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## Drug Take Back Day held by Hampden DA's office

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CHICOPEE — The Hampden District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office (HCSO) collected boxes of unused or expired medications during the 30th semi-annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which transpired on April 25 and was located at the Price Rite in Chicopee.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a twice-yearly initiative where the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration partners with law enforcement agencies, as local contingents facilitate the safe collection and disposal of unused or expired medications.

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## Chicopee High School hosts first-ever Senior Pathway Fair

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CHICOPEE - Chicopee High School hosted its first-ever Senior Pathway Fair on April 28, with members of the senior class highlighting their work in varying Career Pathways programs.

Throughout the event, students and family members stopped by to talk with students about their work and celebrate their success.

The pathways included cosmetology, criminal justice, business, education, health, graphic communication and hospitality.

Rafael Aviles embarked on the Graphic Communication Pathway—with his presentation focused on School Store Merchandise—and shared he's picked up many skills and accomplishments.

He plans to attend Springfield Technical Community College this fall for biology and potentially attend a four-year school afterward or go into the working world.

After explaining the varying machines he worked with, Aviles said the pathways were first introduced when he was in middle school and he was initially interested in the video program.

“But, I remember when I had my first day in Graphic Communications that I loved it. It's so much more different than just a regular class experience. You're hands-on, you're always working and you actually get to think about, ‘I can

school and he was initially interested in the video program.”

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A large group photo of the Career Pathways students at Chicopee High School with Mayor John Vieau.

## Hammon, Cote honored in retirement ceremony

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CHICOPEE - Ofc. Mark Hammon and Capt. Holly Cote were honored in a retirement ceremony at the police department's training room on April 30 for their many years of service to the community.

Hammon served for 32 years and Cote served for 29 years, a combined total of 61 years of service.

The ceremony featured remarks from State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Chicopee Comprehensive High School Principal Andrew Lamothe, Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, Ret. Deputy Police Chief Lonny Dakin and Ret. Police Chief William Jebb.

Public Information Officer Travis Odiorne served as emcee.

Arriaga presented a citation on behalf of the Massachusetts House of Representatives to Hammon and Cote, reflecting on public service.

“It takes courage, it takes bravery, it takes commitment and dedication and when we have folks like these two stellar individuals here who have done that for 28 plus years,



Ofc. Mark Hammon and Capt. Holly Cote in a family photo with their kids and grandkids.

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that is something to celebrate, and, at the same time, we know it's bittersweet seeing you go. But, I'm excited for you for many, many reasons,” Arriaga said. “One, you guys deserve this. You guys deserve to take a breather, relax, focus on what you want to do as a passion for yourselves and your families. Self-care is truly important. You're passing on the torch to the next generation of officers that will keep us safe, but I'm also excited because I know you'll find your way to continue to serve.”

Lamothe reflected on Hammon's impact as a School Resource Officer for 14 years at Chicopee Comp, “a vital member of our staff and a constant resource for

both our students and adults in our building.”

He had worked alongside Hammon since 2016, first as vice principal and later as principal of the high school.

“From day one, I've always viewed him as part of our admin team and I

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## Spring Spectacular takes place May 16

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CHICOPEE - The Family and Community Engagement Department at Chicopee Public Schools will be hosting the first-ever Chicopee Spring Spectacular at Sztot Park on Saturday, May 16.

The event is free to attend and is also an opportunity to highlight the Chicopee Public Schools students and families and celebrate what makes Chicopee special. Family and Community Engagement Facilitator Kristen Coelho explained that the event will take place from Noon to 3 p.m. and the FACE team can't wait to welcome everyone.

“The Family and Community Engagement Team is excited to welcome CPS students and their families for an afternoon of fun, connection and celebration,” Coelho said. “The event will feature a wide range of school and community resources, along with live entertainment—including performances by CPS students, a DJ, salsa dancing

and lessons, and interactive drum circles. Families can also enjoy a K9 demonstration, an inflatable obstacle course, face painting, and a showcase of vibrant multicultural artwork created by students across the district. Free walking tacos and ice cream will be provided for all, courtesy of ChicopeeFresh.”

Coelho shared how the idea for the event came together.

“The idea grew out of the FACE department's vision to host a large community event that brings together the families and students we serve, along with our school and community partners. Our goal was to create an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our community. As this will be an inaugural event for the community, many Chicopee Public Schools departments will also be on hand to meet and connect with families,” Coelho said. “When the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Mass Cultural Council arose, I was eager

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Coach Dan Dulchinos surrounded by family as he and his grandson Ryan Kazeroid holding the signature baseball plate commemorating the big moment.

## Rivers Park Baseball Field rededicated to Coach Dan Dulchinos

By **Brendan Rooney**  
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CHICOPEE — A special moment unfolded in the city as the community gathered from Rivers Park to witness a rededication ceremony to Coach Dionysius “Dan” Dulchinos, who served as the varsity baseball coach at Chicopee Comprehensive High School for 50 years and left behind a hall-of-fame career while being an inspiration to all who knew him.

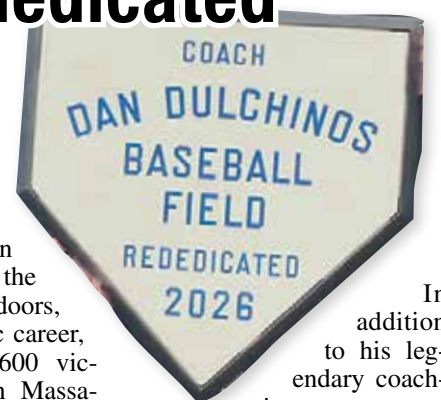
The ceremony, taking place April 30, was exactly

32 years to the day after the original naming of the field, which transpired back in 1994.

Opening statements were led by Mayor John Vieau, who touched upon the impact Dulchinos has left on the city, earning him this distinction.

“The re-dedication is not just about the field,” Vieau said. “It's about ensuring that every player who steps onto this diamond; they understand the legacy behind it. It's about remembering the standard that Coach Dulchinos set and carrying it forward for generations to come.”

Dulchinos started his career with the Colts back in 1962, the first year the school opened its doors, and over his historic career, he garnered over 600 victories, four Western Massachusetts Titles, and one State Championship, solidifying his place in various fabled institutions such as the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Chicopee Athletic Hall of Fame.



In addition to his legendary coaching resume, Dulchinos' tenure with the blue and gold transcended beyond the diamond as he also served as a teacher, guidance counselor and athletic director with the Colts,

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### The Mother's Day weekend plan moms actually want

CHICOPEE - Skip the crowded brunch spots and the same predictable plans. This Mother's Day weekend, Jess Miller Comedy is offering something entirely different: a night out where nobody needs you for anything. That's exactly the point.

For all the parents and empty nesters alike, Unsupervised Comedy (formerly Moms' Night Out) comes to the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee on Saturday, May 9 for one night only. The show features a powerhouse ensemble of nationally touring comedians, too. Hosted by Jess Miller, featuring Peaches Rodriguez, Kim DeShields, and headlined by Linda Belt, this night will deliver a fast-paced, high-energy night designed for adults who are long overdue for a break.

Unlike traditional event nights, Unsupervised Comedy keeps things simple - and a little more fun. Guests are encouraged to BYOS (Bring

Your Own Snacks), making it easy to skip overpriced food options and create their own perfect night out.

"We started Moms' Night Out in 2017 at the Hu Ke Lau," said Jess Miller, the show's producer. "We're keeping the tradition going because moms deserve to laugh, and have a good time."

"This is the kind of show that works for anyone who has ever been born," Miller said. "If you have a mother, are a mother, survived childhood, or just need a reason to get out of the house and laugh, this is your night."

The show is rated R and is for audiences 21 and over. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the show begins at 8:00 PM.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**What:** Unsupervised Comedy - Mother's Day Weekend Comedy Show

**Lineup:** Peaches Rodriguez, Linda Belt, Kim DeShields, hosted by Jess Miller

**When:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 - Doors 6:30 PM | Show 8:00 PM

**Where:** Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Rd., Chicopee, MA

**Price:** \$35 - General admission (available online and at the door)

**Extras:** BYOS (Bring Your Own Snacks)

**Rating:** Rated R - Ages 21+

**Tickets:** jessmillercomedy.com

#### ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

##### PEACHES RODRIGUEZ

Peaches Rodriguez is a nationally touring comic and regular in Atlantic City and Las Vegas who has appeared on CBS's The Paula Abdul Show and performed by invitation at the world-famous Apollo Comedy Club. She has also been featured as a speaker at Yale University's "Women in Comedy" panel.

##### LINDA BELT

Linda Belt is a seasoned comic known for her sharp takes on marriage, parenting, and the absurdities of modern life. A regular performer across the U.S. and Canada, Belt has appeared at major festivals including the Boston Comedy Festival and Women in Comedy Festival, and has performed at venues ranging from The Laugh Factory (NYC) to Mohegan Sun and Yuk Yuk's International.

##### KIM DESHIELDS

Kim DeShields is a dynamic performer with decades of experience who has appeared on Last Comic Standing, Nick at Nite's Funniest Mom, and The Wendy Williams Show. A co-founder of Comedy As A Weapon, DeShields has opened for comedy heavyweights including Tracy Morgan, Mike Epps, and Leslie Jones, and is known for blending personal storytelling with sharp, relatable humor.

### Enjoy an evening of inspirational music

SOUTH HADLEY - Join Music Director and Chicopee Native, Ania Binczewski along with her music students for an afternoon of piano music.

The event is free to the public.

A free-will offering will benefit the South Hadley food pantry: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc.

There will be a brief intermission with refreshments. Parking on-site is free and plentiful.

When: May 17 2 to 4 p.m.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 319 Granby Road, South Hadley

To learn more, call 413-533-1925 or visit [www.oursaviorssouthhadley.org](http://www.oursaviorssouthhadley.org).

### Historic Rifle Exhibit

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society will present the installation and unveiling of our Inshaw Rifle in its new exhibit case on permanent loan to the Chicopee Public Library. Ms. Laura Bovee, Director of the Chicopee Public Library, will also speak at the event.

The funds for purchasing this case came in part from the sale of the Society's book, "Richard B. Inshaw: A Craftsman's Life and Work in Chicopee, Massachusetts" and the sponsor ads that appear in the book,

but the chief source of funding came from a generous grant from the American Society of Arms Collectors. The Chicopee Historical Society thanks them most sincerely for helping to achieve this long-anticipated goal.

The Inshaw Rifle installation event will take place Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street. The Inshaw Rifle will be displayed in the local history room. The event is free and open to the public.

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to pursue it. With the strong support of Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, I was able to move forward with the application and bring this vision to life."

She also stressed the importance of bringing the community together through the event.

"Community events like this serve as a bridge between schools, families and the community. They create a welcoming environment and that sense of connection can lead to stronger engagement, which directly supports student success," Coelho said.

One thing Coelho also looks forward to is seeing the families have fun.

"One thing I'm really looking forward to is seeing families enjoy a free community event together. I'm also excited to see the sense of excitement and pride throughout the event, as well as families connecting with one another and with school and community partners, highlighting the strong collaboration between the schools and the greater Chicopee community. It's that partnership that truly brings events like this to life and makes them meaningful for everyone involved," Coelho said.

Her message was this.

"The Family and Community Engagement Department invites Chicopee Public Schools families and the entire community to the Chicopee Spring Spectacular to enjoy everything we have planned together. This event is a celebration of Chicopee and its rich culture," Coelho said. "Most importantly, we want everyone to have fun and feel welcome. We hope families connect, engage and enjoy the day together."



From Left to Right: HCSO Care Coordinator Destiny Ware, Gina Anselmo, deputy director of Community Safety and Outreach at the Hampden District Attorney's Office, HCAT Program Coordinator Bradley Bodenstein, HCSO Deputy Elizabeth Rodrigues, and HCSO Deputy James Barron.

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al of medications across the country.

Touching upon the importance of this nationally syndicated semi-yearly event was HCSO Deputy Elizabeth Rodrigues, who was in the midst of taping up boxes and packing them into the truck, which would be accounted for and properly disposed of afterwards.

"We do this every April and October, and it helps us get unwanted drugs out of homes and out of the susceptible hands of young people who may be experimenting with things at a young age, and we don't want that. And I feel we are just trying to educate and offer guidance on how to properly get rid of unwanted drugs, so they aren't throwing them in the trash or contaminating the water supply, or falling into the wrong hands, so simply we feel we are trying to create a safe and resourceful pipeline from acquisition to appropriate disposal," Rodrigues said.



HCSO Deputy Elizabeth Rodrigues takes count and inventory from the truck of everything boxed and returned for disposal.

Speaking on behalf of the DA's office was Deputy Director of Community Safety and Outreach Gina Anselmo, who shared that this event allows the community to understand that both departments are here to help, while outlining the process.

"By conducting this event, we are providing a safe and environmentally sound

way to dispose of unwanted drugs, and with that noted, we also want the community to understand that the DA's office also has drop boxes located around Hampden County, which allow a safe and easy disposal anytime of the year," Anselmo said.

The event ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Win a trip to Italy while supporting hospice patients

CHICOPEE - Local nonprofit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts invites the community to take a chance on winning a trip to Italy for two while supporting its mission and residents.

The nonprofit is selling tickets for \$100 per chance to win a guided trip for two to Italy, with several destinations, including Rome, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast, from October 10-20, 2026.

Only 250 chances will be sold and the prize package-valued at \$9,900-includes airfare, accommodations, transportation, meals, and a curated travel experience, making it a unique opportunity for community members to help care for their neighbors facing terminal illness. Profits from the raffle will directly support Harmony House's mission of providing a home with compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need, regardless of their financial

status or any other circumstances.

This is the second year Harmony House has hosted the fundraiser. Last year's winners, Jerry and Marilyn, reflected on their experience, sharing, "You buy something like this and assume that it would just be a donation, but this was the trip of a lifetime! Great trip, brand new buses, guides were very knowledgeable, and the information session at Figaro's Restaurant before the trip was very informative."

Tickets are available for purchase now through Thursday, June 4, and the drawing will take place via Facebook Live on Friday, June 5. Visit [HarmonyHouseWMA.org/ItalyRaffle](http://HarmonyHouseWMA.org/ItalyRaffle) for purchase options, trip itinerary, and terms and conditions. Tickets are also available for purchase at Figaro's Restaurant in Enfield, Pizza Lino in Chicopee, and the office of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Westfield.

### Scholarships available for Class of 2026 graduates

CHICOPEE - St. Stanislaus School has two scholarships available for High School Seniors that will be attending college.

One scholarship is for students that graduated from and attended, St. Stanislaus School for at least six years.

The other scholarship is for students that belonged

to the Junior Youth Ministry for a minimum of one year.

Applications are available at the School Office (Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and at the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Applications can also be emailed out by contacting: [cconklin@saintstansschool.org](mailto:cconklin@saintstansschool.org).



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# IN THE CITY

## Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

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

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

The Kids Room Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, May 13, from 3:30 to

5 p.m. Learn basic stitches and practice skills by making fun projects. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Kids who are not familiar with using a needle and thread should attend with an adult. Teens are welcome, no registration required.

Storytime will be held on Thursdays, May 14 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is for children ages 3-5. This program features about 30 minutes of structured circle time, followed by 15-30 minutes of a craft or activity. Circle time will include 2-3 read aloud books, rhymes, songs, and felt boards. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer simple

questions and recognize things like shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. No registration required.

Terrific Twos will be held on Tuesdays, May 12 and 26 at 10:30 a.m. Terrific Twos is for two-year-olds and their caregivers. This program features about 25 minutes of structured circle time, followed by about half an hour of semi-structured playtime. During circle time, we will sing songs, do rhymes, do some big movements, and read 1 book. The book choice rotates between either a read aloud picture book or a group read of a board book. Playtime involves a choice of craft, ac-

tivity, or play. No registration required.

The library will have Bingo for Books on Wednesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. Play a few rounds of bingo and win the best prize: books! For kids and families of all ages, no registration required.

Make a Frog Craft in the Kids Room on Tuesday, May 19 at 4 p.m.

The library Homeschool Meetup will be on Friday, May 29 at 11 a.m. This group meets once a month September - June for homeschooling families with kids of all ages to hang out, do activities and learn together. This month we're learning about comics and sequential art.

### Teens

Join us for Anime Club on Wednesday, May 20 at 3 p.m. Ever wonder what you could do with all those wrappers and bits of trash? We'll be celebrating the series Gachiakuta with a fun upcycle craft and a Vital Instrument quiz!

Girls Who Code Workshop Series every other Saturday.

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

Girls Who Code is dedicated to increasing gender equality in the tech field. In this workshop series taught by local cybersecurity analyst Alexandria Rosado, girls in

grades 9-12 will learn about AI, Coding and Cybersecurity in a fun environment with peers.

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

Save the date: The Library's annual Summer Reading Program will be starting June 24! We are asking "Chicopee, did you read today?" Read every day, earn raffle chances, and have fun!

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

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wouldn't have had it any other way. I've watched him grow and continually reinvent how he connects with students as their needs have changed over the years, whether it was ensuring safety and security or helping us navigate student issues. Mark was always proactive, leading with mediation, conversation and a calm, steady presence," Lamothe said. "And Mark's commitment didn't stop when the school day ended. Whether it was prom, Senior Banquets, graduation, playoff games or community events, if people were gathering, Mark was there, and often Holly too. That level of dedication speaks volumes about the kind of person he is. Mark, you're not only a great officer. You're a great human being and made a lasting impact on the school community and on me personally."

Collins-Kalbaugh met Cote in 2001 when she became her neighbor and shared how the latter celebrated her joining the fire department in 2003.

"That's who Holly is. A constant supporter of public safety and, more importantly, a supporter of people. As a woman in public safety, Holly's become an irreplaceable mentor for me and other women. I've watched her rise through the ranks, sergeant in '04, then lieutenant and, ultimately, becoming the first woman in Chicopee—in the police department—to achieve the rank of captain. But what stood out most wasn't just her success; it was how she brought others along with her." Collins-Kalbaugh said. "Holly has a gift of seeing the potential in all people, sometimes before they see it themselves and she didn't just notice it, she pushes people forward towards it even when it means stepping outside of their comfort zone."

She added how Cote was always thinking about how law enforcement "could better connect with the community" from pioneering post-overdose follow-ups—which are



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Capt. Holly Cote and Ofc. Mark Hammon in a group photo as they were honored during their retirement from the Chicopee Police Department.

now part of the DART program—founding the Chicopee Police Youth Academy, starting the Narcan program, increasing stress management programs within the police department, serving on the committee to renovate the police and fire departments and spearheading the return of National Night Out post-COVID-19 pandemic.

On Hammon, she noted how he had made more arrests than anyone in the city's history and his involvement in the SRT, the Unity Tour Team, Ride to Remember and his courage and determination to keep children safe while responding to the 2018 shooting hoax at Chicopee Comp.

"And now today, this Saturday, Capt. Cote and Ofc. Hammon will simply be Holly and Mark. They will be proud parents, proud grandparents. They will no longer serve in an official public safety role here in Chicopee, but their impact will not end with their retirement. Their legacy will live on in the lives they've touched, the programs they've built and the communities that they have strengthened," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

After Dakin and Jebb reflected on Cote and Hammon's service and leadership, the couple thanked everyone for their support over the years.

"I leave with you all of the things that we've worked



Ret. Police Chief William Jebb shared remarks during the retirement ceremony.

together over the years, the things that I've instilled. A couple of people I've talked to this week, I've said, 'Your little angel on your shoulder and your little devil on your shoulder. The devil is what your brain is saying, the angel is what my brain would say, so listen to the angel,'" Cote said. "Treat the community with respect, compassion. Remember that when they're calling 911, it is the worst day for them and you can make a difference in their life. We are here to protect those that



Ofc. Mark Hammon poses for a group photo with his colleagues at the Chicopee Police Department.



The cakes to celebrate the retirements of Capt. Holly Cote and Ofc. Mark Hammon.

cannot protect themselves. That's our number one job is to enforce the laws. Laws are written so that we can enforce them to protect people that can't protect themselves. So, to all of you, my legacy is to have that little angel listening over you."

"Holly and I both live, grew up in Chicopee. We love Chicopee. We wouldn't

do anything differently. We're still here, right to the end, serving our community. Watching our kids and the schools grow up, giving them a chance. But growing up in Chicopee, going back down to Willimansett, it was kind of rough back then. We had gang activity and stuff like that, but as much as we have to go down there and en-

force laws on the gangs and stuff like that, it wasn't about that. It's about reaching out to those kids and saying, 'Hey, let's give them a chance,'" Hammon said. "I can't thank you all enough for being part of us. The kind words you all have to say about us... We are a phone call away and we love you all, so thank you."

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By Russell Gloor

## I want to do everything right when I claim Social Security

## Dear Rusty:

I will be 62 in two years. I plan on signing up for SS at age 62, but I have heard there are details that are important when signing up. When it comes time, I want to make sure I do everything right. Can you help me understand?

Signed: Claiming Soon

## Dear Claiming Soon:

Deciding when to claim your Social Security benefit is a decision you should make only after careful consideration of your personal circumstances. And details are, indeed, important. For example, if you claim at age 62 (when you first become eligible), your monthly SS benefit will be only 70% of the amount you would get by waiting until age 67 to claim. And there are other considerations as well, including:

If you are still working and claim at 62, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit changes each year, and for 2026 it is \$24,480. If the annual limit after you claim early is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And, if your work earnings substantially exceed the annual limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible for early SS benefits (until you either stop working full time or reach your SS full retirement age). FYI, the AET lasts until you reach your FRA (age 67).

The benefit reduction for claiming SS early is permanent. After you claim, you will only get increases for Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) which occur annually according to inflation. FYI, the average annual COLA adjustment is about 2.5%.

If you are married, the reduced benefit you get by claiming early will potentially be the basis of your spouse's survivor benefit if you pass first. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount you are receiving at your death, thus waiting longer for a higher personal benefit may also

provide your spouse with a larger survivor benefit as your widow.

If you wait longer than age 62, your monthly benefit will continue to increase (by approximately 6% per year) until you reach your FRA, when you get 100% of the amount you are entitled to from a lifetime of working. FYI, you can even wait longer - up to age 70 - to claim an even higher monthly amount (8% more for each year of delay after FRA). At age 70, your SS benefit would be about 75% more than your age 62 benefit amount.

If you haven't already done so, I suggest setting up your personal online "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) to see what your SS benefits are estimated to be at various ages. Then, when you are closer to age 62, contact us again to talk about your specific personal circumstances at the time, and we can provide you with everything you need to know about applying for Social Security.

In the end, when claiming your Social Security benefits, you should consider your financial need, your health and life expectancy, your plans for working, and your marital status. We commend you for exploring this well in advance of becoming eligible and we will be here to assist when it is time for you to apply.

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## The Garden Lady takes on spring bulb woes

Debi, who gardens in Hardwick, reached out to the Garden Lady with concerns over her daffodils.

They didn't bloom well this year, and she wonders if they need fertilizer.

"Dear Garden Lady, sorry to bother you in this busy season but our daffodils aren't doing well. I'm guessing they need food. What would you suggest?"

I am happy to answer your question! There are typically four reasons why daffodils don't bloom.

Probably the first mistake gardeners make is removing the foliage too soon after the flowers go by. Foliage needs about six-eight weeks of ripening before it can be removed.

While it is still green, it is photosynthesizing and making energy for next year's flowers.

It can get unsightly as it starts to yellow and finally turn brown and dry up, but we must be patient.

It is ready when it comes off with a gentle tug. Some gardeners get strategic with nearby plants so that the eye moves away from the foliage and to another plant taking the stage in full bloom.

Another reason why daffodils may be stingy with their flowers is that the clumps are overgrown and need to be divided. Wait until the foliage has turned brown, then dig up the bulbs, pry them apart and replant them twice their width from one another and about two to three times their height deep.

I recommend using a pointed shovel, not a trowel. Sometimes they can be down deep and you want to make sure you get the bulb out intact.

Do this while the brown foliage is there so that you can find them. While it may feel "off" to be replanting in early summer, it is a perfectly fine time to do it.

pled sunlight is fine.

Planting under deciduous trees is also fine. If you think shade is the culprit, wait until the foliage ripens and move them using the guidelines I provided for bulbs that are overcrowded.

I sure hope one of these suggestions will help your daffodils regain their former glory!

Rose, who reads the column in the Ware River News, was concerned that a number of her hyacinths were broken off at ground level when just buds, and she wondered what or who could be the culprit be.

"This is so disheartening, I don't want to even grow them any more."

I was astounded to hear this, because the same thing happened to me in one of my gardens at Old Sturbridge Village where I have a multi red, white and blue planting of hyacinths and tulips. Grooming last week yielded at least 10 hyacinth buds that looked as if they were but off at ground level.

Although the experts say rodents could be the cause, the cut was almost perfect, not gnawed in any way, plus hyacinths contain natural deterrents making them rodent proof, typically. I did cultivate the bed awhile back, my thought being that I may have cut a few of them off under ground.

As the stems elongated, they could have forced the bud above ground even though it was already dislodged, but the mystery remains. I'm sorry this happened, Rose, and I wish I had a definite answer for you, but at least know you are in good company with your hyacinth woes.

If anyone has any answers I would love to hear them!

In the Garden  
by Roberta McQuaid

Debi's bulbs could also need fertilizer, like she suggested. A sprinkling of granular fertilizer with low nitrogen, but sufficient phosphorus and potassium for blooming and rooting, respectively, would be ideal.

The two best times to feed are when the bulbs are up a few inches and now, just past bloom. Daffodils do require less fertilizer than tulips and hyacinths, and sometimes bloom for years without the addition of fertilizer.

I am wondering if the trees or the ground cover adjacent to Debi's daffodils were fertilized with a high nitrogen blend and it affected the bulbs? I have a few daffodils near an apple tree that is close to my compost pile, where I mix chicken bedding with vegetable scraps, etc.

I think the high nitrogen run-off from the pile affected my blooming, just as an example. Of five possible clumps I had a measly two flowers. Bone meal, high in phosphorus, is in order to rebalance the soil.

Knowing Debi's sun exposure, I don't think this is an issue, but it is worth the mention for other readers who may struggle with sparse blooms. Daffodils won't bloom in deep shade. Dap-

chip."

When males court females, they fluff their feathers, raise their wings and the feathers of the crown and hop from perch to perch, chipping. They may also make display flights in which they glide back and forth or fly slowly with exaggerated wingbeats. The yellow-rumped Warbler's flight is agile and swift and the birds often call as they change direction.

The female builds the nest and sometimes uses material the male brings to her. The nest is a cup of twigs, pine needles, grasses and rootlets. The female also may use moose, horse and deer hair, moss and lichens. The nest takes about ten days to complete. She lays a clutch of one to six eggs speckled with brown or reddish gray.

## Bluebirds

A Rutland couple say two bluebirds in their yard on April 25. They hope they will nest in the yard.

## Great blue heron

I finally saw a great blue heron perched in a tree at the beaver pond, which abuts my hayfield. Every year, one or two are frequent visitors and even nested there.

## Purple martins

A purple martin watcher spotted the first purple martins in Massachusetts for 2026 in Rehoboth on April 4. The largest species of swallow in North America, they wintered in Brazil and flew 7,000 miles to the United States and Canada.

## Hummingbirds

Soon the ruby-throated hummingbirds will be back. It is time to get out the nectar feeders. Instead of purchasing prepared nectar in powder or liquid form, avoid the harmful dyes and boil a one to four ration of sugar to water. I preferred to mix small batches, ¼ cup white sugar to 1 cup

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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

## Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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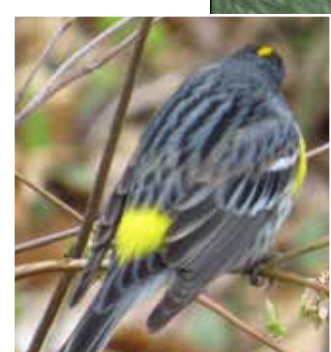
in my BACKYARD  
By Ellenor Downer

These yellow-rumped warblers, also known as Myrtle warblers, flitted around the edges of Lake Wallace in Belchertown, on April 22.

A Belchertown resident sent an email reporting he saw two yellow-rumped. He attached the above photos. The second photo a rear view of the warbler clearly shows the yellow rump of this aptly named warbler.

These warblers are about the size of black-capped chickadee and have a long bill and narrow tail

They are gray with yellow on their sides, a small patch on the head and of



course, the large patch on the rump. They have white on wings, throat and underneath. They have black and white streaking on the breast. Males have a large black patch around the eye. The female is duller.



INSET: This is a back view of a yellow-rumped warbler recently seen in Belchertown.

In summer, yellow-rumped warblers inhabit open coniferous forests and edges and not as often deciduous forests. They primarily feed on insects in the summer. On migration and winter they eat fruit and berries particularly bayberry and wax myrtle. Their song is a series of high-pitched notes often described as "chewy" or "chip-

# IN THE CITY

## Wicked Twist Food Truck officially opens in Chicopee

By **Brendan Rooney**  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The rebirth of downtown Chicopee is in full effect, as Wicked Twist, a new food truck that has quickly become famous for its southern-style cuisine, has captured the hearts of many and continues to thrive daily.

The food truck held an official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 24.

The food truck is run and operated by owner Allison Brown, a Tennessee native, who last year decided to open Wicked Twist and moved from Georgia to Chicopee with her fiancée, Jules, a Ludlow native.

"I was like, there's nobody else doing my kind of food up here; might as well try it, so we decided a food truck park was going to be the answer to it," Brown said.

In addition, Brown is a classically trained chef and a summa cum laude graduate from Le Cordon Bleu in Atlanta. Throughout her career, she has cooked in various prime time states and culinary landmarks such as Georgia, New York and even Florida, where she mastered her craft and has now brought a bit of southern charm to Western Mass.

She shared that some of her best sellers right now are "The Southern Slap" — a Portuguese roll stacked with spicy fried catfish, collard slaw and crispy fried onions, topped with sizzle drizzle sauce and our Razzle Dazzle seasoning, "All the Way Twisted Fries", which are fries or chips loaded with sausage gravy, cheese, crispy fried onions, chicky chunks, sizzle drizzle and Razzle Dazzle sauces along with her "Mother Clucker" Chicken Sandwich, a massive crispy fried chicken sandwich, with a slice of cheese, lettuce and garlic parm sauce on a bun,

and a refreshing homemade watermelon lemonade, that is made daily on the premises.

To note, as of this moment, the food truck has a huge social media following where Brown always posts and provides various specials, along with new items to keep the menu stocked and fresh.

Brown noted that the objective above all is to "remain community focused."

"We have worked really hard with the city to just kind of redo this area and turn it into something really cool," Brown said.



The line started quick and never stopped growing.



The menu in all its glory.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY BRENDAN ROONEY

Mayor John Vieau with Wicked Twist Owner Allison Brown.

so much drive to really keep the space activated," Breor said. "The city has done a really great job maintaining the space and cleaning it up for this business, and it's great to know that she(Brown) will be open on those lower-traffic days, when there aren't a

lot of other restaurants open, which will help drive a lot of people here to Chicopee Center."

Brown also reflected on the support from the city and the community has been instrumental across the board.

"Just having the support

of the city has been huge for me," Brown said. "It's so exciting. It's very surprising, but I feel I just want to grow this community because I truly want this to be a really fun space for our community. That's the biggest thing ... to just bring everybody closer, and I think food does that with everybody, and that's something I'm looking forward to."

In terms of citing the community above all, Brown invited some local artists who were present to paint a few pieces, while many residents purchased food, hung around at the picnic tables, and played some lawn games, while taking in the sunny atmosphere, creating and solidifying a safe environment for all.

Wicked Twist's hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Brown did relay that going forward, the truck will be open the first Sunday of each month for what she called "market days."

Lastly, Brown added that once school is out for the summer, she will extend her hours to accommodate all.

The food truck is locat-

ed at 181 Center Street in the city, and can be reached at 413-312-8923, and its website is Wicked Twist.net.

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water on a more frequent basis to avoid spoilage. It can be stored in the refrigerator for about one week if making larger amounts.

#### Tom turkeys

In my travels, I spotted in three different locations Tom turkeys displaying their tail feathers for one or more hen turkeys. I noticed one Tom with two hens strutting about as the females kept on eating near him.

#### Bird fact

Annually, over 50 million Americans purchased more than one billion pounds of bird seed and suet.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2026-2027 school year:

Grade	Openings	Grade	Openings
Grade K	3	Grade 6	1
Grade 1	3	Grade 7	7
Grade 2	3	Grade 8	7
Grade 3	1	Grade 9	14
Grade 4	2	Grade 10	14
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# IN THE CITY

## Chicopee celebrates Holi at CHS

By Kristin Rivers  
Editor  
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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at Chicopee High School on May 2 to celebrate Holi, a major Hindu festival celebrating love, equality and spring.

The event was hosted by the Indian Association of Greater Springfield in collaboration with the Chicopee Cultural Council. The Chicopee Cultural Council also partially sponsored the event through a grant.

Also known as the Festival of Colors, Holi celebrates the triumph of good over evil, the divine love of Radha and Krishna and the welcoming of spring and renewal. The celebration is marked with joyful gatherings, music, dance and feasting, symbolizing forgiveness, reconciliation and strengthening of relationships.

The festivities included a social hour, a Diya ceremony by lighting the traditional Indian lamp to invoke positivity and prosperity, remarks from local and state elected offi-



Ofc. Montanez of the CPD joining Kamy and Raj Sanghvi for a photo.

cial and community members and a variety of colorful performances showcasing the colors, beauty and cultural heritage of the Indian community. Following this was a traditional Indian meal for more socializing and connection.

Among the guests included Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Lud-

low), Ward 2 City Councillor Shane Brooks, Saritha Reddy, president of the Indian Association of Greater Springfield and many more.

Enjoy these photos showcasing the event highlights and some of the performances that were held to showcase the celebration of Holi.

To register, contact Shane at 413-310-1632.



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The Holi celebration brought many community members together to mark the occasion.



There was a ton of color to be had for every performance, pleasing the audience.



The children performers showcasing the colors of Holi.

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## CPD Det. Tim Foley retires

CHICOPEE - Please join us as we recognize and celebrate the retirement of Detective Tim Foley after 30 years of dedicated service to the Chicopee community.

Det. Foley began his career in patrol, gaining valuable experience before finding his true calling in the Detective Bureau. There, he spent 13 years investigating major crimes with compassion and dedication. He later worked closely with the Massachusetts State Police and the FBI on violent offender apprehensions.

He then continued his service in the Evidence Office, where he and his colleagues modernized and professionalized operations, leaving behind a stronger, more efficient system for those who follow.

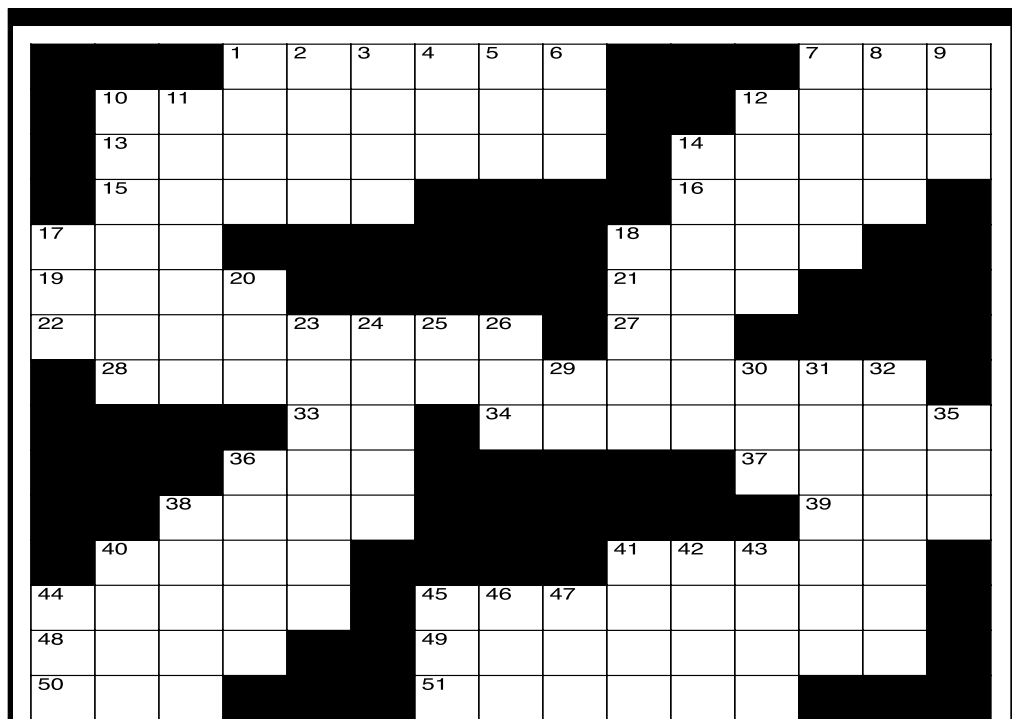
Throughout his career, Det. Foley earned the respect of his peers and leadership alike. Retired At a retirement ceremony on 04/17 Retired Chief Jebb and his current supervisor, Capt. Lambert, both spoke highly of his work and the many commendations he received, including the Medal of Valor for his courageous response during the West Street shooting incident in 2012. Alongside fellow CPD officers and the Massachusetts State Police, he answered the call without hesitation in the face of danger.

On behalf of Chief Watson and the men and women of the Chicopee Police Department, we thank Detective Tim Foley for his 30 years of service, dedication, and sacrifice.



Det. Tim Foley

Wishing you all the best in your next chapter—well earned and well deserved.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Large dung beetle
7. Gambling game
10. Further along
12. Type of tobacco
13. Looked for
14. Silk fabric
15. Computer method to solve equations
16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
17. Tear
18. Brews
19. "Famous" cookie baker
21. Women's Army Corps
22. Front parts of an animal
27. It's causing quite a stir
28. Beloved March holiday

33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
34. More impudent
36. Indicates center
37. Young woman (French)
38. A cause of distress
39. Santa's helper
40. Hillside
41. Many wombs
44. Is afraid of
45. Popular baked goods ingredient
48. Popular computers
49. Conceiving of
50. Google certification (abbr.)
51. Sturdy

4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
5. Consumed
6. A place to sleep
7. Small seeds
8. Legendary law man Wyatt
9. Female sheep
10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
11. A place ships dock
12. Reciprocal of
14. Discomfort
17. British Air Aces
18. Exit sleep
20. Solar energetic particle
23. Plagues characterized by starvation
24. Short musical composition
25. Trauma center

26. Habitual twitching
29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
30. Decimeter
31. Hinged surface in a wing
32. Shouting
35. Sports official
36. Volcanic craters
38. Supportive device
40. It's part of a rosary
41. Two-toed sloth
42. Body art
43. Let out
44. Foreign medical graduate
45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
46. Couples say it
47. Bird's beak

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## Pacers outlast Tigers in close match

CHICOPEE – Under the lights last Friday night at Chicopee High School, Chicopee and South Hadley girls lacrosse engaged in a lengthy battle, with the Pacers eventually coming out on top 12-11.

Both Madison Thibault and Sophia Moreira had four goals each while Kiyah Price had three goals. South Hadley got four goals from Ella Haber and three goals from Kelcey Zraunig while Lauren Montemagni had two goals.

South Hadley fell to just 4-9 while Chicopee improved to 8-3 on the year.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Callie Parker hustles up the field.



Madison Thibault tries to get around a pair of defenders.



Sophia Moreira looks for an opening to shoot.



Brooke Oldenburg takes a run for the goal.



Kiyah Price tries to shoot in traffic.



Sydney Germain tries to overcome a block to her side.

## Comp takes down High

CHICOPEE – A six-run seventh inning helped put the game away for the Chicopee Comprehensive High School baseball team as the Colts defeated rival Chicopee High 11-1 last Tuesday.

John Rentas and Jacoby Haney had two hits each and Haney drove in two runs. Chicopee High got two hits from Anthony Bonafilia.

On the mound, Haney pitched seven innings for the Colts, allowing a run on three hits, walking one, and striking out 11 hitters.

Chicopee High fell to 5-8 for the season while Comp is now 6-9. Both teams are looking for wins to qualify for the state tournament as the regular season nears its end.

## Chicopee softball stays perfect



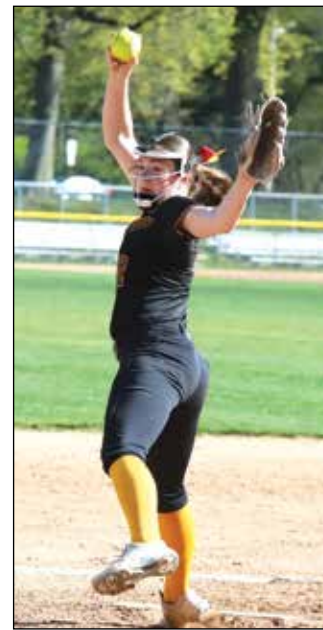
Brianna Cole fouls off a pitch.



Adeline Olbrych pops up the ball.

CHICOPEE – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder softball was shut out on the road by host Chicopee High School at Szot Park 12-0. The game ended in the fifth inning due to the mercy rule. Sam Prouty and Addison Doktor had hits for the Pioneers while Adeline Olbrych had three hits for the Pacers. Raelyn Loud pitched a five-inning shutout for the Pacers. Pathfinder fell to 1-10 for the season while Chicopee High is a perfect 13-0 on the season.

Pitcher Raelyn Loud delivers to the plate.



Lorraine Olbrych snags the ground ball.



Jordyn Kazeroid makes a throw to first.

## Thunderbirds defeated in series opener with Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Springfield Thunderbirds and Providence Bruins fought tooth and nail in another stinging contest, with the Bruins prevailing 2-1 in Game 2 of the Atlantic Division Semifinals on Sunday night inside Amica Mutual Pavilion. With that, the series shifts back to Springfield tied at one game apiece in the best-of-five set.

All of the scoring in the game came in a window of less than six minutes' time in the opening period. For a fifth straight game in these playoffs, Springfield succumbed to a 1-0 deficit within the opening half of period one. Frederic Brunet geared a slapper toward Georgi Romanov, who made the initial save. However, the rebound bounced over to a waiting Matej Blumel on the right wing, and the 2024-25 AHL goal scoring leader rifled it into an empty cage to make it a 1-0 game at 8:34 of the opening period.

The T-Birds were granted a power play and an opportunity to tie the score quickly, and at 11:30, Dillon Dube did just that, parking himself along the left post and guiding a Hugh McGing pass behind Michael DiPietro to even the slate, 1-1. Alek Kaskimaki picked up his second assist in as many games to round out the scoring play.

The Bruins showed they, too, could answer in a hurry, as Brunet gathered a rolling puck along the right wing and geared a backhand pass across the slot to Georgii Merkulov, who beat Romanov with a quick release to put Providence ahead, 2-1, at 14:02.

Providence outshot the T-Birds 25-14 over the first 40 minutes of the game, but both DiPietro and Romanov were taxed with special teams work in a second period that featured 10 minor penalties and eight combined power plays of varying lengths.

The T-Birds finally were able to give DiPietro a steady diet of scoring chances in the third, but the Springfield power play left two more opportunities on the table, going 0-for-6 in the final two frames after connecting on their first man advantage of the evening.

Springfield's netminding and penalty killing did everything in its power to buy the offense time for an equalizer. Romanov, for a fourth straight contest, kept his opposition to two goals or less. The T-Birds' backstop has now stopped 116 of 123 shots for a .943 save percentage in the Calder Cup Playoffs.

## Pitching still needed for Pioneer Valley Baseball League

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, still has open roster spots for 2026 season.

The league is especially in need of some additional pitching for a couple of its teams. The season is just a few games in and there are many more games remaining through the summer with playoffs taking place in August.

The adult league will be

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

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to uti-

lize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a sixth team this season.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range.

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## SPORTS

## Nathan Wenzel opens up season with win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Open-wheel ace Nathan Wenzel strutted the stuff that made him both a speedway and New Hampshire state Modified champion Saturday at Monadnock Speedway, topping the season opening main event at the high-banked speedplant.

And even though Saturday marked the first event of the new season, reigning Limited Late Model track champion Dylan Zullo is already in the running for what may be the summer's most exciting victory at the historic quarter-mile oval.

With a huge crowd braving the chilly April temperatures, six drivers started their season with a flourish, each earning the first victory lap of the new season in their respective division. Along with Wenzel and Zullo, long-ago Mini Stock champ Kevin Clayton, Pure Stock hot shoe Jimmy Zellman, Pro V8 Sportsman pilot Chris Kingsley and Young Gun speedster Sofia Rego each went home victorious.

Colton Martin and JT Cloutier led the All States Materials Group 604 Modifieds to the green Saturday, with Martin jumping all over the opening lead. Cloutier rode second in his shadow, with Kimmy Rivet a close third, and Wenzel, from row three, quickly on the charge.

Wenzel had third on lap three and took second from Rivet on the tenth go-round. He and Martin then raced under a blanket until light contact on lap 28 sent Martin tumbling off turn two, then moving Wenzel and Rivet to row one, with Tyler Leary now up to third.

Leary powered up to second on lap 36, quickly gluing his ride to Wenzel's as the two former speedway champions squared off. They rubbed in the final turn, with Wenzel wobbling but still holding the point to score his first win of the season.

With Leary an airtight second, Martin charged back through the field to snatch third from Rivet, and Cloutier's strong night's work net-

ted him fifth. Leary set fast time in qualifying, scorching his way around the high banks in 12.127 seconds.

Hillary Renaud led early in the Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model feature. Dylan Zullo, though, was on a mission, blasting from row three as he began to pick up where he'd left off in his championship season a year ago. Taking the lead on lap two, he looked headed for an easy romp in Saturday's 30-lapper. A caution, though, on lap 24, brought JD Stockwell to his door and the action was just getting started.

Over the last three laps, they rubbed, they pushed, and they traded places, with Zullo prevailing to win by just a foot. Robert Hagar had the best view of the top-two chaos, watching from close behind as he impressed in third. Renaud was fourth on the night, and Erik Smith rounded out the first five.

Kevin Clayton won the Monadnock Speedway Mini Stock championship more than a quarter century ago,

taking top honors way back in 2000. In recent summers, victory lane had been like a foreign nation to him. But now, the popular wheelsman has a new streak started.

Starting up front, Clayton led all the way to win by three lengths over third row starter Craig Chaffee in the night's Keene Towing and Recovery MIni Stock main event. Steady Tim Paquette came home third, Tim O'Shea was fourth, and Dick Lamotte fifth.

Jimmy Zellman won a thriller in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stocks, coming off a pair of runner-up finishes at Claremont, the Bay State blaster had his mind set on something a little bit better. Leading all the way, he achieved that goal Saturday.

Zellman's opening night victory didn't come easily though. He had Colton Hull and Carlos Grenier draped all over him every inch of the way. Grenier got up for second on lap18 and the potent trio raced under a blan-

ket the rest of the way. With Hull third, Josh Brigham impressed in fourth, and Kyle Begos was fifth.

Chris Kingsley won the spirited Beck's Automotive Pro V8 Sportsman feature. Stephen LaPlante was second and Garden State ace Scott Riggleman came home third. It was Kingsley's first career win on the high banks.

Sofia Rego had a memorable night in the Doug's Auto Body Young Guns, winning with ease in both her heat and feature races. Eleven-year-old Dylan Stati - yes, just eleven - was second in the 15-lap feature, and Maeve Barry was third.

Monadnock Speedway roars back into action next Saturday, May 2, with a special Todd Martell Memorial 75-lap Modified main event atop a full night of NASCAR Local Racing Series events, and the first visit of the season of the exciting Pro 4 Modified series. Post time is 6 p.m. each Saturday.

## Roster spots remain open in the QVBL

SOUTH HADLEY - While the new player draft has come and gone in the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, there are still several open roster spots for players age 28-and-up. The regular season is set to get underway in a little more than a week and the six teams in the are still looking to add more players.

Players can go to the league website and fill out the registration form so they can get placed on a team immediate in front of the season opener.

For the 2026 season, the cost will be \$215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule. Those who sign up after the season begins will be charged a prorated fee.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother's Day Saturday as well as a week-night game to allow players

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where his humanity and empathy were always on full display, no matter the occasion.

"My love is people," Dulchinos's said. "I love to see people; I love to see them happy; I love to see them doing well; I love to see them successful. My philosophy when I was coaching, my number one job as a coach was to make these kids better people and then, in turn, teach them the game of baseball, teach them the skills needed to play the game, but also teach them the skills of life."

Vieau also spoke on Dulchinos's accolades.

"Coach Dulchinos's accomplishments are impressive, but that's only part of the story," Vieau said. "What truly sets Coach Dulchinos apart is the impact he's had on young people, because he set the benchmark for what it means to be committed not only to the sport but to this community."

He then capped off his remarks by naming April 30 "Dan Dulchinos Day" in the city of Chicopee, as the ultimate and highest form of long-lasting gratitude to Coach Dulchinos.

In addition, it was revealed that Dulchinos Field recently went through renovations, including new dugouts and fencing improvements before the start of the baseball season, and in 2021, the playing field was renovated during PARC improvements at Rivers Park, including a new playing surface and irrigation system, which has proved instrumental as the Colts continue to call the diamond home.

## An Ode Of Gratitude

Next to the podium was Chicopee Comp Baseball Coach Justin Franczek, who took over for Dulchinos when he retired back in 2012, as Franczek succeeded him, becoming only the second baseball coach in Chicopee Comp

baseball history.

He opened his thoughts by highlighting Dulchinos' legacy that remains beyond the final out.

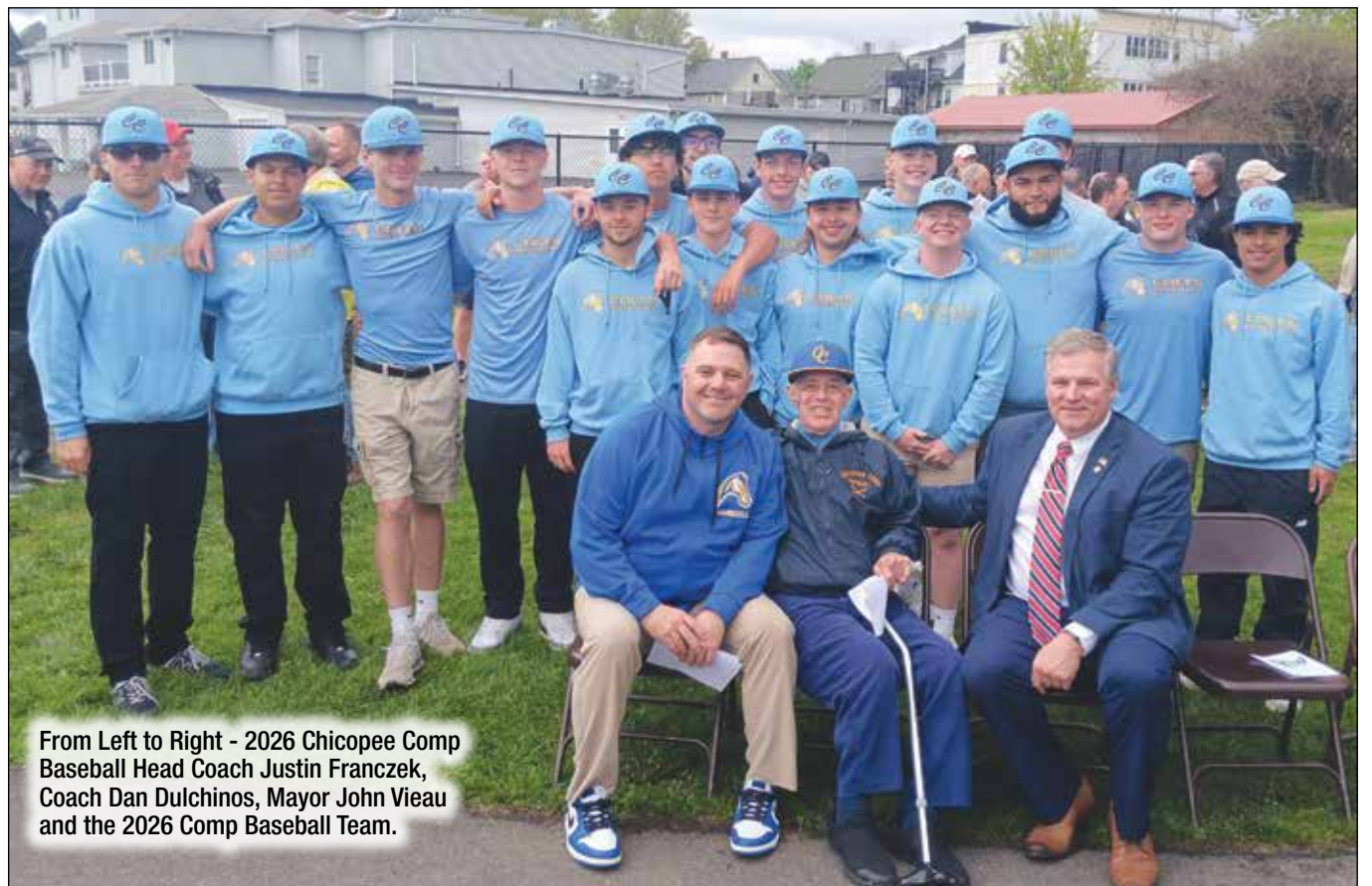
"When you think about a great coach, you think about strategy, you think about knowledge of the game, you think about discipline, and Coach had all of that," Franczek said, as he looked out to the village of former players and countless family and friends bearing witness to the historic occasion. "What truly sets him apart as an incredible coach is who he was and who he still is as a person. Coach D didn't just coach baseball players; he shaped people, and that's what makes those wins and all those championships even more meaningful."

Echoing similar sentiments was Dulchinos's grandson, Ryan Kazeroid, who spoke on behalf of his family.

"You've inspired so many, and so many of those people are here today to honor you, even after you made them run laps or told them to shave," Kazeroid said. "I'm sure everyone has a favorite story or memory of their time with [Dulchinos], but I think the greatest compliment to you is I bet most of those stories have nothing to do with baseball at all, but would have to do with life and love."

Lastly, gifts were revealed as Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent Benjamin Strepka ended the ceremony by officially re-dedicating Dulchinos Field in honor of the coach.

"May his legacy continue to inspire and remind us that every player who takes the field knows that becoming a great baseball player starts with being a good person," Strepka said, before a signature jersey imprinted with the number 639 imprinted on the back cemented Dulchinos' fabled win total, along with a custom home plate showing



From Left to Right - 2026 Chicopee Comp Baseball Head Coach Justin Franczek, Coach Dan Dulchinos, Mayor John Vieau and the 2026 Comp Baseball Team.

the distinction carries on.

## A look towards the future

Also in attendance was the 2026 Comp Baseball Varsity Team, where Senior Zach Major and Junior Jacoby Haney took a moment to offer their thoughts on what it means to play in a program as prestigious as the Colts, while sharing the impact Dulchinos left on the franchise and how his morals are still felt and integral to Chicopee Comp Baseball, no matter how much time passes.

"This shows how baseball was before me and my time, and this shows the legacy that Coach Franczek has to carry on, and sets a standard for how we have to be as ballplayers; you have to do the right thing, behave, and be a good person," Major said. "And like (Dulchinos) said, he was big on making people ballplayers and helping cultivate and shape a generation of young men, who instill in us the same morals, which are



Mayor John Vieau with the 2026 Chicopee Comp Varsity Baseball Team.

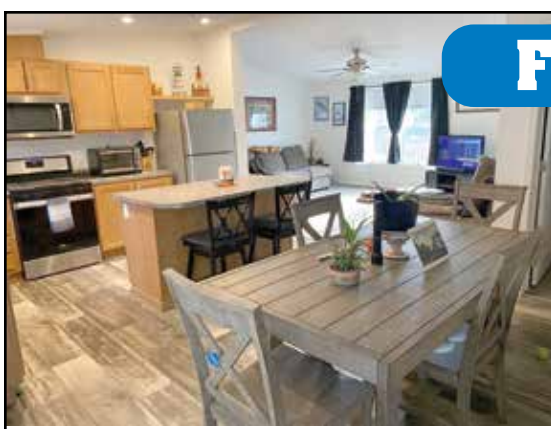
predicated on winning, and understanding there is a life beyond baseball, and that we have to continue to carry on our lives the right way."

Haney kept his thoughts short and simple.

"Being here shows what Dulchinos has done throughout this time in this program,

and it's clear his values have been passed down to Coach Franczek, and I feel one day we will do the same," Haney said.

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The league will start play in late April and run through the end of August. There are slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for \$130. Fees paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs. No one profits in any way. Those who sign up after the season begins will pay a prorated fee for the season.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited

open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in as soon as possible to participate in this season.

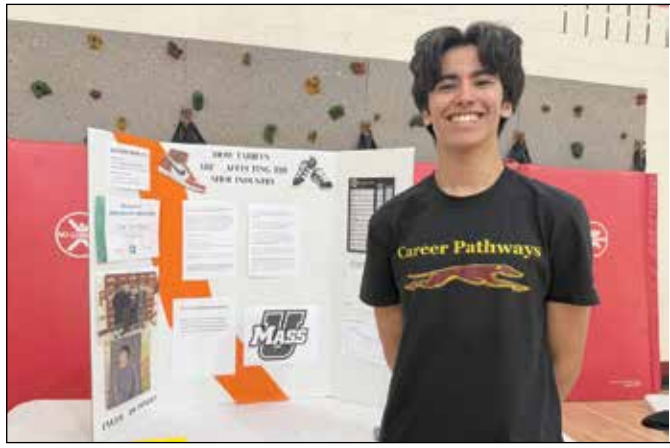
Games are played at ballfields throughout the region from as far south as Southwick's Whalley Field, through South Hadley's Beachgrounds and up north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

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

# CHS hosts Senior Pathway Fair



Arielis Rivera took part in the Education Pathway, with her presentation focused on Seminal Child Psychologist Experiments.



Tyler De Pinho was in the Business Pathway and talked about the impact of tariffs on the shoe industry.



Rafael Aviles gives a thumb up as he shows off his work while in the Graphic Communication Pathway. His focus was on School Store Merchandise.

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use for the future. I can apply this to make money for it," Aviles said.

He shared how the Pathways Program has helped him prepare for life after graduation.

"I feel like the Pathway introduces us to real business settings where we have to discuss prices, number variation with things or with customers. It gives us a real-life experience at what the real world is like. Even if a customer is unsatisfied, it'll give us the constructive criticism that we need to let us know not only the customer's not going to be pleased, but that's part of the job," Aviles said.

Maryluz McCollaum pursued the Criminal Justice Pathway and focused on prison systems, excited about the opportunity to present her work to her peers. She plans to attend Holyoke Community College to start and see where she'll go next.

The show "48 Hours" and crime podcasts also got her interested in this pathway.

"It's lovely. It's nice to talk to them about what they want to know and how they want to go that way. It's pretty nice, it's cool," McCollaum said.

McCollaum shared this advice for students.

"I say do it. Whatever you put your mind to, you can do it," McCollaum said. "It's a really great program, it's real nice. You learn a lot of things and for the real world, too, you learn a lot."

She also thanked the school for the opportunity.

"They supported me in a lot with schooling and helping me in general," McCollaum said. "Chicopee High School is a pretty good school. I recommend it with the careers that you can do, they have a lot of opportunities for you."

Sophia Lazio, who also helped organize the showcase by making invitations, setting up, decorating and getting

sponsorships together, chose the Hospitality Pathway.

"Not only do you work in the kitchen, but you get to experience how to work with other people, put your best foot forward to present yourself well," Lazio said. "I've always loved cooking and always loved being in the kitchen and I always wanted to learn more about that and how to work well with others. I always wanted to put my best foot forward, so I felt working the Hospitality Pathway was the best way for me to get my foot in the door."

After highlighting her certifications and experiences, Lazio said she hopes to attend Holyoke Community College and then head to Westfield State University.

Some of the skills she got to work on included communication and working with other people.

"I have met so many new people. I feel like the Hospitality Pathway really boosted my confidence and that way, I've met new people. I've experienced many new things that past me would not have known I would have liked these things until I tried them out. It really pushed me out of my comfort zone and I'm glad I did it," Lazio said.

She encouraged her peers not to give up.

"My freshman year, when I started, I was a little iffy about it, but then I stuck with it and I fell in love with it and if you stick with what you love, I'm pretty sure it's going to turn out great," Lazio said.

Tyler De Pinho did the Business Pathway and showcased how tariffs have been affecting the shoe industry, as that area "is very heavily reliant on internationally-shipped goods."

"Tariffs are taxes imposed on shipped goods, so it's been affecting the shoe industry massively," De Pinho said. "I've always been interested in fashion-related things. I was trying to find a way



Jaiden Arroyo was part of the Graphic Communication Pathway and highlighted the importance of chemical safety, showing off one of the personal protective equipment or PPE pieces.



Zaidy Sierra took on the Education Pathway, focusing on the impact of mental health and its impact on student attendance and success.

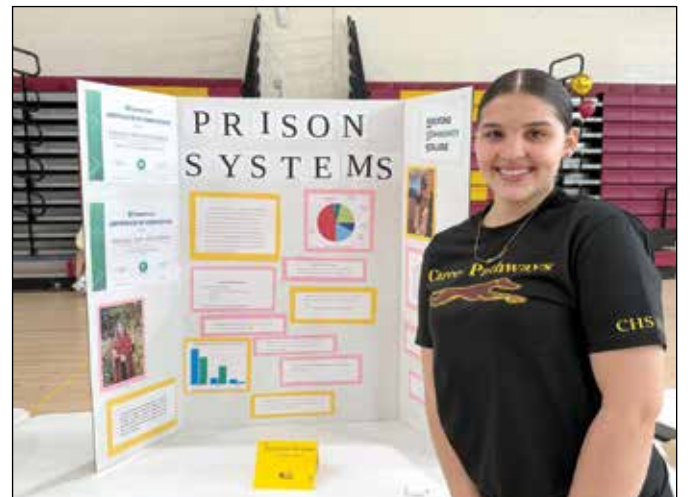


Bella Barker, who did the Cosmetology Pathway, showcased her Braids with Bella.

to work it into my Business Pathway and I found that studying how prices have changed in the recent years—



Gabriela Espinosa Cornier, with a lot of pink on display, pursued the Cosmetology Pathway.



Maryluz McCollaum with her prison systems posterboard. She focused on the Criminal Justice Pathway.

especially with tariffs, which is great timing—it's a very interesting study. So, I wanted to be able to showcase how they've been changing based on the tariffs."

De Pinho chose this pathway thanks to his brother, along with having an interest in it as well. He plans to attend UMass Amherst and possibly transfer after a year.

He credited his teachers and peers for having learned so much.

"I can say it's very educational, welcoming and comfortable process. We are the Pathway's first seniors, but I'd say there were some rough

patches, but I think overall everything's great when I look back on it. I'm excited to see how it improves in the later years as well, so they streamline it for the future grades," De Pinho said.

De Pinho's message was this.

"Ms. Hennessey and Ms. Parzych have been lovely. They were organizing this and they did a wonderful job," De Pinho said. "It's been a good way to put our skills on display and have other people see what Chicopee High School has been doing with our career pathways. I think it's a great system."

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an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night games were very successful, the Mother's Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with an opponent to be determine as the league's board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

The season began on Sunday, Apr. 26, but there are still spots open and 15 games to play.

The registration is live at [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Players must register and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed.

Aside from the weeknight and Mother's Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

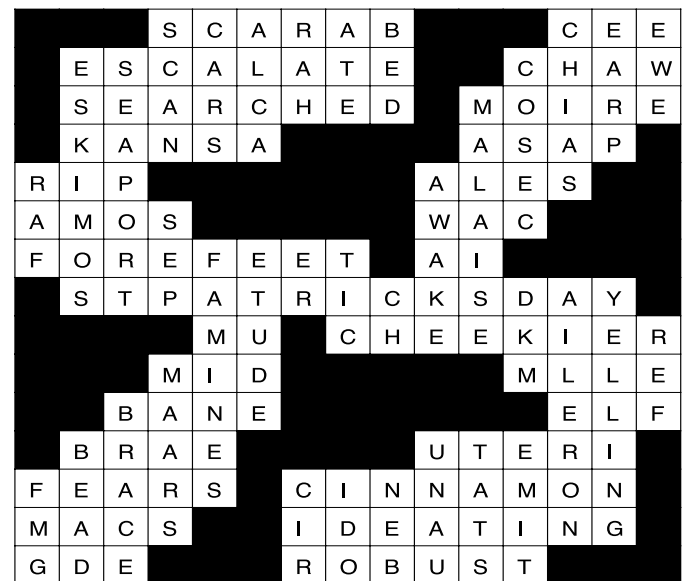
This is the 30th season for the league and league officials are looking to celebrate the anniversary with a couple of events.

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**CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL  
ZONING COMMITTEE  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM\*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under section 275-54(C) for the purpose of waiving certain dimensional requirements of section 275-54(D) for a proposed residential development consisting of 34 lots and 5 outer lots each with specific dimensional waivers for property located at 326 Chicopee St., as on file in the Chicopee City Council Office. Applicant – Jones Ferry Development, LLC, Erik Szyluk, P O Box 370273, West Hartford, CT 06137.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

The May 27, 2026 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).  
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**Commonwealth of  
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Docket No.  
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Date of Death: 02/23/2026  
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 **Susanne E Syrek of Springfield, 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 **Susanne E Syrek of Springfield, 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 06/02/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 04, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
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Docket No.  
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APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of **Mental Health of Northampton, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Roberto Encarnacion** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Robert Letarte of Chicopee, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 21, 2026  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **James W Gelinis 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 **James W Gelinis 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 06/01/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 01, 2026x  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
05/08/2026

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
HAMPDEN, Div.  
Probate & Family Court Dept.  
HD26E0015PP**

To **Fernando Goncalves of Chicopee, as individual and as Trustee of Fernando Goncalves**

*Living Trust, Hampden County; Manuel Silva, of Ludlow, as individual and as Co-Trustee of Manuel Silva Living Trust; Sergio Goncalves of Chicopee; Steven Silva of Ludlow; all from Hampden County; Jennifer Patton, of Gastonia, Gaston County; and all other persons interested.*

A petition has been presented to said Court by Deanna R. Albert, of Chicopee, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **fifteenth day of June 2026**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 15th day of April  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**,  
Register  
04/24, 05/01, 05/08

**SALE OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES  
UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on May 15TH, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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VIN: 1HGCG6578YA073495  
Ozzie Rodriguez Rosario  
90 Mckinstry Ave., Apt. 118  
Chicopee, MA 01013

2009 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL21E69N465759  
Robert Michael Curran  
220 Pulaski St.  
West Warwick, RI 02893

2009 Audi Q5  
VIN: WA1KK78RX9A016528  
Eric Ferjute  
82 Fairview Ave., Apt. 2  
West Springfield, MA 01089

2010 Honda Insight EX  
VIN: JHMZE2H79AS020306  
Jean Wilky Senecharles  
80 Parker St., Apt. M  
Acton, MA 01720

2006 Lexus RX 400  
VIN: JTJHW31U560017130  
Guzal Usmanova  
5 Hummell Ln.  
Southwick, MA 01077

2005 Chevrolet Classic  
VIN: 1G1ND52F85M197534  
Rolando Colon  
158 Narragansett Blvd., Apt. 3  
Chicopee, MA 01013

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VIN: JTDDBE32K940281327  
Jeannette Echevarria-Dejesus  
6 Dale Ct., Apt. 2R  
Chicopee, MA 01013

2013 Kia Sorento  
VIN: 5XYKTD424DG323555  
Karen Schrggs  
18 Andrews Dr.  
Jaffrey, NH 03452

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VIN: WDCGG8HBXBF553828  
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Worcester, MA 01605

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Madison Nieves  
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Springfield, MA 01109

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Jennifer Kelley And  
David Kelley  
124 N Main St.  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

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Kathy Gacek  
178 Lucerne Rd.  
Springfield, MA 01119

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VIN: 1G6DP57770139052  
Jose Garcia Mendez  
124 Buckingham St.  
Springfield, MA 01109

2009 Nissan Murano  
VIN: JN8AZ18W99W210913  
David Darson  
185 Northwest Rd.  
Spencer, MA 01562

2007 Saturn Ion Level 3  
VIN: 1G8AL58B57Z189842  
Alice Doris Ramirez Babilonia  
923 Liberty St.  
Springfield, MA 01104

2011 Hyundai Sonata  
VIN: 5NPEB4AC4BH158623  
Rahiza Correa  
50 Cameron St.  
Springfield, MA 01104

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VIN: JS2YB417975102335  
Jared Pezzuto  
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Northfield, MA 01354

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Ware, MA 01082

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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD26P0721EA  
Estate of:  
Helen Mary Kulig  
Also Known As:  
Helena Mary Kulig  
Date of Death: Feb 15, 2026  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Linda M Lavigne of Palmer, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Linda M Lavigne of Palmer, MA**

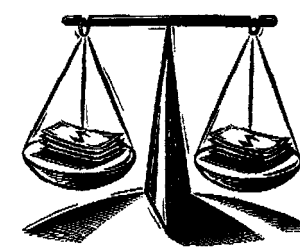
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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

05/08/2026

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 30, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
05/08/2026


**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD26P0848EA  
Estate of:  
Roger D Landry  
Date of Death:  
February 22, 2026  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jeffrey D Landry of Westfield, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Jeffrey D Landry of Westfield, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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05/08/2026

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate  
and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD26P0926EA  
Estate of:  
Pamela Marie McCalligett  
Date of Death: 02/11/2026  
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 **Amanda L Jordan 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 **Amanda L Jordan 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. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

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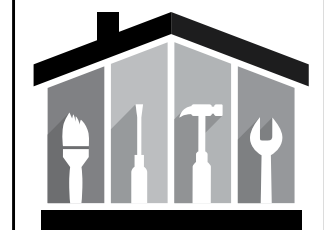


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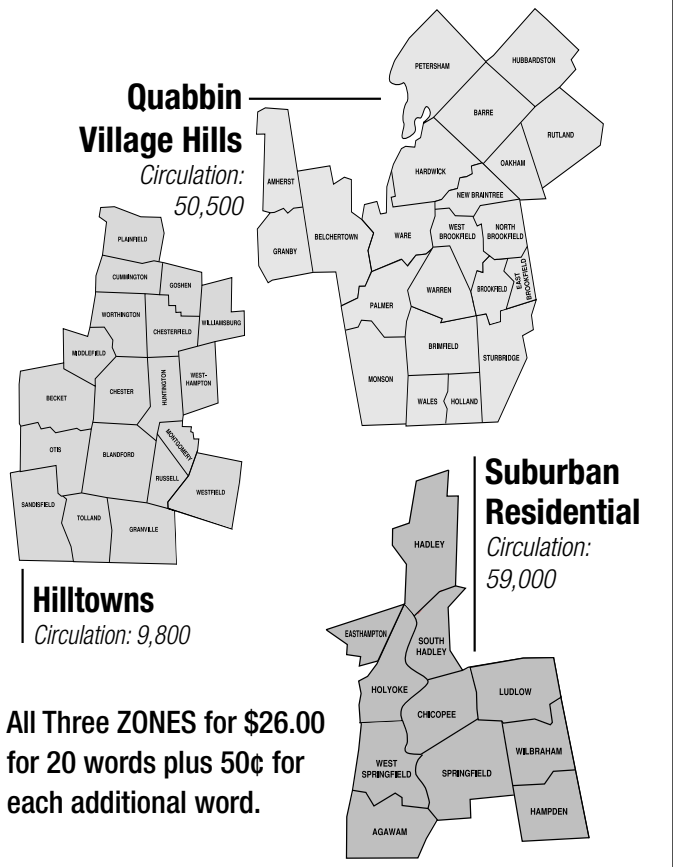
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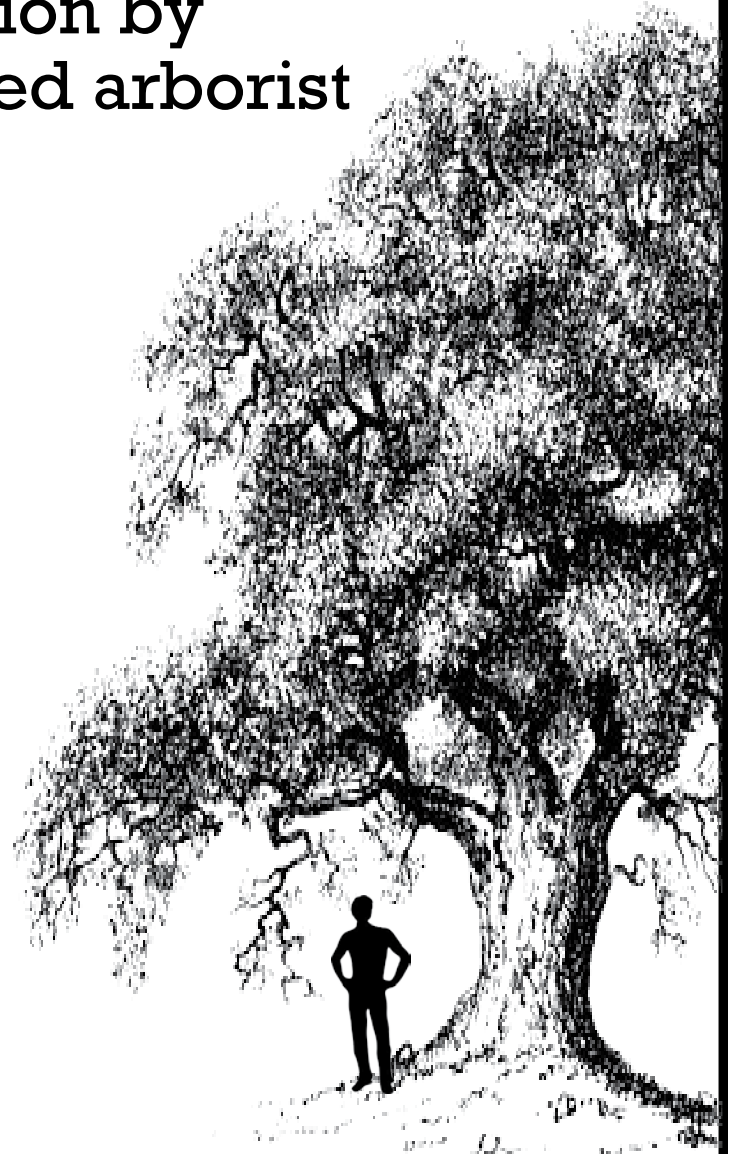


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