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CHS 2025 graduates celebrated at Szot Park

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CHICOPEE - Chicopee High School celebrated the Class of 2025 in style on June 5 during their grand ceremony at Szot Park.

The ceremony included the presentation of the colors by the Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC, performances by the Chicopee High School Chamber Choir, the Graduates to Guardians presentation by Mayor John Vieau on behalf of Louis Brault and Deputy Director for Veterans Services Dustin Ruby and remarks from Vieau, Principal Gina Fasoli Figueroa, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, 2025 President Nyeira Wilson, Salutatorian Jomar Torres and Valedictorian Jenna Madru.

Vieau noted the 2025 class is the 125th class to graduate from CHS and told graduates they are part of "a generation that has faced unprecedented challenges and rose above them all."

"It feels like yesterday that I walked through the halls of Chicopee High. Some of the best memories of my life were made right there and



Salutatorian Jomar Torres, Jocelyn Coira and Class Historian John Tryba smile and give a thumbs up as the Chicopee High School Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony is set to begin.

right here at Szot Park. And I know many of you will look back one day and feel exact-

ly the same as I do. You'll always carry that Pacer Pride, those lifelong friendships and

the support of your forever home. Chicopee," Vieau said. "If the past few years have

taught us anything, it's that life can change in an instant, so don't wait. Take action,

learn a trade, pursue higher education, embrace those natural talents that you have and when you're done with those things, I hope you choose to bring that energy and experience right back here to Chicopee."

After sharing a quote from the late actor Chadwick Boseman about deciding the next steps in life, Ware encouraged the graduates to "go find what makes you feel alive."

"Chase it, build it, share it. The world needs it. They need you. The world needs you not to just succeed, but to lead, to create, to lift others up and to live with purpose," Ware said. "I thank you again from the bottom of my heart for being your superintendent. I saw the pride during Pride Week. Y'all are different, during Pride Week it was different in the high school. But, that's the pride that these seniors carry through and through... Families, thank you for caring for them. Congratulations!"

Wilson called the 2025 class exceptional and wanted them to be proud of every-

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Chicopee Academy celebrates Class of 2025 graduates



Yadielisse Guzman celebrates getting her diploma from Chicopee Academy as she shakes hands with Jennifer Bellville, assistant superintendent for Instruction & Accountability.

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CHICOPEE - Chicopee Academy celebrated the Class of 2025 in a graduation ceremony at the Chicopee High School auditorium on June 4.

The ceremony included the Chicopee High School Junior ROTC presenting the colors, performances from the Chicopee High School Band, remarks from Principal Lori

Vaillancourt, Mayor John Vieau and Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware and graduation tributes from teachers Erica Swenor, Vice Principal Andrea Hogan, Chicopee High School Teacher Jessica Major, Christine Sullivan, Vice Principal Kimberly Dion, Chicopee Comprehensive High School Teacher Jennifer Provost, Ben Bohlke, Vice Principal Darrell Johnson, Sita Khanna and David Dale who spoke on behalf of Justin Chartier.

This year's class comprised 18 graduates, including 13 who have completed the Chicopee Academy Grad Track program, an accelerated learning pathway designed to help students reach their high school graduation goals.

Calling the graduates trailblazers, Vieau emphasized the power in pride and confidence and to be yourself and authentic.

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The graduates enter the stadium at Mitchell Kuzdzal Field, with a seat left open in memory of Madelyn Robillard.

CCHS celebrates Class of 2025

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CHICOPEE - After a postponement due to rain, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 2025 celebrated graduation in style on June 8 at Mitchell Kuzdzal Field.

The ceremony included performances from the high school band and choir, a piano solo performance by Rafi Salman, the Students of Distinction by NHS Advisors Shawn Kozikowski and Joaquin Bello and Assistant Principal Christine Theroux and remarks from Principal Andrew Lamothe, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, Mayor John Vieau, Class of 2025 President Taelly Viafara, Valedictorian Carter

Janik, Salutatorian Savannah Banning and Veterans Appreciation Club Advisor Alan Dion for the Graduates to Guardians presentation.

Viafara took a moment to remember Madelyn Robillard, a member of the class who passed away this year.

"Today is a celebration of all we have accomplished, and some parts of this journey are marked not only by joy, but quiet absences. While not every seat on this field is filled today, every heart is filled with stories of laughter, love, friendship and memories that will forever remind us of how lucky we were to have shared these experiences with Madelyn Robillard," Viafara said. "As we move forward we will carry those memories with us, and take things, as she used to

say 'one day at a time.'"

After a moment of silence in Robillard's memory, Viafara encouraged her classmates to "take risks, try new things, take initiative and be you."

"Many things this year I went on a whim on, and almost all of them have had great positive impacts on my life. So join that club, talk to new people, find new connections, and live your life; it is NEVER too late," Viafara said.

Vieau reflected on having confidence and belief in yourself, encouraging graduates that "you have the power to make a difference, not just in your life, but in the lives of others."

"In front of your family," Vieau said. "I've been working with the police department and other

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City Council discusses cameras on school buses

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On June 3, the City Council discussed a procedure to equip cameras on school buses to cut back on the number of drivers speeding past buses, ensuring the safety of all parties involved.

In context, the motion falls under the umbrella of Mass General law Chapter 40, section 71, which enables and gives authority to the city of Chicopee to monitor and en-

force traffic violations to drivers who speed past the flashing red stop sign, with Mayor John Vieau explaining, "this was a long time coming", before offering insight into how school-related traffic and procedures could potentially be witnessing changes.

"If adopted by the City Council, this allows us to enforce the cameras on our school buses when violators cross, when the stop bars are out," Vieau said. "It's going to make our roadways a lot

safer, especially for our students."

The initiative is built on the foundation of a 'joint effort' assembled by Vieau, which involves a variety of resources and voices from prominent community figures, such as Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, the Transportation Office, assistant superintendents, the police department and the Procurement Office, marking a significant step forward for the city.

Vieau added that this

path forward came into fruition due to the overwhelming success in other cities that adopted this objective, which was highlighted during the 2024-2025 school year where close to 2,000 infractions were recorded in Peabody and Salem within the first six weeks, and since adoption all signs of impediment have halted from occurring.

"We know this proven initiative has worked and this will safeguard and protect not only our children but also bus

monitors as well as they travel to and from school each day," Vieau said.

It was clear that Vieau's comments garnered the highest amount of support among a majority of the councilors, with the consensus being that highlighting the importance and urgency of public safety requires full attention; however, it was clear there was some mild trepidation felt among some within the room.

Most notably centered around the stature of the ci-

tation being \$250, which offered a point of concern from President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme, requesting that this be brought to the Public Safety Committee for further inspection due to many citizens feeling uncertain about the proposal being put in place.

"Let it be known that I am 100% behind this," Laflamme said. "I've been working with the police department and oth-

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IN THE CITY

CPL Fun Summer Programming coming soon

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – School is out, and the Chicopee Public Library is ready to bring educational fun to the community this summer.

Youth Services Coordinator Erin Daly shared how the children's section will kick off summer, examples of upcoming events, what she hopes attendees get out of the events and why she believes everyone should come check out CPL this summer.

"The Summer Kickoff Party is going to be in the style of a fantasy faire - like a renaissance faire, but with more whimsy and Dungeons & Dragons vibes. We'll also be having performers on Wednesdays. Mass Capoeira will be presenting a martial arts and dance performance, The Poop Muse-

um will make us laugh with gross science facts, Henry the Juggler will astound us with feats of skill, Caravan Puppets will teach kids to make puppets. We want to make summer fun and give kids and families and everybody opportunities to read and play and learn. Our programs offer free fun that usually has a learning component, and the opportunity to get out and be in community," Daly said.

Daly is excited for the upcoming summer programming.

"I hope attendees learn something new or see something that makes them think or makes them smile. I hope reading challenges participants to find books they really enjoy and connect with and spend time reading. We want everybody in the community to have free fun things to

do that offer opportunities to think, and play, and be interested in the world. Maybe take some breaks from screen time and look at things in person," Daly said.

Participating in summer reading is, also, welcome to all.

"Everybody, kids, teens, adults, anyone can participate in Summer Reading. All we ask is that you try to read every day. You can read anything you want. You can read a lot or a little. It's really accessible and maybe you'll discover something new or connect with something you love. As for our events, it's really fun here in the summer. Everyone should come check it out," Daly said.

Teen Librarian Brent Tenerowicz is also excited for the coming summer, talking about the performance that will start the summer fun and

examples of upcoming teen activities.

"This summer, the library has a lot of awesome programs for all ages. To kick things off, teens and families can stop by for a performance by Mass Capoeira on June 25, who will be performing a fusion of martial arts and dance. For teen specific events, we'll be hosting a Metalsmithing Workshop where teens can hammer out their own copper bookmark, a couple different crafting events with painting and sewing, and more," Tenerowicz said. "A complete list of events, with dates, times and any registration requirements will be available on our website and in a summer flyer at the library. This flyer was also sent to all the local schools, so students might have already brought one home."

Tenerowicz emphasized

teen specific events and shared why he believes they are so important.

"Teens need a time and place to be teens. We have the Teen Space in the library, where they have their own computers and books, having teen events during the school year and the summer gives them the chance to be with others their own age. While teens are always welcome to attend our all ages programs and crafts, we know many would prefer to not be surrounded by younger children and get the chance to enjoy something that requires a little more skill to complete. Teens can expect most of the teen-only events to be very hands on, but hopefully not too difficult. I wanted to offer them the chance to try a new skill and walk away with something to show for it, regardless of prior experience,"

Tenerowicz said.

He hopes the events inspire teens to check out more of what the library has to offer.

"I hope they become inspired to keep trying new things and realize that the library is more than happy to help them do so. My coworkers and I are always happy to lead different crafting events and let teens have a chance to unleash their creativity," Tenerowicz said.

Daly also shared with us that Chicopee Fresh will be at the library during weekdays to provide free lunch to kids up to age 18.

With such fun and educational events planned for children and teens, the CPL is ready to offer so much for the community this summer.

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

Chicopee Public Library hosts events 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 seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for June 2025, including information about the annual Summer Reading Challenge!

Afterschool Thursdays is a new program series for school age children that the library is hosting this spring. Each Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. will be a different opportunity for older kids to explore a fun, creative activity. Recommended for ages six and up, teens and tweens welcome.

Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Fridays June 20 at 11 a.m. Babies crawling to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for free play followed by circle time exploring songs, fingerplays and movement!

Saturday Playgroup will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturdays in June. The playspace will be open for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

The **Summer Reading Kickoff Fantasy Faire** will take place on Monday, June

23 from 3 to 5 p.m. Hear ye! Hear ye! The library will host a Fantasy Faire in the town square (aka the library's back yard) to celebrate the beginning of Summer. Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Undertake a quest to become a knight. Visit with community partners sharing resources. Enjoy the new shade structure. Fantasy/Renaissance Faire attire encouraged.

Outside Musical Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. during summer reading. A little bit storytime, a little bit dance party. Join us outside on the back patio under the new shade structure (weather permitting) for stories and movement. Geared towards kids ages two through five, older kids welcome.

The library will host a **Capoeira Martial Arts & Dance Performance** on Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m. Mass Capoeira Culture Center will demonstrate this Afro-Brazilian martial art that incorporates fighting, dance, music and acrobatics. The audience will learn some music and movement to play along. Outside weather permitting. This program is supported by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachu-

setts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Create a **Paper Sculpture** on Thursday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. The library will provide the supplies, you provide the imagination.

Toddler Time will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. during summer reading. An open ended playtime for Toddlers to socialize and play! For ages 0-2, no registration required. This program will be held outside on the library's backyard patio, weather permitting, or in the Children's Room.

Summer Reading Challenge

"Chicopee, Did you read today?" is the question of the season. The Library is challenging everybody to read every day from June 23 - August 15. You can read books or comics, listen to audiobooks, read to someone, or listen to someone read to you. You can read as much or as little as you want. The goal is to spread the joy of reading and learning throughout the community. Sign up for our reading challenge online with Beanstack (look for the link on the library homepage) or visit the library to get started!

For more information about what's going on at the Chicopee Public Library, visit www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

Fred Krampits announces he is running for City Collector

CHICOPEE - Fred Krampits, Chicopee City Councilor for Ward 5, has announced he will be running for the office of City Collector.

Current City Collector, Stanley Iwanicki, is not seeking re-election.

In 2003, Fred was appointed to finish the term of his late father, Fred R. Krampits, and has been successfully re-elected each term since. He was recently elected to serve as Vice President of the City Council after the passing of Councilor-at-Large, Robert Zygarowski.

Having served on the City Council for almost 23 years, Fred's background, experience and understanding of the city's operations, particularly its fiscal operations, provide him a sound background for serving as Collector.

His experience will also allow him to help people.

Fred is a life-long resident of Chicopee and a proud product of the Chicopee School System. He furthered his education at Springfield Technical Community College where he earned a degree in Electronic Technology.

For more than 30 years, he was employed as a Customer Service Engineer for Comark Communications. He also works part-time as Chief Engineer for WTCC 90.7FM at STCC.

He thanks the residents of Ward 5 for their continued support through his many years as Councilor. With the support of the



Fred Krampits

residents from all wards of the city, Fred will be able to continue in public service to the citizens of Chicopee as their Collector.

If elected, Fred vows to work with Stanley Iwanicki for a smooth transi-

tion and also continue the proposed technological improvements that are in progress, such as real-time tax payments and account information online.

If you have any questions or would like to reach Fred, please contact him at fkrampits@verizon.net or tel: 413-592-1950.

Please support Fred Krampits for City Collector.

Chicopee's Pride Events

CHICOPEE - The city will mark Pride Month in June.

Chicopee Pride Festival

Where: Szot Park, Chicopee MA

When: Saturday, June 14 from Noon to 5 pm.

Handicap accessible and Free Admission

The Chicopee Queer Consortium is pleased to announce Pride Flag Raising and the Fifth Annual Chicopee Pride Festival. These events seek to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community while recognizing the cruelty and struggles that they still endure.

Notable speakers Rep Shirley Arriaga and Chicopee Planning & Development Dir. Lee Pouliot will share their support during the flag raising event on June 13. In addition, local businesses Horseshoes & Handgrenades will be hosting a Pride flash tattoo event during the celebration and afterwards there will be a tea dance at the Munich Haus in downtown Chicopee.

The Fifth Annual Pride

Festival will once again be held at Szot Park on June 14. The Pride Committee has lined up exciting entertainment from high-energy Drag Queens and Kings, live musicians, poets and so much more. Chicopee Mayor Vieau and State Senator Adam Gomez will be on hand to speak and show their support as well. We expect, given the variety of vendors, artists, crafters, non-profit organizations and more... attendees will have a great experience.

The Chicopee Queer Consortium and the Chicopee Pride Committee would like to thank the following City of Chicopee departments for their continued support: Chicopee Police and Fire Departments, Parks & Rec Department, Licensing Commission, Planning Department, City Clerk and Mayor's Office for their continued support. We would also like to thank the Mass Cultural Council and the Chicopee Cultural Council for supporting us for all these years.

About Us: Chicopee Queer Consortium (CQC)

The Chicopee Queer Consortium (CQC) is a non-profit organization whose main focus is to engage with and actively promote the LGBTQ+ community within the great City of Chicopee and surrounding areas. While celebrating diversity, the CQC also actively advocates for LGBTQ+ rights, understanding the journey toward equality is ongoing. Collective efforts are essential for dismantling discrimination and fostering acceptance. The CQC's commitment to LGBTQ+ people in our community, is an effort that extends far beyond a Pride Flag Raising and Pride Festival.

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IN THE CITY

CHS Class of 2025 celebrated at Senior Awards Ceremony



SUBMITTED PHOTOS DIANNE VECCHIARELLI
CHICOPEE - Chicopee High School celebrated the Class of 2025 at their annual Senior Awards Ceremony and Traditional Walkthrough this past Friday, May 30, 2025. Many seniors were recognized for their talents, academic excellence, and commitment to their school community and beyond. We celebrate their accomplishments, acknowledge their journey, and express pride and well wishes for their future endeavors!



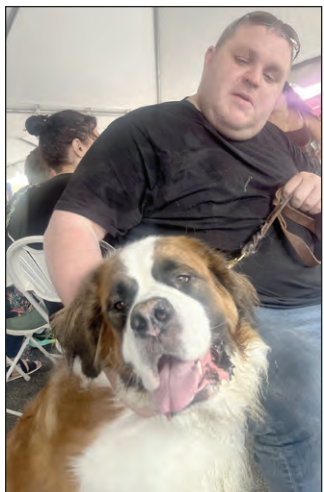
Pets Rock event raises funds for Chicopee shelter

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SOUTH HADLEY - Pets bring joy to our lives, and whether you have a cat, dog, hamster, snake, horse, or bird, they bring smiles to our faces and become a member of our family.

However, there is an epidemic facing pets as their families face difficulties in being able to keep them, or they become lost, or even sadder still, get dumped and abandoned.

Animal Control services are designed to take these animals in, take care of them, and work to find them new, loving homes. However, in many cases, these animals rescued, picked up, or surrendered to animal control may need medical treatment.



Mishka the St. Bernard with his dad enjoying some chips

Because animal controls are municipal organizations, they need and rely heavily upon donations from the public in order to cover these medical needs, as well as food, shelter, and even a bed and a toy.

And that's where organi-



Janna Brown, President Heather Heeb, and Mary Ann Cilley ready to rock out for pets.

zations like the Foundation for the Thomas J. O'Connor Animals comes in.

"Our primary focus is to provide support and resources for critical medical care and enrichment for all the animals that come into the shelter, which is over 3,000," said Janna Brown, a member of TJO.

All kinds of animals come into the TJO Animal Control and Adoption Center, including iguanas, snakes, and rabbits, along with the cats and dogs.

"We make sure if they have a medical issue, we try to give the staff as much as possible so that they can save a life," said Brown.

TJO services Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke, but often their services are taken into neighboring communities like South Hadley, where Drunken Rabbit Brewing hosts them for an annual Pets Rock event, and has for the past nine years.

The TJO Foundation works with the Animal Control Officers in the cities to make sure that what the an-

imal control officers need is taken care of, whether it be medical assistance, a warm bed, food, or a toy for comfort.

"We are small but mighty," said Brown.

Every year during Pets Rock, there is a raffle where local businesses in the surrounding communities donate items and gift cards, and TJO members make baskets from items found on pet store clearance.

The TJO Foundation has been operating for almost 20 years and hosts five signature events each year, both in-person and online. The events include games, vendors, raffles, and fun, and people bring their dogs to get some extra attention.

The Pets Rock event also hosts a local musician, and this year, they invited Ray Guillemette Jr. to play, who generously donated his time and performance for the day.

"It's really special to see what the volunteers do for these animals, and it's something we want to be a part of. It's amazing so many people



TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
Ashlie Bombardier, Shannon O'Connell, and Wafer the lab.

came out despite the weather, and it's even the best turnout," said Pat Kelly of Rock 102.

Bruno, with Drunken Rabbit, offered to host Pets Rock, and after nine years, has remained a steadfast supporter.

"That's what this is - a bunch of people who came together to raise some money to help the animals, and that's why we are here," said Kelly.

"Two things I love about TJO - first of all, I'm an animal lover, and I'll never stop raising money for these animals. We want to make sure we get them into homes, that's my number one priority," said Brown. "The second is that I love the community engagement and welcoming people to come in and have a good time."

Brown spent six years volunteering for the foundation and fell in love with it, moving on to work full-time for it.

"The foundation is always looking for the community to help out, whether it's volunteering or fostering,"



Tracy Root and her artwork from Lovingly Made by T.J.



Jody Maple with Ghydro Dog Grooming.

said Brown. "We want everyone to know there's an animal crisis in this area and there's a veterinary crisis. We need all the help we can get."

TJO holds online campaigns for you to donate, and some donate in memory of a beloved pet, which you can

find on their website.

"Moving forward, we are excited to bring in some resources, because not everyone can afford to keep their animals, so these are some initiatives we are looking forward to bringing in in the next few years."

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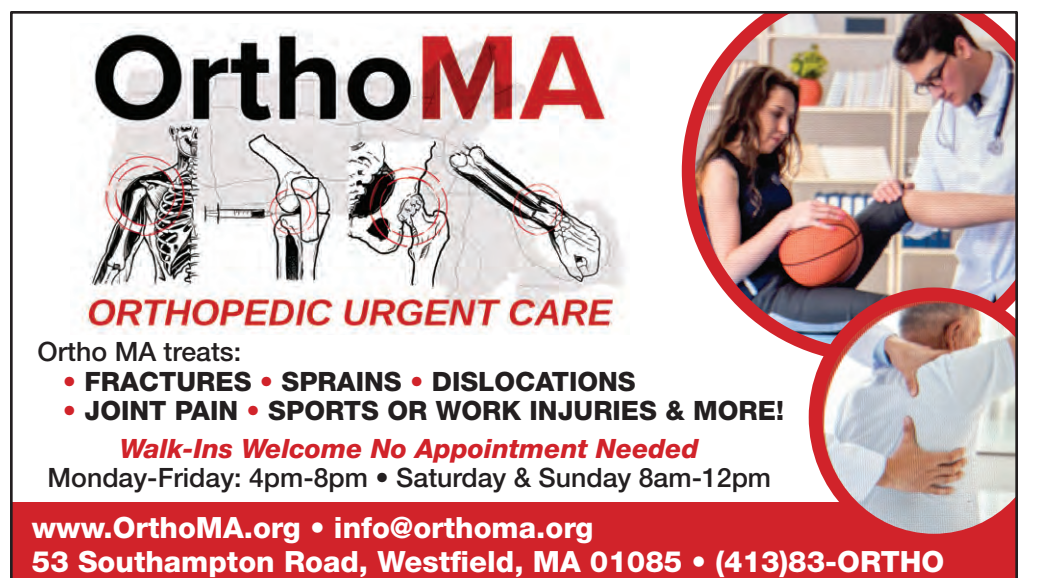
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GUEST COLUMN



The peony takes the stage in June

As I look out my living room window, I can see the chubby round buds of one of my favorite June-bloomers, the peony. No doubt, the plant will be in full flower just in time for my birthday, as it has for a number of decades.

Read on to learn all you need to know, straight from the archives!

Who doesn't love the peony? Its frilly flowers, fine fragrance and fit form make it a favorite in the June perennial border.

And although it only blooms for a short while, the plant itself is reliably hardy and notably long lived in our climate. In fact, the peony that grows in my garden is one my great grandmother grew in the 1930s!

Here are a few tips to keep your peonies thriving for the next seventy years.

Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually arrive bareroot. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting.

When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and Watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind

that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients.

After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go.

If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural. I have been using a three rung, large tomato cage with success for the last several years. The key is to get the cage in place early!

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost.

If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

By next weekend, I am sure there will be peonies in a vase, perfuming the entire room, just like they have for a number of decades each June...

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



I'm a retired veteran; why must I pay for Medicare?

Dear Rusty:

I'm a retired Navy veteran, who is going to be turning 65 years old this year.

My question is concerning mandatory Medicare sign-up requirements. Why do I have to sign up for Medicare coverage at 65 when I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I turn 67? My Social Security benefits will not pay for my mandatory Medicare because I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I'm 67.

I currently pay for TriCare and utilize my local Veterans Administration medical facilities and referrals for my healthcare. With me turning 65 and having to wait until I'm 67 for my full Social Security benefits, it just seems unfair that I'll have to pay out of pocket Medicare monthly expenses for two years. Is there any way to avoid this unfair penalty?

Signed: Retired Navy Vet

Dear Retired Navy Vet:

First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. Please know that here at the AMAC Foundation we care a lot about our veterans and you may find the "For Veterans" section of our Foundation website interesting – visit www.amacfoundation.org.

Regarding your question, you should be aware that enrolling in Medicare is not mandatory, but there are consequences if you do not enroll when you become eligible, normally at age 65). For one thing, if you are a retired veteran on military TriCare, you will lose your TriCare benefits if you don't enroll in Medicare when you are eligible.

TriCare requires that you enroll in Medicare when eligible. And, since you are not yet collecting Social Security, you will be required to sepa-

rate pay the Medicare Part B premium directly to Medicare; they will bill you when you enroll in Medicare. Another potential consequence is that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are first eligible, you may incur a lifetime late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Part B later.

Something else to keep in mind is that there are two "parts" to Medicare - Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services and Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services – doctors, medical tests, etc. Medicare Part A is free to you, but there is a premium for Medicare Part B (\$185/month for 2025).

Note that you will need to pay a Part B premium as long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (it doesn't go away after you are collecting Social Security, but it is taken from your Social Security payment). And there is no way for you to avoid the Part B premium after enrolling and enrolling in Part B is necessary for you to continue your military TriCare-for-life benefits. Note that Medicare Part A and Part B do not include prescription drug coverage, but your TriCare coverage usually does.

It's important to note that Medicare and Social Security are two independent senior programs with different eligibility rules. As you may know, you can collect early (reduced) Social Security at age 65 (and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your SS payment). But you would be collecting Social Security early and, in addition to a reduced benefit, you would also be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test if you are still working. The SS earnings test limits how much you can earn before some of your SS benefits are taken away if you exceed the earning limit prior

to your full retirement age.

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So, is it unfair that you must pay for Medicare Part B before you are collecting Social Security? Well, I think not, because the two programs are completely independent benefits (the Social Security Administration merely administers Medicare payments as a convenience). Remember your Medicare Part A is free, but you must pay a premium for Part B, and you must take both to retain your military TriCare-for-Life benefits. You can visit this site to see how to pay your Medicare premiums until it is later deducted from your Social Security payment: www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/pay-premiums/online-bill-pay.

Once again, thank you for your service to our country.

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Chicopee High School CLASS OF 2025



It was time for a group photo to celebrate graduation as these newly graduated Chicopee High School students were all smiles with their diplomas.



Chicopee High School Principal Gina Fasoli Figueroa addresses the graduating class.



Valedictorian Jenna Madru provides remarks reflecting on hard work and the last four years.



Graduates wave and give thumbs up as they celebrate receiving their diploma in a few moments.



Hussein Noori shows his Pacer Pride with a big smile.

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thing they've accomplished in the last four years, including being three-time champions of Pride Week and setting school records in sports.

Her message was this. "I know everyone in this crowd is waiting for what's to come for each and every single one of you. Take that knowledge and don't only do it, but excel at it. I'm proud to be graduating today as the president of this class," Wilson said. "Congratulations to Chicopee High School's Class of 2025. I did it, you did it, but more importantly, we did it."

Torres is graduating with a 103.3 GPA and will be attending the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and accepted into the Honors College to pursue chemical engineering, crediting everyone from family and friends to teachers and coaches for their support.



This graduation cap Looney Toons themed and said "That's All Folks."

"You all have truly made my high school experience have meaning to it. Going from an interrupted middle school experience to high school, I did not have many friends and familiar faces around me my freshman year. I had a blank slate to learn about new people and diversify my relationships. Some of my closest friends today I met through track and field and I want to recognize the loving, supportive community that I was a part of the last four years of track," Torres said.

Madru is graduating with a 104.6 GPA and will be attending Northeastern University to study data science and business administration in the Honors Program, noting one defining trait of the class was hard work.

While noting her perspective on hard work, Madru said how it "looks different from all points of view."

"I'm also aware of the trials and tribulations that some of you may have faced on your journey to today's graduation. Think of your own high school career. What challenges have you overcome to reach this moment? While academic achievements are important, taking care of a family member, working a job, learning English if it isn't your first language or dealing with mental health issues while juggling high school should be just as celebrated and honored," Madru said.

Fasoli Figueroa shared words from "The Summer Day" by Poet Mary Oliver and reflected on the question, "What are you planning to do with your one wild and precious life?" to the graduates and the challenges of the last four years.

"One answer to Mary



Graduates wave and give thumbs up as they celebrate receiving their diploma in a few moments.



Ashalyn Lopez gives the peace sign and a huge smile in this photo.

Oliver's question has been demonstrated by these students that even in the harshest of conditions, under the most stressful circumstances and surrounding challenges, we all can use your example these last four years to guide us and like fiddleheads in spring, we can, like you, inevitably and courageously unfurl back into the world by

ing, reaching out into the world with our new, unfurled selves. Thank you for showing us how to do this," Fasoli Figueroa said.

She then ended her remarks with these parting words.

"Make your mark, not just with your achievements but with your integrity, kindness and courage. You are



Sophia Guzman poses for a photo after receiving her diploma upon graduation from Chicopee High School.



Tyina Morales walks to the podium as she's recognized during the Gates to Guardians Presentation. Morales will be heading to the U.S. Army after enlisting.



Salutatorian Jomar Torres is presented with his special honors by CHS Principal Gina Fasoli Figueroa with his parents standing beside him.



Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware hugs Class of 2025 President Nyeira Wilson after she introduced him ahead of his remarks.



Graduating students hugged administrators for the final time as they received their diplomas.

cherishing our old friends, forming new bonds and relationships, accomplishing new goals and reaching, reach-

ready, we believe in you and we can't wait to see what you'll do next in your wild and precious life," Fasoli



Kaylee Raineault was among the many graduates of the CHS Class of 2025.

Figueroa said. "Congratulations Class of 2025, go boldly, go proudly and go make a difference. Go Pacers!"



One graduation cap was pink and adorned with the words "Grow and Change."



Graduation cap with Patrick Star from SpongeBob SquarePants saying "Now What?"



Snoor Safaa Ghazi Al-Saedi waves and smiles as she's about to receive her diploma.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jaylanie Nieves

SENIOR, CHICOPEE HIGH SCHOOL

We are so proud of all you've accomplished as a student and athlete. Your strength, kindness, and determination inspire everyone around you. Loved by many — especially your proud Mom, Dad, and sisters. Wishing you all the best in this exciting new chapter!

With Love,
♥ Nieves-Torres Family

Chicopee Academy CLASS OF 2025



Scott Hookailo poses for a family photo after receiving his diploma upon his graduation from Chicopee Academy.



Elimary Ruby Albelo holds her diploma in a family photo after graduating from Chicopee Academy.



Jaelyn Tyson holds up her diploma with a huge smile after graduating from Chicopee Academy.

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“Believe in yourself. That quiet, steady confidence is the foundation of every success that you will achieve. Let me say that again. That quiet, steady confidence is the foundation of every success that you will achieve,” Vieau said. “So, Class of 2025, celebrate this day, cherish your journey and take on what’s next with courage and conviction. May God Bless You and guide you, may your future be bright and Chicopee is cheering you on every single step of the way. Chicopee is your forever home, never forget that. Congratulations.”

Ware encouraged graduates to take their time and cherish the moment as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas.

“When you walk across the stage today, take your time, because your family’s going to act up. They are, they’re going to hoot and holler. They’re going to cry and say, ‘That’s my baby.’ Let them, that’s going to happen,” Ware said. “You’ve done the hard part already. Now, it’s your job to keep going, to keep learning, to keep growing, keep mastering the things that truly matter to you. We’ve given you the tools, because this world needs your voice. The world needs your compassion and the world needs your story. Congratulations to each and every one of you. You’ve already begun mastering life and the best is yet to come.”

After sharing thoughts several students wrote in their end-of-year reflections, Vaillancourt shared how the students taught the educators as well by being themselves, being unique and asking questions.

“As Chicopee Academy students you have never accepted the status quo just because it’s ‘how it’s always been.’ Your curiosity, your challenges, your insistence on understanding the why behind everything—that’s what pushes things forward. That’s what creates change,” Vaillancourt said. “And really, that’s what being a trailblazer is all about—daring to be yourself and refusing to follow the path just because it’s already there. Instead, you question it. You shape it. Or you make a new one. Thank you for these



Mayor John Vieau shakes hands with Elimary Ruby Albelo.

Photos by Kristin Rivers



Alexandra Angelik Silverio Martinez shakes hands with Carol Kruser, assistant superintendent for Student Support Services.



Mayor John Vieau provides remarks on the graduates being trailblazers.



Chicopee Academy Principal Lori Vaillancourt reflects on this year’s graduating class.



Mayor John Vieau shakes hands with Jason Blanton.

lessons. Carry them with you. And keep being a trailblazer.”

Hogan, who paid tribute to several students, noted recurring themes of resilience, determination to succeed, growth and quiet strength and courage.

One student she highlighted was Crystal Berrocales.

“There was a brief moment when you started to drift away, and my heart felt it. But that’s when your true character shone through. Through our conversations, through your willingness to listen and push forward, and through your remarkable resilience, you found your way back. And once you locked in - oh my goodness - there was no stopping you! Completing all your classes by

November 2024. That’s not just impressive; that’s extraordinary,” Hogan said. “Tonight, Crystal, we light the flame - a tradition that symbolizes so much more than just graduation. This flame represents your potential, your passion, and your power to illuminate your own path forward. What you do with this light is now entirely up to you. You can use it to brighten the darkest rooms, to spark change in your community, or to ignite inspiration in others - just as you’ve inspired us.”

Khana shared how Jeremy Martinez was the first in his family to graduate with a high school diploma and had joined the CHS track team nearly two years ago, having known him since seventh grade.

“With their support and blessings you have blossomed into a young man of integrity who has the ability to approach life with confidence and resilience,” Khana said. “The other word for Life is growth or transformation and you, Jeremy, have embodied it from year to year. No matter how tough your day may be, always start with a positive thought, “Everything is good and destined. I can handle more than I think I can. I have my health, my willpower, a kind heart, and a smile to lighten any heart. Happiness is my birthright.”

Sullivan, a special educa-

tion teacher at Chicopee Academy for 22 years, recognized Juan Salas, who later returned to school after junior year.

“That letter that you typed to me thanking me for not letting you drop out, and helping you achieve your diploma brought me to tears. I told you then that I couldn’t wait to see you walk across that stage at your graduation, and now that time is here. You did it!!! Juan, you will forever hold a special place in my heart. I wish you nothing but the best in life,” Sullivan said.

Johnson, meanwhile, paid tribute to Alex Rivera, who he first met as a counselor at

Chicopee Academy Middle School when he was in seventh grade.

“What makes today even more special is knowing that Alex is one of the few to come up through the Academy Middle School and finish. This is a testament to his dedication and perseverance towards graduating. The path wasn’t always straight, and there were certainly detours along the way, but you never lost sight of the destination, Alex. When others might have given up, you pushed forward. When the challenges seemed insurmountable, you found a way over, round or through

them,” Johnson said.

Vice Principal Chris Nadeau shared this class was “a special class” as they started their journey together four years earlier at Chicopee High and ended at Chicopee Academy, just like he did.

“I know the adversity that all of you have overcome to get to this milestone and I’m incredibly proud of you,” Nadeau said.

The graduates then walked across the stage beaming with pride as they received their diplomas, marking the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another.



Josiah De Jesus shakes hands with school administrators upon receiving his diploma.



Chicopee Academy Graduation Vice Principal Andrea Hogan hugs Ahsem Mahdy as Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware and Mayor John Vieau look on.

Chicopee Comprehensive CLASS OF 2025

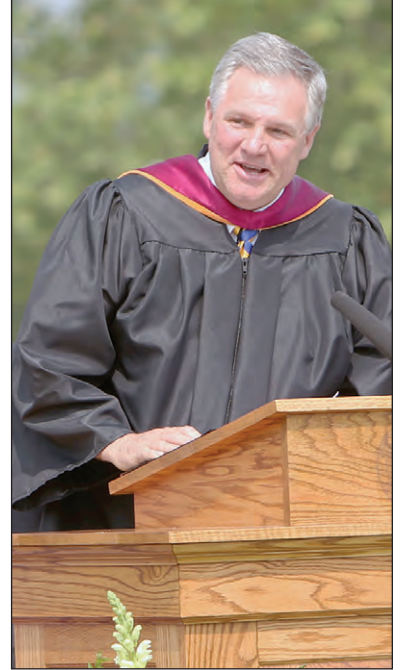


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The CCHS Band plays Pomp and Circumstance as graduates enter.



Class President Taeli Viafara gives welcome speech and thanks her family.



Mayor John Vieau gives greetings.

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ilies, friends and the entire Colt community, we celebrate not just your success over the last four years, but we're here to celebrate you. Yes, we're celebrating you. Today is all about you," Vieau said. "Comp Colts, your city is incredibly proud of you. This is just the beginning of your journey. Keep going, keep growing and continue to make us proud. Your future is bright and know this. Chicopee is cheering you on every step of the way."

After noting the class's achievements and growth while participating in the varying CTE programs, Ware told the graduates as they move forward for a career, college, the military or something entirely different to "remember that you've set the stage here at Chicopee Comp."

"You learned to build, to fix, to care, to lead and to persevere. You've learned how to show up, work hard and follow through. In a world such as the one we live in today, we need you. We need you as thinkers, makers, doers and dreamers. You are all those things," Ware said. "So, go out there and let the world know that you're a Chicopee Comp Colt and you have something to bring to the table. Push forward like you did in every project that you did and I'm sure you'll be successful."

Banning is graduating with a 103.56 GPA and will attend Stonehill College in the fall to major in business and marketing, stressing to her classmates how learning, asking for help and growing

from mistakes make high school "an extremely valuable time for us."

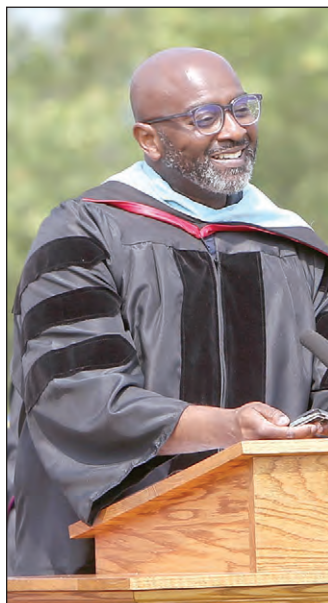
She added how she doesn't view high school "as the best time of our lives" in that "our lives are just getting started."

"High school, while a small and comfortable environment, is extremely limiting. We can learn real-life lessons in high school, but we cannot put them into practice until after we graduate. And as we graduate today, we are journeying into a way of life that allows us to put these lessons into practice," Banning said. "So, no, I don't think high school will be the best time of our lives. It is a good time that serves as the gateway into better times. The best is yet to come, so let the good times roll."

Janik is graduating with a 104.75 GPA and will be attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design to study graphic design and animation and noted greatness is achieved through putting in effort, being true to yourself and loving and appreciating people around you "are what I have lived by throughout my time at Chicopee Comp. and are thus what have made that time so great to me."

He added it's also never too late to start these if one hasn't already.

"Our past may be full of valuable memories and opportunities to reflect on our choices—but the real value lies in our future, for the future is a clean slate. It may be a bit uncertain or even scary, but it can also be full of greatness if we believe it



Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware gives opening speech.



Principal Andrew J. Lamothe introduces Salutatorian Savannah Banning.



Salutatorian Savannah Banning has her parents Scott and Ashley put her medal on her neck.



Mayor John Vieau presents diploma to Juliana Gadouas.

can," Janik said. "So put in the effort. Be true to yourself. Love and appreciate the people around you. And be optimistic—because 'if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.' If I've been able to do it, so can all of us."

Lamothe shared how proud he was of the class and how every accomplishment came through hard work, energy and focus.

"As you step out from these halls, know that you are well-prepared. You've acquired invaluable academ-



Valedictorian Carter Janik is presented with his medal by his parents Sara and Jeffery and brother Dakota.

ic knowledge and practical skills that will be the foundation for your post-secondary futures," Lamothe said. "But I want to leave you with a little advice, echoing some profound lyrics from one of my favorite Dave Matthews Band songs. These

words resonate deeply with the spirit of this class and the journey ahead: 'Keep your head up, Try and listen to your heart, Be kind always, no matter, We all grow up and someday we'll say goodbye, So shine your light while you got one.'"



The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 2025.



Principal Andrew J. Lamothe gives commencement Salutation.



The CCHS Chorus sings "Remember Me" under direction of Ms. Natalia Borowiec.



Valedictorian Carter Janik gives his speech.

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PeoplesBank baseball team grabs win as Tri-County opens season

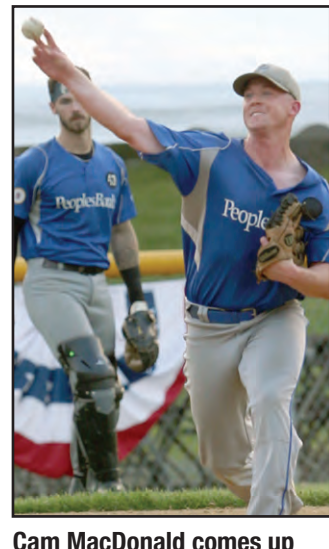
HOLYOKE – The Tri-County Baseball League, which still contains the best quality adult baseball in the region, was back in action last week. Multi-time champion PeoplesBank opened up their season last Thursday at Holyoke’s Mackenzie Stadium and defeated Hilltown Tents 15-5. James Flahive got the win while catcher Pete Hogan homered for the Bankers.



Johnny Gegetskas is safe at home.



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Dave Clark fields a ground ball to second.



Cam MacDonald comes up throwing home.



Cam Rivest catches a fly ball to right.



Catcher Pete Hogan slides safely into third



Lefty James Flahive delivers home.



Laci Lewis looks to deke out an opponent.



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Chloe Laizer gets ready to send the ball away.

Mutiny return home to record win over Eagles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Even though the weather was miserable, it was still an enjoyable evening for the New England Mutiny players and their faithful supporters.

The Mutiny, who scored a pair of second half goals, defeated the Ole’ Eagles, 2-0, in front of a large crowd on a rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday

“It’s always nice to win at home,” said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. “I thought we played very well tonight, especially during the second half.”

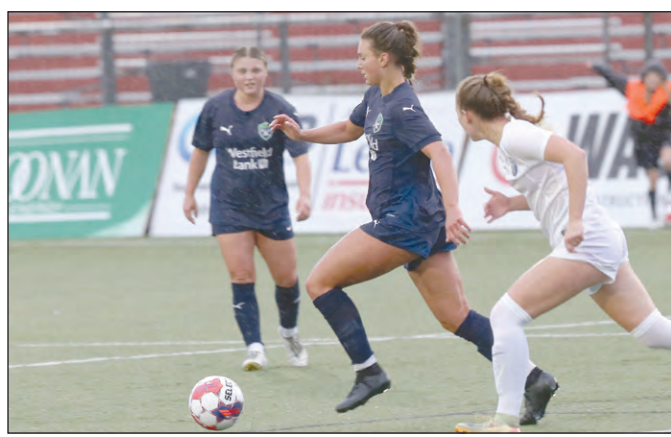
The Mutiny (2-0) began the regular season by posting a 4-1 home win over Maine Footy two weeks earlier. That match was stopped by the referee in the middle of the second half due to a thunderstorm.

The Ole’ Eagles (0-1), who are from Trumbull Connecticut, is a first year member of United Women’s Soccer, which is celebrating its tenth season.

A couple of the Mutiny players saw their first action in the second home match of the regular season.

Chloe Laizer, who’s graduating this week from West Springfield High School, was the starting goalie.

During the second minute



Laci Lewis looks to deke out an opponent.

of the first half, Alexa Pino fired a shot from the left side of the box, but Laizer made the diving save keep the visiting team off the scoreboard.

“This was my first start with the Mutiny, and I was a little bit nervous before the game. I had a lot more confidence after making the early save,” said Laizer, who’ll be a freshman on the St. Michael’s College women’s soccer team in the fall. “Playing a game in the rain and wind is very challenging, especially as a goalie.”

Pino, who’ll be a freshman at the University of South Carolina in the fall, is the two-time Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year.

The Mutiny back-up goalie was Maddie Riley, who’s a member of the girls’ varsity soccer team at Ludlow High School.

Both teams had several

corner kicks during the first half, but the match was still scoreless at halftime.

The Mutiny finally broke the ice with a corner kick goal in the 56th minute.

Avery Galante sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Maya Mathis, who’s a defender, sent a shot into the back of the net past goalie Emily Robinson for her first goal as a Mutiny player.

“Avery and I are best friends. We used to play on a club soccer team together,” Mathis said. “My younger sister, Sadie, was also on the field when I scored my goal, so it was very exciting sharing that moment with them.”

Maya Mathis, who graduated from Acton Boxboro Regional High School, was a

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Western United Pioneers celebrate 37 graduating seniors



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Several outgoing seniors were honored at a recent Pioneers game.

By Abigail McCoy
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LUDLOW — The evening of May 31 was filled with pride, emotion, and celebration as the Western United Pioneers Football Club honored 37 graduating seniors during a special halftime ceremony at historic Lusitano Stadium. Held under the lights and light rain, the event brought together families, coaches, alumni, and soccer fans to recognize the achievements of student-athletes who have helped shape the club’s legacy.

“These individuals have been more than just players on the field,” said Western United Pioneers FC President Carlos Chaves in his opening remarks. “They have been ambassadors of the club and pillars of our community. Their dedication, passion, and sportsmanship have left an indelible mark on our organization.”

The evening’s recognition ceremony honored graduating players from the club’s junior academy, many of whom are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Chaves emphasized that the event was more than a send-off, it was a celebration of personal growth, commitment, and the role these players have

played in the club’s success.

Among the honorees were standout players such as Chloe Laizer, Abigail Toomey, and Hudson Manzolini. One graduate, Chloe Laizer, was even the starting goalkeeper for the night’s match with the New England Mutiny, the region’s senior women’s professional team that shares a deep connection with the youth academy.

“Most of the women on the Mutiny roster are NCAA Division I collegiate athletes,” Chaves explained. “And Chloe, a high school senior, started in goal tonight. That tells you what kind of talent and commitment we’re celebrating.”

Founded with the mission of developing young talent, the Western United Pioneers program today serves around 800 athletes, half boys and half girls, from ages 4 through high school. The program has grown into a vital part of the regional soccer landscape, nurturing talent and fostering community spirit.

“Tonight is about all 37 of our graduating seniors,” said Chaves. “Whether they’re going on to play in college or moving forward in life in other ways, we’re proud of them. We want to recognize the dedication and

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Those honored had been part of the Pioneers youth program.

passion they’ve shown not just to the sport, but to our community.”

Names of all the graduates were read aloud during the halftime ceremony, receiving enthusiastic applause from the packed stands. The full list includes:

Katelyn Gilhooly, Caleigh Foley, Avery D’Amour, Allison Morris, Mia Carvalho, Evan Costa, Sophia Scyocurka, Brianna Ribeiro, Robert Bustamante, Ethan Sousa, Eleanor Leland, Colette Thayer, Taylor Colberg, Taryn Carrière, Madeline Hockman, Parker Tunley, Gabriella Fialho, Lillian Barkyumb, Derke Lonczak, Ryan

IN THE CITY

First Central Bible Church holding VBS

CHICOPEE - From June 23-27, First Central Bible Church at 50 Broadway Street in Chicopee is bringing Vacation Bible School to local communities.

The program is for children ages three through 12 and runs each evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge.

Throughout the week, kids will embark on an exciting adventure filled with engaging Bible lessons,

high-energy games, creative crafts, worship, and fun activities that help them learn about Jesus and how trusting in Him can help them navigate life.

Registration is required at <https://vbs.firstcentral.church>.

To learn more about First Central, including worship times and all programs available to both children and adults, visit the church at www.firstcentral.church.

Ludlow and Chicopee Knights of Columbus holding Fifth Sunday Rosary

LUDLOW/CHICOP-EE - The Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council 3535 and Chicopee Knights of Columbus Council 18251 will cosponsor a Fifth Sunday Rosary on Sunday June 29 at 12:30 pm at St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee.

This is a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage site allow-

ing participants to perform a plenary indulgence. The prayer service will include the Marian Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year of Hope prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Light refreshments will be served afterward. All are welcome.

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Baublitz, Madison Rathbone, Norah Walsh, Nicholas Byrnes, Matthew Ryan, Loretta Petraszewicz, Carlos David, Thomas Wadas, Otis Chuan, Pasquale D'Ascoli, Helen Vissas, Casimir Pierre, Chloe Laizer, Joey Borelli, Abigail Toomey, Ryleigh Remillard, Fallon Clancy, and Hudson Manzolini.

The evening also marked a confluence of tradition and celebration. Lusitano Stadium, one of the nation's oldest soccer-specific stadiums, served as a fitting venue for such an occasion. Built in the 1920s, the walled stadium is home to both the Western Mass Pioneers (USL League Two) and the New England Mutiny (United Women's Soccer), both of which maintain strong ties to the junior academy.

"What makes this place special is the culture," said Chaves. "It's intimate, it's family-driven. You've got volunteers in the kitchen and at the bar. You've got local beer and Portuguese sandwiches being served. It feels like home."

Despite dreary weather earlier in the day, spirits remained high following the club's spring picnic held before the match. Over 450 players, families, and sup-

porters turned out for the event, which blended the grassroots spirit of the club with the professionalism of a matchday experience.

"Our kids had their picnic in the rain, and then they stayed for the game," Chaves said. "That's what community looks like."

As the Pioneers look to the future, leadership remains committed to fostering talent through experienced coaching and mentorship. The junior program's Director of Coaching, Federico Molinari, brings professional playing experience from Argentina and Italy and also serves as head coach for both the Mutiny and the men's pro team.

"We're a nonprofit, and what sets us apart is the soccer-specific culture and family atmosphere," Chaves said. "We're not just building players... we're building people."

As the night concluded, seniors posed for photos, hugged their teammates, and soaked in the applause one final time as youth players of the Western United Pioneers FC. The send-off was not only a tribute to past accomplishments but a call to future greatness.

"You will always be part of our family," said Chaves. "And we look forward to seeing the amazing things you'll accomplish next."

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member of the UConn women's soccer team during the past two seasons before entering the transfer portal. She'll be joining the University of Kansas women's soccer team this fall.

"I just wanted to make a change and go to a part of the country where I've never been before," Maya Mathis said. "I'm really excited about playing soccer at Kansas."

Sadie Mathis will be playing soccer at Boston College.

About twenty minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul inside the box.

Taylor Jenkins, who also plays at UConn, put the PK into the right corner making the score 2-0.

A couple of local players who played in the home match are Maddy Theriault (Palmer), Tennessee Murphy (Monson) Kylie Ray (Minnechaug), Bella Meadows (Pope Francis/ Chicopee) Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), and Avery Klingensmith (Belcher-town).

The New England Mutiny will be one of the four teams competing in the inaugural Brandi Chastain Cup. The Mutiny will be facing Richmond Ivy of the USL W-league at City Stadium in Richmond, VA. On Thursday night.

"It's really special for us to be regarded as one of the top teams in our league," said Klingensmith, who's a member of the American University women's soccer "We're very excited about playing in that game. The team that we'll be playing has some quality players, so it'll be a challenging match for us."

If the Mutiny defeats Richmond Ivy, they'll be hosting the finals of the Brandi Chastain Cup on June 18 at Lusitano Stadium. The California Storm beat Pan World Elite, 4-1, in the other semi-final, which was held in May.

The Mutiny will also play two regular season road matches against NJ Alliance and the Ole' Eagles before returning home to face Racing Power FC on June 14.

Mayor Vieau and others take home trophies in the Spirit of Springfield Golf Classic

SPRINGFIELD - After a great day at Franconia Golf Course for the Spirit of Springfield Golf Classic, trophies were presented to Chicopee Mayor John Vieau and a team from Yellowstone Landscape.

On Friday, June 6, 2025, the morning started with a putt-off between Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Agawam Mayor Chris Johnson, West Springfield Mayor William Reichelt, Westfield Mayor Michael McCabe, and Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, who took home the Mayor's Cup Trophy. It was his second win in the putting contest which was sponsored by Charlie Arment Trucking.

At the end of the day, it was a team from Yellowstone Landscape who took home the Joe Superneau Award for the lowest score of 56 in the shotgun scramble. The team included Tony Gleason, Jake Ross, Marc Mantegna, and Aaron Smith. Tony Gleason also won Longest Drive in the men's category and Cheryl Clappood cinched it in the women's category. Closest-to-the-Pin honors went to Matt Donnellan.

All the players enjoyed lunch on the course sponsored by the Springfield Thunderbirds, snacks donated by Hilton Garden Inn, and water bottles from the



Springfield Water & Sewer Commission. Besides great memories, they took home gift cards courtesy of the Springfield Business Improvement District, UNO Pizzeria & Grill, and Dunkin', golf balls donated by Eastman - Indian Orchard, and a beautiful Spirit of Springfield travel blanket.

Funds raised at the tournament will be used to support the Spirit of Springfield's annual events. These include the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast, Star Spangled Springfield, Springfield's September 11 Ceremony,



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

City of Bright Nights Ball, Bright Nights 5K Road Race, Bright Nights at Forest Park, military concerts, and more.

The 2026 Spirit of Springfield Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 5 at Franconia Golf Course.

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er residents, but I have some concerns, and I'm hoping this can go to public safety so we can get this reviewed, because I do have some questions about the process, especially with school getting out soon, and this will be all set for the next school year, but make no mistake I want it, but I have concerns."

Laflamme then relayed to the rest of the councilors for this to go to the Public Safety Subcommittee for future amendments and closer inspection. Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky held the decision, and to move forward Shumsky would have to withdraw his original motion, which he noted he was in favor of before and acknowl-

edging that "time is of the essence," signaling a call to action for the proposal to be heard promptly.

From that point, it was a unanimous vote among all, but no date was revealed for when the latest school safety measure would be seen or heard at the Public Safety Subcommittee.

The first to comment on the mayor's order was Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello, who bestowed ample praise to the swift call to action put forth by Vieau.

"This is something that the public has been discussing for a very long time," Costello said. "When people run the red light on school buses, it's a very dangerous situation that people are put in, so I want to applaud your team and yourself for pursu-

ing this and getting this action taken for the safety of our students and the public from the city of Chicopee."

Offering similar sentiments to the flow of support was Shumsky, who revealed a story of caution while stressing the importance of safe and defensive driving among all those on the road and behind the wheel.

"This is a very big win for the city of Chicopee and the overall Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Shumsky said. "I know someone who almost got killed by ignoring a stop sign on a bus and I really hope that this deters anyone from thinking this is a great idea, because it's not. You could kill someone, and I will just say this again, I implore everyone to slow down, look and check your

surroundings because this is life or death."

It should be noted that while all of this is being brought forth, the city remains in contract negotiations throughout various departments, and it just happens that the school bus drivers are affected just as well, which Vieau confirmed that this proposal of newly equipped buses has been added to the new contract.

"It's written into that contract that they would be putting in this equipment along, working with one of the vendors that are on the state bid list to install this process," Vieau said. "Again, thank you to our delegation for turning this statute into a law that's going to protect our students, especially those who ride on buses."

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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, June 25, 2025 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 Chapter 275-52 (B) 3 for the purpose of installing a driveway and storage shed on a vacant lot located at 0 Cherryvale St (Parcel ID 0759-00005). Applicant – Tara & Douglas Furkey, 38 Cherryvale St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

The June 25, 2025 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.

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. 06/06, 06/13/2025

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-36 (C) for the purpose of constructing a duplex behind the rear walls of neighboring residential structures located at 0 Montgomery Street next to 92-94 Montgomery Street (Parcel ID 0230-00033). Applicant-Erik Govoni, 92 Montgomery St., Chicopee, MA 01020

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

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-53 (B) (14) for the purpose of kennel license for 4 pet French Bulldogs located at 25 Mayflower Ave. Applicant – Brittany Morse, 25 Mayflower Ave., 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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**CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
LICENSE COMMITTEE
LEGAL NOTICE**

The License Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Application for a Home Occupation License for the purpose of doing a home office for mobile auto detailing business located at 30 Mt. Carmel Ave. Applicant – Kevin Ortiz, 30 Mt. Carmel Ave., Chicopee, MA 01013.

The June 16, 2025 License Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 06/06, 06/13/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD24P1115EA**

**Estate of:
Gail J Archambault
Date of Death: 03/15/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marybeth Fullerton of East Longmeadow, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marybeth Fullerton of East Longmeadow, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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. 06/13/2025

**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.
HD25C0147CA**

**In the matter of:
Gerardo Betancourt
aka: Geraldo Betancourt
aka: Geraldo Betancourt
Rodriguez
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Gerardo Betancourt aka: Geraldo Betancourt aka: Geraldo Betancourt Rodriguez of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Gerardo Betancourt Rodriguez**

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 07/02/2025.**

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: June 04, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/13/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P1190EA**

**Estate of:
Robert Joseph Champagne
Date of Death: 1/24/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen A Champagne of Chicopee, MA.**

Karen A Champagne of Chicopee, MA

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

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. 06/13/2025

**NOTICE OF
CYBERSECURITY
INCIDENT**

Chicopee - Massachusetts – May 30, 2025 – Mental Health Association Inc. is writing to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have resulted in unauthorized access to some individuals' personal information. While we are unaware of any fraudulent misuse of personal information at this time, this notice is intended to provide details about the incident, steps we are taking in response, and resources available to help protect against the potential misuse of personal

information.

What Happened? On December 2, 2024, MHA discovered that its systems were potentially compromised by an unauthorized actor. Upon discovery of this Incident, MHA promptly worked with their Managed Service Provider (MSP) to secure their systems and engaged a specialized third-party cybersecurity firm to conduct a forensic investigation of its network environment to determine the nature and scope of the Incident.

Based on these findings, MHA decided to proceed with an analysis of the compromised data for any potential sensitive personal information ("PII") or protected health information ("PHI"). On May 20, 2025, MHA finalized the list of individuals to notify. As of this writing, MHA has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (December 2, 2024 to present).

What Information Was Involved? Although MHA has no evidence that any sensitive information has been misused by third parties as a result of this incident, we are notifying you out of an abundance of caution and for purposes of full transparency. Although the information varies by individual, based on the investigation, the following information may have been subject to unauthorized access: Name, Address, Social Security Number; Financial Account Information; Date of Birth; Driver's License Number, Medical Diagnosis/Condition, Medication, Medical Record Number, and other Medical Information.

What We Are Doing? MHA is committed to ensuring the privacy and security of all personal information in our care. Since the discovery of the Incident, MHA has taken and will continue to take steps to mitigate the risk of future issues. Specifically, MHA has engaged a specialized cybersecurity firm to conduct a forensic investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. Also, MHA disconnected all access to our network, restored operations in a safe and secure manner, enhanced our security measures, and took steps and will continue to take steps to mitigate the risk of future harm.

What You Can Do: We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious or unauthorized activity. Additionally, security experts suggest that you contact your financial institution and all major credit bureaus to inform them of such a breach and then take whatever steps are recommended to protect your interests, including the possible placement of a fraud alert on your credit file. In light of the incident, we provided affected individuals with certain categories of sensitive information impacted with complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services.

Other Important Information:

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this notice. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 855-260-8288 (toll free) Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (excluding U.S. national holidays).

MHA sincerely regrets any concern or inconvenience this matter may cause and remains dedicated to ensuring the privacy and security of all information in our control.

Sincerely,
Mental Health Association Inc.
06/13/2025

**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 June 13th 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be



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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.

2011 Nissan Maxima
VIN: 1N4AA5AP4BC857438
Jesenia Rivera
300 Walnut St., Apt. 707
Holyoke, MA 01040

2006 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF1SG65696H750291
Shunta Brintley and
Phoebe Brintley
911 Main St.
Worcester, MA 01610

2000 Honda Accord
VIN: JHMCG6690YC035454
Stephen Kuy
559 S Canal St., Apt. 634
Holyoke, MA 01040

2014 GMC Terrain
VIN: 2GKFLWEK7E6274507
Wilson Ramon Paulino
22 Hanover St., Apt. B
Nashua, NH, 03060
05/30, 06/06, 06/13/2025

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Tyler James Fandell
410 Conestoga St.
Windsor, CT 06095

2003 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GD67503G510602
Lindsey Tara Giberson
51 Pine Tree Rd.
Albrightsville, PA 18210

2007 Acura MDX
VIN: 2HNYD28367H505428
Jayliz Magana
49 Allendale Rd.
Hartford, CT 06106

2007 Honda CR-V
VIN: JHLRE485X7C097039
Glorivee Delgado
14 Roxbury Rd.
East Hartford, CT 06118

2006 Hyundai Elantra
VIN: KMHDN46D86U288870
Diabolique Fogle
51 Vinton St., Apt. 1
Springfield, MA 01104

2010 Acura TSX
VIN: JH4CU2F6XAC025768
Elijah Lamar Richardson
109 Babcock St., Apt. 2
Hartford CT 06106
06/13, 06/20, 06/27/2025

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

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2010 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1AB6APIAL640738
Amy Lynn Wintch
3 Old Chester Rd.
Huntington, Ma 01050

2008 Toyota Sienna
VIN: 5TDZK23C28S122869
Lisa Jarvis
7 Ludlow Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2004 Freightliner Conventional
VIN: 1FUJA6CK54DM34178
Ip Express LLC
949 Olive St 2nd Fl
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

2009 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 5FNRL384X9B036607
Jose Vallecastro
595 E 170th St., 5N
Bronx, NY 10456

1995 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCE6649SA001030
Roxanne Rodriguez
178 Florence Rd., Apt. 3C
Florence MA 01062
06/06, 06/13, 06/20/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P1110EA**

**Estate of:
Thomas Glenn Laughlin
Also Known As:
Thomas G. Laughlin
Date of Death: 11/09/2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathleen Marie Laughlin of Chicopee, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kathleen Marie Laughlin of Chicopee, MA

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

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. 06/13/2025

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Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P1237EA**

**Estate of:
Edward Piedra
Also known as:
Edward David Piedra
Date of Death: 12/15/2024
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 **Stephanie Piedra of South Hadley, 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: **Stephanie Piedra of South Hadley, 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 07/08/2025. 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.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

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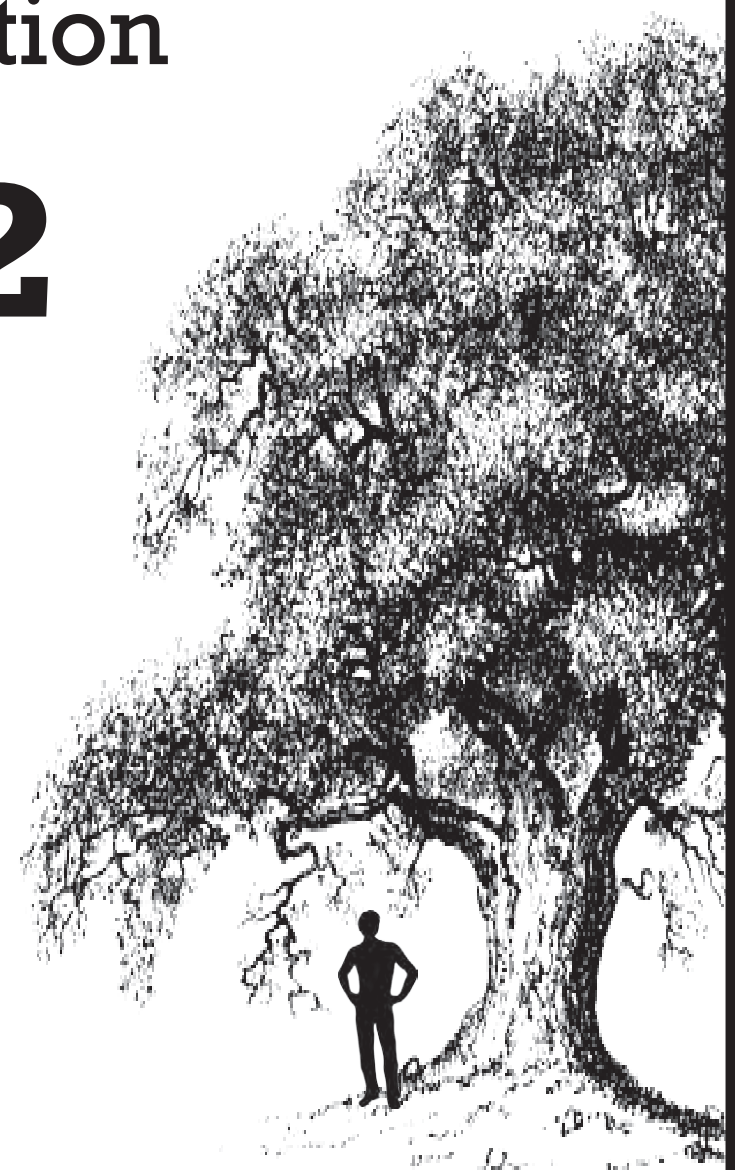
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