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The Chicopee Fire Department demonstrates how to get into a vehicle to save a life during the Mock Crash Demo at Chicopee Comprehensive High School on April 7.

## Council supports Vision Zero Policy, pedestrian safety

By Dalton Zbierski  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The City Council expressed unanimous support on April 7 for adopting a Vision Zero Safety policy, designed to keep pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers safe.

The goal of the policy is to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries in the city by 75% by 2033 and bring the fatality count down to zero by 2041.

The initiative is supported by a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant that Chicopee received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“The goal is to protect and coexist, I’ll say, with three modes of transportation, whether it be vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians. We don’t want to see anymore fatalities in Chicopee,” Mayor John Vieau said.

Vieau informed the City Council that its support would be pivotal to progressing the program and

better ensuring the safety of residents who walk, bike or drive along city streets.

“Eliminating crashes, focusing on problematic areas – that’s what [this] grant is all about. It’s exciting that once you receive the initial grant, you’ll receive another to fund one of the major projects that is identified by the Safe Streets [and Roads] for All program,” Vieau said.

Ward 7 Councilor and longtime Hampden County Sheriff’s Office Officer Bill Courchesne weighed in on the issue. He said he was very excited to see the policy come to fruition.

“I’ve actually been a part of the Vision Zero network since February 2023, when I joined in their mission,” Courchesne said. “I’ve noticed a lot of the people on this committee are administrative per se, so if you’re looking for those of us who are on the ground

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## Crash demo educates teens

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CHICOPEE – Seniors at Chicopee Comprehensive High School had the opportunity to watch a mock crash demonstration involving an

impaired teen driver to learn about safe driving on April 7.

The demonstration featured members of the fire and police departments presenting a mock arrest of an impaired driver—with a teen volunteering as the driver—followed by a live motor vehicle extri-

cation to help students understand the consequences of unsafe decisions when driving.

Public Information Officer Travis Odiome explained how prom and graduation season are coming up for the seniors.

“So, get the general

awareness out to the community, especially kids. If you’re going to be out, going out and celebrating,” Odiome said. “Just be aware, be smart.”

Odiome suggested stu-

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## Holmes recognized for Eagle Scout project

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CHICOPEE – Bryce Holmes was recognized by the City Council and Mayor John Vieau on April 7 for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Holmes, a lifelong resident of Chicopee, has been an active member of Western Mass Council Scouting since December 2013 and

is the first registered Lion Scout in Cub Scout Pack 138. In 2020, he joined Boy Scout Troop 303 in South Hadley, where he held distinct positions as Quartermaster, Troop Guide and Order of the Arrow representative.

Holmes is, also, a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow and regularly participates in many

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City Council Vice President/Ward 6 City Councilor Sam Shumsky with Bryce Holmes after receiving a letter of recognition from the City Council on April 7.



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Chicopee Comprehensive High’s Drama Club cast and crew for their Spring 2026 musical, “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical.”

## CHS Drama Club shines in ‘The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical’

By Christina Gioscia  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – On April 11, Chicopee High’s Drama Club presented their second showing of “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical.”

The production was directed by Jen Maslowski, and music direction was by Michael Kagan and Samantha

Franciosa. From atmospheric sets to smooth transitions thanks to the crew, and of course fabulous vocals and acting from the cast, CHS Drama Club has once again outdone themselves for their Spring 2026 musical.

Three of the cast members after the show shared their favorite things about being in the production. Marshall Lynch who

played Percy Jackson said, “It’s kind of nice not having to worry about getting back on stage, I will say, just because I’m there like 99% of the time. I don’t have to worry about missing an entrance, so that was pretty nice.”

Teddy Carpenter, who played Annabeth Chase, said, “It was amazing. It was very like scary getting the role because I was against upper-

classmen. But it was so awesome. It was so fun to play Annabeth. She was one of my dream roles. I cried when I found out I got the role.”

Max Suleski, who played Grover Underwood, said, “My favorite thing is just the people. Like this is an amazing group of people.”

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## Annual Business Expo a rousing success

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Castle of Knights played host to the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce officially welcoming back the annual Business Expo on Tuesday, April 7, which hasn’t been offered since 2018.

Despite the long time away, it was clear that the tabletop networking mixer still held interest, as close to 60 companies gathered and set up booths and tables filled to the brim with their products and giveaways, drawing the attention of more than 300

people in attendance.

The sponsor for the expo was PeoplesBank, and the event ran from 4 to 7 p.m.

Breaking down the overall success of the evening was Melissa Breor, the executive director for the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, who explained the event used to be a bit bigger.

“This is the first Business Expo that we have held post-pandemic. We used to conduct this with other chambers in the region,” Breor said.

Breor said the idea to revive the mixer was floated around from the first day

she joined the chamber back in 2022, with many feeling a reluctant necessity for it to make a return.

“I remember hearing some members pass along, ‘Maybe we should bring back the tabletop event,’ but I felt that I wanted to get my feet under me before adding another big event, because the truth is this is a sizable event, and to host something of this proportion and scale takes a full team effort,” Breor said.

However, in the end, she felt she made the right deci-

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

The Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce brought back their Annual Business Expo, to huge success.

## IN THE CITY

# National podcast visits Chicopee during Main Street Finds event

By **Brendan Rooney**  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Chicopee reached national acclaim when the “Fixed Ops Mastermind” (-FOM) podcast made a pit stop at the Metro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram branch on March 28, becoming the first guest on the new “Antique Car Dealer Road Show” series, drawing the attention of many, as some even traveled from out of state and brought some legendary pieces with them.

Spearheading the event was Dave Foy, the podcast’s founder, who has worked in the automotive industry since 1987 and once worked with the founders of the Chicopee dealership.

Foy also serves as the organizer for the “Main Street Finds” event, which provides a platform for people to display historical items related to cars and local businesses, and which filmed an episode that day on site.

“I have been in the automotive industry since 1987, but now that I’m finally on the other side, from running stores, among other jobs, I have found myself wanting to be able to present dealerships to the community in a positive light, meaning that I want to be able to showcase all that they do for the community, that they don’t take credit for,” Foy said.

Foy acknowledged the sizable crowd that began to pour in.

“Look around, there are a whole ton of people here, some brought cars, others brought memorabilia that some have been passed down through generations, and it’s just a great experience for them to hang out and have the platform to talk about the things they love,” Foy said.

And changing gears to shed some light on how the dealership got selected by Foy, that question was answered by Felicia Barr, who is the service director at the dealership, and one of Foy’s former co-workers from his time at Metro.

“I truly felt that for Dave (Foy) to come here and start the roadshow here was truly an honor. At first, I was like I don’t know if anyone would come, but seeing the turnout has been incredible to say the least,” Barr said. “I do want to add I have been working here at the dealership for more than 14 years, so the involvement from the community, and the



From Left to Right - Bob Barr, Dave Foy, “Fixed Ops Mastermind” Podcast founder, and a colleague chat.

relationship between the community and the dealership continues to grow, and I’m grateful to be here, and grateful to serve Chicopee.”

Foy shared one of the main attraction pieces that was on display, which was a Limited Edition 1970 Plymouth Road Runner in Panther Pink (officially “Moulin Rouge,” code FM3), which was one of only 44 that were ever made.

He then introduced the owner, Ralph Barbagallo, who explained how he came into possession of the vehicle.

“So my daughter was born in 2011, and I went to Chrysler dealership, I came over to Metro, and I said, ‘Felicia (Barr) I want a furious fuchsia challenger. She told me they “we have a 2010”, I said no I need a 2011, she told me they don’t make them, well my daughter wasn’t born in 2010, she was born in 2011,’” Barbagallo said. “I then explained I thought it be would a nice car for her when she gets older, so that didn’t happen, and I’ve always been looking for a pink road runner, then this car came up on eBay during 2014. It came with a missing a bunch of pieces, along with a rusted out hulk, but it had all of the proper documentation, so I then won the car on eBay auction for \$2,333.33.”

Barbagallo explained that he and his family brought the car home, and it took over three years to restore the priceless vehicle to the condition it is now in.

“During that time frame, we went to the body shop, the

body was all completely done, and then we started assembling it, and then my daughter and I did all of the restoration on the car,” Barbagallo said. “So, when it came time to rebuild the motor, my daughter, my father, and her grandfather (my father-in-law, who is a mechanic) put the motor together and assembled it, and the end product is what you see now.”

Barbagallo added the car was featured on the front cover of the leading Mopar Magazine back in 2020, which had his daughter on the front, and the publication did a feature as well, to which Barbagallo expressed praise.

He then discussed the role the dealership plays with the community, highlighting some future events fast approaching.

“Metro understands the importance of being part of the community,” Barbagallo said. “They do a lot of great events throughout the year, for example, on May 3, Metro is hosting the 46th Annual Mopar Expo Show & Swap Meet, and then in August, there is a Jeep Show scheduled as well.”

He said that the cycle of life and the experience of seeing the splendor of new cars at the dealership still hold strong and continue to take shape, as it was something that Barbagallo remembers from his childhood, and a point of connection he has strengthened with his daughter.

“It harkens back to the days of the 70’s and 80’s when our fathers were kids and their dads, would say ‘Ok get all your homework done, and I’ll

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Some of the timeless memorabilia that guests brought, which were featured on the “Fixed Ops Mastermind” Podcast.



Ralph Barbagallo and his daughter, Owners of a Limited Edition 1970 Plymouth Road Runner in Panther Pink.



1950 Dodge Power Wagon Pickup fully restored, owned by Wayne Milelcik.

bring you down to the dealership and we’re going to unveil the Charger,” and it was just a moment of amazement, and at that time the dealership did

similar ways of innovation and connection to get your kids involved, establish a sense of family, and so Main Street Finds is awesome, and

it’s all about having a great time, and simply they get it,” Barbagallo said.

### Correction

In the Apr. 3 edition of the Chicopee Register, a Chicopee Comp softball player pictured in the upper left of page 7 was incorrectly identified. The player is Brielle Bennett. We apologize for the error.

## 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.bgechicopee.org](http://www.bgechicopee.org).

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# IN THE CITY

## Pilot Travel Center officially opens

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CHICOPEE - The Pilot Travel Center celebrated its grand opening on Burnett Road in Chicopee with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 8.

The truck stop and travel center is located next to the Massachusetts Turnpike entrance, comprising a modern, open-concept store design, restrooms and showers, four self-checkout lines, large beverage coolers, the new Pilot Eats food service offering signature, guest-favorite items, mobile fueling and exclusive in-app offers available through the Pilot app and many more amenities.

It was also announced that \$20,000 was donated to the Chicopee Public Schools as part of Pilot's Miles of Good initiative.

The project was first approved by the Planning Board in May 2022. In September 2022, the City Council had rejected permits for fuel storage and gas station licenses, leading to a court case requesting the council's decision be vacated and the licenses granted.

Lawyers for Pilot Travel Center had argued the council's decision was unlawful,

and the City Council's decision was later upheld by Hampden Superior Court in June 2024.

After the applications were withdrawn, the project returned when the applicant, Dinesh Patel, reapplied for the licenses. In December 2024, the City Council approved the project in two 10-3 votes: one for an amended fuel storage license from Chicopee Inn, Inc., and another for a service station license from Pilot Travel Centers LLC.

Also, an 8-5 vote to not send the items back to the License Committee for another public hearing. The night before, the License Committee had voted 2-2, with one abstention, creating an unfavorable report.

Residents against the project had expressed concerns about traffic impact and cited accidents in the area, while those for it emphasized bringing business to Chicopee, including tax revenue.

Pilot later broke ground in August 2025 and officially opened in January.

Regional Manager Brandon Ohler shared while Pilot is "here to serve guests on the road, this travel center is also (a) dedicated investment into a local neighborhood."

"It serves as an economic driver in the area and



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From the left, State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Dinesh Patel, Regional Manager Brandon Ohler, Assistant Superintendent Carol Kruser, Kristen Coelho, the Family and Community Engagement Facilitator for Chicopee Public Schools, and Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), with the \$20,000 donation to Chicopee Public Schools.

we're proud to make this commitment to our community. We're honored to work with Chicopee and we look forward to a long, successful partnership. Our incredible team here at POD made this day possible. I want to extend my deepest gratitude for their hard work, resilience and dedication," Ohler said. "Our team members—who we call journeymakers—are part of this community, they live here, work here and have families that go to school here. Together, we're excited to serve the community."

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) said: "this is not only beneficial for the district here, for Chicopee, but really for the region."

"This is a well-needed business that we're happy is finally underway. It is a beautiful, beautiful building. I welcome, encourage everyone to come and support. They are great business partners not only to Chicopee, but really to the greater Springfield community," Arriaga said. "We're looking forward to continued success for you and your team. But really, I thank you for choosing Chicopee to do business and I wish you the very best."

After Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), presented a citation on behalf of the Massachusetts State Senate, Patel expressed excitement about the opening.

"From the very beginning, this project is about not just building a travel center, but it is about serving the people and the local community. Whether it's a long-haul truck driver who's keeping our economy alive right now, (a) family who's passing through Western Massachusetts and local residents who stop by for the convenience, or the food, gas and diesel," Patel said. "Chicopee always stays in our heart because this is a unique location. It is a strategic location and Chicopee always brings continued

growth."

After thanking everyone who supported the project, Patel said the location would bring jobs, economic activity and a reliable, high-quality stop to travelers. He later shared 40 full-time employees from Western Mass were hired, with 60 employees in total.

Assistant Superintendent Carol Kruser was joined by Kristen Coelho, the Family and Community Engagement Facilitator for Chicopee Public Schools, to accept the \$20,000 donation.

"We just want to thank you so much for thinking of Chicopee Public Schools and all the students here in the city. It was lovely to meet everybody and to talk about how this was a project of the heart and how the heart and soul is in Chicopee, and that's how we feel and we're here to support," Kruser said.

Coelho explained the donation would support the FACE team's community engagement in the district.

"This will allow us to really extend and bring much more programming to Chicopee, our school system. I look forward to hosting many parent academies. We have a lot of workshops in the works. We have Literacy Nights, cul-

tural celebrations and many more, now, opportunities to offer our families and engage with them in the community," Coelho said.

Melissa Breor, executive director of the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber "often talk about the importance of creating an environment where business can grow and succeed and today is (an) example of that in action."

"Projects like this don't happen overnight and they certainly don't happen without persistence. This project has had a long road and today is a testament to what's possible when partners stay committed, work through challenges and keep moving forward," Breor said.

Ohler thanked the community for its support.

"It's been very welcoming. Everybody's been very positive. I know that we're very excited to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the community, but it took a team effort and everybody chipping in and spending time with us. It's been very exciting," Ohler said.

"We're here for them. We're excited to be a part of them and we're a 24/7 operation, so we're here to fulfill their needs," Ohler said.



An exterior shot of the Pilot Travel Center

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# OPINION

## Same payment, different future

*How homeownership builds more than a place to live*

**By Brandice J. O'Brien**  
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WEST SPRINGFIELD - At first glance, renting and owning can look surprisingly similar. A monthly payment is made. A living situation is secured for a month. Life goes on. But over time, one small difference changes everything. Homeownership is about more than just paying for a place to live. It's about building something of your own, one payment at a time.

Homeownership also gives something many renters don't always have: stability, control over the space, and the ability to put down roots in their community. Over time, it can open the door to something even bigger - building generational wealth.

"A crucial trend people should understand about homeownership and wealth is that homeowners are, on average, roughly 40 times wealthier than renters," said Dawn Creighton, Liberty Bank Community Outreach officer. "It's a wealth gap that has reached historic highs."

A big part of that difference comes from equity.

Simply put, equity is the portion of your home that you own. With each mortgage payment, you're not just paying to live somewhere - you're increasing your ownership. And as home values rise over time, that ownership can grow even more.

For example, a home purchased at \$210,000 with a small down payment starts building equity right away. As payments are made and the home increases in value, that equity can grow significantly - sometimes reaching tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars over time.

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itat for Humanity (GSHFH) makes the purchasing process more affordable for the limited income population by offering low, fixed interest rates; a minimal or no down payment, and waiving mortgage insurance.

"After 10 years, equity grows more noticeably while the home value increases. After 20 years, more than 50% of the principal (the amount still owed) has been paid off. After 30 years, the family owns it outright," said Olga Calligos, GSHFH Homeowner Services manager. "This creates more financial freedom as there is now no monthly mortgage payment. The home is now a family asset that can be lived in long-term and passed down through generations."

That piece makes a difference to many families, particularly those who previously faced housing instability.

"When a family can stay in one place, they can finally

stop reacting to housing crises and start pouring their resources into long-term goals like education or career growth," said Beata Gosselin, Housing Counselor program manager at Cambridge Credit Counseling. "The extra breathing room in the budget allows families to build up an emergency fund and handle life's unexpected curveballs without the constant fear of losing their housing."

Greater Springfield Habitat has built 77 homes in Hampden County since opening its doors in 1987. The most recent home was sold in early April to a couple in Holyoke. In June 2025, GSHFH sold a Springfield home to a couple with four school-age children. In addition to building equity, the kids now have a stable and reliable place where they can grow and thrive.

"Children growing up in a home their parents own, generally experience greater stability, leading to improved educational outcomes, better physical/emotional health, and higher high school graduation rates (up to 25% higher) compared to renters," Dawn said.

Anne Eisenman agreed. She is a longtime GSHFH supporter, volunteer, and former board of directors' president.

"Living in the same home and attending school in one district throughout childhood provides stability and community. Seeing parents caring for their home and property teaches children life skills such as problem solving, prioritizing projects, and managing finances," she said.

To learn more about Greater Springfield Habitat and stay up-to-date on open application cycles, visit [habitatsspringfield.org](http://habitatsspringfield.org)



## What I did last weekend

I was so looking forward to last Saturday, a day in which I did not have to drive anywhere. I could simply stay put and work on getting the yard in shape.

Boy, was it a long winter, and there was proof of that no matter where I turned.

Read on to learn which outdoor and indoor gardening activities kept me busy.

First I decided to tackle the perennial and shrub borders that I walk by the most often. Half of the reason we garden is because we like to stand back in admiration, so I figured if I cleaned those up I'd have something to feel good about on my way to the car or the chicken coop.

I leave many perennials standing through the winter, especially those with seed heads the birds might like to dine on.

So, before I got out the rake, I went plant by plant with my hedge clippers, cutting the dead and brown stalks to about "fist" height from the ground. Hedge clippers make fast work of this task. After that came the rake, with which I carefully cleaned the bed of matted leaves and the plant parts I just cut back. As I was working, I weeded out clover, and some perennial grasses that appeared within the bed, and although I am nowhere near ready to apply bark mulch, I got out the spade and did my best to put a crisp edge on the border with the lawn. Looking good.

While I was putting tools away I found (gasp) some hyacinth and daffodil bulbs that never got planted in the fall. I cannot even believe that there were green tips on these bulbs that sat in an empty pot in my unheated subarctic garden shed over the winter months.

I figured that after that torture they deserved to be planted. I sunk them twice their height deep and watered them in. Say a prayer.

My "Redbud garden" shares a stone wall with some thornless blackberry bushes. It may not have been smart on my account to have an ornamental garden opposite plants that like to sucker like crazy but such is life when you want to squeeze in as many plants as you can into the space you've got... Anyway, ten foot long canes jumped the wall into the bed where I have a few bulbs and

biennials at the base of the Redbud.

I was able to give the canes a strong yank and lo and behold I have three new blackberry bushes free for the taking. I separated them from the mother plant, potted them up and will delight a friend with them, just as my friend Kelly's husband had done for me some years back.

These berries are so wonderful. Even with a small patch I am always able to freeze a couple of quarts for use in the offseason. Yum!

With stems cut back, leaves raked, weeds and suckers removed and the beds given a crisp edge, I felt good enough about leaving outlying gardens for another day. It was time to turn my attention to tomato seedlings that had long since outgrown the seed packs the seeds were sown in the third week of March.

Typically we transplant when the first true leaves form. I am maybe a week late.

Carefully I lifted out the clumps of seedlings and gently pried the roots apart. Tomato seedlings can be sunk deeply, almost up to their leaves; new roots will form on the stems.

After a gentle watering they will go back under the grow lights until they are big enough to be moved from the six packs to a four inch pot. Probably by May 1.

What is next on the agenda? Next weekend I have to assess my potato patch. I'll probably pull up old red raspberry canes nearby to expand the bed.

Blueberry bushes need some fertilizer. Asparagus could use lime and compost, probably some weeding as well.

There is never a dull moment this time of year, and I am not sure I'd want it any other way.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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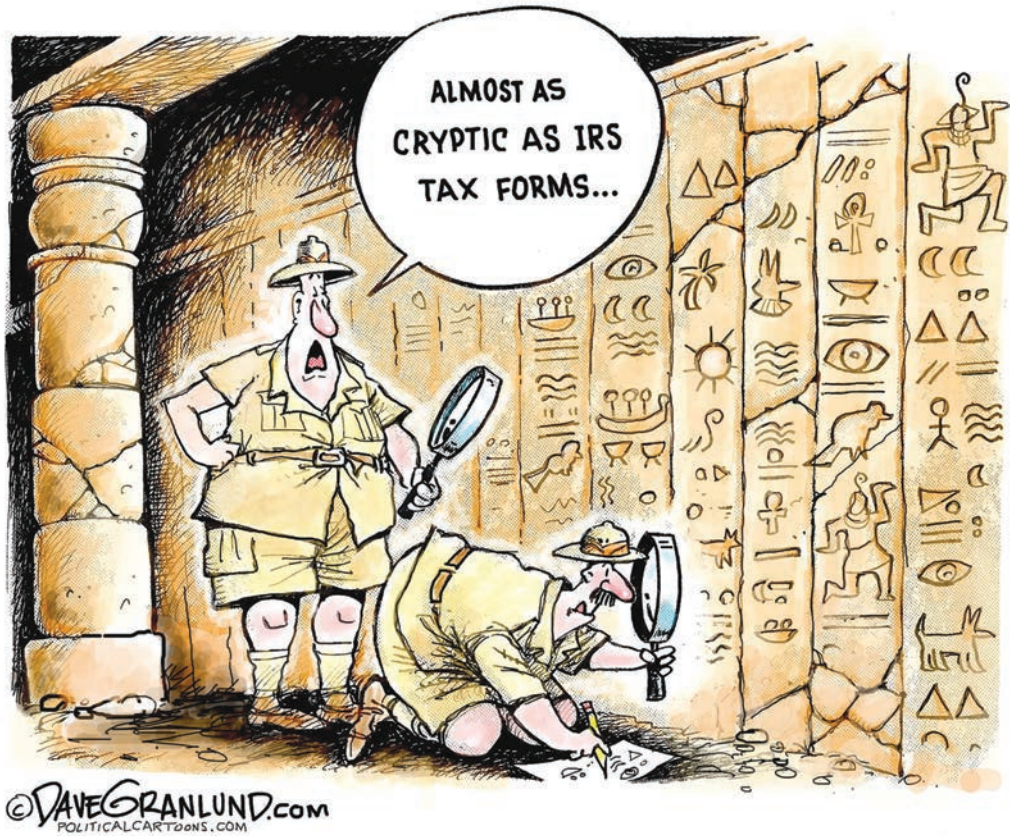
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# IN THE CITY

## Councilors advocate for syringe disposal hotline

By Dalton Zbierski  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – As the Opioid Epidemic continues impacting Western Massachusetts, discarded needles remain a problem in the city of Chicopee.

During the April 7 City Council meeting, Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne proposed financing a syringe disposal hotline and needle removal service that would be facilitated by Tapestry Health.

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously to send the item to the Finance Com-

mittee for a more in-depth conversation. Courchesne explained why it would be worthwhile to bring the service in Chicopee.

“This is in response to many years of people, you know, [expressing] concerns, being in a park or walking on the sidewalk and seeing a needle there,” Courchesne said.

He added that the service has been provided in Holyoke for years, where it’s been effective.

“With this program, they will come out within five to 10 minutes of a phone call and retrieve that needle that

somebody called in about,” Courchesne said. “So, it’s a manned hotline. At night and on the weekends, [retrievals happen] the following business day.”

Courchesne said he spoke with Chicopee Health Director Lisa Sanders and that she was “very supportive” of the potential initiative.

He noted that the city can negotiate the price with Tapestry Health and expressed that whatever the final price, “it will be well worth the money the city invests.”

According to Councilor-at-Large Jes-

sica Avery voiced support for Courchesne’s proposal. She said that in the current environment, there has been a decrease in funding for a lot of transmissible disease prevention and awareness resources.

“I think that the more money that we can put into prevention is money that we save in the long run,” Avery said. “Especially looking at what the hospitals are managing [and] the ways that we can decrease the spread of STIs and other syringe-related diseases, I think is a great idea, so I’ll be voting in favor of this.”

Councilor-at-Large Jes-

## Rotary Club of Chicopee Celebrity Bartender Event

CHICOPEE – The Rotary Club of Chicopee will be presenting a Celebrity Bartender Event on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the View Street Tavern.

Support your local celebrities!

5:30 p.m. John Arthur (Personnel Recruiter), Lou Arasate (Entertainment Director), Joe Peters (Plastics Manufacturing, Retired), Gene LaPierre (Entrepreneur, Retired)

6:15 p.m. Kirk Burnham, Sr. (Vice President, Polish National Credit Union), Jason Ouellette (Chicopee Concrete Service, Inc), Fred Borys (Real Estate Appraiser, Retired), Mike Vogel (VP Sales Manager, Westfield Bank)

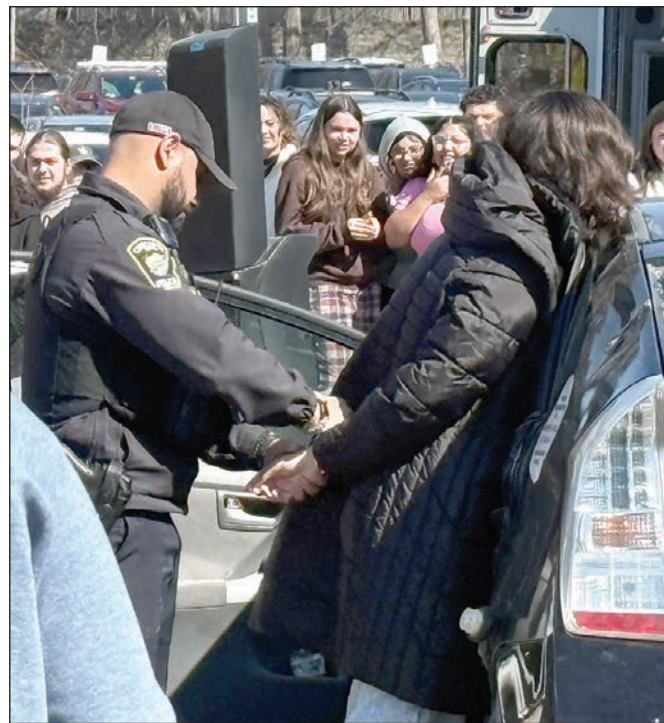
7 p.m. Kat Lockridge (Entrepreneur, Retired), Scott Channell (General Manager, National Vinyl LLC), Karen Kirby (Broker/Owner, HB Real Estate), Robert McNamara (McNamara Services LLC)

7:45 p.m. Mayor John Vieau (City of Chicopee), Jeffrey Sattler (Senior Relationship Manager, Liberty Bank), Kate Riley (Vice President/Realtor, Riley Home Realty), Chelsea Parker (Director of Chicopee Outpatient Services, River Valley Counseling Services)

DJ Services provided by Cote Entertainment and Raffie Prizes

This is a great opportunity to network with fellow business leaders in the community. Many are either current Rotarians, past Rotarians or prospective new Rotarians! Thank you for your support!

To support your celebrity bartender ahead of the event, visit [chicopeerotary.org/donations](http://chicopeerotary.org/donations).



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Ofc. Johnny Jusino arrests a teen for driving while impaired. The teen volunteered to take part in the demonstration.

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dents also remember Uber or rideshare options are available, offering these safety tips.

“Use a designated driver, call your family, call your friends,” Odiorne said.

Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh shared the high school asked the first responders if they could come and do a mock crash demo for the students to raise awareness.

“Awareness for what happens when driving, what happens when there’s a vehicle collision, what happens during a vehicle extrication. So, our crews today put on an extrication of a vehicle that was already damaged and we were able to do a presentation to students,” Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Collins-Kalbaugh stressed the importance of a demo like this, noting the statistics and data of increased rates of injury and death for young adult drivers.

“We’re not trying to scare them. We’re trying to educate them. Educate them on making different choices, about driving, wearing your seatbelt, not driving impaired, following the speeding laws, because we really

just want to keep them safe while they’re out there on the road,” Collins-Kalbaugh said. “The crews did a really great job with the demonstration, so we’re grateful for their work today.”

Abby Tenczar, director of counseling, and Sherri Piekarski, substance abuse prevention specialist at Chicopee Comp and Chicopee Academy, were thrilled to have this demo for the students.

“We just really know that there’s a significant need for students to be aware of all the risks with substance use, and so, this is a really good example of how to really make it impactful for students to be aware,” Piekarski said.

“The curriculum as well and students are identified as needing extra support regarding substance use and you do groups. We have three substance use prevention specialists throughout the district, but we just thought this demonstration would be more impactful,” Tenczar said.

Piekarski stressed how critical this information was not just for the seniors, but the younger students as well.

“Substance abuse is widespread. Substance abuse is all kinds, from alcohol to all kinds of other drugs. It means a lot. We need to make



Here, we get a close-up shot of the firefighters working on the damaged vehicle.

students, families and just the larger community aware of the seriousness of it,” Piekarski said. “I’m really hoping that just the visual of it really hit home. That when they go out and they get in their car, they’re going to say ‘Yeah, I got to put my seatbelt on.’ or, ‘Yeah, I really should not be using any kind of substance’ and that they just remember that for, really, a lifetime. That it stays with them. So, I’m hopeful.”

“And I think helping peers too,” Tenczar said. “If they’re seeing that somebody is getting behind the wheel that shouldn’t be, then they can remember this crash scene and say, ‘Hey, let me give you a ride. Let’s get an Uber, let’s call our parents.’ That sort of thing.”

Piekarski was also thankful for the connections with the fire and police departments.

“That’s a really critical piece. It’s showing that we have these connections and that the community is so important to spreading this message and then just these people who do this incredible work. That we’re all doing this incredible work, that we’re all working as a team. It’s a team effort with everybody,” Piekarski said.

Tenczar hopes kids talk

to their families and peers after seeing the demo.

“We want kids talking about it. We want them to go home, talk to their parents about it,” Tenczar said. “Hopefully, they’ll be talking with lots of other kids about what they saw.”

Piekarski wants the

community to know the Chicopee Public Schools “is on this.”

“We’re aware, we know it’s super prevalent and that our kiddos, our youth, really need to know how substance use will and can impact them. So, the community-at-large as well,” Piekarski said.

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Firefighters work together to put the victim on a stretcher to be taken to the hospital.

# IN THE CITY

## 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 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.

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 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 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.

### 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 a.m. 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 younger 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-

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 interactive 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.

### Programs for Teens

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 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 Cybersecurity in a fun environment with peers.

Sign up by going to 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.



A full shot of the Chicopee City Council with Bryce Holmes after receiving a letter of recognition for his Eagle Scout project.



City Council Vice President/Ward 6 City Councilor Sam Shumsky presents the letter of recognition to Bryce Holmes for his Eagle Scout project.

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community service projects.

For his Eagle Scout project, Holmes raised over \$6,000 to purchase and construct a gaga ball pit at Lambert-Lavoie Elementary School, where his journey began as he was a Cub Scout at the time and also fighting inoperable brain cancer during over three years of chemotherapy. Despite his battle, he continued scouting and attended school full-time.

The money was raised through a GoFundMe page, the Knights of Columbus post his troop committee chair is a part of, his grandparents, a Walk-a-Thon held at the elementary school and community support.

Holmes, now 18, will attend Holyoke Community College this fall to study Liberal Arts and then transfer to UMass Amherst.

City Council Vice President/Ward 6 Councilor Sam Shumsky first met Holmes when he visited his AP Gov class at Chicopee Comprehensive High School in 2024.



Mayor John Vieau shakes hands with Bryce Holmes.

Holmes' mother, Jennifer, later reached out to Shumsky to update him on her son's progress and share how his visit and message impacted her son.

Shumsky shared he was humbled to know he made a mark on Holmes during that 2024 visit and that evening, the young scout received a letter of recognition from the City Council for his accomplishments.

He later received a cer-

tificate of recognition from Vieau, which was presented during the City Council meeting.

"You don't really hear stuff like that. It's very—to me—meaningful because you don't realize that one small word or one small sentence could make such a profound impact in someone's future. When I got that email, it really touched me deeply and I wanted to do something to recognize him for all of his



Bryce Holmes holds up his letter of recognition in a photo with his family.

achievements. Not only in his personal battles, but his professional ones as well," Shumsky said.

When considering the impact on someone else's life, he added that he never thought, at a young age, that he "would be able to do that for someone."

"It really opened my eyes to how many other lives that

I or someone else might have changed in the process of either going to speak to a class, reading a book to a class or even just shaking someone's hand and telling them they have a nice smile or something like that," Shumsky said.

Holmes said receiving the honors was wonderful.

"I've been doing scouts since kindergarten. I'm currently a high school senior," Holmes said. "It's been a long journey for me."

He noted that getting his work done on time, his commitment to scouting and motivation from his band teacher in 9th grade brought him to this point today, receiving his Eagle rank "with a few days to spare."

"Knowing that only about 4% to 5% of scouts actually are awarded Eagle, it's a big honor," Holmes said.

On his cancer journey, Holmes explained this took place from kindergarten through third grade.

"It's hard, but you're able to get through it if you fight," Holmes said.

On the opportunity to serve as an inspiration to others, Holmes said it was an honor.

"For me, what got me go-

ing, my band director freshman year. He believes he only got the job he had because he's Eagle. There's people just as qualified as him, but Eagle really pushes beyond. Eagle is something that employers look at, and if you're equally qualified as somebody but you have Eagle, they know that you can get things done," Holmes said. "The Eagle project is very taxing. Some take over 200 hours to do, but if you can get the project done, you can pretty much assure Eagle if you have time."

Holmes was grateful for the community support to bring his project to reality.

"It means a lot," Holmes said. "It came from the community in Chicopee and some in South Hadley."

His advice for aspiring Eagle Scouts was this.

"Keep it up. I've been told by people, my current band director, he regrets not getting Eagle," Holmes said. "Get Eagle. It is worth the time. It is something that, true, it may take time now, but it saves you time later down the road."

As for his message? "Keep up the hard work and always try your best. Never give up," Holmes said.

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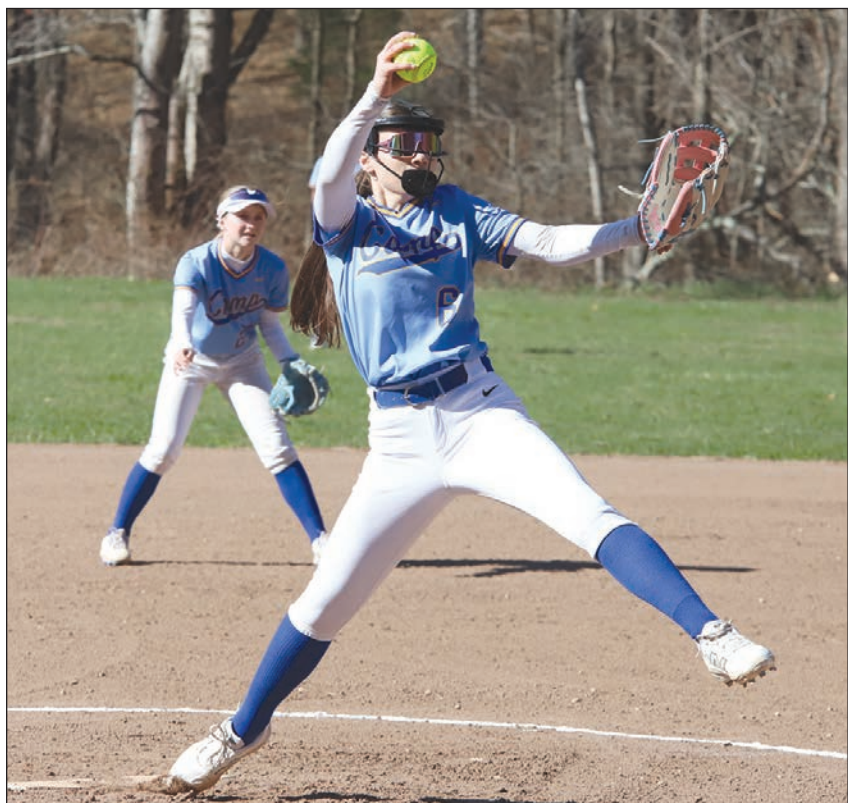
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Ashlyn Warwick sends a pitch away.

## Comp comes back to beat Pathfinder

PALMER – Pathfinder softball was able to push across a couple of runs early, but Chicopee Comprehensive came roaring back and ended up turning the game around, defeating Pathfinder 25-9 last Thursday at Pathfinder Tech. The Pioneers fell to 0-4 on the season while Chicopee Comprehensive rose above .500 to 3-2.



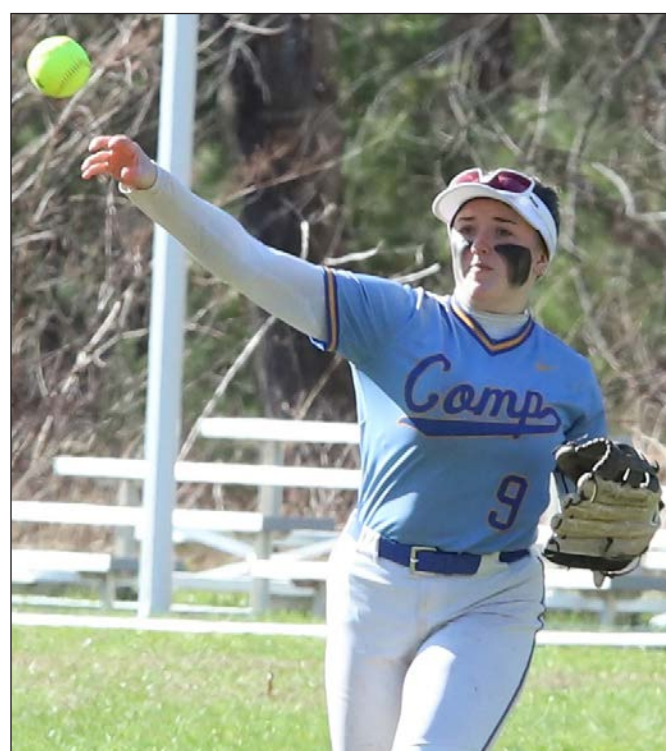
Faith Irwin fouls off a pitch.



Aleysha Ramos picks up a fair ball in front of the plate



Alexis Wojcik takes a swing



Arianna Bird comes up throwing to the infield.

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## Comp boys lacrosse out to perfect start

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School boys lacrosse team, which co-ops with Chicopee High, won its fourth consecutive game to start the regular season. The Colts defeated visiting Pittsfield in a bit of a slugfest 15-11 last Thursday, Apr. 9.

For Comp, Wylan Beaulieu had five goals and an assist to lead the

team. Domink Szczech and Landyn Klein had three goals each. Jeremy Isham would score two goals and assist on two more.

Comp has wins this season over Belchertown, Central, and Northampton for a perfect 4-0 record.

The Colts are back in action on Apr. 24 at home against West Springfield at 4:45 p.m.

## T-Birds suffer tough loss against rival Hartford Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-30-6-2) unleashed 37 attempts at the net of the Hartford Wolf Pack (25-35-5-3) but were kept in check in a 3-1 defeat at the hands of their Braman I-91 Rivalry Series opponents in front of a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The T-Birds were sluggish out of the gates, and despite a seven-game losing streak coming into the game, the Wolf Pack took advantage of early mistakes, beginning with an Anton Blihd goal off a cross-crease setup by Bryce McConnell-Barker at 7:58 of the first.

A Springfield penalty set the stage for Hartford's first and only power play of the game, and just 1:03 after Blihd's goal, Brendan Brisson made a highlight-reel play, putting the puck between his legs and chipping a forehand past Vadim Zherenko at 9:01 to make it a 2-0 score.

Thunderbirds head coach Steve Ott called a timeout to try to quell Hartford's momentum, but even that proved futile as Scott Morrow blasted a slapper that squeezed through Zherenko 39 seconds later to make it a 3-0 score.

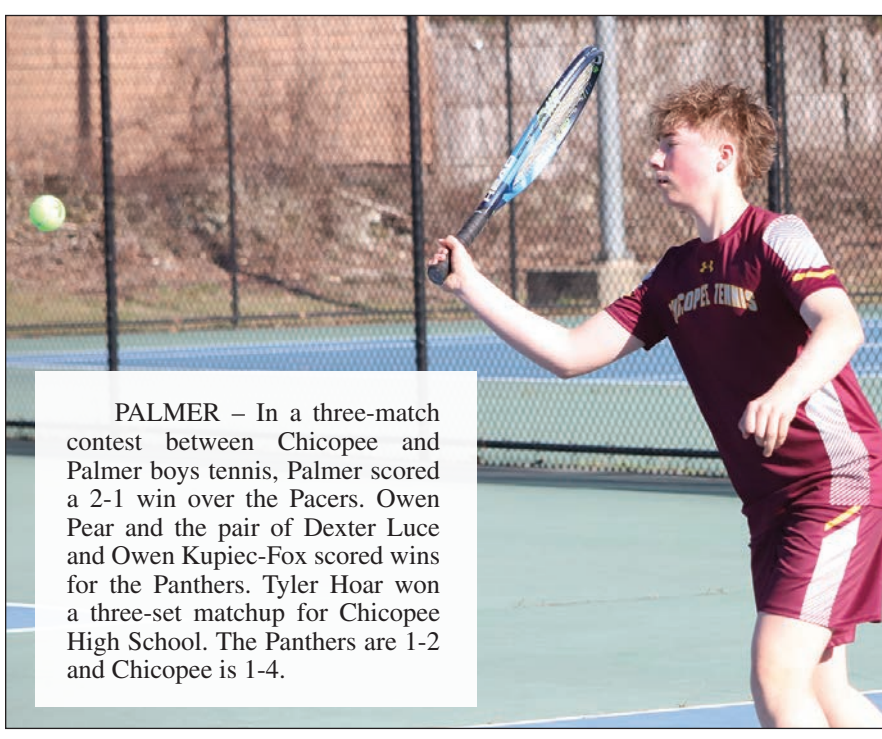
The T-Birds finally got one back at 13:28 when Zach Dean saucered a perfect 2-on-1 pass to Hugh McGing, who elevated a shot through Callum Tung to cut the lead to 3-1.

From that point, Zherenko's night was relatively quiet, with Hartford only registering 13 shots for the remainder of the game after their three-goal blitz in the opening period. The Springfield power play had a half-dozen chances to try to cut into the deficit, but the Hartford penalty killing in front of Tung held the fort, and the rookie backstop finished his night with 36 stops for his sixth win of the season and second in three starts against Springfield.

## Panthers edge Pacers in tennis action



Jabari Flowers runs to meet the ball.



Tyler Hoar gets a forehand hit. He won his match against Palmer last week.

PALMER – In a three-match contest between Chicopee and Palmer boys tennis, Palmer scored a 2-1 win over the Pacers. Owen Pear and the pair of Dexter Luce and Owen Kupiec-Fox scored wins for the Panthers. Tyler Hoar won a three-set matchup for Chicopee High School. The Panthers are 1-2 and Chicopee is 1-4.

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Nyshawn Williams gets a return hit during doubles action.



Austin Horn returns the ball.

## SPORTS

## Railers ground Gargoyles in win

GREENSBORO, NC — The Worcester Railers HC (31-30-5-2, 69 pts) bested the Greensboro Gargoyles for a second straight time (18-43-6-1, 43 pts) on Saturday, April 11, with a final score of 3-1 in front of a crowd of 6,035 at the First Horizon Coliseum. The Railers will close out their weekend in Greensboro against the Gargoyles with a 3:00 p.m. EDT puck drop on Sunday, April 12th.

Max Dorrington (1-0-1) broke the goal drought at 10:55 in the second and picked up the lone goal of the period for a 1-0 Railers lead. Greg Smith responded for Greensboro with a finishing feed off defenseman Caleb Price's wrap around play early in the third (1-1). Worcester reclaimed their lead with a top-shelf tally from Drew Callin (1-0-1) at 15:41 (2-1). Anthony Repaci's (1-0-1) empty net goal at 19:11 cemented the Railers' 3-1 victory at the evening's close.

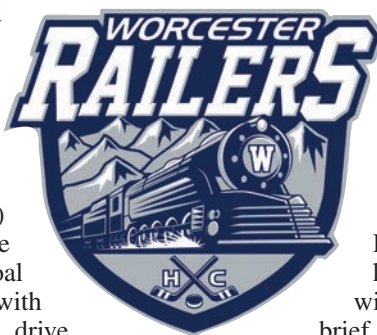
It was a scoreless start to the night as Thomas Gale for the Railers and Ruslan Khazheyev for Greensboro kept their opponents shut out through the initial frame. No penalties were assessed in the period, as Worcester closed the first leading in shots with 15 to Greens-

boro's 9.

Worcester gained an edge over the Gargoyles as the second period turned to its latter half. Max Dorrington (5th) broke the goal drought with a forceful drive from atop the far face-off circle, the play set up by a cross-ice pass from Gleb Veremyev at 10:55. The Railers held on to their narrow 1-0 lead heading into the third as Dorrington's goal remained the sole tally scored in the period when the horn sounded. Worcester and Greensboro were noddied up with penalties at one a piece, Blake Swetlikoff for delay of game and Anthony Callin for hooking, while Worcester led once more in shots 16-9.

Greensboro came out with a quick reply to Worcester's second-period play as Greg Smith tied the game at 3:10 in the third with a chip off of a failed wrap-around bid from Caleb Price. The evening heated up as Gleb Veremyev squared off against Blake Dangos,

with the Railers forward quickly shutting down the Gargoyle defenseman before heading into the box at the start of the final five minutes of play.



Adam Samuelsson and Drew Kuzma followed shortly with their own brief exchange, but the pair were ushered to their respective benches with no penalties. Soon after, the possibility of overtime was wiped away by Drew Callin (23rd), unassisted at 15:41. Callin walked in on Khazheyev after a turnover in the offensive zone and lit the lamp on the top shelf for a 2-1 Railers lead. The Greensboro netminder was soon pulled for an extra attacker, but the decision proved costly for the Gargoyles as Anthony Repaci (22nd) sent the puck the full 200 feet into the awaiting empty net at 19:11 for the 3-1 regulation final in favor of the Railers. Veremyev and Dangos were the only penalties called in the third, while shots for the period favored the Gargoyles 11-9. Final shots tallied 40 for Worcester and 29 for Greensboro.

## More players wanted for new team in Pioneer Valley League

SOUTH HADLEY — The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, is now fully open for registration for the 2026 season.

New players are especially wanted for the new sixth team. There are several spots open for that sixth team, so players interested in joining the league should get signed up as soon as possible to claim a spot.

The adult league will be administered by the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, and a registration link is on the home page of the league's website [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Thought it will be under the Quabbin umbrella, there will be no major changes in how the league is operated.

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular

season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to utilize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a sixth team this season.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range. The league will start play in late April and run through the end of August. There are slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for

\$130. Fees paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs. No one profits in any way.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in as soon as possible to participate in this season.

Games are played at ballfields throughout the region from as far south as Southwick's Whalley Field, through South Hadley's Beachgrounds and north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

For any questions, please go to the league website for more information. The league hopes interested players will come out and join the fun this spring and summer.

## IN THE CITY



By Barb Turcotte

Sometimes you can tell a lot about a person from their career which is certainly the case with Mia Gorecki. Mia has worked at the Baystate Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of the hospital, for eight years. Though she's a coordinator for all their events, her specialty is Pediatrics. She's instrumental with the Children's Miracle Network events, such as the Radiothon and also the UMASS Dance Marathon. Though this event is mostly organized by the students, she helps them acquire sponsorships and guides them with the protocols of the school. She has an abundance of energy, so can relate to the students while showing them the importance of charitable giving.

Mia is definitely one who gives of herself a hundred percent and is always looking for ways she can give back. She, a newlywed of nearly two years, has chosen a partner with the same values and beliefs. Both being animal lovers, shared while driving they saw three wandering pups. She made him stop for each, making sure they were not injured and looked well cared for. She laughed saying he jokingly threatened her at the last one that he was going to leave her with the dog because he needed to get to his appointment.

Mia approached me in December wondering if we had a program where I work, that would give residents that didn't have relatives a Christmas gift. After checking with my director, we realized that we had fifteen residents that would benefit from this 'Secret Santa' idea. Needless to say, it was a joyous experience being able to create a magical Christmas for these

folks thanks to Mia's idea and her donation. A co-worker and I got to spread the cheer as we poked our heads in their doors yelling, Merry Christmas then leaving the gift.

When meeting for this story, Mia thought we'd be discussing ways of creating a program whereas we could do Christmas gifts each year. But knowing the things she does to give back to others, I wanted to tell her story, so though very bashful about this, she humbly revealed some things. Guess we'll need another meeting for the gift program!

Some personal things Mia's done is help place animals in loving homes through the fostering program at Dakin Humane Society. She also shared when she saw a young woman with a baby outside a Dollar Store crying, knowing the woman was overwhelmed, offered to buy her lunch while she waited for her ride, but the woman declined. She said she often will give a gift card to someone she sees who is struggling. Such Random Acts of Kindness! She describes it as 'feeding her soul'.

Mia has allowed me to share a very personal and painful experience with you. She tragically lost her younger brother when he was just eighteen and rather than allowing that to make her bitter, she and her family decided to create an academic scholarship fund in his name. Her brother, while in high school had excelled in lacrosse and basketball so these scholarships were intended to help young athletes that weren't able to obtain other scholarships, therefore making it possible for them to realize their dreams of playing sports

for a college of their choice.

Mia described how after her brother's death, she went into a very dark, black hole and was not able to trust anyone except her very inner circle. She said it took a long time for her to be able to see the good in people, so by creating this fund it was instrumental in helping that process. For five years she helped her family organize basketball tournaments in his memory. They held them at both AIC and Minnechaug Regional High School as half court contests. They had up to 30 teams with 3 per team and was a huge success with enormous support.

Her husband has also unfortunately known the heartache of losing a sibling at a young age. For five years, they honored her memory by supporting the wonderful work at T.J. O'Connor Animal Shelter, with donations from whiffle ball tournaments.

These are examples of two amazing young people who have turned tragedies into something positive and by doing this it has opened up their hearts once again. Their cores are of giving people and luckily for them and all who benefited from their generosity, they have both become positive, as Mia explained, "Feeding their souls by helping others."

Hopefully you've not experienced their kind of tragedy and hopefully you will make them an example of spreading positivity, it truly is healing for you as well as the recipient. Thank you Mia, for trusting me with your story and thank you for being an example of kindness and inspiration for others!

If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at [ldt514@aol.com](mailto:ldt514@aol.com) or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

## VISION ZERO from page 1

with the residents who are affected by these fatalities and whatnot, I offer my time and assistance to your team since I've been familiar with Vision Zero for the past three years."

Courchesne said that the people who are "boots on the ground" should be involved in this program because a lot of its success depends on

public engagement.

"It's a great program. I'm excited to see us get on board with this. It's been three long years," Courchesne said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello also used the word "exciting" to describe the policy's approval. She expressed gratitude for those who helped turn it into a reality.

"This is a big deal because this is going to enhance

the safety of our streets, emphasizing people that walk or use their bicycles," Costello said. "This is something that I want to compliment the mayor's team on for making this an initiative and prioritizing the importance of adopting a Vision Zero policy for the commitment to our safe streets."

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier echoed the sentiments of Courchesne and Costello, as he thanked Vieau and the Planning Department.

Balakier hopes the new policy will help bring an end to the reckless driving he says is problematic in Chicopee.

"This is something that's long overdue in the city, and I hope when we implement it that we put extra teeth into this and we also partner with some of the state agencies such as our state police so that we really can crack down on this and can get rid of the 'Fast & Furious' mentality with a lot of the driving that's been happening on some of these streets," Balakier said.



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# IN THE CITY

## PERCY JACKSON from page 1

Lynch, Carpenter, and Suleski all delivered outstanding performances. The show featured a strong ensemble and great performance from Damian Flores who played the villain of the show, Luke Castellano.

Maslowski expressed how proud she is of the cast and crew.

“Michael Kagan and Sam Franciosa are amazing! We work very well together and seem to always be thinking in the same direction. I have done Drama Club for several years. It is fun. I love music and theater and watching students sing and perform. I also enjoy teaching and sharing the theater world with students and watching them learn and enjoy it themselves,” Maslowski said.

She elaborated on how drama club also benefits the students.

“I feel Drama Club is a great experience for students. The students spend much time together. Therefore, become friends. It is a positive atmosphere where they learn more about themselves and about being a part of a community,” Maslowski said. “I watch shy, restrained students come out of their shell one year work backstage to the following year be on stage performing. I feel having Drama Club and the arts in



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA  
Decorated display outside the CHS Auditorium showing the cast and crew for “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical.”

the CHS community is very important. It shows students other ways to express oneself and other ways to enjoy entertainment. I am so very proud of these students. I watched every one work so hard to bring this show to fruition.”

Being a part of drama club at CHS is a big commit-

ment, Maslowski explained, adding how dedicated herself, the cast and crew were to creating a great show.

“Because we have many students who have never done this before, we start Drama Club in the beginning of October and just start playing the music, singing the songs

and talking about the show and the whole theater process. We also watch a production of it. Then, we give the students audition pieces that include part of a song and dialogue for each part. We then do an audition process. Until auditions take place, we met once a week just for an hour,” Maslowski said. “After auditions we met three times a week for two hours. The last couple of weeks we met for three hours. However, the cast made their own online group and would practice and talk about the show on their own. I myself spent many nights at the school till 7 or 8 p.m. building the set. Music directors spend much of their free time practicing music and arranging music for the students.”

A production this dazzling takes dedication from everyone involved. The hard work of these students and directors paid off in the end.

“The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” is based on the cherished novel by Rick Riordan, “Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief.” This coming-of-age tale is known throughout the world for its topics of friendship, betrayal, and personal growth.

The Drama Club managed to take a beloved story and present it to the CHS community perfectly.

## Harmony House hosts All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Fundraiser

CHICOPEE - Local nonprofit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts invites the community to its upcoming Pizza for a Purpose fundraiser on Thursday, April 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at View Street Tavern, 92 View Street in Chicopee.

This family-friendly event will directly support Harmony House’s mission of providing a home with compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need. Guests can enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza, along with raffles, a cash bar with local celebrity bartenders, and a 50/50 drawing.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3–17, and free for children 2 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online in advance. View Street Tavern is generously donating the pizza and space for this event, ensuring that funds raised directly support Harmony House and its residents. Harmony House is seeking additional sponsors to help meet its fundraising goal. Visit [HarmonyHouseWMA.org/PizzaNight](http://HarmonyHouseWMA.org/PizzaNight) to purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or learn more about the event and the nonprofit.

## Author talk at The Arbors April 28

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.

## BUSINESS EXPO from page 1

sion to initiate the comeback and was extremely pleased with the turnout.

“Look around, we have a full house, and it’s all thanks to a committee we pulled together, who were instrumental in reaching out to contact some of the businesses here, and then passed along the invitation, and the result was that the reception was positive, and I feel overall this has just been a really great opportunity for the community to see what’s happening in the Chicopee business landscape, and we couldn’t be happier,” Breor said.

### Active Members in the Chamber

Among those in attendance were a variety of companies, ranging from small-business lenders, non-profits, and local startups that then transitioned into family-owned industries, all sharing the common message that Chicopee is a home and a great place to start.

For example, one company that caught the eye of many was IQ Ink and Dynamic Embroidery, which was represented by Nate Dumas, Operations Manager, who shared that the company has been in the city since 2011, operating out of a garage, and after nearly 15 years of residency in the city, now operates out of a new facility and building near the Willimansett bridge, right at the Holyoke/Chicopee border which just opened up two years ago back in 2024, due to the continued success.

Dumas offered a tour of the products that they offer, such as Screen Printing, Embroidery, Vinyl, and direct-to-film.

“It’s just been a great ex-

perience growing our business in the city, being a part of the chamber, and Melissa(Breor) has been a great help and resource throughout the entire process, and we couldn’t be more appreciative of the community and its unwavering support,” Dumas said.

Priority One Restoration are a locally owned and operated full-service restoration and construction company, whose team has over 50 years of industry experience and has handled every aspect of large and small losses, and is a member of the chamber as well.

Offering insight into the process and a bit of background info was Lynn Boivin, a Business Development Manager for the company.

“We deal with and work with fire, flood, mold and sewage backups, so we are a one-stop shop for all jobs, and we also do the reconstruction process. In addition, we also work with many verticals, such as insurance agencies, carriers, property management, real estate, hospitals, and hotels, so our services can touch all walks of life, especially if somebody has that kind of loss,” Boivin said.

In terms of other active chamber members having a place among the expo, Common Capital was a standout, to many, as it is a community loan fund and non-profit organization out of Springfield, which helps clients and businesses throughout all of Western Mass, by creating economic opportunities and improving access to capital for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs.

Speaking on behalf of the non-profit was Roberto Nieves, the Director of Outreach and Communications for Common Capital.

“We have two types of



Roberto Nieves, the Director of Outreach and Communications for Common Capital, poses for a photo at the non-profit’s booth.

clients, so we have consultants who help our businesses, and we have business owners looking for financing, so we catch them both here. We have already talked to the credit unions, talked to marketing strategists, and a few banks, so this has been a great event overall,” Nieves said.

He noted that, “events like this should happen more and more, and it’s clear the chamber is continuing to do a fantastic job, and they should be extremely proud of the output they received.”

### A Look Ahead

As the evening drew to a close, additional fundraisers were brought to the attention



IQ Ink and Dynamic Embroidery Operations Manager Nate Dumas poses with a few product samples.

partner in the community, and meeting new partners, and I feel this is a really wonderful experience for both the public and the vendors. We are putting faces to names and making meaningful connections, and it’s super refreshing to see that everyone here is interested in working together,” Mazza said. “On top of the crowd, plus we are sharing our mission, and what we have going on, to some who don’t know who we really

are, and so as you know, we rely on fundraising, and so we have three or four events every year, with our first big one coming up, is the All You Can Eat Pizza Night, and we will have celebrity bartenders, such as Mayor John Vieau, City Council Vice President Sam Shumsky, Melissa(Breor) and countless others and it’s going to be such a wonderful event, and we can’t wait.”



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Application for a Home Occupation License at 27 Hilton Street for the purpose of doing photo shoots for Obscura Noir Photography Studio. Applicant – Daniel Lafond, 27 Hilton Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The April 28, 2026 License Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.  
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Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on May 1st, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

- 2007 Chrysler 300  
VIN: 2C3KA53G97H601123  
Felix Pagan De Jesus  
11 Webster St., Unit A  
Hartford, CT 06114
- 2020 Ford Ecosport  
VIN: MAJ6S3KL3LC327465  
Melvina Jones  
80 Manhattan St.  
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- 2010 Honda Accord  
VIN: 1HGCP2F37AA173968  
Jose Carrasquillo Rodriguez  
87 Howard Ave.  
New Bedford, MA 02745
- 2015 Subaru XV Crosstrek  
VIN: JFZGPACC7F8246710  
Anne Huyler  
21 Stefaniak Ave Apt D  
Webster, MA 01570
- 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer  
VIN: 1GNDDT13S062280339  
Michael Delmonico  
434 Church St., Apt. 16  
Whitinsville, MA 01588
- 2013 Toyota Camry  
VIN: 4T1BF1FK5DU659434  
Lisa Blaszcak  
434 Church St., Apt. 4  
Whitinsville, MA 010588
- 2015 Dodge Journey  
VIN: 3C4PDCBG4FT669169  
Ann Simard  
7 Elizabeth St.  
Chicopee, MA 01020
- 1996 Honda Civic  
VIN: 2HGEGJ6674TH551561  
Jorge Albelo  
27 Clinton Ave.  
Holyoke, MA 01040
- 2009 Ford F150  
VIN: 1FTPX04596KB61895  
Marisol Gomez  
34 Dawes St.  
Springfield, MA 01109
- 2008 Hyundai Elantra  
VIN: KMHDU46D98U507602  
Robyn Malloy  
15 Girard Ave., Apt. 211  
Springfield, MA 01109
- 2006 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL11D96N326111  
Carrie Ann Baer  
30 Saint Jerome Ave., Ap.t 11  
Holyoke, MA 01040
- 2007 Toyota Camry  
VIN: 4T1BK46K77U036074  
Lliah Mark  
51 Oakwood St.  
Enfield, CT 06082
- 2009 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL21EX9N432148  
Kayla Allen  
230 Fort Pleasant Ave., Apt. 11  
Springfield, MA 01108
- 2008 Toyota Corolla  
VIN: 2T1BR32E18C902506  
Calvin Flaherty  
21 Northampton St.  
Easthampton, MA 01027
- 2008 Ford Escape  
VIN: 1FMCU93148KD76464  
Venessa Hidenfelter  
217 Sturbridge Rd., Unit 11  
Charlton, MA 001057
- 2013 Toyota Sienna  
VIN: 5TDKK3DC2DS370250  
Yajaira Montano

- 34 W School St.  
Westfield, MA 01085
- 2005 Gmc Savanna G3500  
VIN: 1GTHG35U951165221  
Er Exteriors Contractor Inc.  
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- 2009 Honda Accord  
VIN: 1HGCP263X9A006029  
Janah Llang  
138 Center St.  
Ludlow, MA 01056
- 2010 Mercedes Benz E350  
VIN: WDDHF5GB3AA051807  
Courtney Scott  
PO Box 166  
Chicopee, MA 01021
- 2012 Mazda Mazda 3  
VIN: JM1BL1V80C1677519  
Ciara Moquin  
333 River Rd.  
Agawam, MA 01001
- 2003 Honda Element  
VIN: 5J6YH28523L045185  
Rn Burgosdejesus  
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Allyssa Levine  
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Chicopee, MA 01020
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Meshach J Gerena  
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Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on April 24th, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

- 2004 Honda Accord  
VIN: 1HGCM56824A091253  
Marcos Alvarado  
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Holyoke, MA 01040
- 2005 Ford F150  
VIN: 1FTPW145X5KE61131  
Jack Fernandes  
133 Worcester St.  
New Bedford, MA 02745
- 2009 Nissan Maxima  
VIN: 1N4AA51E19C843053  
Neshby Nieves  
263 Elm St., Apt. 4R  
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- 2002 Toyota Camry  
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Kathleen Bertolasio  
77 Bell St.  
Chicopee, MA 01013
- 2001 Toyoyta Tundra  
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Angelo Wolfe  
197 Farrington Ave.  
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- 2006 Volkswagen Jetta  
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Dunia Vasquez  
4697 Southwood Pkwy, Apt. F  
Richmond, VA 23224
- 2009 Audi A4  
VIN: Wausf78k19n028117  
Eric J Benson  
4 Ericsson St., Apt. 2  
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VIN: 2T1BU4EE2AC497892  
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Coventry, RI 02816
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VIN: 1N4AL21E59N456843  
Ira Caple  
48 Vail St.  
Springfield, MA 01118
- 2015 Chevrolet Equinox  
VIN: 2GNLFEK3F6254663  
Zuleyka Hernandez  
435 Doric Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02910
- 2008 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL21E18N423935  
Angel Matos  
9 Litchfield Street  
Springfield, MA 01108
- 2006 Acura TL  
VIN: 19UUA66216A018215  
William Cintron Melendez  
92 School St., Apt. 913  
Springfield MA 01105
- 2017 Subaru Outback  
VIN: 4S4BSANC0H3266913  
Paula Dembinske  
1 Hadley Village Rd.  
South Hadley, MA 01075
- 1999 Jeep Wrangler  
VIN: 1J4FY29P9XP456315  
Michaela Bonfiglio  
267 South St., Apt. 5  
Pittsfield, MA 01201
- 2005 Hyundai Elantra  
VIN: KMHDN46DXU150729  
Lori Schlichting  
36 Sabrina Brook Lane  
Westfield, MA 01085  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
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Docket No.  
HD26P0768EA  
Estate of:  
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FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Wayne Guyott 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 **Wayne Guyott 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 writ-**

**ten appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/07/2026. 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.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 09, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
04/17/2026

## CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **April 29, 2026 at 6:30 PM\*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:  
Special Permit application under section 275-62 for the purpose of conversion of existing garage bays into public storage rental units located at 649 Meadow St. Applicant – Jeffrey J. Campbell, Inc., Jeffrey J. Campbell, 649 Meadow St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>  
The April 29, 2026 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).  
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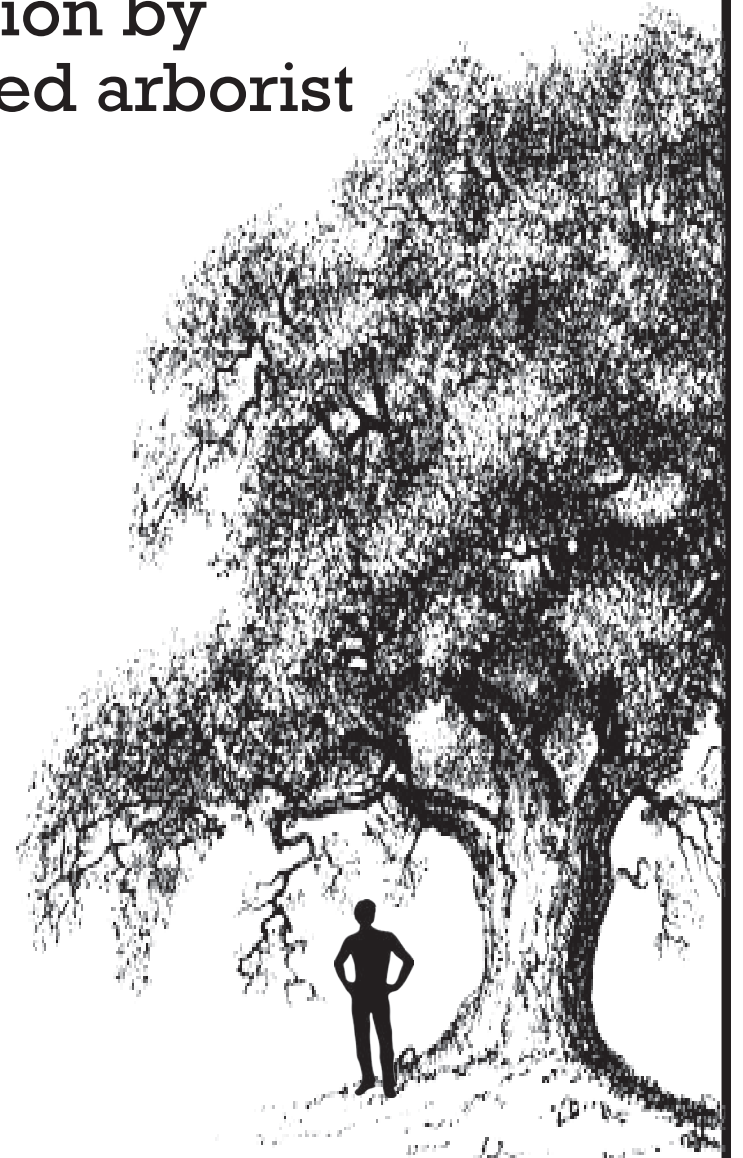


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