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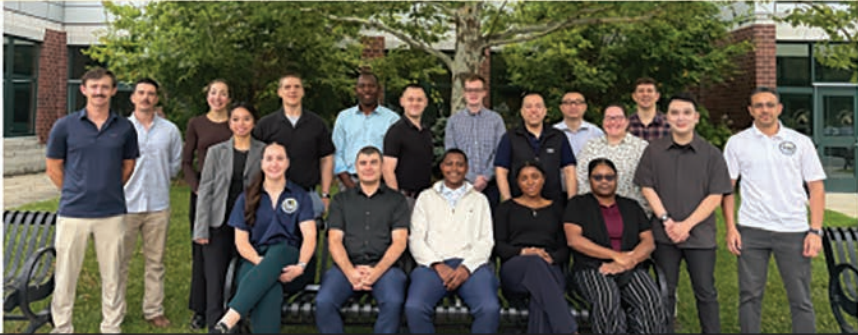
City of Chicopee Impact

Project Scope

Full-scope vulnerability assessment with network and physical penetration testing for the City of Chicopee

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\$420,000



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City of Chicopee partnering with Air Force Reserve on cybersecurity

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The city of Chicopee is once again drawing national and global attention as representatives from the Air Force Reserve hosted a Cyber Chicopee Innovative Readiness Training Distinguished Visitors Day on July 21.

This took place inside the auditorium at Chicopee Comprehensive High School to offer an introduction to the program and how other communities can apply.

The Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program first originated in 1992 under the Rebuild America Initiative, which has been a pivotal resource for all service members by training them in a joint or total force environment to enhance military readiness, while building civil-military partnerships and providing key cybersecurity services.

The Cyber Chicopee mission was an initiative and partnership between the Air Force Reserve and the city of Chicopee, supported by the Active-Duty Air Force and Massachusetts Air National Guard Components from July 13-24.

Leading the presentation was the Cyber Innovative Readiness Training (CIRT) project lead, SMSgt. Cassie Beauchene, who explained the cybersecurity program is not meant to produce any offensive or defensive cyber-space operations.

“We’re not here to go attack an attacker,” Beauchene

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RiverMills receives new garden beds

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Last month, on Saturday, June 20, a team of representatives from the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Local 336 and Crew assisted in building new garden beds for the senior center in the city.

The union’s network and coverage expand throughout the Commonwealth due to its membership with the Springfield and Worcester Chamber of Commerce; they are known for offering labor and assistance to help facilitate projects that benefit non-profit organizations and the community.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY
An action shot as the volunteers work on the gardens.

School Comm. approves \$15K donation for Nourish & Flourish

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE – The School Committee unanimously approved on July 28 a \$15,000 donation from Stop & Shop to support the Nourish & Flourish program at Fairview Elementary School.

Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware explained how members of the school, including the principals and staff, oversee the program.

“It’s about to enter in its next year of the program being running up and well at Fairview. We have received a donation from Stop & Shop in the past. This is very generous of Stop & Shop to bless us with this donation again,” Ware said.

Sarah Wodecki, a school counselor, was joined by fellow school counselor Nicole Covalli and Principal Tyrell Adeyemi to share more about the program; she explained it’s specific to the school and also credited Family Liaison Carrie Lincoln-Hoker for her support.

“So, last year, Stop & Shop gave us \$10,000 for this program. I should say Stop & Shop has not been the only community member that we’ve benefited from. Big Y, Panera Bread, they would donate every Friday. The Western Mass Food Bank, we are partnered with them as well as Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen,” Wodecki said. “It has grown immensely.”

Wodecki added that the day they were meeting with the committee, the school also held a Pop Up Protein and Produce Pick Up.

“Carrie and I went yesterday to do the pickup. Usually, Nicole does a lot of the pickups as well at the Food Bank. So, we offered like frozen chicken breast, chicken wings, frozen beef, hamburger, fresh produce. We try to get all fresh produce,” Wodecki said.

Wodecki said about 40 families came to the Pop Up and notifications are sent to them through Parent Square.

“Like I said, it’s specific to Fairview. However, we’ve had other schools—counselors, teachers—reach out to us or our Family Liaison, Carrie, and we will fill out bags for anybody, any school. Carrie will bring it over. They’ll

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CPL hosts Acrobat Li Liu

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The library hosted Acrobat Li Liu on July 22 to great fanfare and cheers.

The event was free to attend, open to all ages and registration was required. The program took place on the lower level of the library in the Bazan Community Room.

Liu provided an introduction about how she began acrobatics and shared with the audience some insight into her life growing up as an acrobat after the opening act of her performance. Liu first started practicing acrobatics at age six.

She also shared with the audience that initially it was her father who got her into the world of acrobatics and performing and that the first acrobatics trick she learned from her father was a handstand.

Liu explained what her average day looked like during childhood, including practicing for around eight



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA
Li Liu beginning her handstand routine as part of her performance at CPL on July 22.

A profile on Scout Troop 138

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The city of Chicopee, once known for its abundance of scouting troops and organizations, has seen a significant decline in recent years, leaving the city with only two remaining: Scout Troop 138 out of Ste. Rose De Lima Parish, which has been in operation since 1933, and Troop 1849 chartered by the Rotary Club of Chicopee.

However, recently, a shift in internal management within the ranks of Troop 138 has initiated a call of urgency to ensure the preservation of the 90-year-old legacy remains linked to the city.

Offering insight into some of the recent challenges was Troop 138 Scout Master Tim Noonan.

“The dilemma we’re facing is that my current cubmaster, Sarah Hubert, has stepped down, and I need to fill this position to keep the history and the program of Cub Scouts alive in Chicopee,” Noonan said. “I’m doing this through, of course, our church council church newsletter. I’m reaching out through the newspaper to reach citizens, and then former scouts in Chicopee and around the area to step up and see if they would have time and interest.”

Noonan shared that he’s currently seeking out a chairperson, along with an assistant scout master.

“The role of the chair would be to help and assist in creating and coordinating events of all kinds, while reporting to the chain of command, which is the Scout and Assistant Scout Masters,” Noonan said. “I feel if we had those three individuals in position, then we would be a bit more stable and a return to form, showing the community that the program is functioning quite well and alive.”

He shared that the source of the lingering problem arose during the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw a massive reduction in signups.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS FROM TROOP 138 SCOUT MASTER TIM NOONAN
Close-up of some of the materials that Troop 138 provides.

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IN THE CITY



The Hot Dog Eating Contest contestants with owner Samaita (Sam) Newell.

TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

Fruit Fair turns 90

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Fruit Fair, a main staple of the Chicopee community, forever nestled at the corner of Front Street, has officially turned 90 years old in business and continues to make history.

Once a small-time family-owned farm stand that took shape during the recovery of the Great Depression in 1936, it has now evolved into a budget-friendly alternative for all that offers a daily hot food buffet, locally sourced products and farm-fresh produce that is grown on-site in its rooftop greenhouse garden.

Reflecting on the historic achievement and milestone was the current owner, Samaita (Sam), a first-generation immigrant from India, who took over in 2019 with her husband, Jared Newell.

“I truly feel Fruit Fair is a main pillar of Chicopee, to the point where if people have lived in the area for a long time, then somebody from their family knows about Fruit Fair,” Newell said.

She shared that progress has been made compared to the early days of ownership, when Chicopee Center was classified by the United States Department of Agri-

culture (USDA) as a “food desert,” meaning an area with limited access to affordable and nutritious food due to factors like income and transportation. As one should note, the larger chain supermarkets in the city are not by any means within walking distance, with a majority being on Memorial Drive.

“I feel we have done a great job of ensuring that this area will never be a food desert again, and we want to keep it that way. And I feel one of the main reasons is that the greenhouse has generated an influx of new business, which we feel is a step in the right direction,” Newell said. “It’s been great to maintain a strong following and see that word-of-mouth spreads fast, which helps us find new opportunities in terms of business and crafting systems for harvesting from rooftop to shelf.”

Newell added one of the current goals is to start exploring local farmers’ markets as an option for selling their produce, adding that the Chicopee school district has been a major consumer as of late.

Newell then transitioned to the flow of business, revealing that a major city project halted another, to the point where she admits she didn’t quite under-

stand the philosophy the city implements when it comes to levying “expensive projects” on small businesses, which tend to affect capital investment.

“We recently installed a new fire sprinkler system, which thankfully we are at the tail end of things. The downside was that we haven’t had a chance to install and purchase our hydroponic equipment, which will help us grow the volume of what we can produce. So hopefully we will financially recover in five to six months from, that’s really the gist of it, but it’s also great to know we can finally grow our own food,” Newell said.

She also reflected on the challenges.

“Being a small business owner is tough, because in the recent three to five years, we all feel the scale has been tipping against us, and I feel in this type of climate for the city, it’s a bit heinous for this to be taken; I feel this doesn’t benefit anybody,” Newell said. “So even though we installed the sprinkler system they requested, we still find ourselves carrying the burden of debt, which takes a lot from our bottom line, and that then takes away from the owner’s pay. We are owner-operated; we’re not distant owners; we are in our store five to seven days a week, working long hours, to assist where we can, to

make up the difference.”

Lastly, Newell revealed that her store is still the only independent full-line grocery store remaining in the area, along with wearing the title of oldest grocery store in the state with a badge of honor, which meant celebration had to be put forth. She told the Chicopee Register that because no one truly knows the official date of service, she and [Jared] decided to ring in the 90th anniversary on the 4th of July holiday, which is the Semiquincentennial 250th celebration of the United States.

“We decided we would celebrate with America, because no one actually knows when the official start date was, so we did a hot-dog eating contest, but we realized more people were interested in watching it than being part of it,” Newell said. “So we pivoted and did a lot of giveaways, offered a lot of food samples, and found ourselves extremely busy as we gave away hundreds of cheeseburgers and hot dogs, so throughout the day we kept filling our hot case, but despite it all we were ready.”

Fruit Fair is open daily, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., at 398 Front Street in Chicopee.

To learn more about Fruit Fair, including their weekly specials, check fruit-fair.net. The store’s phone number is (413) 592-1097.

Staying safe from ticks and mosquitos

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

As the weather gets warmer there is an increase in the number of ticks and mosquitos as people go about summer activities. It is important for people to be aware of protection against these insects to prevent illnesses, including West Nile Virus, Lyme disease and Alpha-gal Syndrome.

The Director of Public Health in Wilbraham Ryan Paxton recommends that people check themselves, children and pets for ticks after going outdoors.

The key places to check are: inside and behind ears, along the hairline, the back of the neck, the armpits, the groin, the legs, and between the toes.

To remove a tick utilize fine point tweezers and grab the tick as close to the skin as possible. Try to pull straight out, as moving at an angle can leave parts of the tick behind.

Additionally, as is on the website for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, people should avoid applying kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish or a hot match tip to remove a tick, as those methods aren’t effective and can result in injury.

The Department of Public Health also recommends noting when the tick was removed and where on the body it was removed from. This information will be helpful if a person or pet needs to go to a doctor for treatment.

A person should go to the doctor if they develop a rash where they were bitten or experience the common symptoms of tick-borne diseases

(including fever, headache, fatigue or sore muscles).

Someone should also go to the doctor if they have stomach or intestinal problems (including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) or symptoms of an allergic reaction within a few hours of eating meat or dairy.

It is also important to be aware of mosquito bites. The West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-born illness in the United States.

However, this illness has not been reported in humans in Massachusetts this year.

To prevent tick and mosquito bites a person can wear a light-colored long-sleeved shirt with long pants and tuck their pants into their socks. This helps to prevent a tick or mosquito from getting onto a person’s skin and can help a person to spot a tick on their clothing.

Avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn during peak mosquito season also greatly lowers the risk of mosquito bites.

The Department of Public Health also recommends removing standing water in yards, as that is where mosquitos breed.

This can include water in garbage cans, flowerpots, bird baths and discarded tires.

Property owners can also utilize mosquito prevention services, including spraying private property with insect repellant to help reduce the amount of insects.

Additionally, people should use bug repellents that contain DEET on their skin. There should be no more than 30-35% DEET in repellents for adults and no more than 10-15% DEET in repellents for children.

Venue change for 2026 Chicopee National Night Out

CHICOPEE – The police department shared the following Facebook post on July 8 on this year’s National Night Out:

“Due to unforeseen delays in the ongoing construction, we are unable to host this year’s National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park.

However, the community fun is still happening! We are moving the event to a new location for this year: Szot Park.

We can’t wait to return to Sarah Jane Park next year in 2027 to celebrate in the beau-

tifully upgraded space! Until then, join us for a fantastic evening at our temporary 2026 home.

Event Details

New Location: Szot Park, (97 Sergeant Tracy Drive)

Date: Aug. 10, 2026

Rain Date: Aug. 13, 2026

Time: 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Please share this post with your friends, family, and neighbors to help us spread the word about the venue change. We look forward to seeing you there, Team Chicopee.

Summer children’s art class

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.

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.

Listen, Pray, Share and Think

INDIAN ORCHARD – A concert in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, Ma on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026 starting at 3 p.m.

Join our Parish Choir in singing Polish, English & Latin Marian Hymns. Guest speakers during the Concert will be Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist- Sister Faith

Marie Woolsey FSE will speak about the Rosary and its significance, and Sister Rosario Ongayo FSE will speak about real life experiences related to the mysteries of the Rosary.

Light refreshments after the concert.

Program is sponsored by Parish Rosary Sodality, Free will offering will benefit the parish.

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CPL Adult Summer Programs

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.

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:

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.

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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 August 2026.

It's Summer Reading Season! Did You Read Today? The annual Summer Reading Challenge is on and going strong. Read every day from June 24 - August 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! Turn in your summer reading logs by Friday, Aug. 21. Raffle prizes will be drawn during the week of August 24.

The ChicopeeFRESH 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-August 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.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. the library will host a Kiddie Rave, a special dance party with lights, glowsticks and music guaranteed to get you moving! Recommended for kids ages 0-5, but older kids are welcome!

Do some Drumming with Otha Day on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. Otha facilitates fun and lively drum circle events from the deep belief that rhythm has the power to build community, promote well-being, and create joy. This program is supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

Play Bingo for Books on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Play a few rounds of bingo and win the best prize: books! For kids and families of all ages, no registration required.

Join us on Thursday Afternoon Aug. 6 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 Facebook, Instagram and in the Kids Room.

Summer Storytime will be held on Tuesday Aug. 11 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.

End-of-Summer Festivities will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Enjoy some ice cream with Mayor Vieau at 1:30 p.m. and stick around for outdoor games, including a bounce house obstacle course from 2 to 4 p.m.

Join us for Storytime at the Center Fresh Farmers Market, 31 Springfield St (aka The Hub) on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 3 p.m.

Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1986 holds 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.

Chicopee Library to host Emerald Road by Small Planet Dancers on Aug. 8

CHICOPEE – On Thursday, Aug. 6, the Chicopee Public Library will host Small Planet Dancers performing Emerald Road. The 75-minute program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Small Planet Dancers is composed of 15 male and female dancers and singers. Emerald Road focuses on Irish and Scottish dances and tells the story of the Celtic people through songs and dances. "Our mission is to educate as well as entertain," explains Josephine Sarnelli, the Artistic Director. For example, our routine Victory starts with a reading of the poem Easter 1916 by William Butler Yeats. Beware of the Banshee and Celtic Fairies bring to life Celtic lore and mythology.

Tribute to Nelson Mandela relates the sad history of repression in Ireland, Scotland and South Africa. Strong supporters of Mandela's efforts to end apartheid in South Africa, the Scottish people fought for his freedom. In 1986 while Mandela was still in jail, they went so far as to rename the street in Glasgow on which the South African embassy was located to Nelson Mandela Way. Our dance routine fuses African and Scottish dancing using musical instruments from both cultures.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

The free performance begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Visit www.SmallPlanetDancers.com or phone the Chicopee Library for more information.

Update on Uniroyal smokestack demolition

CHICOPEE – The City of Chicopee is providing an update regarding the anticipated demolition of the smokestack at the former Uniroyal property, located at 154 Grove Street.

There will be no public viewing associated with the demolition. The City is sharing this update so residents are aware of the project's status and anticipated activity at the site.

As previously announced, demolition work was expected to begin in late June but has been delayed. Under a Cooperation Agreement with the City for the former Uniroyal property, the demolition work is being performed by contractors for Michelin North America, Inc. (MNA). MNA is responsible for the smokestack demolition and ongoing environmental remediation activities at the site. The city does not oversee the planning or implementation of this work. Once MNA provides a confirmed demolition schedule, the city will share updated information with residents.

The city appreciates residents' patience and will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

For any questions on the process, residents are urged to call the Chicopee Planning Department. They can be reached at 413-594-1515.



By Barb Turcotte

I always find it interesting the different paths of people and fascinating to hear about their diverse experiences as they travel through life. What keeps them going and inspires them? What things do they enjoy, what's truly important to them? What do they do after they leave the routine of a daily job? Do they get bored or are they busier than ever? As you'll see, Judy Yando hasn't found a lack of things to keep her busy since her retirement about fifteen years ago.

You might very well recognize her name as she's stayed very active in her community, church and volunteer work as well. In addition, she was a successful hairdresser for twenty-seven years.

When I met Judy for this interview, the time passed quickly as we explored various topics. We'd previously spoken when she contacted me regarding a speaking engagement for her Catholic Women's Group about my Random Acts of Kindness articles. She said with a little laugh that she was their 'Booking Agent', admittedly a self-appointed title. She expressed how much she enjoys this role and I feel very honored that she's invited me to share information about my stories.

Judy worked in a doctor's office for a while as well as doing some work for Mary Lyon Nursing Home. She's very involved with her church, St. Elizabeth Parish. Years ago, St. John the Baptist merged with St. Mary of Assumption to form St. Elizabeth Parish. They used to have a Women's Group but when it disbanded, she became involved with the Catholic Women's Group, located at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield.

Being devoted to St. Elizabeth's, she helps once a month with their spaghetti supers, pretty much lending her hand wherever needed. She's orchestrated all the facets of the church's Christmas party from the planning to the clean-up. She also participated in their program called, 'Take & Eat'. This volunteer project consisted of delivering food on weekends, as Meals on Wheels doesn't do it on those days. Unfortunately, the program lost its cook so has had to take a hiatus but hopefully will be back in full swing soon.

Another volunteer undertaking that Judy does is helping at the Ludlow Senior Center where she assists with keeping their gardens looking beautiful. She does this once a week for a couple of hours along with other volunteers and thoroughly enjoys it. Her husband has helped with some of her volunteer projects, but for the most part, just let's her enjoy her time doing 'her' thing.

She went on to explain how much she loved volunteering at Storrowton Village as a tour-guide for all the historic houses. She found it very rewarding being able to narrate the rich descriptions of their history.

Judy and her husband Ray have been married 58 years, together have two daughters and are fortunate to have five grandchildren! Most of the family is fairly local with the exception of one granddaughter who currently lives in Australia. Sounds like a great place for a vacation!

Another reason Judy might be a familiar name and face is she also works for the Town of Ludlow helping with the voting during elections. And if all this wasn't enough to keep her busy, she also works as a per diem employee in the school kitchen and loves seeing all the kids.

So, as you can see, Judy doesn't have time to be bored and is loving the variety of things she's involved with. She's definitely making a difference in people's lives as she participates in all these activities. Thank you for doing all these great things!

Seems Judy also had the opportunity to change a regular man into a super hero one day. She explained while on the Turnpike, she had to stop to put air in her tire and was having a difficult time with the air machine. Her next move, asking, rather pleading with a man to help her. He reluctantly did and that's when in an instant he became her super hero! She offered to buy him a coffee, but he declined and just went on his way.

Retirement can be intimidating to some, even though that's the goal at the end of a career and can be a difficult transition after so many years of a structured schedule. Some have even found it to be a little depressing in the beginning, feeling like they have lost their purpose but once they get used to it all agree, it's wonderful! You can see how Judy has enriched her life and loves having the time to do these things which wasn't always possible. The trick is staying active and social; it creates a richness money can't buy as you enjoy your next chapter of life.

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

~ Barb

Chicopee Parade Committee lists fall events

CHICOPEE – The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee is planning two events in the fall to support its participation in the 2027 Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

The third annual Designer Purse Bingo will be held on September 12, 2026, at the Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange St., Chicopee. All guests must be 18 years of age or older. Doors will open at 4pm. Games will start promptly at 5 p.m. Prizes for the lucky winners will be designer handbags.

Admission is \$35, which includes 10 bingo card games and a door prize entry ticket. Dabbers will be available for purchase. Additional bingo card games can be purchased during the event. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$240.00 and must be paid in full no later than Sept. 2. Checks should be made out to Chicopee Parade Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 495 Chicopee, MA 01021, or brought to 1 Central Ave., Chicopee during regular business hours (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM) Monday thru Thursday.

Attendees are welcome to bring snacks but must purchase beverages from the bar. Tickets for donated baskets will be available for purchase. Photos will be posted on the committee's Facebook page for those interested in a preview of the prizes. For more information or to reserve a table, call or text Alivia @ 413-378-5694 and leave a full name and good contact # where you can be reached.

New this year: A Golf Tournament will be held on

Saturday October 3, 2026, at the Chicopee Country Club, 1290 Burnett Rd., Chicopee. Fee is \$120 per Golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. Cost is \$440 per foursome. Dinner only tickets may be purchased for \$40. There are also sponsorship opportunities available from \$100 through \$1000. For more information or to register, call 413-531-5161 or e-mail ChicopeeSPCgolf@gmail.com.

Links to register for both of these events will be set up through zeffy and posted on the committee's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/>. More information will be posted as it becomes available. Proceeds will support the Chicopee contingent's participation in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters
By Russell Gloor

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?

Dear Rusty:
My spouse is 63 and I am 65. I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then -when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63?

Signed:
Higher Earning Spouse

Dear Higher Earning Spouse:

Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a “spousal boost” based on your Social Security record.

But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners’ Full Retirement Age entitlement and, if your spouse’s FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a “spousal boost” to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse.

The amount of the “spousal boost” would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount.

And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject

to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits.

The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will “take back” by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit.

And if the annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached.

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own Full Retirement Age to claim Social Security.

However, if he’s not working full time and needs the Social Security money sooner, then claiming at age 63 may be a good choice. In any case, he won’t get half of your age 70 amount.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Building better communities

To the Editor,

Building better communities through lawn games.

The focus needs to be on lawn games that engage in uniting people within the community, especially connecting all neighbors of different cultural backgrounds.

The best lawn game for accomplishing that goal is the Swedish lawn game called “Kubb” (pronounced koob).

The game can be played one on one or up to six against six. This game is generational and for all skill levels. Kubb is a great sport for family gatherings, summer camps, church festivities, and school functions.

mer camps, church festivities, and school functions.

To see how this game is played; search online youtube - TV broadcast of 2018 US Kubb Open.

Also search - Open NK Kubb 2011 Netherlands Kampioen Kubbe Woodsnipers Final Part 2.

And lastly search - How to play Kubb from pros!

If you decide to order a Kubb set via online - make sue it is regulation and made from hardwood!

Sincerely,
Bill Paul,
Chicopee
P.S. Spread the love!

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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OPINION



The joys of harvest season

It’s been a fun week in the garden! I love it when the harvest starts to roll in.

This week I picked broccoli, kale, green beans and zucchini. I also replanted a few crops in hopes of a second harvest prior to the first frost.

Read on to hear about my adventures.

You may remember my column from a few weeks back, where I was having a hard time getting “into it” this year. I guess like building any relationship, the more time you spend, the more time you may want to spend as things start to progress and go well.

Anyway, I am happy with my garden again and it feels good to spend time out there. Back to the harvest.

I enjoy harvesting broccoli. It’s always fun to see just how big you can get the heads to grow before they want to flower.

The first one I cut was maybe six inches in diameter. Not bad, but the second one was closer to nine inches.

More heads will be ready in the coming weeks. After that I will be harvesting side shoots.

This year, cabbage moths were kept at bay by using a tightly woven bug netting draped over the plants and

supported by wire hoops and secured at the base by old wooden planks or stones. So far so good; no worms of any kind in the water left over after steaming.

Kale is broccoli’s cousin and is subject to the same pests. Because of that I also grow it under the netting.

I’ve been harvesting the kale for well over a month and we already have several bags of it in the freezer. I am starting to rethink my use of plastic baggies, but for now the leaves are washed, patted dry then ripped into pieces and stuffed into baggies pushing out as much air as possible. When my husband makes his vegetable juices and stews, all he does is empty the contents into his creation.

I noticed that the older leaves of the kale were starting to have a yellow cast, so I got out the organic granular fertilizer and gave the plants a sprinkle and a good watering. Hopefully that will reinvigorate the plants for picking well into the fall.

My bush bean seeds got planted late; well after Memorial Day. The harvest is just starting. I will be sure to pick often to keep the plants producing.

I have been saving my own bean seeds for a few

years now. It’s easy, just harvest the dry pods of “the ones that got away.” Make sure they are crispy dry.

Break open the seed pods and store the seeds with a packet of desiccant (usually in a bottle of vitamins or with leather shoes) in a jar. If you are growing open pollinated or heirloom, non-hybrid varieties you will reliably get the same variety back again. They don’t cross pollinate with neighbor beans.

This week I was happy to harvest four zucchinis with more coming. It’s funny that already I see freebies at the end of driveways on my commute. I truly hope I have an abundance.

To avoid “boat-sized” squash, pick them small, say six to eight inches long. The seed cavity won’t be too big that way and you will encourage the plant to keep producing.

No doubt the vine borer will do in my early sowing soon enough, but never fear, I have sown additional seeds under cover to hopefully have a later harvest once this one expwires. I try and keep them covered until the plants bloom, at which time the cover needs to be removed so that the flowers can be pollinated and fruit can form.

I hope you are enjoying the start of the harvest season as much as I am.

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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 journalregister@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.

What is the AQI and why should you care?

July 2025 made history as one of the Earth’s five hottest months on record. This July? More of the same.

The stubborn “heat dome” that blanketed a good chunk of the U.S. in June held on to make July 4th miserable for a lot of people. Dealing with the heat is tough enough, especially for children and those over 65, but with the heat come warnings about the AQI, or air quality index.

The AQI was implemented in 1968 by the then-National Air Pollution Control Administration, whose responsibilities are now under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It tracks five major pollutants: ground-level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide.

In short, it tell us how safe our air is to breathe. And it’s an important number to know in your locality. Fortunately, you can look up real-time AQI information for over 500 U.S. cities on airnow.gov, a partnership among the EPA, the National Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Association, the National Park Service, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NASA and others.

You can also find worldwide data on AQI.in, an open-source AQI tracker developed by a New Delhi-based entrepreneur.

So, it’s easy to find the information. The question becomes how you can use it to protect yourself and loved ones from pollution.

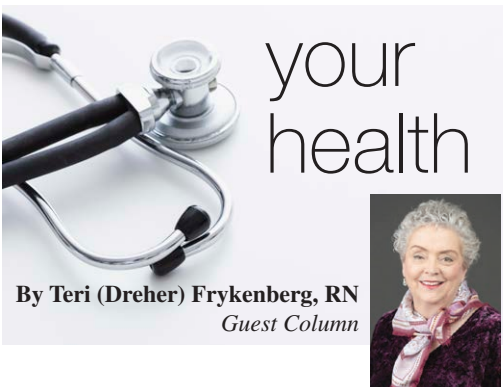
First, let’s break down the five pollutants and why they can be dangerous, especially to those with pre-existing health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, bronchitis and heart disease.

•Ground-level ozone: The ozone layer up in the atmosphere protects us from

most of the sun’s radiation. On Earth, though, it’s damaging to our lungs. As ozone concentrates and mixes with other pollutants, it becomes known as smog. It is currently one of the least well-controlled pollutants in the U.S. – and also one of the most dangerous, according to the American Lung Association.

• Particulate matter: Known as PM, this pollutant refers to microscopic solid or liquid particles suspended in the air, which can include dust, soot and smoke – a particular concern during wildfire season. These particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, leading to various health issues.

• Carbon monoxide: Known as CO, it is a colorless, odorless and tasteless toxic gas produced by incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels such as gasoline and coal. It’s extremely dangerous because it binds to hemoglo-



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

your health

IN THE CITY

Chicopee joins Pilot’s Coast-to-Coast EV Network

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Pilot, the largest network of travel centers in North America, has announced the opening of a new electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging station at its Chicopee location at 357 Burnett Road, providing local EV drivers with easy access to its coast-to-coast charging network.

“Creating exceptional experiences for our guests - whether in our stores, at the pumps, or at our charging stations - is at the heart of everything we do,” said Scott Hundley, director of light duty EV and infrastructure at Pilot. “Giving EV drivers another option to meet their charging needs enables us to provide the same convenience, access and reliability that non-EV drivers have come to expect during their commutes and on road trips.”

The new site features four 350 kW fast-charging stalls to get EV drivers charged up and back on their journeys. While charging, EV drivers can enjoy Pilot’s array of amenities, including clean restrooms and showers and

24/7 staff support, as well as Pilot’s mobile food ordering and fresh food offerings, including Pilot eats menu items, hundreds of beverages and grab-and-go snacks.

Now through Sept. 1, guests can take advantage of Pilot’s meal deals to save on fresh food offerings. Pilot’s new breakfast meal deal includes any Pilot breakfast burrito and C4 Energy® drink for \$6. For lunch and later, guests can purchase two slices of Pilot pizza and one 20-ounce bottled Pepsi-Cola® for \$8.*

Pilot now has eight EV charging stations at two locations across the state of Massachusetts. In collaboration with General Motors and EVgo, over 250 EV charging locations are now operating nationwide, connecting EV drivers to a network along major corridors and eliminating range anxiety.

EV drivers can find charging locations and plan their route at pilotcompany.com/ev-charging or through the Pilot app, available for iOS and Android.

Four people arrested after cocaine trafficking investigation

CHICOPEE – Over the past several months, members of the Chicopee Police Narcotics Unit assigned to the FBI Western Massachusetts Gang Task Force, investigated cocaine trafficking from a residence on Chapin Street in Chicopee MA.

As a result of this investigation, FBI Task Force Officers applied for and were granted search warrants for the residence.

On June 30, 2026, members of the FBI Western Massachusetts Gang Task Force with the assistance of members of the Massachusetts National Guard Counterdrug Program executed the aforementioned search warrants at the Chapin Street residence. As a result of the

search, the following individuals were arrested and charged with the following offenses:

Joshua Ribeiro: trafficking 36 grams or more of a class B (cocaine) substance, 2 counts- trafficking 18 grams or more of a class B (cocaine) substance, 6 counts- distribution of a class B (cocaine) substance, 5 counts- possession of a firearm during a felony, 4 counts- Possession of a large capacity feeding device

Justin Ribeiro, Arian-na Kelly, Ymanii Wright: Trafficking 36 grams or more of a class B (cocaine) substance, 5 Counts- Possession of a firearm during a felony, 4 Counts- Possession of a large capacity feeding device



Li Liu balancing on top of metal stands on top of a table as part of her performance.

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hours a day and doing school later in the evening.

Liu then taught the audience different phrases in Chinese. Some examples include “Hi, how are you?” and “Thank you.”. This is just one example of the many ways in which Liu involved the audience and got the attending children to participate during her performance.

Throughout her acrobatic routines, Liu asked for groups of volunteers from the audience to participate in some simple acrobatic tricks themselves. In groups of five or six, Liu brought attendees up to the front and taught them different tricks.

Some examples of the audience participation tricks included a traditional Chinese ribbon dance, done with vibrant ribbons. The name of the specific dance that Liu performed is called the Rainbow Dance.

Another example of an audience participation trick was the spinning palates or balancing disks. This trick required precise balancing.

Liu helped each selected audience member through the

process, showing them the proper way to hold the sticks and balance and pass the discs to each other.

One of Liu’s most impressive acrobatic routines she performed for attendees at the library was her balancing act on top of a table and on top of metal stands. This routine absolutely dazzled the audience, earning Liu waves of applause.

The routine included Liu balancing on both hands, one hand and balancing hoops around both legs and one hand at one point.

After the performance, Liu talked about where her passion for acrobatics and performing comes from and what her favorite routine in her performance is. Her favorite trick is the routine where she balances on top of her metal stands and table.

She then shared the importance of practice and training for these complex routines.

“Working hard too. Every single day, even now, you know. You have to balance your body and get the balance of your mind too. You know, working out the heart, muscles, the whole body,” Liu said.

She also enjoys bringing her acrobatics to the library.

“I really enjoy working in the libraries and the schools, all that, because it’s



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Li Liu demonstrating balancing spinning discs.



Li Liu balancing on one hand, on top of metal stands, on top of a table, while balancing hoops on both of her legs and one of her arms as part of her performance at CPL on July 22.

a different life than performing like stage and all of that. That’s very close. You can see people smiling. That’s amazing,” Liu said.

Chicopee Public Library Youth Services Associate Beth Oliveira shared why she believes events like these are so important to bring to the community.

“School is out, we want everyone to have somewhere to go and having events like Li Liu, like having her just do an

amazing act, but also bring in her childhood and her stories and teach us about her culture and her language. I think it’s a great thing to have and it’s all free,” Oliveira said.

For more information about acrobat Li Liu visit www.acrobat-liliu.com/the-performance/stage-performances/.

As for upcoming events at the library, visit chicopee-publiclibrary.org.

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come pick it up,” Wodecki said. “And so, we’ve had a lot of support from previous administration as well as Mr. A here, who’s come in. He was there today for our pickup. He got to meet some parents. So, it’s just a really great program.”

She added the program is “well worth it.”

“I think our families are very appreciative,” Wodecki said.

Vice Chair and Ward 3 Representative Jason Douthanked the Fairview staff for what they’re doing.

“For the community, thank you so much for organizing this and making this happen. Food insecurity is a big thing and making sure when we talk about students and behaviors and making sure that they have food in their stomachs goes such a long way,” Douth said. “So, thank you for all you guys do with this program and, mayor, I would hope that we’ll be sending a thank you document along to Stop & Shop as well for their donation.”

After Mayor John Vieau,

who’s also chair of the School Committee, affirmed yes, Douth added this.

“So, thank you to Stop & Shop, if they’re listening or wherever they are when they get that letter, we certainly appreciate it in Chicopee,” Douth said.

Adeyemi, who became the new principal at Fairview, praised Wodecki, Covalli and Lincoln-Hoker.

“Through some of the initial conversations I’ve had with staff and especially with family members, they have made it a point to discuss just how impactful and influential the Nourish & Flourish program has been for them because, as you mentioned, there’s a lot of food insecurity right now and I can see in the data at our school that is connected,” Adeyemi said.

“Our attendance numbers have grown each of the last three years and I’m sure that’s a credit to the work that they’ve done, and I’ve already seen today and have heard the ways in which they go above and beyond. Beyond the school hours, beyond what they’re normally asked and tasked to

do, to be in support of our families.”

He added how he met a few families whose kids used to attend the elementary school and have since transferred to other schools in the district “but still felt comfortable coming to our school knowing that we would not turn them away because they know that there’s opportunity to be provided with the goods that they need to survive.”

Vieau then shared a point of information for anyone who needs help.

“If you’re struggling and you’re having a hard time putting food on your table, there are other places that you can go to. Specifically, please reach out to our office, my office as mayor. We can get you in contact with local pantries,” Vieau said. “Right now, ChicopeeFRESH is providing lunch throughout the city at multiple locations from parks to schools and there’s (information) available on a website if you are having a hard time. It’s not just Fairview. This community will take care of you. So, thank you for that.”

Adeyemi added the school welcomes volunteers who’d like to help as well.

“It is a large undertaking and, as Sarah mentioned, it does happen every Friday. So, if there’s anyone that’d like to volunteer, please reach out to us at Fairview and we would certainly take your helping hands,” Adeyemi said.

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17. Exchange rate

18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea

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21. Craft material

22. Offerings

25. Early

30. Large room

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

32. One who hauls

33. Shorthand for accepting

38. Promotional materials

41. Loss of memory

43. One who beheads

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. White clerical vestment

50. Partner to “oohed”

55. Abba __, Israeli politician

56. Zero

57. Owl monkey genus

59. Lace bug genus

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Storage devices

62. Keyboard key

63. Make a mistake

64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, stocky, lizard

4. Rumanian river

5. Missive

6. Stout-bodied moths

7. Brings out

8. Bird of prey

9. King of Thebes

10. Cleaving tool

12. African antelope

14. Three are particularly famous

19. Satisfy

23. C. European river

24. Dictator

25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Consume food

28. Woman (French)

29. Scrape or wear away by friction

34. Popular vegetable

35. Pacific Standard Time

36. Brazilian state capital

37. Paddle

39. Cause to become insane

40. Drier and flakier

41. Mimic

42. ESPN host Kimes

44. One who moseys

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. UNC’s chief rival

58. Midway between south and southeast

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Rumbleseat set for semifinal matchup



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Kye Girourd dribbles toward the sideline.

CHICOPEE – The Rumbleseat Men’s PVSSL soccer team earned the No. 2 seed in this year’s playoffs. They received a first-round bye to the semifinals as a result of the six-team playoff structures. Rumbleseat was scheduled to face No. 3 KO Elite on Wednesday, July 29 at Elms College with a chance to go to the PVSSL Finals on Friday, July 31 at Lusitano Stadium on the line.



Jack Leland, of Brimfield, gets a header.



Matt Carvalho heads up the field.



Dylan Wesley looks to clear the ball.



Martine Worrall-Turgeon guides the ball near midfield



Shean Smith sends a free kick away.

Here for Beer earns first-round bye

SOUTH HADLEY – Here for Beer, a women’s soccer team in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League featuring women from all over the region, has continued to have successful summer campaigns. They have earned the No. 1 seed in this year’s playoffs. With that, they have a first-round bye to the semifinals. If they get past their semifinal opponent, they would play in the finals on Friday, July 31 at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.



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Ally Fleury heads up the field.



Rachel McKenna, of Granby, dribbles near the sideline.

Blue Sox nearing end of regular season

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox went 1-for-2 in a doubleheader against the Mystic Schooners on Saturday. Entering Saturday’s doubleheader against the Schooners (22-17) Valley sat at 16-18-1, sixth in the South Division and outside the playoff picture, trailing both Danbury and Bristol for one of the division’s postseason spots. The Blue Sox (17-19-1) responded with a convincing 10-3 victory in Game 2 to split the twin bill and remain in the postseason hunt.

Mystic struck first in the first game and opened the inning when Bryce Detwiler lifted a sacrifice fly to right field after consecutive singles from Jack Harley and Anthony Belisario put runners on the corners.

The Schooners added another run in the fourth as Chris Walsh lined a two-out single before Adam Troch followed with an RBI double



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Trey Spees swings and makes contact.

down the left-field line, giving Mystic a 2-0 advantage. Valley answered immediately in the bottom half; however, Chris Cancel launched a solo home run to left field to cut the deficit in half.

Andrew Oppenheimer

kept the Blue Sox within striking distance throughout his six-inning start, allowing three runs, only two earned, while striking out four. But Mystic manufactured what proved to be the decisive run in the sixth after a hit batter, a walk and a Valley error loaded the bases. Walsh singled to center to score Detwiler and extend the lead to 3-1.

Valley mounted one final rally in the seventh. Chris Carson doubled to center before pinch-hitter Alex Hill delivered an RBI single to trim the deficit to one. With the tying run aboard, Mystic closer MJ Bollinger recorded the final two outs to preserve the 3-2 victory. Despite



Joshua Toole frames up a pitch.

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Seth Adams swings and connects.

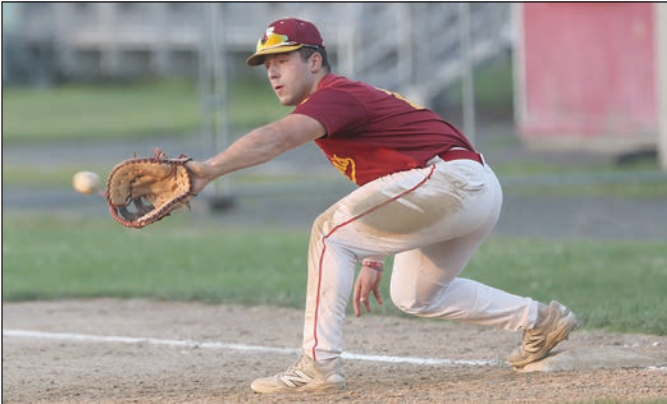


Brandon Magni swings and connects for the Saints.

Saints beat rival PeoplesBank

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday night, the pennant race stepped up with rivals PeoplesBank and St. Joe’s matching up at Mackenzie Stadium. While PeoplesBank trailed early in the game, they nearly came all the way back, but St. Joe’s prevailed 9-7. The playoffs are on the horizon in the league with St. Joe’s and PeoplesBank likely drawing top seeds for the six-team playoffs.

Dave Clark sends a throw to first for PeoplesBank.



Joe DeMichele makes a catch at first.



IN THE CITY



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Chicopee Police Youth Academy 2026

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Police Youth Academy took place from June 29 to July 3, providing an opportunity and fun and education for this year’s class of cadets.

Day 1 included welcoming remarks from Mayor John Vieau, Acting Police Chief Eric Watson and Jason Reed the director of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee. Following this, cadets received hands-on instruction in CPR, Narcan administration, learned about the lifesaving equipment carried in Chicopee Police patrol vehicle medical boxes, participated in defensive tactics training and received an introduction to Taser technology.

On Day 2, the focus was on instruction on high-risk motor vehicle stops, where cadets worked together in teams to safely conduct traffic stop scenarios along with the fundamentals of crime scene security, including how to preserve a scene, identify evidence and collect important information that investigators rely on.

From there, cadets participated in a Simunion® scenario. Armed with basic information about a call, they were challenged to locate a suspect while making split-second decisions about individuals they encountered along the way. The scenario emphasized communication, situational awareness, and sound decision-making under pressure.

Also, MILO simulator training, allowing cadets to experience interactive, judgment-based scenarios, followed by a mock MPCTC obstacle course that challenged their physical fitness and teamwork.

Members of the Army National Guard also stopped by, who provided an important lesson on impaired driving. Cadets wore impairment simulation goggles that demonstrated how alcohol and drug impairment can affect coordination, reaction time, and decision-making, reinforcing the importance of making responsible choices.

Day 3 comprised a trip to Movement Terrain in Ludlow, where they were challenged both physically and mentally through a variety of obstacle courses and team-building activities. Throughout the day, they had the opportunity to test their strength, determination, and problem-solving abilities as individuals while also learning the value of working together as a team.

On Day 4, a morning physical training session

was led by Captain Lambert, challenging our cadets to push themselves before boarding the buses and heading to South Hadley for a day of hands-on learning.

Our first stop featured K9 demonstrations, learned how handlers train their partners in obedience, tracking missing persons and suspects, and locating evidence and other objects.

The second portion of the day focused on boater safety while enjoying a tour aboard the Lady Bea at Brunelle’s Marina, gaining valuable knowledge about staying safe on the water during the summer months.

For Day 5, the final day, the cadets graduated and were celebrated for their achievements.

The program was made possible through the Charles E. Shannon Grant.



A full shot of everything that the organization provides.

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“Since COVID, we have all witnessed and felt a dramatic drop, but it didn’t just affect us. It also took a toll on youth organizations as well, but I feel that we have started to rebuild our ranks, so I feel this is the perfect time to seek out additional leadership as I just mentioned,” Noonan said. “Now, with that said, I think these past two years in particular have been instrumental and helped us regain and attract interest, especially here in the Western Mass area.”

Noonan then pivoted to reveal a bit of background in terms of how the Cub Scout program is structured, before citing the benefits of the organization and life skills one can acquire.

“Our organization remains open to all, as the Cub Scouts run from K-5, with each given a different title and rank,” Noonan said. “Those in

Kindergarten are called Lions, first grade is Tigers, second is Wolf, third is Bears, fourth is Webelos, and lastly fifth is the Arrow of Light, which is the tradition of when a Cub Scout is going to be moving into a Boy Scout troop.”

He then continued his thoughts by adding this.

“Now we understand the nervousness that comes with first starting, but many can share and testify to the success of the program, because the life skills that you achieve in scouting are something that you’re not going to get anywhere else; that’s something I can assure you of,” Noonan said. “We help cultivate and instill this sense of community and friendship to all, that helps mold these children, not only into leaders, but productive members of our society, while having a ton of fun along the way.”

In addition, Noonan discussed how the community continues to stand alongside the historic troop by revealing that a local historian at the Chicopee Public Library has been hard at work to create an exhibit and properly showcase the prestige of the program.

“So we have been in contact with a variety of resources, such as past scouts, scout masters, and everyone in between, to help this historian gather up articles, patches and flags in an attempt to solidify and document a timeline of our faction, which would be presented in the form of a showcase at the library to help honor the existence and service of all troops that once existed in Chicopee,

which we feel it would yield a powerful moment for all,” Noonan said.

Lastly, Noonan closed by providing an outline of the vision he continues to strive for.

“If we lived in a perfect world, and everything came together, and I recruited and filled the vacant positions with leaders that are truly vested and have a strong interest in the achievement of succeeding in our Cub Scout program, which would help increase our ranks, which could potentially lead to another pack being formed; I consider that a success,” Noonan said. “However, if I also have a continued level of engagement and interest in coming back year after year as they grow in grades and grow into their different packs and develop their level of learning, I feel that would classify that as a success as well.”

For those interested in the listed and open positions, Scouts BSA Troop 138 & Pack 138 meet at Ste. Rose de Lima Parish in the city on Monday evenings. They can be contacted by email at troop@chicopee138scouts.com.



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BLUE SOX
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matching the Schooners with seven hits, the Blue Sox came up just short.

The Blue Sox wasted little time putting the loss behind them in the nightcap.

Nick Tomasetto ignited the offense with a solo home run in the first inning before Michael Iannazzo added a sacrifice fly later in the frame to give Valley a 2-0 lead. Tomasetto drove in another run with an RBI single in the second, and after Mystic answered with one of its own, Valley broke the game open in the third.

Nick Spaventa blasted a solo home run to center be-

fore Chris Carson added an RBI single. A wild pitch later scored Michael Iannazzo to cap a three-run inning and extend the Blue Sox’s lead to 6-1. Valley continued to add insurance the rest of the way, highlighted by Tomasetto’s two-run single in the fifth, an RBI single from Iannazzo in the sixth and Nico Soul’s sacrifice fly in the seventh. The Blue Sox finished with 10 runs on 14 hits.

Earlier, Carson was named an NECBL All-Star, and the outfielder backed up the honor with another productive performance. Carson finished the doubleheader 3-for-7 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored, helping pace a Valley lineup that received contributions throughout the order. Tomasetto led the way by going 3-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs, while Iannazzo collected two hits and two RBIs. Spaventa also homered as the Blue Sox salvaged the split.

Four Valley pitchers combined to secure the Game 2 victory. Lukas Jachens started before Niall Todd earned the win with two scoreless innings in relief. Jon Shields and Jason Pinsonnault closed out the final three innings as the Blue Sox improved to 17-19-1, keeping themselves alive in the NECBL playoff race entering the final week of the regular season.

IN THE CITY

Events & announcements schedule

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>

ishcenter.net or call 413-592-0001.

Nutrition Counseling at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will now offer one-on-one nutrition counseling the second Tuesday of each month beginning May 11 at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Certified Nutrition Coach Rosemary Santinello will be at RiverMills for 1-on-1 Nutrition Counseling appointments the second Tuesday of every month, beginning May 11. You will go over your dietary goals and will discuss some other health factors such as cholesterol, hypertension and other health related issues to then come up with a nutrition place that caters to your specific needs. The cost is \$30 and you must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills or calling 534-3698.

Powerback Rehab To-You

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host Powerback Rehab for Physical Therapy appointment every Monday starting Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Powerback Rehab To-You is a mobile therapy program that brings care directly to you! Powerback Rehab will be at RiverMills Center

for appointments to help your recovery whether dealing with a recent injury chronic pain or seeking performance enhancement. These appointments are free. This program is open to members 55 and older. There are limited appointments, so you must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

First Central Bible Church Announces Programs for Children and Youth

CHICOPEE - First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street in Chicopee, is now offering five age-suitable programs from infants through grade 12 that are designed to help children and youth come to know the Bible, grow closer to God, and build a Christian community.

Sunday Morning

Before Sunday service, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., the church's Sunday School partners with parents and caregivers in nurturing children's faith through engaging lessons and activities. Classes are held for ages two through grade 9. Nursery care is provided for children through age two. For adults, a variety of studies are available during this time.

During the service, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., First Central offers Junior Church for age five through fifth grade. While adults attend the service, children experi-

ence Bible teaching at their level through lessons, songs, games, and projects. The nursery is available for children through age four.

Wednesday Evening

Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. children ages two through fifth grade are invited to participate in Awana, which combines Scripture memorization, Bible teaching, fun activities, and mentorship to help children know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Please register on the church website at www.firstcentral.church.

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., young people in grades six through twelve can join the church's Youth Group, which combines large- and small-group discussions. Sample topics include how the world's values differ from God's and the nature of sin. Participants explore their viewpoints while learning to apply Christian principles to their lives. No registration is required.

First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street, Chicopee, exists to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus. Sunday service is held at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us in worship, prayer, learning from the Word, glorifying God, and feeling the warmth of fellowship. For more information, please visit www.firstcentral.church.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete Intensive Research Projects

WORCESTER - At Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue.

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI.

Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems.

These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate.

All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's

focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture-from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

The following students from Chicopee completed projects in the spring of 2026:

Emily Boyer, class of 2027, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, completed the project titled Breaking Namibia's Self-Perpetuating STEM Cycle.

Madeline Jaszek, class of 2027, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology, completed the project titled Advancing Ownership of Puerto Rico's Rescued Schools



A group photo of the team of volunteers on site from Carpenters Local 336.



Volunteers hard at work putting the beds together.

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munity alike. Offering insight into how this project came into fruition was Organizer/Business Representative Jason Kubert, who explained he caught up with Mayor John Vieau and his chief of staff, Mike Pise, during an event at the Mass-

Mutual Center in Springfield earlier this year.

"We were at the OUTLOOK, Springfield's Regional Chamber flagship event; that's where I crossed paths with Pise. I shared the type of work our union offers to the community, and it was just coincidence; I said the word 'garden beds' and his eyes lit up, because he told us this was a project currently in the

works," Kubert said.

He then shared that the project moved quite quickly after that interaction with Pise because he was directed to the city's facilities director, Dave Rice, who helped with coordinating the DPW to prep the location. Once that was settled, the team was assembled, which was their volunteer organizing committee(VOC), or better known as "CREW", who came out and assisted on all types of projects.

On the day of construction, Organizer/Business Representative Griffin Buell shared how progress was going, along with seeing a sneak peek of the finished additions.

"So once everything went through, we then got linked up with the senior center, which allowed us to coordinate where they wanted the garden beds and the variation they wanted," Buell said.

He explained that his team was building standing garden beds that the residents will use to garden without bending, given their mobility issues, and that the garden itself will be used as a food garden for the seniors to eat what they produce as well.

The finished beds can be found outside the senior center entrance, where the specialty themed dinners continue to be the talk of the town.



One of the completed beds.

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Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1502EA
Estate of:
Constance Rose Forbes
Also Known As:
Connie Forbes
Date of Death:
August 29, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joseph G. Forbes, Jr of Chicopee, MA**.
Joseph G. Forbes, Jr of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/31/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Hampden
The Superior Court
CIVIL DOCKET
#2679CV0401
RE: Westfield Bank,
as Successor by Merger with
Chicopee Savings Bank
v. Matthew Beaudoin,
a/k/a Matthew R. Beaudoin
ORDER OF NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION**
TO: **Matthew Beaudoin, a/k/a Matthew R. Beaudoin** to the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, is a Massachusetts resident, having a last and usual place of residence at 6 Parkwood Drive, Chicopee, in the County of Hampden; **all in said Commonwealth;**
AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED 2003 as amended:
Westfield Bank, as Successor by Merger with Chicopee Savings Bank, incorporated financial institution with a place of business at 141 Elm Street, Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts
claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property known as 6 Parkwood Drive, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts
given by Matthew Beaudoin to Chicopee Savings Bank dated August 24, 2010
recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18432, Page 327, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at **Springfield** in said County on or before **September 2, 2026** or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.
Witness, Michael D. Ricciuti, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 22nd day of July, 2026.
Laura S. Gentile, Clerk of the Courts
By: **Lois A. Cignoli**, Assitant Clerk
07/31/2026

**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 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.
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60 Quebec St., #2
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2016 Subaru Legacy
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Michael Megass Mead
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2012 Subaru Forester
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Susan Manzi
148 Grassy Gutter Rd.
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1596EA
Estate of:
JENNIE M. JENDRYSIK
Date of Death: May 26, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **DIANE M. PAUL of CHICOPEE, MA**.
DIANE M. PAUL of CHICOPEE, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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.
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07/24/2026

**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**
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07/24/2026



OBITUARIES

Helen M. (Socha) Galica

WESTBOROUGH: Helen M. (Socha) Galica of Westborough, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2026 at Notre Dame Long Term Care in Worcester, MA. Born in 1925 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, Helen was the daughter of Walenty and Katherine Socha. She lived a rich and loving life for 100 years.



Helen married Mieczyslaw ("Mike") Galica in 1950. They moved to Westborough in 1966 with their four children. They were happily married for nearly 56 years until Mike's death. They shared a love of golf, travel, and walking. They also volunteered together with Meals on Wheels.

Helen is survived by her four children and their spouses: Dr. Michael Galica (Christine) of Holden, MA; Mary Anne Paul (John) of Asheville, NC; Helene Hartnett (Stephen) of Oxford, MA; and Kathryn Carliner of Maplewood, NJ. She also is survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She is predeceased by siblings Joseph, Leopold, Edward, Viola, and Sofia Socha, Veronica Furtek, and Emily Larochele.

Helen was an active member of St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Westborough, where she was a Eucharistic Minister. She also volunteered with the

DEATH NOTICE

Helen M. (Socha) Galica
Died July 19, 202

Martha & Mary Ministry at the parish and at The Mustard Seed in Worcester. She was a talented artist who enjoyed sketching and oil painting. Warm-hearted and kind with a wry sense of humor, Helen loved spending time with family, especially with her grandchildren.

The Galica family would like to express their deep appreciation and thanks to the staff at Notre Dame Longterm Care and Rehabilitation, who for many years tenderly cared for Helen with the utmost respect, consideration, and kindness.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, July 28, in St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Westborough. Burial followed in St. Luke's Cemetery, Westborough.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen Galica's honor to Notre Dame Health Care, Attention: Development Office, 555 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA, 01605. If you prefer to make a donation online, visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/MEMHelenGalicaNDHC>.

For her online tribute, please visit www.WestboroughFuneralHome.com.

**HEALTH
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bin more readily than oxygen, potentially bringing on oxygen deprivation, which can be fatal. It's especially dangerous to those with heart conditions.

•Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide: These pollutants come primarily from the burning of fossil fuels, particularly in vehicles, power plants and industrial facilities. They pose serious health risks, including respiratory problems, and contribute to environmental issues like acid rain.

All of these are factored into the AQI, which can tell you when it's safest to be outdoors, and when it's not. The AQI is a numerical scale that is color coded. An AQI 50 or under is considered good (green); 51-100 (yellow) is moderate; 101-150 (orange) is unhealthy, especially for sensitive groups; and anything from 151 to 300 or more (red) is extremely hazardous to the general population.

Summer is typically when the AQI is more concerning. Air pollution is often made worse by intense heat and stagnant air, especially in populated areas. Drought conditions can bring on wildfires. If you recall, smoke from last summer's wildfires in Canada had a huge impact on U.S. states.

Here are a few tips to keep yourself and your loved ones safer this summer from the pollutants measured by the AQI.
Check the AQI before

venturing out: It's front and center on most weather apps. Go outdoors for yardwork or exercise in the morning: The AQI generally gets worse as the day heats up, and it's also unfavorable in the evening due to accumulated pollutants and reduced wind speeds.

Be prepared: If you or someone in the family has asthma, carry a rescue inhaler. N95 masks, which we learned to wear during the pandemic, can also help limit the amount of particulate matter you may inhale.

Pay attention to indoor air quality: Use air purifiers with HEPA filters, for example. Dust and vacuum to control particulate matter. Frequently change filters in furnaces and air handlers. Control moisture to avoid mold.

The AQI is more than a number. It's a guide to a healthier summer.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, R.N., a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. A Monson, MA resident, she is the author of "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones" and her new book, "Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care," available at Amazon.com. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com to set up a free phone consultation.

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