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## Chicopee firefighter Richard Roy recognized with Badge 1 honor



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Private Richard Roy joins his family for a group photo during his recognition ceremony at the Chicopee Fire Department. Roy was promoted to Private and received the Badge 1 ranking.

Also, an interview with newly promoted Captain Thomas Canady

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CHICOPEE -- Family members gathered with the fire department on Aug. 8 for a recognition ceremony for Private Richard Roy.

Roy, who has served for 31 and a half years, was presented

with Badge 1, representing the honor of being a firefighter with the most years of service in the department.

Roy's father, Ronald, a retired firefighter who served for 32 and a half years, had the honor of pinning the badge on his son during the ceremony.

Roy was thankful to have his family at the ceremony, including his father, who is battling cancer.

"It meant a lot because he got Badge 1 in 1999, so it's an honor to have him still with us and be able to put it on me. Follow in his

footsteps," Roy said.

Roy explained his father inspired him to become a firefighter; he spoke about the line of firefighters in his family.

"My dad's a big influence. His twin brother was a firefighter. He had Badge 1; he gave it to my father. He retired shortly after he received Badge 1 and here I am," Roy said.

He wants the community to know he is honored to serve them.

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The Youth Police Academy occurred during the last week of June. Pictured in row one, left to right, Police Capt. Holly Cote, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Jason Reed, Mayor John Vieau and SRO Mark Hammond. Twenty-seven cadets participated. Pictured in no order in the back row are Sgt. Alan Blankenship, Officer Johnny Jusino, Officer Flordemaris Delarosa, Officer Lindsey Beshara, Officer Eric Brice and Officer Vincent Golemme.

## Twenty-seven cadets experience the 2023 Youth Police Academy

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CHICOPEE -- From boats to helicopters, this summer's weeklong Youth Police Academy featured a little bit of everything.

A partnership between the police department and the Boys & Girls Club brought the camp to life during the last week of June. Student Resource Officer Mark Hammond helped lead the annual program.

"It went fantastic," Hammond said. "Our program is for

the kids who don't get to do a lot of these activities so they can get to see what we do as police officers. They get to build those relationships with us."

Twenty-seven youths participated in this year's program at Chicopee Comprehensive High School and several offsite locations.

Activities ranged from a ropes course to artificial firearms training based on the MILO system, which provides over 800 different training scenarios. No real guns were used,

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## RiverMills holds surprise party for Harvey Lafleur's 100th birthday

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CHICOPEE -- The senior center held a surprise party on Aug. 3 to celebrate Army Corporal Harvey Lafleur's 100th birthday.

The surprise party, organized by the senior center and the Department of Veteran's Services, recognized Lafleur's military service and many contributions to Chicopee, including the current and past senior centers, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and more.

Lafleur, born on Aug. 4, 1923, is a World War II Veteran who received the Bronze Star, a past recipient of the Charles H. Tracy Award and has interviewed veterans for the Veteran's History Video Project.

Stephanie Shaw, director of the Department of Veteran's Services, said when she thinks of Lafleur, she thinks of commitment "to his family, his wife, his country and today, his community."

"We all know Harvey from different parts of the city, different organizations, different events, different projects and so it really means a lot to myself, to Holly (Angelo) on behalf of the Council on Aging. We couldn't let your birthday come and go without a gesture," Shaw said.

Lafleur received a proclamation from Mayor John Vieau marking Aug. 4, 2023, as "Harvey Lafleur Day."

Vieau said when he thinks of Lafleur, he thinks of selflessness and Chicopee pride.

"A guy who loves this city as much as I do and has been there through thick and thin, whether banging shingles on the roof of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to fixing puzzle stands in the Council on Aging and all the other things you do. Your generosity is being recognized today and you as a person, so I'm proud of who you are, what you stand for and of course that military service you're always involved in," Vieau said.

He also received commemorations from State Rep. Shirley



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Harvey Lafleur holds his hand over his heart in surprise upon arriving for his surprise birthday party as he turned 100-years-old on Aug. 3.

Arriaga (D-Chicopee), District Director Jennifer Pickering on behalf of State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme on behalf of the City Council.

Arriaga said to Lafleur, "All

these folks are here because you make an impact in everyone's lives."

"We're so happy that you get to call Chicopee home and for everything that you are doing for our community and what you've done for our country, so



A close-up of Harvey Lafleur's birthday cake at his 100th surprise birthday party.

thank you, truly," Arriaga said.

Additionally, RiverMills staff Holly Angelo, assistant director, and Sherry Manyak, executive director, shared their favorite memories of Lafleur and his late beloved wife, Marjory, presenting him with a plaque renaming the hallway displaying the Veteran's History Video Project the Harvey Lafleur Veteran's Hallway.

Rosemary Dachowski, corresponding secretary for the Friends of the Chicopee Senior Center, also presented Lafleur

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# Starzyk building at 10 Center St. celebrates 100 years

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CHICOPEE -- Residents and city officials gathered at the historic Starzyk building on Wednesday morning to celebrate the structure, which, as a whole, has operated for 100 years.

Construction on the building began in 1921. Original owner Paul Peter Starzyk, a Polish immigrant, arrived in Chicopee in the 1890s and earned his wealth by setting up a successful men's clothing store. He added a wing to the building a year after it originally opened in 1922.

Current owner Stanley Szlachetka, a lawyer, bought the building in 1996. Szlachetka grew up on Fairview Avenue. He remembers the building from his youth.

"I decided that this would be a good place to have my office, so I bought it, and we renovated it (and made) a lot of different improvements to the building. It's something we wanted to do because we're from Chicopee," Szlachetka said.

The Szlachetka family improved the building by replacing 300 windows, installing new ornate, oak-type woodwork and dividing the office space on the second, third and fourth floors. The bottom floor is retail.

"So, we've brought the building back to its original luster so to speak with the marble entrance way, and a lot of things in the building we maintained and kept the same. We had to upgrade some electrical and plumbing, but for the most part, the building looks like it did in 1923," said Szlachetka, who operates the building through his family's real estate group.

Mayor John Vieau was pleased to attend the ceremony on Center Street on Aug. 9. He noted that the building stands near City Hall, which was built in 1871, and the old library, which he said was built in 1910.

"The history of this building is something special," Vieau said. "Market Square was somewhere special where everyone came. That's what people talked about when I was a kid."

Vieau noted that many 100-year-old buildings are neglected to the point that



Owner Stanley Szlachetka stands outside of the Starzyk building.

it is in their best interest to be torn down. That is not the case with the Starzyk building, which Vieau considers to be a testament to the attention that the Szlachetka family has paid to it.

"They take care of this building, and we're hopeful it will last another 100. You can see the detail. And they don't build them like this anymore," Vieau said. "To preserve something as special as this mixed-use building, we're blessed in Chicopee to have this right here as an anchor downtown."

Vieau pointed out proudly that the building is fully occupied.

He said that good things are happening downtown, beginning with the renovation of the old library across the street from the Starzyk building.

Vieau said that arts and culture will be a key component to the refurbished old library. He hopes it is a creative space for entrepreneurs and added that it could be the future home of the Cultural Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Vieau also noted that, through a partnership with the city, the Valley Op-



The Szlachetka family cuts the cake, celebrating 100 years of the Starzyk building.

portunity Council is restoring 30 Center St.

"We're going to be doing an open house very soon. And that was a problem property that was tying up municipal resources. Police and fire were there daily; multiple times a day, and having that building purchased in a partnership with the city with ARPA money has turned it into something special that we'll be hopefully cutting ribbon on very soon," Vieau said.

Speaking on his own building, Szlachetka feels fortunate to be in the "biggest small downtown in the area."

Szlachetka compared Chicopee's growing downtown to downtown

Northampton, Springfield and East Longmeadow. He is excited to see what the future holds for the city's business district.

"You hear the mayor's taking over the old public library and putting in a sort of think tank for new businesses; startup for new businesses to rehab the property, so people have taken a significant interest in downtown, and it's a nice community. It's small yet it's big enough to handle the population, which I think is important," Szlachetka said.

When asked what it will take for the Starzyk building to thrive for years to come, Szlachetka's answer was short and simple.

"My kids," Szlachetka said.

## Events and Announcements

### First Congregational Church to have Tag Sale Aug. 26

CHICOPEE -- The First Congregational Church is having a Tag Sale on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 306 Chicopee St., Chicopee. Table rentals are available for tag sale items or crafts by leaving a message at (413) 592-0396.

### Chicopee Comp - Class of 1983, 40th Year Class Reunion to occur Sept. 23

CHICOPEE -- The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1983's 40th reunion will occur on Saturday, Sept. 23 under the Pavilion at the Moose Lodge 1849, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee. All you can eat BBQ Menu. 4-10 p.m. Cost is \$26 / person.

Check Facebook page for full announcement: "Chicopee Comprehensive-Class of 1983" or contact Christine (Pouliot) Amo at 413-530-6113. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, Aug. 14. Next Committee Meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 15. Organizers are hoping that many classmates can attend!

## Chicopee homicide under investigation

CHICOPEE -- On Aug. 6, 2023 the Chicopee Police Department responded to the 90 block of West Street at 3 p.m. for a reported stabbing, according to the Office of the Hampden County District Attorney.

On scene officers discovered a male victim suffering from an apparent stab wound. He was quickly transported to Baystate Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives from the Chicopee Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office, along with, the Hampden District Attorney's Murder Unit are conducting a homicide investigation.

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5. Presents
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Harness
18. Weight unit
19. You better call him
20. Utterly devoted
22. Male cat
23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
24. Risk-taker
27. A team's best pitcher
30. Cool!
31. Women's \_\_\_ movement
32. Georgia rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. The princess could detect its presence
38. Type of truck
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Angry people see it
41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
42. Soviet city
43. Carpet
44. Traveled all over
45. Thin, straight bar
46. Body art (slang)
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Arabic name
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of grass floret
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient Syrian city
65. Shoelace tube
66. The Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. Popular video game "Max \_\_\_"
69. Body part

#### CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
4. Long-legged frog family
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in classical Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Belonging to a bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct Guinean money
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway dweller
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. Partner to "flowed"
32. Widens
33. Old Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. European pipeline
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Urge to action
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed

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## GUEST COLUMN



**Blue Grosbeak**

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a blue grosbeak in Hadley.

The blue grosbeak is one of just a few birds with blue feathers. The male is dark blue with two reddish-brown wing bars. It has black feathers around the base of its large silvery bill.

The female is plain brown overall, with dark wings and tail. She has two buff brown wing bars and a large gray conical shaped bill. Immatures resemble the adult female. The young males in the spring of the next year start to show blue patches. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

Blue grosbeaks forage on the ground, hopping about in search of insects. They also glean foliage, eat spiders, seeds and wild fruits.

The female lays two to five pale blue eggs in a nest of rootlets, grasses, twigs, snakeskins, cotton and bark strips lined with grass. The nest is usually placed in a shrub, vine tangle or tree.

These grosbeaks often twitch and rapidly spread their tails when agitated. During migration, they can be found with buntings.

Their song is a warbled phrase of musical notes and the call a loud "chink."

### Poolside visitor

I received an email from a Wilbraham Hampden Times reader. She had a red-tailed hawk land on the side of her swimming pool in July. She said it stayed about five minutes and she was able to get some photos of the hawk.

### Update on osprey nest and more

I received an email about an osprey nest in Warren on South Street near a pond. He said the nest is visible from the road. There are also three great blue heron nests on the far shore of the pond, but they are not as noticeable.

He said on a recent visit, "The osprey chicks looked to be close to fledgling, their flight feathers looker fully formed and the two young osprey in the nest each exercised its wings." He said there were still three great blue herons in two different nest.

He said a pond on New Reed Street near the osprey nest often has bald eagles show up and great egrets have been seen there in August.

### Massachusetts Audubon Society sightings

In Berkshire County a short-billed dowitcher was seen in Sheffield and single merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox. Franklin County had three sandhill cranes in Ashfield and five semi-palmated plovers in Whately.

In addition to the blue grosbeak in Hadley Hampshire County had 18 greater yellowlegs and two sanderlings in the East Meadows in Northampton and three red crossbills at Quabbin Park in Belchertown.

Worcester County had a Bonaparte's gull and an acadian flycatcher at the Quabbin Reservoir in New Salem, four sandhill cranes in Hardwick, two black vultures in Fitchburg, two cliff swallows in Ashburnham and a sora at Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area in Bolton.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

## GUEST COLUMN



## Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

I sowed my seeds early and covered the hills with Reemay (a light, polyester row cover) to keep out the striped cucumber beetle. From past experience I knew that young seedlings could be decimated by this pest.

Within a few days the seeds had popped. I thinned them to three per hill and continued to water.

Soon they grew too big for their covering, and I figured that at this point in the game they could withstand a little damage. Sure enough, striped cucumber beetles found the plants.

It was harder to sneak up on them during the day, but at night I was able to position a cup of soapy water under a leaf and "tap," sending them in for a swim. My plants endured a bit of leaf damage, but not much more than that.

Populations dropped off and I presumed that it would be smooth sailing from here to harvest. So I thought.

Along came the squash bug, a brownish gray insect about a half-inch long with a triangular top and an oval bottom. Many people confuse squash bugs with stink bugs because they do indeed stink!

Squash bugs have a taste for the foliage and fruit of the cucurbit family, whereas stink bugs don't. Entire plants can be killed if infestations are severe enough.

You'll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last. Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes "two at a time."

If you miss the grownups, chances are you will have to scout for eggs. Usually they are laid in a "V" pattern on the undersides of the leaves.

They are hard to scrape off, so I crushed them between my two thumbnails. I must have also passed by a few eggs, so next I had to look for young squash bugs called nymphs.

If a bug could ever qualify for cute status, this one would with its one quarter inch light gray body, black legs and head. "Tapping" comes in handy here too - this time I brought a shallow cardboard box out into the garden, gave the leaf a good tap, and the whole team was cornered then dumped in a bath of soapy water.

It's beginning to sound as if all I do is hang out in the garden all day catching bugs - not true. With only two hills of zucchini all this work took just a few seconds each morning and night.

At last, we harvested the first zucchini and summer squash, picked at about six inches. At that size the flesh is tender, and the seeds are barely evident. The cucumber beetle did not transmit a disease.

Nor did the squash bug kill the plant. But while I was busy looking under the leaves for obvious bugs, the squash vine borer was at work inside its stem.

One giveaway that you have it: a mushy, sawdust-like excrement appearing outside of small holes in the stems. Affected plants also have leaves that wilt despite being well watered.

I tried removing the white, wrinkled worms from the hollow stems by making a slit with a needle and removing the insect. I must have missed a few - a strong possibility considering the female moth lays two hundred individual eggs at the plant's base!

The eggs hatch into larva that tunnel into the stems, eventually killing the plant.

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant's base does seem to deter the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

My dead plants were carried off to the trash, not the compost pile, and I will turn over the soil in both fall and spring to kill any pupae that may be overwintering. Rotating your crops can also help.

Some gardeners wash down their stems daily to dislodge and kill the eggs. Others make a late sowing only; supposedly after July Fourth or so egg laying ceases.

I made a second sowing a couple weeks back. If the borers don't get these, the frost likely will, but I am crossing my fingers that an Indian Summer may mean more zucchini for our household, because what we had certainly wasn't enough!

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# Friends of the Chicopee Public Library holding Used Sneaker Fundraiser Drive

The fundraiser runs throughout August

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CHICOPEE - The Friends of the Chicopee Public Library is holding a Used Sneaker Fundraiser Drive to support the library.

The fundraiser kicked off July 31 and runs through Aug. 31.

So far, the Friends have collected five bags, coming out to 60 pairs of sneakers.

The goal is to collect 500 pairs.

Lisa Pasternak, president of the Friends, explained how the fundraiser came together.

"We've always been looking for new ways to fundraise and we had come across this site called GotSneakers, who recycles sneakers and either donates them to people in need or if the sneakers that they receive are in bad shape, they get ground up and turned into playground material," Pasternak said.

Pasternak said there are four drop-off locations for the sneakers: the library, outside the Mayor's Office at City Hall, RiverMills Senior Center and Goodworks Coffee House. From there, they will be processed and shipped to GotSneakers to receive the monetary reimbursements.

Pasternak added the drive is only for sneakers and they must be donated in pairs.

"It can be adult sneakers, kids' sneakers and a variety of sneaks of sneakers kind of thing," Pasternak said.

Pasternak said sneakers will also be collected during the Friends' Meet and Greet event at Goodworks Coffee House on Saturday, Aug. 12, from noon to 2 p.m. while residents meet the Board of Directors.

"Our friends at Polish National Credit Union have actually sponsored the event so if you come on down, you get a free beverage courtesy of Polish National Credit Union. The Friends will be popping popcorn so free popcorn for everybody and just get to know the Friends and kind of what we do and help support us in any way that you can," Pasternak said.

Pasternak added donating the sneakers supports the environment while fundraising for the library.

"The city has been very supportive, you know, having our bins at the senior center and through the Mayor's Office they've been amazing and really just kind of getting more community awareness that things like sneakers can go other places than just in the trash bin or to other recycles, that they can be fundraising events and used for other purposes," Pasternak said.

Pasternak appreciates the community



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

A bin at the Chicopee Public Library for residents to donate their sneakers for the Friends of the Chicopee Public Library's Used Sneaker Drive Fundraiser, taking place throughout the month of August.

support.

"It's really a community effort and it's very easy to have conversations with other programs and agencies within the city that says, 'Yeah, I value this city and we want to do whatever's best and to move

it forward' I think is really important," Pasternak said.

Additionally, Pasternak is looking forward to upcoming fundraising events including a Dessert Sale coinciding with the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper on Sept. 13, the Annual Golf Tournament on Sept. 24 at the Chicopee Country Club, Membership Drives and the Holiday Basket Raffle Sale in December.

She explained the Friends has "about 350 memberships" and they are always looking for new members.

"We want to continue to grow that and encourage more families to join and to, really, see what they want the Friends to become and how we can support the community and include as many people as we can in the community," Pasternak said.

Pasternak wants the community to know there are many ways for the community to get involved and support the Friends.

"I just think that there are so many opportunities. We hold a lot of different fundraisers and so, any way that the community is willing to kind of participate in and support the Friends just helps kind of support their libraries," Pasternak said.

She also hopes the sneaker fundraiser, if successful, continues annually.

"We hope it becomes an annual event," Pasternak said.

To learn more about the Friends, visit [friendsofthechicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://friendsofthechicopeepubliclibrary.org).



(L to R) Firefighter Jason Furr, Private Richard Roy and Capt. Thomas Canady Jr. pose for a group photo after Roy's recognition ceremony at the Chicopee Fire Department. Canady was also recently promoted to Captain on July 31.

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"It's an honor to work for the city. It's an honor to help the residents of the city," Roy said.

"And a great group of guys. It's definitely a brotherhood," Cindy Roy, his wife, added.

"Especially from the chief on down. It's awesome," Roy said.

Ronald Roy shared putting the badge on his son and seeing him receive Badge 1 meant a lot to him, reflecting on his late brother, Donald.

"That was great because my twin brother - he died of cancer - pinned the badge on me, and today I pinned the badge on my son, which I didn't think I'd be able to because I have cancer right now," Roy said. "I didn't think I'd make it."

He shared how he became a firefighter with his brother.

"He took the entrance exam and he bet me a dollar that I couldn't beat him for the entrance exam. I bet him, he won, but I figured I took the test and everything else. I just continued staying," Roy said.

Also at the ceremony was Captain Thomas Canady Jr., who was promoted from lieutenant to captain on July 31.

Canady has served for 26 years and said he's "very proud to be a Chicopee firefighter," appreciating the support from his family and Chief Dan Stamborski's leadership.

He became a firefighter when a friend in the department encouraged him to take the test.

"I love working for the people of Chicopee, being able to help them in their time of need, hopefully. We always try our best. The camaraderie, the guys and just being able to do a positive service for the city," Canady said.

Canady said he's looking forward to helping the community in his new role.

"In moving up, now I'll be able to help more of my brothers and sisters on the fire department and I've always been very willing to help anyone who had a question or needed any assistance on the fire department as well as the city obviously," Canady said. "Now my duties have expanded where I can help even more of them."



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A group photo of the members of the Chicopee Fire Department, including Private Richard Roy and his father, Ronald, a former firefighter, at Roy's Badge 1 recognition ceremony at the Chicopee Fire Department.

Canady added that being a firefighter is a great job.

"I suggest it. It's a great career, the best. I love it and I haven't looked back," Canady said.

Roy also encouraged anyone interest-

ed in becoming a firefighter to "do it."

"Try it. Take the test. Enjoy it. It's like I said, it's an adventure. Every day's different, it's an enjoyable profession for sure, helping people, you know," Roy said. "It's like a family. It's like your second family."

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# Key Foods Market opens on Exchange Street

CHICOPEE - The City of Chicopee is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated grand opening of the brand-new Key Foods Market, marking another significant step in the revitalization of the downtown area. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Aug. 4 at 2:30 p.m., at the Key Foods location on 187 Exchange Street.

Key Foods is a renowned grocery store chain known for its commitment to quality products and exceptional customer service. The addition of Key Foods to our downtown area not only enhances the convenience for residents but also contributes to the continued economic growth of Chicopee.

With the downtown district gradually coming back to life,



the arrival of Key Foods is a testament to the progress and development happening within the community. The grand opening

of Key Foods represents a significant milestone in the city's efforts to attract new businesses and provide increased shopping



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options for our residents.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by city officials, community leaders and representatives from Key Foods. It

was an occasion to celebrate the collaboration between the City of Chicopee and Key Foods, joining together to welcome the city's newest neighbor.



The Youth Police Academy occurred at Chicopee Comp.



The LIFE STAR helicopter from Hartford, CT flew into Chicopee for the Youth Police Academy.

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as the cadets practiced "shoot/no shoot scenarios" alongside instructors.

A LIFE STAR medivac helicopter flew in from Hartford, CT, landing on the Chicopee Comprehensive High School softball field. There, cadets were able to interact with a pilot, nurse and paramedic.

Later in the week, the cadets traveled to Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley, where they climbed aboard the "Lady Bea" and experienced the underwater drone in conjunction with the department's Dive Team.

The Hampden County Sheriff's Office also participated, showcasing the horses and officers affiliated with its mounted unit. Hammond hopes the experience

changes the cadets' perception of law enforcement.

"We like working with the kids, giving them the help and guidance," he said. "We try to teach these kids don't judge the book by the cover. The cover of the book doesn't tell the true story about the person behind it."

Hammond thanked Sgt. Alan Blankenship, Officer Johnny Jusino and Officer Florde-maris Delarosa of the newly established Willimansett C3 Police Unit for helping draw numerous cadets to the program.

"They did a lot of recruiting this year for cadets, and a lot of the kids from down in the Willimansett area participated due to the fact they did some heavy recruiting down there," he said.

Hammond also thanked Capt. Holly Cote, Officer Lind-

sey Beshara, Officer Eric Brice and Officer Vincent Golemme for taking the time to participate in the camp. He had kind words for Brice and Golemme.

"Vincent Golemme and Eric Brice are officers that basically reached out to us, wanting to take part in the program because they like working with kids. They truly enjoyed it because you get to get away from the calls that we take every day; the calls for service and for help every day. They built relationships with the kids, giving guidance, helping them in ways that they needed," Hammond said.

Hammond is in his 30th year as a Chicopee Police Officer and is entering his 12th year as an SRO. He noted that the program is a continuation of the work he completes during the

school year.

Hammond is confident that the summer program helps instill a sense of guidance, discipline and direction in the cadets who participate. He noted that eight of the cadets will be working as volunteers next Monday during National Night Out (Aug. 7).

For the officers who participated, the camp served as a welcome change of pace. While sometimes officers respond to positive calls, such as giving birth to a baby, which Hammond said happened in the city during the past year, most calls are difficult. Spending time with the youth offers a great opportunity.

"We hope to change the perspective in these kids' minds of what police officers are and what they do," he said. "What I try to do is, I just want to continue to do what I do in the schools and do it with kids and build the relationships that last forever."



A ropes course was one of many exciting activities that Youth Police Academy cadets participated in.

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## Chicopee defeats South Hadley in PVSSL semifinals

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday night in B Division action, Chicopee beat South Hadley 3-1 to advance to the PVSSL finals. Highlights and photos from that game will be in next week's edition. Chicopee held the lead throughout the game as both teams are now gearing up for the start of the fall season in just under a couple of weeks.



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Cristian Ribeiro looks at a teammate as he prepares to pass.



Dom Garcia runs after the loose ball.



Brandon Langevin makes a throw-in.



Griffen Wrisley nears the goal.



Nazarii Kravchenko turns around to try and take possession.

## PeoplesBank wrap up another title in TriCounty League

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Just like they've done during the past decade, PeoplesBank didn't have very much trouble capturing the 2023 Tri-County League championship title.

After posting an 8-0 victory over the second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in game one at Legion Field in Palmer, top-seeded PeoplesBank swept the best of three series following a 15-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Thursday night.

"All of the players get along very well with each other on and off the field," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "The target on our backs gets bigger and bigger each year because everyone wants to beat us. Winning the championship title never gets old and the next one is always better than the last one."

PeoplesBank has now won 18 Tri-County League championship titles, including the past ten, since 1995.

Ferry was the starting left-fielder and he's been the PeoplesBank manager since 2019. He dedicated the 2023 season to Tom Bouvier, who's from Ware. Bouvier retired a year ago.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM  
Johnny Gegetskas slides safely home.

"I would like to dedicate this season to Tom Bouvier," Ferry said. "Tom was our captain and our leadoff hitter."

Holyoke's Danny Gaines, who made just two regular season starts, was the winning pitcher in game two. The lefty didn't allow any runs on six base hits in 5 2/3 innings.

"I can't believe this is our tenth championship title in a row and I'm looking forward to playing for this team again next year," said Gaines, who issued two walks and didn't record

any strikeouts. "We were able to take an early lead in tonight's game, which is always a very important thing. My teammates also made the plays behind me. We do have the best defense in the league."

Ferry and Gaines, along with second baseman Dave Clark, catcher Pete Hogan, and pitcher Andy Gaines, are the only PeoplesBank players who have been members of the last ten championship teams.

"We do have a great group of baseball players and we own



Sam Allen slings a throw to first.

this league now," Ferry said. "We just fill in the holes every year."

While the PeoplesBank players were celebrating another championship title outside of the first base dugout, the mood was a little bit different on the other side of the field following the game.

"I'm glad that we made it to the finals, but we just didn't play very well in the past two games," said Tigers player/manager Sean Bourgeois. "I'll be

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## West showcased in girls soccer

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a girls soccer team showcase. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9:

The West started out with a drubbing of the Northeast team 9-1.

In a dominant display of attacking prowess, West's forwards Hannah Murphy (Monson, Monson HS), Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) each notched two goals, alongside contributions from midfielder Danica Dorozynski (Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive HS) and defender Makenna Kennedy (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), securing an emphatic 9-1 victory. Northeast's midfielder Siena Hesbach (Maynard, Maynard HS) scored the consolation goal, with an assist from midfielder Phoebe Whitcomb (Newburyport, Newburyport HS).

The West would lose one game in the showcase and would play for the bronze medal, de-

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## Twins grab final playoff spot with win, A's take first

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Twins of the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League edged out the Angels for the final playoff spot thanks to two consecutive wins to finish off the regular season.

The Twins would defeat the Angels last Sunday 6-4 in a very close contest, but then moved in win-or-go-home makeup game against the Tigers last Wednesday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

The Tigers were already in the playoffs, but the Twins needed a win to finish a game ahead of the Angels. A loss would have tied the Twins with the Angels, and the Angels would have made the playoffs through the tiebreaker.

The Tigers, which showed a much-improved offense this season, did jump out to a six-run lead early in the game, but not wanting to use too much pitching with a playoff game looming, the Twins were able to come back and tie the score 7-7 in the fifth inning. In the sixth, the wheels would come undone for the Tigers, as the Twins simply started mashing the ball, batting around nearly twice as they plated the 15 runs needed for the game to end via the mercy-rule for a 22-7 Twins win.

The Athletics would defeat the Tigers last Sunday, July 30, and then followed that with a 23-12 win over the Cubs to finish the regular season 10-5 and win the top seed in the playoffs.

Both the A's and Cubs had also made the playoffs and the game was simply for the opportunity to finish in first place and gain the top seed.

The playoffs began Sunday, Aug. 6 with the Twins and Cubs facing off while the Tigers and A's met in the other semifinal. Results from those games were not available as of press time. The championship game is set for this Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

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## Granite Series headed for Maine



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There will be another race at Speedway 95 in Maine this weekend

WALPOLE, N.H. – Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced today that Coastal Auto Parts will sponsor the upcoming Coastal Auto Parts 100 at Speedway 95 on Saturday, August 19. In what will be the second stop of the season for the series to the Maine oval, drivers will be chasing the championship as the season begins to wind down.

The Speedway 95 event will be one of the final three on the schedule for the season, with only events at Star Speedway and Lancaster Motorplex to follow to crown the 2023 champion.

Coastal Auto Parts, in business for many years, has built a great business by focusing on superior customer service, through deep inventory, quality people and building meaningful relationships

with their customers. They are a family business, deeply rooted in the Ellsworth, Maine, community. From a single store in 1981, Coastal Auto Parts has 29 stores today and more than 270 employees. They have truly transitioned to the next generation.

The event at Speedway 95 on August 19 will also include the R&R Street Stock Series and the Cage Runners. A full schedule for the day will be available soon.

"We support racing in the state of Maine for many reasons," Michael Boles of Coastal Auto Parts said. "These people are customers for us, both on the track and in the stands. They work really hard to be able to do what they love and we want to help provide them a place to play. We are

always excited to go to the track. Hopefully this event will continue to help grow racing in the Bangor area and the state of Maine."

"Partnering with Coastal Auto Parts for this event is great for our series," Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. "We're happy to have them working with us for what will be another great event. Speedway 95 produces some fantastic Pro Stock racing and we're excited to get back there for another race later this month."

For more information on Coastal Auto Parts, visit capnapa.com. For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit gspss.net and follow the series on social media for the latest news and updates.

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moving to New Jersey soon, so this was my final Tri-County League baseball game. I'm hope this team can win the championship title next year."

Bourgeois, who started in left field, would like Mike Truff to replace him as the Tigers manager next year.

PeoplesBank scored an unearned run in the second inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a leadoff double down the left field line against righthander Ryan Magni. The next batter struck out before shortstop Sam Allen drew a walk. Then Hogan bounced into a fielder's choice play. Seth Allen advanced to third on the play before scoring the game's first run on a throwing error by the shortstop.

An RBI line-drive single to center by designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas gave PeoplesBank a 2-0 advantage with one-out in the third inning. Then Seth Allen blasted a triple to left field against Magni scoring two more runs.

Bourgeois thinks Magni is one of the top pitchers in the TCL, but he hasn't had very much success against PeoplesBank.

"We've beaten Magni in a number

of big games over the years," Ferry said. "At least six of our nine batters have faced him at least 30 times. We know what he throws."

The Tigers had just one base hit during the first three innings before they loaded the bases in the fourth.

With one-out, Right fielder Tom Burzynski hit a flyball just out of the reach of PeoplesBank right fielder Breon Parker Jr., who attempted to make a diving catch. Catcher Nick Kreuzer followed with a single and shortstop Shane Denault walked. Gaines retired the next two batters on a pop-up and flyout ending the threat.

Magni kept PeoplesBank off the scoreboard for the next two innings before allowing four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

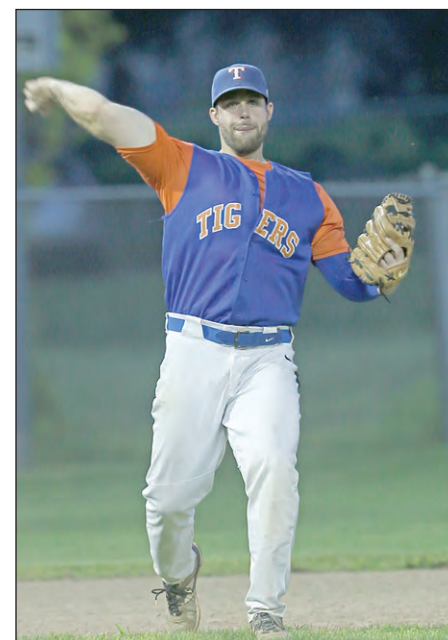
Hogan, who had a leadoff single, scored on Ferry's triple to right field. Ferry also scored on a throwing error. Their other two runs crossed the plate on a double by Clark (3-for-5) and a single by first baseman Kyle Platner, who led the way offensively with four hits and a walk.

PeoplesBank scored seven more runs in their final at-bats against a couple of relief pitchers.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning against Gegetskas, who replaced Gaines on the mound. Burzynski reached first base on a fielder's choice play which scored pinch hitter Josh DeSouza, who singled leading off the frame.

Had there been a game three of the series, righthander Zach Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School, would've been the starting pitcher for PeoplesBank.

"It just feels awesome to win another championship title," said Handzel, who has been wearing a PeoplesBank uniform for the past six years. "Danny threw a gem tonight and Jimmy Flahive pitched very well in game one. We do have a very strong pitching staff. I'm hoping that we can win



Nick Koziol throws to first for the Tigers.

another title next year."

Before taking a team picture at home plate, Ferry received the championship trophy from first year Tri-County League President Michael Kennedy, who's a former PeoplesBank player.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.

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## Paddle explores the Ware River on Aug. 19

HARDWICK – Join Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council for the inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The paddle will meet at the Old Furnace Launch at 8:30 a.m. and set off down the river at 9 a.m. to Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

The Upper Ware River Blue Trail is a 4.5 mile scenic paddle that is a smooth

and quickwater run. The paddle is expected to last 1.5 hours.

Please RSVP to [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

C4R will be monitoring weather and river flows to ensure safe paddling conditions. They will post any issues or changes on their website [www.c4rivers.org](http://www.c4rivers.org) the day before and contact all participants who have RSVPed.

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with a certificate of appreciation and two engraved leaves for the Tree of Life, honoring him and his wife.

Donna Teehan, one of Lafleur's daughters, and her husband, Paul, appreciated the community coming together to celebrate him.

"It's wonderful that they think so much of him to want to do this for him and all of the people that want to honor him. It's very nice," Donna Teehan said.

"He's a giving, caring person and he's given a lot, and everybody knows it, which is nice to know that it's appreciated," Paul Teehan added.

Lafleur said the party "was a great surprise" and he has no secret about living a long life.

"I don't think I have a secret. It must be in my genes. I lived a normal life, the bad things, the good things," Lafleur said.

Looking back on 100 years, Lafleur had this to say on what he was most proud of.

"Being married to a wonderful woman," Lafleur said. "She was my high school sweetheart, so I knew her for 80 years."

Angelo had this message for Lafleur



Mayor John Vieau presents Harvey Lafleur with a proclamation declaring Aug. 4, 2023, "Harvey Lafleur Day" in honor of Lafleur's 100th birthday during his 100th birthday surprise party at RiverMills Senior Center.

on his birthday.

"We love you and we're just so pleased that you are a part of our lives," Angelo said.



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Harvey Lafleur is presented with a plaque by RiverMills Senior Center Assistant Director Holly Angelo and Executive Director Sherry Manyak for the Harvey Lafleur Veteran's Hallway at his 100th birthday surprise party at RiverMills Senior Center on Aug. 3.



President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme reads a commemoration from the City Council as Harvey Lafleur and his family watch during Lafleur's 100th surprise birthday party at RiverMills Senior Center on Aug. 3.

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feating Central Mass. 3-2.

In the bronze medal game, Central and West battled fiercely in a close match. Central's forward Bianca Facchetti (Londmeadow, Minnechaug Regional HS) opened the scoring with an assist from forward Kalli White (Granby, Granby HS), holding the lead at halftime. However, West fought back in the second half, as forward Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS) netted a goal

off a corner kick. Central responded with a goal of their own from forward Sydney Reed (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), assisted by midfielder Sabina Mackechnie (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). With tensions high, West was awarded a penalty kick, which Marjanski converted confidently. In the final moments of the match, West midfielder Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) sealed the victory with an assist from Marjanski, leading West to a thrilling comeback win.

## Plan your child's back-to-school physical and immunizations now

*Get your child caught up and protected on their vaccines and wellness visits for back-to-school*

SPRINGFIELD - Well-child visits to the pediatrician, especially before going back to school each year, are intricately linked to being properly vaccinated.

Since the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yearly well visits for children starting at age 3 through 18, scheduling a back-to-school physical each year is

a good way to meet that goal, according to Dr. Amy Pelletier of Baystate General Pediatrics, Baystate Children's Hospital. Babies begin well-child visits several days after birth and continue these visits several times per year until they reach age 3.

A typical back-to-school physical should include standard growth measurements including height, weight and body mass index, as well as testing the child's reflexes and motor skills, heart rate and blood pressure, and an examination of the eyes, ears, nose and throat. In addition to performing a thorough physical exam, it is also an opportunity to screen for emotional, developmental or social concerns, such as how they get along with others, peer pressure, bullying, and social media use, as well as to discuss if they are leading a healthy lifestyle by getting enough exercise and eating healthy. Well-visits are also an important opportunity to make sure all vaccinations are up-to-date.

"Children who are not vaccinated on schedule are at risk of getting sick and of spreading illnesses to others who are not protected. Vaccines are given on a schedule for the number one reason of protecting children from preventable disease. Experts designed the schedule so that children get protection when they need it, and the doses are timed so the vaccine itself can have the best effect. Vaccines are mandatory for schools to maintain high vaccination coverage and low rates of vaccine-preventable diseases," said Pelletier.

"Many kids and adolescents missed recommended immunizations and wellness visits at the height of COVID-19. As healthcare professionals we are encouraging parents and guardians, if they haven't already, to get their children back on track for annual vaccinations and wellness exams. It's not too late to get back on track," she added.

Vaccines work by training the immune system to recognize and fight viruses or bacteria. They develop immunity – the ability to resist an infection – by imitating infections. Vaccinations have been protecting children and adults from diseases including smallpox, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), and chickenpox for a very long time. The reason some people aren't familiar with those illnesses is because of vaccines and their effectiveness, noted the Baystate Children's Hospital pediatrician.

Pelletier noted not only does not being vaccinated affect the child, but it can also put others at risk, as well. When enough of the community is vaccinated, it makes disease less likely to spread.

"This is important for those who aren't fully vaccinated, such as newborns, and those who can't be vaccinated, such as children who

are taking medications that suppress the immune system," she said. "There are minimal risks of being vaccinated. The risk of a complication of the disease is always higher than the risk of the vaccine."

Concerning babies, Pelletier noted they are very vulnerable to disease, which is why they are given vaccines early in life.

"If the vaccine schedule is spread out or if babies miss well-child visits and do not receive vaccines on schedule, it will take longer for babies and children to be protected from diseases," she said.

Visit [www.baystatehealth.org/news/2023/06/vaccine-schedule-for-children](http://www.baystatehealth.org/news/2023/06/vaccine-schedule-for-children) to see the recommended vaccine schedule from birth to 16 years.

The AAP also encourages all children to get an annual sports physical whether or not one is required for them to participate on a team or extracurricular activity ideally scheduled at the same time as the annual wellness exam. Most schools send forms home to be completed before the season begins. If you have not received one, contact your child's school in advance of their physical.

The sports physical is an opportunity to address exercise-specific issues, including injuries, nutrition, training and exercise programs, and even attitudes toward sports participation in the course of the exam.

Overall, pediatricians want to partner with parents to help their children be successful students. Are they generally healthy? Will they have any problem seeing the board? Is their hearing okay, so they don't miss what the teacher is saying? Do they have any attention issues? All those questions need to be answered at a well-visit.

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Mass.gov offers a special page, "Preparing To Return To School," that offers full Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements as well as other helpful tips on physical exams, preschool vision screenings, lead screenings, and children with special health care needs. Visit the page at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/preparing-for-return-to-school>.

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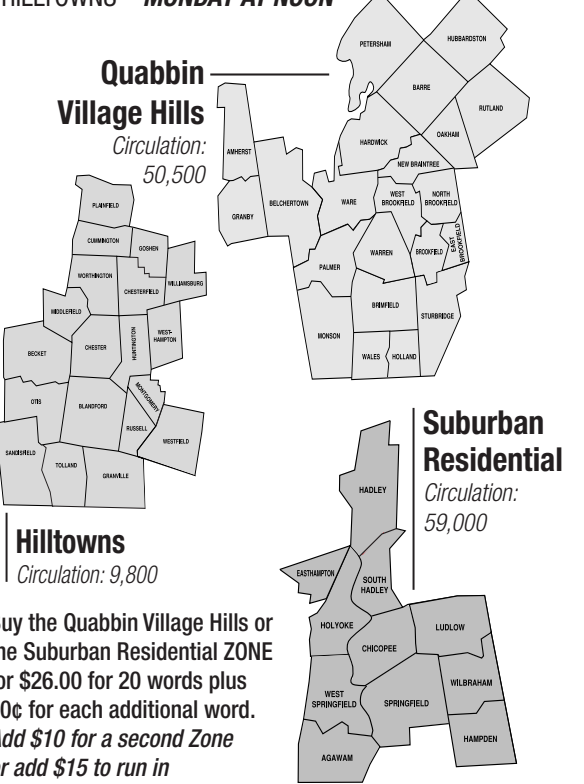
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# Fire department installs new basketball hoop at St. Joan of Arc School



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## COLLEGE NOTES

### Samantha Breton named to Bryant University's Spring 2023 Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, RI – Bryant University is pleased to recognize Samantha Breton of Chicopee for her unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement by naming her to the spring 2023 Dean's List.

### Chicopee residents named to Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT. – The following Chicopee students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University: Nicholas Farrell and Shreeya Patel\*

To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

### HCC STEM scholarship deadline extended to Aug. 15

HOLYOKE - Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College now have until Tuesday, Aug. 15, to apply for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

New and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the fall 2023 semester has been extended until Aug. 15, 2023.

Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become

members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE (STEM Cohorts for Research & Engagement).

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Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research, and honors experiences; community service; and internships.

The application and eligibility guidelines can be viewed at [hcc.edu/stem-scholarship](http://hcc.edu/stem-scholarship).

STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.

The program is led by HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached at [ivasu@hcc.edu](mailto:ivasu@hcc.edu) or 413-552-2438.

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