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Rotary Club *presents new officers*

By **Brendan Rooney**
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Rotary Club of Chicopee welcomed its new officers for the coming year on June 30.

The new officers are Scott Channell as President, Kate Riley as Vice President, Thomas Foley as Treasurer, and Chelsea Parker as Secretary.

Before the ceremony concluded, Channell later presented gifts to Borys and the rest of his fellow officers for their work with the club.

He then took a moment to reflect on what the organization would look like under his term, while sharing that the new guard will be receiving signature pins to solidify their appointment.

“I’m hoping to follow in the footsteps of those who educated me on what it means to be a Rotarian, and that means helping our community any way we can,” Channell said. “I feel the foundation has been planted, and it’s now coming to fruition. I want to thank Fred[Borys], Lou[Arsate], and John[Arthur] for their ability and success in recruiting new members, and the goal setting they provided.



The members of the Rotary Club assembled for a group photo.

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ed. So, we’re going to keep the course, we’re going to keep looking at ways to expand membership, and how to give back not only to Chicopee, but the world as well.”

Channell then shared that the non-profit has been a part

of offering assistance across the board in many aspects that go beyond fundraising and would continue to do so.

“I want to add that we do host fundraisers, but we also give back through scholarships, community and clean-

up events, and in the past through international grants in tandem with fundraising efforts, our particular club was able to secure an ambulance to a third-world country,” Channell said.

From there, he then broke

the news that Riley would be his new VP, an announcement that was well received.

“Kate[Riley] is just everything you want in a Vice President; she is energetic, she’s invested, and wants to help anywhere she can, and

wants to help us grow, and we are so excited for her to take on this responsibility,” Channell said.

Riley then offered

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RiverMills hosts Davis Bates, ‘Under One Sky’

By **Christina Gioscia**
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The senior center hosted Davis Bates who performed his program, “Under One Sky” on July 20.

Bates’s performance, “Under One Sky,” is focused on telling stories and sharing music from his life, but also from all around the world. Bates blends stories from throughout history together to give audience members different perspectives into other times and cultures.

“One of the things I just find really exciting about life in this country is coming upon somebody who’s come here from another country,” Bates said.

Throughout the performance Bates encourages audience members to sing along to classics like “Yankee Doodle” and “Jingle Bells.” He told personal stories from his childhood, including the story of how his mother tricked him into attending ballroom dance lessons as a teenager, which

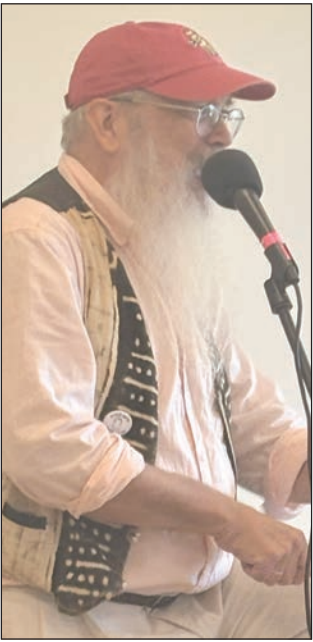
had the whole audience laughing.

After the show, Bates shared some insight into why he enjoys performing and where his passion came from. He started off by thanking the Chicopee Cultural Council for giving him the tools to bring this program to life.

“The cultural council program is great. It’s great to have this pool of money that can support programming at senior centers, schools and libraries. Because one, it helps me make a living. But two, it provides entertainment in a community setting,” Bates said.

Bates shares what initially got him into theatre and performing in general.

“I mean, we grew up getting Life Magazine and National Geographic. So, I would get those. And I started reading at a young age, like second grade, third grade. We got history books about American history, and I liked the stories. You know about people. I wasn’t that hip on the dates or the num-



TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA
Davis Bates performing at RiverMills Senior Center on July 20.

bers. But just like, little stories about people. As a kid I was shy. So, we would have Thanksgiving dinner and then afterwards, we would sit around. And my brothers and sisters would go back, and I would stay there. Because all the adults would

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Ken Goodrich, owner of Center for Martial Arts & Fitness, and his mentee, Jayden Ali Torres, the 2026 ISKA World Title Champion. Mentor and mentee also showed off their championship belts.

Torres wins ISKA World Breaking Championship title

By **Kristin Rivers**
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CHICOPEE - Jayden Ali Torres has become the 2026 ISKA World Title Champion, securing his first-ever world title.

Torres achieved this during the U.S. Open ISKA World Breaking Championship at the U.S. Open ISKA World Martial Arts Championships at Disney World in Florida by hitting 14 out of 14 boards in the Men’s Heavy-weight Wood Kick Division

by doing a side kick. The runner-up in the competition had attempted to kick 15 boards, but had gotten 14 out of 15 boards, making Torres the winner.

On July 17, Torres was

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Library presents, “Protestant Churches of Chicopee” educational program



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

The second poster on display at the program showcasing some of the churches that were spoken about during the presentation.

By **Christina Gioscia**
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The library hosted an educational program called, “Protestant Churches of Chicopee” on July 14.

The presentation was led by Robert Comeau and promoted by the Holyoke Preservation Trust. The program was funded partly by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, which is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Throughout the presentation, Comeau covered the history of 23 churches. The information included whether the churches were active, inactive, or demolished. He also shared the year of construction of each of the churches if available.

Finally, Comeau included a brief history of each of the churches, which religious denomination it belonged to throughout its use, and any fun facts involved with the building.

Attendees gathered in the Bazan Community Room on the lower level of the library for the presentation. Refreshments were available as well as handouts outlining the timeline included in the presentation, to make it easy for attendees to follow along.

Comeau also provided images of some of the churches included in the presentation for attendees to view before or after the program.

Comeau shared where his passion for history comes from and how religious history ties into that.

“I went to Catholic schools for 13 years. My backyard is a forest that’s a few square miles. And so, I have so much to go back to and explore. And I did that almost every day. And so all my life, my first love, was not school; it was my explorations. I said, ‘I want to explore every day.’ And share it with people,” Comeau said.

Comeau then shared why he believes educating the community on his research on religious buildings in Chicopee is so important.

“It’s important for people in Chicopee because two big reasons. If you do, like family trees, like genealogy, you’ll get a better sense of where your ancestors are with the church. And that

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Keeping seniors safe in the heat

By **Quinn Suomala**
Correspondent

With summer time in full swing, already communities have been facing record temperatures. It is important to keep in mind key safety tips to keep seniors safe in the heat.

High temperatures lead to an increased risk for conditions like heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Seniors are especially at risk for heat stroke due to a decrease in the body’s ability to regulate temperature as they age.

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IN THE CITY

Playa Bowlsofficially open

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The national chain Playa Bowls, which has more than 400 locations nationwide, was welcomed to the city of Chicopee, with an official ribbon-cutting held on June 23.

Welcome to the community
Festivities kicked off with an ensemble of customers, friends, and local dignitaries such as Mayor John Vieau, State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), and Chicopee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Breor.

“We just want to say welcome to Chicopee, and we are grateful to have you here. We welcome you. You have partners at all levels: city, state, Senate and House of Reps. We want you to be here, and we want you to be successful, and we just wish you the best,” Arriaga said before the ribbon was cut, and the celebration continued as everyone stepped inside, where Vieau offered additional remarks.

“I want to say welcome. I wish you many years of success. Good health, wealth, prosperity, all those good things that help us be a community in Chicopee that embraces you. And I hope that everything goes great for you guys because it is important, so hopefully, you’ll open many of them, because it’s really healthy,” Vieau said. “Each bowl mixes fresh fruit with proteins, and I feel just like everyone else here. I’m just excited for this new



Mayor John Vieau, Playa Bowls Chicopee Owner Ben Arthur, State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), and Chicopee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Breor in a group photo with other attendees.

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endeavor and thank you for choosing Chicopee. We like you to know that those who invest here do very well.”

Oliveira then presented owner Ben Arthur with an official citation from the Massachusetts House and Senate in honor of the opening.

“Be it further known that the Massachusetts House and Senate hereby offer its sincerest congratulations to Playa Bowls, NJ’s Original Acai Shop, in recognition of your being founded in 2014 on the Jersey Shore, the prime

crafters of acai, and celebrating your ribbon-cutting at the Chicopee location dedicated to quality service and economic development for our region,” Oliveira said.

All you need to know about Playa Bowls

Arthur shared that his restaurant offers freshly made superfruit bowls, smoothies, and countless other options by only using the freshest and highest quality ingredients available, something he felt that the city could benefit from.

“When we looked at the market more and more, we started to realize that there wasn’t a direct competitor in terms of what we could provide, and then everything came into focus when we found this location, and it checked all the boxes we were looking for when we were scouting all options in the research phase, and then we quickly got into conversations with the city to find out what the next steps forward could look like, and everything was lining up, better then we ever

hoped for,” Arthur said.

Arthur said that the fruits of his labor and vision came together on May 30 when the official grand opening took place, with people camping out since 4 a.m. to be the first in line.

“We were extremely busy that day as our line of service stretched all the way from our entrance down to Westfield Bank, and didn’t stop until 1 p.m.,” Arthur said. “It was truly like anything we thought possible, or had ever experienced up to that by a signifi-

cant margin.”
Arthur added that, after the success of the opening, he felt it was only appropriate to take to social media and offer gratitude.

“I did it in multiple Instagram posts, and I was just honest, offering a thank you to the city, and I extended that point of gratitude to all who aren’t from the city, but the region by just saying thank you for the support, generosity, and I truly appreciated the patience, shown by everyone in terms of our staff, because we do hire teenagers, and the crowds continue to be awesome, and I just feel every moment up until now has been overwhelmingly beautiful in the best way,” Arthur said.

Playa Bowls is located at 601 Memorial Dr. and can be reached at (413) 331-5161, and its website is <https://www.playabowls.com/location/chicopee-ma>.

Hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

McKinstry Farms to acquire Sapowsky Farms

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY - The beloved local Sapowsky Farms has been acquired by fellow family-owned operation McKinstry Farms.

Farmer William McKinstry spoke at length about family history and the importance of tradition within farming. He stated the acquisition was a way to preserve the beloved local farm, as the current generation of Sapowsky children “weren’t really interested in the farm.”

“Steve and Tammy worked very hard to build up their business,” McKinstry said. “They didn’t want to see it just sit idle. It was a good decision for both of us, you know?”

McKinstry spoke at length about the combined family history and mentioned his father and the Sapowsky patriarch were close. He mentioned how close Granby was to their central Chicopee operations and how they were already helping each other’s estates.

“They were just getting started and whatnot,” McK-

instry said as he reminisced on when the Sapowsky business got started. “My dad gave them a lot of advice to what to do and what not to do. And now it’s the other way around. Steve’s helping my son.”

The McKinstry Farm specializes in sweet corn, a crop which McKinstry reported has four different types. The Sapowsky Farm also sells sweet corn and strawberries, which he defined as their specialization.

The farmer intended to continue the proud tradition and stressed this acquisition would not change anything in their business model.

“We definitely want to continue what Steve and Tammy have built up their business,” McKinstry said. “We’d like to have a good strawberry crowd and following, so we want to keep that going.”

He discussed how important it was to meet current customer expectations and spoke on how much of local farming success was reliant on local markets. Much of the business requires the farms to maintain regional markets, which in turn relies on loyal



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Both Sapowsky Farms and their roadside stand is under new management.

repeat customers.

McKinstry also discussed his desire to further expand production into the Boston markets.

“My son has expanded the wholesale now,” McKinstry said. “So, he goes to Boston, you know? He just re-sends the truck every week.”

McKinstry also mentioned the acquisition was a

bit more of a formality than anything, as the two families have been working close together for at least five years. He stated his family farm was already renting property from their area and pointed out they were always looking for more land.

“We’re just trying to grow, you know,” McKinstry said as he discussed his future plans and also mentioned they

introduced a new crop to help with the farm’s expansion ambitions. “We’re doing a lot of winter squash.”

McKinstry identified the crop as essential to their eastward expansion efforts due to the vegetable’s overall resilience and longer shelf life. He stated the crop was easy to store in the wintertime, so long as it’s kept heated around 58 degrees.

“It’s good income in the winter for us,” McKinstry

said. “It’s a hardy crop.”

The Sapowsky family, however, isn’t completely out of operation. McKinstry mentioned Tammy Sapowsky would still work on the farm as a morning manager, as well as “doing the bacon” on the premises.

He stated the move would allow her to reduce her overall responsibilities, a decision he said made her happy.

“She doesn’t have all the responsibility of everything now,” McKinstry said. “She can just devote more time to her customers and baking and she’s enjoying life a lot more.”

Steve Sapowsky will continue to help out as well, though the recent shoulder reconstruction surgery may affect his ability to contribute.

McKinstry reiterated his whole goal in this acquisition was to help out the family and to continue to uphold the farm’s proud legacy within the community.

“The transition’s been very smooth,” McKinstry said. “They’re happy – they seem happy and willing and don’t have the burdens on their shoulders...they want to see us succeed too, you know?”

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CHICOPEE - Here are some of our upcoming library programs for Summer 2026. All ages are invited to participate in Summer Reading (online or on paper) which runs through Aug. 14.

Thursday Night Summer Concerts at 6:30 p.m.:

July 30: Dan Kane Youth Singers (a mix of musical styles) in the Community Room

August 6: Small Planet Dancers will present Emerald Road-the story of the Celtic People through Irish and Scottish music and dance (in the Community Room).

Tuesday Night Events

July 28 at 6 p.m. Tarot (Celtic Cross Spread) with Winifred Costello (Please register, and bring your own tarot cards if you have them)

August 4 at 6 p.m. Speed Puzzling-ages 10+, teams of 4 compete to complete the same puzzle in the fastest time (Please register)

The Chicopee Library thanks the Chicopee Cultural Council since many of our events are funded in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

OPINION

Twenty-four days of mountains, miles and memories on the Appalachian Trail



by Julie Midura

Seventeen days into our 320-mile walk on the A.T. from North Carolina to Virginia, the sky broke open with unyielding rain, drumming the leaves overhead and turning the trail into a torrent of rushing water. The squish, squish, squish of water-filled shoes became a constant melody for the next eight days as rain drifted through the forest... sometimes in sheets and sometimes in hushed murmurs.

Wet foliage accosted us at every turn, the branches leaning heavily onto the trail from the weight of SO MUCH unrelenting rain.

Every step became methodical. Our eyes looked down rather than ahead, focusing on the individual brushstrokes rather than the entire painting. Only then were we able to see the tiny little details we likely would not have noticed under sunny skies.

As we continued to walk through ever-present WET, our attention narrowed. We focused our eyes on a much smaller world-the one directly below our feet.

I crouched down to see a turtle shyly peeking its head out of its bright yellow lacquered shell. I squatted with my elbows on my knees in the middle of the path to watch a snail moving with ceremonial slowness as it crossed the trail on a rotting log, leaving a trail of silver in its wake. I stooped low to get a closer look at a vivid orange salamander with black speckles dusting its back and golden eyes staring straight into mine. I observed tiny creatures of our earth-who remain under cover on hot sunny days-come to life on the surface of the rain-drops.

For eight days in a row, we awoke in a tent and pulled on soaking wet socks and shoes. We gripped trekking poles with fingers that turned white and puckered by days end. But we also witnessed magical forest spirits and tiny details we would never have noticed on a clear day.

It rained overnight and was still spitting when we packed up our wet tent on our



final day on trail. Before we started walking, we ended our morning prayer with, "And if it be your will, Lord, please let us end this hike under sunny skies."

Several hours later, we reached the end of our journey at the Virginia border, completing our 320-mile walk from Fontana Dam, NC to Damascus, VA! We congratulated each other, snapped a few pictures, then continued hiking the final few miles toward the town of Damascus, where our friends were meeting us to shuttle us back to our car.

As we walked, the clouds finally began to loosen their grip on the sky. Minutes later, golden beams of sunlight spilled between the branches, as if an unseen hand was parting a curtain. The entire forest came alive with a radiance that could not be explained by mere sunlight alone.

I stopped walking, and with my pack on my shoulders, I tilted my face upward as the sun poured rivers of gold through the canopy above me. And suddenly, I was filled with an overwhelming revelation-so powerful that I began to weep uncontrollably.

I wept not because the rain finally stopped. Not because the hike had been so hard. Not because we completed our goal. I cried, because in that sudden moment of awakening, I could feel God's presence to the depths of my very soul. And I realized we had never walked a single mile alone.

God had carried us through every storm. Through every drop of rain. Every exhausting climb. Every wind-swept ridge. Every stretch of muddy trail. Through every ache and every pain.

He had not been waiting for us at the end. Had not been watching us from a distance. He had been walking right alongside us, filling us with His glory with every step, and

carrying us when we could no longer carry ourselves.

My fatigue had concealed it. The rain and clouds had obscured it. My own determination had camouflaged it. But here, in a moment of complete clarity, with the sunlight warming my face, drops of water dripping from the leaves above me, and over three hundred miles behind me, I could see it clearly.

God had been with us in every step.

In the strength when ours failed. In the shelter that appeared when we needed it most. In the strangers who offered kindness. In the moments when we thought we had nothing left, yet somehow continued forward.

I stood among the trees, while beams of golden light streamed through the branches above me in silent testimony. Stripped of my armor, I wept on my husband's shoulder while he held me in his arms. And finally, every raindrop, every ache, every hard climb, every trial, and every mile... made sense.

We completed our goal, not because it was easy, but because we kept putting one foot in front of the other for 24 days.

We embraced a path that humbled us. Carried us. Challenged us. Stripped us down and built us up-physically, mentally and emotionally. Taught us resilience. Showed us that we can sit in discomfort without becoming a casualty of it.

We tasted freedom. We inhaled silence. We knew peace.

The miles may be finished, but we will carry what they gave us as we step out of this wilderness and re-enter the world we left behind.

Read more about Julie and Tom's wilderness adventures on Instagram @more-thanthemountain



Washing the elephant

The name Paul Rogers may ring a bell with some of my readers. Paul was a dear friend of mine, a mentor and acclaimed horticulturist who had amazing influence at Old Sturbridge Village, especially early on in my tenure.

He operated Stonehedge Gardens with his wife Barb in Charlton and for many decades wrote a regular column for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Paul also had a radio show, a weekly gardening Q&A on WTAG.

It was with his coaxing that I applied for and got this gig as the Garden Lady for Turley Publications over 20 years ago. He was very well known throughout Central Massachusetts, the Boston area and beyond.

Once I was in Bath, Maine, and to my disbelief someone mentioned that they knew Paul Rogers when I was shopping in a kitchen store of all places. But alas, I digress.

Paul and I would meet every other week at the Village unless he was traveling on some horticultural odyssey. Many times he and I would chat before we took our walks around campus to assess my beds.

I learned all about his trips in great detail and he got to know me pretty well, too. He always knew when I was "down in the dumps."

During those periods, Paul would say, "you've got to wash the elephant."

At first this made little sense to me, but after a bit I understood. When you are not feeling like yourself, you have to tackle a project, a big, elephant-like project, and afterwards you will feel better.

Of course, his projects were, and mine are, typically garden related.

So this weekend I tackled the iris and rose bed. Or shall I say the iris, rose and violet bed?

The violets were un-welcomed guests in the garden, as were the borers, but we will get to that in a minute.

You see, I inherited this beautiful patch of blue-purple bearded irises when we moved to this house. For years it bloomed effortlessly. I divided it once a few years back and it was nice for awhile.

But this year blooms were sparse and rose suckers began to show up everywhere within the garden. Violet foliage crowded out the vertical spear-shaped iris leaves.

How was I to tame this mess and do it in the most efficient way possible? My approach may seem unconventional, but if I didn't do it this way I might still be outside squatting in that very garden.

I took out the lawn mower and adjusted the height to the tallest I could, six inches. Then I mowed down the garden.

After that I got into the bed with a hand trowel and one scoop at a time, dug up the bed. It was easier than I thought, because the irises were in worse shape than I thought. They came up so easily because they were weakened by a bad iris borer infestation.

I had never seen anything like it. As I unearthed the rhizomes I smelled the rot before I found my first borer. To say it was gross was an understatement.

Each rhizome was lifted, inspected and cut back to healthy tissue. Two inch long borers were collected in a yogurt container for the chickens. They ranged in color from light pink to deep mahogany.

To think that I've been gardening for so long and had never seen one before! The violet rhizomes were also dug up and discarded, as were the unwanted rose runners and suckers.

Thinning out the apothecary rose will certainly help to dissuade powdery mildew from taking hold next year. This year it's pretty bad.

Meanwhile, the irises were moved to a holding bed, also known as the vegetable garden, while I solarize the area they came from to kill off any violet seeds. I hope. They are notorious at self seeding.

I realize I took this project on a bit later in the season than I should have; my irises may not bloom next year, but it was then or never.

So now you have my "washing the elephant" story. And you know a little more about an amazing man who I miss so much and think of often, especially when I am in the garden.

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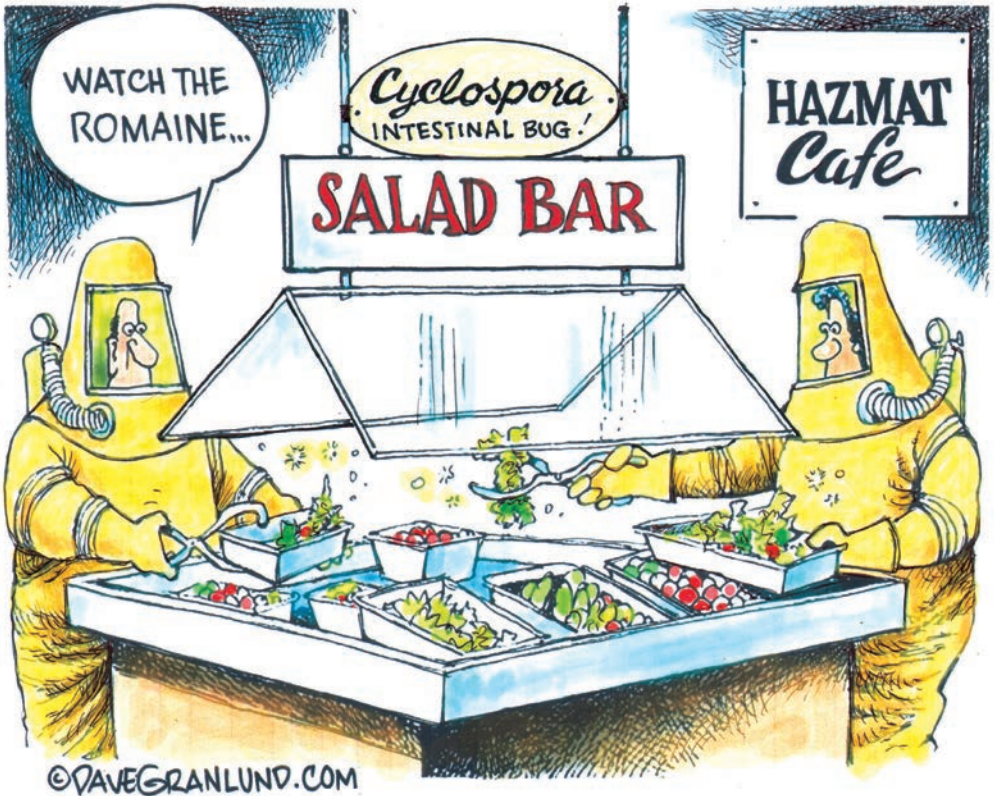
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IN THE CITY

Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

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

It's Summer Reading Season! Did You Read Today? The annual Summer Reading Challenge is on. Read every day from June 24 – Aug. 14. Read anything and everything, sign up to track your reading progress with Beanstack or on paper or both, and come to the library for creative activities and exciting performances!

The ChicopeeFRESH Summer Dance Par-

Community Kitchen food truck will be in the library parking lot distributing free meals to kids 18 and under every weekday from 1:30 to 2 p.m. June 29- Aug. 14. Grab your lunch and come inside for a place to eat and maybe some activities at Lunch Club, weekdays 1:30-2ish in the Children's Room Activity Room.

Join us on Thursday Afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. for a creative activity. Activities will rotate depending on weather and availability. Updates on what we will be doing will be posted every Monday. Check for updates on our social media and in the Kids Room.

ty will be on Tuesdays, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. Moving and grooving for kids and their caregivers. Geared toward ages 0-8, but all are welcome! 45 minutes to one hour of energetic activity including singing and dancing, action rhymes, and playing with props like scarves and shakers.

Summer Storytime will be held on Tuesdays July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Listen to some read-aloud books, do some rhymes and songs and enjoy a craft or activity. This mixed-age storytime is geared towards 0-8 and should have something for everyone to enjoy. July 14 will be Beach Storytime, with a paper sandcastle craft. July 28 will be about

Dandelions.

Come to a magic show with Ed Pop on Wednesday, July 15 at 2 p.m. This fun and funny show is great for all ages.

Chinese Acrobat, Li Liu will amaze and astound with her feats of strength and grace while telling stories of her childhood in China and her long career as an acrobat. Wednesday, July 22 at 2 p.m.

Learn to make Balloon Flowers with Ed the Wizard on Friday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Using professional Q260 Latex Twisty Balloons, patrons will learn the art of Balloon Twisting. Individual help is provided as needed, child or adult! Best for ages 7 and

Teens

All teen events are for ages 11-18. Space is limited and not guaranteed. Doors will close 15 min after the start time.

Join ChicopeeFRESH at the library on Monday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. for a tasty evening of Yogurt Bowls! Learn about some yummy, and healthy, additions you can mix into yogurt to make a filling snack, then get to try it by creating your own yogurt bowl!

Visit our website for more info about all of the library's events! www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

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thoughts.

"I'm very excited to be part of the club, and I'm especially excited to be stepping up to the role of Vice-President. I'm looking forward to helping build this chapter and assisting Scott any way I can," Riley said.

She then discussed how the conversation came into reality.

"So, I texted him[Channell] because it was stewing in my head, and I was like, 'What does this VP role entail?' Then I gave him a call, and it worked out. He explained everything, and he told me he was very excited for the opportunity to step in and to help him," Riley said.

Channell shared that in that conversation, he didn't want to put her[Riley] on the spot like he once was when he was asked to be President, when he was six months in.

"I remember being honest and feeling I wasn't ready, so I said I would prefer to be Vice President," Channell said. "However, I can confirm that in the case of Kate, I feel she's fully capable with her talents to help us in any way, shape, or form, and that's the mindset we need for not only the Rotary Club, but also the Chicopeecommunity."

Lastly, both Parker and Foley shared that they are excited to return and can't wait to see the future Channell has outlined.

To note, the Rotary Club of Chicopee has donated over

\$250,000 to local charities and non-profits, including: Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee, RiverMills Senior Center, For The Love of Good Foundation, Chicopee High/Chicopee Comp Music Programs, Boy Scouts Troop #1849 of Chicopee, Scholarships, USO of the Pioneer Valley, Sunshine Village, and more.

The Rotary Club of Chicopee meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:15 p.m. at the View Street Tavern.

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Incoming President Scott Channell presents Outgoing President Fred Borys with the gift for Borys's service to the Rotary Club of Chicopee.



Lapierre named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER - Assumption University has announced that Emilia Lapierre, of Chicopee, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Mayor John Vieau and Jayden Ali Torres with the certificate of excellence.

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joined by his coach and mentor, Ken Goodrich, owner of the Center for Martial Arts & Fitness, at City Hall Auditorium to be honored by Mayor John Vieau for his achievement.

Torres started his journey at five years old through the center's after-school and child care program at Bowe School, continuing his training through age 14 before switching to high school athletics.

A 2023 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Torres also completed the Culinary Arts program while competing in varsity football and junior varsity basketball. Afterward, he returned to martial arts and to the same program where he first began his journey.

Besides being a First-Degree Black Belt through the American Breaking Combative Taekwondo Foundation and a member of the Center for Martial Arts & Fitness staff, Torres is also a martial arts instructor and world-class competitor.

Goodrich himself, meanwhile, is a Fifth Degree Black Belt, seven-time ISKA World Breaking Champion, seven-time North American Champion, three-time USA Taekwondo National Champion and multiple-time world record holder.

After thanking Goodrich for what he and his team do for the students at the center, Vieau congratulated Torres

and called him "an inspiration to many" and a role model.

"Jayden, you represented Chicopee with pride, sportsmanship and I want you to continue to do that," Vieau said. "We always keep our head up, our chin up and win or lose with dignity and I'm excited for you for this wonderful opportunity to continue to compete at this high level is, my understanding, you have one of the premier gloves in the world, which is just something very special."

Goodrich shared he started his program back in 2008 to provide kids in the community a chance to succeed and achieve.

"I couldn't be more proud of this young man. I've spent a long time mentoring him, being friends with him, doing lots of great things, traveling together all over the world to martial arts tournaments and I see nothing but big things in his future. I think that he is the embodiment of hard work and determination and I look up to him and all of our students and our families look up to him as well as a valued instructor," Goodrich said. "I just see great things for him. I'm proud of him as well and today's his day. Jayden Torres is the ISKA World Martial Arts Champion. The ISKA is the pinnacle of martial arts combat sports in the world and you don't get any higher level than this, so really appreciate all of the hard work that he's done and given back to the community."

Goodrich reflected on

how Torres overcame adversity throughout his life and had broken his arm a month before the competition and almost didn't compete. However, he didn't give up and worked with his non-dominant arm during the competition.

"The person that was in first place the last two years came up behind him and he was able to beat the winner for the last two years, so the mayor reached out to him and appreciate all the support from the mayor's (office). It's a great thing for our community and I think he is one of the best examples of what Chicopee can have to offer and what people who do their best can give back to the city," Goodrich said.

After Vieau read the certificate of excellence and presented it to Torres, the young champion said he was humbled by the honor and was in tears when he received his belt.

"This is all I wanted. I didn't think I was going to get it. I thought maybe another 10 years this would be me, but now it's me and we're here now," Torres said.

For Torres, representing the community also means everything to him.

"Me sitting in any of the classrooms that I was in in Chicopee, I never would have thought that I'd be honored in any way. I just simply just put my head down and try to be like the rest of everyone," Torres said. "Just me. I feel great, it's a great feeling."

On Goodrich, Torres explained that when he started kindergarten, his mother had to work and she ran into the after-school program and enrolled him.

He also encouraged local kids to check out the Center for Martial Arts & Fitness and enroll.

"The very first day I was in it, I fell in love with it and I stuck with it ever since. It's been since I was in kindergarten all the way up until now. I'm 21 years old and through those years, I've had ups and downs and he's always been there. He's always been there to tell me to sharpen up, to train harder. He's always there to accompany me in training and not only just watch me, but also do the reps with me.

He invites me over to his house, we jump in cold ice water, we jump in hot saunas and, honestly, me and Ken's relationship is past master and student. Me and him hold a very close friendship and I'm very grateful for him having his after-school program and I'm inspired by him because of what it can do and what it's done for me," Torres said. "We can never forget our roots. That's where I came from."

His message was this.

"When you're at your

lowest point, you don't know where to turn to. I didn't know where to turn to. I simply got on my knees and I prayed day in and day out. I've shed tears, I've had anger, I felt anxiety. It was a feeling of all those things, but I put my head down and I prayed. I asked my mom to pray for me, I asked for my family to pray for me and all of those prayers were received. Thank God heard me this time and if there's kids out there, you're really down and you don't know where to really go, pray. Just pray to

God and do anything that you can to move forward," Torres said. "You ask yourself if you can take a step forward and you can, you take it. Even if it's a simple step it don't matter. One foot at a time and one breath at a time. Take everything out once at a time. You can't think 10 years ahead. You have to think right now in the present. You have to move forward with everything that you have. No matter if it's at your lowest or your highest, you move forward with everything you have."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen to

5. Presents

10. A type of guitar

14. Actor Idris

15. A citizen of Iran

16. Pretentiously artistic

17. Harness

18. Diamond weight measurement

19. "Better Call _"

20. Fervent support

22. Male cat

23. Jewish spiritual leader

24. Disposed to venture or take risks

27. A way to nail

30. Cool!

31. Women's __ movement

32. "Losing My Religion" rockers

35. Step-shaped recess

37. A princess can detect it

38. Tractor-trailer

39. Leslie and Leon are two

40. Color at the end of the spectrum

41. Lines where fabrics are sewn

42. Dodgers great Hershiser

43. Floor covering

44. Traveled aimlessly

45. Rocker Stewart

46. Body art

47. Congressman (abbr.)

48. No seats available

49. Breaks apart

52. Tube cat

55. Ballplayer's tool

56. Sword

60. Baseball team

61. Upper bract of floret of grass

63. Italian Seaport

64. Mars crater

65. Tube on a shoelace

66. U. of Miami mascot

67. South American nation

68. Video game series "Max _"

69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title

2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy

3. Jewish calendar month

4. Family of long-legged frogs

5. Photo

6. Delivered a speech

7. Lute used in Indian music

8. Decorated

9. Cease to stand

10. The bottom layer

11. Member of a Semitic people

12. Part of a ticket

13. Defunct monetary unit

21. Challenges

23. Body part

25. Tell on

26. By way of

27. Shady green alcove

28. Egyptian city

29. __ and flowed

32. Widens a hole

33. Eurasian wheat

34. Act incorrectly

36. "Be back later"

37. Al Bundy's wife

38. Ocean

40. Large root eaten as a vegetable

41. Units of subjective loudness

43. Music genre

44. A way to drench

46. Popular hot beverage

47. Silk-like cotton fabric

49. Rumanian city

50. Come back

51. Vaccine developer

52. Canadian law enforcers

53. Wings

54. Observational comedian Bill

57. Small fry

58. __ Clapton, musician

59. Take a chance

61. Semi-liquid food for babies

62. Consumed food

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Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1986 - 40th Class Reunion

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1986 will celebrate its 40-Year Class Reunion on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at The View Street Tavern in Chicopee.

Appetizers, cash bar, music, dancing - and an opportunity to reconnect with classmates. For those interested, a round of golf will also be held that morning/afternoon.

Classmates are encouraged to email their current contact information to chicopeecomp86@gmail.com to receive future reunion updates and to let us know if you plan to attend.

We look forward to celebrating 40 years with the Class of 1986!

Summer Art Class for kids at Head Start Ctr.

CHICOPEE – A Summer Art Class for children ages 2.9 to 5 years old will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. July 23 through Aug. 27 at Head Start Center, 216 Broadway Street in Chicopee.

Designed for kids to explore, imagine, and truly express themselves. Art supplies included.

Call or e-mail to Silvia 413-505-9053 or durands@headstart.org.

Sponsored by the Holyoke Chicopee Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Polish Center of Discovery and Learning announces third annual scholarship offering

CHICOPEE - The Polish Center of Discovery & Learning is opening applications for the third year of its academic scholarship program for students of Polish heritage. The scholarship is provided through a generous donation from Donald Tenerowicz and is named the Theodore P. Tenerowicz and Mary E. Bigos Endowed Scholarship Program to honor his parents.

Kenneth Lemanski, Board member of the Polish Center and Chairman of the Education Committee, comments “As the cost of higher education continues to increase, we are grateful to scholarship donors to the PCDL so that together we may make it a little easier for students and their parents to afford a quality education.”

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited university or college, be in good academic standing, maintain a GPA of 3.8 or higher and be of Polish heritage. Applications can be submitted starting June 19, 2026, with an application deadline of September 18, 2026. Scholarship application and full criteria can be found at <https://clkr.me/h5nfya>.

For more information about the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, please visit <http://www.polishcenter.net> or call 413-592-0001.

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be telling stories to each other. And I would just sit and listen to all the stories. And I just liked hearing them,” Bates said. “That same Bill Cruikshank who got me into the dancing lessons. He decided to audition for a play in the sixth grade. So, I auditioned too, cause he was auditioning. Even though it scared the heck out of me. And I got a part in the chorus, and I liked doing theatre. So, I kept auditioning and I kept doing theatre all the way through high school and through college. I majored in theatre and political science. And you do theatre long enough, you’re basically pretending not to be shy.”

Bates then shared his perspective of the audience and how that influences his performance.

“It’s connection. Even though I’m performing it, I’m telling a story, it is in a sense of dialogue because I’m getting feedback from the audience. And basically by their response they’re telling me, how long I should make each story, cause I can make it longer. Or, they’re telling me what I should do next. You know, they’re giving me feedback and it is a dialogue and it’s fun,” Bates said.

When asked what he hopes audience members get out of his performance, Bates said this.

“One, I hope they have fun, and they laugh. I hope they get a sense of community. I did performances on Zoom during COVID, and it was okay, but you can’t hear other people singing.



Some of the props and instruments used by Davis Bates during his performance.

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could help your research too, because the churches might have record you could use. But another, probably bigger, reason is that local history is so important to preserve churches is so very important, because this is what it is. Churches are the nucleus of communities, because until 1915, when people got cars, people had to live close to their church in the mills. So, people have walked to their neighborhood and their church and then everything grew around. Until the 1950s, when people started driving out to the suburbs to go to church. It was always a neighborhood church,” Comeau said.

During the presentation, Comeau was sure to highlight the charity he’s chosen for this presentation, Jericho.

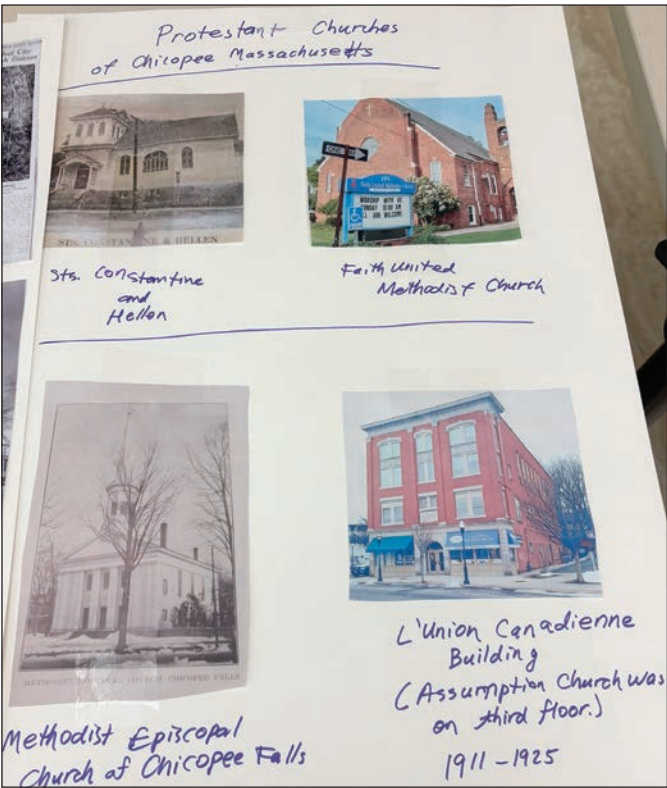
“Every year I have a charity. This year, they’re my charity,” Comeau said.

Jericho is an organization that works with children and adults with physical and mental disabilities, as well as their families.

Comeau then shares why he believes sharing local history with the community is so important, especially during this time of celebration for the 250th Anniversary of America.

“Massachusetts is the number one most important state for the country’s revolution. It started here. They stayed here for a year before going anywhere else. And then the country was born from what we did during the revolution. There was a second revolution that happened in Massachusetts called the American Industrial Revolution. This was the center of the Industrial Revolution, and canals had to be built to power the revolution,” Comeau said.

It’s clear Comeau has a true passion for researching local aspects of history around Massachusetts. As well as presenting that research to the community to educate people and also so



TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

The first poster on display at the program showcasing some of the churches that were spoken about during the presentation.



The third poster on display at the program showcasing some of the churches that were spoken about during the presentation.

they can have a fun evening of learning facts about the place they call home. For more information about Jericho visit, jerichobeca.org.

For more information about upcoming events at the Chicopee Public Library, visit chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

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Signs to watch out for for heat stroke include: a body temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit, a change in mental state (including confusion, delirium, or irritability), a change in sweating pattern, nausea, flushed skin, rapid heart rate or breathing, and a headache.

If you notice any of these signs, call for medical assistance and then get the person inside or into shade, remove excess clothes and take action to cool them down immediately.

Senior centers do their best to remind elders of steps to take for prevention.

“We encourage them to turn their air conditioners on, even despite the costs, and to drink lots of water,” Executive Director of the Agawam Senior Center Cynthia Sullivan said.

Senior centers like Agawam’s also have people on staff who keep an eye on seniors who are visiting.

“We’re always checking up on people to see how they’re doing,” Sullivan said. “We see many of the people here quite often, so we know when they don’t look okay.”

If people do want to get outside in the heat, it is best they do so in the early morning or later in the evening, when the sun is not at its peak. Also, activities should be kept to low impact to prevent over exertion.

Additionally, many senior centers are open as cooling centers for the public during heat waves. The Agawam Senior Center, the Holyoke Senior Center, the RiverMills Senior Center and the Wilbraham Senior Center are just some of the options available.

These senior centers also offer a variety of activities to help keep seniors entertained while also beating the heat.

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Aldenville enters Legion playoffs

CHICOPEE—Last week, Aldenville was defeated by Belchertown 7-0 in American Legion baseball action as both teams prepared to

participate in the American Legion Zone 3 playoffs. Aldenville was scheduled to face Longmeadow to start the playoffs.



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Cam Carpenter makes a backhand play.



Noah Carillon corraling a throw down to second base.



Adam Ozga sends a throw to first.



Matt Sutton fires away home.

St. Joe's suffers late-season loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE— In what might've been a preview of a Tri-Country League playoff matchup, Teddy Bear Pools and Spas broke open the final meeting of the regular season against St. Joseph's by scoring nine runs across the fifth and sixth innings, rolling to an 11-1 victory at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"We split with St. Joe's during the regular season, and we'll probably be seeing them again in the playoffs," said Teddy Bear Pools player/manager Ryan Magni. "The first three innings of tonight's game was almost like a playoff game. Then we were able to break it open against their relief pitchers."

Even though Friday's make-up game was played at St. Joe's Field, Teddy Bear Pools served as the home team because their own field was unavailable. The game ended with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the ten-run mercy rule.

Teddy Bear Pools entered the final week of the regular season sitting in third place in the league standings with a 13-5-1 record one

point behind second place St. Joseph's. The Saints had a 14-4 overall record.

Peoples Bank (15-3-1), who are looking to capture the league championship title for the 13th consecutive season, was sitting in first place.

Teddy Bear Pools could move into second place with a win against BankESB on Thursday night and if St. Joe's losses their final two regular season games.

The Saints had the opportunity to move into first place if they defeated the DOC Spartans on Monday and Peoples Bank on Wednesday.

The top two finishers in the league standings earn a first round bye and the first place team will get home field advantage throughout the playoffs, which are all best of three series.

Teddy Bear Pools righthander Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School, was the winning pitcher in last Friday's game. He went the distance, allowing one run on just one base hit with three walks and two strikeouts.

"My defense made the plays behind me in tonight's game," said Drobiak. "This

is a big win for us, and it feels great. We're hoping to play them again in the playoffs."

Teddy Bear Pools took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's with two outs in the bottom of the third inning.

Magni, who started in centerfield, drew a lead-off walk. Then St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Hayes retired the next two batters before catcher Michael Toth hit a flyball which the centerfielder lost in the twilight. Toth, who graduated from Granby High School, wound up at second base with a double and Magni scored on the play.

St. Joe's tied the score in the fourth inning.

Designated hitter Mark Jodoin singled leading off the frame before stealing second. He scored the tying run when right fielder Ryan O'Leary hit a sacrifice fly.

Drobiak then retired seven of the final eight batters that he faced.

"We just didn't hit the ball very well in tonight's game," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "You can't beat many teams by scoring only one run."

Prior to the start of the bottom of the fourth inning, **See ST. JOE'S page 8**

Mutiny finishes up first dual league season

LUDLOW – Earlier this month, the New England Mutiny, which features soccer players from all over the region as well as some players from out of state, finished up their season, unfortunately failing to reach any postseason play despite playing in two leagues this season. The Mutiny participated in both the USL as well as the UWS, nearly doubling its number of games this season. The Mutiny hope to have better luck next season with the added schedule.



Laci Lewis fights to keep possession.



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Addyson Earl hustles after the loose ball.



Trinity Clark dribbles toward the goal.

PeoplesBank defeats Teddy Bear Pools



Alex Gochinski cleanly fields a grounder.



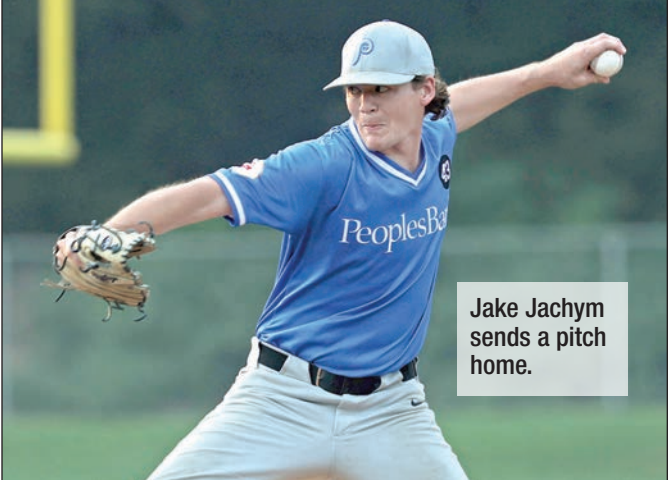
Darien Rosado is safe as he slides home.

WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham, Jake Jachym pitched PeoplesBank to a 7-5 win over Teddy Bear Pools. The Bankers got a save from Johnny Gegetskas to secure

the win. The Bankers lead the Tri-Country League with a 15-3-1 record and 31 points. The regular season is about to wrap up with the playoffs beginning shortly after.



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Robert Ninotti fires a throw across the diamond.



Jake Jachym sends a pitch home.



Ray Toth gets the grounder to short.

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Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on August 7th, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.
2010 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCP2F86AA193432
Misfit Flex Fleet Logistics LLC
1567 State St.
Springfield, MA 01109
2005 Dodge Magnum
VIN: 2D8GZ48V95H646928
John Harley
50 Stebbins St.
Springfield, MA 01109
2004 Buick Lesabre
VIN: 1G4HP54K744120993
Stephanie Marie Depelteau
60 Quebec St., #2
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
2016 Subaru Legacy
VIN: 4S3BNAC68G3060987
Michael Megass Mead
49 Taft St.
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
2012 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF2SHADC5CH425541
Sherer Serrano Hernandez
124 Lionel Benoit Rd.
Springfield, Ma 01109
2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer
VIN: 1GNET16S756178897
Clifford Gilkes
126 Union St., Apt. 11-10
Westfield, MA 01085
2017 Jeep Renegade
VIN: ZACCJBXHPF98947
Maria Janik

126 Union St., Apt. 19 Bldg. 10
Westfield, MA 01085
07/24, 07/31, 08/07/2026

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 24th, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.
2008 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL21E18N447703
Stephany Ortega
40 Everett St., #1
Springfield, MA 01104
2010 Ford Explorer
VIN: 1FMEU7DE5AUA73380
Rebecca Johnson
281 Rock Valley Rd.
Holyoke, MA 01040
2019 Honda HRV
VIN: 3CZRU6H59KM720907
Boston Road Auto
712 Boston Rd.
Springfield, MA 01119
2014 Nissan Rogue
VIN: 5N1AT2MV5EC850107
Fidel Pierre
93 Lyman St., Apt. 1R
Holyoke, MA 01040
2009 Infiniti G37
VIN: JNKC61F29M357625
Wilson Diaz
52 Massasoit St.
Springfield, MA 01107
2023 Dodge Durango
VIN: 1C4SDJH9XPC695277
Motors Insurance Corporation
500 Woodward Ave., 14th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
2007 Jeep Compass
VIN: 1J8FT47W67D181362
Marcia Brown-Balde
19 Rutledge Ave., Apt. 1Flr
Springfiled, MA 01105
2016 Jeep Renegade
VIN: ZACCJBTT9GPC57482
Nelson, Gwenth May
51 Lawrence St.
Vernon Rockville, CT 06066
2012 Volkswagen Passat
VIN: 1VWBP7A34CC104836
Donald Dugas
12 Brownly Rd.
Huntington, MA 01050
2007 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 5FNRL38787B040081
Robert Abreu
45 Carver St., Apt. 45
Springfield, MA 01108
2003 Honda Accord
VIN: JHMCM56393C062367
Delani Rodriguez
120 Federal St., Apt. 3
Springfield, MA 01105
2017 Hyundai Elantra
VIN: 5NPD84LF9HH186847
Frederick Tucker
95b Yarelich Dr.
Bridgeport, CT 06606
2016 Kia Forte
VIN: KNAFK4A67G5619798
Maria Hogan Moore
661 Clinton Ave.
Albany, NY 12206
07/10, 07/17, 07/24/2026

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 31st, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.
2012 Chrysler 200
VIN: 1C3CCBCGXCN108646
Harriet Barnebaum
10200 Centennial Station Dr.

Warminster, PA 18974
2006 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFA16886H525632
Susan Manzi
148 Grassy Gutter Rd.
Longmeadow, MA 01106
2006 Mazda Mazda3
VIN: JM1BK12FX61442507
Kathryn Bernard
32 Juliette St.
Chicopee, MA 01013
2009 Saturn Vue
VIN: 3GSCL53P39S597360
Robyn Renea Dejongh
29 David St.
Enfield, CT 06082
07/17, 07/24, 07/31/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P1535EA
Estate of:
Suzanne C Keating
Also Known As:
Suzanne Keating
Date of Death: June 19, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Daniel R Taylor of Westfield, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Daniel R Taylor of Westfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD26P1461EA
Estate of:
Josephine LaChapelle
Date of Death: 10/23/2025
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 Celeste LaChapelle of Memphis, TN requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Celeste LaChapelle of Memphis, TN 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 08/14/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 03, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
07/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P1512EA
Estate of:
SUSAN MARY NEELY
Also Known As:
SUSAN M. NEELY
Date of Death: June 08, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner DAVID McGEARY of LONGMEADOW, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
DAVID McGEARY of LONGMEADOW, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2581GD
In the interests of
Jordan W Negron

of Chicopee, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Kerri Ouimette on 7/16/26 will be held 08/18/2026 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 50 State Street, 4th Fl., Springfield, Ma 01102.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: July 16, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate
07/24/2026



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(walk). Teddy Bear Pools scored three more runs in the fifth inning. Two of the runs crossed the break on RBI singles from Ray Toth and right fielder Sean Rosemond. The other run scored following a throwing error by the catcher. Holding a 5-1 lead, Ted-

righty Jack Feltovic replaced Hayes on the mound. Teddy Bear Pools retook the lead with two outs in that inning when designated hitter Bailey Griggs hit a ground ball single up the middle into centerfield scoring shortstop Ray Toth

dy Bear Pools scored six more runs in the sixth. Left fielder Josh Frometa and Magni knocked home a pair of runs with RBI singles, while second baseman Ramon Jomenez added a run scoring ground rule double to center. Griggs also drew a bases loaded walk during that frame.

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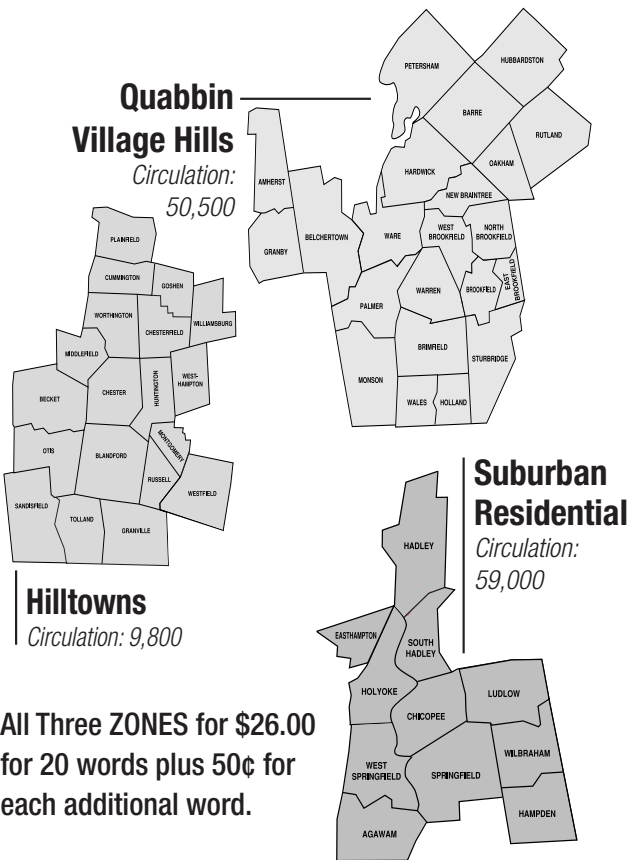
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