

Chicopee Register

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

July 11, 2025 Vol. 29 No. 10 | FREE

www.chicopeeregister.turley.com

COMMUNITY

UFCW Local 1459 holds rally before City Council meeting

Reps speak out during public input

By **Brendan Rooney**
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On July 1, the City Council gathered in committee from inside city hall to usher in FY26; however, the biggest takeaway from that night was representatives of the UFCW Local 1459 Union standing outside in the pouring rain to raise and garner support as contract negotiations remain a strong point of friction among all parties involved as the summer carries on.

Leading the rally outside was the combined leadership of UFCW Local 1459 Reps Kristen Pope and Crystal Boucher, who stood among the proverbial front lines as workers held signs with various captions to voice and ensure their frustrations were heard and felt. But, it stretched beyond that as despite the rainy conditions, a bond of unity and trust was solidified before the movement traveled inside, awaiting for their moment to arrive.

Before the meeting, Pope stepped forward and touched upon the subject, sharing a preview of her thoughts and concerns that foreshadowed her later comments during the public input section of the meeting, noting that one



Members of the UFCW Local 1459 held a rally before the July 1 City Council meeting to garner support for their salaries.

of the main concerns from UFCW Local 1459 was the rising cost of health insurance, outweighing the wages being returned.

"It's gone up every single contract, every single year, saying that we haven't

gotten an increase to cover the amount, which if you look closer at the value of each paycheck from year to year, the numbers show we're losing money because they (the city) isn't covering the cost of insurances, plus the regulated

cost of living as well," Pope said.

From there, the demonstrators then reconvened in front of the City Council, and

See **UFCW LOCAL 1459** page 5

COMMUNITY

Wagner to resign from City Council end of August

Reflects on time serving Chicopee

By **Kristin Rivers**
Editor
krivers@turley.com

CHICOPEE - Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner has announced he will be resigning from the City Council at the end of August.

The announcement comes after Wagner shared back on Jan. 7 that he would not be seeking re-election to a second term on the City Council.

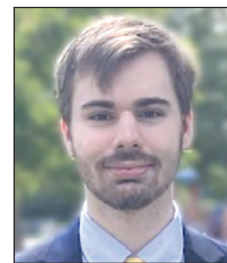
Wagner, who won the Councilor-at-Large seat during the 2023 Municipal Election, had also previously served on the School Committee, representing Ward 1.

Wagner also made history during his time serving the city as the youngest person ever sworn in when he joined the School Committee at 19 years old. He is, also, the first Gen Z member and the first member of the LGBTQIA+ community to serve the city.

There are also political roots in his family, as Wagner is the son of former State Rep. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee), who retired from his role serving the state in 2022.

Wagner Reflects

Wagner shared new employment opportunities



Tim Wagner

and wanting "to be closer to friends and my partner were my main motivation" in his decision to resign.

"I only have one life, I need to spend it making new memories with those people in my life. Chicopee will always be my home, but sometimes the bird has to leave the nest," Wagner said.

Reflecting on his achievements during his time on the council, Wagner said the creation of an Economic Development Director was the biggest one.

"I think my greatest achievement was the creation of another Economic Development Director; that position will greatly help the city with new business growth," Wagner said. "The salary may still be a bit too low, but the potential is there now to have someone really market Chicopee."

He also noted bringing on now Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware as his greatest achievement during his time on the School Committee.

"On the School Committee, selecting Dr. Marcus Ware to lead the district was my best vote. The progress he is making has surpassed all my expectations, and I say that having reluctantly given my vote. I hope he sticks

See **WAGNER** page 5

COMMUNITY



An example of one of the campaign signs in Chicopee for City Collector Candidate Raj Sanghvi.

City Collector Candidate Raj Sanghvi has sign stolen

By **Kristin Rivers**
Editor
krivers@turley.com

CHICOPEE - Raj Sanghvi, one of three people running for city collector in this year's upcoming municipal election, had one of his campaign signs stolen recently.

The sign, measuring four by eight feet, was stolen off the Highland Farms gas station property on Chicopee Street.

The primary for the city collector position is on Sept. 16 and the municipal election takes place on Nov. 4.

In addition to Sanghvi, City Council Vice President/Fredrick Krampits and Ward 4 School Committee Representative Sandra Peret are also running for the position.

Sanghvi explained what happened.

"So, I was driving by last week and then I said, 'S**t, where'd my sign go?' So, I

called the owner, I called the store," Sanghvi said. "So, the owner wasn't there for a few days so he didn't know what actually happened and the cashier said somebody took it. So I said, 'Okay.' So, then I talked to my committee about that and they said, 'You need to post it, let people know that this is not done.'"

Sanghvi stressed something like this "should not happen to anybody who's running."

"You can disagree on people you don't like, but it has to be in a democratic way, not defacing somebody's sign or taking it away," Sanghvi said. "Because it includes a lot of labor and the money that is given to me by my supporters via my fundraiser from which I buy the signs."

He also noted the time he and the committee had taken to put out the signs with him, clarifying this was

the only campaign sign stolen after checking with his committee.

"I just want people to know this is not done and it should not happen to anybody that's running," Sanghvi said. "Just disappointment, there's nothing else."

Sanghvi said he contacted the police department and filed a report.

"They're looking at the footage," Sanghvi said.

He had a message for whoever took the sign.

"I don't blame anybody but whoever has taken it, just return it because it doesn't matter if you take a sign away, people show you who you're going to vote for," Sanghvi said.

Sanghvi again stressed he wants this campaign to be a fair process for all, including his opponents.

"Each candidate run-

See **STOLEN SIGN** page 6

COMMUNITY

Project Bread supports Summer Eats in Chicopee

By **Christina Gioscia**
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Each summer when school gets out, many children no longer have access to school lunch and breakfast programs.

This can cause hunger in our communities; one organization succeeding in combating this issue is Project Bread.

Director of Community Nutrition Services Sam Icklan shared what Project Bread is and all they do for the community every single year.

"Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts with a radical approach to ending hunger. Since 1969 with the first, community-led Walk for Hunger, we focus on driving systemic change through the levers of policy, prevention, and partnerships to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread has made a profound impact across Massachusetts by connecting people to essential resources, transforming policy, and fostering community-driven solutions. What makes Project Bread unique is that not only are we working to help those facing food insecurity to fulfill an immediate need now, but we are also working to identify and find solutions to the root causes of hunger to inform and develop long-term solutions to end hunger for good here in Massachusetts," Icklan said.

Icklan shared how Project Bread helps support Summer Eats, the state's Summer Food Service program; the city of Chicopee is one of



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Director of Community Nutrition Services Sam Icklan and ChicopeeFRESH Director of Food Services Melanie Wilk at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 23

many communities who have a Summer Eats program, with ChicopeeFRESH helping give out meals throughout the summer.

The Summer Eats program runs from June 24 through Aug. 15 and information on the menus and meal sites can be found on the ChicopeeFRESH Facebook page.

"Hunger doesn't take a summer break, and neither do we. Summer Eats - the Massachusetts Summer Food Service Program - fills the gap when schools close, providing free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. While many of the 1000+ meal sites statewide are run by local school districts, many are operated by local recreation centers, like YM-

CAs; youth programs, like a Boys & Girls Club; and other community organizations, like parks, libraries, pools and farmers markets," Icklan said.

By making these meal programs simple to navigate, families all throughout the community can easily access them all summer long.

"Kids and teens are required to eat onsite at most Summer Eats sites. In select rural communities, or in cases of extreme weather, Grab & Go meals are available for families to take home. Many site sponsors also host additional crafts and activities, themed days and menus, and swag and giveaways to keep

See **SUMMER EATS** page 6

IN THE CITY

City Council approves resolution supporting Westover Job Corps Center

By Kristin Rivers
Editor
krivers@turley.com

CHICOPEE - The City Council unanimously approved on July 1 a resolution to support the Westover Job Corps Center and urge continued federal funding for its program.

It will now be sent to the federal legislative delegation.

The Westover Job Corps Center is located on Johnson Road and provides free career and technical education to young adults ages 16 to 24 years old, helping them be equipped with the skills necessary for gainful employment.

Most students come from low-income backgrounds.

On May 30, it was announced by the U.S. Department of Labor that operations at job corps centers nationwide, including in Chicopee, would be paused by June 30.

On June 17, a press conference was held by State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) and State Rep. Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow) outside Berchmans Hall at Elms College ahead of the Westover Job Corps Center's graduation to address this.

After this, the U.S. District Court ruled to temporarily block the closure pending further review on June 25.

The program was cre-



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The City Council approved a resolution to support the Westover Job Corps Center in Chicopee.

ated by Congress in 1964 during President Lyndon Johnson's administration, where "Great Society" legislative initiatives to fight poverty and inequality were being introduced.

Vice President/Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits explained the motion.

"This came before us at our meeting in public input last month and I would say

that the council was in full support of continuing to encourage federal funding of the Job Corps program. • They do a tremendous job at dealing with at youth risk and

I think this is something that we all agreed upon should continue to be funded to help our youth out," Krampits said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello thanked Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga

"for her leadership on this."

"She came out first to speak in favor of Job Corps which is a great program and an asset to our children," Costello said.

Arriaga shared how she received an email on June 25 on the injunction for job corps being granted, "which is absolutely fantastic."

"I was happy for the great news," Arriaga said. "I still want to push this forward.

I think that we need to still show our support publicly to our state and federal legislation. I just feel like it's such an important thing to have—not just for the city—but for the youth. It is such a good program. I have seen it work for so many people that want to be in the workforce and they help with so many other things obtaining a job. Sometimes they can help with housing and

stuff. I think it's an amazing program and if you haven't looked into it, I suggest you do. I also know there's been quite a few job postings, so please look into it. It's a great program to be a part of and I would like to thank all of my colleagues for supporting this."

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner also expressed his support.

"I'm with Councilor Arriaga on this. I think our continued advocacy on this issue is extremely important, especially in the face of a court that is seemingly willing to grant the most absurd requests of this administration and not even respecting the basic rule of law here," Wagner said. "So, this is congressionally appropriated money that's funded to help run programs like this that really shouldn't be touched and I'm happy to advocate to keep it open."

When President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme said the letter was put together and encouraged the councilors to stop by the office "as soon as possible so we can get it out," City Clerk Keith Rattell clarified that the letter was in front of them for all to sign.

Laflamme then encouraged the councilors to sign it before leaving that evening's meeting, and then announced the roll call for the vote, which came out to 11 yes, one out of chair.

Chicopee School Committee Candidate Robert "Bob" Cantin to drop off signatures

CHICOPEE - Robert "Bob" Cantin, former Chicopee educator and candidate for Chicopee School Committee At-Large, will drop off his signatures at Chicopee City Hall on Thursday, July 10.



Robert Cantin

Cantin, 66, will certify signatures of Chicopee voters who wish to see change and accountability within the Chicopee Public Schools.

Cantin was most recently the Academic and CTE Coordinator at Chicopee Comprehensive High School before retiring at the end of the school year. Prior to joining the Comp admin team, Cantin was one of the advanced manufacturing teachers at the school for sixteen years. His prior experience includes teaching advanced manufacturing at Roger L. Putnam Technical Academy, vocational supervisor at Westover Job Corps, and as a manufacturing engineer for six years.

"I look forward to bringing transparency, account-

ability, and oversight to the Chicopee Public Schools should I be fortunate enough to be elected to the School Committee," said Cantin. "I believe that there is a lot that can be done to explain the inner workings of the district, ensure that everyone has the tools they need to be successful, and to protect the taxpayers' dollars."

Cantin will roll out his platform in the coming months and looks forward to meeting his neighbors and fellow residents to earn their votes. "Every vote matters, and I will be looking forward to meeting as many people as I can over the next few months," added Cantin.

The preliminary election will be on Tuesday, September 16 and the general election is Tuesday, November 4. Supporters who wish to volunteer their time, talent, and treasure can reach out via email

at votebobc25@gmail.com, or through the campaign's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577971768686>.

About Robert "Bob" Cantin
Robert "Bob" Cantin is a proud graduate of the Class of 1977 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. After a successful engineering career, and looking to give back to his community, he embarked on a second career in education. Starting out as an advanced manufacturing teacher at Roger L. Putnam Technical Academy, Bob then served as the vocational program supervisor at the Westover Job Corps. When a job at Comp opened, he jumped on the opportunity. He taught hundreds of students as an advanced manufacturing teacher and then served as the Academic and CTE Coordinator, assisting the CTE Director in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the career and technical education programs. Bob lives in Fairview with his wife Dawn, who together have two children and five grandchildren.

Former Councilor Joel McAuliffe announces campaign for Chicopee City Council At-Large

CHICOPEE - Former Ward 1 City Councilor Joel McAuliffe has officially announced his candidacy for an at-large seat on the Chicopee City Council.

McAuliffe, who served as the Ward 1 Councilor from 2018 to 2023, gave up his seat to run citywide in the 2023 municipal election, where he finished just shy of victory as the first runner-up.

McAuliffe's campaign comes at a critical moment for the City Council, following the passing of two at-large councilors and the planned resignation of a third. Several other long-time ward councilors also have decided to not seek re-election.

These sudden losses leave a void in experienced leadership that McAuliffe says he is prepared to fill.

"With the loss of some of the most experienced and effective councilors on the board, Chicopee needs leaders who understand how to get the job done on day one," said

McAuliffe. "I've spent a decade in government and public service, and I'm ready to bring that experience to serve the entire city. Chicopee residents deserve experienced and professional representation on the City Council and that is exactly what I will do."

McAuliffe brings deep roots in government and education. He served as Deputy Chief of Staff to State Senator Eric Lesser, managed high-impact initiatives as a Special Projects Manager for the City of Chicopee, and has built a career centered around public service.

Currently, McAuliffe is the director of Career and Technical Education at Dean Technical High School in Holyoke, where he oversees nine vocational programs that prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers. He holds a master's degree in



Joel McAuliffe

Public Administration from the University of Miami and he is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership at American International College.

McAuliffe lives in Ward 1 with his wife, Deanna Rousseau, who currently represents the ward on the Chicopee School Committee. His campaign will focus on bringing pragmatic, results-oriented leadership to the Council, with an emphasis on responsible budgeting, workforce development, and government accountability.

"I've never stopped advocating for this city," McAuliffe added. "Chicopee is at a crossroads. We need councilors who aren't learning on the job, we need councilors with vision, purpose and the skills to move Chicopee forward. That's the kind of leadership I bring."

RTNC AUTOWASH
"Come shine with us"
UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS
919 Meadow St., Chicopee
200 St. James Ave., Chicopee
410 Cooley St., Springfield

CHECK OUT ALL THE
Turley Publications
www.turley.com

LOWER PRICES TO BOOST YOUR BUDGET! **INFLATION** **PRICE BUSTERS** **PRICES IN RED ARE AT OR BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRICES!**

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS or ROAST..... \$2.88 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF TENDERLOIN CUT FREE \$11.99 lb	USDA INSP. STOREMADE BEEF SHADED STEAK..... \$6.99 lb
USDA INSP. FROZEN BONE-IN CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS \$2.49 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BEEF RIBEYE STEAKS \$11.99 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST 10 LB BAG..... \$2.44 lb
USDA INSP. FRESH COUNTRY STYLE PORK RIBS \$2.17 lb	USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF \$3.99 7 LB BAG	USDA INSP. FRESH CHICKEN THIGHS 10 LB BAG..... \$1.47 lb
SLICED IN OUR DELI USDA INSP. ROAST BEEF..... \$6.99 lb	GREAT ON THE GRILL USDA INSP. STOREMADE BONELESS ITALIAN MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST..... \$3.99 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN THE BAKERY FROSTED SUGAR COOKIES 13 OZ..... 99c ea
USDA INSP. PROVOLONE CHEESE..... \$4.99 lb	USDA INSP. STOREMADE BONELESS TERIYAKI MARINATED BEEF BLADE STEAKS..... \$6.99 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN SALMON FILLETS..... \$6.99 lb

SALE DATES: 7/10/25-7/16/25

90 Meat Outlet
90 Avocado St. Springfield
413-737-1288
www.90meat.com
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4
Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3

BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

IN THE CITY

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 end-

ed 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 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.

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

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 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.

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 ma-

terials 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

Events & announcements schedule

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 developing 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.

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@head-start.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.

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.

7/17-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.

Learn more about volunteering at Harmony House

CHICOPEE - Harmony House of Western Massachusetts is a social model home for hospice care located in Chicopee.

The beautiful new facility reopened in the spring of 2024 and has been a safe and loving home for people with limited support who cannot live on their own. Potential volunteers are invited to explore the opportunity to help care for individuals who are in the final stage of their lives. Harmony House is currently in need of caregivers and support people. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people.

A Meet-and-Greet event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at the

South Hadley Library, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, in their Common Room. Please come and meet members of the Board of Directors and current volunteers to learn more and have your questions answered by those who are directly involved in resident care.

Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization

whose mission is to provide a loving home offering compassionate care for people who are on hospice and are in need of care. If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please complete the online volunteer application form at www.harmony-housewma.org/volunteer-1 or email us at admin@harmony-housewma.org.

Oldies from The Estate

WE BUY & SELL ALL TYPES OF STUFF FROM A TO Z. COSTUME JEWELRY, FURNITURE, COINS, COLLECTIONS, WATCHES, TOYS, SILVER, ETC.

Contact Bill or Beth **413-543-6065**
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS!
 email: oldiesfrom@aol.com
 45 Parker Street, Indian Orchard
 Wed.-Fri. 10-4:30, Sat. 10-2:30, Closed Sun. - Tues.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

Choo Choo's

• ASK ABOUT CATERING •

Comfort Food & Ice Cream

Come In!

BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNERS

Soups • Salads • Burgers • Dogs • Desserts
Sandwiches • Breakfast All Day • Dinners

Call Ahead 413-300-9883

Order online: www.choochoos-ma.com

ENJOY OUR PICNIC TABLES

USE DOORDASH

2 Bowers St., Holyoke
at the Historic Richardson Station
• 7AM-7PM DAILY •

BlazeXpress

WE DELIVER HAPPINESS!

Cannabis Delivered Straight to Your Door!

Why drive to a dispensary? BlazeXpress offers FREE, discreet, same-day delivery of safe, legal cannabis directly to your home. No traffic, no waiting—just fast, friendly service and unbeatable convenience.

Get \$10 OFF your 1st order!
Use Promo Code: NEWS1

Visit BlazeXpress.com or Call (413) 412-8525

OPINION

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

A self-sown surprise

I was pleased to come home from vacation and see the changes in my work gardens over 10 days time. It was astounding to witness the growth that many of the plants put on!

One other thing I enjoyed seeing was a few "volunteers" that had popped up here and there. Celosia, portulaca and my favorite, the cleome, had germinated in bare spots in the garden.

While most of these plants did not fit in to the current year's design and had to be removed, the cleome, better known as "spider flower," popped up exactly where I would have wanted it. In a month or so I will have dome gorgeous flowers in the center of a bed, providing height right where I need it.

Spider flower goes by the scientific name *Cleome hasslerana*. Older cultivars such as "Helen Campbell" and the "Queen" series top off at an airy four or five feet tall, while the newer "Sparkler" hybrids are a bit shorter and bushier. Besides white, spider flower comes in pink, cherry and lavender.

It was given such a unique name because of the flower's long, slender stamens that remind one of spider legs protruding from the plant. The stamens hold the eventual seed pods a distance away giving them even more "popping power" once ripe.

As a child, I was drawn to the seed pods of this peculiar plant — if you waited until they were "just right" and gave them a squeeze, the seeds would fly everywhere. What fun!

This attribute gives the plant tremendous "staying power" in the garden — in other words it pops up everywhere the following season! This can be a very good thing if you enjoy having the cleome around as much as I do.

Because cleomes are flower producing powerhouses they sometimes become exhausted by mid-summer; their lower leaves yellow and flowers start to fade. I always thought that if they were dead headed like other, more common annuals were, maybe they would last longer into the season.

So, as an experiment

I clipped the seed-pods close to the plant as soon as they began to form. Unfortunately, the overall form of the plant was altered — not for the better and with little reward for my work. Then I began to search out what exactly cleomes need in order to thrive — perhaps if I met those requirements I'd have better luck.

I had always known that cleomes prefer full sun and well-drained soil. What I didn't know was that they also like fertile soil and space away from one another. Regular doses of liquid feed are a must!

In the north, the



cleome's habit of self-sowing doesn't become annoying, but in warmer areas it can become weedy. Clipping the seed-pods as mentioned above would "nip this problem in the bud." Seedlings that develop from volunteers will likely be a blend color-wise of the plants you grew last year because they are cross-pollinated by insects.

I will have to wait and see what color my self-sown cleome seedlings end up being, but lucky for me the rest of the flowers in the garden bed are in pink and lavender shades and will blend perfectly the volunteers.

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.



SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Can I switch to a taxi driver job without hurting my Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I opted to draw my Social Security retirement benefit early and work part time. The company I work for has decided to pull me from field work due to my age and health. Although they are great keeping me at 20 hours per week running for parts and doing office work, I'm not sure how much longer it will last. I'm thinking of taking a taxi driving job to keep my income enough to live on. The way it would work, I would lease the cab for some amount of dollars per day, set my own hours to work and collect anywhere from \$1.40 to \$4.00 per mile, depending on what type of fare. My question is: how does Social Security look at that type of employment? Would I be held to the 15 - 45 hours a month standard? I could never come close to making the \$1,200 to \$1,300 a month I need by working so little. Any advice is greatly appreciated.

Signed: Seeking Advice

Dear Seeking:

If you go ahead with your plan to lease a taxicab instead of continuing your current employment, you would, in effect, be considered "self-employed" and would submit your income tax return to the IRS accordingly. Social Security would get your earnings information as reported to the IRS and it would be your net earnings from self-employment after deducting all your business expenses that is reported to SSA by IRS.

There is, however, a special rule which would apply to you in your first calendar year of self-employment while collecting early Social Security benefits. Since, in your

first year, some of your earnings would be as a part-time employee paying SS FICA payroll taxes, Social Security would first look at your earnings as an employee to see if you exceeded the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025).

Then, upon starting your self-employment, Social Security would look at the hours you spent performing "substantial gainful activity" (e.g., driving your taxi) each month and, if you spent more than 45 hours per month in that capacity, you would not be considered "retired," and thus, not eligible for Social Security in any month you exceeded that amount of hours.

If you earned less than the annual limit in total both as an employee and while self-employed, you would get benefits for all months of the year. But if you earn more than the annual limit, you will get no benefits for any month you exceeded 45 hours as a self-employed person. Again, this only applies during the first calendar year of self-employment — in the following year only your net earnings from self-employment would count toward the annual earnings limit.

In effect, SSA would use the hours-worked standard to see if you are truly retired or actually working. If the latter, they would withhold SS monthly benefits for any month you exceed 45 hours working while self-employed (up to and including December of your first calendar year of self-employment), and only if your total income (as an employee and while self-employed) exceeds the annual limit.

So, if your goal is to net \$1,200 - \$1,300 per month as a self-employed taxi driver, that

would be well within the limits of the annual earnings test (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly). But there may, or may not, be a reduction in your Social Security benefits during your first year of self-employment, depending on when you start as self-employed. Note that SSA will ask about your work plans when you apply, and if you expect to stay under the annual limit (working part time in both capacities), you should get full SS benefits. Just be careful to stay under the annual earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits. FYI, earnings from before your SS benefits started don't count toward the earning limit.

Note, too, that your monthly Social Security benefit will be actuarially reduced according to how far in advance of your full retirement age you claim SS. Whenever SS benefits are claimed prior to one's full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadviser@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Chicopee Register TEAM



EDITOR
Kristin Rivers
krivers@turley.com



ADVERTISING SALES
Wendy Delcamp
wdelcamp@turley.com



SPORTS EDITOR
Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

The Chicopee Register is published every Friday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.



@ChicopeeRegister



www.chicopeeregister.turley.com

PATRICK H. TURLEY
CEO

KEITH TURLEY
President

Turley
Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources.

Send letters to:
The Chicopee Register,
24 Water Street,
Palmer, MA 01069
or email
chicopeeregister@turley.com.
The deadline for
submissions is Tuesday at noon.

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR NEWS!

The Chicopee Register welcomes submissions of news in or related to Chicopee and its residents. Our "People News," is filled with submitted engagement announcements, wedding announcements, birth announcements, your new baby or news about your 25th or 50th anniversary celebrations. Please e-mail correspondence along with a photo to chicopeeregister@turley.com or send it to: Chicopee Register, c/o Turley Publications, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Election letters to the editor

The Chicopee Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Chicopee Register care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalsregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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

Campaign news

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

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in Chicopee Register.

Three Signs That You're a Difficult Patient



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



Difficult patients come in all shapes and sizes, but they all have one thing in common: they make life harder for their healthcare providers, whether they know it or not.

Healthcare providers not only work in a frustrating, fast-paced healthcare system, they spend much of their time helping people who won't help themselves. Are you one

of them? If so, it could be interfering with your healthcare and therefore your health!

Here are three signs that your providers might think you're a difficult patient:

You Don't Follow Doctors' Orders

Noncompliance is one of the most pressing issues in healthcare today. When pa-

tients don't follow their care plans or medication guidelines, problems arise.

Noncompliant patients have poorer health outcomes—and they waste everyone's time and money. Yet if a provider were to ask a patient, "Do you plan to be non-compliant?" most patients would exclaim "no!"

So, what's the disconnect? Noncompliance happens for many reasons: a lack of understanding, an inability to pay for prescriptions, or a myriad of behavioral health and social issues.

Unfortunately, it's unlikely your doctor will ask you, "What's your plan for following these instructions?" But if you tend to ignore your doctor's instructions, you need to create a plan to do just that.

You Come off as Being Angry

or Entitled

Some patients have good reason to be unhappy with the quality of their healthcare. Some have been on the receiving end of medical error. Some feel they've been treated poorly or have skewed perceptions of the healthcare system.

Whatever the reason, angry, entitled patients are their own worst enemies. Alienating care providers rarely results in better health outcomes.

Doctors, nurses and social workers are human beings. As such, they gravitate to those who are pleasant to deal with. They may subconsciously steer clear of difficult patients and family members. Frankly, in these situations, all a provider can do is to listen to a patient's complaints and address whatever is in

their power.

It's never okay to berate a care provider, yet it happens all the time. Often patients don't realize how badly they're behaving. Find a way to share your concerns or frustrations with civility, even on a bad day.

You Talk Too Much During Appointments

When patients talk non-stop, it makes it challenging for providers to discern the important information from everything else. It's rather like the boy who cried wolf; doctors may eventually tune out.

Doctors have limited time to see each patient. Excessive talkers unknowingly steal time from the next patient, while making it harder

See **YOUR HEALTH** page 9

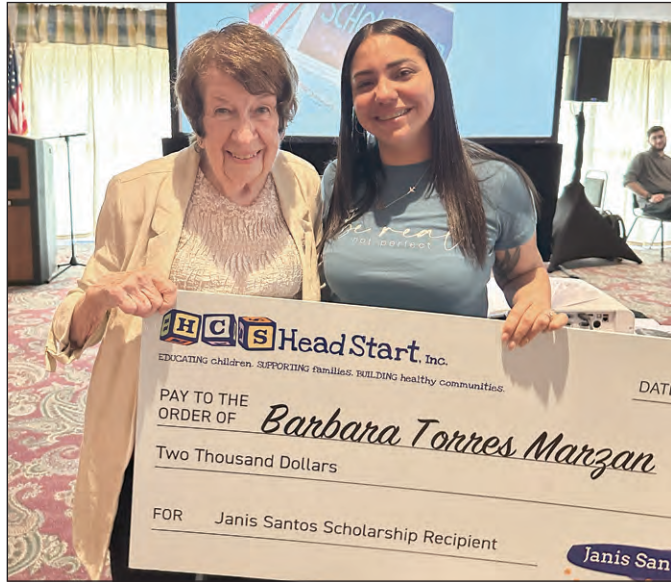
IN THE CITY

Lots of Celebration for HCS Head Start Team Members

Annual scholarship recipient announced, staff promotion, a new hire, an award, and retirements

SPRINGFIELD - Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield Head Start (HCS Head Start) has been providing high-quality early childhood education services for children and families in cities and towns located in Western Massachusetts since 1965. This single purpose organization is committed to providing qualifying families with a source of support for a brighter future including educating children, supporting families, and building healthy communities.

2025 Janis Santos Scholarship Recipient
Three years ago the organization announced the formation of the Janis Santos Scholarship. This recognition, created by Janis Santos, former CEO of HCS Head Start and resident of Ludlow, Mass., was done to help address the shortage of early childhood teachers. Knowing the importance of supporting this profession, Ms. Santos established this scholarship to support current HCS staff, parents, and all Head Start alumni, who are pursuing a degree in early education and care but may be encountering financial hardship. Ms. Santos, along with Nicole Blais, HCS Head



(L-R): Janice Santos, former HCS Head Start CEO and scholarship namesake with 2025 scholarship recipient, Barbara Torres Marzan.

Start's current Chief Executive Officer, were pleased to award the **2025 honor to Barbara Torres Marzan**. Torres Marzan, from Chicopee, MA has been with HCS Head Start for close to 4 years and currently is an Infant/Toddler teacher. At the recent announcement of this honor, she was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude as she was presented with the \$2,000 scholarship to continue her studies at Springfield Technical Community College. Previous honorees include Mayra Felix who recently completed her bachelor's degree at Springfield College and Notavious Andino-Galarza-Perez who is currently studying at Co-

lumbia University.
Exciting Staff Announcements:
After a remarkable 29 years of dedication to Head Start, **Rosa Caraballo** retired on May 1. As a teacher at many of the HCS Head Start centers over the years, Caraballo chose to go back to school and shift her career to the family services area of the organization. One thing that remained the same, no matter the department, was her passion and tenacity in serving each and every one of the Head Start children and families. Caraballo lives in Springfield, MA and is looking forward to traveling with her newly found free time. This July **Carol Horan**,



Rosa Caraballo retired in May after 29 years.

current Site Director for the Lincoln Grove Center in Chicopee, will retire after 24 years with the organization. Throughout her career at HCS Head Start, Horan has supervised and managed various sites and has fostered support for numerous educators and families, building deep and meaningful relationships within the community. Known for her willingness to help, she often assists at family engagement events, comes in early to help open sites and cover in classrooms as needed, and even rides the bus with children and staff during field trips! Her career has been dedicated to supporting the teachers, families, and Head Start mission and she will be missed deeply. Horan calls Windsor, CT her home and once officially retired, cannot wait to spend time traveling

and in her garden.
Yaritza Santos was promoted to the role of Comptroller. Santos began her HCS Head Start career in 2016 as an administrative assistant and the following year was promoted to HR Assistant, followed by another promotion in 2018 to HR Generalist

and served as the Interim HR Coordinator during COVID. Following COVID, Santos transitioned to the Fiscal team with her primary responsibilities centering around payroll. She resides in Holyoke, MA and holds an MBA from University of Phoenix.



Mayra Felix, a Chicopee resident and Teacher Director (TD) at Head Start's Mason Square Center, won a Plate of Bounty Award. This national recognition is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to children and families in her program of service. Felix began as a Head Start student herself and then in 1992 she began volunteering at HCS Head Start before receiving her first paid position later that year.



(L-R): Mahera Chiarizio, Director Of Education, HCS Head Start; Carol Horan, Site Director for the Lincoln Grove Center; Nicole Blais, Chief Executive Officer, HCS Head Start.

UFCW LOCAL 1459 from page 1

the first to speak was Boucher, who offered similar points of concern that Pope raised, but went a step further by declaring that the UFCW Local 1459 feels they have been given the "bare minimum in terms of wages and working conditions," compared to other unions such as first responders, most notably the police and fire department.

"They (UFCW Local 1459) see the police and fire get the best, and they get the rest," Boucher said about how the perception of her union feels compared to other departments in the city. "These employees are the lifeblood of the city, and they keep everything running; the city would come to a screeching halt if they decided not to show up to work for one day."

Boucher also feels the city still labels them as "essential workers"; a term raised during the COVID-19 pandemic, which in the eyes of the union feels is a point of disrespect, as they feel the offer presented "do not keep up with the cost of living and the skyrocketing cost of insurance."

Boucher didn't suppress the connected frustrations as the UFCW Local 1459 rep continued to express her thoughts, sharing that for those who take the family plan insurance, they will see a proposed reduction of close to the amount of over \$1,000 to paychecks before other out-



Members of the UFCW Local 1459 begin to form a line outside City Hall ahead of the July 1 City Council meeting.



Members of the City Council inside City Hall Auditorium before the beginning of the July 1 meeting.

of-pocket costs, such as taxes, and federal deductions go into effect.

She also cited the term "unsustainable" for all parties involved, which has led to the rising number of vacancies among all departments of the UFCW Local 1459, with a staggering 45 positions still considered open for the last three years for the laborers

group "at minimum" for example, with many citing the lack of urgency from the city despite the message for the postings to be filled as soon as possible.

Boucher added that due to the wide assortment of open positions, the city of Chicopee has saved and allocated more than \$8.1 million, but when the UFCW Local 1459

requested that the money be returned to the workers' new contracts it was budgeted for, the response, as Boucher put it, was "crickets" from the bargaining table.

"These are compounding issues that are a recipe for disaster if something is not changed. We're here to demand that you do right by your employees and pay them a livable wage that outpaces their insurance increases," Boucher said.

Joining in to speak next on the subject was Pope, who voiced similar concerns, citing price hikes, rising property costs and in the proverbial motion of ensuring employees are respected and paid a fair wage.

Responding to the frustrations as a point of mediation while trying to quell the

impending fears was Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner, offering a tone of sympathy to the city workers but passed along how the City Council isn't supposed to be involved as well.

"I am sympathetic to the plight of the city employees who have come here and spoken tonight. I very much understand where they're coming from and I appreciate their input. I think it's important for those employees to call attention to the fact that relative to other city departments, they are substantially underpaid. It is a simple fact," Wagner said.

Wagner noted that city workers start off making in the range of \$18-20 dollars, which equates to "less than \$55,000 a year in most cases for the starting salaries" and for police and fire, "start often at

over \$60,000 a year, rising up to \$80,000 a year at the highest steps of the contract," not including overtime and other benefits.

He then noted the law, citing section 17 of the city charter for "we're not supposed to be involved in the negotiations of these contracts or advocating one way for or another."

"It's unfortunate, but that's the law that we're bound by, and so while I'm appreciative of their sentiment, unfortunately there's not much that we can do in the way of advocacy for that," Wagner said. "So, I wish them all the best of luck in those negotiations. I hope that they get the much-needed raises and I look forward to seeing this council taking a vote on whatever those end up being."

Mayor John Vieau also shared a statement to the Chicopee Register on July 9 when reached for comment after the meeting.

"Chicopee deeply values and appreciates the hard work and dedication of our employees," Vieau said. "While we are unable to comment on the specifics of ongoing collective bargaining discussions, the City of Chicopee believes that the offer presented to the UFCW was more than fair. Our focus going into mediation remains on achieving a fair agreement that serves the best interests of our employees and the community."

WAGNER from page 1

around," Wagner said. Wagner said this when asked about what lessons he learned during his time in local government.

"I learned that at the end of the day, setting aside policy differences to work towards the common good is what we as your public officials are here to do," Wagner said. "Sometimes votes with my colleagues would differ, but we always came together on other issues, those votes notwithstanding."

One thing also surprised him as a city councilor "One thing that surprised me was how uninvolved a lot of the council was on a lot of stuff. The council has mas-

sive legal authority to shape local government and make it work better for the public, they don't seem to want to use that power to advocate as much for their own wants and needs," Wagner said.

Wagner said that he was, also, looking at ways to donate his pay from July and August, with plans to do this very soon.

"My reasoning being, since I cannot dedicate as much time as I otherwise would be able to towards this role, why should I get paid the same amount? I will keep some of the pay, my net pay usually comes out to around \$850," Wagner said. "I plan to donate around \$600 of each paycheck to groups in the area who need

some help and who would be able to put the money to good use. That will likely be done at the end of August so as to not have to write six checks, just three."

Wagner expressed gratitude to his fellow City Council members and, also, his former fellow members on the School Committee for all that he's learned from them.

"Thanks for the memories and the great experiences. I learned a lot about a lot from every single one of you," Wagner said.

His message to the residents was this.

"To the residents, thank you as always for the chance to serve. I hope I have lived up to expectations and done right (by) you," Wagner said.

Haluch's
MEMORIALS

haluchsmemorials.com

Cemetery Memorials + Markers
Granite Benches
Religious Statuary + Outdoor Display

RAY HALUCH INC.
1014 Center St | Ludlow, MA | 583-6508

FIVE ISLANDS

Georgetown, Maine
2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathroom
Washer/Dryer, Fully Equipped

- Walk to Five Islands Wharf and Ledgewood Preserve Beach
- Close to Reid State Park

\$1200/week
207-607-9333

IN THE CITY

CPD hosts Police Youth Academy

CHICOPEE – The police department held their annual Chicopee Police Youth Academy on June 23 through 27 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School and participated in varying activities.

The activities included observe a high risk traffic stop conducted by members of the Hampden County Regional Special Response Team, riding the bearcat, learning CPR, stop the bleed, helping choking infants and were shown the proper way to administer an EpiPen as well as Narcan, defensive tactics training, physical training, hands-on scenarios, a processing a

crime scene demonstration, learning about impaired driving, learning about the Drone Unit, a free throw showdown, relay race, team-building activities, learning about boating safety and a ride on the Lady Bea at Brunelle Marina, a K9 demonstration, boat rides by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, the Easthampton Police Department and the Westfield Fire Department and more.

The Chicopee Police Youth Academy is possible through the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee and the Senator Charles E. Shannon Grant.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF CHICOPEE MAYOR'S OFFICE



STOLEN SIGN from page 1

ning puts a lot of effort in, so we try to put the signs so people know who's running and I'm a first-time candidate, so for me, putting those signs was for people (to) recognize me," Sanghvi said. "That's the reason for putting those signs. Otherwise, being a first-time candidate, it's very difficult to run without people

knowing you." Sanghvi said there won't be plans to replace the stolen sign.

"I have 23 other locations and I'm going (door to door). So, I'm putting up lawn signs. So, maybe I'll put a smaller one (in that area)," Sanghvi said.

His message to the constituents and voters was the same as he stated earlier: fairness and he doesn't blame

anyone. "It's a democratic process. Go on and vote for the person you think is qualified. It's nothing to do with signs or anything," Sanghvi said. "Any constituent gets hurt when a sign is damaged or stolen or taken away. A lot of it goes into it. It's not about me, it's all about everyone running, any election, any position."

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11	
12			13		14				15				
16				17	18				19				
20					21				22				
				23	24				25				
26	27	28	29				30						
31							32						
33								34	35	36	37	38	
				39	40	41		42	43				
			44	45				46					
			47					48					
49					50				51	52	53	54	55
56					57				58				
59					60				61				
62					63					64			

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. 50 percent
- 2. California peak
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick "___ Flux"
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches

CLUES DOWN

- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one's hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of northeast
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors' group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens' fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one
- 63. Between south and southeast
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)

- 28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes
- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement



TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Project Bread began their mission of providing free meals to the community at the CPL Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 23.

SUMMER EATS from page 1

children engaged. No registration or ID is required, so anyone looking for a summer meal, whether they're experiencing food insecurity or simply enjoying a day at the park, can access free meals together," Icklan said. "We know that students rely on school meals to meet their daily nutritional needs, and that need doesn't go away just because school is closed for the summer. Ensuring that students have access to reliable, healthy, nutritious meals year-round is critical to their well-being. Making sure that Summer Eats programs are

well advertised ensures that kids and families know where they can get meals when they need or want them."

Icklan praised the organization's partnership with ChicopeeFRESH.

"Project Bread has a long history of working with the fantastic team at the Chicopee Public Schools Food Service Department, and we are always happy to show up and support them. Their school and summer meal programs are top notch, and we are pleased to be in partnership with them," Icklan said. "ChicopeeFRESH is a long-standing partner to Project Bread and has participated in Project Bread's Chefs in Schools

Program and our School Food Fellowship Program. These programs provide professional development and training to school nutrition staff all across the Commonwealth to create delicious, culturally connected, fresh and fun school meals."

By partnering with other local organizations Project Bread is able to spread the word about their accessible program and by doing so, they are able to reach more families to ensure no child in the community goes hungry this summer.

For more information about Project Bread visit, <https://projectbread.org>.

SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

Aldenville Post 337 falls to West Springfield

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—The only sport that allows mulligans is golf.

The Aldenville Post 337 Legion baseball team could've used a mulligan against West Springfield Post 207.

After giving up four runs in the top of the first inning, the Post 337 squad entered the bottom of the fifth inning trailing, 6-1. The home team closed the gap to 6-3, but West Side scored five more runs in the sixth and celebrated an 11-3 victory at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Monday night (June 30).

"We battled back a little bit after falling behind early in the game," said Aldenville co-manager Nate Carillon, who remained upbeat following his team's third home loss of the regular season. "They just caught us on a bad day. Hopefully, we play much better in our next game."

Aldenville (3-5), who won their first three road games, needed a victory to enter the month of July with a .500 record.

Carillon, who shares the coaching duties with Mason Scott, is hoping his squad can put together a winning streak just like they did a year ago.

"We got hot at the end of the regular season last year,"



Charlie Maxwell makes the throw to first.



Matt Sutton slings a throw across the diamond.



Matt Drobiak sends a pitch home.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Carillon said. "We won six or seven games in a row before losing to Belchertown in the championship game by one run."

One of the bright spots for Aldenville in the home loss was catcher Alex Savlick. He had two base hits with a walk and scored two runs. He also threw out two runners trying to steal.

"Alex played very well in tonight's game," Carillon said. "He had a couple of base hits and also threw out two runners. He's a very good catcher."

Savlick, who plays several different positions, lives in Springfield and attends Minnechaug Regional as a school choice student.

Memphis Huertas, who goes to South Hadley High School, is normally the starting catcher for Aldenville. Huertas missed a couple of Legion games because he was playing in a baseball tournament in Georgia with his travel team.

Matt Drobiak, who was Aldenville's starting pitcher against West Springfield (2-6), also had two base hits.

The home team's only other hits were by center-fielder Noah Carillon, left-fielder Lincoln Belsky, and shortstop Brandon Carillon.

West Springfield took advantage of a couple of errors to build a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Shortstop Aiden Wykes, who's from Agawam, fouled off several pitches leading off the game before lining a single into right field. He scored the game's first run on a passed ball.

The other four Post 207 players from Agawam are

Jonah Higby, Owen Lavelle, Joe Szemela, and Nolan Longo.

The visitors scored another run when Lavelle (2-for-3), who started in left field, hit a ground ball single into left field. The other two runs crossed the plate following a throwing error.

Noah Carillon and third baseman Matt Sutton, who was a freshman on the Chicopee Comp varsity baseball team this past spring, reached base on walks during the first two innings.

Post 337 scored a run in

the third inning.

With one-out, Savlick drew another walk before stealing second base. Then Noah Carillon belted a double to the gap in right center and Savlick scored easily.

West Side took a 6-1 lead in the fifth following another RBI single by Lavelle and a fielding error.

Aldenville got those two runs right back in the bottom half of the inning.

Belsky drove home the first run with a line-drive

Please see **LEGION**, page 8

Pioneers punch playoff tickets with victory

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—After winning the USL D-3Pro League championship title in 1999, the Western Mass. Pioneers only qualified for the playoffs five times during the next 20 years.

Since joining USL League Two in 2019, the Pioneers have qualified for the playoffs each season.

The Pioneers clinched a berth in this year's playoffs following a 5-0 win over the Albany Rush before closing out the regular season by hosting the boys from Vermont on Friday night.

"This is the sixth time in a row that we've made the playoffs," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who's been coaching the men's squad since 2012. "I think it's a very good accomplishment for the club. We need to win our last two regular season games to have a

chance to finish in first place."

The Pioneers (9-1-2), who have finished in second place in the league standings during the past three years, are battling Vermont Green FC (9-0-2) for the top spot in the Northeast Division table.

"We accomplished one of our goals tonight by clinching a playoff berth," said Pioneers midfielder Augustine Boadi. "We're now trying to win the league title."

The Pioneers were scheduled to play a road match against the New England FC on Monday night before closing out the regular season by hosting the boys from Vermont on Friday night.

The Vermont Green won the first meeting of this season between the two squads, 2-0, which took place in front of 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field located on the University of Vermont campus on June 17.

When Vermont made the three-hour trip south on Rte.

91 to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 win over the Pioneers in the regular season finale. It was the Pioneers, who had already locked up a playoff berth, only home loss of the 2024 campaign.

Entering last Wednesday's match, Albany (2-9-1) had never defeated the Pioneers since they joined USL League Two in 2022.

The Pioneers, who defeated the Rush, 6-0, on May 19, put the second meeting out of reach by scoring four goals in the first half.

"Building a large first half lead allowed us to relax a little bit in the second half," Molinari said. "We played very well tonight."

The Rush have gone 0-7-1 since celebrating back-to-back victories against Black Rock and Boston City FC at the end of May. Any hopes

Please see **PIONEERS**, page 8



Mila Dillard, of Chicopee, heads down the field.



Agawam's Hope Santaniello fights for possession of the ball.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Mutiny closes out regular season

LUDLOW – The New England Mutiny, which gathers talent from all over the region to play its home matches at Ludlow's Lusitano Stadium, recently wrapped up its regular season, including an impromptu 12-0 win over the Worcester Fuel. The Mutiny's short season will lead them to the playoffs, which are likely to take place on the road this year. The Mutiny have hosted playoffs at Luistano in the past.



Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, tries to get a pass away.



Samantha Breton, of Chicopee, tries to fake out an opponent.



Bella Santaniello, gets in the action for the Worcester Fuel during a recent matchup with the Mutiny.

Blue Sox edged by Danbury Westerners

HOLYOKE - On First Responders' Day at MacKenzie Stadium last Sunday, where members of the Holyoke Fire and Police Departments were honored, the Valley Blue Sox narrowly fell to the visiting Danbury Westerners 8-7.

The Westerners quickly jumped in front, as centerfielder Garrett Larsen launched a home run over the left field wall during the game's first at-bat.

The early offense set the tone for a game that showcased nine lead changes and ties.

Sunday's back-and-forth battle came to a head when Danbury extended their lead

on a Grayson Sparr RBI double in the eighth inning. That run proved to be the difference, as Danbury edged out an 8-7 win.

"We're going to continue to stay on the offensive attack," said Blue Sox manager Endy Morales.

"We're staying right there. I think mentality, we just got to continue to put good swings on balls. We played better defense today, so as long as we continue to stay forward and move forward, I think we'll be fine."

Valley tallied 11 hits in the loss. Nick Spaventa picked up three hits and two RBI in five appearances. Se-

bastian Mexico had a two hit performance, adding two RBI. Michael Elko added the other multi-hit outing for Valley, while Rees Kozar and Wyatt Hunt earned RBIs.

Danbury's Aidan Paradine went three for three with an RBI. Left fielder Michael Iannazzo produced two RBI from two hits, and Gavin Donohue collected two runs, a hit and an RBI from four plate appearances. Sparr and Larsen had two hits apiece.

Kenan Elarton started for Danbury and Andrew Koshy earned the win in relief. Harper McLendon was given the

See **BLUE SOX** page 8

SPORTS

Polewarczyk grabs win at Hudson Speedway

HUDSON, N.H. - Joey Polewarczyk left no doubt Sunday night as to who holds the home track advantage at Hudson Speedway.

The Hudson, N.H., native and 2020 Granite State Pro Stock Series champion, led every lap en route to his second straight victory in the series' annual Gate City Classic 100.

Only a pre-race redraw could keep "Joey Pole" from starting on the pole, as the veteran clocked in fastest in time trials but redraw second. Two-time GSPSS champ Joey Doiron led the field

to green, but Polewarczyk nosed out front before the field even reached turn one.

Polewarczyk and Doiron showed the way for the first nine laps, until Bobby Frappier nosed into the turn-three concrete to bring out the evening's first caution flag. On the restart, Polewarczyk reasserted himself out front, keeping Doiron at arm's length but setting a brisk pace around the high-banked quarter-mile.

While the two veterans held firm out front, former Hudson winner Angelo Belsito dived for third with re-

cent winner Evan Beaulieu and first-time starter Connor McDougal. Eddie MacDonald lingered in the distance, cracking the top five by half-way as he gave Belsito fits for fourth.

Polewarczyk and Doiron were well ahead of the pack when Cory Casagrande ran up on a slower car in heavy traffic, sending the car for a spin and drawing a yellow flag with 25 laps to go.

Once again, the lead duo took off from the field, but the battle for third heated up as "The Outlaw" cleared Belsito, then Beaulieu, to claw

his way toward the podium. Belsito and Beaulieu quickly found their hands full with a charging Casagrande and Cole Robie, both trying to make up for lost time in the closing laps.

But not even Doiron could chase down Polewarczyk, who gapped Doiron by nearly half a second on the way to his fourth GSPSS win at his home track.

Doiron's runner-up result was his best-ever finish at Hudson, the track where he last finished a GSPSS race outside the top ten back in 2020.

MacDonald brought car owner Dale Drew's No. 50 home in third, with Beaulieu close on his heels in fourth. Robie finished fifth, giving the young hard charger three top-five runs to open the season.

Casagrande was sixth after an early exit one week ago at Speedway 95, while Belsito slipped all the way to seventh in the home stretch. Frankie Eldredge had his best GSPSS performance yet with an eighth-place finish, while McDougal and Josh St. Clair rounded out the top ten.

Polewarczyk's ninth GSPSS win elevates the 36-year-old to second on the series' all-time win list behind D.J. Shaw. His home-track mastery has played a big part; only once in five GSPSS appearances at Hudson has Polewarczyk not parked in the winner's circle.

The GSPSS teams have a week off to celebrate Independence Day before returning to action on Friday, July 11 at Claremont Motorsports Park, kicking off a four-week midsummer trek through New Hampshire.

T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year's Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative's mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team's connection to local families and fans. This summer's Caravan dates are as follows:

•Saturday, July 19 - Sonny's Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *

*The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To

register your team, click here.

"After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we're thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We're equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome."

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local non-profit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

"We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the Mass-

Mutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it."

The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House. Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry.

Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels.

For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

Quabbin Valley set to host second over-28 fall league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quab-

bin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the league is open to welcoming more

teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rainouts, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com.

Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

LEGION from page 7

single to center field with one-out.

At that point, Higby, who began the game as the designated hitter, replaced right-hander PJ Greenia on the mound.

Higby, who's also a righty, allowed an inherited runner to score when Drobiak blasted a double to left.

Then second baseman Charlie Maxwell walked which brought the potential tying run to the plate.

Higby, who wound up as the winning pitcher, escaped the jam by recording back-to-back strikeouts.

The two West Side pitchers combined for twelve strikeouts.

The visiting team pretty much put the game out of reach in their next at-bats. Szemela capped off the big inning with a two-run single. Lavelle and first baseman Michael Zarelli also provided RBI hits during that frame which helped West Side build an 11-3 lead.

With one-out in the seventh inning, Drobiak singled to left. After stealing both second and third, he scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

Higby retired the next two batters on flyballs ending the game, which lasted more than two hours.



Justin Moskal catches the out at first.



Brandon Carillon makes the play for Post 337.

PIONEERS from page 7

they might've had about upsetting the Pioneers didn't last very long.

The home team took a 1-0 lead following a corner kick goal in the ninth minute.

Defender Gustavo Barbosa booted the ball into the box from the right corner. Then Boadi sent a pass to forward Jose Bustamante who tapped the ball into the net past Albany goalie James Joyce.

A little more than ten minutes later, Matt Cence, who's also a midfielder, delivered a crossing pass from the right wing into the box. Boadi finished off the play by scoring his first goal of the season.

"I've been on a goal drought for a long time," Boadi said. "I've been working very hard, and it feels very nice to finally score a couple of goals, especially in front of the home crowd. You can't ask for anything

better than that."

Cence and Boadi hooked up again in the 24th minute. This time, Boadi blasted a shot into the upper right corner of the net.

While Cence and Boadi are teammates during the summer, they'll be opposing each other at the beginning of September.

Boadi, who's one of the Pioneers veteran players, is also a member of the men's soccer team at Bryant University, while Cence plays at UMass-Amherst.

Aidan Kelly, who's the Pioneers captain and defender, is also a member of the Minutemen men's soccer team.

The two college soccer teams are scheduled to meet each other in a non-conference match in Amherst on September 6.

"It's always a lot of fun playing your summer teammates during the college soccer season," said Boadi, who would like to play for a professional soccer team af-

ter graduating from college next year. "I'm hoping that we can win our game against UMass. We talk about it all the time and I'm really looking forward to that match."

Cence is a first-year member of the Western Mass. squad.

"I'm thankful for coach Molinari allowing me to join the team this year," Cence said. "It has been a great experience and the guys on the team are awesome."

Cence also assisted on the Pioneers' fourth goal, which was scored by midfielder Robbie Lyons in the 34th minute.

The Pioneers had several more scoring chances during the second half.

Bustamante netted his second goal of the match during the 82nd minute. Defender Alejandro Carrillo was credited with the assist.

Goalie Alan Horrocks only had to make a couple of save in recording the Pioneers sixth shutout of the season.

row, the Blue Sox enter a stretch in which they will play six games over the course of five days.

"It's going to take everybody," said Morales. "This is why we have the wonderful resources of Adam Feit and the [training] facility, and taking

advantage of the off days. We have all these resources so that we can withhold a stretch like that. It's going to take every single guy, not just to look ahead, but to attack the game that's right in front of us. I think we'll be just fine if we do that."

ADVERTISING SALES

HELP WANTED

- Do you want to work in your community helping local businesses connect with their customers?
- Do you want a career supporting local journalism, which tells the unique stories of our communities?
- If so, then join our team! Turley Publications is looking for an outgoing, energetic person interested in selling advertising for our community newspapers. The right candidate will assume an established territory with a portfolio of customers.

You must be a self-starter with excellent communication and organizational skills. Basic computer skills are required.

Previous print sales experience is preferred but we will train the right candidate.

Turley Publications, a locally owned family business, offers a competitive commission structure, 401k, and health plan.

Send resume & cover letter to:

Turley Publications, Inc.

Jamie Joslyn
24 Water Street
Palmer, MA 01069
Email:jamie@turley.com

Our advertisers make this publication possible.

Let them know you saw their ad in the **Chicopee Register**

Digital Photos

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to newspapers.turley.com/photo-request

\$12.50 Each



IN THE CITY

Senator Jake Oliveira names Karen “Jack” Magnus Commonwealth Heroine

BOSTON- Each year, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities.

These women, nominated by their elected officials, may not often make headlines, but they are the backbone of our neighborhoods, the ones quietly shaping a stronger Commonwealth.

This year, Senator Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) has proudly nominated Karen “Jack” Magnus of Chicopee as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine.

“I am honored to nominate Karen ‘Jack’ Magnus as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine,” said Senator Jake Oliveira. “Karen’s lifetime

of service to our country, her ongoing leadership at Westover Air Reserve Base, and her commitment to building stronger partnerships between the base and the broader community make her an extraordinary example of integrity, strength, and impact. She is not only a mentor and leader to women in uniform, she is a builder of bridges between military and civilian life, and a passionate advocate for both people and the environment.”

Karen Magnus currently serves as the Director of Mission Sustainment & Community Partnership at Westover Air Reserve Base. She moved to Massachusetts



Karen Magnus

in 2015 for her final active-duty assignment as Mission Support Group Commander for the 439th Airlift Wing, retiring from the Air Force in 2020 after 33 years of distinguished service.

In her current civilian role, Karen acts as a key advisor to the Wing Commander, leading efforts that shape long-term policies impacting Westover’s airspace, land, and operational capabilities. She manages the Mission Sustainment Team, the Community Partnership Program, and the Mission Assurance Program—essential components of ensuring Westover’s strategic viability

in western Massachusetts.

Beyond her military and civic contributions, Karen is a passionate mentor to women in and out of uniform. She holds a master’s degree from Strayer University and previously served at the Pentagon in Air Force Reserve Plans & Programs. Outside of her professional work, Karen is an avid equestrian and a longtime advocate for animal rescue. Her love of science and the human body fuels a lifelong curiosity in medical research and innovation.

The MCSW celebrated the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2025 on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Massachusetts Statehouse in the Gardner Auditorium.

Summer Kids’ Church Program in Chicopee

CHICOPEE - Every Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 27, First Central Bible Church at 50 Broadway Street in Chicopee is offering a children’s program for ages three to grade six.

There is no charge and no need to register. Bring a friend and join us!

Each evening includes thoughtful Bible lessons, high-energy games, creative crafts and a tasty snack.

Children will learn about Jesus while meeting new friends and having plenty of fun.

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.

For more information on the program, contact Lisa Nawrocki, at lisanawrocki@firstcentral.church.

CPD C3 Center Street Unit visits lemonade stand



PHOTO AND CAPTION COURTESY OF CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHICOPEE - C3 Center is at it again! This young man has been selling lemonade for several weeks and has mentioned that he loves to ride bikes. However he didn’t have one. Not only did the officers help support his growing business by buying a couple cups of lemonade, they also gave him a bike and helmet as well.

Student Athletes take the crown at Hooplandia

CHICOPEE - Congratulations to Our Chicopee Champions!

What an unforgettable night at Hooplandia for the Friday Night Hoopstacular at The Big E! Huge congratulations to the incredible student-athletes from Chicopee High School - Pacers (Pacers) and Chicopee Comprehensive High School (Colts) who came together to represent our city in the newest chapter of the Chicopee-Holyoke rivalry game.

In a thrilling, hard-fought three-on-three showdown against the Holyoke Purple Knights, our team battled with heart, hustle, and determination—and came out on top with a 19-18 victory to bring home the Hooplandia Belt 2025!

Shout-out to our amazing players:

Pacers—Dominic Garcia, Rafael Aviles



Submitted photo

Holyoke Rows announces Free Youth Kayaking

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Rows is pleased to announce another great lineup of free summer programming to help our community get out and explore on the Connecticut River.

From free all ages kayaking days to a free learn to row week for Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield middle and high school students, there are endless options to

enjoy the outdoors from our boathouse at Holyoke Rows, 25 Jones Ferry Rd, in Holyoke.

Holyoke Rows is pleased to announce Free Summer Nights for Youth and Families that will take place Mondays/ Wednesdays July 7 through Aug 20 5:30 to 8 p.m. Children, youth, and families are invited to come down to the

boathouse for free kayaking, fishing, and more.

No registration needed, all equipment & instruction provided. Enjoy the outdoors from our boathouse at Holyoke Rows, 25 Jones Ferry Rd, in Holyoke.

This program is offered as part of the Massachusetts DCR Summer Nights grant program.

YOUR HEALTH from page 4

for providers to hone in on what’s important.

Ask yourself: who does most of the talking during your doctor visits?

How to Be a Good Patient

If you want good healthcare—and who doesn’t?—start by being a good patient. Follow your physician’s instructions and medications as prescribed, even when you don’t feel like it.

Share your healthcare concerns with your physician, but in a respectful manner.

Ditto your frustrations. Don’t create distractions from the main issue: your health!

Be mindful that in today’s healthcare environment, ER doctors and hospitalists are generally allowed about five minutes per patient. Doctors’ office visits are booked in 15-minute increments. So be prepared: create a list of issues you want to discuss and keep the conversation on point.

Remember, it’s never in your best interest to be a difficult patient. Partner with your providers to give them what they need, so they can best at-

tend to your health.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Send Us Your Community Autumn Events

Turley Publications will print your Autumn event FREE OF CHARGE in our Autumn Fest Supplement which will be published September 10, 2025. Total circulation of 85,000 which reaches over 200,000 readers in the Pioneer Valley. Event Should Be Non-Profit & Open to the Public

FREE Calendar Listings Reaching over 200,000 Readers in the Pioneer Valley

Event Name _____

Date/Time _____

Location _____

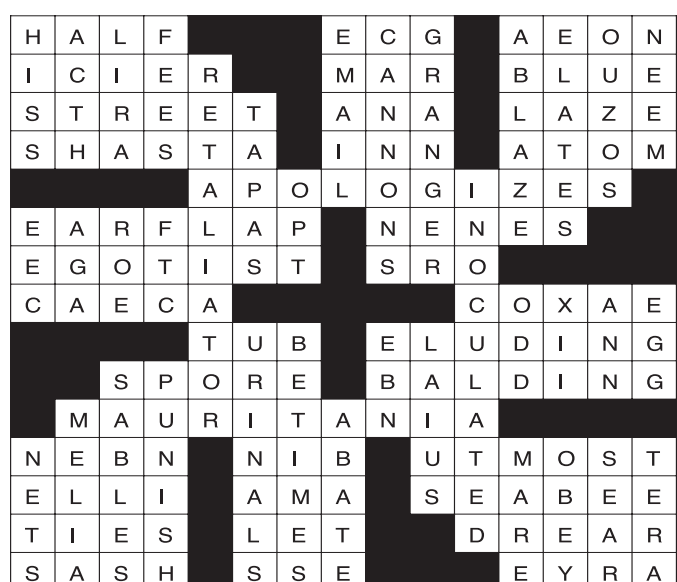
Description _____

Cost _____

Contact name & phone number for more information _____

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.



MAIL YOUR LISTING INFORMATION TO: Turley Publications, Attn: Jamie Joslyn, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or email* them to: jamie@turley.com *Be sure to indicate "Autumn Event" in the subject line of your email.



PUBLIC NOTICES

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Business A to Residential B for .7775 acres of property located at 11 St. Anthony St for the purpose of allowing for the most appropriate use of the existing structures by aligning with the zoning code's definition of "Hospital." This change will support the provision of essential health and recovery services for the community. Applicant – John Murphy, 16 Bay Rd., Hamilton, MA 01982.

Zone Change application from Business A to Residential B for .284 acres of property located at 0 Chicopee St (Parcel ID 0500-000051) for the purpose of allowing for the most appropriate use of the existing structures by aligning with the zoning code's definition of "Hospital." This change will support the provision of essential health and recovery services for the community. Applicant – John Murphy, 16 Bay Rd., Hamilton, MA 01982.

Zone Change application from Business A to Residential B for .9926 acres of property located at 546 Chicopee St. for the purpose of allowing for the most appropriate use of the existing structures by aligning with the zoning code's definition of "Hospital." This change will support the provision of essential health and recovery services for the community. Applicant – John Murphy, 16 Bay Rd., Hamilton, MA 01982.

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

The July 30, 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. 07/11, 07/18/2025

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 30, 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) (13) for the purpose of a dog kennel license for our nine Yorkies to comply with the MA law of having 4 or more in our home and yard located at 55 Paul Ave. Applicant – Antonieta Wilson Mathieson, 55 Paul Ave., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

The July 30, 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. 07/11, 07/18/2025

**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 succes-

sors 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

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

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

Zone Change application from Residential A to Residential B for 22,034 SF of property located at 100 Beaumont Ave for the purpose of construction of two single family residence. Applicant - Andrew Crane, 44 Sandtrap Way, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

The July 30, 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. 07/11, 07/18/2025

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 11th 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.

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 Duclos
4 Common St.
Granby, MA 01033
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 18th 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.

2015 Mercedes – Benz C300
VIN: 55SWF4KB3FU007385
Wellington Bispo De Franca
22 Campbell St.
Woburn, MA 01801

2014 Kia Forte
VIN: KNAFK4A67E5175951
David Parker
24 Taylor St., C321
Springfield, MA 01103

2016 Lincoln MKZ
VIN: 3LN6L2J94GR616400
Nour Hashem
40 Mcgregory Rd.
Sturbridge, MA 01566

2014 Ford Taurus
Police Interceptor
VIN: 1FAHP2MK1EG120089
Charles Lippert
10 Sawgrass Lane
Southwick, MA 01077

2016 Yamaha YFM700FWB
VIN: 5Y4AM93Y4GA105201
Unknown Owner
07/04, 07/11, 07/18/2025

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 25th 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.

2022 Chevrolet Trax
VIN: KL7CJNSM2NB549876
Mimi Silva
7 Charbonneau Terr., Apt. 26
Chicopee, MA 01013

2014 Dodge Charger
VIN: 2C3CDXH62EH333853
Jose Augusto De Oliveria Junior
4 Plantation Ter., Apt. 1R
Worcester, MA 01602

2007 Subaru Outback
VIN: 4S4BP61C077337877
Melissa Mitchell
11 Hale Rd.
East Hampton, CT 06424

2016 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL3AP3GN352811
Alvarado Beroteran
559 Main St., Flr 3
West Springfield, MA 01089

2016 Infiniti QX50
VIN: JN1BJ0RR4GM264402
Rosa Pena
3 Harvard St.
Springfield, MA 01109

2002 Lexus ES 300
VIN: JTHBF30G325037098
Elizabeth Brizuela
2015 Marathon Keys Ave.
North La Vegas, NV, 89031

2015 Nissan Pathfinder
VIN: 5N1AR2MM1FC669089
Yahshannah Porter
23 1/2 West St.
Ware, MA 01082

2000 Toyota 4Runner SR5
VIN: JT3HN86R4Y0274603
Esau Perez Gonzalez
121 Thunder Ct.
Myrtle Beach, SC, 29577

2014 Infiniti Q50
VIN: JN1BV7AR2EM680843
Rush Hour Motors LLC
40 South Street
New Britain, CT 06051

2020 Kia Sportage
VIN: KNNDPM3AC3L7764918
Jonathn Duval
314 Hill Rd.
Newington, CT 06111
07/11, 07/18, 07/25/2025

**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.
HD23P2457EA**

**Estate of:
Wallace Andrew Olbrych
Date of Death: 08/13/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sean Paul Olbrych of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Sean Paul Olbrych of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/05/2025. 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)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 07, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
7/11/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P1392GD**
In the matter of:
Bryan Smith
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Bryan Smith is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Edward Wojtowicz of South Deerfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appoint-

ment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/31/2025**.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 02, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/11/2025

**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.
HD25P1406EA**
Estate of:
Elizabeth A St. Laurent
Also known as:
Elizabeth Alice St. Laurent
Date of Death: 04/08/2025
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 Robert J St. Laurent of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Robert J St. Laurent of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/04/2025. 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)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 07, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
07/11/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P1392GD**
In the matter of:
Bryan Smith
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Bryan Smith is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Edward Wojtowicz of South Deerfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appoint-

ment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/31/2025**.

WE'VE EXPANDED OUR WEB SITE
PUBLIC NOTICES
ARE NOW ONLINE

1 Email all notices to publicnotices@turley.com
2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

VISIT
www.publicnotices.turley.com

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD
Fresh cut & split \$225.00
Seasoned cut & split \$325.00
All hardwood.
Tree length available
*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor boilers (Cheap). Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!** New England Forest Products (413)477-0083

MORE HEAT LESS WOOD. Central Boiler Classic Edge HDX Outdoor Wood Furnace. EPA Certified. Titanium Stainless Steel. \$2K Tax Credit. Call (508)882-0178

MISCELLANEOUS

ELECTRIC MINI BIKE. New 2024 Greenworks, 60V with two 8.0 oh batteries, dual port, 128 lbs. 25 mph max, 20 mi. radius, 90 minute charge, black/green. \$1350. 413-575-6448.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUES AND OLD STUFF WANTED.
BUYING Bottles, Crocks, Jugs, Pottery, Costume Jewelry, Toys, Games, coins, sterling, Glassware, Silver-plated items, watches, Musical instruments, typewriters, sewing machines, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, lamps, kitchenware, cookware, knives, military, automotive, fire department, masonic, license plates, beer cans, barware, books, oil cans, advertising tins, hunting, fishing, signs, and more Donald Roy (860) 874-8396

JUNK REMOVAL

A Call We Haul FAST REMOVAL
Junk, Appliance, Cleanouts.
We load it & take it.
413-531-1936
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

ARA JUNK FURNITURE REMOVAL

Full house cleanouts, attics, basements, garages, pools, hot tubs, sheds, decks. Same day service. 8am-9pm. Credit cards accepted. Free estimates on phone.
Fully insured.
Call Pete 413-433-0356.

SERVICES

A B Hauling and Removal Service

2***A & B HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE*******
Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard debris. Barns & sheds demolished. Swimming pools removed. Cheaper than dumpster fees and we do all the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured. (413)283-6512, cell (413)222-8868.

DRYWALL, PAINTING AND CEILINGS, plaster repair. Drywall hanging. Taping & complete finishing. All ceiling textures. Fully insured. Jason at Great Walls. (413)563-0487.

ELECTRICIAN

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN
I offer good quality electrical work, no project too small. Mini-splits, upgrades, pools, trustworthy & dependable. Luis Arroyo #20773A. Text or call 413-218-3301.

EXCAVATING

ELIOT STARBARD EXCAVATION
35+ yrs of happy customers.
508-882-0140

HOME IMPROVEMENT

HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST
Decks, porches, repair service, roofing and siding contractor. Tim 413-563-2229. Licensed/insured. 35 year construction supervisor.

CHAMELEON PAINTING & REMODELING

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR Remodeling & Deck Specialists
Residential/Commercial
Fully Insured • Free Estimates
413-351-1147

HOME IMPROVEMENTS. REMODELING Kitchens, baths. Ceramic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering, siding, decks. Insurance work. Fully insured. Free estimates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

WALKER HOME IMPROVEMENT
Interior and exterior
Finish carpentry, framing, window & door replacement, drywall, painting and decks. Competitive pricing. Insured.
Call Brendan at 413-687-5552.

SERVICES

LANDSCAPING

A+ ROZELL'S LANDSCAPING & BOBCAT SERVICE
Excavator Services
Overgrown property?
Extreme Brush Cutting!
Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal
Lawn/Arborvitae Installed
Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand
Storm Clean-up
Small Demolition/ Junk Removal
Insured
Josh Rozell 413-636-5957

****ALL SEASON**** Specializing in shrub trimming, pruning, design, deliveries, loader, backhoe, insured. Professional. Please call Bob (413)537-5789 (413)538-7954.

MATT GUERTIN LANDSCAPING

Weekly Mowing
Landscape design and installation
Paver Patios, Walkways
For more services visit
mattguertinlandscaping.com
Call or text 413-266-9975
Insured - Commercial - Residential

LAWN & GARDEN

***COMPOSTED LOAM* 3/8"** screened, \$40/yd. deliv., 10 yd min.; No additives, fillers or by-products. Local deliv. to Oakham and surrounding towns only. Eliot Starbard 508-882-0140.

MASONRY

STOP WET BASEMENTS
ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

PAINTING

DUTCH TOUCH PAINTING
Interior only \$199.00 for average 12x16 room. Very neat, references, prompt service. Serving Palmer, Barre and surrounding area. Call (508)867-2550

PLUMBING

GREG LAFONTAIN PLUMBING & HEATING Lic #19196 Repairs & Replacement of fixtures, water heater installations, steam/HW boiler replacement. Kitchen & Bath remodeling. 30 years experience. Fully insured. \$10 Gift Card With Work Performed. Call Greg (413)592-1505

SERVICES

PRESSURE WASHING

HOT WATER PRESSURE WASHING. We use brushes and state of the art equipment. We remove grime and mold from homes, patios, fences, walkways, all decks, concrete & driveways. Senior Discounts. For free estimates call Bill (413)519-9800.

TREE WORK

AAA-TROM'S TREE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE. Residential removal of trees. Free estimates, Fully insured W/Workman's Comp. Remove them before the wind takes them down. Cordwood, stump grinding. Call 413-283-6374.

DL & G TREE SERVICE- Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate (413)478-4212.

TUNE-UPS

LAWN TRACTOR & MOWER TUNE UP & REPAIR

A&M TUNE-UPS
Push Lawnmowers, Riding Mowers and Small Engine Repair.
Work done at your home.
STUMP GRINDING
FREE PICKUP OF UNWANTED LAWN EQUIPMENT
Call Mike (413) 348-7967

STUMP GRINDING

DL & G STUMP GRINDING Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave 413-478-4212



SAW STUMP GRINDING
413-213-5470

SAW Stump Grinding
Call for a Free Estimate.
Veteran Owned, Fully Insured
www.SAWSTUMPGRINDING.COM
413-213-5470

AUTO

CASH FOR JUNK AND REPAIRABLE CARS

FREE TOWING FAST SERVICE CASH PAID AS IS CALL OR TEXT 413-219-6839

PETS

FREE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD w/papers, 4 yrs. old. All shots, fixed. Well take care of. Great for devoted one person household or farm where he can run. Excellent watchdog. Betty, 413-599-1462.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER PUPPIES, AKC reg. Salt/ Pepper. Vet checked, first shot, non shedding. Ready now, \$1500. 413-782-2305

HELP WANTED

HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT is now accepting applications for a **FULL-TIME police officer.** Review of applications begins immediately. Visit www.hampdenpolice.com for more information. EOE

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT

4 ROOMS, 2 BEDROOMS, 1.5/baths, appliances included. \$1500/mo. No utilities. 1st/last/security. References and proof of income required. Call 413-589-0401.



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY


ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

APT. FOR RENT, OAKHAM. \$2000 all inclusive. 407-752-1499.

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development " HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



Post your job openings in our classifieds. **WE GET RESULTS!**
Call 1-413-283-8393

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

FRIDAY AT NOON

TARGETED MARKETING LOCAL RESULTS



Turley Publications, Inc.
www.newspapers.turley.com

- AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS**
BARRE GAZETTE
COUNTRY JOURNAL
CHICOPEE REGISTER
THE JOURNAL REGISTER
THE LUDLOW REGISTER
QUABOAG CURRENT
THE SENTINEL
THE SUN
WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN TIMES
TOWN REMINDER
WARE RIVER NEWS

turleynews
TurleyPublications

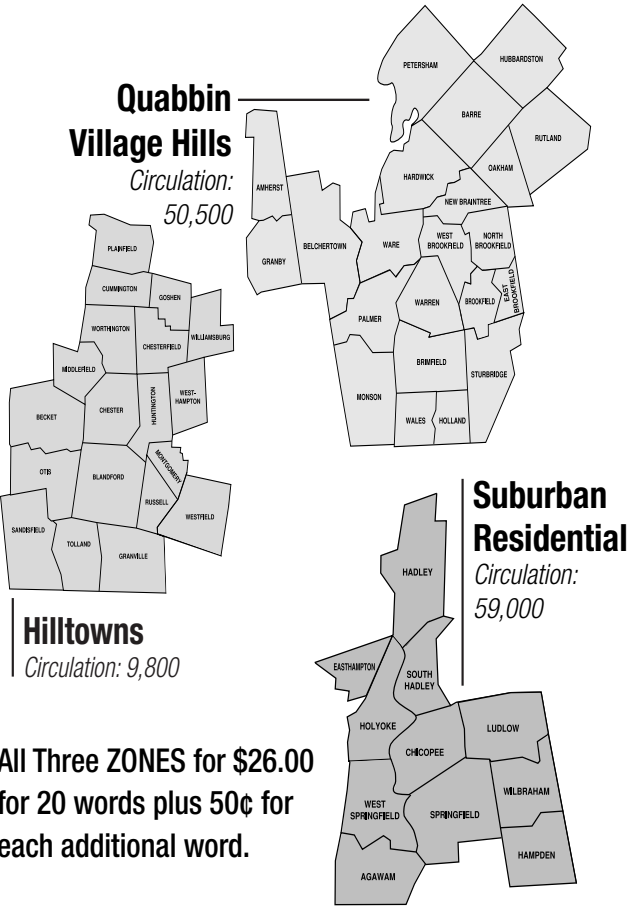
Find archives of this local newspaper at www.newspapers.turley.com

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 DEADLINES: **FRIDAY AT NOON**
or call: 413-283-8393

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Base Price \$26.00
21 Base Price \$26.50	22 Base Price \$27.00	23 Base Price \$27.50	24 Base Price \$28.00
25 Base Price \$28.50	26 Base Price \$29.00	27 Base Price \$29.50	28 Base Price \$30.00
29 Base Price \$30.50	30 Base Price \$31.00	31 Base Price \$31.50	32 Base Price \$32.00
33 Base Price \$32.50	34 Base Price \$33.00	35 Base Price \$33.50	36 Base Price \$34.00
37 Base Price \$34.50	38 Base Price \$35.00	39 Base Price \$35.50	40 Base Price \$36.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
Credit Card: MasterCard VISA Discover Cash Check# _____
Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____



Quabbin Village Hills
Circulation: 50,500

Hilltowns
Circulation: 9,800

Suburban Residential
Circulation: 59,000

All Three ZONES for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word.

GREAT VALUE!
ALL 3 ZONES NOW FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Make checks payable to **Turley Publications**

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

DL&G TREE

Tree
Removal



Structural
Pruning



Crane
Service



Storm
Damage



Stump
Grinding



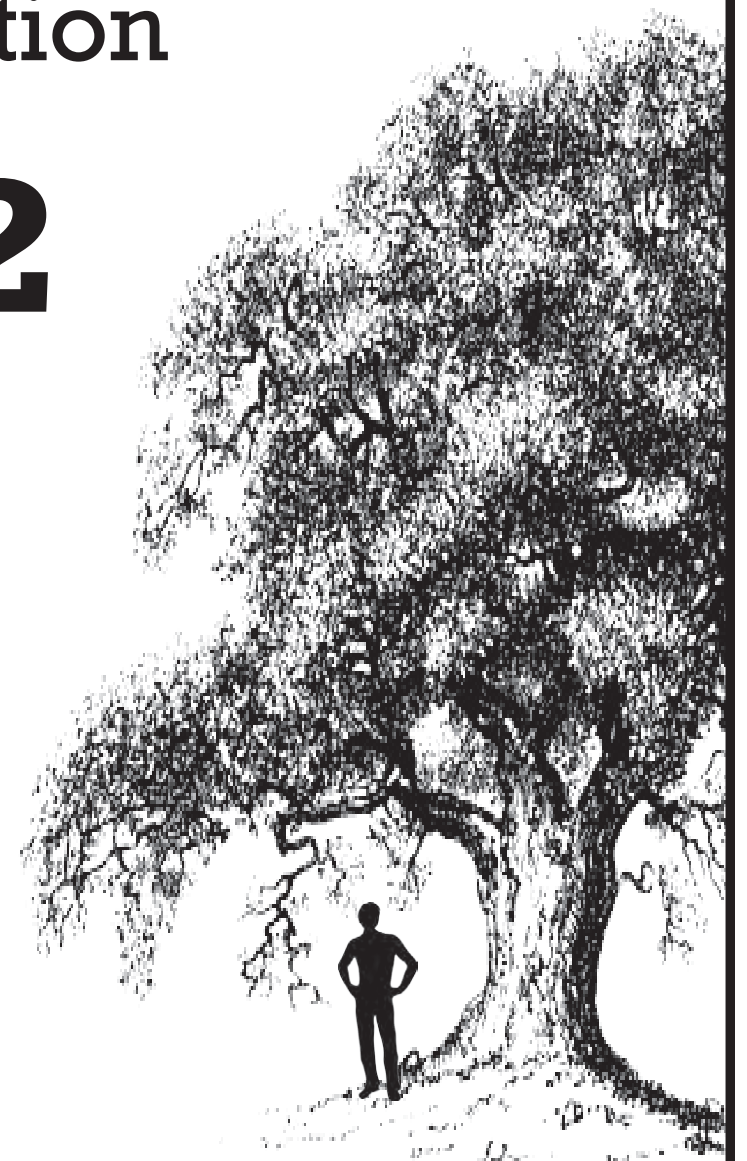
Lot
Clearing



Give us a call for your free estimate
and tree evaluation

413-478-4212

DL&G TREE



INSURED AND CERTIFIED