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From the left, City Clerk Keith Rattell, Mayor John Vieau, Fire Lt. Gregory Pray, Fire Capt. Nicholas Brown, Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski, Deputy Fire Chief Douglas Sanford, pose for a group photo with the children of Pray and Brown.

City hosts flag-raising to celebrate Juneteenth



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Cultural Consultant Ayanna Crawford gives speech recognizing the history behind Juneteenth after receiving the proclamation from Vieau.

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – On June 18 Mayor John L. Vieau, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, Cultural Consultant Ayanna Crawford, Virna Langford, special guests, and members of the community gathered to raise the flag in celebration of Juneteenth.

Vieau opened the ceremony saying, “We do this ceremony because this Juneteenth flag raising is really a significant symbol of what this country is all about. Here in Chicopee, we’re always working together to build a community where every voice is valued, every story is heard, and every child grows up knowing that they belong. Inclusivity in Chicopee is very important.”

Crawford then spoke after receiving the Proclamation from Vieau, “Juneteenth, also known as Free-

dom Day, or Emancipation Day, commemorates the effects of slavery in the United States. It is celebrated on June 19, marking the day in 1865 when union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of enslaved people two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This day is a powerful symbol of long and enduring journey towards freedom, equality for African Americans. And so, we celebrate the freedom of not only African Americans, but the freedoms that we all have as Americans. And I’m just as American as anyone. And I always state that, as an educator, as a mother and as someone that was born in this America, that is important for us. And so, we celebrate again, in all cities and towns, the significance of

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CFD celebrates promotions of firefighters

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CHICOPEE - The fire department celebrated the promotion of two of their members in a ceremony at City Hall Auditorium on June 11.

Nicholas Brown was promoted to captain and Gregory Pray was promoted to lieutenant.

Mayor John Vieau noted the importance of leadership. “Right here, when it

comes to public safety, I think we’ve been blessed with great leaders under our Fire Chief Dan Stamborski and also our Deputy Chief (Douglas) Sanford,” Vieau said.

Vieau said the city “is committed to keeping this community safe.”

“Something that we take a lot of pride in—and I know all of you do—when I look around the room at our firefighters who are also on our ambulance service, when someone calls and they’re at their worst, you know what

happens? Someone shows up at your door. They’re at their best when they show up and that’s you. Always ready, so thank you for what you do,” Vieau said.

Vieau then offered praise to Brown and Pray.

“I hold every single employee to a high standard, especially our first responders who represent the city and I’m excited about this new opportunity for you,” Vieau said.

Chief Daniel Stamborski shared how “these are proud

moments for us in the fire department.”

“These two gentlemen worked very hard to maintain the scores that they did and be sitting here today,” Stamborski said. “We have a great deal of confidence that they’ll do a great job as supervisors and leaders.”

He then noted the other firefighters in the room showing their support.

“This is what it’s all about.”
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Community celebrates Pride at Fifth Annual Pride Festival



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A group of attendees with State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), Mayor John Vieau and MC Ruby Monroe posing for a group photo during the sashay at this year’s Pride Festival in Chicopee.

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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at Szot Park on June 14 for the Fifth Annual Pride Festival in celebration of Pride Month.

The festivities featured remarks from Chicopee Pride Committee Chair Ray Hoess-Brooks, MC Ruby Monroe, Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), poetry read by Lee Desrosiers and Sally Bellerose, music from Torie Jock & Damage Control, Who.iAm and Thraxx and DJ Greebles, drag king and queen performances by Vanessa Valo, Izzy Dunraven, Mz. October May-Lay, Harry Scruff’s and Tito

Midnight, a Queer Elder Tent with Cindy Valentine and Bob McCarroll, an “In Memory of Stonewall” tent, an all-inclusive sensory tent, a #SelfieTent, a Pride in Diversity: An Exhibit on LGBTQIA+ Disability Inclusion and over 50 vendors.

Also, the sashay with two winners crowned for best sashay performance.

Vieau encouraged attendees “to be super proud of you” and “don’t let anyone ever—ever—take that away from you,” stressing support to those he knows who are part of the community.

“There’s a pole that holds the LGBTQ+ pride flag up at city hall plaza right now, and you know what that pole is? That pole is not just me—but

it is part me—it’s the city of Chicopee. We hold the flag to support the community, so we’re here to kick off Pride,” Vieau said. “I hope it continues to grow under the leadership and guidance of the committee and all those who put in all the work to make these amazing events happen for everyone.”

Gomez said how “It’s such an important day to make sure that we know that in our LGBTQ+ community that we have to protect our trans family too.”

“Growing up, I always had a brother that we always knew he was different but he was afraid to tell us some-

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Flag football camp jumpstarts fall preparations for players

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – During the week of June 9, prior to the end of the school year, the Chicopee High School athletic department hosted a Flag Football camp as an extension to offer vital insight into how the game of football continues to evolve, now at a point considered accessible to all.

In addition, last season the Pacers finished their hard-fought season by going 5-6, but now the focus turns

to the goal of increasing roster numbers as the fall season is right around the corner, with notable players returning, such as quarterback Braden Siano who will be a junior this season along with returning key role players such as Luis Rivera Estrada and Tariq Marsh, both will be seniors who are looking to leave everything out on the field, while understanding a point of leadership is going to be expected and relevant during their last chance at playing the game they love.

“It’s going to feel sad, playing my last senior year, and especially my last senior game,” Estrada said. “But I feel this event is about helping everyone get better, and keeping our focus together, while seeing who is willing to play, while remembering to have fun.”

Offering similar thoughts was Marsh, while confessing what the main component of Pacers football entails.

“I feel this is a great experience to bond with my teammates while having the ability to bridge and introduce football to a new generation,” he said. “Pacer Pride is what we’re known by, and we’re proud to represent at the highest level at all times.”

The open-to-all after-school program was built and led by Pacers head coach Alex Efstratios, along with assistant coaches Mel Sasser and Stephen Comee, who all felt it was a smart decision, as roster numbers have shown a steady decline in recent years.

“Simply, our numbers have been down these past three to four years, but it’s positioned to try to appeal to the students and offer a point of introduction about the football program we have here at High and how we continue to build, but we needed to pivot and find a new sense of recruitment,”

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

The training session helped players heading into the summer.

IN THE CITY

Pride Month recognized by officials with city hall ceremony



Ray Hoess-Brooks, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee, provides opening remarks.

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members, local and state elected officials and many more gathered outside city hall to raise the Pride flag on June 13 for Pride Month.

That same day, attendees also had enjoyed a Flash Tattoo event by Horseshoes and Hand Grenades Tattoo on Center Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and, after the flag-raising at 3 p.m., a Tea Dance/Tanztee event at the Beer Garden at the Munich Haus with DJ Nate D. Also, SunRise Sweets offered a 10% discount through 6 p.m. to customers for a large açai bowl when people used the word "Pride."

Ray Hoess-Brooks, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee, noted the Pride flag has been raised every year in the city since 2016 and opened the ceremony with this.

"I want you to look around you and I want you to identify who is not here and who should be here for next year. Last year, I looked around and said, 'We're going to double this next year.' We tripled it," Hoess-Brooks said.

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) said, "We are standing here in solidarity in recognition of the LGBTQ community, the milestones, the achievements and to re-



A group photo of the attendees at the Pride Month Flag Raising outside Chicopee City Hall on June 13.

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member why we're here." "Everyone regardless of where you're from, who you love, how you identify yourself, you are welcome, you are respected and you are loved. We appreciate you, our diversity is our strength," Arriaga said. "Let's continue. We know we've done a lot of good work, there's a lot more work to be done. We're very fortunate to be in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where we have a lot of rights and liberties and we are protected here. Other states in the nation, not so much, and we understand the political landscape and how that can look and how intimidating and scary and nerve-racking that can be."

State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) shared he was proud to hold the Pride flag and hire and have staff members who are part of the LGBTQIA community.

"In celebrating 250 years of the beginning of democracy and the Commonwealth with the rest of the nation, this is the reason why we need to stand here together, arm in arm, hand in hand," Gomez said. "When the parade comes, I'm making it known that I'm going to be marching in that parade. I'm going to be walking hand in hand and marching down the streets here in Chicopee and working with you guys because why wouldn't I? Because we know what we're



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Jeffrey Hoess-Brooks and Mayor John Vieau smile with the mayor's proclamation for Pride Month with Ray Hoess-Brooks, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee, beaming in the background.

up against."

Mayor John Vieau affirmed the city stands with the LGBTQIA community, saying, "You're our neighbors, you're our friends and you're our family and Chicopee is home to all" and "We stand committed to being strong allies, advocates and, of course, friends forever to the community."

"To those who live here and those who are just visiting us today, I hope you feel welcomed. You're valid, you're seen and you're loved. Remember to celebrate your authentic self," Vieau said.

Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), explained she and Oliveira have

family members who are part of the LGBTQIA community, reminding attendees that "we've come a long way even though we're in an uncertain time right now."

"There was a time when coming out was illegal. My uncle was one of those people. He got married, he had eight children, he supported them and then he just couldn't live that way anymore. He wanted to come out and he did and unfortunately, he lost his life in 1987 to the AIDS virus," Pickering said. "I just think it's wonderful to sit here today--or stand here today--and remind ourselves that we've come out of some dark times and we have been able to do much better. We have better medication, we have better access. Not everywhere, but I think it gives us something to aspire to and continue to aspire to. So, I'm very happy and proud to be here with you today. I look forward to standing with you and coming to your parade. Thank you very much for all your work."

After highlighting the LGBTQIA history in his proclamation, Vieau then presented the mayor's proclamation to Hoess-Brooks' husband, Jeffrey, who then cranked the lever to raise the Pride flag.

Planning Director Lee Pouliot, the ceremony's keynote speaker, encouraged attendees "to take some time to communicate and share a



Planning Director Lee Pouliot, pictured here with his husband and son, reflects on Pride Month and supporting the LGBTQIA community, including families.



Jeffrey Hoess-Brooks cranks the lever to raise the Pride Flag in Chicopee as attendees cheer.

moment with members of the LGBTQ+ community" and "to understand what makes us proud and what our challenges and struggles are."

Pouliot then shared he had donated the Pride flag to the city when it was first flown in 2016 in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, FL, that year.

"I asked Mayor Kos to do something here because it just didn't seem right that a tragedy like that had happened and we didn't have any recognition here in the city and he gladly accepted the flag and I'm very happy that Chicopee has followed through in doing an event every year," Pouliot said. "I'm very happy to see that we have an official nonprofit

organization and that Pride is growing. It's always wonderful to be able to participate."

He said it was also special to have his husband and son with him that day for the ceremony, also noting the political climate and stressing the power of diversity.

"I challenge you all to hold our leaders--particularly our elected leaders--accountable and push them to protect this community and all other communities that feel risk, that feel challenge and are dealing with a cloud over their head every morning," Pouliot said. "Because if we can remove that cloud, just imagine how much more we can accomplish locally and can accomplish at the global scale."



Belchertown Public Schools School Choice PROGRAM 2025-2026 School Year

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade K	2	Grade 7	10
		Grade 8	10
		Grade 9	5
		Grade 10	5

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a **complete** application is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 18, 2025.**

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on July 18, 2025, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 22, 2025.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownps.org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

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CPD rescues, later adopts cats

CHICOPEE - A few weeks ago a resident located two cats that were abandoned.

A call was placed to T J O'Conner to come and take the cats in an attempt to locate the owner. The owners were not able to be located and the cats were put up for adoption.

We are happy to say that Ofc. Paquin and Sgt. Lyman have adopted both kittens and they are now enjoying their new homes.

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CPL Adult Programming for July

CHICOPEE - It's time for Summer Reading at the Library,

Here are some of things that will be happening at the library over the summer. All ages are welcome to join Summer Reading.

We will be having an English Language Conversation Circle for English Language Learners every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. from July 2 - August 27. Emma, an ESOL teacher will lead the class. This is for all levels of learners to practice conversing.

Thursday Night Concerts: All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Concerts are outside, weather permitting unless otherwise indicated. Bring your own seating. Snacks and water are encouraged. Our concerts are supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

7/10-Wildcat O'Halloran-Blues

7/17-Sarah Clay and the Starcats-"Games People

Play" Jazz Program
7/24-Dan Kane Youth Singers (indoors)-a wide variety of musical styles

7/31-Lonesome Brothers-American Roots Rock
8/7-Carrie Ferguson and the Grumpytime Club Band-Family Music

8/14-Sarah the Fiddler-a blend of Classical, Bluegrass and Celtic Music

For Tuesday Talks:
7/15 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a talk about "Creating More Happiness" with life coach Chris Rich

7/22 at 6:30 p.m. Elemental Forces within the Minor Arcana of Tarot with Winifred from Awentree. Registration is required. Register through the Chicopee Library Calendar or call 413-594-1800x3. Bring your tarot deck if you have one.

7/29 at 6 p.m. Catholic Churches of Chicopee with Bob Comeau, a popular local historian and tour guide

This talk is supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the MA Cultural

Council, a state agency.

8/5 at 6:30 p.m. Speed Puzzling Competition (10+) Register through the Chicopee Library Calendar or call 413-594-1800x3. Puzzlers will complete in teams of four.

8/12 at 6 p.m. Coloring for Adults: Van Gogh's Sunflowers with Marie Manley Tucker. Register through the Chicopee Library calendar or call 413-594-1800x3.

As always, the computer lab is available to work on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am - noon and 6pm - 8pm. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry, American Ancestors and HeritageQuest to help you in your search.

If you need technology help, we offer one-on-one computer help on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment.

For more information, email or call the Reference Desk at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org or 413- 594-1800 x3.

Chicopee Public Library hosts summer 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 July 2025, including information about the annual Summer Reading Challenge!

Recurring Events

Outside Musical Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in July. A little bit of storytime, a little bit of a dance party. Join us outside on the back patio under the new shade structure for stories and movement. Geared towards kids ages 2-5, older kids welcome.

Toddler Time will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in July. An open ended playtime for Toddlers to socialize and play! For ages 0-2, no registration required. In the event of bad weather, this program will move into the Children's Room.

Outside Playgroup will be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., July 11, 18 & 25. Play outside at the library! Families are invited to hang out under our new shade structure. Library staff will bring toys and sidewalk chalk. In the event of bad weather, this program will move into the Children's Room Playspace.

Other Events

Join One-Up Games for an afternoon of gaming on Tuesday, July 1 at 2 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.! They'll be hosting their Open Play Arcade at the library, where attendees can enjoy countless games on the latest systems. Each session will last for 90 minutes. Contact the Children's Room or sign up online. You may only sign up for one session. This event is for Kids and Teens ages 8 - 18

Game On! Games and activities for kids ages 6 and up, different themes each week. Thursdays at 2:30 in July. Teens welcome.

July 3 - Board Games & Tabletop Games

July 10 - BIG Games

July 17 - Video Games

July 24 - Playground Games

July 31 - Best of the Summer! Another round of the favorite activities from each of the previous weeks.

Wednesday Event Series
The Poop Museum is coming to the library on

Wednesday, July 2 at 2 p.m.! Join Susie Maguire for a program full of humor and science, all about poop! At The Poop Museum, everyone learns many fantastic, fabulous and fun facts about human, animal and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise. This program is supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Henry the Juggler will dazzle and delight library patrons with his show on Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m. Henry the Juggler (AKA Henry Lappen) is wanted! He is wanted by audiences everywhere for his zany attempts to defy the laws of gravity. He juggles any number of balls, clubs, rings, members of the audience . . . He balances strange items on the tip of his nose. Everything is accomplished wordlessly as Henry uses body language (and road signs!) to express himself. Caution: Henry is known to use innocent bystanders in his act. This show is supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Learn to Hula Hoop with Wildkat Hoops on Wednesday, July 16 at Noon! This all-ages program is guaranteed to get you up and moving.

Kids 5 and up are invited to a Puppet Workshop with Caravan Puppets on Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m. Participants will make a puppet and then everyone will show off their work together in a short skit.

The library will hold a Mess-tival on Wednesday July 30 at 2 p.m. Dress for mess and enjoy a variety of messy outdoor activities.

Teen Programs
All teen programs are for ages 11 and up. Registration is required. Contact the Children's Room or sign up online.

Ever wanted to hammer out some metal? You're in luck! Join Heather Beck for a special workshop just for teens where you'll learn a bit about Metalsmithing and get to hammer out your very own custom bookmark! Monday, July 7 at 4 p.m.

Teens are invited to try Splatter Painting on Tuesday, July 15 at 4 p.m. Create your own unique piece of

gaming themed art! We'll be using negative space to create awesome, colorful splatter paintings. You'll be able to choose from a variety of silhouettes from the fantasy genre, board games, video games, and more! While all effort will be made to minimize mess and washable paint will be used, please make sure to wear clothing you are alright potentially getting a little paint on.

Teens, Make Your Own Plushie on Tuesday, July 29 at 4 p.m. Ever wanted to make a little plushie but not sure how to sew? No problem! This special workshop for teens will go over some basic stitches and then walk everyone through the process of making a simple, yet adorable, plushie! All materials will be provided and you keep your plushie buddy!

Dungeons & Dragons: Mini Adventure Hey, got time for a mini-adventure? Join your fellow party members for a short campaign and help save a trapped wizard! This campaign is beginner friendly and we will be using pre-made characters, so there is no need to bring your own. Dice and character sheets will be provided. Each group will meet twice on Thursday afternoons at 4pm.

Group 1 will meet on July 10 and 17, so please make sure you can attend BOTH days.

Group 2 will meet on July 24 and 31, so please make sure you can attend BOTH days.

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!

Summer is a busy time at the library for all ages. Visit the library website for more info about library events, including programs for adults and Thursday night Concerts. www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org



CPD members enjoy lemonade for a good cause

CHICOPEE - When it's hot you need to stay hydrated! And when the lemonade is great everyone stops by to grab a cup and help support the cause.



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Chicopee Public Library launches shoe drive fundraiser

The Friends of the Chicopee Public Library launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser to raise money to support the Chicopee Public Library

CHICOPEE - The Friends of the Chicopee Public Library is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser beginning July 7 and running through Sept. 8 to raise funds for the library.

The Friends will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will benefit The Chicopee Public Library's special programs.

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at the following collections sites:

- Chicopee Public Library 449 Front St Chicopee
- The Boys & Girls Club 580 Meadow St Chicopee
- The Council on Aging Riverfront Senior Center 5 W. Main St. Chicopee
- Goodworks Coffee House 46 Center St Chicopee

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in develop-

ing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Lisa Pasternak, President of the Friends of the Library. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for library special programs, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need

economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the Friends of the Chicopee Public Library, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world.

About THE FRIENDS OF THE CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Friends are a non-profit group that raises monies through donations and fundraisers (Concerts, Shoe Drive, Golf Tournament, Concession Sales, Raffles just to name a few) to help support the library's special programming and projects that would go unfunded.



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IN THE CITY



By Ellenor Downer

Western bluebird



I received an email in May from a woman, who had a couple of Western bluebirds nest in her backyard birdhouse.

Western bluebirds are small thrushes, who usually perch upright. They are 6 to 7 inches long, larger than a sparrow and smaller than a robin. These bluebirds have thin, straight bills and short tails. The male Western bluebird is shiny blue above with rust orange on the breast and back. The throat is blue in males and the lower belly is whitish. Females are gray-buff with pale orange on the breast. Their throat is gray-buff. They have a blue tint on the wings and tail.

They inhabit open woodlands, both coniferous and deciduous and burned areas. They commonly use bird baths. The female lays two to eight pale to bluish white eggs per clutch. They pounce on the ground when looking for worms and berries. They also catch insects. Their primary diet is insects and berries and will come to feeders for mealworms.

Compared to the Eastern bluebird, the male Western bluebird has a blue rather than the bright white belly like the Eastern bluebird. The orange also extends to the shoulders. Western bluebirds are not typically found in Massachusetts.

Eastern bluebirds

A Barre resident puts out mealworms for the Eastern bluebirds. He has a pair coming to feast on the mealworms.

Mute swans and cranes

A Barre woman reported seeing a pair of mute swans on Long Pond in Rutland. I saw one of the swans this week on the same pond. She also reported seeing a sandhill crane. An Oakham resident thinks a pair of sandhill cranes have nested. He now only sees one in his field or flying overhead between Adams Pond and the Wolf Swamp area of Oakham. The last time I saw a sandhill crane in my hayfield, there was only one. Earlier this spring I saw a two cranes in the field, which is near Wolf Swamp.

Titmouse and robin

An Oakham resident reported, "There was a lot of commotion at the robin nest and I went to the window to see what was going on. A titmouse was gathering the soft fuzzy from under the three eggs. Dad robin came along and drove the titmouse off." She said, "I put out lots of nesting materials, but as always,

someone else's looks better."

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee offer loon facts in their newsletter. The newsletter said, "Generally, loons will remain on the ocean until they reach adulthood at age three. This is not always the case, each year here in New Hampshire, the committee volunteers observe the presence of five to ten immature loons on the lakes during the breeding season. Upon their return as adults, these loons begin to look for a breeding territory of their own."

They will acquire their first territory in one of three ways: by passively replacing a territory owner that has died or is otherwise missing, by establishing a new territory on a lake that is not currently occupied by loons or by fighting and evicting another loon from its territory and taking its place.

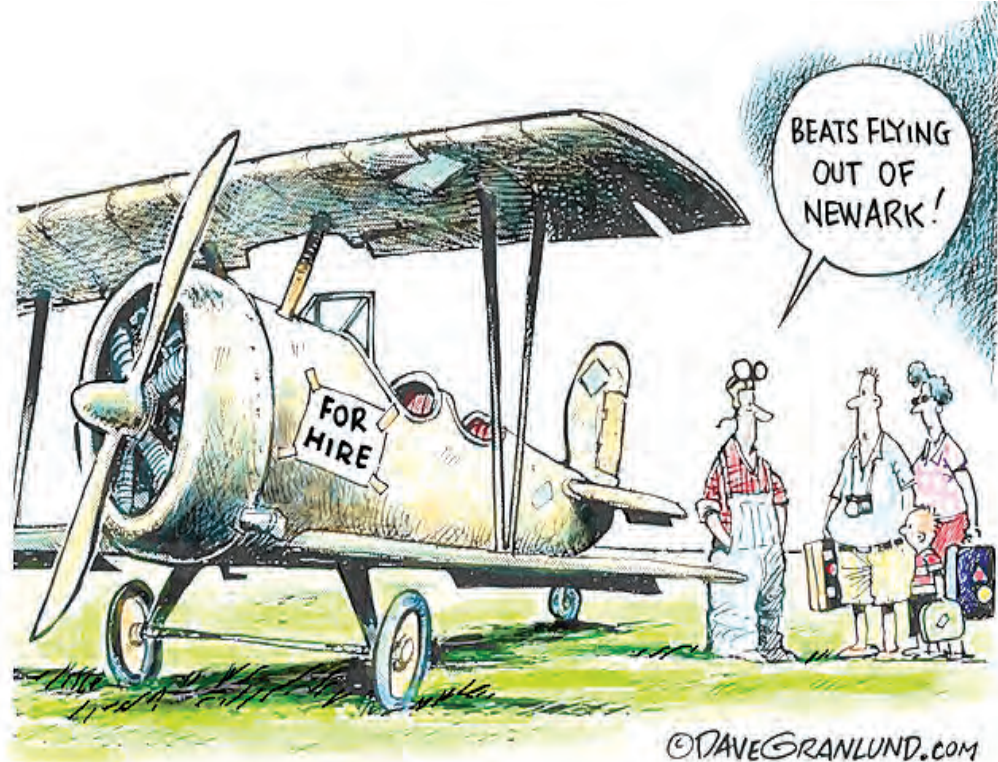
One of the ways a loon can acquire a breeding territory is to intrude upon an already-occupied territory and engage in territorial battles with the member of the pair that is the same sex. If the intruder wins, it will evict the resident loon and take its place as a pair member on that territory.

The article said, "Research has shown that while selecting their first breeding territory, loons tend to look for lakes and ponds that are similar, at least in terms of size and pH, to the lake they hatched on. This may be a result of increased chance of survival due to familiarity, if, as a chick, a loon learned to forage and evade predators on a lake with certain characteristics, it makes sense that it would seek out those same characteristics, to which their skills are well suited, to breed on."

Another factor that has been shown to influence territory selection is previous chick production. Territorial intrusions tend to increase following successful hatches, indicating that loons without a territory of their own may use the production of chicks as an indicator of territory quality and target those successful territories for takeover.

Because they stay on the ocean for the first years of their lives and then must spend time, sometimes many years, acquiring a breeding territory of their own, most loons will not hatch chicks of their own until they are six-seven years old.

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What about non-career Veterans and their VA healthcare?

Dear Rusty:

In your answer to the retired U.S. Navy veteran about why he is forced to enroll in Medicare, you focused on military Tri-Care's requirement for the member to enroll in Medicare. But you said nothing about regular VA health care. If a non-career veteran is eligible for VA health care, couldn't that be used in place of Medicare?

Signed: Veteran Advocate

Dear Veteran Advocate:

Thank you for your feedback. FYI, I have previously explained numerous times that veterans who rely on the VA for 100% of their healthcare can, indeed, disenroll from Medicare Part B (thus saving the monthly Part B premium). I don't personally recommend it because of my personal experience, but it certainly is possible to do so.

Personally, I use the VA for some of my healthcare needs usually an annual checkup and optometry services at my local VA clinic, which is only a mile away from where I live. But for any extensive treatment needs medical tests, etc., I must travel about 40 miles to the nearest VA hospital facility.

For contrast, I have numerous private healthcare services, specialists and hospitals very near where I live, but to use them under the VA I must get VA preapproval and use only certain VA approved



By Russell Gloor

to collect Social Security after age 65, but Medicare Part B coverage is always optional because there is a premium associated with Part B.

A veteran can decline Medicare Part B coverage and save that monthly premium, but they would need to contact Social Security to do so. Social Security will want to interview the veteran to ensure they are aware of the potential financial consequences of not having Medicare Part B. And they may need to file form CMS-1763 Request for Termination. But a non-career veteran can opt out of Medicare Part B if they get all of their healthcare services through the Veterans Administration.

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So, please rest assured that we regularly advise our veterans about their healthcare options under Medicare, including the ability to decline Medicare Part B coverage if they have full VA healthcare coverage. FYI, free Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) is mandatory

providers, which is inconvenient for me.

Personally, I prefer the freedom to go to any healthcare service provider I choose, without restriction, at any time I need to. So, I use my VA coverage when it is convenient for me, but rely also on non-VA, Medicare-approved specialists who I can choose to use or not at will. For me, it's a matter of convenience and the freedom to use whichever healthcare provider I want.

That said, I fully understand that some veterans rely exclusively on the VA for their healthcare needs, and I have explained to many who have written to me that they have that option. I have also published several public articles about this as well. Here is one such article:

<https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-why-should-a-veteran-pay-for-medicare/>

So, please rest assured that we regularly advise our veterans about their healthcare options under Medicare, including the ability to decline Medicare Part B coverage if they have full VA healthcare coverage. FYI, free Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) is mandatory

10 ways to prevent medical errors from happening to you

You count on doctors and hospitals to protect your health. But unfortunately, sometimes the opposite happens. Medical error is now the third leading cause of death in the U.S., according to a study by Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Cancer and heart disease are still the leading culprits. But 250,000 Americans die each year as a result of preventable medical mistakes like post-surgical infections and medication mix ups. What can you do to make sure it doesn't happen to you?

10 Tips for Guarding Against Medical Errors

1. Prepare a proactive medical summary of your health conditions, allergies, physicians and all medications. Show your family where it's kept. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, it can provide the medical staff with crucial information fast.

2. Consult a trusted healthcare professional for recommendations when looking for a new doctor. Don't rely on word of mouth, online reviews or advertisements. Your best path to a quality provider is another provider you know and trust.

3. Avoid hospitaliza-

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

or use foam hand sanitizer before touching you. Wash your own hands frequently; make sure visitors, too. And ask cleaning staff to regularly sanitize objects that others touch.

7. Speak up—politely—if you think something is wrong. Listen to your gut: doctors and nurses are human and can make mistakes. (If all else fails, go up the hospital food chain—ask for a meeting with "risk management" and a hospital care team to discuss your concerns.)

8. It's best not to chat with the nurse when he or she is dispensing your meds; distraction can lead to medication mistakes. Take care to know your pills in every way possible. Ask the nurse to review each pill with you before you swallow it.

Exercise vigilance especially during the admission and discharge process. The potential for errors is most likely to occur during the transition process to get you admitted or discharged.

10. Obtain copies of your written discharge instructions. Make sure you completely un-

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Walters convicted on charges of first-degree murder, armed carjacking

SPRINGFIELD - Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni announced the conviction and sentencing of Kaysone Walters, 37, of Springfield. A Hampden County jury found Walters guilty of first-degree murder in the killing of 25-year-old Brienne "Bri" Boiselle.

On Friday, June 6, 2025, the Court sentenced Walters to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on the first-degree murder charge. On the charge of armed carjacking, Walters was sentenced to 18-20 years concurrent with the murder charge.

The verdict follows a meticulous investigation and prosecution that spanned multiple agencies and demonstrated exceptional interdepart-

mental collaboration.

At approximately 8:55 p.m. on August 11, 2021, the Springfield Police Department was notified of a stabbing victim on Baldwin Street in Springfield. Officers arrived on scene and found an unresponsive female victim suffering from stab wounds. Officers attempted first aid, however the victim succumbed to her injuries at the scene. The victim was identified as Brienne "Bri" Boiselle, 25, of Chicopee.

Boiselle was attending college classes in furtherance of her goal to join the medical field. She always had a backpack with her to carry her laptop to complete her coursework, and her Nintendo Switch to game with her friends on the

go or at home. Evidence presented at trial showed that the defendant set Boiselle up for a robbery, lured her away from a more public meeting area, and that Boiselle resisted him in some way. She sustained 56 identifiable stab wounds and had defensive wounds to her left arm and hand. She was found face down in a small lot on Baldwin Street.

After the attack, the defendant stole the vehicle Boiselle had arrived in, drove it to Chicopee, and set it on fire. Her Nintendo Switch was later discovered inside a dresser drawer in the apartment the defendant shared with his girlfriend, alongside his wallet and ID.

Springfield homicide detectives under the direction of

Captain Trent Duda identified Walters as a suspect, and on August 17, 2021, obtained an arrest warrant for Walters. At the time, he could not be found and was believed to have left Massachusetts.

Springfield detectives working with U.S. Marshals, the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, and the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, discovered Walters was in Lakeland, Florida. He was located and apprehended as a fugitive from justice on October 7, 2021.

The Springfield Police Department's Homicide Unit conducted extensive interviews, canvassed neighborhoods, reviewed countless hours of surveillance footage, and processed a wide array of

electronic evidence. Springfield officers also obtained critical information from companies such as Nintendo and Apple, which contributed to building a comprehensive picture of the defendant's actions and movements.

The Chicopee Police Department and Chicopee Fire Department provided key support throughout the investigation, including hours of city surveillance footage and emergency response to the vehicle fire connected to the crime.

The Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab played a pivotal role in identifying male DNA profile found underneath Boiselle's fingernail, as well as the defendant's DNA on the exterior of the front passenger side door of Boiselle's Jeep.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni said, "This was a calculated and deeply violent act that ended the life of a young woman with her future ahead of her. We are grateful to the jury for their careful consideration and for delivering a verdict that brings justice to all who knew and loved Bri."

Gulluni added, "I want to thank Assistant District Attorneys Max Bennett, Kerry Koehler, and Michael Locke for their thorough casework and determination from start to finish. I'd also like to thank Victim Witness Advocates Jane Chevalier and Kristin Welch, whose compassion and support guided the victim's family through an incredibly difficult process."



Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski provides remarks on the promotions of Nicholas Brown and Gregory Pray.



Sarah Brown pins Nicholas Brown after his promotion to captain in the Chicopee Fire Department.



City Clerk Keith Rattell reads the oath as Gregory Pray holds up his hand upon being promoted to lieutenant.

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State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) from the Massachusetts State House, followed by Lamari Jackson, legislative director for State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), presenting proclamations on behalf of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh stressed the importance of this celebration.

"So, it's a really rigorous process. There's months and months of studying and there's a written exam. Then for some of them, there's also an assessment center process, followed by a rigorous interview process and then finding candidates..." Collins-Kalbaugh said. "We're

celebrating their hard work, but also that we're going to have two great new officers responding to emergencies here in Chicopee."

Collins-Kalbaugh explained for the promotions there was, also, a vacancy when Capt. Richard Roy retired, which led to Brown's promotion, followed by the lieutenant opening, which will now be filled by Pray.

"We anticipate that both of these officers are going to do a really great job representing the fire department every day that they come to work," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

She was also happy to see the community support on Brown and Pray's big day.

"Everyone's happy for these members that they get to celebrate the success of all their hard work," Collins-Kalbaugh said.



A group photo after the promotions of two members of the Chicopee Fire Department on June 11, comprised of members of the fire department and their families, local elected officials, representatives for state elected officials and more.

Vieau's message was this about the fire department.

"We're excited about technology advancement, promotions in leadership, it's what it's all about, and having that opportunity to be able to come in as a firefighter and

work your way--all the way up --to captain, deputy chief and chief someday is something very special about our city, and I'm thankful for that," Vieau said. "There's always this wonderful opportunity to grow and advance and

I take a lot of pride in what they do. They're very good at it. So, Chicopee's bravest right here in two new leaders."

Collins-Kalbaugh's message was this. "They've had to work

really hard to get these promotions today, so we are just so grateful for their hard work and are grateful for the leadership that they are going to bring to the community," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

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Understand your follow-up plan after a doctor's visit, emergency room visit or hospitalization. Know what medications you'll be taking and how often, and when to follow up with your physician. It sounds obvious, but in one recent study, 54% of discharged patients couldn't accurately recall their follow-up instructions!

Why Medical Errors Happen

The modern healthcare system is remarkably complex, and patients are no longer held firmly at its center. Various factors have contributed to an environment where mistakes are more likely to occur.

For example, hospitals are trapped between tight financial constraints and attending to patients. Often, they're under pressure to discharge patients quickly—sometimes too early—to free up beds. Many hospitals are chronically understaffed with regards to nurses (the patient's primary point of contact!) and support staff (like janitors, charged with the very important job of keeping the hospital clean).

It's no better for physicians, who are continuously pulled in multiple directions. Today's doctor spends hours documenting health records and completing insurance forms—time that once was directly devoted to patients. At the same time, they're re-

imbursed by health insurers at ever-shrinking rates, even as their malpractice insurance premiums soar.

This is why many doctors are increasing their patient load or relying on less-qualified Physician Assistants to handle their caseload. End result: less one-on-one time with patients and a greater risk of something falling through the cracks.

For all these reasons, patients and their families need to take a more active role in managing their healthcare. They need to be informed and vigilant. They need to be ready to advocate for themselves whenever necessary.

Of course, it's impossible to eliminate 100% of your risk of becoming a victim of medical error. But by paying attention and speaking out, you can vastly improve your odds.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of Northshore Patient Advocates LLC (NShore). She is also founder and CEO of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

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African Americans, but also the joyous occasion that now we are not shackled we're not bounded and we're not in servitude to anyone else, that we have the freedom and the rights as anyone in this country. And so, I wanted to make sure I pointed that out, as an educator, as a mother, as a grandmother, that is so significant. And we all have traditions, right? We all have wonderful things that we contribute. But this is very important that we celebrate and that we understand. So, I would ask that you would continue to do your own research on Juneteenth and the ways that we celebrate it around the country." Langford then shared her poem called, "We Are Not Our Ancestors" with the crowd.

Then Ware spoke about the importance of inspira-

tion, "One of the things that I want the young people to know is who you see standing up here is that you could be standing up here too. This is hard work; however, it is not impossible. And day after day you may here messages that make you feel it's impossible or improbable but neither one of those words should be in your vocabulary. I can and I will, should be in your vocabulary. I would like to remind everyone that in a time like this we should pause and reflect tomorrow, when we have it as a federal holiday and remind ourselves why we should talk about it."

After the ceremony Crawford told us about receiving the proclamation and what Juneteenth means to her, "It was wonderful. It's such a great way to celebrate and recognize the significance of Juneteenth and to proclaim it for today in Chicopee is such a great thing. I think today is



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Virna Langford reads poem, "We Are Not Our Ancestors."

about education, reflection, understanding our history is a shared history. And wanting people to take their own leap of faith and understanding, you know, what has happened to our African Americans here in America. And how racism, slavery is ingrained in our American society, and

we can't forget that. We have to reflect on it. We have to honor it, and we have to move forward and know that our brothers and sisters of the African American race are just as brilliant, just as capable, and just as worthy as everyone. I think the message is education, reading about his-



Mayor John L. Vieau gives speech recognizing and honoring Juneteenth and all the holiday celebrates.

not allowing other people to tell you the history of another people. You know, do your own research. And then involve yourself in community events for different cultures so that you can really embody and embrace the wonderfulness of all the cultures of our American society, because

each of us has something rich to bring to society and something rich to embody. And it's so important that we take the time out to go and visit and be a part of cultural events in our community so that we can learn more about our community."



Cultural Consultant Ayanna Crawford, Junior Miss Juneteenth 2025 Tyme Greene, Miss Juneteenth 2025 Tyla Greene and Miss and Junior Miss Juneteenth 2024 Zaniah Estrada-Crapps raise flag in honor of Juneteenth.



Cultural Consultant Ayanna Crawford, Mayor John L. Vieau, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, Junior Miss Juneteenth 2025 Tyme Greene, Miss Juneteenth 2025 Tyla Greene, Miss and Junior Miss Juneteenth 2024 Zaniah Estrada-Crapps, city council members, and community members at flag raising on June 18.

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thing that we knew and something that was evident. That we loved him and we love all of you too," Gomez said. "Us as elected officials, we are here to serve everyone, not just a portion of one. We're here to serve all individuals that are fighting for their rights, fighting for the injustices to make sure that they are seen, they are heard and their voices are taken to the hall down Chicopee Center and also to the Massachusetts State House and to our federal government."

Rayna Brown of Rainbow Face and Body was among the many vendors, giving away free Pride-themed temporary tattoos and face painting.

Brown started face painting when she was 15 years old and has been doing it for over a decade.

"I very much enjoy it. It's something very nice to do in the summer, for festivals, for events, parties. So, anything really that's a good time, I'm there," Brown said.

Brown heard about the event last year and was unable to be a vendor in 2024, but then saw it again this year and applied.

"I'm having a great time, it's a great turnout. There's so many people here and there's



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS
A "In Memory of Stonewall" tent provided the history of the Stonewall riots, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement.

so much to do. So many vendors," Brown said.

She stressed events like this are very important, especially now.

"I think it's important to stand up for your community, for what you believe in and to be human, because that's what we all are at the end of the day is we're just human and that should be celebrated," Brown said.

For McCarroll, the turnout meant a lot.

"I think it's great. It shows the amount of community support that there is in Chicopee," McCarroll said.

McCarroll explained the

Queer Tent was an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and connect about the past and present.

"A lot of young people are accustomed to the acceptance that we have now, where those of us that are up in there in years remember when it was a far-more closeted society and it was far more discrimination. The casual discrimination and even discrimination in law," McCarroll said. "So, it was just to give people--if they were interested--in what it was like in the not-so-good old days."

McCarroll hopes attendees recognize the work put

in by the organizers and the power of coming together.

"It's nice to come together and to celebrate where we're at in this age and to come back for a bigger festival next year," McCarroll said.

Brown's message was this to the LGBTQIA community and allies.

"Thank you for coming. Come next year. Let's just keep having fun and be here for one another," Brown said.

Chris Delozier and Elycia Medina, owner of Timeless Tokes, were among the many vendors at the Pride Festival.



Cindy Valentine points to the year 2004, when the state of Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage. This timeline was on display at the Queer Elder Tent where attendees met with the prior generations before them to share stories about the past.



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Aldenville suffers loss to Northampton



Ryan Netkovick makes a relay throw to first.

CHICOPEE – Last Friday evening in a close game, Aldenville Post 337 American Legion baseball could not hold on to a 1-0 lead or add to it. In the sixth, Northampton would add runs and come away with a 5-2 win at Szot Park.

Aldenville also fell to East Springfield during the past week and are 2-3 on the summer season.

After a night off Friday, Aldenville, which includes players from Chicopee, Holyoke, and South Hadley, is back in action against West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. at Szot Park in Chicopee



Justin Moskal delivers to the plate for Aldenville.



Alex Savlick throws to first for an out.



BRANDON CARILLON SQUARES AROUND A GROUNDER. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Gaines shines for PeoplesBank in win over rival St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—People's Bank, who captured the last eleven Tri-County League championship titles, and the St. Joseph's Baseball Club are scheduled to face each other four times during the regular season.

The first two meetings on the baseball diamond were won by People's Bank without very much trouble.

A week after defeating St. Joe's, 13-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, People's Bank celebrated a 6-1 road victory at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"This is a very big win early season win for us against St. Joe's, who's currently in first place," said People's Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "I thought our pitching and defense was the difference in tonight's game. We also had some timely base hits."

People's Bank, who had two games postponed last week, had a perfect 4-0 record following the road win, while St. Joe's had a 5-2 record.

Each of the five Tri-County League teams gets two points for a victory and one for a tie.

"We always want to beat People's, but they're a very veteran team and we have a bunch of younger players," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes, who shares the coaching duties with Paul Marcinek. "They don't swing at many bad pitches.

They also don't make very many mistakes defensively."

People's Bank jumped out to a 2-0 lead against St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Petrin in the top of the first inning.

Petrin, who was a senior on the Pope Francis baseball team this past spring, tossed a two-hitter against Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which was held at Mackenzie Stadium on May 27. He didn't have the same kind of success in his start against People's Bank.

With one-out in the opening frame, second baseman Dave Clark (3-for-3) lined a single down the right field line. First baseman Kyle Platner followed with a ground ball single up the middle into center field putting runners at the corners. Platner moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. Catcher Frankie Ferrentino, who's a first-year player, drove home both runners with a bloop single to center.

Ferrentino is a member of the Merrimack College baseball team.

Petrin retired the next two batters on a foul pop-up caught by third baseman Jacob Petrin and a strikeout.

St. Joe's threatened against People's Bank lefty Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke, with one-out in the bottom half of the first inning. Jacob Petrin (2-for-4) began the rally with an infield hit and right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk. Gaines escaped further trouble by getting the next batter

to hit into an inning ending double play.

After neither team scored in the second inning, People's Bank centerfielder Seth Allen hit a groundball to the third baseman leading off the third inning. He wound up at second base following a throwing error. A Clark pop-up single to center and a walk by Platner loaded the bases.

The visitors, who had seven base hits in the game, took a 3-0 lead when Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who's the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe's broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe's rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Trigilio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People's Bank ended the inning with a double play.

"Our defense was awesome tonight," Ferry said. "We turned three double plays early in the game."

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in

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Motocross Nationals set for WMass return this weekend

SOUTHWICK – Since 1976, the intimate, serpentine layout of Southwick, Massachusetts's iconic The Wick 338 has provided the most unique and grueling challenge in American motocross. Nestled behind the American Legion outpost for which it is named, amidst a sea of trees and the nearby Great Brook, the hidden gem is a pillar of the globally prestigious Pro Motocross Championship and has a legacy that spans nearly five decades. On Saturday, June 28, the 44th running of the Crestview Construction Southwick National will see the town of Southwick will become the global epicenter of the motocross world, as the most legendary race teams and an international contingent of the fastest racers on the planet converge on Western Massachusetts for the ultimate battle of man and machine at the "moto sandbox."

With its one-of-a-kind racing surface, endless stream of flowing turns, and an undulating terrain that is surrounded by spectators, The Wick 338 stands alone in the world of motorsports. It is rare to find a racetrack of such global significance, with such a rich history seamlessly interwoven into the community that surrounds it, but the embrace of this summer tradition has become a fixture of Southwick living and an economic boon for the Hampden County town. Hundreds of racers, race team personnel, event staff, and race fans from across New England will make the journey to

Western Massachusetts for an action-packed day of racing that will play a pivotal role in the quest to crown champions.

With legendary track elements like Jo Jo's Powerslide and Buckley Berm, The Wick 338 has long put riders to the ultimate test. The ever-changing sand means the track is constantly evolving, getting rougher and tougher as the day wears on and is usually complemented by elevated summer temperatures and humidity, adding another layer to an already monumental task. Despite its challenges, it's a race all athletes want to win and those who have prevailed on these hallowed grounds take immense pride in knowing they earned that success. For spectators, there's simply nothing like it, as virtually every vantage point provides spectacular visuals and puts fans on top of the action.

The Pro Motocross Championship comprises 11 rounds of competition amongst the most high profile superstars of motorcycle racing, like American-born champions Eli Tomac and Chase Sexton, as well as championship-winning Australian phenom Jett Lawrence, Spaniard world champion Jorge Prado, and many more. The series will visit 10 different states from late May to late August, visiting the most hallowed venues in racing with legacies that span upwards of five decades. In the end, a pair of athletes will emerge with the sport's most distinguished title, celebrated as an AMA National Champion.



Jaiden Williams shoots on goal.



Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.



Mamadi Jiana runs down the loose ball.

Pioneers suffer rare league loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BURLINGTON, VT. — Not very much went the right way for the Western Mass. Pioneers against Vermont Green FC in the first match-up of the regular season between the USL League-Two rivals.

Vermont Green scored a goal at the end of both halves leading to a 2-0 shutout over the Pioneers before 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field, which is located on the University of Vermont campus, last Tuesday night.

"I thought we played well, but we just couldn't put our chances away," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "They did put their chances away."

The Pioneers had a 5-1-2 record following the road loss. Vermont Green (6-0-1)



Gustavo Barbosa traps the ball and heads up the field.

took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division.

Since joining USL League-Two in 2022, Vermont has finished in third place behind the Pioneers in the league standings.

The overall series record between the two clubs is now tied 3-3-1. Three of the seven matchups ended 1-0.

In the second meeting of last season, Vermont made the trip south on Rte. 91 needing to defeat the Pioneers to qual-

ify for the league playoffs. They got the job done with a 3-1 victory.

Their first meeting of 2024, which was played at Virtue Field, finished in a scoreless draw.

The last time the Pioneers celebrated a victory over Vermont Green was a 1-0 home shutout in the second meeting of the 2023 campaign. The lone goal of that match was scored by Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men's soccer team at Bryant University.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday's match.

In the eighth minute,

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IN THE CITY

Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

Keystone Commons, an Independent/Assisted Living Facility in Ludlow was at it once again! The residents put cheerful smiles on the faces of shoppers at the Holyoke Mall on Friday, May 16th with gorgeous flowers! Because of the generosity from some local florists, we were able to repeat this event from two years ago and it was another huge success. We gave away over 500 flowers and the array of colors were brilliant!

We put the Keystone residents to work before enjoying the pleasure of dispersing positivity. Each flower was tagged with a list of the donating florists including addresses and phone numbers with hopes that the recipients will support these generous businesses who so willing wanted to help with our event. Our donors were, Big Y-Ludlow store ~ Flowers, FLOWERS ~ Sixteen Acres Garden Center ~ Springfield Florist Supply ~ The Flower Box, all in Springfield ~ The Flower Stop and Willow & Moss, both located in West Springfield.

The smiles on the resident's faces were priceless and the shoppers, well in a time of so much negativity and turmoil, their smiles said it all. They were grateful for

a little reprieve from it and enjoyed witnessing positivity being spread! The comments were incredible as they explained what we were doing meant to them. One unfortunate woman had just gone to the registry and came out to find her car had been smashed into, needless to say the single flower put a smile on her face. A family of four came in and as we gave each a flower, one confided that her brother had just died and expressed how much our kindness meant to them all. Others claimed we had restored their faith that there are nice people still in the world. A couple of young women graciously accepted our flowers, then returned with bottles of water for us! Riding home, we discovered they had bought water for all ten participating in this project. It was such an incredible feeling knowing we had touched so many people and helped improve their day.

We didn't just give the flowers to women, though it seems that's the typical recipient of flowers, we gave to the male shoppers as well and their faces just lit up. One saying he'd never received flowers before and what a nice surprise. The young kids just felt so special as they walked away with their flower tightly clutched in their little hands.

We also gave the shoppers a small flyer saying they were that day's recipient of our Random Act of Kindness and hoped they'd continue our mission by doing their own kind gestures. Hopefully they kept that flyer as a reminder of the day and will inspire them to continue creating and passing along positivity every day.

Kindness is truly all around us but so often we don't take the time to notice these small gestures, such as someone pointing out a parking spot to you in a crowded lot. Or perhaps a shopper told you go ahead of them when you only had a couple items compared to their full cart. Everyone is in such a rush, but a driver allowed you go before them. How about even something smaller, like holding a door open for another. A cute story I heard was about a mom trying to teach her young son manners by holding the door open for the next person. As she was walking to her car she looked back and there was her 6-year-old son, still holding the door as the next ten people or so walked through it. She couldn't help but laugh, but noticed her son's kindness was met with a smile from each person as well as a big thank you! As you can see, kindness doesn't have to cost money and is something we can all

do. But I've also been the recipient of someone ahead of me paying for my small grocery order as well as another diner paying for our tables lunches, so if you find yourself with a little extra, why not? I do my own Random Acts of Kindness and I can honestly tell you, it brightens my day just knowing I've made a difference in someone else's.

Holyoke Mall asked permission to put our efforts on their website and of course we said yes, but you can also see all the smiling faces on Keystone Commons website. We love sharing the good things we are doing within our local communities. They've ranged from donating to animal shelters, supplying lunch for fire and police departments, donating 'wish list' items to non-profits just to mention a few. Don't be afraid to be kind to a stranger, who knows, you might even make a new friend!

If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

Chicopee Historical Society book announcement

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society announces its forthcoming publication of "Richard B. Inshaw: A Craftsman's Life and Work in Chicopee, Massachusetts."

The forty-plus-page booklet will tell the story of one of Chicopee's eminent figures, largely forgotten, from its nineteenth-century industrial heyday.

Richard Bates Inshaw was a silver engraver and gunsmith who worked for the Ames Manufacturing Company and did freelance work for

a number of other large firms. This project is part of an effort to raise money to purchase a display case for perhaps his finest piece: the Inshaw Rifle. It is a rare sporting rifle made in 1836 and richly engraved with designs and scenes in great detail.

Noted arms historian and appraiser Herbert G. Houze remarked, "It is without a doubt the best pre-1850 American firearm I've ever seen."

For many years, the rifle has been in storage, but the Chicopee Historical Society

hopes to put this historic artifact on permanent display at the Chicopee Public Library pending purchase of an appropriate museum-quality archival case. The sale of this booklet and the ads and sponsors published in the book will help to defray the cost.

The Chicopee Historical Society would like to request that any individuals wishing to sponsor the project by listing their names as supporters in the book, and especially the business community interested in purchasing ads in

the book, kindly contact the Chicopee Historical Society at our email: TheChicopeeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

The booklet will contain information on Inshaw's work, his experience as an English immigrant to this country, his family, and life in Chicopee in the nineteenth century, with many historic photos and maps, as well as color photos of the Inshaw Rifle.

The book will be published and on sale this fall.

Events & announcements schedule

Ludlow and Chicopee Knights of Columbus holding Fifth Sunday Rosary

LUDLOW/CHICOPEE - 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 allowing 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.

Holyoke Chicopee Head Start holding Raising A Reader Family Shared Reading Program

HOLYOKE - The Holyoke Chicopee Family & Community Program is currently hosting a "Raising A Reader" Family Shared reading program.

The program is for families with children from infant to five years old.

Let's get together for fun activities that develop reading readiness and social emotional skills! Take home a red bag each week with books to borrow.

The program takes place on Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. at HCS Head Start the first and third Wednesday of the month at 41 Commercial St., Holyoke.

Please call or email

Shane at ShaneW@headstart.org or 413-310-1632.

This program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to HCS Head Start by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Chicopee Senior Travel Club is seeking another Travel Planner

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Senior Travel Club is looking for another travel planner to join its team.

The Travel Club is a volunteer-operated group that works out of the Chicopee Council on Aging at RiverMills Center, located at 5 West Main St. in Chicopee.

The travel planner works a weekly three-hour shift at the travel desk inside the center and helps people register for trips, provides information on upcoming trips, and accepts and documents payments for trips. Several hours are required at home for planning purposes, including planning trips and working with vendors. Planners attend monthly planners' meetings and monthly Travel Club open meetings.

The Travel Club is looking for someone with strong computer and organizational skills to prepare flyers and reports, who enjoys working with people, has an open schedule, is comfortable with public speaking, and who loves to travel. Cover letters and resumes may be submitted to Chicopee Senior Travel Club, RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St., Chicopee, MA, 01020.

CPD gives update on Fuller Road accident

CHICOPEE - On Sunday June 15 at approximately 1:49 a.m., WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch received a 911 call for a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle and another car.

The caller stated that the operator of the motorcycle appeared to have serious injuries and CPR was in progress.

As the first responding Officers arrived on scene they took over the life saving measures. The operator of the motorcycle was identified as a 24-year-old male from Chicopee, he was transported to Baystate Medical Center where he succumbed

to his injuries.

The operator of the other vehicle involved remained on scene and is cooperating with the investigation. A female passenger in this vehicle was also transported for minor injuries.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification to the next of kin.

This crash is under investigation by the Chicopee Police Department Crash Reconstruction Team. Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office are also assisting with the investigation.

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said Efstratios when asked about the question of how the camp came to fruition.

All signs pointed to the activity as a success, especially with a reasonable margin of about 40 students of all genders participating, and found a point of unity while learning the ethics of football and bonding over school unity and the element of sportsmanship. Something Efstratios reflected on as well.

"We are trying to replicate a competitive environment, but also a friendly mindset among those who signed up, and were here to offer the foundational techniques of the game such as catching, receiving, defense, but in the end it's all about having fun, and keeping them energized and engaged while learning the fundamentals," he said.

As the event continued, the coaches split the students into various games, which many did come down to the wire and yielded a sense of positive feedback, and had a point of healthy competition at the forefront, which Comee confessed was a great opportunity to provide a sense of talent being displayed ahead of the fall.

"We had some great competition today, and we saw some good plays on display, and the range of talent among the roster is quite strong," Comee confessed. "No sport is like football, but it takes a lot of dedication, and the bond these student athletes develop is an intangible feeling that no one can ever take away from them. This is truly a chance to have fun and give it their best, as we're trying to promote the sport and program as the fall is right around the corner."



TURLEY PHOTOS BY BRENDAN ROONEY

A flag football camp was held at Chicopee High School earlier this month.



The camp was offered to assist players looking to play this coming fall.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Elms College's Katie Cosmos '25 named finalist for the 2025 Honda Inspiration Award

CHICOPEE - Elms College 2025 graduate Katie Cosmos, a member of the softball team, has been named one of three finalists from across the country for this award recognizing female athletes for grit, tenacity, and overcoming adversity.

The Honda Inspiration Award recognizes a female collegiate student-athlete who has faced significant physical or emotional obstacles to return to their chosen sport. The Honda Inspiration Award has been awarded each year across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III for 37 years.

Katie and the other two finalists were interviewed by CBS Sports Network for a special feature, titled "Defying the Odds: The 2025 Honda Inspiration Award" which is scheduled to air on Sunday, June 23 at 6 p.m. ET. The winner will be selected in June and her story

will be celebrated in a live telecast of The Collegiate Women Sports Awards presented by Honda on CBS Sports Network on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7 p.m. ET.

Katie, of Wolcott, CT, recently graduated from Elms College with a bachelor's degree in Nursing. Katie faced immense adversity during her softball career at Elms with two season-ending ACL tears during both her freshman and junior years. At home, within a short period of time, she dealt with the loss of her mother, who she cared for during a severe illness as well as the loss of her two grandparents.

Amidst these challenges, Katie remained focused in the classroom and on returning to the field. She ended her senior year with



Katie Cosmos

a 3.98 GPA, was the recipient of the Nursing Academic Achievement award for the highest GPA in her program, and had a .361 average this season.

Katie reflected on this recognition saying, "It is truly an honor to be a finalist for such a prestigious award. I am incredibly grateful for the recognition and opportunity to be considered alongside two remarkable female athletes. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout this journey."

Bre Marcyoniak, Associate Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach said, "Katie's story is truly special and embodies what inspiration means. I'm proud that she is being recognized for her resilience and determination."

Holyoke Community College announces Spring 2025 Dean's List

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students who earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2025 semester. Each term, HCC recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2025 term.

Chicopee: Chance Daniel Almonte, Gabriella Arroyo, Dina Artin, Zachary Ryan Barabani, Heidi Christine Bascom, Ailany Elisa Batista, Wascar Kidany Berroa, Nichole Bullock, Kimberly Burke, Franklin Thomas Button, Brittany Diane Canterbury, Nashalie Naii Carmona, Allison June Charron, Kostiantyn Chernytskyi, Gabriel Louis Chevalier, Keisha Adriana Chretien, Juan Colon, Joseph Warren Craig, Deborah Rose Cruz, Victoria Alexis

Deida, Justyna Aneta Deida, Alexander Noel Delgado, Matthew James Devine, Abrianna Jade Doyle, Estefany Duron Mejia, Mandy Nina Louise Emery, Dylan M. English, Bianca Camila Galindrez, Vladislav N. Gargun, Mason Alexander Godbout, Renee Gordon, Daudy Pasquale Guerrero, Gregory Drew Guertin, Albania Yohaira Hernandez, Kylie Amanda Hochrein, John Paul Hoppock, Kiah Jiggetts, Danielle Monique Johnson, Rebecca A. Jolly, Andrew Charles Karcz, Andrew Joseph Kolek, Traci Lachance, Kasandra Roberta Lafrenaye, Molly Caitlin Leahy, Mariia Leiderman, Matthew Livingston, Zoey Rane-Shanon Lobbello, Marie Gabriela Lopez, Amanda L. Lopez, Andres Lopez Pozo, Walter Andrew Lorenzatti, D'Anthony Lorenzo, Juliana Corin Lovely, Tucker Grey Malanowski, McKallum Shaw Malanowski, Brandon Malave, Joseph

Francis Mango Jr., Jenna Marie Manning, Tyrese Lee Marin, Carmen Marrero, Janessa L. Medina-Gonzalez, Amanda N. Morales, Yuliia Morozova, Jason C. Myers, Thais Marie Ortiz, Isabel Ortiz, Adrean J. Peloquin, Sarah Katharine Phaneuf, Makendy Pierre, Renee Pierre, Piper Isabell Prejsner, Keyla Michelle Ramos, Jaileen Azalee Reyes, Kari Ribadeneyra, Diana Teresa Rivera, Aricely Rivera, Hannah Rivera, Javier Rivera, Jonuan Alberto Rodriguez, Alisyn Mackenzie Rondeau, Anita Rotar, DeAndra Roy, Ashley Anne Ryan, Emily Elizabeth Sawicki, Natalie Rose Sliwa, Renee Lee Suckau, Shalyn Alexis Sullivan, Sook Yew Tang, Cameisha Fallon Taylor-Smith, Vincent Edward Spencer Thaxton, Megan Marie Therrien, Corey Andrew Thouin, Alexa Rose Turgeon, Kaylynn Tranes Tyler, Elisha Victoria Velez, Nevaeh Sharice Weldon.

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A, §6 AND M.G.L. c. 254, §5 AND §5A

UNIT 6026C, DOVERBROOK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM 70 GREENWOOD TERRACE, CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

By virtue of Judgment of the Chicopee District Court (Civil Docket No. 2320CV000243) in favor of the DOVERBROOK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM against MICHAEL J. AXTON establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A, §6 on the real estate known as 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, in the Doverbrook Estates Condominium, for the purpose of satisfying such lien, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 254, §5 and §5A, the real estate be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 23RD DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2025** at the premises located at 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, Chicopee, Massachusetts. The premise to be sold is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain parcel of land situated in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

As per M.G.L. Chapter 188, sect.13, the Grantor, under oath and subject to the pains and penalties of perjury, does hereby depose, state and certify that: (i) I release all rights of Homestead in the subject realty, (ii) that no spouse, non-owner spouse, former spouse, or any other person resides in the home, and (iii) at the time of delivery of this deed, no spouse, former spouse, or any other person is entitled to claim the benefit of an existing estate of homestead.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed dated November 2, 2010, recorded

in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 18531, Page 33.

EXHIBIT "A"

The Unit 6026C contains 871 square feet of building area, more or less, and is laid out as shown on the Unit Plan attached hereto and recorded herewith, which Unit Plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with the Master Deed. A verified statement in the form provided for in Section 9, Chapter 183A, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is attached to such Unit Plan.

The Unit is conveyed together with a 0.1621917% undivided interest (subject to adjustment in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Master Deed) in the Common Areas and Facilities as defined and described in the Master Deed. The Unit is subject to and has the benefit of all applicable provisions contained in the Master Deed (including the provisions granting exclusive use rights), and in the Declaration of Trust (including by-Laws) of the Doverbrook Estates Condominium Trust dated December 3, 1982 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5351, Page 220, and the rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder by said Trust, including without limitation the provisions for assessment of common expenses.

The Unit is also conveyed together with an exclusive right to use: (a) the parking space assigned to the Unit in Exhibit B to the Master Deed and shown on the Site Plan recorded with the Master Deed; (b) the garden area adjacent to the Unit as shown on the Site Plan; and (c) the storage area, if any, assigned to the Unit in Exhibit B to the Master Deed and shown on the Site Plan.

Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 8 of the Master Deed, the Unit is intended to be used for residential purposes. The Unit is subject to the restrictions

on use contained in paragraph 9 of the Master Deed, which are incorporated by reference.

The Grantee is acquiring the Unit with the benefit of, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of Massachusetts relating to condominiums, as that Statute is written as the date hereof, and as it may in the future be amended.

Grantee, for Grantee and Grantee's successors and assigns, as owners of the Unit, by executing and accepting this Deed, hereby appoints and constitutes Grantor, and Grantor's successors and assigns, as Grantee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power coupled with an interest which cannot be revoked, to vote for, execute, acknowledge, deliver and record (i) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, pursuant to paragraph 12 thereof, for the purpose of adding additional phases to the Condominium (ii) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, and deeds, easements or other instruments, pursuant to paragraph 14 of the Master Deed, for the purpose of dedicating streets within the Condominium, in whole or in part, as public ways; and (iii) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, and deeds, easements or other instruments, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Master Deed, for the purpose of conveying a parcel of land within the Condominium to the City of Chicopee as war memorial.

Being the same premises conveyed by Quitclaim Deed from Doris I. Hebert and William V. Guiel, Jr. to Michael J. Axton dated January 26, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24375, Page 343.

Said Unit is subject to any and all covenants, easements, encroachments, conditions, restrictions and agreements effecting the unit whether recorded or

unrecorded.

TERMS: A deposit payable in cash or certified bank check or money order of \$5,000.00 shall be payable at the Auction and the balance of the payment shall be payable by cash, certified bank check, money order or wired funds within thirty (30) days of the Auction.

Other terms to be announced at the sale, including a minimum bid and the right to reject all bids if none are acceptable.

DOVERBROOK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM

By Its Attorney,

Dated: June 10, 2025
Gina M. Desrochers (BBO #681910) Perkins & Ancil, P.C. 6 Lyberty Way, Suite 201 Westford, MA 01886 (978) 496-2000 gdesrochers@perkinslawpc.com 06/27, 07/04, 07/11/2025

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 July 4th 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2012 Nissan Rogue VIN: JN8AS5MV5CW375115 Andrew Hanson 88 Macarthur Dr. Millbury MA 01527

2007 Mercury Grand Marquis VIN: 2MEHM75W27X614958 Tyson Baker 15 Stanton Ave. Brockton, MA 02301

2016 Chevrolet Equinox VIN: 2GNALBEK6G1185498 Ta Leah Smith 164 High St., Apt. 303 Holyoke, MA 01040

2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN: 1J8GR48K57C674373

Brittany Callahan 28 Russell Rd. Westfield, MA 01085

2010 Ford Edge VIN: 2FMDK4JC0ABA52610 Felicia Everard 125 Maple Lane Medway, MA 02053

2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 VIN: 2GCEK23C791140436 Joel Diaz Santana 38 Ina St, Springfield, MA 01109

2018 Nissan Altima VIN: 1N4AL3AP3JC182954 Augustine Mensah 426 S Springfield Rd., Apt. G2 Clifton Heights, PA 19018 06/20, 06/27, 07/04/2025

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2025 Acura MDX VIN: 2HNYD18265H541019 Karel McDonald 126 Union St., Apt. 11-06 Westfield, MA 01085

2012 Honda Accord VIN: 1HGCP2F33CA225633 Sadie Gilman 174 Euclid Ave. Springfield, MA 01108

2008 Hyundai Elantra VIN: KMHDU46D08U512980 Lennyel Camacho 5 W Burnside Ave. Lowell, MA 01850

2015 Honda Cr-V VIN: 5J6RM4H52FL120273 Aubrey Klerowski

81 Hillcrest Dr. Bernardston, MA 01337

2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN: 1J8HR58N88C226425 Gina Duclous 4 Common St. Granby, MA 01033 06/27, 07/04, 07/11/2025

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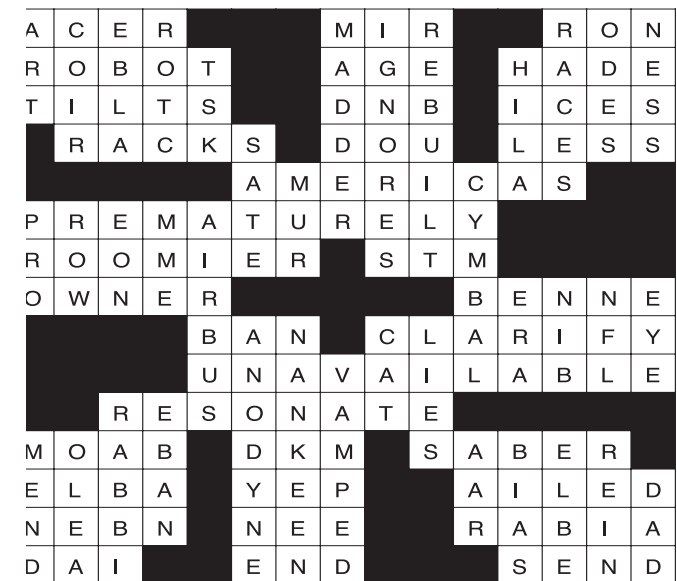
2003 Subaru Impreza VIN: JF1GD67503G510602 Lindsey Tara Giberson 51 Pine Tree Rd. Albrightsville, PA 18210

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

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

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

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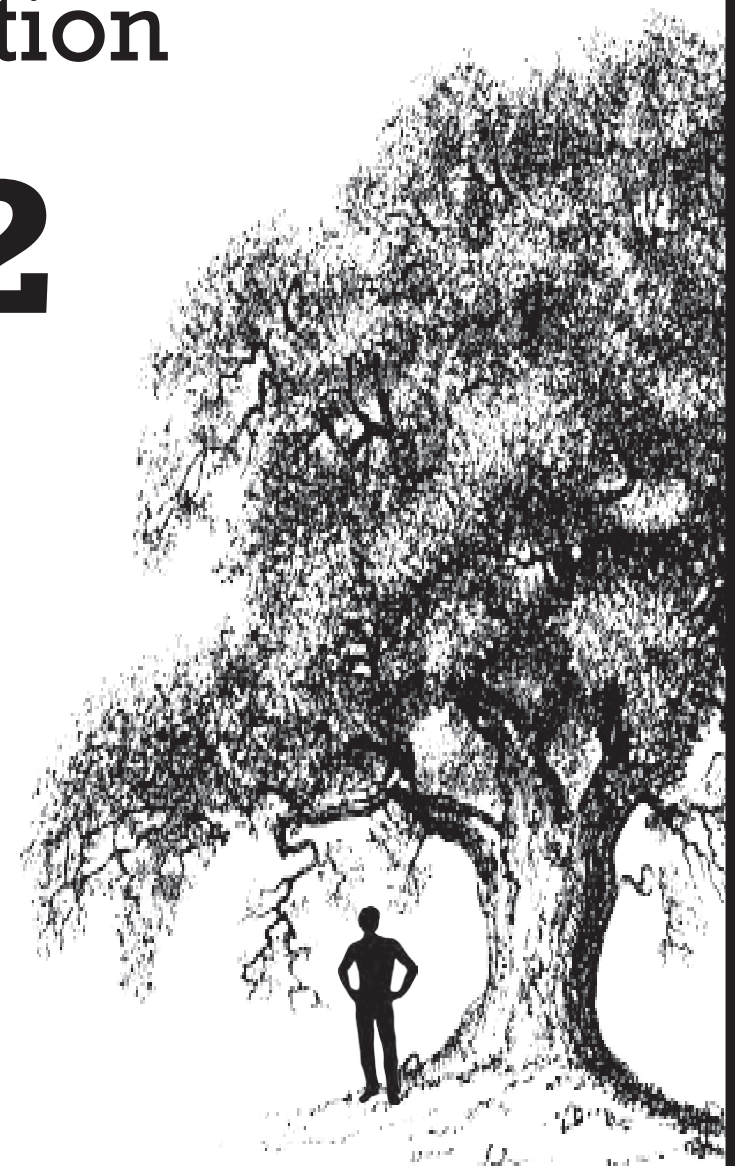
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