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RiverMills kicks off the WalkMA Challenge

The kickoff promoted walking and wellness for seniors

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CHICOPEE - Residents gathered at Szot Park pavilion on May 8 to kick off the WalkMA Challenge with the senior center.

The WalkMA Challenge happens annually and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Aging.

During the event, residents took a stroll around the park and tracked their steps with Fitbit watches. Upon returning, they enjoyed refreshments, healthy snacks and a raffle drawing.

The challenge runs from May 1 through Oct. 31.

Rosemary Dachowski and Joan Jaquith belong to the Friends of the Seniors and volunteered at the refreshment table.

"It's just a lot of fun. It's



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Seniors gathered with RiverMills Senior Center staff for a group photo after the WalkMA Challenge Kick-off at Szot Park.

nice to get involved," Jaquith said.

"It's just great. It's socialization," Dachowski added. "You get out and get to be a part of things. As you get older, it's very important to get involved and stay involved."

Dachowski was happy to see many people come out for

the event.

"It's wonderful to see this many people just out enjoying it and enjoying this lovely day," Dachowski said.

Jaquith explained the senior center "does a little bit of everything" and offers so much to the community.

"It's a beautiful senior cen-

ter, it really is, and there's a lot of great people," Jaquith said. "The people who run the senior center are really awesome people."

Debbie, a resident, came with her husband, Jim, to the

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Barry Elementary celebrates Earth Day by cleaning school, park



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To celebrate Earth Day, students at Barry Elementary School planted a new tree.

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CHICOPEE - On April 26, the Barry Elementary School community was invited to pick up litter around the school and in nearby Garrity Grove Park as part of a weeklong celebration of Earth Day.

Earth Day occurred during school vacation so the festivities at Barry Elementary took place when the students returned. After filling their bags with trash and recyclables, students enjoyed multiple crafts

and a poster contest.

"It's very important so the Earth isn't polluted," fourth-grade student Emersyn Ouellette said. "It's important to pick up trash because it will keep on going and going. You may think it goes away and goes somewhere else, but it doesn't. It will probably go in the ocean."

Amelia Pitoniak, an art teacher at Barry Elementary who is vice president of the school's PTO, helped coordi-

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Megan Boucher shows off her abstract painting made with a purse during the Comp Creatives Fine Art Showcase at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

Chicopee Comp holds Creatives Fine Art Showcase

The event highlighted student artwork

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CHICOPEE - Residents visited the Chicopee Comprehensive High School's Main Street hallway on May 4 from 5-7 p.m. to view the Comp Creatives Fine Art Showcase.

The event showcased student artwork, including computer art, ceramics, sculpting, drawing, painting and more.

Additionally, a display table had pottery for sale, with proceeds supporting the Art Department.

Brita Riley teaches ceramics and sculpting and was excited about the turnout.

"We had the idea at the be-

ginning of the school year that we really wanted to do it, and administration was supportive and piece by piece we brought it together," Riley said.

Riley said an event like this helps make art known to the community.

"This is my first year here, so I just wanted to make sure the work is featured and we were making it known all the stuff that the kids were doing. It gives a chance for the parents to come in and the community to see all the opportunities we have here," Riley said.

Brooke Barnes had a table of fantasy creature sculptures and has also drawn them since she was little.

Barnes appreciates the opportunity to share her art, adding, "There's not really a lot of

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Student Advisory Council president presents to School Committee

Wagner asks board members to use more decorum

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CHICOPEE – On the same night he announced he would attend Northeastern University, Student Advisory Council President Joel Forson presented to the School Committee.

The Chicopee High School senior offered an update on the council's latest efforts during the May 10 meeting in the City Hall auditorium.

"Over the past year, my fellow council persons and I have worked on various projects in order to use the student voice to focus on things students would like to see changed," he said.

Forson said the council is currently collaborating with the district's Assess-

ment Committee to develop a survey for parents, students and staff regarding mid-terms and finals in order to assess the public opinion of the exams.

"We've also worked with ChicopeeFRESH and the Director of Food Service Melanie Wilk in order to come up with solutions for how to better improve the student experience in regards to food choices available to students," Forson said.

The council met with Wilk on the day following the School Committee meeting. The group was scheduled to discuss assessing food options within the schools.

"(Wilk has) invited us to taste tastings, and we'll have one again tomorrow. We're going to sample a new option she hopes students will enjoy, which is pork bulgogi," Forson said.

Forson said more presentations will come down the line. He thanked the School Committee for its willingness to work with the council, especially credit-

ing Interim Superintendent Alvin Morton.

"Your effort this past year has been very appreciated by me as well as the other students and the rest of this district," Forson said.

Before the meeting concluded, Ward 1 School Committee member Timothy Wagner proposed a discussion regarding decorum in public meetings. He is none too pleased with the way the board has handled past differences of opinion.

"It's sort of been a recurring topic that's popped up from time to time where members of this board have not always treated each other with the respect and dignity that they deserve and that the public demands from all of us, and I see too few of us bringing it to attention or calling it out when it happens," Wagner said.

Wagner listed several "incidents" where board members were disrespectful to each other, including during a recent facilities meeting, the superintendent search

and executive sessions. He said it is especially disheartening considering the lack of money board members earn.

"There's no money to be made here for us. What do we get, \$6,000 a year? We dedicate hours and hours of our life to trying to help make the students' education better and to support our teachers... I don't know if it's something about Chicopee, but we have to start doing better and have to start treating each other better," Wagner said.

Wagner said he brought the point up now because the board must do better immediately. He said he will take matters into his own hands if it comes to it.

"For my part, I'm going to make points of order, motions to censure, whatever it takes for us to get it through that our constituents and the students and the community deserve our very best. We don't always give it so we need to go forward," he said.

Chicopee to offer CPR/AED & first aid training class

CHICOPEE – The Parks Department is offering a certification class in First Aid/cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator on Saturday June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Chicopee Parks & Recreation Dept. 687 Front St. This class is open to people ages 11 and up.

The cost for the full class is \$80 for residents and \$85 for non-residents. These are basic certifications and do not apply for daycare providers, lifeguards and nurses. Participants are invited to bring a snack. Class space is limited! To register go to www.chicopeerec.com Deadline to sign up is Thursday June 20.

Sunshine Village celebrates Nurses Week



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CHICOPEE – This week was Nurse Appreciation Week. Sunshine Village celebrated by thanking its nursing team. Courtney Quinlan RN, Mary Hernandez RN, Gail Pikula RN, Jessica Giroux RN, Jacquelyn Collins RN and Becky Sullivan RN...you all SHINE!

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Chicopee raises flag for Mental Health Awareness Month

Flag-raising for mental health is a first for the city

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CHICOPEE - Residents gathered outside City Hall on May 9 to raise the Mental Health Awareness Month flag for mental health.

Mayor John Vieau oversaw the ceremony alongside City Council members, city employees, state legislators and local organizations.

Vieau shared the importance of mental health and breaking the stigma.

"Mental Health Awareness Month is an opportunity for us to break down these barriers and encourage conversations about mental health. It's time to educate ourselves and our communities about the signs and symptoms of mental health issues and how to access resources available to help those who may be struggling," Vieau said.

Vieau said mental health "is a critical component of our overall health and well-being."

"We must prioritize our mental health by practicing self-care, seeking support when we need it and advocating for better mental health resources and policies in our community," Vieau said.

Marguerite Haugh, founder of Core Awakening, shared how she recently attended the 82nd birthday of her high school math teacher.

"Your life matters' is the perfect statement for what she did for me as a high school student struggling with life events and self-worth," Haugh said. "Countless hours, sometimes met with



(L to R) Mayor John Vieau gives opening remarks as Councilor-At-Large Jerry Roy and City Treasurer Marie Laflamme look on during the flag-raising ceremony for Mental Health Awareness Month.

my being silent, not having the words to describe what I was going through or how I felt. Countless hours she remained at my side in full presence."

Haugh explained mental health wellness is "a journey through" and "a life-long progression."

"It's time to put our arms around this and lead with compassion. We all have emotions, we all have a psychological part of ourselves and we all know how our lives are impacted by stress, loss, anger and shame," Haugh said. "In this moment, make the commitment to have the time to listen to someone because their life matters."

Vieau echoed Haugh's message of having time to listen and 'Your life matters.'

"If you get anything from today's flag-raising ceremony, it's simply that. Everyone matters in Chicopee and those who are struggling with mental health issues, the City of Chicopee can help,"

Vieau said.

Vieau later presented the proclamation to Haugh.

Jen Ducharme is the vice president of development & community relations at the Mental Health Association. The organization runs over 30 residential programs supporting mental health, substance use disorders, developmental and intellectual disabilities and more.

"An event like this really shows progress and demonstrates we know we're not alone in this and it really does take a village to make sure that people are able to have access to their best life," Ducharme said.

Ducharme wants the community to know "you're not alone."

"There is help out there in a way that is nonjudgmental, noncritical and truly supportive and holistic," Ducharme said.

Residents can visit www.mhainc.org to learn more.

Jena Cooper is a residential program



(L to R) Mayor John Vieau, Jena Cooper, residential program supervisor for the Department of Mental Health, Denise LaJeunesse and Marguerite Haugh, founder of Core Awakening, enjoy refreshments at City Hall after the flag-raising ceremony for Mental Health Awareness Month.

supervisor for the Department of Mental Health. She stressed the importance of education.

"If you can educate yourself, if you can become familiar with the population, you can start to build compassion. You can start to have empathy for this population and understand, again, we all have different walks in life," Cooper said.

Cooper said "exposure is key" to keep conversations going.

"Whether you go and sit in a classroom or you have a job in the mental health field or you're just going through social media, you need to know that mental health is a thing and there are resources," Cooper said. "A simple smile and an 'I respect you. I appreciate you.' or 'From one human to another, I hope you have a great day' can literally save someone's life."

The ceremony concluded with staff from local mental health organizations raising the flag.



St. Joan of Arc School students visit Station 7

CHICOPEE - Station 7 had a wonderful visit on the morning of May 9 with the Pre-Kindergarten class from St. Joan of Arc School. The students had a tour of the station and learned about community helpers. They left firefighters hand drawn thank you posters for the station to enjoy.



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- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy's wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

CLUES DOWN

- 2. The Great Lake State
- 3. Dog-_: to mark a page
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment
- 51. Songs sung to a lover
- 55. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
- 2. Philly's rail service
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. No longer be a part in
- 5. Guitar players use them
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Shaking of the earth
- 9. Strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Pie ___ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop

- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ___
- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

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GUEST COLUMN



Survivor benefits and spousal benefits are not the same

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit like I have, my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version.

Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical and common for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's Full Retirement Age amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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GUEST COLUMN



April showers make for great transplanting weather

It was a lot of fun to take advantage of the overcast days this week to get some transplanting done.

Do you wonder why it is advantageous to undertake this task when it is cloudy, or even drizzling out? If your guess has to do with less stress on the plants, you are right on target.

Read on for more about what kept me busy and why!!

I hope I am smarting up some when it comes to homegrown seedlings. This year, instead of growing 300 tomato plants (yes, I was a little kooky last year) I downsized to just under 70.

Still enough for me to share but not so many that we have to have a brigade to get the many trays into the house each night that temperatures dip in my unheated greenhouse.

The tomato seeds were sown in the third week or March and were transplanted into 6 packs the second week of April.

Recently, they started to show signs that they were ready to be potted into bigger containers. Height was one give-away. Secondly, was a root ball that was pretty filled out but not quite root bound (roots swirling in a tight mass).

I lifted each plant from the cell of its 6-pack and positioned the plant on the bottom of a 4" pot and filled in with new potting soil.

Tomatoes are unique in that they will make roots up the stem.

After all the transplanting was done, I gave them a drink or fish emulsion/seaweed fertilizer to lessen any shock and provide them with a good boost.

Because it was overcast, I was able to do this right in the greenhouse and keep them in there without worry that the sun or heat would be too much for plants that recently had their

roots disturbed.

On occasion, when I've been forced to get transplanting done during a sunny stretch, I would immediately water the plants then place the trays of plants in the shade to recover for at least a day or two.

Now, a mention on temperature. Cloudy is one thing, and today with my greenhouse doors closed, 50 degrees outdoors meant a few degrees warmer inside.

I would not keep tomato plants outside if temperatures were colder than fifty or they will start to show signs of distress. They are much happier at 55 to 60 degrees.

So, for the next couple of weeks, (gasp) in and out they will go each day.

Without a greenhouse would mean moving them around your windows to catch the sun, or placing them back under the grow lights until temperatures moderate. At least I am not moving 300 this year.

Overcast skies were also helpful when it came time to re-do one of my perennial borders. I did a soil test on this particular garden last year and followed the recommendations to increase nitrogen (blood meal) and potassium (wood ashes).

It is neat that the wood ashes do double duty to get the pH a little higher as well.

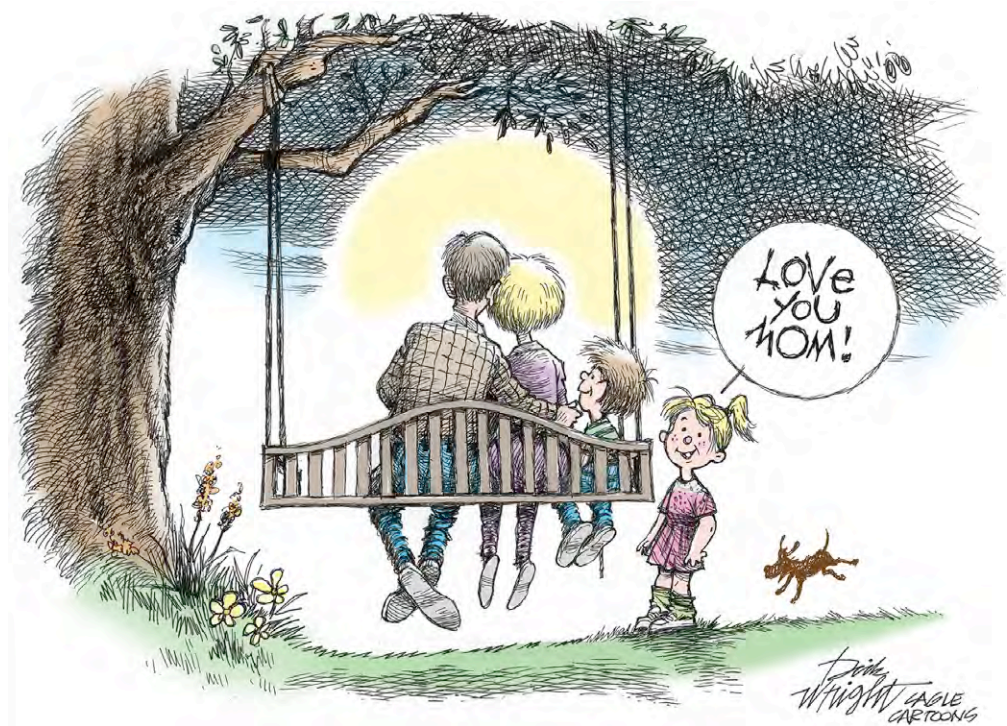
Once the amendments were mixed in, I began lifting plants from the old garden, dividing them up and replanting them in the new garden. Some of the plants were overgrown, hence the need for division.

Using a sharp shovel, I simply sliced them down the middle of the clump and if needed, divided the halves into quarters. Now lots of roots were severed in the process, so cloudy skies and the rain that followed really helped to settle the plants into their new locale without shock.

The garden is a collection of plants that butterflies love. I have a butterfly bush in the corner that is 3 years old. That one really frigid night we had where temperatures dipped into the negative double digits killed off top growth, but I am hopeful that growth will return from the crown.

Hopefully, I will see that over the next two to three weeks. What did you accomplish over these cloudy days?

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Food Bank Coalition of Massachusetts visits McKinstry Farms



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CHICOPEE – The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, The Greater Boston Food Bank and The Merrimack Valley Food Bank took a trip to the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program vendor McKinstry Farms in Chicopee on Monday, May 1, according to the Food Bank Coalition of Massachusetts.

The trip was designed to help members of the media and others learn about the value of MEFAP for local farms, food production companies, and emergency food distribution partners. Remarks were delivered by Andrew Morehouse, executive director of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, state Sen. Adam Gomez

(D-Springfield), state Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle and others involved with addressing food insecurity.

“The Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food for thousands of Massachusetts families through the four food banks and our almost 1000 member agencies,” said Laura Sylvester, MPH/MPPA, public policy manager at The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

MEFAP ensures a consistent supply of quality nutrient dense foods and locally grown fresh produce to a statewide network of emergency food providers. Each

provider is a member of one of the four food bank distribution centers:

- The Greater Boston Food Bank
- The Merrimack Valley Food Bank
- The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts
- The Worcester County Food Bank

MEFAP was established in 1995 as an innovative national model to ensure that food insecure residents in need have access to a consistent supply of quality food in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The program is implemented through a unique partnership between the state and a private, non-profit food distribution network made up of four regional food

banks and serves Massachusetts as both a critical food access and economic stimulus program. Funding is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, and the contract is managed by The Greater Boston Food Bank.

“MEFAP also affords an outlet for local farms and producers to distribute their goods through the Mass Grown program,” said Sylvester. “This visit to McKinstry Farm will provide an opportunity for legislators (who support the MEFAP budget each year) and visitors to see where local MEFAP food originates. We’re excited to showcase the great produce that McKinstry provides.”



STAFF PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

(L to R) Jim and Debbie pose for a photo as they and others seniors returned to the pavilion at Szot Park during the WalkMA Challenge Kickoff.



(L to R) Rosemary Dachowski, corresponding secretary, and Joan Jaquith, recording secretary, oversaw the giveaway, raffles and refreshments table during the WalkMA Challenge Kickoff at Szot Park. Dachowski and Jaquith are also volunteers with the Friends of the Senior Center.

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event and enjoyed the beautiful weather and seeing familiar faces.

She praised the senior center for promoting fitness and wellness.

“Just a friendly bunch of people who encourage wellness, and this is another example,” she said. “The classes are great in the fitness center, and I go anywhere between four to five times a week taking different classes. The people are very helpful, plus there’s a nurse on staff if you ever need something checked.”

She heard about the event through the fitness center.

“They are loaning Fitbits to people who might need one so you can keep track of your steps easier. Our phones do that, but this is a bit more encouragement because if you stay still too long, it rattles like ‘keep moving, keep moving,’” she said.

During the raffle, several people won prizes, including Fitbit watches, a weighted heating pad, a fanny pack with two water bottles and a fitness massage gun.

Program Coordinator Casey Conroy said this is the second time

the senior center is doing the challenge.

“The more you walk, the more entries you get entered for winning prizes with MOCA, and it gives the senior center more chances to win funding for future programming for fitness,” Conroy said. “So it’s a win-win. It’s people getting out there exercising, doing better for their bodies, and hopefully, helping the senior center with funding so that way we can provide more of the fitness programs we provide to our seniors.”

Conroy was also thrilled about the turnout.

“It means a lot because we know this is something that is really important to seniors’ health. People get nervous as people get older. Some people slow down and just walking and moving keeps them going. I think it’s really important for mental health as well, just walking and getting out and everything,” Conroy said.

She added the senior center has options for outdoor fitness classes including outdoor yoga and will have a walk at Whiting Street Reservoir in June.

“All of our seniors, we just want to make sure they’re healthy and happy. We have a great community at the senior center. We love what we do, so we’re excited to have this event so we can really help our seniors get out there,” Conroy said.

To learn more, visit <https://walkmachallenge.com/>.

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CHICOPEE – Congratulations to Benjamin Lawler of the Chicopee Fire Department!

The Mayor's Office is thrilled to announce that Benjamin Lawler has received a well-deserved proclamation for his outstanding volunteer work in creating a beautiful podium for the City of Chicopee. As a dedicated member of the Chicopee Fire Department, Lawler's commitment to serving the community extends beyond his duties as a firefighter.

With his remarkable craftsmanship and generous spirit, he has contributed to the city in a unique and meaningful way. The stunning podium he created will not only enhance public events but will also serve as a symbol of the passion and dedication of the people who make Chicopee such a special place to live.

Please join the city in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to Lawler for his invaluable service to the Chicopee Fire Department and our community as a whole. Thank you for using your free time and talents to create something truly memorable for our city!



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nate various events during the first week after vacation.

"Tuesday, we all wore green and blue to support our Earth, Wednesday, we had our Earth Day family event, and it was an opportunity for the community and the children of our school to come and collect some trash around the school's property and the park in the back," Pitoniak said.

Students then traded in their collected bags of garbage to do a recycle craft. They collected paper towel tubes and strung them on strings, creating birdfeeders.

On Thursday, each student planted a small bulb in a little pot, which they were able to take home. A tree was also planted in front of the building.

"Then, on Friday, all the kids worked on posters," Principal Kate Lambert said. "We had a little poster contest and had over 150 kids participate in that. It was nice to



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During the last week of April, students at Barry Elementary School celebrated Earth Day by cleaning the school property and planting trees.

see kids being engaged in something that was outside of the school setting but also ties into their home life and their school life."

Lambert was most encouraged by the cleanup event that included students and their family members. She said the students were very interested in the activity and picked up more trash than expected.

"It was wonderful to see kids engaged in this activity," Lambert said. "You could tell that they were thinking about the Earth and ways they can contribute. I feel like it helps them to grow into helpful society members as they get older."

Pitoniak thanked the Home Depot on Memorial Drive for donating cleanup supplies. She feels as though the Earth Day celebrations have already had a positive impact.

"I feel like it has a trickle down effect, where this week and last week I'm hearing stories of, 'Oh, my family and I went to the park and we picked up trash while we were there because we noticed it.' You've drawn attention to it now so I feel like it's spreading," Pitoniak said.

Lambert said the events offer students



a sense of real world connection. During the week, teachers taught lessons regarding Earth Day's history and why it is important to recognize.

Like Pitoniak, Lambert has already observed the benefits of the initiatives and she feels that students will continue to pay it forward.

"We hope for kids to take this out of school and get an idea of how to do it on their own. It sounds like some kids already do," she said. "A lot of our kids play sports at the local field so we have been hearing stories about just noticing where the trash cans are. Like 'I can throw trash in there instead of putting it on the ground.'"

Ouellette is confident that more of her fellow students will participate in future activities to clean the school and park. She offered the following encouragement. "I would probably do it again because, number one, it's fun, and number two, I love to help the environment," she said.

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Jayden Rodriguez sets up a possible spike.

Pacers swept by Knights

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday afternoon, Chicopee boys volleyball lost to Holyoke by a 3-0 score. Chicopee is 0-13.



Bailey Kinney goes for a spike.



Jeniel Nazario squares a perfect bump.



David Gonazlez makes a bump for the Pacers.



John Centeno goes for a set.

Holyoke hands Chicopee baseball loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Even though the Holyoke varsity baseball team was leading rival Chicopee High School by eight runs entering the bottom of the seventh inning, first-year Purple Knights head coach Dave Guzman wasn't very comfortable standing in the first base dugout.

The Pacers scored an unearned run in their final at-bats, but the Valley Central Division contest ended with a double play and the Purple Knights celebrated a 9-2 victory at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Wednesday afternoon.

"I always preach to my players that you have to play the entire seven innings because you never know what's going to happen in a game," said Guzman, who had been an assistant baseball coach at Holyoke High School from 2008-2018. "A team can get hot with two outs in the final inning and score seven runs. We did finish the game with a double play, which was fantastic."

Following the road victory, the Purple Knights had a 5-7 overall record, and they were

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Colts remain winless

CHICOPEE – On a cold, windy afternoon, Chicopee Comprehensive suffered another tough loss in boys lacrosse action. The Colts were defeated by West Springfield 18-4. With the defeat, Comp, which co-ops with Chicopee High, dropped to 0-9 this season.



Kraig Geissler makes a catch on the run.



Lucas Blanchard looks to get around an opponent



Zach Ladue makes his way down the field.

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Shane Upham sprints through the middle.



Luke Theroux heads toward the opposing goal.

Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

“The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls,” said Joe Ferrara, who’s the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. “I’ve received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players.”

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year’s Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men’s team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

“The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within the USL system,” said Ferrara, who’s also the Pioneers General Manager. “Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams.”

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men’s soccer team for the past ten years. He’s also the club’s Di-

rector of Coaching.

“It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The players worked very hard at the Academy Cup,” Molinari said. “It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn’t know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them.”

The U-19 girls’ team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

“Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team,” Ferrara said. “Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn’t have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament.”

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

“We hit the post three times in our first two games,” Molinari said. “The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net.”

After playing a 1-1 tie against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

“Overall, the U19 team had a very

good showing,” Ferrara added. “We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions.”

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysa Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zorah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown).

“I’ve coached the 09 players in the

past,” Molinari said. “The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer.”

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn’t have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were down in Florida.

“Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else,” Ferrara said. “We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players.”

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women’s Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls’ soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

“That’s our plan,” he said. “I’m always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny.”

Rich Friese, who’s from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year’s Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

Run for Rice’s 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM – The 11th annual “Run for Rice’s 5K Road Race” will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start.

Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring the “Running Apple” logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

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tied for first place in the league standings with Agawam with a 3-1 mark.

“We’re a very young team this year. Our starting infielders are either freshmen or sophomores,” Guzman added. “I think we’ll be a very good baseball team in the next couple of years.”

The duo of senior righthander Yomar Rodriguez and junior righty Marty Phillips held the Pacers to just two runs (one earned) on five base hits.

“Yomar is our ace. He has pitched very well all season long,” Guzman said. “Marty also pitched well in relief.”

Rodriguez, who was the winning pitcher, hurled the first four innings. He didn’t allow any runs on just three hits with four strikeouts and three walks. Phillips gave up two runs on two base hits over the final three frames. He had two strikeouts and walked one.

The Pacers (3-8, 2-2), who lost the first meeting of the regular season to the Purple Knights, 7-1, didn’t play very well defensively in last Wednesday’s home game.

Holyoke took advantage of five errors in the second inning to take a 4-0 lead.

Two runs crossed the plate follow-

ing throwing errors by the catcher. Another run scored following a throwing error by the third baseman.

Holyoke sophomore third baseman Darwin Jimenez accounted for the other run with a line drive single into left field.

Chicopee senior lefty Brady Burnett retired the first two batters that he faced on ground ball outs in the third inning before suffering an arm injury. Burnett was able to stay in the game. He traded places with junior first baseman Caleb Morrisette. The righty walked the first three batters that he faced before ending the two out rally with a strikeout.

With two outs in the bottom of the third, Chicopee junior centerfielder Henry Ryczek beat out a tapper up the first base line for an infield hit.

Ryczek was one of the bright spots for the home team, as he finished the game with four base hits, which were all singles.

Then pinch hitter Cyair Charles, who’s a sophomore, followed with a walk, and Burnett had another infield hit. It should’ve loaded the bases, but Ryczek, who rounded third base too far, was tagged out following a rundown.

The Pacers did load the bases with one out in the next inning.

Junior catcher Xavion Maldonado and senior second baseman Caleb Fontaine drew walks, while junior shortstop Zach Oldenburg reached first base following a fielding error by the third baseman.

Rodriguez escaped that jam with a strikeout and a foul pop-up caught by freshman first baseman Justin Rivera.

The Purple Knights scored four more runs in the fifth inning.

The biggest hit of that frame was a two-run single by sophomore second baseman Raul Lopez-Ofray.

Holyoke’s other two runs scored on errors.

Trailing 8-0, Chicopee got on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the inning following a Burnett sacrifice fly to center field, which brought home Ryczek.

Holyoke got that run back when senior right fielder Anibal Diaz-Ofray scored on the back end of a double steal play with two outs in the sixth inning.

The Pacers scored an unearned run in the seventh before the Purple Knights turned a nifty 4-6-3 double play ending the ballgame.

The Chicopee players did celebrate a 10-7 home victory over Granby two days later.

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9L for the purpose of renewing the special permit granted on May 3, 2022, to exercise the regulations of the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District located at 10 Southwick Street. Applicant – Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., Ellen W. Freyman, Esq., Authorized Agent, 35 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

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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. 05/12, 05/19/2023

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9(L) for the purpose of renewal of Special Permit, with current conditions, granted on March 1, 2022 for redevelopment of the Baskin parcel consistent with the Mill Conversion & Commercial Center Overlay District located at 75 West Main Street. Applicant – Hammad Graham, Brisa Development, LLC, 2009 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234.

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-59 B 9 for the purpose of eating and drinking place with consumption of alcohol located at 181 Center Street. Applicant – Kevin Sahagian, 4 Chapman Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027.

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Zone Change application from Industrial Garden Planned Unit Development Type 1 to Industrial for 2.58 +/- acres of property located at Burnett Road (Parcel ID Map 294 Lot 6 and Lot 7) for the purpose of eliminating the existing split zone property. Applicant – Scannell Properties #705, LLC c/o Leo Leighton, 294 Grove Lane, Suite 140, Wayzata, MN 55391.

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 05/26/2023.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 5, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/12/2023

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI
In the Matter of the**

**Application of a Minor Nolan Thurman, For a Change of Name Case No. CV28-23-1578
Notice of Status Conference
NOTICE IS GIVEN**
That the above-entitled case is set for:

**Hearing Type: Status Conference
Date: 06/26/2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Judge: John A. Cafferty**
at the: Kootenai County Courthouse, 324 West Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816.
Jennifer Locke
Clerk of the Court
Dated: 05/01/2023
By: Jessica McKenzie
Deputy Clerk
05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/02/2023

**INVITATION FOR BID
CHICOPEE ELECTRIC LIGHT
725 FRONT STREET,
CHICOPEE, MA 01020
BID NO. CEL. 23-0504
ISSUE DATE:
MAY 5, 2023**

Sealed proposals are being accepted for: **NEW/ UN USED DIGGER DERRICK**

BID OPENING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Chicopee Electric Light, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN DUPLICATE. PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENTITLED 1.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS.

Bid documents are available at the business office located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

The Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" and of Chapter 164 Sec. 56D as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Municipal Light Board, is in the best interest of the Municipal Lighting Plant.

Is your firm a: **MBE/WBE** (please circle) MBE/WBE firms must be currently certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please submit Bids in **duplicate** clearly marked with the Bid Number and Title:

**BID NUMBER: CEL 23-0504
TITLE: NEW/UNUSED DIGGER DERRICK**

Natalie Colberg,
Purchasing
05/12/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23C0098CA
In the matter of:
Kasey Nicole Bunnell
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

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

**Kasey Charles Bunnell
IMPORTANT NOTICE**
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/02/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 05, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/12/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P2053EA
Estate of:
Elizabeth E Hannigan
Date of Death: 10/08/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Robert W Hannigan** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 06/13/2023.

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.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 09, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/12/2023

**See more legals
on page 10**

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

SENIORS

RiverMills Center announces May events

CHICOPEE – The RiverMills Center, Chicopee’s senior center at 5 West Main St., has announced the following upcoming events.

Everyday Life in Chicopee in the 1800s

The Council on Aging will host the presentation “Everyday Life in Chicopee in the 1800’s” on Friday, May 19 at 1 p.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Come join Chester Kobierski with the Chicopee Historical Society as he brings you back to take a look at what life was like in the villages for Cabotville (Chicopee Center) and Factory Village (Chicopee Falls) between 1800 and 1870. The presentation will consist of images of sites that are no longer around. Though this is a free event, you must register in advance at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

Laughter Is Medicine at RiverMills Center

The COA will host the presentation “Laughter is Medicine” on Monday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Join the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department to discuss the importance of laughter, interpersonal communication and how these things contribute to good health and longevity. Though this is a free event, you must register in advance at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

Bigfoot Expert at RiverMills Center

The COA will host Bigfoot Expert Ronny LeBlanc on Tuesday, May 23 at 5 p.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Join Ronny LeBlanc from the hit Travel Channel Show “Expedition Bigfoot” and “Paranormal Caught on Camera” and author of “Monsterland: Encounters with UFO’s, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs” as he chats about his firsthand experiences with Bigfoot and the many stories and sightings of Sasquatch in Massachusetts’ very own Leominster State Forest. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public. The cost is \$2 and you must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P0911EA
Estate of:
Gerard Roy
Date of Death: 05/23/2009
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 John P. Roy 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: **John P. Roy of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 05/31/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this pro-

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

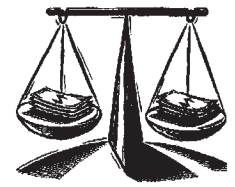
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Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/12/2023

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05/05, 05/12, 05/19/2023



ART SHOWCASE from page 1

appreciation for art nowadays.”
“It’s just awesome to see my art here, and everyone gets to see it,” Barnes said.

She also appreciates the teachers, encouraging fellow students to take a class.

“It’s a really good department, especially if you want to get started into art,” Barnes said. “Art is very fun, even if you’re not creative with it. It’s still a fun thing to do and try out.”

Dan Delisle has taught computer art for eight years, having made a second career after a layoff.

He praised his colleagues for inspiring the students.

“Getting to see what the teachers are doing, I think, is inspiring to all of us. Getting to see the art that their students are making at their tutelage is just wonderful,” Delisle said.

Delisle said art teaches problem-solving skills.

“The process is you present yourself with a problem, you saturate yourself with information and you just start working through it, and that’s kind of when the magic happens. If you work long and hard enough on something, you come up



Brita Riley, ceramics and sculpting teacher, stands at the Pottery for Sale table during the Comp Creatives Fine Art Showcase at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. Riley explained the pottery were extra pieces the students wanted to sell and the proceeds support the high school’s Art Department.

with some wonderful discoveries,” Delisle said.

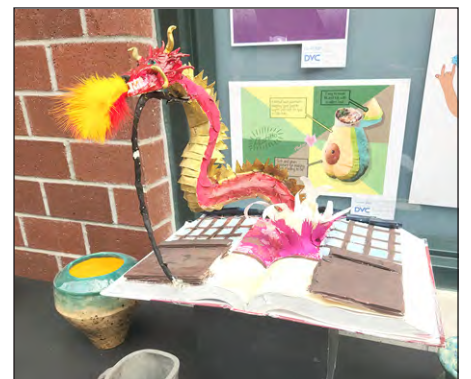
Studio Art Teacher Jacqueline Gallo said the event “is the highlight of our year.”

“They work so hard, and it’s really a testament to their ability and the talent in this community. It’s so important to get people to see this because art goes on the back burner,” Gallo said.

Megan Boucher draws, paints and recently got into clay sculpting, including making a rat statue.

“It’s a really great way to be involved with the school and showcase what I’ve worked hard on. I’ve helped set it up too, so it feels like an accomplishment,” Boucher said.

Boucher appreciates the teachers. “I think the teachers are just really nice and generous to offer such great resources for kids and the opportunity to



STAFF PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

A close-up shot of a dragon coming out of a book was one of many art pieces designed by art students

take all these classes and let people get creative. It’s really nice,” Boucher said.

Gallo wants the community to know art is a valid subject and “part of everyday life.”

“Design and art is everywhere, so I would say put it at the top priority as something that’s a valid experience for your children,” Gallo said.

Boucher also encourages students to take an art class.

“Definitely go for it even if you don’t think you’re the best artist ever. Art is all different and can be perceived in different ways. As long as you put heart into it, it’s going to be great,” Boucher said.

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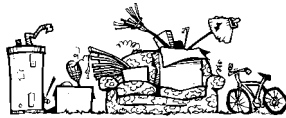
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