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31st Annual National Night Out brings community together



Members of the Chicopee Police Department pose for their annual group photo for National Night Out.

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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at Sarah Jane Sherman Park on Aug. 6 for the 31st Annual National Night Out.

The event featured over 100 vendors, K9 demonstrations, the wing-eating contest between football players from Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, a flashlight walk and so much more.

This year's sponsors were Chicopee Electric Light, Florence Bank, Holyoke Medical Center, PeoplesBank, Republic Ser-

vices, Westfield Bank, the Chicopee Moose Club and Our Father's House Ministry Center, with special thanks to Buffalo Wild Wings, Polish National Credit Union and Church of the Valley.

In opening remarks, Police Chief Patrick Major noted how the event "just keeps getting bigger and better."

"We're fortunate in the city to have such great partners. As you can see around us between partnering agencies, our City Council which is very supportive of our department, emergency management, DPW and our other neighboring local de-

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Enoch and Liberty pose in firefighter garb when stopping by the fire department tent.

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Mayor John Vieau, Olivia Surowiec, Greg Bernat of Bernat's Polish Deli, Monika Surowiec, Olivia's mother, and Billy Stetson, owner of Rumbleseat Bar & Grille, in a group photo.

Community supports Surowiec Family at fundraiser

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Aug. 8, the community gathered at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grille to help raise funds and awareness for the Surowiec family, a local Polish family in the heart of Chicopee who faced hardship as they lost their home to an unforeseen house fire that transpired last month on July 7, leaving them displaced.

The event was hosted and sponsored by the Rumbleseat.

Offering a sense of the moment firsthand was Olivia Surowiec, the daughter of Monika Surowiec, a long-

time employee of Bernat's, who was caught in the middle of the fire, explaining that while everything was occurring, she "had to climb to the roof to safely escape before being saved by Chicopee Fire and first responders on scene."

"At the moment I was focused on getting out, and so in response I called 911 as fast as possible," Surowiec said. "I do admit it was a little scary, as I tried to go downstairs, but I got hit with heat, and then I closed all the doors and went through the window."

See **FUNDRAISER** page 6

COMMUNITY

Fourth Annual Back to School Event takes place Aug. 24

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CHICOPEE - The Fourth Annual Back to School Event will be taking place at Rivers Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Presented by Breaking Oppression, the Faded Barber Lounge, and the City of Chicopee, the event will feature free haircuts, braids, manicures and facials, free backpacks and school supplies, a variety of vendors, community resources, kids' activities, giveaways, and more.

No registration is required this year and will be first-come, first serve.

The sponsors are Breaking Oppression, the City of Chicopee Mayor's Office, the Chicopee Public Schools, the CPD C3 Unit, Westover Trash Removal, Chicopee Parks & Rec and Tony Digital, with special thanks to Florence Bank and Town Fair Tire.

Ricardo Diaz, owner of the Faded Barber Lounge, was ecstatic about this year's event.

"It's definitely been a lot of work. We're going to have more vendors this year, more barbers, more hairstylists, more people doing braids, facials and manicure, so I'm excited about that," Diaz said. "Another thing that we got going on this year is our open course for the kids to have a good time, a dunk tank, which is going to be fun."

Diaz thanked several



TURLEY PHOTO BY AMANDA MUNSON

A throwback photo of Ricardo Diaz, owner of the Faded Barber Lounge, during last year's Back to School Event at Rivers Park. This year's event is coming up on Aug. 24.

supporters for their ongoing contributions, including the mayor's office, Monica Torres, community and special projects liaison for the city; Luz Lopez, co-founder of Breaking Oppression, Kristen Coelho, Family and Community Engagement Facilitator for Chicopee Public Schools; McKinstry Farm, Roger's Ice Cream, C & T Pizza, Roxanne Roman and Aesthetic Beauty Revolutions, Style & Grace Hair Studio and more.

Town Fair Tire also presented a \$5,000 grant towards the event after the business attended last year's Laughs for Backpacks fundraising event.

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COMMUNITY

Design Alternative D3 Summary (Szetela Site):

Barry Elementary + Szetela New Construction	
• Total Area:	128,067 GSF
• Program Area:	90,639 NSF
• Grossing Factor:	1.41
• Total Project Cost:	\$136,000,591

PROJECT GOALS	
Fully Supported	82%
Partially Supported	18%
Not Supported	0%

2-Story New Const.

Cost Breakdown:	
Estimated Project Costs:	
• Construction:	
• Estimated Construction Costs:	\$103,794,070
• Soft Costs:	\$31,180,221
• Subtotal:	\$134,974,291
Miscellaneous:	
• Tariffs:	\$1,000,000
• Modular Classrooms:	\$0
• Beneficial Land:	\$146,300
• Subtotal:	\$1,146,300
Total Project Costs:	\$136,000,591

PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROGRAM (PDP) SUBMISSION:

LEGEND:

- Existing Building
- New Building
- Existing Parking
- New Parking
- Existing Driveway
- New Driveway
- Existing Sidewalk
- New Sidewalk
- Existing Street
- New Street
- Existing Utility
- New Utility
- Existing Tree
- New Tree
- Existing Fence
- New Fence
- Existing Wall
- New Wall
- Existing Gate
- New Gate
- Existing Sign
- New Sign
- Existing Light
- New Light
- Existing Bench
- New Bench
- Existing Tree
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PROS:

- Updates Two Outdated Out Schools
- Removes Traffic from Macek Dr
- Fully Supports 88% of Key Elements
- Consolidates School Resources
- Szetela Demolition Costs Covered by Grant

COSTS:

- Neighborhood Opposition
- Granby Road Traffic Concerns
- Potential Added of City Scope/Costs (Land Acquisition, Sidewalks, Busing, Etc.)
- Prek Program Not Eligible for Reimbursement Under Grant

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A summary overview of the D3 Design Schematic.

A look at the Barry School C1-D3 Designs Schematics

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Chicopee Register continues our breakdown of the various Barry School schematics and redesigns, as this week brings us to the CD section.

This is the final portion of four designs ranging from C1-D3 being various test fits and overall layouts of a newly renovated Szetela Pre-school that would also house both schools being combined to house close to 400 students on the property.

It should also be noted that one of the final options would be a new Barry Elementary constructed where Szetela once was, as the original building would be removed and demolished, resulting in various proper-

ty acquisitions from the city would be implemented, most notably to remove the traffic from Macek Drive.

C1 is a standard base repair option as per the requirement from the MSBA to serve as a baseline model, which also brings Szetela back up to proper code and regulation.

Bert Gardner, an architect attached to the project from Caolo & Bieniek Architects, explained these options.

"It should be known that 62% of your ED program is not satisfied with this method, and only 24% will be partially satisfied," Gardner said. "So, it's just a baseline option to review and preview the rest."

In addition, estimated total cost would be around

\$26,222,896, and cons are only 15% of key elements supported, and the Pre-K Program is not eligible for reimbursement under the MSBA grant.

Next up was D1 and the first of the consolidation options, which, as noted prior, would mean the assimilation of both Barry and Szetela housing, Pre K up to fifth grade. Gardner shared this path would be an ad rental option, meaning the plan would be to retain some parts of the Szetela original building, except components that have their lifespan, like the classroom modulars, before breaking down the enhancements to the layout of the newly added and renovated

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IN THE CITY

Sweeney to compete in National Truck Driving Championships

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CHICOPEE - Richard Sweeney, a resident trucker at XPO, is heading to Minneapolis to compete in the National Truck Driving Championships.

An event specific to the trucking industry, hundreds of the best truck drivers across the country test their knowledge and skills in a four-day competition.

The competition takes place Aug. 19 - 23.

Sweeney, who has competed in this competition 15 times since 1989 after getting his license, has also driven over two million accident-free miles in his career and was recognized with the Neill Darmstadter Professional Excellence Award by the American Trucking Associations last year.

Sweeney explained it's a safety competition and in order to qualify, participants have to win a state competition with 9 different classes.

"There's 50 drivers per se in each class. There's different types of trucks out there so straight truck, there's a

three-axle van, four-axle van, five-axle van, a tanker, a flat-bed, a sleeper and then there's twins which is double trailers," Sweeney said.

For the four-day competition, Sweeney said it begins with a 40-question test on Wednesday and you drive whatever class you're part of.

"You either drive on a Thursday or a Friday and then on Saturday, they take the top five in each class they have what's called a runoff and that determines the winner and the winner is announced at the banquet on Saturday night," Sweeney said. "There's going to be roughly about 450 drivers there."

For the driving portion to test the skills, Sweeney shared it's a road course with six problems and "you have to maneuver your tractor-trailer as close as possible."

"It's an 18-inch scoring zone to get into those particular problems," Sweeney said. "From zero to six inches is a 50, six to 9 is a 45, 9 to 12 is a 40, 12 to 15 is a 35 and 15 to 18 is a 30. Basically, the person with the most points wins."

There's also a pre-check competition to find defects



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLE HORTON
Richard Sweeney, a Chicopee driver, as he received the Neill Darmstadter Professional Excellence Award by the American Trucking Associations in 2024. Sweeney is heading to the National Truck Driving Championships later this month.

that are planted on your truck "to raise your awareness of what you have to do every day to stay safe."

Sweeney heard about the competition back in 1989 when he saw a flyer at a truck show in Boston at the time and

pursued it.

"1989 was my first year, that's when I did it," Sweeney said. "It's a lot to learn, I've gotten better at it."

He's also proud of the accident-free miles he's gotten throughout his career.

"In order to qualify for the competition, you have to drive a year of accident-free driving. So right now, I'm on 27 years of safe driving without an accident," Sweeney said.

On the award he received last year, Sweeney is still shocked he won it and said it's like "the Good Guy Award" when you help people out and spread the positivity of the trucking industry.

"I still can't believe it, that I'm held in that high of a regard to be honest with you," Sweeney said. "I'm still dumbfounded by it, but I'm in a wonderful class as I know a lot of the former winners. Just to be put in that same class as them, I can't explain it because the past winners are such great people also."

He's also learned a lot through competing in this competition and enjoys the camaraderie of his fellow truck drivers.

"I feel as though this competition makes you a better driver. You meet such wonderful people at this competition and these people become lifelong friends. So, now this is basically a reunion once a year. It's almost like a family reunion to go see all these

people," Sweeney said. "I just want to do a better job every day and not hit anything. It awakens your senses to look at everything that you're seeing just so you can stay accident-free for that year and be able to compete in the states with the chance of winning to go on to the nationals to see all your friends that you basically try to see once a year."

Sweeney emphasized the competition helps show the positive side of the trucking industry and its drivers, beyond stories people may see.

"We're very concerned about safety, we're very concerned about the motoring public," Sweeney said. "The company is very concerned about safety and they don't want anything to happen to us as drivers or anybody in the motoring public."

After wishing his fellow competitors good luck and to paint the trucking industry in a good light, he wants the community to know he plans to win again and make the community proud.

"I want to bring back the trophy!" Sweeney said. "I want Chicopee to be home of the best truck drivers in the country."

Chicopee Parade Committee to hold Designer Purse Bingo

CHICOPEE - For the second year in a row, the St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee will host a fun filled night of Bingo on Saturday Sept. 6 at the Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange St.

All guests must be 18 years of age or older.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. Games will start promptly at 5 p.m.

Prizes for the lucky winners will be designer handbags. Tickets for donated baskets will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$35...this will include 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. The reservation must be paid no later than Aug. 30.

Checks should be made out to Chicopee Parade Committee and mailed to 1 Central Ave., Chicopee MA 01020. They may also be delivered to 1 Central Ave. during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday thru Thursday.

Attendees are welcome to bring snacks but must purchase beverages from the bar.

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, please call or text Alivia at 413-378-5694 and leave a full name and good contact # where you can be reached. Messages left will be returned as soon as

possible.

Proceeds from this event will support the Chicopee contingent's participation in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee strives to promote Irish pride and culture through its many events.

For over 70 years, the committee has organized the annual Colleen Contest and Coronation Ball, constructed the Colleen's award-winning float, and awarded scholarships to young women who plan to further their education at a college or university.

Other upcoming events and fundraisers to which the public is invited will be posted on the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/>.



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Chicopee Community Kindness Event

CHICOPEE - A Chicopee Community Kindness Event will take place on Aug. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the AmVets 754 on Montgomery Street

Much food is being donated by Costco and other food sources. One call to AmVets and speaking with Dave to secure the location, who said yes to this event!

Aida Torres started this kindness event in 2020 when

she started giving food out of the back of her own car. When she started, she would give to Ware, Three Rivers, Monson, Palmer and other surrounding towns.

Aida has worked in the health field all of her life and giving back and giving food and other items too people is a passion of hers.

Aida is one of the WWLP News 2025 Remarkable wom-

an! and there will be other remarkable women on site as volunteers to make this event a "Remarkable" one!

Other "Remarkable" women that will be onsite is Nicole Coakley, Chicopee Police Captain Holly Cote, and Joan Quinn, Kathy Picard, and Doris Beaugard-Schreclah.

People are encouraged to take limited quantities so there is enough for all.

CPL Adult Programming for August

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

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

We will be having an English Language Conversation Circle for English Language Learners every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30

p.m. from July 2 - August 27. Emma, an ESOL teacher will lead the class. This is for all levels of learners to practice conversing.

As always, the computer lab is available to work on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and 6 to 8 p.m. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry,

American Ancestors and HeritageQuest to help you in your search.

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

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

Brian Mendes announces candidacy for Councilor-at-Large

CHICOPEE - Brian Mendes will be running for Councilor-at-Large in the upcoming November municipal election.

A lifetime resident, Mendes has been married to Nicole Mendes for 23 years and is father to two daughters, Alivia and Emalie. He's been a manager at Callaway Golf Ball Operations for 27 years.

Campaign Focus: I am committed to driving positive change in Chicopee. My candidacy is rooted in a deep understanding of the commu-

nity's needs and a dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Top Priorities: Support for First Responders: Ensuring that our police, fire, and emergency services are well-equipped and have the resources necessary to keep our city safe.

Quality of Life: Comparing and improving Chicopee's quality of life against surrounding cities and towns, ensuring residents have access to essential services and amenities.

City Services Delivery: Evaluating how effectively the city delivers services to residents, with a focus on transparency and accountability.

Budget Oversight: Scrutinizing department budgets and actual expenditures to ensure financial responsibility and optimal service delivery.

Building Trust: Boosting morale and rebuilding trust between residents and city

councilors through open communication and transparency.

Addressing Major Issues: Tackling significant challenges that can be controlled while avoiding distractions from less impactful issues.

Transparency and Honesty: Committing to an honest dialogue with residents about city affairs and decision-making processes.

Measuring Success: Implementing a system to measure successes across all departments, ensuring that positive changes are not only visible but quantifiable.

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IN THE CITY

Events & announcements schedule

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

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

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

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

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

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

By donating gently

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

About THE FRIENDS OF THE CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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

Summer Kids' Church Program in Chicopee

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

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

Each evening includes thoughtful Bible lessons, high-energy games, creative crafts and a tasty snack. Children will learn about Jesus while meeting new friends and having plenty of fun.

To learn more about First Central, including worship times and all programs available to both children and adults, visit the church at www.firstcentral.church.

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

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

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

The program is for families with children from infant

to five years old.

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

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

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

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

Holyoke Rows announces Free Youth Kayaking

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

From free all ages kayaking days to a free learn to row week for Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield middle and high school students, there are endless options to enjoy the outdoors from our boathouse at Holyoke Rows, 25 Jones Ferry Rd, in Holyoke.

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

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

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

DCR Recreational Advisory: Cyanobacteria Bloom in Chicopee Reservoir

BOSTON - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is warning the public of a cyanobacteria bloom present in Chicopee Reservoir at Chicopee State Park in the City of Chicopee.

During a bloom it is strongly advised that the pub-

lic should not have contact with the water. Additionally, pet owners should keep their animals away from the shoreline to prevent them from ingesting the water.

The waterbody will be retested until cyanobacteria levels are within acceptable

limits per Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines. For questions regarding cyanobacteria blooms, please contact the DPH at (617) 624-5757 or visit the agency's algae webpage.

Effective immediately - until further notice.

Friends of Chicopee Public Library holding 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

CHICOPEE - Get ready to tee off at our Annual Golf Tournament!

Join us for a day of food, fun and friendly competition on the greens. Get your foursome together and register early for discounts.

The tournament takes place on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Chicopee Country Club with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Registration is \$140 and includes golf, cart, swag bag, lunch and dinner

For an early registration discount of \$130, register by Aug. 15

To learn more, call 413-594-1800 X116, email friendsofpl@hotmail.com or visit <https://friends-of-the-chicopee-public-library.square.site/>.

RiverMills hosts RMV for "Shifting Gears" presentation

By Elise Lyons
Correspondent

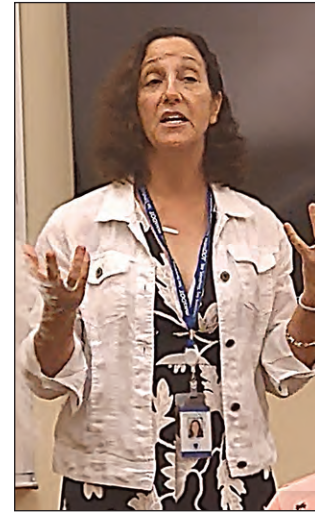
CHICOPEE - On July 30, the senior center hosted the Registry of Motor Vehicles for its "Shifting Gears" event.

During this event, Community Outreach Coordinator Michele Ellicks presented and answered questions for audience members regarding proper safety precautions that should be taken when driving, especially for elderly drivers.

Though Ms. Ellicks was unable to provide an interview, there are many points of her presentation which should be addressed. She warns community members to not drive while impaired, be it from the influence of alcohol, drugs, medications, sleep deprivation, or otherwise; even medicines as easily accessible as Benadryl can have side effects, so it's important to consider this when contemplating if you're in a good state to be driving.

Electronic devices such as cellphones can also direct your focus away from the road, so it's important to make sure that your focus on the road is not impaired in that way either.

Another point she wished to make was that, if you have any medical concerns which you believe would impair your ability to drive, consult your doctor for your next course of action and any possible steps you can take to relieve the symptoms or



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Michele Ellicks, community outreach coordinator for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, stands before gathered attendees as she gives her presentation on the importance of road safety.

ensure your safety while on the road. Things that can affect your ability to drive can include—but are not limited to—issues with your vision, hands, or ability to turn your head, continued numbness of the legs or feet, difficulties with depth perception, conditions which often result in loss of consciousness, epilepsy, and changes in blood pressure or blood sugar.

She also emphasized the importance of consulting your doctor about any of these issues, should you suffer from them, as they put not only you and any passengers with you at risk, but any surrounding drivers as well.

Other than these warn-

ings, Ellicks also reiterated the importance of abiding by road safety laws. These include—but are not limited to—driving at appropriate speeds given the areas speed limits— which Ellicks clarified to say that speeding is always illegal, regardless of how far above the limit you are, and can result in both accidents and legal repercussions— utilizing proper turn signals to communicate clearly with other drivers, turning on your vehicle's headlights in low-visibility conditions, and following instructions given by road signage.

In her parting message to the community, Ellicks mentioned knowing the many features of your vehicle and how they work, including your vehicle's safety features. Even knowing something as simple as how to turn on your hazard lights, how to enable pedestrian alert systems or backup cameras, or where your spare tire is stored in the event of a flat could be the difference between an unfavorable situation and everyone making it home safely.

To learn more about road safety or access the services offered by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, visit www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-registry-of-motor-vehicles or visit any one of their many locations throughout Massachusetts, such as their Chicopee location on 1011 Chicopee Street or their Springfield location on 1250 St James Avenue.

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This summer try freezing the harvest

Freezing fruits and vegetables is an easy way to preserve the harvest. More nutrients are retained by this method of food preservation than any other, and the color, flavor and texture are as close to fresh as you can get.

Freezing works by curbing the growth of organisms that cause food to spoil. The key to longevity is to use packaging that will keep out air and moisture. Thick plastic freezer bags, tight-fitting plastic containers (square make better use of freezer space than round), or boilable bags that are made for vacuum sealers are all great options for that purpose.

Fresh berries are easily frozen whole. I've been doing my share of that lately. Any blackberries we don't eat get popped on an aluminum pie tin to freeze, once frozen they are moved into freezer containers where I can easily take out just what I need.

Many people also freeze tomatoes whole, figuring that it's too hot to make sauce now, but it won't be in a couple of months. Thawing frozen whole tomatoes makes for easy skin removal.

Vegetables such as peas, yellow and green beans, broccoli and more are all easily frozen once you know the method.

Here is how you do it: Grab a pot from your cupboard to blanch your produce – this part of the process will help to retain the desirable characteristics that I mentioned above. You can blanch by steaming or boiling.

Reportedly, steaming is superior for nutrient preserva-



by Roberta McQuaid

tion. While you wash and chop your veggies to bite-size pieces, bring a few inches of water to a boil in a covered pot equipped with a steamer basket. When the water begins to boil hard insert a single layer of veggies into the basket and replace the lid (this part is critical). Blanch for 3-6 minutes, depending on thickness, for broccoli and 4 minutes for green or yellow beans.

Don't have a steamer pot? Try boil blanching instead. Bring a pot of water to a rapid boil then carefully immerse your vegetables to avoid splattering. When the water returns to a boil begin timing.

Broccoli will take 2-3 minutes using this method; beans need 3.

Once blanching is complete, you must cool down the produce as quickly as possible to stop the cooking process from going any further. This is accomplished by plunging the food into a waiting bath of ice water.

I remember reading somewhere that it should stay in the bath for about as long as it took to blanch it. Once cooling is complete, drain the veggies and allow them to air-dry on a clean towel.

This next step is a must if you are freezing in big bags rather than exact dinner-sized

portions: Line a cookie sheet with freezer or waxed paper. Arrange your dry produce in a single layer and pre-freeze for an hour or two, then fill your bag.

This way you will be able to grab exactly what you need when making a meal-pieces won't be frozen together in a big block.

Vacuum packers are great for freezing dinner-sized portions. Simply pack the bags with your blanched, air-dried veggies and seal. Without one you can do a good job of removing air from your freezer bags by simply squeezing out as you can manually then inserting a straw into an unsealed corner and inhaling to draw out what remains.

The kids will find this part of the preservation process to be a lot of fun! Be sure to label the contents with the date – most produce will keep for at least a year at zero degrees.

For a more detailed look at freezing and other types of food preservation consult these great books by Storey Publishing: "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" by Janet Chadwick and "The Big Book of Preserving the Harvest" by Carol W. Costenbader.

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Why hasn't my SS benefit changed because I am still working?

Dear Rusty:
I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time.

There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings.

That held true for the first two years, but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case?

Signed:
Waiting Anxiously

Dear Waiting:

If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS and they typically do that review by the end of the third quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation, which is a normal part of Social Security's process when calculating

your benefit amount.

Your earnings for each year in your lifetime up to age 60 were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years adjusted for inflation over your lifetime to calculate your benefit and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1-800-772-1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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Cedar waxwing
My daughter, Paula and family enjoy watching a large flock of cedar waxwings by

the bridge near Hardwick Pizza in Gilbertville. They also watch "tons" of bats leave the chimney of the old senior center each night at dusk. Some nights there must be about 50 of them. They fly out and then make big circles around the building while screeching. They do a great job of controlling the mosquitoes population.

The cedar waxwing is one of the few North American birds that specialize in eating fruit.

It can survive on fruit alone for several months. It is a silky smooth songbird

with a black mask, tan head and breast, yellow belly and grayish brown under parts. The tail has a yellow band at the tip and some wing feathers have waxy red tips, hence the name waxwing.

Adults perch on high, exposed perches where they are easily seen and heard. They also have a prominent crest. During courtship males and females pass a small fruit or other item back and forth. The cedar waxwing is medium sized and sleek. Their crest often lies flat and droops over the back of the head. Waxwings are social birds and often seen in flocks year round. They sit in fruiting trees swallowing berries whole or pluck them I mid-air with a brief fluttering hover. They also course over water for insects, "flying like slightly, clumsy swallows."

It takes the female about five to six days to build a nest. They occasionally take nesting materials from other birds nests.

Helping birds

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. In hot weather and during dry periods, it is important for birds to have a clean, cool source of water. Even something as simple as putting out a bird bath and water dishes and keeping the water clean and cool during the summer heat will help birds.

Many people don't realize that birds get dehydrated and the bird baths help them keep cool but equally important, maintain the health of their feathers. A bird bath doesn't have to be fancy, even an old ceramic serving dish would work as long as the water isn't too deep. One reader, who sends emails quite frequently has a more elaborate system with a dripping water.

South Hadley birds
A South Hadley resident emailed she hears an owl in

her neighborhood, but has never seen it. She reported seeing red tailed hawks and turkey vultures. When she sees road kill, she moves it to a safe spot away from traffic so that vultures don't get hit by cars.

Great blue heron at MacDonalds

Saturday night my daughter, Paula, took the girls to the McDonald's in Ware just as it was getting dark. A great blue heron flew into the parking lot from the river across the street and tried to unsuccessfully land on top of a lamp post. When it couldn't, it flew just a few feet over their heads into the swamp in the back of the parking lot.

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.



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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.

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IN THE CITY

31st Annual National Night Out



From the left, Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga, Vice President/Ward 5 City Councilor Frederick Krampits, Ward 9 City Councilor Mary Beth Costello and Ward 3 City Councilor Susan Goff pose for a group photo while taking a break from handing out cupcakes.



Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and Mayor John Vieau in this group shot here.

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partments," Major said. "This is a cooperative effort nowadays in law enforcement and the job with you every day to protect our community, we couldn't do it without the help of everybody else, so I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight."

Mayor John Vieau said the city "is proud to share all of these wonderful experiences with you."

"Building public trust is what this is all about. Building those relationships with the police department, fire department, your elected officials and your community. That's what National Night Out means to the city of Chicopee," Vieau said.

Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia was also in attendance and said coming together as a community "is what it's all about."

"Everyone that works so hard here day in and day out in the city of Chicopee are doing it for good quality of life for the people that are living here and are visiting here and I am just so humbled and grateful to be working side by side with my colleague in government, Mayor Vieau, in making sure that our communities here in the Greater Region-Pioneer Valley, Western Mass--that we have good, strong leadership to be sure that we're looking out for the best interests of our people," Garcia said.

Amongst the many vendors was Jasmine Serhan, a strategic growth executive for Clearview Health & Wellness Group, who explained the organization was there to get more involved in the community.

Serhan said the organization received "an amazing email" from the police department and connected with them from there.

"One of our biggest missions is to help out everybody and anybody as much as we can. One of the biggest ways that we do that is by breaking down barriers as much as we can to care," Serhan said. "We do that through multilingual services, we offer Spanish-speaking therapists, Hindi and Nepali-speaking therapists,



Members of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department held K9 demonstrations during the event as shown in this action shot here.

pists and we also have a Haitian-Creole nurse practitioner that was brought on as well. We service ages six and up so we're able to help a large demographic of patients and then we do online and in-person services."

Serhan shared the event is not only "an amazing opportunity for us to learn more about the community itself, it's also for us to be able to connect with people that we might not have been able to connect with organically."

She's also enjoyed seeing all the children.

"All the kiddos! I love them so much. They run right up to this table and they make my night. I really, really enjoy just being able to talk to them and see them and all the families," Serhan said. "It's so amazing to see all these people that are coming out tonight and really showing up for not only themselves, but also the community and understanding what's going on."

For Major, the community's support of the police department means a lot, also happy to see attendees check-

ing out the community resources.

"Chicopee is a family community. I've got family members here. I'm happy to have them come out and they get a chance to talk to other community members and maybe find out new things within the area or talk to people who they haven't been able to connect to before," Major said. "We have a very diverse community, but events like this bring everyone together."

Major also reflected on the national recognition the event has received. Last year, the 2024 National Night Out was ranked number 13 in the country, moving up from number 22 the year before.

"It just goes to show that not only are we dedicated to the community, but they are dedicated to us as well. If you didn't have that, the people wouldn't be out and we wouldn't be getting that recognition," Major said. "So, we're extremely, again, happy that we have that community support."

Capt. Douglas Lambert,



Police Chief Patrick Major welcomes attendees as Capt. Douglas Lambert, the chair of the event committee for National Night Out, looks on.



The members of the Chicopee High School Football Team eat their wings.

the event committee chair, was amazed by the turnout.

"It's been completely mind-blowing. Way bigger than we've had other years. Last year, we had 80 vendors, this year we have 118, so it's been absolutely amazing," Lambert said.

Lambert was also happy to see many families at the free event.

"The families are our bread and butter. We love to see the kids out here, we love interacting with the kids and

showing them that we're humans and that they can come see us whenever they have a problem," Lambert said.

He added the Holyoke Police Department also joined this year to see what Chicopee does and showcase their department.

"Maybe they'll do one for their own self next year. That'd be an amazing thing to be a part of to help them out doing it," Lambert said.

Serhan hopes people took away this from the event.

"There are some amazing people in Chicopee that really can provide more than just a smile and provide us with a great service to the community and to all the people across the board, so I'm just really happy to be here," Serhan said.

Lambert's message was this: there's so many people in the community here to help you and provide resources.

"We look forward to seeing you in 2026!" Lambert said.

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Pacers Elite advances in playoffs

CHICOPEE – The Pacers Elite, a 7-8 boys playoff team, defeated Belchertown in the quarterfinals of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League playoffs. The Pacers would advance past TFP and later into the finals of the tournament. They were scheduled to face Hampshire in final.



Damarlon Torres angles toward the hoop



Austen Reither looks at the basket before driving to the hoop



Brayden Calisch drives down the court.

Volley Hall hosts Grass Open last weekend

HOLYOKE – Holyoke, aka Volleyball City, is the birthplace of volleyball and home to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Last weekend, the hall celebrated the heritage with a fun filled event for players of all ages and skill levels competing for bragging rights and amazing prizes.

The IVHF Volleyball City hosted the Grass Open last weekend Aug. 9 and 10, at the scenic Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Different divisions each day – Whether it was a seasoned competitor or new to the game, there was a division for you, from elite

Open-level competition to fun recreational play. Junior players were also encouraged to partic-

ipate, and teams can include both youth and adults. Spectators were welcomed to attend for free and enjoy the full tournament atmosphere, including Center Court matches with music. On Saturday, August 9, the event featured men's and women's triples in Open (cash prize), BB, and Legends divisions. Sunday, August 10, highlighted juniors (16U and 18U) and reverse co-ed doubles for both Open (cash prize) and BB players.

All participants received free parking and passes to visit the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Museum. Adding to the fun, was live music both days presented by Wyckoff Country Club. Food, drinks, and prizes will rounded out this festive weekend.

HCC releases schedules for men's, women's soccer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Cougars will have men's and women's soccer teams once again this fall. The Cougars men's soccer team is scheduled to get their season kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 6 against Hudson Valley Community College at home.

Their first road game is on Thursday, Sept. 11 against STCC. Their schedule includes matchups with New Hampshire Tech, Bristol, Northern Essex, Mass Bay, Community College of Rhode Island, Bunker Hill, Massasoit, Roxbury, and Quinsigamond.

HCC's first matchup with STCC will be a non-region, but a second matchup in October will count.

The Women's Soccer team will hold the Cougar Classic, hosting a few teams

at HCC. On Saturday, the Cougars will face off with the Fashion Institute of Technology on Saturday, Aug. 30 and then face Central Maine Community College on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 1:30 p.m.

From there, the regular season opener will take place against Hudson Valley ahead of the men's game. The women will start the day at 1:30 p.m.

HCC's road schedule starts on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at Bristol Community College. The women's scheduled features several opponents that HCC will meet twice, including Quinsigamond, Bunker Hill, Roxbury, and Massasoit.

The regional playoffs begin around Oct. 30.

For more information, go to www.hcccougars.com



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Paitin Tyson passes away from the pressure.



Knox Flooces eyes the hoop.



Abrian Esmurria goes for a layup in traffic.

HoopHall announces enshrinement presenters

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced the list of Hall of Famers who will present the Class of 2025 at the Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." Over 50 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony.

Each member of the Class of 2025 was asked to select previously inducted Hall of Famers to serve as their presenter. The decision is made solely by the incom-

ing Hall of Famers or, in the case of posthumous honorees, by their family.

The 2008 USA Men's National Team will be presented by members of the team who have been previously inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters:

Carmelo Anthony - Allen Iverson (Class of 2016), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Micky Arison - Alonzo Mourning ('14), Pat Riley ('08), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Sue Bird - Geno Auriem-

See **HOOPHALL** page 8

Quabbin Valley set to host second over-28 fall league

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

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins. Those same four teams

are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/ See **QUABBIN VALLEY** page 8

West Side wins Women's PVSSL Championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back in the middle of July, Olivia Crespo and her New England Mutiny teammates lost in the United Women's Soccer League finals for the second year in a row.

On Friday, Aug. 2, Crespo guided the third-seeded Westside Sport Shop to a 5-0 shutout victory over top-seeded Here for Beer in the women's finals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It was a little bit frustrating coming up a little bit short in the National Finals once again this year," said Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. "I had a lot of confidence coming into tonight's championship match and I knew that we would be able to do it."

Crespo, who scored four goals and had an assist against Here for Beer, was selected as the M.V.P. following the match.

"My teammates deserve a lot of credit," Crespo said. "They helped set up my goals. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them."

Last fall, Crespo was a member of the women's soccer team at Franklin Pierce University, which captured the NE 10 conference championship title. Her college soccer team played in the NCAA Division 2 Final



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
West Side Sports Shop won the Women's Title this year in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.



Rachel McKenna of Granby heads up the field.

Four. "It was a really special season," she said. "We're looking forward to having

another successful season this fall.

Westside Sport Shop (9-2-1) won the championship

title for the third time since Crespo has been a member of the team. They beat sixth-seeded Heat, 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals before squeaking out a 3-2 win over the second seeded Monson Mustangs in the semifinals.

Here For Beer, who defeated Westside Sport Shop in last year's finals, won the regular season matchup between the two squads. They entered the 2025 playoffs with an 11-1-0 record and earned a quarterfinal bye. They advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the semifinals.

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SPORTS

Kendall wins Mini 40, Leary tops Mods, Saturday at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Defending track 604 Modified champion Tyler Leary wired the night's main event Saturday, blasting to his second win of the summer on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway.

On the same card, Julia Kendall, she of the famed Bernardston, Mass. Raymond racing family, roared to victory in a special 40-lap Mini Stock feature. Points leader Dylan Zullo won a thriller in the Super Streets, four-holer ace Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Pure Stocks, and 15-year-old Hunter Duquette won his fifth Young Guns event of the summer.

The New England Dwarf Car Series was in town, and Andrew Harmon had a huge night, dominating both ends of a 25-lap twinbill to earn two victory laps around the high banks, but also picking up a cool \$250 SERVRO bonus for sweeping the feature event pair.

Leary and Joey Jarvis sat up front as the Allstates Materials Group 604 Modifieds went into battle. Leary, whose earlier victory was scored on July 5, would never look back.

Veteran ace Todd Patnode, of Swanzy, who'd won a week earlier, blasted into second on lap nine and would then run the rest of the race in Leary's shadow, settling for his second strong outing in as many weeks as he tries to claw his way to the top of the 2025 leaderboard.

The best battle in this one was for third. Back from a pit side engine change a week earlier, Trevor Bleau was up to third early but soon had divisional points leader draped all over him. Robie, though, frantically trying high and low, could never find a path to the three spot, as Bleau joined

Leary and Patnode in trophy row.

It is said that a full moon over a race track spells pure chaos. If that's true, what do you get with a half moon on a clear August night? On this one, you got three ultra-focused Twin State Truck Services Super Streets frantically dicing through a wall of non-cooperative lapped cars, with a large crowd at the edge of its seats from green to checkers.

JD Stockwell got to the front first, with his buddy Zach Zilinski riding in his shadow. Top points man Dylan Zullo was quickly up to second and closing fast, and the sea of lappers was getting closer and closer.

Zilinski took the top spot in heavy traffic on lap eight, bringing Zullo with him. On lap 16, it was Zullo to the point, Stockwell following forward and looking for a path to the lead. But the final 14 laps would belong to Zullo, as the potent trio made its way to victory lane. Zullo hit the stripe four lengths quicker than Stockwell, with Zilinski in tow too, Wesley Stedt fourth. Hillary Renaud rounded the top five.

Hot shoe Louie Maher led early in the Fabian Fuels Mini Stock 40-lap main event, pulling away easily. Julia Kendall, blasting from row four, was up to second on lap six but still way behind Maher.

A lap-19 caution, though, brought both Kendall and high-flying John Fultz to Maher's bumper, with the trio then racing under a blanket until Fultz took the top spot on lap 28. Kendall wasn't done though, rocketing into the lead on lap 32 and then soaring off to win by a comfortable eight lengths. Tim Paquette impressed with a season-best third, just ahead

of Cameron Sontag and Maher.

Kyle Begos led early in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature. Four-holer super star Gordon Farnum - he of the double-digit-victory Mini Stock champ seasons - was on a mission though. Dirt tracking most of the way a week ago, Farnum had the Patnode ride dialed in perfectly Saturday. Taking charge on lap 13, Farnum sailed off to his first win of the season, five lengths ahead of Dominick Stafford, who rocketed from scratch on the starting grid after struggling woefully in his earlier heat race. Pure Stock points leader Kyle Kenny, victorious the night before at Claremont, finished at Stafford's bumper in third. In a post race inspection, fifth place finisher, Jimmy Zellman was penalized for a camber rule infraction.

Doug's Auto Body Young Gun top gun Hunter Duquette took the lead from Ella Grabowski on lap three of the youth division feature and dashed off to his fifth win of the summer. Maya Bell was strong in second, and Grabowski came home third.

Andrew Harmon twice took the lead on lap three in the two New England Dwarf Car 25-lap features, and each time he rocketed off into a different time zone to win easily and pocket the \$250 SERVPRO bonus cash.

Top Dwarf Car points man Tom Harwood sent a scare through the stands during qualifying, when contact with another car launched him into a violent up-and-over multiple flip in turn one. Uninjured, he returned for the features aboard a loner but finished out of the money. Cody Hodgdon was second in each of the 25-lappers, and Chris Sullivan third.

IN THE CITY

Elms College celebrates top Niche.com rankings

Includes #4 best for Nursing in MA and Eighth Best Value College

CHICOPEE - Elms College received significant recognition across multiple categories in Niche.com's latest rankings. Elms College has been named among the top colleges nationwide for its exceptional nursing program, strong catholic identity, and value. In 21st place, Elms College is among the 25 Best Colleges in Massachusetts (MIT and Harvard rank 1st and 2nd, respectively). Furthermore, Elms is ranked among the top 10 Colleges in Massachusetts in three categories: 4th Best Nursing School, 3rd Best Catholic College, and 8th for Best Value. Elms College leads all other Western Massachusetts institutions in those three categories.

Elms College president, Dr. Harry Dumay said, "It is wonderful to see that Elms College is recognized for

our outstanding programs and opportunities for our students. The faculty and staff of Elms College have historically remained unified and focused on our mission to educate a diverse group of students ready to effect positive change in the world. We are delighted to see that our secret is out."

Elms College's strong showing as the 5th Best College in Western Massachusetts (behind Williams, Amherst, Smith, and Mount Holyoke) exemplifies how the institution lives up to its mission, rooted in the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The College fosters a supportive and inclusive community where students are encouraged to grow intellectually, spiritually, and personally. Elms also ranks 49th of the 159 U.S. Catholic colleges.

The 4th ranking for Best College for Nursing in Massachusetts highlights Elms College's long-standing reputation for producing highly skilled and compassionate

healthcare professionals. The School of Nursing offers state-of-the-art simulation labs and a curriculum designed to meet the evolving demands of the healthcare industry. Elms nursing graduates consistently pass the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), the standardized test that is required for employment as a licensed nurse. Elms nurses are also highly sought after by healthcare providers in the region.

The recognition as 2nd Best Value College in the Springfield area, and 8th in Massachusetts, is particularly meaningful, reflecting on Elms College's dedication to making a high-quality education accessible and affordable. This ranking showcases the best value for your money based on net price, alumni earnings and student debt.

You can view additional rankings for Elms College linked here, <https://www.niche.com/colleges/elms-college/rankings/>.

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"Westside is a very good team this year," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell "If we were going to lose to anyone, I'm okay losing to them."

Longtime Minnechaug Regional girls' varsity soccer coach Nundi Goncalves attended the championship match. Several of his former players were playing on both sides.

The former Lady Falcons players wearing Westside uniforms were Emily Howard, Rhiann Ryan, Claire Poindexter, Gaby Williams, Lylah Jeannotte, and Chapin Jeannotte.

The Jeannotte sisters weren't teammates when they were in high school.

"We missed playing on the same soccer team at Minnechaug by only one year, but we've been playing together on this team for the past couple of years, which has been a lot of fun," said Lylah Jeannotte, who was a starting defender. "It feels awesome winning a championship together."

Here For Beer goalie Kenzie Pastreck also played soccer at Minnechaug Regional.

The other players listed on the Westside roster from the Turley Publications coverage area are Reese Carey (South Hadley), Gabriela Fiahlo, Sydney Mercier (South Hadley), and Maya Tellier (Belchertown).

Here For Beer also had several players from the Turley Publications coverage area. They are Macie Bolton (Belchertown), Taryn Cariveau (Chicopee), Katie Gilhooly (Chicopee), Gwen



Sara Avery, of South Hadley, corrals the ball.

Duggan (Palmer), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley), who didn't play in the finals.

Westside Sport Shop scored a pair of goals during the first ten minutes of the match.

Crespo, who's entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce, gave her team a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute after firing a low shot into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Crespo delivered a crossing pass from the right side of the box to Natalie Matz, who poked a shot into

the net past Pastreck. Westside had several shots on goal during the final 30 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2-0 at the break.

Crespo scored three more goals during the second half.

Crespo's first goal after halftime was unassisted, while Matz and Julianna Beaulieu were given the assists on her final two goals.

Sara Avery, who was Westside's starting goalie, and Chloe Laizer, who also played for the Mutiny, combined to post the shutout.

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summer season as well as to makeup rainouts, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game

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ma ('06), Swin Cash ('22) Danny Crawford - Tim Hardaway ('22), Isiah Thomas ('00) Billy Donovan - Maurice Cheeks ('18), Rick Pitino ('13) Sylvia Fowles - Katie Smith ('18), Lindsay Whalen ('22) Dwight Howard - Patrick

schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

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

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

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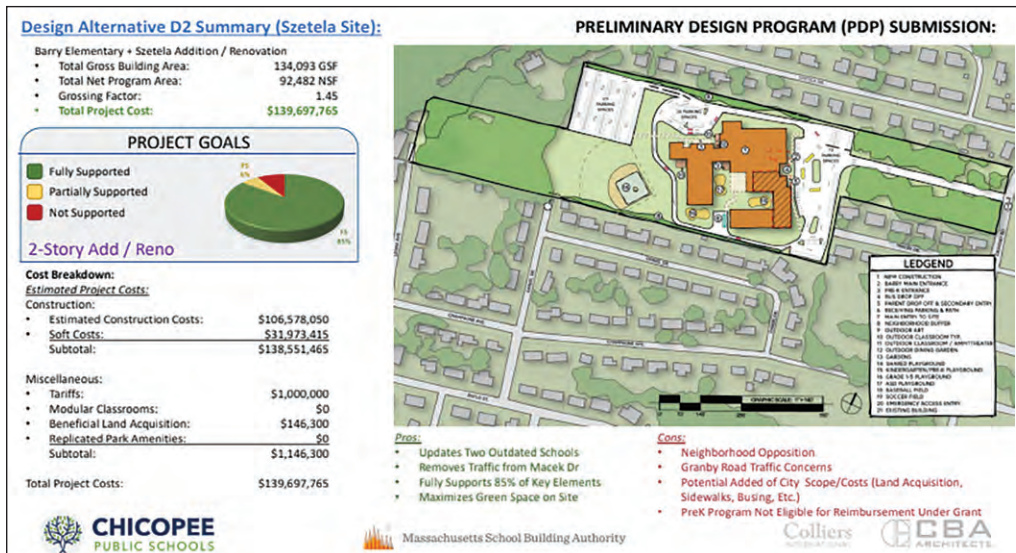
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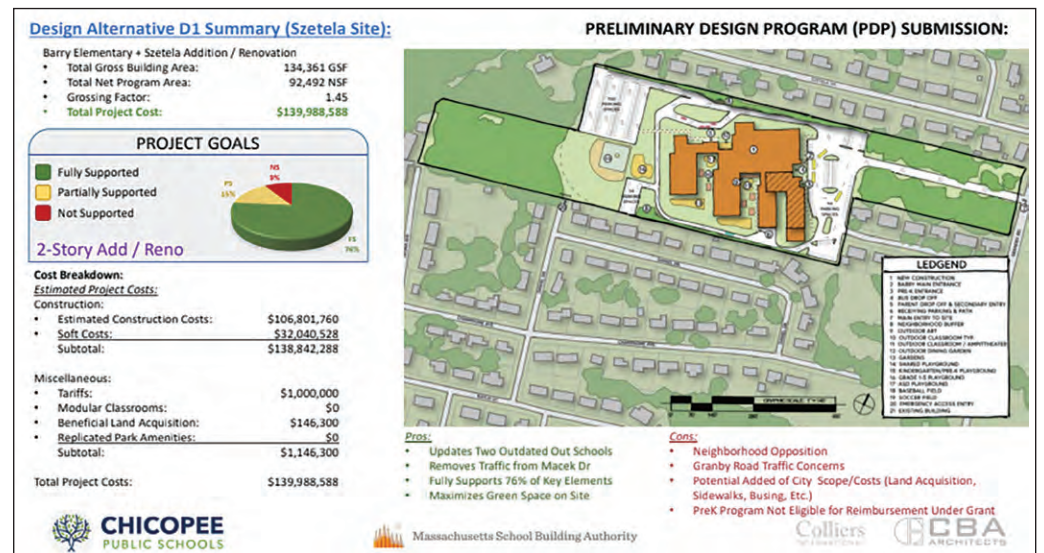
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An overview of the D2 Design Schematic.



An overview of the D1 Design Schematic.

BARRY SCHOOL' from page 1

addition of a second story, which is bigger in scope and design, along with a plethora of included amenities.

"This option basically creates a series of three courtyards, surrounded by academic wings, and then at the top of the building is a public zone," Gardner said.

The schematic also offers the confirmation that the renovation would split Szetela and Barry into 'two buildings' with the option to have a connection zone if that decision is presented.

"So, the way it's set up now, you have two separate entrances, and then you have two public zones. The larger school (Barry) Kindergarten through fifth grade has a semi-private zone, and the Pre-K (Szetela) doesn't have that, so they just have a public zone in their classroom wings," Gardner said when offering insight into option D1.

The listed pros are the acknowledgment of updating two outdated and out-of-code schools, removal of traffic from Macek Drive, full support of 76% of Key Elements, and maximization of green space on site. Cons, however, included neighborhood opposition, Granby Road Traffic Concerns, as well as potential city scope adjustments, and the PreK Program was not eligible for reimbursement under the grant.

The estimated cost would be around \$139,988,588.

D2 is where things start to shift. As Gardner noted, this option would be a three-story build/renovation, which is estimated to cost \$139,697,765, and offers similar pros and cons, with the only difference this choice would support up to 85% of key elements were fully supported, compared to the latter 76%.

He also noted that the schematic does a great job of repurposing the space from Szetela, while offering the

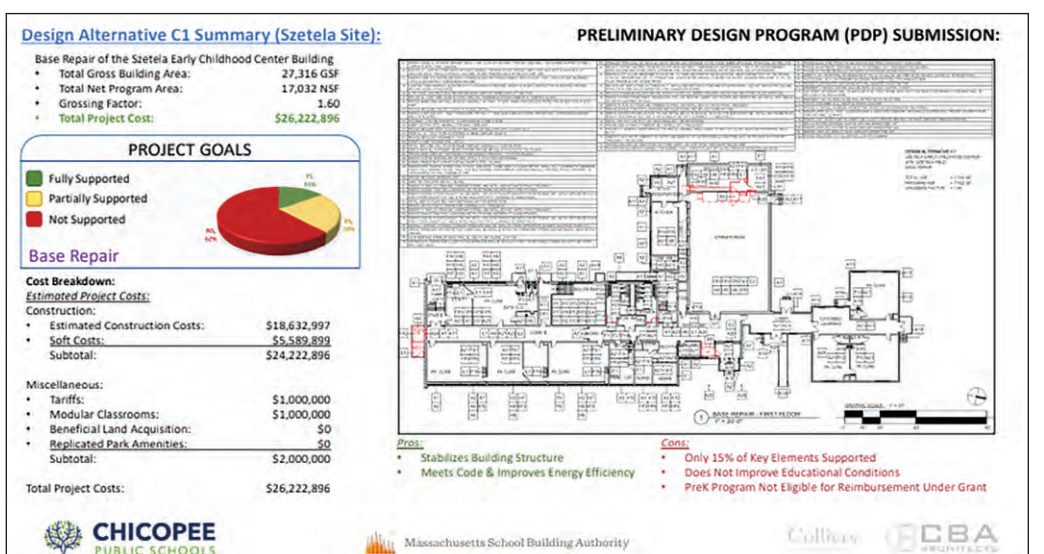
same method of having the buildings split, and the only difference is that this design offers a connecting corridor compared to the latter.

"The connecting zone is beneficial for maintenance workers, educational collaborations, so it all works in perfect harmony, especially for the transition for Pre-K teachers showing their students where Kindergarten will be," Gardner said.

He also highlighted the vast wealth of amenities on the proposed property, but cited key differences from the earlier options.

"We would have a big L-shaped courtyard, which we can subdivide, opening up a ton of space for playgrounds and outdoor learning," Gardner said.

From there, he opted to showcase what the second floor would encompass. He explained that the second tier would house counseling services, along with the preschool classrooms and an additional



A summary of the C1 Design Schematic.

academic neighborhood.

Finally, Gardner touched upon the third tier of the building, noting it would house the upper-class students. The fourth and fifth graders, due to the variety of space with the wide open atrium, and additional space at their disposal.

Bringing us to the last option, D3, which would be an

entirely new rebuild from the ground up, that would see the old Szetela building be demolished, with a newly renovated institution take its place, and the estimated cost would be around \$136,000,591. Offering similar pros and cons to the options before, except for the addition that the demo costs for Szetela would be covered

under the MSBA grant, along with up to 88% of key elements being fully supported.

The next meeting to hear about the latest developments to the Barry School 'legacy' project will be held next Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m., at Anna E. Barry Elementary School, 44 Connell Street, Chicopee.



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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-40 G (2) & (7) for the purpose of flexible parking standards to reduce the required parking spaces from 21 to 18 located at Chicopee Street (Parcel ID 0582-00001&2 parking easement & 0582-00004). Applicant – Nova Home Improvements, Inc., Gleb Leiderman, 764 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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

The August 27, 2025 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 08/08, 08/15/2025

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Danielle M Rosario of Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Danielle M Rosario of Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 08, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
08/15/2025

MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew Beaudoin, a/k/a Matthew R. Beaudoin to Chicopee Savings Bank, now held by Westfield Bank, Successor by Merger to Chicopee Savings Bank, dated August 24, 2010 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18432, Page 327, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of September, 2025, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 6 Parkwood Drive, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The land in said Chicopee, being known and designated as Lot #70 (seventy) on plan of lots entitled "section D owner; Hamar Construction Co., Inc., Janik Construction, Inc., location Chicopee, Mass., dated Jan. 1955, Dobb, Beesley & Miles, Engineers, Springfield, Massachusetts", recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 46, Page 129; said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Natalie A. Gabriel of West Hartford, CT.**

Natalie A. Gabriel of West Hartford, CT

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.
08/15/2025

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Victoria Makuch of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

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Date: August 11, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
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08/15/2025

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Ashley Erin Morrisette of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Sandra L Paquin of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/03/2025.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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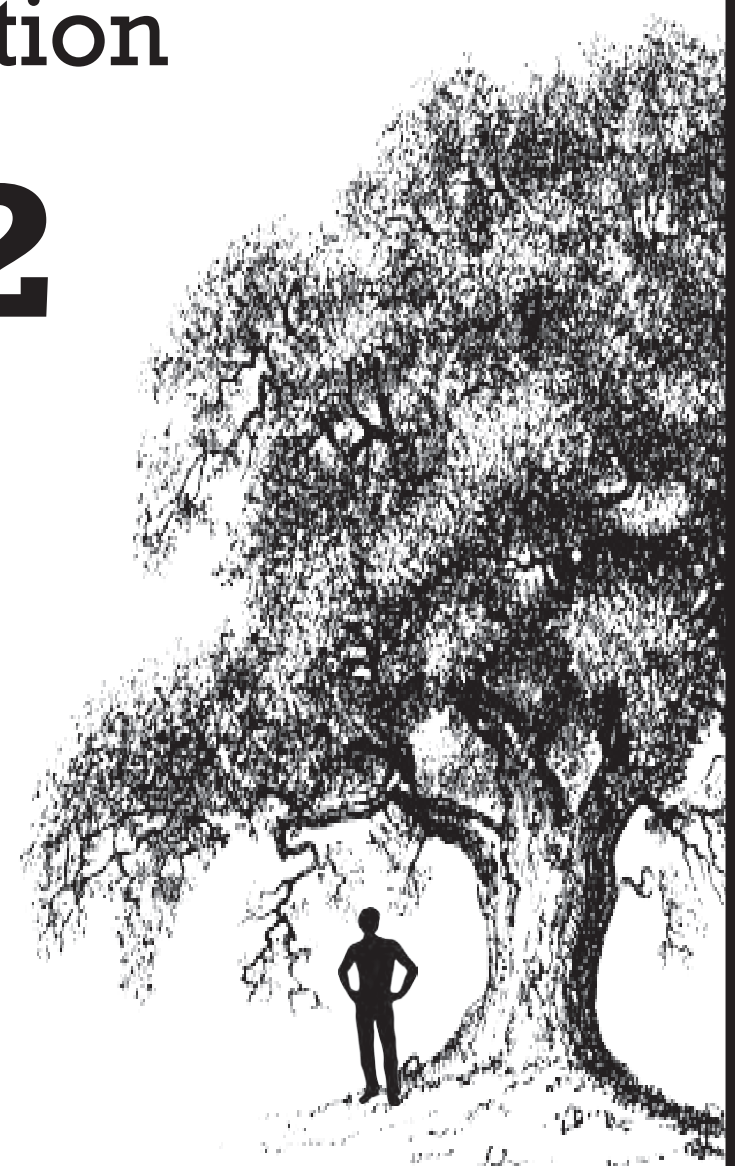
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