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Stefany Scliopou, MBA, director of Graduate and Continuing Education Admission at Elms College, and Melissa Breor, executive director of the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, smile for a photo during the After-5 Networking event at the Alumnae Library at Elms College.

## Chicopee Chamber event introduces Elms students to business community

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CHICOPEE - Elms College hosted an After-5 networking event with the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce on April 11 to introduce students to the business community.

The event, sponsored by the chamber and Polish National Credit Union, took place on the second floor of the Alumnae Library and was hosted by the college's Business Division, Graduate Studies and Career Center.

During the event, students and alumni networked with local businesses and organizations, learning about internship and employment opportunities and getting their professional headshots taken with the college's counseling center.

The vendors included the Boys & Girls Club, Autism Care Partners, Holyoke Health Care, Trinity Health, Polish National Credit Union, HB Real Estate, Destination Success BNI and more.

Melissa Breor, the chamber's executive director, was

happy to see students meet with the chamber members.

"When you have people going to school in a community, you want them to like the community and stay in the community, so that's a good sign that they wanted to take advantage of this event," Breor said.

Breor said the event also helps the chamber members get their word out to the community.

"I just like seeing the connections that happen and what happens after. I'll be really excited to reach out to these participants in a couple of months

and say, 'Did you hire anybody? Did you meet anybody new and exciting?'" Breor said.

Leslie Brunelle, a broker associate with NRG Real Estate and Elms alum, had students ask her about internship opportunities. She was excited to come back and give back to Elms and support the students.

"There's different opportunities out there for them and hopefully they made some good connections with some business-

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## City Council, Vieau pay tribute to Eileen Monaghan

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CHICOPEE - Mayor John Vieau and members of the City Council reacted to the murder of resident Eileen Monaghan in reflections that took place at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

According to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office, the Holyoke Police Department responded to a 911 call in the 200 block of South Water Street at 1:30 a.m. on April 14 for a report of suspicious activity.

"On scene, responding officers discovered two adult individuals, a male and a female. The female victim appeared to be suffering from stab wounds and the male unresponsive due to self-inflicted harm. Officers rendered aid to both, with the female victim tragically succumbing to her injuries," they said.

Jason Chapdelaine of Springfield, a Chicopee firefighter, was arrested and charged with murder that same day and later arraigned in Holyoke District Court on April 16.

Chapdelaine, who was later placed on unpaid leave from the fire department, is currently being held without the right to bail with his next court date scheduled for May 13.

Monaghan, a mother of two, was the executive assistant at the Hampden County Sheriff's Office to Sheriff Nick Cocchi and previously served as the chief of staff for State Rep. Joseph Wag-

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## Residents clean up trash along Chicopee River

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CHICOPEE - Residents gathered along the Chicopee River on Granby Road on April 6 to help pick up trash.

For the clean-up, residents met at the dirt parking area next to E & G Automotive with work gloves and bags in hand, picking up items including small engines, carpets and arrays of plastic.

This part of Granby Road is a popular spot for fishing and a Connecticut River tributary supporting spawning American Shad.

Eric Roach, who organized the cleanup, explained he fishes in the area during the spring.

"It's a good spot for fishing,

it's a nice spot down by the river, but it's severely trashed. I have such a great time here. It's hard when you finish fishing to turn around and start climbing out and see all the trash and not do anything about it," Roach said. "So, I wanted to try and get some anglers together, townspeople together to come down here and pick it up in the spring before the season kicks off."

Roach shared this was his first time doing a clean-up here and has done others in Central Massachusetts and along the Merrimack River.

He stressed the importance of participating in cleanups like this.

"It requires constant work

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A close-up shot of the trash found along the Chicopee River area on Granby Road in Chicopee.

# City Council rejects Golf Course financial report

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CHICOPEE - City Council voted 7-3, with one abstention, on April 16 against having the Finance Committee review the financial status of the golf course at the Chicopee Country Club.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello and Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff had hoped that obtaining this financial information now would help the city get ahead of the budgeting process for the upcoming year. However, other members felt that the information would come too soon into the golf season to be particularly meaningful to study.

The Chicopee Country Club opened for the season earlier this month on Monday, April 1.

"Now that the golf course is open, we'd like an update on where they stand with revenues, their expected revenues and the expenses for the golf course," Goff said.

Costello elaborated on the desire for this review to take place.

"Basically, one of the objectives here is to get a handle in regards to the golf course finances before it comes to a budget hearing," Costello said.

She went on to say, "During the budget hearing, there are a lot of departments that come in, and this way we would get the Finance Committee to meet prior to the budget time and get a clear picture of what the revenues are, if they can give us an update for this year, even though it's quick, and then also what the expenses are."

Costello explained her concerns around the golf course's finances stemmed from the recent discovery of a potential oversight in the financial operation of the course.

"There is concern that, in 2013, the golf maintenance company was hired to make money — not to make a profit, but to break even — and that, in fact, with the research of Councilor Goff, did not happen," Costello said. "It shows that, over a period of 10 years, there is a deficit of \$2 million."

She concluded by saying, "That's why we want to get a clear picture, not be



A golf cart outside the Chicopee Country Club in Chicopee.

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rushed, but before the budget committees are meeting, that we get a clear picture."

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier was the first of a number of councilors to speak up in opposition to this proposed review. He began by clarifying with Costello how often this sort of review would take place, with the Ward 9 Councilor saying it was to be a one-time process.

"Just one time, but yet, if they just opened April 1, how are we going to be able to get the figures for the meeting that you're looking for?" Balakier said. "That's going to be only for a short period of time."

Costello responded by saying that a similar report would be made to City Council only about a month later, arguing that there would not be substantially more information for those budget hearings.

Balakier stressed that receiving updates so early would likely not be helpful.

"I just think some of your projections might be off," Balakier said. "Say, for example, if you have rainy months now, before the budget hearings, then after we have good weather, so that more

revenue would be coming in, I think that it's going to be somewhat skewed."

Costello pointed out that these later budget hearings are often cluttered affairs with a lot of information to receive in a short amount of time.

"You know more than probably I do how rushed the budget committee hearings are," Costello said. "You get several departments in one night during the month of June."

She said that this earlier review would give City Council the opportunity to review the numbers and ask questions without the concurrent pressure of the entire budget process fully weighing on them.

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme also expressed his opposition to the proposal.

"I'm going to be voting 'No' on this tonight," Laflamme said. "And the reason I'm going to vote 'No' on this tonight is because of a couple things that were mentioned just now."

First, he felt that the Finance Committee was not the ideal venue for this conversation to take place.

"Councilor Costello mentioned something that, we can ask questions

in Finance," Laflamme said. "Unfortunately, only five people can speak at that meeting and get involved in it."

Instead, Laflamme suggested that Costello seek information directly from the city auditor.

"You get better information from our auditor, because she has the figures and she knows what's going to be the revenue that was before and where the projection is," Laflamme said. "I really hope, even if it gets passed tonight, that you go and visit the auditor for a lot of this stuff. She's there to help us and guide us, because she has all the figures."

Costello responded to Laflamme by saying that she thought a meeting with the city auditor was a great idea, but that this review with the Finance Committee would provide a venue for that conversation with the auditor to happen publicly.

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Roy also spoke against the proposal.

"I don't think that's a fair deal here as far as the golf course," Roy said. "They opened up April 1. You're not going to get any kind of an idea what their expenses are for just two months."

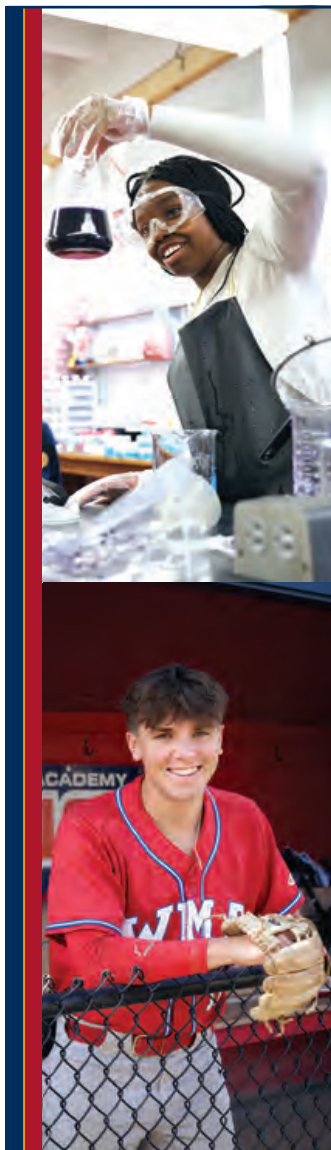
Roy also suggested reviewing the financial records from the previous year as a more productive method of trying to set expectations for the coming year.


Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky said he did not understand why the golf course was being proposed to be the only part of the city to receive this type of an early review.

"For instance, the School Department is the largest part of the budget," Shumsky said. "Why are we just focused on this golf course when we just had a finance meeting two months ago and the golf course has been open since April 1?"

Goff clarified that her hope from this review would be solely to get a sense of expected revenues and expenses, rather than trying to extrapolate from a single month of data.

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga was the only member of City Council to join Goff and Costello in supporting the proposal; Councilor-at-Large Timothy Wagner abstained from the vote and Councilors Brooks and Courchesne were not present for the meeting.



  
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# Cookie Haven brings community together through cookies

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CHICOPEE - A hidden gem of sweetness is cooking at Cookie Haven, the newest cookie venture in Chicopee.

Cookie Haven, located at the Shell Food Mart on Grove Street, was founded by Kamy Sanghvi in January 2024 to help increase business and provide more offerings for customers.

The cookie flavors include Reese's Peanut Butter, M&M milk chocolate, chocolate chip, Almond Joy, Red Velvet, mint chocolate chip, salted caramel, white chocolate macadamia, oreo and white chocolate, oatmeal raisin, double chocolate chip and many more.

There are also "Flavor of the Day" cookies with toppings of cream cheese, rainbow sprinkles, strawberry cheese-cake and more.

The cookies are \$2.99 for one and \$5 for two.

Kamy Sanghvi explained everyone was talking about doing something with food at the beginning of the year and she got the idea of cookies, calling them "a mood changer."

"So, and then we started researching everything and how to set up. The next step was the Food Department," Kamy Sanghvi said. "So we set up everything as part of the Food Department requirements and she approved."

The name, she said, came from the word haven describing how people come together to enjoy.

"Cookies bring people together. Cookies keep people together, so that's the meaning of Cookie Haven," Kamy Sanghvi said. "So, eat the cookie and leave your stress behind!"

She said people have been appreciating the cookies and coming back for more.

"That's the thing. When customers repeat, that's how we know we are do-



Kamy Sanghvi and Natasha Saher smile for a photo under the Cookie Haven sign inside Shell Food Mart on Grove Street in Chicopee.



A placard showing off Cookie Haven outside the Shell Food Mart on Grove Street in Chicopee.

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ing a good job," Kamy Sanghvi said.

Seeing people's faces change as they enter and eat the cookies fulfills her work, sharing the story of a family who was evicted and came to Shell Food Mart one morning.

After they came inside, the family smelled the cookies and requested all the flavors, eating them in their car.

"They came back and they said, 'Thank you so much. These cookies are good and they made our day,'" Kamy Sanghvi said.

Natasha Saher, a sales rep at Shell Food Mart, helps oversee the cookies and enjoys making them.

Saher's favorite cookie is the Reese's Peanut Butter cookie.

"It changes your mood as you enter the store. They smell good and then they look at the cookies. They come back and give us feedback, 'Oh, the cookies were really good,' They're coming again and again. So, now we have regular customers that come in

every day and get the cookies," Saher said.

Saher also enjoys when customers suggest flavors to them for future offerings, with marshmallows being a recent suggestion.

She added how food brings everyone together.

"Food is something that you sit together with your family, friends and you enjoy a meal," Saher said. "So, you connect with people and then you meet new people. Food is joy. For me, food is joy."

Kamy Sanghvi's husband, Raj, expressed gratitude to the community for their support, especially after he and his family first came to Chicopee from India.

"I was shocked that people started encouraging us, 'Okay. Go for it, man. We are with you.' That's how your business will grow," Raj Sanghvi said. "The community has been great."

Sanghvi stressed the importance

of supporting small businesses in the community, enjoying the opportunity to connect with different people and get to know them.

"That creates a lot of bonding with people. So, from politicians to different walks of people come in, neighbors all around the community. You build up a bond which remains forever," Raj Sanghvi said.

Kamy Sanghvi wants the community to spread the word and check out their cookies the next time they visit.

"If you like my cookie, just spread the word. Come and try our cookies," Kamy Sanghvi said.

Raj Sanghvi also encouraged residents to stop by and check out Cookie Haven's cookies.

"We are spreading love with cookies. We make them with love. The message is that keep supporting small businesses and buy local," Raj Sanghvi said.

## CPD announces participation in Blue Envelope Project

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Police Department is happy to announce that we are participating in the Blue Envelope Project. This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Healy-Driscoll Administration, the MA Chiefs of Police, the MA State Police, Advocates for Autism of MA, the Arc of MA and individuals with autism along with their families.

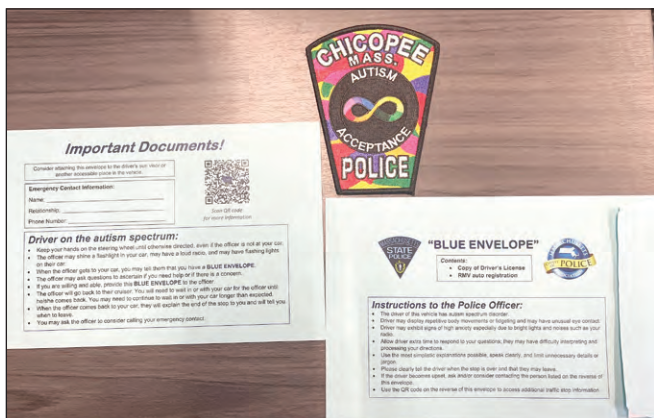


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We have several envelopes available at the Police Station. If you or someone you know may benefit from one of these please stop by the front window to pick one up.

## STAVROS Info Session April 24

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host STAVROS Center for Independent Living on Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

A representative from the STAVROS Center for Independent Living will be at RiverMills to chat about their services that are offered to those living with a disability. Light refreshments will be served. You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

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ProShred will be at RiverMills Center on Friday, May 3 for a paper shredd-

ing event. You will enter in line at the intersection of Oak, Grove and Church Street. There will be a police detail directing traffic from the top of Oak Street to the senior center parking lot where the ProShred truck will be. There is no registration, but there may be a wait time depending on the demand of this event.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Northern flicker

A Blandford resident saw a male northern flicker during the April 4 snowstorm among other birds at her snowbound feeding station.

I saw a male northern flicker before the snow storm last week near the Barre line. The day after the snow, I saw one by the edge of the road at the ballfield in the center of Oakham, the only bare spot.



The northern flicker is about 13 inches long. Distinguishing marks include a black band or necklace under its throat, black spots on its breast, gray head and long beak. The male has a black line at the base of its bill, which the female lacks. Both have a red patch on the neck and a white rump, clearly visible in flight.

The flicker is the only ground feeding woodpecker. Ants make up almost half of its diet. It also catches insects in the air and eats fruit, berries and seeds. It will come to feeders like the one in Blandford.

Flickers are cavity nesters and excavate a hole in a tree, fence post or cactus. They will use a nest box. The female lays seven to nine white eggs. They make a loud "kekekekeke" for territorial display and a "woikawoikawoka" during courtship. They also do muffled volleys of drumming.

### Flocks of robins

The Blandford resident also had a flock of about 25 robins in her yard. She said they departed before she could shovel clear strip of grass for them and put out mealworms. I saw many robins along the side of the after last Thursdays snowstorm and the day after as there was no other area clear of snow.

### Pileated woodpecker holes

I received a photo from a Charlton resident showing a tree with numerous holes made by a pileated woodpecker. It was impressive.

I usually hear the pileated woodpecker more than I see them. Recently, I heard one and looked for it in the area of its hammering. I saw this one and it kept up its excavating as I watched it.

### More snowstorm bird

A Brimfield resident, who sends me frequent bird sightings, said, "During the snow storm last week in addition to the usual suspects we had a field sparrow, a Carolina wren and about 36 goldfinch visit the yard. Some of the male goldfinch were beginning to show some yellow plumage."

### Black vultures

The Brimfield resident said his wife saw two black vultures in the center of Brimfield feeding on a dead opossum. He said, "They are showing up in western Massachusetts more often recently."

### Turkey vultures

A favorite roost for turkey vultures is near the transfer station in Barre on Depot Road. I saw several vultures circling over the area, several perched on lamp posts and a shed at the transfer station. One on the lamp post had its wings spread out. It was quite a sight to see.

I saw a turkey vulture spreading its wings like that several years ago on one of the high tension line poles in Oakham. It almost looked like it flew into the post.

### Ospreys and herons

This Brimfield resident makes regular trips to several ponds. He said in his most recent email, "In Warren at the pond on South Street the osprey pair that have nested there

## GUEST COLUMN



### Blueberry propagation experiment

A reader from Hardwick wrote in asking how to propagate blueberry bushes.

I've never tried to propagate blueberry bushes myself, but have always thought that it would make good sense, especially if you have a limited pocketbook and a few productive plants on hand already, or at least you know someone that does.

Obviously, you would not want to replicate a plant that doesn't produce well or one that turns out berries that aren't to your liking.

In researching this skill, I found there to be two schools of thought on the matter: propagation by either softwood cuttings or hardwood cuttings.

Softwood cuttings are taken when the bush is in active growth, usually late June through early July, roughly about two months after spring growth began. The growth is new, not woody, but should not be super pliable or light green in appearance either, nor should it contain any flowers or immature fruit.

A stem should be cut about 5-8 inches long and the leaves should be pinched off of the last couple of inches. Fill a 4 inch or slightly bigger pot with a material that will drain freely but not be too fertile.

You are mainly looking for anchoring material; good options being equal parts sand and peat moss or sand and perlite. I've even heard of people using bark mulch.

Some experts employ a rooting hormone; others say the cutting will root regardless. I will use it because I have some on hand.

You will notice that there are different types of rooting hormone. Usually, it will say whether it is the type for softwood or hardwood cutting right on the container.

I'll dip the bottom of the stem into the hormone. Using a pencil, I'll make a hole in the material I've chosen to root the cuttings in and insert the cutting into the hole so at

least those two or three nodes from where the leaves were, are covered.

I set the pots in the shade, and I mist them a few times daily so that they will not wilt and die before they form roots. Experts say that this method will yield roots in 2-7 weeks.

Some challenges include keeping the media wet enough to prevent wilting, but not so wet that you end up with fungal problems.

Hardwood cuttings, in contrast, are taken during the dormant season, usually around the time that you are pruning. One expert actually recommended using stems from branches that are pruned away.

The stems should be green or red in color and diameter-wise just smaller than that of a pencil. Much narrower stems seem to produce good results as well. It's important to cut off the tips of branches that contain any buds that look like flower buds - they are a little rounder in appearance.

The same pot size and anchoring material is recommended but you would use a rooting hormone geared towards hardwood cuttings; it is a bit stronger. Hardwood cuttings are handled the same way - placed in the shade and misted, but because they have to "wake up" then callus and root, they take a few weeks longer to show results in at least two months, maybe 3-4.

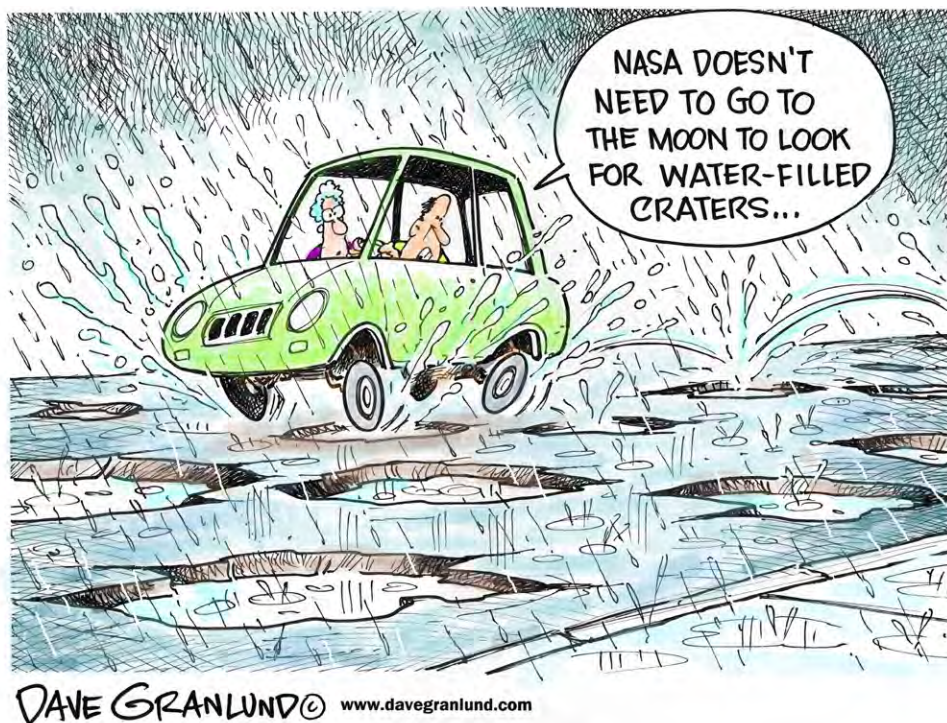
No matter which way you take your cuttings, it's important not to tug on them or disturb them in any way in their pot, even though you may be anxious to see how successful you've been. You will know they are rooted by the quality of new growth you'd see; maybe even a new branch coming from the base.

Once sufficiently rooted the cuttings can be transplanted into a more fertile media and a larger pot or into a nursery area in your garden.

I'm excited to try taking cuttings of my blueberry bushes. I may even take some from my mom's plants.

What a nice memory it would be to have the descendants of my childhood blueberry bushes growing on my own property.

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the past three years have returned. Last year there were three great blue heron nests there that produced young. This year only one pair of herons has returned so far. At my last visit it looked like a heron was incubating eggs or maybe just sitting down?"

He also said, "At the great blue heron rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson there are four nest this year. On a visit last week the four nests had birds incubating eggs. There were six nest here last year but one of the trees with a nest looked like it was in danger of falling over,

guess it did. And another nest has disappeared." He said there is an osprey pair at the playing fields in Wilbraham by the YMCA/Spec Pond. He saw one of osprey bring sticks to the nest and at another visit one was sitting on the nest.

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# IN THE CITY



Ari says hello to one of the bunnies visiting the RiverMills Center from Animal Craze Petting Zoo.



Debbie Gazda holds a baby goat in her arms while kids come to pet it.

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## Petting zoo brings smiles to residents

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CHICOPEE - Community members of all ages gathered at the RiverMills Senior Center on April 10 to have fun with the traveling Animal Craze Petting Zoo, which featured young goats, piglets, bunnies and chicks.

On what was a beautiful spring day that even started to lean toward summer, many families and seniors took time out of their day to unwind with some farm animals on the lawn at the senior center. Participants got to pet and hold the animals, some of which were only a matter of weeks old.

Casey Conroy, the senior center's program coordinator, was happy to see the event so

well attended.

"Events like this are great," Conroy said. "It isn't something we do all the time, so having programming like this brightens everyone's day."

The children were far from the only ones who enjoyed being around the animals, and Conroy agreed that it was a positive event for the whole community.

"I think programs like this lift our members' spirits, as well as the staff at RiverMills," Conroy said. "It isn't everyday you are around baby goats and piglets!"

She added that this would not be the last time an event like this would be coming through RiverMills.

"We will definitely be continuing with fun interactive programming like this throughout

the year," Conroy said.

Ayanna from Animal Craze said she had been able to do all sorts of fun events through the Winchendon-based organization.

"I've done, from birthday parties to the Easter egg hunts that have been through the town, senior centers, schools," she said.

She also agreed that people of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to participate.

"We went to a college Monday, Springfield College, and they loved it, all college students," she said.

Ayanna had only recently started with Animal Craze, but said she "had been working with animals as long as I can remember."

Her experience was clear



Baby pigs and chicks were some of the cutest animals of the day.

to see from her gentle and confident care of the animals in the midst of many easily excited kids present at the event.

Rene, a local resident who was there with her grandchildren, emphasized how positive it was to have events like this in the community.

"I love it," she said. "I take the kids anywhere, all the animal

sanctuaries in the area, they've pretty much been to."

She added that the petting zoo was not only a chance for the kids to have fun, but also an opportunity for them to learn valuable lessons.

"Interacting with the animals, I think it teaches them a lot about taking care of their environment," she said.

Information about future events at the Senior Center can be found via the Chicopee Council on Aging newsletter, which is available online at <https://www.chicopeema.gov/206/RiverMills-Reminder-Newsletter>.

Community members of all ages turned out at the petting zoo event, enjoying the warm day and having fun with the animals.



Ayanna from Animal Craze holds a baby sheep as people gathered round to pet it.



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## Nancy Shepard-Murray honored with Black Excellence on the Hill Honoree Award



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CHICOPEE – Nancy Shepard-Murray, a city hall staff member at the Registrar of Voters, was recognized with the prestigious Black Excellence on the Hill Honoree award by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus on April 12.

Nancy Shepard-Murray was presented with the honor by State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) alongside Mayor John Vieau, Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga, Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Kevin Chambers, senior chief of staff for State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) and Lamari Jackson, legislative director for State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield).

Sunshine Village's Catering Team was also on hand with a candy table display.



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A group photo of the many members comprising the Chicopee chapter of Destination Success BNI during the After-5 Networking event at the Alumnae Library at Elms College.

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es that can help support them and help them in their career path," Brunelle said.

Brunelle enjoys being a chamber member and meeting with fellow businesses and organizations.

"It's good to network with other businesses and see how we can help each other out and how we can support one another," Brunelle said.

Walter Kroll, managing director at Macmillan Group and president of the Chicopee chapter for Destination Success

BNI, hopes the event gets students thinking about something different about networking and connecting with varying industries.

"To be exposed to that, I think that can help students think about different things, even if it's within the major that they're in. We have somebody working in computer science talking about computer science. Well, you can run a retail place. You can become an IT security guy, you could do IT for insurance, you could do IT for residential, you could do IT for business. Even that major has a lot of things that you could be a part of," Kroll said.



Cassie Lefebvre, college talent ambassador at Autism Care Partners, smiles at her table during the After-5 Networking event at the Alumnae Library at Elms College.



Denise Londrville and Lisa Zeno, licensed realtors at HB Real Estate, smile for a photo during a break between meeting with students during the After-5 Networking event at the Alumnae Library at Elms College.

Kroll said events like this help students step out of their comfort zone, similar to how BNI members network with one another.

"It forces you to do things that you might not have known about and then the things that you're not comfortable with," Kroll said.

J. Marshall, director of Career Services at Elms, said the turnout exceeded expectations.

"So many students, really, were shortchanged in their high school years with Zoom and didn't have an opportunity to work on some of those soft skills, some of those critical skills like

networking and how to network," Marshall said. "And we want to make sure that they have those kinds of transformative experiences when they're here at Elms that help them to be able to better navigate their career."

Marshall hopes attendees have an aspirational and transformative experience from attending the event.

"A lot of times students come to college with a plan, but they may not yet know all the different possibilities that are out there," Marshall said. "We want them to be open to those possibilities, to explore those possibilities and if something speaks

to them, definitely to consider charting their course in that direction."

Marshall wants the community to know how much the college appreciates their support.

"We're so lucky here in Chicopee to have so many great companies, have so many great leaders really willing to be part of community events and their community," Marshall said.

Breor thanked the students for attending.

"I am really proud of them," Breor said. "They're taking it very seriously, so I'm really excited to see that this generation is eager to get out there."

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throughout the season. Some of us, after these organized cleanups, we'll just take some small trash bags and stick them in our pockets or our waders and we go to these fishing spots and, on our way out, we just pick up a couple of things. It only takes a couple of things every day to help make a difference," Roach said.

Roach hopes the participants foster an understanding of stewardship and ownership by taking part in the cleanup so everyone can enjoy the area.

"A lot of people come down to the river, even if they're not fishing, just to enjoy the scenery. It's a beautiful river. It's a beautiful area," Roach said.

He also hopes to form a sense of community among the participants and beyond.

"It's possible. I've seen it happen. The cleanup I've been doing for 20 years, it's a yearly thing where everyone gets together and we all shake each other's hands. We haven't seen each other since the previous year or since the end of the fishing season," Roach said. "It's a way to do something involving the river prior to fishing and also give people a good, pos-



SUBMITTED PHOTO ERIC ROACH

A photo of the trash found and picked up during the April 6 cleanup along the Chicopee River area on Granby Road.

itive feeling before they start."

Roach shared how the River Stewards of New England Facebook page also helps organize these groups.

"No one's trying to sell anything. No one's trying to recruit anyone into a club or pay dues. It's just trying to get people together and just do a good thing for the river," Roach said.

Roach wants the community to know that anyone can form their own groups, including connecting on social media, and local businesses and organizations are, also, willing to lend their support.

He added how Ofc. James La-Flamme helped him get two cartons of sharps containers for the cleanup

to help pick up needles.

"It doesn't require an organization to do this," Roach said. "Anybody can do that and just get your friends and neighbors. Even if you're just doing a handful, you're doing something."

Roach's message was this for future organizers and participants.

"It's easier than you think. There are some precautions that you need to take," Roach said. "If you're remotely polite and open about what it is you're trying to accomplish, you'd be surprised how the local businesses will help you, because nobody likes to see this and they're usually very grateful for people that are trying to get out here."

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## Colts edge Granby



Alexandria Sullivan heads for the goal.

CHICOPEE – Last Monday evening, Chicopee Comprehensive girls lacrosse defeated Monson 10-4. In the matchup, Molly Girouard had three goals to lead the team and Natalie Fournier and Olivia Warren had two goals each. In goal, Allison Wenzell had 11 saves. Comp is out to a 3-2 start this season.



Hailey Viens runs into some traffic in the offensive end of the field.



Allissa Fournier attempts to pick up the loose ball.



Goalie Allison Wenzell launches a long pass away after making a save.



Julia Chagnon travels through the middle of the field.

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## Pacers take down South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday afternoon, Chicopee boys volleyball defeated host South Hadley 3-0. The Pacers improved to 2-3 on the year with the win, winning straight sets 25-17, 25-11, and 25-18.



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David Gonzalez dives to keep the ball in play.



John Centeno goes for a spike.



Triston Tautalatasi goes for a block.



Jeniell Nazario looks for a set.



Demien Ottero nails a spike.

## Pacers baseball falls to East Longmeadow

CHICOPEE – Last week, it was a tough go for the Chicopee High School baseball team, losing to East Longmeadow 6-2.

The Pacers have had a tough start to its regular season, falling 0-5 for the year. Chicopee still has a large schedule ahead, including multiple matchups with rival Chicopee Comprehensive in the next few weeks.

The Pacers travel to Northampton on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

## HoopHall announces unique new exhibit for this summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced another brand new exhibit coming to the museum this summer titled The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked. This innovative and immersive experience will be unlike anything the Basketball Hall of Fame has previously produced. The Hall of Fame has collaborated with the NBA's most storied franchise to present this inaugural installation of The Vault.

"We are excited to launch another state-of-the-art space in the world's finest sports museum," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked is a limited engagement that will feature

a finely crafted experience that will capture the imagination of sports fans and speak to the heart of what makes basketball the world's most popular game."

Matt Zeysing, Vice President of Curatorial for the museum, began working on The Vault concept more than a year ago. "We knew we wanted to create something spectacular, something that basketball fans had never seen before. The Boston Celtics represent a winning tradition that is second to none and that tradition still continues today. To that end, our team has carefully curated and brought together the most sought-after

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# Win keeps playoff hopes alive for T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-35-3-2) snapped their six-game slide with a 4-2 comeback win over the Providence Bruins (40-20-6-3) on Sunday afternoon inside a sold-out MassMutual Center, the 19th such crowd this season.

The afternoon started rocky, as Patrick Brown connected on a forehand from the slot area on the day's first shot to give Providence a 1-0 lead 46 seconds into the contest.

T-Birds starting goaltender Colten Ellis put himself into a pickle at 9:24 of the first when he mishandled a puck to the side of his net. After a pair of Bruins dislodged it, the third man on the attack, rookie Jaxon Nelson, deked to the backhand to beat Ellis and give Providence a 2-0 advantage. It was Nelson's first professional goal.

Brandon Bussi drew the net for the Bruins, and after shutting out

the T-Birds on March 10, he had his sights on duplicating the feat on Sunday, holding the T-Birds off the board past the midpoint of regulation.

With their backs against the wall, the T-Birds leaned on their Man of the Year to jumpstart the squad. Off a draw at 13:08 of the middle stanza, Drew Callin pushed past his opponent to hack a shot toward Bussi's crease. The normally stout netminder sprung a leak this time as the puck sneaked under his legs to get Springfield on the board, cutting the lead to 2-1.

Following matching minors and another penalty to the Bruins, Springfield's man advantage earned a 4-on-3 opportunity, and the AHL's leading goal scorer made his presence known as Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time snapper over Bussi's glove at 14:40, tying the score off a perfect cross-ice setup by Jakub Vrana.

Special teams proved paramount for Springfield, as the penalty kill went a perfect 5-for-5, including two clutch successes in the final period. Gaudette provided more heroics at 10:32 of the third when he skated in on the right wing on a 2-on-1 and blistered a wrist shot over Bussi's blocker to give the T-Birds a 3-2 lead on his 44th goal of the season. The two-goal day for Gaudette was his 12th such game this season.

With Providence clamoring for an equalizer in the final minute, Callin, rookie Dylan Peterson, and Kean Washkurak gutted out a defensive zone sequence to clear their end. Washkurak capped things off with an empty-netter from the red line to give the T-Birds the victory.

The T-Birds look to earn a second straight win over the Bruins when they travel to Providence for a rematch on Friday night at the Amica Mutual Pavilion at 7:05 p.m.

# Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each

sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

# Some roster spots still open in Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League prepares for its season opener on Sunday, April 28 featuring three games.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

# Michael Gauthier helps Western New England College of Business triumph in Stock Market Challenge

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University's College of Business students have emerged as the 1st Place winners of the 2023 Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts Stock Market Challenge - College/Corporate Competition.

This prestigious event, now in its 18th year, witnessed a spirited competition where college students and corporate professionals, including accounting firms, investment management firms, and banks, engaged in a high-stakes contest to build the highest net-worth portfolio. Using fictional company shares, the WNE team demonstrated exceptional skill and strategy, outperforming competitors and surpassing the runner-up by 13% with an impressive 30% portfolio return.

The day was not just about competition. In the spirit of community involvement and education, WNE students volunteered as "stockbrokers" to guide local middle and high school students, fostering financial literacy and investment understanding among the younger participants.

Dr. Sharienne Walker, dean of the WNE College of Business, expressed immense pride in the students' achievement. "Their hard work and dedication in preparing for this event have paid off tremendously," she said. The victory not only highlights the students' understanding of investment strategies and critical thinking but also underscores the quality of WNE's curriculum and the expertise of the faculty, particularly the team's advisors, Professors Tara Grealis and Paul Tomolonis.

This win marks a significant achievement for the team, setting a high standard for future participants and exemplifying the potential and skills nurtured at the College of Business. The WNE winning team members include Timothy Amsden, Carlie Smith, Sean Alvord, Nicholas Whalen (Team Captain), Michael Gauthier, and Regina Mastrangelo. In addition, many students participated in the volunteer event during the day and the evening competition. Those students included Christopher Tamulionis, Luke Costanzo, Naomi Golasinski, Alexandria Morris, Catarina Pires, Adriana Aponte, Julia Ferrentino, Aidan Kaufmann, Nolan Chamberland, David Collazo, Aditya Shah, Lesly Theodore, and Alexandra Karpinski.

"We are so fortunate to have such bright, talented, hardworking, energetic, and devoted AC/FIN students," said Tara Grealis, one of the faculty advisors to the team. "They strive every day to make an impact inside and out of the classroom; their efforts around campus to go above and beyond are something that makes our students stand out. This JA Stock Market Challenge was an excellent example of their devotion to excel outside of class. They are so adept and brilliant in the application of their skills in a professional environment. I couldn't be any prouder of all they have accomplished, and it is so rewarding to see how they have developed into these inspiring young professionals."

For more information contact: Judy Curran, associate director for Public Relations at jcurran@wne.edu or 413-796-2324.

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ter Celtic memorabilia in the world."

Set in an immersive bank vault, Celtics legends from the past and present will take visitors on an epic journey to discover the true meaning of Celtic Pride. The Vault will feature authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage, and much more.

"The Boston Celtics are honored to bring their history and tradition to life with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked," said Boston Celtics Team President Rich Gotham. "We hope fans enjoy this immersive experience, which will showcase unique memorabilia and celebrate the Celtics' storied legacy."

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ner (D-Chicopee) who retired in 2022.

She was also the former wife of Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks.

During the Mayor's Briefing, Vieau called Monaghan "a true pillar of our community."

"Eileen was not only a devoted, loving mother of two beautiful daughters, she was a coach. A coach to my daughter, a public servant, a community member, but, also, a beacon of kindness and compassion," Vieau said. "Her unwavering dedication to the welfare of others and her tireless efforts to improve our community will be sorely missed by many."

Vieau added this.

"As we reflect on her remarkable contributions, let us also celebrate the legacy that Eileen leaves behind. A legacy marked by a deep commitment to service and a heartfelt dedication to making a difference," Vieau said. "It is a legacy that continues to inspire us all to strive for a better and more caring world."

After leading the council in a moment of silence, Vieau ended his reflections by encouraging the council "to carry forward the spirit of community and compassion that Eileen exemplified."

"Our thoughts are with her family, friends and all who were touched by her generous heart and her vibrant spirit. Let us pledge to uphold her values and work together to build on the foundation that she helped strengthen right here in our city," Vieau said.

Later, the councilors took a moment to pay tribute to Monaghan

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner began his reflections with condolences to "Kathleen, Ashley and Shane, to my dad, to the staff and the Sheriff's Office" and thanked everyone who reached out to him.

"She was somebody who I knew well as well. Words can't describe what a wonderful person Eileen was and how much joy she brought to everybody's life and her daughters' lives. She will be missed," Wagner said.

Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie shared how Monaghan "was so well-liked in the city of Chicopee."

"A great coach, great at sports, just a fantastic person. She ran by my house every evening and I was at the same stride..." Labrie said. "Just (a) great lady. I'm going to miss her a lot."

Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski expressed how he didn't know where to start, sharing he knew Monaghan for many, many years.

"I look at my wife who passed away on Jan. 8, and Eileen died a tremendous death," Zygarowski said before he paused as he got visibly emotional. "Patty and her were great friends because of her daughters at Saint Patrick's School. I wish them all the best."

Zygarowski added, "We never know when or where it's going to happen."

"Live every day to your fullest," Zygarowski said.

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky shared he also knew Monaghan personally, calling her a family friend.

"Nicest person you'd ever meet. I mean, she would see me whether it'd be at an event or at a store, always ask how I'm doing, ask how the family is," Shumsky said. "It's tragic what happened to her and I want to express my condolences to Shane, Kathleen, Ashley, her family and friends."

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff expressed her sincere condolences to the family.

"(I) hope they find strength to get through this," Goff said.

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme reflected on Monaghan's impact and guidance after he became a city councilor and friends with former representative Wagner.

"I reached out to her for a lot of things she helped the city with and guided me as well as Joe did for me," Laflamme said. "I truly miss her."

Laflamme said Monaghan's friend, Kelly Wood, was also in his thoughts.

"Kelly, I feel tremendous heartbreak for you. I know how bad you have taken it. I'm sure everyone else has, but I actually was able to see you and talk to you. I'm so sorry for you," Laflamme said.

City Clerk Keith Rattell concluded the tribute with his condolences to Monaghan's family and Brooks.

"They share two daughters together and the Monaghan family, I just want to offer my condolences. Nobody should ever be taken from their family in that manner is all I can think about," Rattell said. "It's a very sad day for the city and for Western Mass and for all of us. Unbelievable and, again, just my condolences to the family."

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Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
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(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24P0773EA  
Estate of:**

**Albert A Martel  
Date of Death: 11/23/2017  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Michael S Martel of Belchertown, 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: **Michael S Martel of Belchertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/07/2024**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 09, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
04/19/2024

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The Trial Court  
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Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
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Docket No. HD24P0789EA  
Estate of:**

**Loretta T. McCall  
Also known as:  
Loretta L. McCall  
Date of Death: 03/07/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael J. McCall of Soddy Daisy, TN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michael J. McCall of Soddy Daisy, TN** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/09/2024**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 11, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
04/19/2024

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50 State Street  
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Docket No. HD24P0627EA  
Estate of:**

**Patricia Micks  
Date of Death: 01/14/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of**

**Personal Representative** has been filed by **Chicopee Rehabilitation and Nursing Center 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: **Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: April 11, 2024  
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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24C0121CA  
In the matter of:**

**Kristine Marie Morrison  
CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kristine Marie Morrison of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Kristine Marie Chase  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/03/2024**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 05, 2024  
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## 'Fill the Food Bank' raises over 1,400 pounds of food

CHICOPEE – The Hampden County Chambers, consisting of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, Greater Holyoke Chamber, the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the West of the River Chamber WRC Agawam/West Springfield teamed up for a "Fill the Food Bank" event at The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on March 27 from 5 to 7 p.m.

When the Hampden County Chambers approached the food bank ahead of this event, their top item of need was identified as rice and beans. They could be large bags to microwaveable pouches or beans in any form. Monetary donations were also accepted. Monetary donations were also accepted.

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## CFD responds to Springfield Street fire

CHICOPEE – The fire department responded to a fire on Springfield Street on April 11, with Springfield Street at Chapman Street also closed for a time due to the fire. The structure was unoccupied at the time and the fire is currently under investigation.

## Mobile Vet Clinic takes place at RiverMills May 21

CHICOPEE -. The Chicopee Council on Aging will hold a Mobile Vet Clinic on Tuesday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

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