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A group photo comprising of Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, City Councilor-at-Large Gerry Roy, Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo, City Council Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski, Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga, State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), Mayor John Vieau, Governor Maura Healey, Amanda Theriault, principal at Stefanik Elementary School, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper, first-grade students at Stefanik Elementary School and State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow) during Healey's announcement of the Cooling Corridors program on April 26.

Gov. Maura Healey announces Cooling Corridors program

Also takes part in tree planting at Stefanik School

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CHICOPEE - Governor Maura Healey visited Stefanik Elementary School in Chicopee on April 26 to announce the Cooling Corridors program to support tree plantings.

The program focuses on tree-planting initiatives by municipi-

palities, nonprofits and other organizations targeting walking routes in areas suffering from extreme heat within environmental justice communities.

Cooling Corridors is an extension of the Greening the Gateway Cities program, focused on helping to reduce household heating and cooling energy use by increasing tree canopy cover in urban residential areas.

As first-grade students and student leaders from Stefanik School watched, Mayor John Vieau opened

the announcement noting how April 26 was Arbor Day and the entire week celebrated Earth Week.

"Through initiatives like the Greening of the Gateway Cities program, we have witnessed the transformative power of trees enhancing our urban landscape in promoting sustainability," Vieau said.

Healey explained the Cooling Corridors program is about planting trees around the state, with 2,300 of them having been planted in

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ChicopeeTV debuts new venture with Singing Bridge Pictures

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CHICOPEE - ChicopeeTV, the city's public access television studio, is kicking off a new venture with Singing Bridge Pictures.

Singing Bridge Pictures is a partnership between them, the mayor's office and the Chicopee Cultural Council to create community-based short films, with a goal of writing and producing a short film every year.

The first film will be a horror film called "The Box," created by students at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS ALEX FENDERSON

A behind the scenes shot of David Farnum, part-time producer at ChicopeeTV, working with the cast and crew on "The Box," a short film that will have its debut with Singing Bridge Pictures, the newest venture from ChicopeeTV.

Wade Wofford, a producer/director at ChicopeeTV, was excited about the venture and expressed gratitude for the community support.

"We've been offering public access classes to users that are interested in video production for years, and a lot of times you have these community members come through and they take the class and they really want to make something, but they don't want to make news," Wofford said. "If you want to make news, you can go out with a camera by yourself and a mic. You can interview a few people and you can cut something together with basic editing skills. But a lot of the people that we were seeing that were coming through were interested in making more narrative stuff."

Wofford said he and the ChicopeeTV team then reached out to the graduates of their class program so they could utilize their equipment and resources, with

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Library hosts 'Teen Throwback Thursday'

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CHICOPEE - Teens stopped by the Bazan Community Room from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on April 25 for a "Teen Throwback Thursday" event.

The event, open to middle and high school students, provided an afternoon of kid activities including coloring, story time, playing with large building blocks, a crawl tunnel, bowling, a giant parachute, a bird craft and more.

Corrina Stokes, the library's youth services specialist, ex-



plained the idea came together when the staff saw the teen patrons coming by after school "with a lot of energy" and, sometimes, gravitating to the playplace in the Children's Room.

"Everybody needs to play sometimes, so we made an event for them to be able to play!" Stokes said.

Brent Tenerowicz, the library's youth services associate, explained the event encouraged attendees to go back to a time when they enjoyed activities while in kindergarten or early elementary school.

Tenerowicz was thrilled to see the attendees take part in the

varying activities.

"I loved seeing everyone slowly embrace their inner kid and become more comfortable being silly while playing with the blocks and tunnel. It was also really nice to be able to give them a chance to do something different than what they normally do at the library," Tenerowicz said. "As a teen librarian, I'm usually not involved in story time events, so it was a little exciting to get to do my first story time after almost eight years working here."

Stokes said the event provides an opportunity to act like a

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4th Annual Clean Sweep beautifies Chicopee



SUBMITTED PHOTO MARY RODOWICZ

A group photo of volunteers who cleaned up the Willimansett Heights/Dale Street area of Chicopee during the 4th Annual Chicopee Clean Sweep on April 27. This group was organized by Frank Lapointe.

Volunteers reflect on giving back and cleaning up

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CHICOPEE - The community came together to clean up Chicopee from 9 a.m. to Noon on April 27 during this year's Chicopee Clean Sweep.

The clean sweep, in celebration of Earth Month, happened throughout the city at 13 locations, including Willimansett at Rivers Park, Chicopee Center, Westover/Sheridan Street, Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School. The Chicopee Center Riverbank, Front Street and more.

The event was presented by the Chicopee Cultural Council, the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Office, with sponsors including the Home Depot Foundation, who donated a \$5,000 grant, WWLP-22 News, Mass Cultural Council, Tapestry Health and more.

At the Chicopee Center Riverbank, Zach Janisieski, co-captain of the location with Chloe Soto, communications and special projects manager for the City of Chicopee, was with a group of associates from Home Depot, finding general trash.

Janisieski was happy to see the associates give back to the community, hoping they take away a sense of pride and ownership from participating.

"It's always nice to see. We do, I probably say, our store alone, the Chicopee store, probably does a good 15 to 20 events a year, so it's always nice to get different associates out to give back to the

community," Janisieski said.

As a father of two, Janisieski hopes to sustain the future for his sons.

"I'm sure they'll also be encouraged to do stuff like this when they're of age, but just really giving back now so it's a cleaner tomorrow," Janisieski said.

Henry Ryczek, a student at Chicopee High School, worked alongside his teammates and other students to clean up the school grounds by picking up trash and putting in mulch.

Ryczek said, "It's good to clean up for everyone."

"Obviously, we're all students here at the school, but we're trying to give back to as much as we can to the environment," Ryczek said. "Just do whatever we can to make the Earth better."

Ryczek hopes students learn the importance of working together as a community and they do one event like this every year.

"I'm just hoping that we all work as a community, we all work together and clean up, get everything good," Ryczek said.

At Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Principal Andrew Lamothe explained there were several groups volunteering, including the softball team, the Horticulture Club, the National Honor Society and more.

Lamothe said, "It's a great community event" and brings students together outside of the classroom.

"It makes me happy, it makes me smile the kids are willing to put in some time outside of the school week. That they have pride in their school," Lamothe said.

Lamothe added events like this also inspire the next generation.

"I just think it's building momentum



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Rhonda Haska picks up trash at the Chicopee Center Riverbank during the 4th Annual Chicopee Clean Sweep on April 27.



A group photo of members of Boy Scout Troop 1849, National Honor Society members from Bellamy Middle School, neighbors and more at the Pendleton Avenue/Bellamy Middle School clean sweep location during the 4th Annual Chicopee Clean Sweep.

with the years too, that some of the kids here and some of the staff members are looking forward to this," Lamothe said.

Meanwhile, in the Pendleton Avenue/Bellamy Middle School area, Paul Zielinski was volunteering alongside members of Boy Scout Troop 1849 and neighbors, working from Memorial Drive down to Pendleton and Simard Drive down to Yale Street.

Zielinski said the group found car parts, a tire and general trash in the area.

"It helps people get together, get to know their neighbors better and it creates more cohesiveness along the whole neighborhood," Zielinski said. "And people are more likely to pick up trash during the year, not just on Earth Day or Earth Month."

Zielinski encouraged the community to pick up their trash and contact the Department of Public Works if they need help, adding how an app called SeeClick-Fix can also help residents with trash concerns and other city service needs for potholes, broken streetlights and more.

"It's quick, easy and it can be anonymous too if they want it to be," Zielinski said.

Janisieski encourages everyone to do their part and consider participating next year.

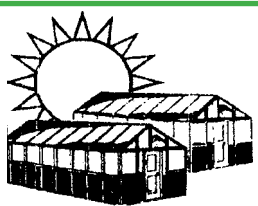
"If you're out in the community and



Jayden Rivera and Christian Fuentes with their bags of trash collected on the Chicopee High School grounds during the 4th Annual Chicopee Clean Sweep.

can do a general sweep, by all means, pick up as you go because we do need to sustain in order to have a brighter tomorrow," Janisieski said.

If residents need or see areas to be taken care of, they can contact the mayor's office at 413-594-1500.



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School Committee discusses discipline, student conduct concerns

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CHICOPEE - School Committee shared their thoughts on discipline and student conduct concerns during their April 17 meeting.

School Committee At-Large member Susan Szetela-Lopes requested the topic, explaining how everyone received an email from a teacher at Chicopee High School after a recent visit.

Her response that evening, Lopes said, was in addressing the email from the teacher and “all the other staff and families that have come to me over the years when they have been concerned about the very small percentage of our students that are causing discipline problems in our schools.”

“The reason I’m bringing it to everyone’s attention, I’m doing it for the students. The 99, 98% of our students who are actually wonderful, wonderful students and we’re so grateful to have them in our schools,” Lopes said.

Following her remarks, Carol Kruser, assistant superintendent of student support services, provided an overview of discipline/behavior in the district, highlighting three laws about school discipline under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, which are 37H, 37H 1/2 and 37H 3/4.

37H, Kruser said, concerns “possession of drugs, weapons or assault of an educational staff member on school grounds.”

“The possible consequences are short-term suspension, long-term suspension or expulsion, depending on the severity and the other factors,” Kruser said.

37H 1/2 focuses on felony, felony delinquency charges or convictions.

“So if our students fall into that category, they could be short-term suspended, long-term suspended or expelled,” Kruser said. “But again, we are still obligated to educate the student.”

37 H 3/4, meanwhile, includes assault and battery, harassment and violation of civil rights, possession of dangerous objects, theft and vandalism, academic dishonesty, unacceptable use of networks and technology, possession of alcohol and tobacco and substantial disruptions.

Kruser next shared that, as of November 8, 2022, a new law was added about alternatives to student suspension and expulsion. The alternatives include mediation, conflict resolution, restorative justice and collaborative problem-solving.

“So, basically what they said in 2022 is that you have to try and have alternatives to suspension and you have to try to reengage the student. So, it’s very important that staff, teachers, administrators, principals and the district office try to find alternative remedies to some of these other things that fall under 37 H 3/4,” Kruser said.

Focusing on the district itself, Kruser noted the district has been identified as suspending students at disproportionate rates.

“Specifically, Dupont (Middle School), Bellamy (Middle School) and Chicopee Academy were identified for having too many suspensions, and we are directed by the state to work on ways to decrease this,” Kruser said.

After highlighting graphs showcasing referrals and incidents at all school-age levels, Kruser said the district’s next steps include a uniform electronic reporting system, rethinking discipline, training administration on documentation, suspension alternatives and other resources, increasing de-escalation training for staff

and continued and increased use of panorama for assessing culture and climate needs.

Ward 6 School Committee member Sonny Brooks has received calls from parents “that want to know why their class is suffering” with students “losing out on class time on a regular basis.”

“The feedback I’m getting is parents are concerned about the lost time in the classroom with the lesser incidents that happen on a regular basis, but aren’t at that level that somebody should be brought down to the principal’s office, suspended, whatever the case may be,” Brooks said.

Kruser acknowledged the increase in behaviors in the last few years, but the district is stepping up with increasing BC-BAs, behaviorists, social workers and student adjustment counselors.

“So, we all know that building those relationships with the kids is the best way to help with school discipline in the classroom, and we have added a lot of adults to help those kids in school, get some of the counseling they need and get some of the help they need in order to be successful,” Kruser said.

Ward 7 School Committee member Donald Lamothe said discipline “is not an issue that’s unique to Chicopee,” citing other school systems having similar issues.

After he asked about parent involvement and 51A, Kruser clarified that involves neglectful parents or families. For other things that don’t involve 51A, “It takes a lot of conversation.”

“Families want the best for their child, they always want the best for their child and sometimes it’s a matter of just making sure that you are being open and hearing what their concerns are and meeting in the middle, because we have to work together,” Kruser said.

After requesting the discussion continue a month or two from now to receive updates, Lopes read letters she received from a teacher and student sharing their experiences enacting or witnessing discipline.

The teacher’s letter highlighted two students coming to class 15 minutes late, eating in class, using profane words walking the hallways and more.

“This is not an isolated incident happening to me. Most teachers face similar student behaviors at some point in the course of their day. There is no real consequence for these behaviors, which may seem minor, yet when we look at the frequency in other classes each day, every day, throughout the school, it has a very palpable effect,” Lopes read.

The student’s letter was about in-school suspension, calling the disciplinary approach hypocritical and the only punishment misbehaving students get.

“Most students have no problem with going there due to the extremely laid-back attitude. Attendees are allowed to converse with one another and get their work done at whatever pace they want without any teacher involvement. What is the punishment behind to go to a place more enjoyable than your own classroom?” Lopes read. “Instead of seeing actual consequences for their actions, students see rewards. When you continue to reward teenagers for misbehaving, they will continue to exhibit the same out-of-line behaviors. To see change in our school, we need to actually punish students.”

Kruser responded to this letter, explaining how not all staff don’t know what goes on, all students also “don’t understand what goes on behind the scenes,” and how there is confidentiality involved as well.

St. Joan of Arc School presents ‘Matilda’



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CHICOPEE- “Matilda” will be presented by the St. Joan of Arc Performance Arts Club on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 9 & 10 at the Ste. Rose de Lima Parish Hall. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. and doors open at 6:40 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the school, or the night of the performance. Call 533-1475 for details.

Mobile Vet Clinic takes place at RiverMills

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.

Second Chance Animal Shelter will be at RiverMills on Tuesday, May 21 for a Mobile Vet Clinic. This is a free clinic

and services such as wellness exams, yearly vaccines, nail trips and other services will be provided. Walk-in appointments are not available. You must register in advance as space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call Casey Conroy at 413-534-3698 ext. 118.

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- 5. In favor of
- 8. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 11. Pulpits
- 13. Leisure activity
- 14. Fertility god
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. When you anticipate getting somewhere
- 17. Spanish river
- 18. Sporting events
- 20. Type of tree
- 21. Ceased to be
- 22. Persons
- 25. Synthetic resin
- 30. Relates to photochemical reactions
- 31. Father
- 32. Former Cowboys coach
- 33. City in Finland
- 38. Run batted in
- 41. Got through
- 43. They darken skin
- 45. In a harmful way
- 48. Form of weaving
- 49. City of Angels
- 50. Caucasian language
- 55. Syngman __, Korean president
- 56. Sun up in New York
- 57. Paddled
- 59. Fishes
- 60. Affirmative
- 61. Nimble
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. A small island
- 4. College army
- 5. Favor over another
- 6. Called it a career
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Israeli statesman
- 9. Hurries
- 10. Slog
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Benedictine monk
- 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 24. Surrendering
- 25. Political action committee
- 26. S. American plant
- 27. Long-term memory
- 28. Bark
- 29. Breathes in
- 34. Take hold of
- 35. Everyone has one
- 36. Valentine’s Day color
- 37. Drivers’ licenses and passports
- 39. Outer walls of castles
- 40. Enters with force
- 41. One thousandth of an inch
- 42. Deceased Chinese politician
- 44. Sugary secretion of plants
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Shelter
- 47. Utilizes
- 48. Forest resident
- 51. Fashion accessory
- 52. A sharply directional antenna
- 53. __ Kristofferson, actor
- 54. A bad place to end up
- 58. MLBer Gordon

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock

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GUEST COLUMN



When should my wife claim her Social Security benefit?

Dear Rusty

I just saw an article which said that certain spousal options were going away, but there are still good options for when a spouse can claim. I am filing for my Social Security to start in October when I turn 70. My wife's Full Retirement Age is in December, and she now plans to file then for half of what my FRA benefit would have been (our original plan was for both to file in August). My wife's main reason for delaying until her FRA is to lock her into my maximum benefit if she has to someday change to Survivor's Benefit. Will this be gone for us? Neither of us was born before Jan. 1, 1954. Please advise.

Signed: Planning for Both

Dear Planning

I expect that the article you refer to was speaking of the option to claim only a spousal benefit first and allow one's personal SS retirement benefit to grow. That option was available only to those who were born before 1954 and had reached full retirement age. As you now know that option is not available to you.

Assuming your wife's highest benefit entitlement will be as your spouse, your current strategy – you claim your maximum benefit to start in October at age 70 and your wife starts her benefit in December at her FRA is a good one which will yield the maximum possible monthly benefit for both of you. But for clarity, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow has nothing to do with when she claims her spouse benefits now.

The only thing which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse is her age when she claims the survivor benefit. If she has already reached her FRA of 66 years and 8 months when you pass, she will get 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were living. Her survivor benefit would only be less than 100% of yours if she claimed it before reaching her full retirement age (which, of course, we hope would not to be the case).

Just so you have the complete picture, your wife could, if desired, claim her Social Security to start at the same time as you in October but, since that would be earlier than her FRA, the amount she would get would be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. Her spouse benefit would be reduced by 0.694% for each month earlier than her FRA it starts.

For example, if your wife starts her spousal benefit in October when your benefit starts, she will get about 98.6% of the amount she would get if she waited until December to start her benefits. That's a permanent reduction, so if your wife's life expectancy is at least average about 87, it's likely still wisest for her to wait until her FRA to start benefits. But in any case, when your wife claims her spousal benefit now will have no effect on the survivor benefit she will get as your future widow.

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GUEST COLUMN

What to do when and how to do it

The last few gorgeous days got us all outside and into our home landscape.

Maybe you looked at this or that and said "Now what do I do?" Here is a column straight from the archives to best guide you through the next oh so fun (and busy) weeks in the garden.

DO remove spent blooms from spring flowering bulbs. Once "deadheaded" the bulb won't expend energy making seeds, instead, it will store it and delight you with an even healthier stand of flowers next year.

DO NOT cut, braid or otherwise alter bulb foliage. It may not be the prettiest, but as long as it is green, (and to some degree even when it is yellowish) it is photosynthesizing, making a storehouse for next spring's blooms.

DO turn under your covercrop of winter rye now, a few weeks prior to planting your vegetable garden. Plant residues will have a chance to break down without stealing valuable nutrients from newly transplanted seedlings.

DO NOT add fresh manure to garden plots as it will burn plants. Be sure to compost it for at least six months prior to use. Make your compost pile "hot" by balancing the amount of green and brown ingredients and by turning it regularly. The result is a near neutral weed-free source of organic matter.

DO prune spring flowering shrubs soon after blooming. Forsythia and lilac for example, bloom on the previous season's wood. By pruning once their blooming period is complete you will allow enough time for regrowth without sacrificing next year's blooms.

DO NOT prune fruit trees now. Better to wait until the trees are dormant. You can, however, rid apple trees of pencil sized or smaller water sprouts in mid summer. Simply grab one with your hand and give it a quick jerk. Removing a small portion of the branch from which it grows will likely prevent future sprouts in this area.

DO begin to harden off homegrown seedlings and garden-bound indoor plants over the course of the next few weeks. By gradually acclimatizing plants to the outdoors you will likely prevent transplant shock and other maladies such as sunscald and windburn. Start off with a few hours outside each day, work-

ing up to all day and overnight. Then, as long as the threat of frost has passed the plants can successfully be planted in the ground.

DO NOT plant pepper seedlings until the soil has sufficiently warmed (usually by the first week in June). Research indicates that planting peppers in cold soil will stunt plants and reduce yields. You can warm the soil where peppers (and other heat lovers) are to grow by laying down sheets of IRT mulch a couple of weeks prior to planting. Then simply cut holes in the plastic and plant as normal.

DO cut asparagus with a knife just under the surface of the soil. In established plantings you can harvest spears for about six weeks. Leave those that are thinner than a pencil. Although we wish the season could go on forever, allowing foliage to form will only return energy to the roots, making for tasty shoots next spring!

DO NOT allow weeds to take over the strawberry patch! Applying a mulch of shredded leaves, composted sawdust or pine needles will not only keep the weeds at bay, but it will feed the plants and keep developing berries clean at the same time!

DO sow grass seed soon, before crabgrass has a chance to take hold. Or better yet, sow seed in late August, or early September, when this dreaded weed is near done its life cycle. Water sown areas daily to promote timely germination.

DO NOT rototill patches of perennial weeds; you are merely spreading them about the garden! Better to hand weed, digging out the roots completely. After planting is complete mulch around plants to cut down on future weeds, conserve moisture, and add organic matter to the soil. When applying mulch around trees and shrubs remember to pull it back, away from the trunk to prevent girdling.

DO have fun in the garden this spring!
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Senior Medicare Patrol at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host the Senior Medicare Patrol on Monday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

A representative from Senior Medicare Patrol will be at RiverMills Center for an information session to raise awareness about protecting, detecting and reporting healthcare errors, fraud and abuse. You must register in advance.

Mother's Day Tea takes place May 9

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host a Mother's Day Tea Party on Thursday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Enjoy a lovely afternoon tea party with your friends and special ladies in your life. There will be different teas and treats to enjoy. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

Senior Companion Program Lunch and Learn at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host a Lunch and Learn Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Andrea Holden with Valley Opportunity Council's Senior Companion Program will be at RiverMills Center during lunch to chat with you where you will

learn how volunteering can make a difference for yourself and others by serving as a Senior Companion. This will be a great chance to learn and ask questions to see if being a Senior Companion Volunteer is right for you! You must register for this lunch by May 8th by calling 534-3698 or stopping by RiverMills Center.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS ALEX FENDERSON

A close-up shot of the cast and crew working with David Farnum, part-time producer at ChicopeeTV, on pre-production for "The Box," a short film that will have its debut with Singing Bridge Pictures, the newest venture from ChicopeeTV.

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pre-production having kicked off in mid-January/early February and filling in slots for the cast, props, set design and more.

Production begins in early May, with the release date aiming for late summer.

For next year, Wofford shared he and ChicopeeTV are working on how to conceptualize the next film.

"So, maybe for next year's Singing Bridge, how do we get creative writers in the area that might be interested and getting involved to sort of come together and form a writers' room, basically, like you'd have for a TV show where you sort of come together and you kick around ideas and collaborate and they're like, 'Ooo, that's a cool idea. Let's focus on that idea' and sort of go down that rabbit hole," Wofford said.

Wofford added with community-based filmmaking, having the city's support can help them turn to resources the film crew might need for scenes, using an example of reaching out to the police department for a police car and officer to drive in a scene and talk to a character.

"Those little details, really, raise the production values of a film and make your film feel real. So, having city departments like the city behind the project I think will really elevate the films we're able to make," Wofford said.

Wofford said the exchange of ideas fulfills his work in community-based filmmaking, crediting David Farnum, a part-time producer at ChicopeeTV, for his collaboration from the start.

"That process of spitballing and hav-

ing a creative idea and hitting it to another creative who has a different idea and in that interplay and in that exchange of creativity forming something that didn't exist before, I really love that part of filmmaking, community-based or otherwise," Wofford said. "And I'm really excited to be able to do that with community members that have always wanted to make film that have never really had access to to be able to try it out."

Wofford wants the community to know that Singing Bridge Pictures makes movies "and we're here to stay," looking forward to people seeing the film's ending.

"The way that we're filming it is highly, highly, highly technical. We're shooting a plate on location and we're shooting some stuff in here on a green screen and we're using multiple actresses to sort of provide the limbs that are sticking out of the box, so that the monster can sort of bend the limbs in ways that look really unnatural as he's cramming her into the box," Wofford said. "It's such a specific moment within the film where the sound department and the actors and the cinematography and the camera and the lighting and the sound and the post-sound of that crunching of breaking bones, like all of that stuff, will come together in a really, really, really cool way and I really look forward to sort of capturing the components of that one moment. I think it will be awesome."

Wofford's message was this advice for future filmmakers.

"Make. Just make. Find a way to make. It's easier now than it's ever been if you wanted to make (a) film," Wofford said. "It's possible."

Ladies Night at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host Ladies Night on Wednesday, May 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Join your friends at RiverMills for a Ladies Night! There will be DIY crafts, appetizers, cash bar (beer, wine, mocktails and non-alcoholic beverages) vendors and wellness services such as

manicures (\$2.00) and massage (\$2.00). Tickets are \$10 and include which DIY crafts you choose and appetizers, as well as chances for some raffle prizes. If you would like to add on a service, such as a manicure, you must register and pay at the time you purchase your event ticket. Space is limited. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center. Registration opens May 1.

Pedestrian Safety with Chicopee PD

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host the Chicopee Police Department on Thursday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Join the Chicopee Police Dept. for a workshop on pedestrian safety. During this presentation, you will learn about pe-

destrian safety and ways to stay visible while walking and how vehicle operators can look out for certain things while driving on congested areas. At the end of the workshop, Chicopee PD will be handing out safety vests and light-up bracelets. You must register in advance.

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Tactile Art Exhibit coming to Chic. Public Library

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Public Library is hosting a tactile art exhibit called Seven Art Movements, which is accessible to patrons who are blind or low-vision in the Henry J. Bazan Community Room from May 11 – May 25 during library hours.

Visit the library to experience various works of art in touchable 3D including: Mona Lisa by da Vinci, Girl with a Pearl Earring by Vermeer, the Scream by Munch and others from various periods in art.

Laura Bovee, director of the Chicopee Public Library, said, "I'm so thrilled that the library can bring this exhibit to Chicopee. This is a uniquely accessible and museum-quality exhibit, and I hope that everyone - whether blind, low-vision, or fully sighted - will come see it. I think it will be a great opportunity to explore the different ways people take in information or a way to begin a conversation about differences with kids, grandkids, and students."

The artwork is created by Tactile Images from Chatham, NY. The company is committed to providing tactile experiences for the blind and disabled. Images designed for touch provide the opportunity to acquire visual information independently, without relying on recorded descriptions or the interpretation of a sighted companion.

Anne Gancarz, assistant director of the Chicopee Public Library said, "We strive to make the library and its resources accessible to as many people as we can. The fact that we are able to bring touchable art of this quality to our community is amazing and very exciting! Please stop by to enjoy this exhibit while it's here."

If you have any questions or would like to plan a group visit please email Anne Gancarz at agancarz@cwmar.org or call Anne at 594-1800 Ext. 106.

Blue Zones of The World

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will offer the program "Blue Zones of The World" on Tuesday, May 14th at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

How would you like to blow out 100 Birthday candles? Join Deputy Liz DePaula with the Hampden County Sheriff's Dept. to learn the secrets of Centenarians and which healthy habits can keep you going strong. You must register in advance.

Frozen Polish Food Sale

INDIAN ORCHARD - There will be a Frozen Polish Food Sale with golumpki and kapsuta and cabbage, potato and cheese, sweet cheese and blueberry pierogi on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

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Governor Maura Healey addresses first-grade students at Stefanik Elementary School during her announcement of the Cooling Corridors program in Chicopee on April 26.



Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo provides remarks during the announcement of the Cooling Corridors program by Governor Maura Healey at Stefanik Elementary School in Chicopee on April 26.



Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper reflects on the Greening the Gateway Cities program and the Cooling Corridors program at Stefanik Elementary School on April 26.



From the left, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Governor Maura Healey and Mayor John Vieau grab shovels, dig and assist students at Stefanik Elementary School in planting a tree at the school.



Governor Maura Healey meets and talks with a first grader at Stefanik Elementary School after he presents her with an Earth Week-themed drawing.



Members of the Department of Conservation and Recreation put a tree in a dug hole in the ground at the Stefanik Elementary School, the 40,000th tree planted in the state through the Greening the Gateway Cities program.

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Chicopee through the Greening the Gateway Cities program.

"Today, we planted a lot of trees...and what do trees do? They give us oxygen, they give us cover, they give us shade, they protect us from the heat, they help keep our neighborhoods cool and they reduce the need for air conditioning which helps us save money," Healey said. "They're also the way nature cleans the air."

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper said the Greening the Gateway Cities program is important "because it's also an issue of environmental and economic justice."

"So, that is why we are so proud of the progress that our Greening the Gateway City program has and we thought it was important to expand that program to the Cooling Corridors program where we'll be able to better focus tree planting to benefit environmental justice communities," Tepper said.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo said DCR's work "sits at the nexus of climate change, equity, public health and economic opportunity."

"By increasing the urban tree

canopy, we're improving the air quality, reducing the urban heat island effect and lowering energy consumption, all of which directly improve the quality of life for our families and residents all across the Commonwealth," Arrigo said.

After the announcement, Healey, Tepper, Arrigo, Vieau and members of DCR, the City Council, Massachusetts State Senate and more assisted the school in planting a tree, the 40,000th planted through the Greening the Gateway Cities program.

The students later presented gifts of Earth Week-themed drawings to Healey and her administration.

Healey stressed the importance of the programs, explaining how \$30 million has been invested so far in planting trees across the state.

"It's really part of our climate agenda in what we need to do to help us carbonize, to help us cool our neighborhoods and communities," Healey said.

Healey also enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the students and staff at Stefanik School and plant the tree.

"It's great we were able to do that today with the young people here," Healey said.

Principal Amanda Theriault

shared the school was honored the administration chose them for a visit, appreciating the opportunity to be part of something positive for the community and the school.

"We have an amazing staff here at Stefanik. We have amazing families and kids and we're the Stefanik Stars, we shine the brightest, so it was really fun to have all these important people to see our school, to be part of our community and get to interact with our students here, so it was a lot of fun," Theriault said.

Theriault said the students and staff talk daily about taking care of the Earth, hoping they took away the importance of being and getting involved.

"Seeing something like this and being part of an important event like this just establishes the importance of it," Theriault said.

Theriault's message to Healey and her administration was this: thank you.

"Thank you for helping our community, thank you for being part of our community, thank you for coming to our school," Theriault said. "It's just awesome. Just the whole experience has been wonderful and my kids will never forget it and my staff won't either, so it's a memory they'll have forever. So, thank you."

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Colts suffer home loss



CHICOPEE – Last week, Pope Francis defeated Chicopee Comprehensive 10-4. The Colts struggled to get a lot of offense going in the matchup, though their defense was able to somewhat limit the damage against the Cardinals in order to keep the game from getting out of hand. Natalie Fournier had two goals for the Colts. The Colts have been struggling recently, losing their last four, and are 3-6 on the season after starting the season 3-2.

Anna Buchanan circles around the opposing goal.

Pacers out to hot start

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee High School girls lacrosse team is putting it together in the 2024 season. The Pacers are out to a 7-2 start and need just one more win to qualify for the state tournament. Last week, the Pacers beat Central 16-5. Avery Placzek would score four times in the contest while Madison Thibault would score three times. Three others had two goals each as the Pacers' offense continues to work hard. The Pacers will next host Hampshire Regional on Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.



Makayla Van Buren carefully looks for a teammate to make a pass.



Natalie Fournier looks to shoot on a restart in play.



Alexa Haber sprints up the field with the ball.



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Olivia Warren looks for an opening to shoot.

Pacers tennis fall on the road



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Asia Westry socks a return hit over the net.



Basti Caceres goes low for a return hit.



Daniella Kazotti reaches out to her left to keep the ball from going out.

T-Birds put bow on successful season at MassMutual

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds completed a historic season in style on Saturday, hosting a 14th consecutive sellout crowd inside the MassMutual Center. The capacity crowd for the finale also marked the 20th time during the 2023-24 season that "the Thunderdome" hit its maximum occupancy.

Both the 14-game sellout streak and the 20 total sellout crowds set Springfield AHL hockey records, and those were merely two statistics from a year full of shattered records and overwhelming support from the fanbase. The Thunderbirds' ticket sales department saw distinct growth in numerous categories, including group ticket revenue (up 30% from 2022-23), season ticket revenue (up 15%), and total full-season tickets sold (up 5%).

"The support this franchise has received from day one has been indescribable," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "It takes so many factors for an American Hockey League franchise to succeed, and our front office staff is right up there with the best in the business. Their tireless efforts, coupled with the passion and energy of the Thunderdome

crowd, made this historic season a reality. We have no intention of slowing down either, which should make our fans so excited for what will come."

Of the 6,321 fans who attended Thunderbirds games on average last season, about 25% were members of various groups participating in a wide variety of in-game experiences, from Premium Suite and Executive Perch parties to on-ice activities like national anthem performances and high-five tunnel teams. Springfield's front office staff efforts helped the club generate the eighth most group tickets sold in the league.

"We have long worked at making Thunderbirds games a lifelong memory for fans of all ages," said Costa. "In the process of doing that, we have been able to showcase members of our community, which has led to amazing opportunities for these groups to have a huge audience and grow their followings. Performing at Thunderbirds games has become a checklist item for thousands in this area, and we take great pride in that."

This season, the T-Birds saw an average of 93.1% of all seats filled inside the

MassMutual Center, the highest average attendance to capacity in the AHL's Eastern Conference and second-highest in the league. Such successes in filling the arena directly led to the Thunderbirds' corporate sales department reaching new heights.

In the 2023-24 season, the T-Birds saw a 15% growth in corporate revenue while sitting atop the league rankings in total sponsorship deals. Integrations with sponsors have continued to be showcased across various mediums, from in-arena and in-ice signage to social media post sponsorships and elements of the in-game broadcast production.

"Having widespread support from our business partners is also paramount to success in the American Hockey League," Costa added. "Our corporate team has fostered meaningful relationships beyond return on investment and emphasized Springfield's pride for the city. Their accomplishments are remarkable when compared to markets of exponentially greater size."

Supplementing the Thunderbirds' success in tickets and corporate business, the franchise experienced a seventh consecutive season of brand development and merchandise growth as the club rose to the top 10 in the AHL in-game night merchandise sales, with an emphasis on creating high-quality product lines across not just the T-Birds brand, but specialty nights as well.

"We are aware of how impactful merchandise can be from a grassroots marketing perspective," said Costa. "Giving our fans the ability to show their pride for specialty evenings like Pink in the Rink, Ice-O-Topes, and Military Appreciation further bolsters our connection between our team and the community."

The Thunderbirds will look to build upon their record-breaking success when the 2024-25 season, the eighth Thunderbirds hockey campaign, gets underway this October. Schedules and single-game tickets will go on sale later this summer. Fans can reserve their seats for Thunderbirds' hockey action in the 2024-25 season with a ticket membership by calling (413)-739-GOAL (4625) or visiting www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

Summer Olympics lead to change in HoopHall induction

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced it will move its Enshrinement Ceremonies from Aug. 16-17 to Oct. 12-13 to accommodate requests of the vast global basketball community amid an extensive and expanding summer schedule, highlighted by the 2024 Summer Olympics. The date change will continue to position the Hall of Fame event as a successful, well-produced standalone event not compromised by potential production conflicts.

"The Hall of Fame appreciates the input from friends across the basketball community and the recommendations of our production partners regarding a schedule adjustment for our Enshrinement Ceremonies," said John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "We understand the importance of

the burgeoning Olympic basketball events to our broader constituencies and regret any inconvenience caused by the change. This one-time move to October assures that we are best positioned to once again create a great experience for our guests and deliver viewers a first-class presentation to celebrate our esteemed Class."

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Saturday, Oct. 12, with the Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2024 and returning Hall of Famers will then assemble in Springfield, for the annual events taking place at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield's Symphony Hall on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The updated schedule of events for Enshrinement 2024:

Saturday, Oct. 12, at Mohegan Sun (Uncasville, Conn.)

Enshrinement 2024 Autograph Session
Enshrinement 2024 Press Conference
Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala
Sunday, Oct. 13, in Springfield
Enshrinement Ceremony VIP Reception

tion at Springfield Marriott
Enshrinement Ceremony Red Carpet Show at Symphony Hall
Enshrinement Ceremony at Symphony Hall

Pacers fall on the road



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Ella Desroisers makes the forehand return.

CHICOPEE – Last Monday afternoon, Chicopee suffered a tough loss on the road at Palmer High School. The Pacers were defeated 5-0, and were not able

to get a win in any of the head-to-head matches. Chicopee is 1-4 on the regular season.

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Petros celebrates grand reopening in ribbon-cutting ceremony

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members and local and state officials gathered on Front Street on April 25 to celebrate the grand reopening of Petros Breakfast & Lunch.

A long-time staple of Chicopee, Petros serves a variety of entrées including pancakes, ham, French toast, eggs, hash browns, omelets, breakfast sandwiches and more.

Petros is open Mondays through Sundays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., with breakfast served all week and lunch served Mondays through Saturdays.

During the ribbon-cutting, Mayor John Vieau explained to the patrons inside they were thanking Justin Mahar and his mother, Robin, the new co-owners, "for their commitment to keeping this cherished establishment open and serving our community."

"Petros has long been more than just a restaurant. It's been a gathering place where friends and families come together to create cherished memories over delicious meals," Vieau said. "From humble beginnings to a status as a cornerstone of our community, Petros has held a special place in our hearts, in Chicopee residents for many generations and thank you for keeping that active."

Vieau said the decision to take on the responsibility of "preserving such a beloved establishment is no small feat."

"It requires dedication, a lot of hard work--a real lot of hard work--passion and a deep understanding of the importance of honoring tradition while embracing innovation," Vieau said. "The new owner, Justin, has shown all these qualities and more, ensuring that Petros will remain a beacon of hospitality and warmth in our beloved city."

Mahar was excited about the reopening and appreciative of the community support.

"It means a lot. It's so nice to see all



An exterior shot inside Petros Breakfast & Lunch during the post-brunch hour during the grand reopening of the restaurant on April 25.



Marie Meder and Jeanne Hebert enjoy their breakfast during the grand reopening of Petros Breakfast & Lunch.



An exterior shot of Petros Breakfast & Lunch on Front Street in Chicopee.



Lamari Jackson, district director for State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), and Justin Mahar, co-owner of Petros Breakfast & Lunch, smile for a photo during the grand reopening of the restaurant on April 25. Jackson presented Mahar with a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate celebrating the grand reopening.



Mayor John Vieau reads his remarks as Robin and Justin Mahar, the new co-owners of Petros Breakfast & Lunch, watch during the grand reopening ribbon-cutting ceremony at the restaurant.

the support from the city, to see everybody come down. They all come into the restaurant every week. The city's been great to me. I'm just excited to be a staple here for many years to come," Mahar said.

Mahar explained taking over also

means a lot to him as he originally started as a dishwasher at the restaurant.

"This was, actually, my first job. I got hired from the original owner, I was 17, I used to just do the dishes. I worked here for him until he sold it for about seven years. I worked for the other owner, Jon, for about a year and I left and now I came back for the opportunity to own it and continue to bring a consistently good breakfast to the city," Mahar said.

Since taking over, the biggest lessons Mahar has learned are patience and being thorough.

"Just being really thoughtful of others

and the situation that other people deal with. Always putting the customer first, always thinking about the experience of somebody coming into my restaurant," Mahar said. "It's not just with people or anything, it's with everything. Just how you have to plan and be about."

Mahar shared he's had people come in two or three times a day for meals and having so many patrons every day, also, means the world to him and his staff.

"I'm on a first-name basis with everyone. We've seen kids grow up here. We're seeing them now drive here to get their own food. They're all a big family. It's awesome," Mahar said.

Mahar encourages the community to give the restaurant another try if they have stopped coming by over the years.

"It's under new ownership, give it another try. I swear it's going to be a better, more consistent place for a good cup of coffee and a good plate of food," Mahar said.

For anyone who hasn't come to Petros yet, Mahar has this recommendation.

"If it was your first time here, I'd recommend the pancakes or ham. Just one pancake. Start off with one, you'll see why," Mahar said.

To learn more, call 413-331-4422.

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Tenth account(s) of Hyman G Darling of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/24/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 19, 2024

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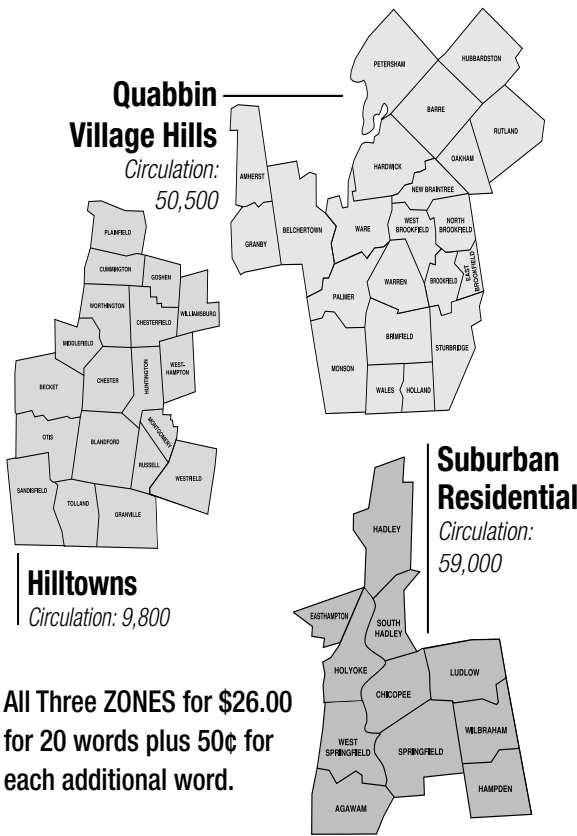
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Estate of:
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Date of Death: 03/30/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Barbara A Hyde 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: **Barbara A Hyde of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/17/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 19, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
05/03/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P0895EA
Estate of:
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To all persons interested

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. HD24P0898EA
Estate of:
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Mary D Partyka of Chicopee, MA** and **David J Partyka 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: **Mary D Partyka of Chicopee, MA** and **David J Partyka of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 24, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
05/03/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD24P0904GD

In the interests of **Joseph Matthew Witherspoon, MA Minor**

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **04/24/2024** by **Odelle A Williams** of Springfield, MA will be held **05/22/2024 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing- In Person. Located: **Hampden Family & Probate Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

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3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
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She added that there's research regarding how suspensions don't work.

"So, students see from their perspective and I appreciate their perspective, but we need to work on what's right for all the students and we are bound by the Massachusetts state law," Kruser said.

Ward 4 School Committee member Sandra Peret thanked Kruser for the support of the staff and students.

"Changing behavior is a complicated endeavor. So, if things evolve over time then the behavior changes over

time. But as you said, we need a lot of active participants and trying to understand what a student may be going through at this point in their life and what situation they may be coming from or have experienced," Peret said. "So, thank you for the work that you and the other administrators are doing and the teachers in our system to try to help the students, because we certainly can't reach them if we send them outside of our school system because we have the resources here to try to help them. So, thank you. The more that we communicate that within the system, with ourselves, with parents, only then, I think, can we see change."

THROWBACK

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kid again.

"Many of the participants today were middle schoolers, so they are just beginning to transition from childhood to being a teen. So having an opportunity to look back and act like a little kid after a long day being a middle schooler, it's a welcome break," Stokes said.

Stokes and Tenerowicz hope the attendees enjoyed an afternoon to be silly and spend time with one another.

"We hope they enjoyed hanging out with library staff and enjoyed an event that not only brings them together, but also gives them a screen-free option for the afternoon!" Stokes said.

"I hope they had fun listening to the different picture books, as that is a medium that is truly for all ages but is often seen as something only for little kids to enjoy. There can be some picture books with incredible artwork, really silly stories or ones that help us learn more about our world and other cultures," Tenerowicz said.

Looking ahead, Tenerowicz shared what's coming up in May.

"For May, teens can look forward to our second annual Paper Horse Derby, our monthly Anime Club and a seed bomb craft. The library is also going to be hosting a Tactile Art Exhibit, which is open to everyone, and which will feature different works of art that have been recreated in 3D so those who are blind, low-vision or near-sighted can still enjoy these classic pieces," Tenerowicz said.

Tenerowicz wants the community to know that "learning can happen in a lot of different ways."

"Even though today was certainly a very silly and laid-back event, there's a lot of value in getting to let go and use your imagination, listening to someone read you a story and getting to be creative with



Arianna holds a building block during the Teen Throwback Thursday event at the Chicopee Public Library on April 25.



A full shot of a building block creation at the Teen Throwback Thursday event at the Chicopee Public Library. The event took place in the Bazan Community Room



Brent Tenerowicz, youth services associate at Chicopee Public Library, reads from "Chester Van Chime Who Forgot to Rhyme" by Avery Monsen and Abby Hanlon during the Teen Throwback Thursday event.



Corrina Stokes, youth services specialist at Chicopee Public Library, leads attendees in a clapping game during the Teen Throwback Thursday event.

a bunch of different art mediums," Tenerowicz said.

Tenerowicz hopes to see everyone in the coming months, including during the summer.

"We'll have more information about all those events in the future, so be sure to keep an eye on our website and social media for any updates. In the meantime, we're always happy to see everyone, whether it is for an event or just to hang out and grab some materials," Tenerowicz said.

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