who wear suits, but you should never disrespect and dishonor those who put on a uniform to serve their nation, and especially poignant in this time as we're involved in another conflict. You might disagree with the politics behind it, but you should always support and honor those who put on a uniform. That's what my generation learned and, thankfully, that continues to this day."

He added how Vietnam Veterans Day was first recognized in 2012.

"As we continue to honor their memory and as the number of Vietnam Veterans dwindles every year, It's important to have events like this. To call attention to that conflict, to call attention to the service of those who served their nation honorably and for the 58,000 soldiers who never returned—sailors, soldiers, Airmen who never returned and women—we



The full shot of the vestibule showcasing the memorial to the 15 fallen Vietnam Veterans of Chicopee.

honor their legacy, we honor their memory and we will never forget the sacrifice that that generation made," Oliveira said.

Arriaga, a Veteran herself, shared stories from her time serving the country, recalling friends she served with, those who went back to continue serving and those who never made it home.

"People thank me and they said, 'Thank you for your service. Thank you for what you're doing.' I'm a proud Veteran, my daughter's very proud, my family's proud, but we didn't do that for the Vietnam Veterans. We did not. We failed. As Americans, we failed," Arriaga said. "And I'm hopeful that we've learned and that will never happen again. As long as I am able to and speak and advocate for my brothers and sisters in arms, I will."

Arriaga also encouraged the community to share their ideas on how they can con-



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) and members of the Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC smile for a photo.

tinue to support, improve and honor the state's Veterans.

"That is why I'm here. This is why I'm in office. Lot of good that we do, but there's more work to be done and I understand that," Arriaga said.

Wilk thanked everyone for attending the event, with a special thank you to the city's Veterans.

"I hope we did you proud. I hope that this is an honor that you definitely deserve. Thank you is pret-

ty much all that I can say. Thank you for your service, thank you for all that you have done for us because, without you, this wouldn't be happening," Wilk said. "Thank you, thank you for your service and God Bless

You."

Manyak also thanked the community for coming to the ceremony.

"We have the honor of doing this six years now and it means a lot to us, so thank you," Manyak said.



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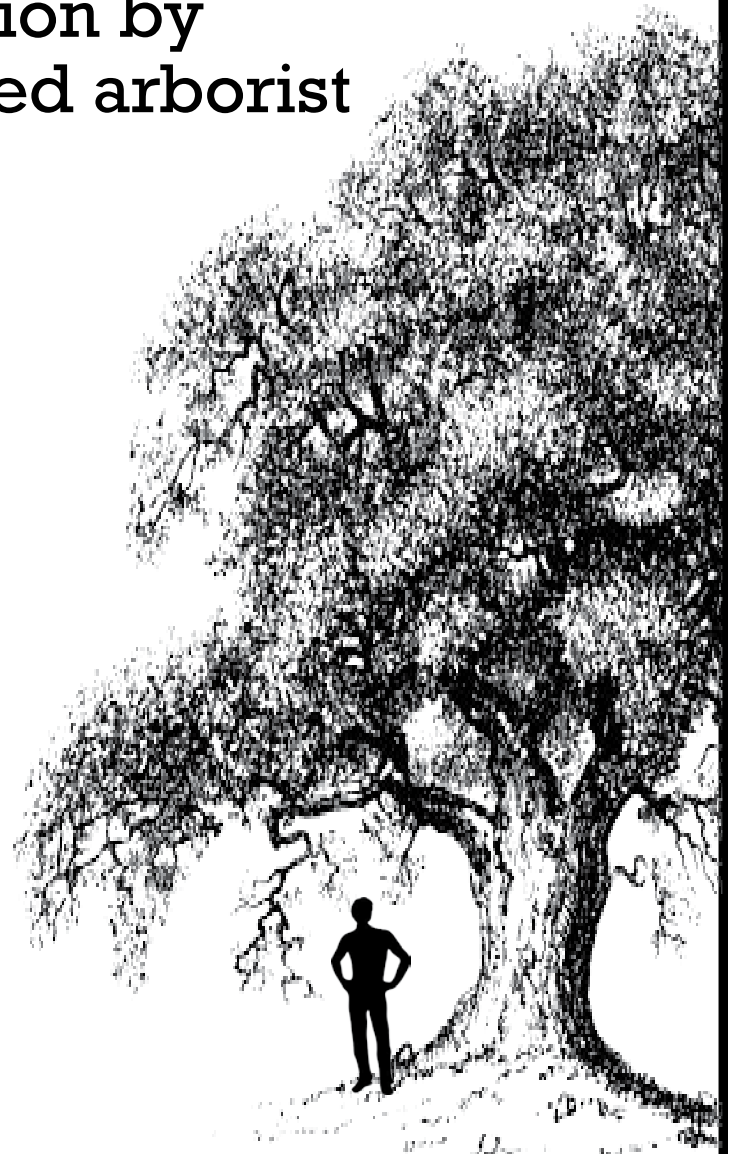


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