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Chicopee comes together for *National Night Out*

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CHICOPEE -- After two reschedules due to weather, Chicopee's National Night Out kicked off its 29th year on Aug. 14 at Sarah Jane Park to huge success.

Taking place from 5 - 8 p.m., attendees enjoyed a chicken wing eating contest between Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School students, music, a rock wall climb, bounce houses and meet and greets with the Boys & Girls Club, Chicopee Public Schools, the fire and police departments, the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Chicopee Galaxy Youth Athletic Association, Polish National Credit Union, elected officials and many more.

Additionally, dance performances from Vibe Dancer Center and Dance Dynamics, K9 demonstrations and food from ChicopeeFRESH and the police department's ice cream truck.

The event ended with a flashlight walk alongside the police department.

Police Capt. Holly Cote credits Jean Fitzgerald for start-



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(L to R) Sgt. Erik Sunny, Officer Johnny Jusino, Sgt. Alan Blankenship, Sgt. Melissa Lyman, Lt. Eric Laflamme, Sgt. Tom Gazda, Capt. Holly Cote, School Resource Officer Mark Hammon, Officer Desland Peart, Public Information Officer Travis Odiorne, Officer Souvannasane, Officer David Rivera and Officer Kyle Whalley pose for a group photo during National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee on Aug. 14.

ing the event 29 years ago, explaining it originated in Rivers Park before expanding over the years to its permanent home at Sarah Jane Park.

She was elated about the turnout.

"Even though we had two rain delays, this is an amazing crowd, and we have so many peo-

ple. It is really Team Chicopee," Cote said. "Every single division and department within the city comes to help. As I look around, I see familiar faces everywhere and I'm so proud of our city."

Cote said the basis of the event is to create strong, positive relationships between the community and the police depart-

ment. "I am super proud to be here and proud of my city, and I'm just super proud of the officers that are here, that are really representing," Cote said.

Fire Department Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh has been on National Night Out's Planning Committee for many years

and co-chair alongside Cote the last few years, sharing they start planning the event in February/March.

"It's a great free night out for families. Meet and greet with the police and fire, meet and greet with community members, find resources, climb the rock wall, go in the bounce house, watch K9 demonstrations, you name it, all for free, all fun. Lot of education but in a fun way," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Collins-Kalbaugh was also thrilled with the turnout.

"It makes us very happy when everybody comes out and has a good time. We see so many smiles," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Mayra Rivera was one of the attendees, coming with her daughter, Marilyn, and granddaughter, Analia.

"Her coworker told her to come by, so we came and it's nice. I like it, it's fun," Rivera said. "The kids have fun and love it, they enjoy it, and that's the best part, enjoying it and loving it."

Rivera enjoyed checking out the US Air Force vehicle, while Analia loved the balloons.

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Healing Voices Project embraces National Overdose Awareness Day

Nonprofit, podcast continue to make an impact in community

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When National Overdose Awareness Day arrives on Aug. 31, the Healing Voices Project will look to keep maximizing its outreach.

The podcast and newly established nonprofit counter addiction in northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts by sharing stories of addiction, grief, recovery and courage. Through multimedia platforms, it provides education on prevention, intervention and treatment.

Led by Mike Tourville, a former Chicopee resident, the Healing Voices Project is establishing itself as a community leader.

"I don't want to be the tree that falls in the forest, and nobody hears it," Tourville said. "If this program has the potential to heal broken families and to save lives, is there anything really more important than that to share?"

The Healing Voices Project



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Author and podcaster Mike Tourville, a former Chicopee resident, started the Healing Voices Project.

became an official 501(c)3 nonprofit earlier this month. The podcast began in 2021 and has reached the 50-episode milestone, featuring guests such as Dr. Peter Friedmann of Baystate Health, an expert in the field of substance abuse disorder, as well as Agawam Mayor William Sappelli and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield).

When launching the podcast, Tourville debated who he sought to reach and what guests could best deliver the message. As more guests became involved, he received an unexpect-

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Residents have mini golf fun at Chicopee Public Library

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CHICOPEE -- Families visited the library from 2 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 10 for a fun round of mini golf with Mobile-Mini Golf.

The event, the biggest of the summer reading season, had 18 holes spread out throughout the library, including a rock garden, skeeball, a clown, an island, a tunnel, a bridge and many more.

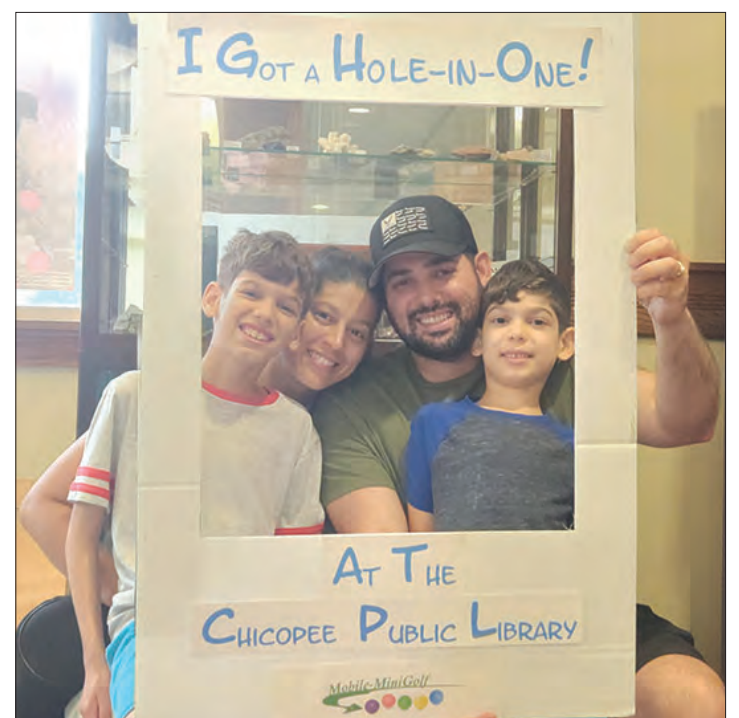
Youth Services Librarian Erin Daly explained the event is one of the final ones for the kids' summer reading program.

"So now that summer reading's coming to a close, we wanted to do another big cool thing towards the end as a celebration of how awesome this summer has been, and it has been extremely awesome," Daly said.

Daly was also happy that so many families came to the event, with nearly 150 people in attendance.

"I love all the families coming out all the time. We've had a really great summer, we've had huge numbers for things, and this is another fun cap to a really busy and fun summer," Daly said.

Joe Buckley is the owner and event director of Mobile-Mini Golf, a company



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The Aquino Family, consisting of Michelle, Edwin, Angel, and Michael, pose for a fun photo with the "I Got a Hole-in-One!" selfie banner after enjoying their round of mini golf at the Library Mini Golf event at Chicopee Public Library.

bringing nine or 18-round mini golf to various locations including libraries, senior centers and retirement communities, corporate events, colleges and more.

Buckley has run Mobile-Mini Golf for 14 years, the inspiration coming from a college party when he and a friend were caretaking his late grand-

mother's house.

"One of the parties that we had was turning my grandmother's beautiful Victorian home into an 18-hole miniature golf course. It was like in all the different rooms, all over the place, down the staircase and we

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Elms College welcomes Julie Beck as School of Nursing Dean

Beck was appointed on Aug. 1

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CHICOPEE -- Elms College has named Julie Beck, Ed.D., MSN, RN, CNE, the new dean of the college's School of Nursing.

Beck, who previously served as director of Nursing and Health Sciences at Wilson College in Pennsylvania for seven years, was appointed on Aug. 1.

Beck explained the position "really piqued my interest" due to a similar history and college size as her previous school.

"I was really excited to take the next step and chapter and move into an administrative role such as this and to have a bigger impact on nursing," Beck said.

Beck said she originally wanted to be a teacher before pursuing nursing, being inspired when her grandmother became ill, and her grandfather took care of her.

"It has been the most fulfill-

ing thing I could have ever imagined for myself. Nursing has been more of a vocation. I truly feel that this is what I have been called to do. It's not just a job, it's not just a career, it's not just a profession. It's so much more than that," Beck said.

Beck said having the opportunities to be present, connect with people, foster trust and listen to people's stories are important in nursing, wanting to share those values with her students and peers.

Additionally, how a liberal arts education can help nursing students pull from so many fields.

"You have to pull on social work, you have to pull on psychology, you pull on sciences. So many things that help undergird a liberal arts education," Beck said.

She also stressed the importance of teaching, connecting with people and staying up to date on the latest happenings in the field.

"I love being able to teach nursing while still keeping a foot in the bedside, so to keep up with the changes in healthcare. It moves so incredibly fast and



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTEN RIVERS
Julie Beck, Ed.D., MSN, RN, CNE, was appointed as the new dean for the School of Nursing at Elms College on Aug. 1.

learning how to be flexible and to bend," Beck said. "It's important to our students to stay on top of that but also for our students to hear the stories of what it's like at the bedside."

Beck said nursing is unique in how "we have our own family."

"When you come through as

a nursing student, you are part of family, and I feel family here. I have never been so welcomed to an area, to a position like I have been here," Beck said.

Beck shared her goals in her first six months include getting to know her faculty and working with them, sharing ideas for creating new programs or flexing

current ones and working with the community.

"How can we spread the news about nursing? How can we engage the community in becoming better? What can we do to help them?" Beck said. "To have that and to seek the collaboration is really important."

Beck wants the community to know she is ready to work and inspire the next generation of nursing students.

"I think Elms is open and ready for this next step in the strategic plan in learning more about nursing and health sciences as a whole. How we can better meet the needs of the community," Beck said. "For the students, I again think walking that talk of professional nursing and to mentor and be a part of their academic path moving forward and not only inspire them to do their best to become great nurses, but also inspire them to be great mentors to the next generation of nurses coming through."

She had this message for the incoming class.

"I am so excited to meet them and to work with them and to greet them and to welcome to the Elms family," Beck said.

Elms College names Lukman Arsalan as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing

CHICOPEE -- The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named Lukman Arsalan as its new Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing, beginning Aug. 14.

"I am thrilled that Lukman has accepted the position to be Elms College's new Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing," said Elms College President Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA. "His diverse expertise in enrollment, recruitment, financial aid, and marketing strategy are valuable assets that will help us attract highly talented students."

In this vice-presidential role, Arsalan will become a member of the president's cabinet.

Arsalan joined Elms College following his most recent appointment as the dean of admissions and financial aid at King's Academy in Madaba, Jordan. Prior to that,



Lukman Arsalan

he served as dean of admission at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania and director of global enrollment and student success at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

Arsalan brings a wealth of experience in higher education to this leadership role at Elms and will lead the college's strategic efforts

to attract outstanding students from Massachusetts, New England, and beyond.

At King's Academy, Arsalan achieved record-breaking application numbers and successfully launched a national campaign to attract highly talented students. During his tenure at Trinity College, he built a reputation for his dedication to providing a student success ecosystem, while significantly increasing the college's international applications, net revenue, and global brand recognition.

Arsalan is passionate about education and access. "While the challenges in higher education are daunting, they excite and energize me. I am thrilled to be joining the dedicated Elms community and help the college face these headwinds boldly, ensuring we meet our strategic enrollment goals," said Arsalan.

One suspect under arrest in Chicopee homicide; victim identified

CHICOPEE -- The victim in the homicide from Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 has been identified as Mr. Maurice Crump, 19, of Springfield.

On Aug. 6, 2023, the Chicopee Police Department responded to the 90 block of West Street at 3 p.m. for a reported stabbing.

On scene, officers discovered a male victim suffering from an apparent stab wound. Mr. Crump was quickly transported to Baystate Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries and passed away.

Arrested in connection with this homicide on a charge of, misleading a police officer, is Alex Ramos, 21, of Chicopee. He was arraigned on Aug. 9, 2023, in Chicopee District Court. Bail was set at \$10,000; the Commonwealth requested \$50,000. His next scheduled court date is Sept. 7, 2023.

This investigation is ongoing by detectives from the Chicopee Police Department, Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office and the Hampden District Attorney's Murder Unit.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni express his sympathies to Mr. Crump's family.

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Upcoming 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!

Ludlow Road residents take stand against Marion Excavating Co.

Claim company is bringing air and noise pollution to their neighborhood

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CHICOPEE -- Upset Ludlow Road residents partook in the Public Safety Committee meeting on Aug. 15 to voice their displeasure with the Marion Excavating Co.

The Marion Excavating Co. is located on Ludlow Road in South Hadley and has over 50 years of experience working with state, federal, municipal and private companies on a wide variety of construction and utility projects.

Unfortunately, the company's neighbors on Ludlow Street in Chicopee, located in proximity, are unhappy with the operation. Tammy Roy said she lives on Ludlow Road directly across the street from the Marion Excavating Company.

She said Ludlow Road homeowners and residents have been experiencing noise and air pollution for quite some time.

"Dust particles and diesel fumes have affected the quality of life for my family and surrounding neighbors," Tammy Roy said. "The fumes and dust pollutants from Marion's construction vehicles are just too much. The noise nuisance is just as stressful with the constant beeping, engines running, and the banging of back tailgates feels like a construction zone project that never ends."

Tammy Roy said that, as the company has cut down more trees in recent years, the excavation is getting closer to Ludlow Road. She said the company does not consider how the noise affects residents who work the night shift or those who are babies or elders and rest during the day.

"When under a barrage of stress and anxiety, our instincts can be fight or flight. However, where can you go when it's where you live," she said. "As Ludlow Road residents, we are asking the Public Safety Committee to help us protect what we love; the forestation that helps reduce the travel of fine dust particles and noise nuisance is all but gone."

Tammy Roy recommended that the company be asked to restore its buffer zones and keep them at 150 to 200 feet. She hopes that the company reduces the height of the sand piles that exist near the abutters and that the city activates monitoring and testing of the site to ensure the company follows the rules moving forward.

Ken Crochiere, a Ludlow Road resident, said that while the company is

located down the street, he still hears the noise, especially early on Saturday mornings.

"We still have the same impacts with the noise with the beeping and the dump trucks. While we don't have the dust effects, we're still experiencing the sound effects, and I think the expansion of the barrier that was taken, full restoration, would be an improvement and helpful for us," he said.

Deb Sutherland took to the podium and spoke well over her allotted three minutes. Even as President Frank Laflamme banged his gavel and asked her to respect the meeting rules, she wouldn't leave; she delivered her message to completion.

Sutherland said homes are a safe place, a sanctuary or a castle, and the company's pollution has made living at home detrimental to her health, which she defined as "complete emotional, mental and physical well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

Sutherland explained what she is experiencing.

"We can hear the very loud, very heavy machinery, we can smell the pollution-ridden copious diesel fumes, we can feel the dust in our eyes, see the dust in our pools, on our windows, an almost invisible intruder until it settles together," Sutherland said. "We are being subjected to the fumes, noise and unhealthy dust without our consent. This leads us down a rocky path of unhealthy anger and a home environment full of stress. I'm here tonight to get this on record."

Kimberlee Roy, also a resident of Ludlow Road, said she has lived there her whole life. She said the Marion company owns roughly 89 acres, mostly on wetlands, and that they want to expand their lot all the way to Ludlow Road.

She said that when asked about pollution controls at the wetlands conservation hearing, the company stated that "they didn't know what they were right now while actively applying and pushing for permits to expand."

Kimberlee Roy noted that she can respect a person's right to make a living and run their own business, but she "can't respect the destruction of our community."

"We can't open our windows for fresh air or fully enjoy taking our dogs on walks because of the fumes and we can't be certain we'll get enough sleep thanks to the constant activity already too close for comfort," she said.

No one from Marion Excavating Co. spoke during the Aug. 15 meeting. The committee filed the quotes that were said during the public speaking segment and is expected to discuss the matter further at a different time

Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

Some people just sit around and are bored when they retire but that's far from the case with Christina (Chris) Cronin! She's been a resident of Chicopee off and on since 1995, but in 2018 she and her husband Mark of 20 years made their home once again here.

Chris, now retired, laughed as she explained she doesn't really know how she had time to work a full-time job, which is often expressed by many retirees. But I agree, I really don't know how she had time! After surviving breast cancer in 2007, her husband already being retired, she decided it was time for her to spend all her hours doing things she loved and made the decision to take an early retirement and has never regretted that choice.

As a cancer survivor, the door opened more than ten years ago to become a member of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club, Dragon Rays. This group is made up of cancer survivors and supporters. There are typically 20 paddlers per boat with its purpose of creating comradery as well as helping survivors stay fit in a fun way. She was the co-chair of the Springfield Dragon Boat Festival that takes place at the Springfield Riverfront for five years and continues to help out. Being a member of the Dragon Rays, she was offered the chance to be part of the Bay State Connection Dragons, which is made up of cancer survivors from all over the Northeast. Through this group, the opportunity presented itself to participate in a competition held in New Zealand with approximately 2,000 paddlers involving 57 countries. She glowed when expressing it was the trip of a lifetime!

Chris has also lent her voice to the Springfield Symphony Chorus for almost 20 years and began singing with another part of the chorus called 'W. MA Singers for Survivors' five years ago. This portion of the chorus is made up of survivors from all types of cancer and they volunteer their talents singing at cancer events.

Chris' talents don't stop there! She's a comedian and member of an improv group called the Majesters, which often appear at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. Enjoying comedy, she also was very involved with fundraising for the Happier Valley Comedy in Hadley.

Chris is very knowledgeable about fundraising, as she was a fundraiser at Wilbraham-Monson Academy for 15 years prior to working at Baystate Health as a Philanthropy Officer from where she retired. She's still connected to Baystate as a volunteer for the Patient Family Advocacy Council, which is a voice for the patients. Next year, she will be the co-

chair of this committee. She is also involved with the Women Empowerment committee as part of the inclusion council.

When asked what her proudest fundraising accomplishment was, she said, "Writing the grant for the Baystate Health Wellness on Wheels (WOW) bus which goes into the under resourced communities offering health screenings."

She explained how rewarding it is to be the connection for good causes with the people who could offer their financial support.

Chris also serves as the treasurer for Build the Era which is an advocacy group for pedestrian safety on a national level. She is a board member of the World Affairs Council of W. MA, which breaks down global walls by connecting international visitors with local businesses and people through the State Department. Through the program Link to Libraries, she is also a reader to the fourth graders at the Lambert Lavoie School in Chicopee.


Chris reminisced about helping her very proud grandfather who was in his '90s by doing odd jobs around his house or telling him she needed to use the bathroom then cleaning it while she was in there. Though Chris has spent her lifetime giving back she explained that she has been the recipient of many Random Acts of Kindness. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer her family, friends and co-workers rallied around her, so she knows well what the receiving end feels like.

If you are interested in information about the numerous things that Chris is involved with, please reach out to me. She's given me contacts and links but unfortunately with space restraints I can't include them all. As you can see from all the amazing things Chris is involved with, Random Acts of Kindness are not always attached to monetary values but rather your time and offering your help.

And what are you doing in your spare time? Hopefully your own Random Acts of Kindness.

If you would like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514. You don't need one, but if you'd like to have a predesigned flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done.

See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness!



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HOLY COW! HISTORY: Ding Dong School

The woman who created kid's television

By J. Mark Powell
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Before there was Sesame Street...Before there was Mister Rogers' Neighborhood...Before there was Romper Room...Before there was Captain Kangaroo...

There was Miss Frances and Ding Dong School. The show not only was the first in its genre, it literally created children's television – and set the bar very high, too.

Let's hop into the Wayback Machine and revisit 1952.

Television was brand new then. TV stations were launching all over the country and big, cumbersome TV sets were popping up inside more and more American homes.

Judith Waller was public service and educational programming director at WN-BQ-TV in Chicago. Most local stations produced hours of their own programming daily, way more than they do today.

As Waller was talking with her boss one day, he noted that with the Baby Boom in full swing there were more than 235,000 pre-school children in the Chicago area. Then he pointedly asked, "What are you going to do about it?"

Waller rolled into action. She devised a nursery school program to teach kids watching at home. Because viewers would be little people, the show utilized six cameras that shot from angles toddlers would see.

All props would be easily recognizable to little children.

Auditions were held for the program's host. Frances Horwich was one of the educators who tried out for the gig.

A woman of a certain age with a kindly disposition, she headed a local college's education department. She lacked showbiz experience, but had once taught nursery school.

While the thought of being alone on set for a full hour each day scared her, she thought, "Why not?" and gave it a try. She was soon hired to be "Miss Frances," then successfully negotiated to own the rights to the show.

When the producer's 3-year-old son was told each episode would begin with an old-fashioned teacher's desk bell ringing, he blurted out, "Ding Dong Show!" and so they had the program's title.

A pilot episode was filmed. One horrified station executive said the show was so bad it would kill television and make TV viewers listen to radio again.

So, it was decided to air the program just once.

WNBQ didn't issue a press release announcing it or promote it in any way. They figured they'd let it die of its own embarrassment.

And so Ding Ding School debuted on Thursday morning, Oct. 2, 1952.

Primitive by today's hi-tech standards, it began with closeup of Miss Frances' hand ringing the aforementioned bell, followed by a cheesy studio organ playing the show's equally cheesy theme song. Miss Frances sang in a warbly voice that was better suited for a little country church choir than television:

"I'm your school bell, ding dong ding; boys and girls all hear me ring. Every time I ding dong ding, come with me to play and sing."

Then she jumped into the lesson. Miss Frances talked like she was speaking to actual children.

"How are you, boys and girls? What are you doing today? (Pause.) Really? That's good!"

WNBQ's big brass cringed for an hour until the show ended. No one expected what came next.

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GUEST COLUMN

A series of misfortunate events

By Julie Midura
Staff Writer

When Tom and I began planning a five-day backpacking trip in the Sandwich Wilderness of New Hampshire, we envisioned lovely days of easy hiking followed by peaceful evenings sitting beside a campfire before crawling into our tent for a restful night's sleep.

But this time, things didn't turn out quite as we planned.

Misfortunate event #1:

The three and a half hour drive to New Hampshire became a five and a half hour drive due to an accident, which forced us to start our five and a half mile hike at 4:30 p.m. Now if you think that we'd be well rested after sitting in a car for over five hours while battling heavy traffic, you'd be wrong.

We were thoroughly exhausted; and we hadn't even started hiking yet.

Misfortunate event #2:

When we reached the swollen Whiteface River, it was too high to cross over on rocks, so we changed into our Crocs and forded instead. With two more crossings ahead of us in the next 1.3 miles, we decided that instead of taking the time to dry our feet and pull on our socks and shoes after each crossing, we'd just hike in our Crocs until the final crossing.

Which lead to...

Misfortunate event #3:

In spite of the fact that we were wearing Crocs, we raced along the trail in a vain attempt to arrive at the tentsite ahead of the darkness. Which caused Tom's Croc-wearing feet to sink into calf deep mud, whereby he crashed to the ground like the proverbial tree falling in the forest. (And yes, there was indeed a sound when he fell!)

Misfortunate event #4:

We slowed our pace after misfortunate event #3, arriving at Flat Mountain Pond tentsite at dusk- which is the time we'd normally already have the tent set up, camp clothes on and dinner eaten. With no time to waste before darkness set in, we located a level patch of dirt to set up our tent.

I dropped my backpack, unclipped the straps, flipped the top open...and didn't see the single most important item that is usually right on top.

Panic set in while I yanked one item after another out of my pack and tossed it in a heap on the ground in a desperate attempt to find the missing item. When my hand finally reached the bottom of my now empty pack, I knew that we were about to endure the greatest misfortunate event in the life of a backpacker.

"Tom? Did you by any chance pack the tent?"

I already knew the answer before I even asked. After all, Tom always packs the fly and ground cloth while I always pack the tent body itself.

Well...almost always. But the process of asking allowed me to hold on to a split second



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of hope before hearing Tom's response, "No. Didn't you?"

Tom and I looked at each other, both of us realizing that there would be no tent to protect us from the hoards of mosquitoes that had plagued us for the past 5+ miles in spite of the gallons of bug spray we had liberally applied back at the car. With a pond nearby, we knew that this could be an incredibly rough night.

Since hiking five miles back to our car in the dark in our exhausted state wasn't an option, we had no choice but to make the best of this latest misfortunate event.

I apologized to Tom as we went about staking out just the fly. He was gracious in his response, "No need to apologize, kiddo. We all forget stuff sometimes."

In spite of his understanding, I felt terrible.

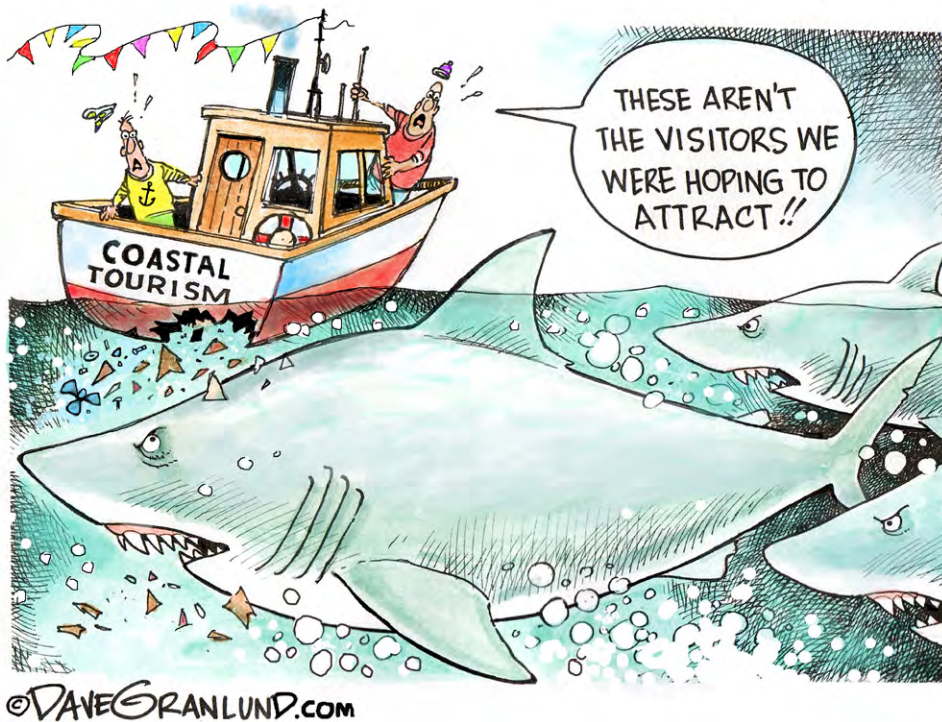
When we finished blowing up our air mattresses, zipping our double-wide sleeping bag together and laying out all of our gear, everything looked like it usually does - with the exception of the eight inch gap between the bottom of the fly and the ground. In an effort to find something to be grateful for in the midst of what had been a very trying day, I said brightly, "Well at least there isn't any rain in the forecast tonight."

Ten minutes later, the skies opened up. Yes folks, God does indeed have a sense of humor.

All was not bad, however. With the exception of slightly wet sleeping bags and over a dozen spider bites, we made it through the night unscathed...and so the adventures continue!

See you in the wild places, my friends!

To read more about our hiking adventures (and misadventures) follow us on Instagram @morethanthemountain.



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National Night Out



Meghan Kalbaugh, a nurse, poses at her EMT table during National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee. Kalbaugh gave residents information about the "Stop the Bleed" initiative.

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Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School students get mobbed by the excited crowd during the Chicken Wing Eating Contest, sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, during National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee. Chicopee Comprehensive High School won the 2023 contest.



Chicopee Fire Department Captain Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, Chicopee Police Captain Holly Cote, Boomer, mascot for the Springfield Thunderbirds, Facilities Director David Rice, Chloe Soto, Communications and Special Projects Manager for the City of Chicopee, Monica Torres, Community & Constituent Liaison for the City of Chicopee, and Mayor John Vieau pose for a group photo during National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee on Aug. 14.



Alina Ortiz and Jamal Echevarria were all smiles while having a fun time at National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee.

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"It was fun. She liked it. Everything, everything was fun," Rivera said.

Rivera said events like National Night Out help bring awareness to community resources.

"It shows stuff and what is around and helps other people and families," Rivera said.

Rivera and her family want the community to know National Night Out is a fun event to bring the family to, especially for the kids.

"That's the best part. Enjoying it with the family," Rivera said.

Cote also wants the community to know the police department is here for them and can contact her at the department at 594-1700.

"Our core values are to be here for our citizens and we really want everyone to understand that the things that are going on in Chicopee are things that we really want to be involved in and we want to take part in and we really want to be part of the community," Cote said.

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Students from Vibe Dance Center wave their hands in the air and have fun during their dance routine at National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee on Aug. 14.



Residents enjoy a rock wall climb as people watch during .



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Chicopee Police Department motorcycles on display with the "This is How We Chicopee" sign during the 29th annual National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee.

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Irish language classes offered through the Irish Cultural Center and Elms College

CHICOPEE -- The Irish Cultural Center of Western New England and Elms College are offering Irish language classes this fall. Classes are open to everyone, from beginner to advanced learning levels.

Classes begin in early September. The Beginners class will be taught remotely via Zoom. The Improvers and Experienced classes will be taught in-person at Elms College in Chicopee. The ICC and Elms College are pleased to welcome the program's fourteenth

consecutive Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant, Annie M. Jowett from County Wexford. Annie will teach the Experienced class. Registrations must be completed by the end of August. The cost is \$200 - \$225 per class. ICC Patrons receive a \$50 discount.

Enrollment is through the Elms College Registrar - call 413-265-2314 or see class schedules and download a registration form at our website: www.IrishCenterwne.org.

Legislation announced on U.S. Leadership Advancing LGBTQI+ Rights on World Stage

WASHINGTON- As LGBTQI+ communities across the world gather to celebrate Pride Month, Sen. Edward J. Markey, Jeanne Shaheen and Jeff Merkley and Rep. Dina Titus reintroduced the Greater Leadership Overseas for the Benefit of Equality Act, legislation outlining a comprehensive vision for the United States to uphold and defend international LGBTQI+ rights.

The GLOBE Act would ensure equality and justice are critical components of U.S. foreign policy, reaffirm that the United States will not tolerate any discrimination, hatred, and violence against LGBTQI+ persons around the world, and develop assistance and immigration programs for LGBTQI+ individuals abroad.

The legislation would also make permanent the office of the Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons, which President Joe Biden established, as well as ensure that fu-

ture administrations continue to uphold LGBTQI+ rights on the world stage by directing the State Department to document and respond to bias-motivated violence against LGBTQI+ people abroad.

The bill will implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI+ people. The GLOBE Act also calls on the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to establish a permanent Senior LGBTQI+ Coordinator responsible for coordinating across the agency with respect to inclusive development programming. "As LGBTQI+ people face rising discrimination here at home, we must use Pride Month as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to freedom and equality - regardless of gender or sexual orientation - for every person, from Utah to Uganda," said Markey.

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ed positive reaction from others seeking to help.

The Healing Voices Project teamed up with the Hampden County Addiction Task Force, which reiterated to Tourville why the podcast is so valuable. He explained the importance of sharing information.

"It's a great platform because you can share stories, and care providers can talk about what they're doing, (give) updates and the pros and cons of medically assisted treatments, and they can share different treatment options. So, they've been very eager to share their updates and information," Tourville said.

Tourville said the podcast has booked guests through the coming months. The podcast addresses information such as what the first call you make should be if you discover a friend or loved one is struggling with addiction.

"I don't have a reason to contact this place until I do... Once I do, well which place do I call and why do I call this one instead of that one? This is the type of thing that we're doing," Tourville said, noting, "at least they have a 'what do you do now' answer."

Tourville said that uninformed people are more likely to make uninformed decisions, which can be detrimental to a person's healing, a family dynamic or a relationship because they handle it the wrong way.

Before the Healing Voices Project podcast launched, Tourville published "Voices from the Fallen: True Stories of Addiction, Grief, Recovery and Courage", which shares stories from community members affected directly and in-

directly by opioid addiction. Following the 2021 book, Tourville felt a desire to continue the mission, and the podcast was established.

"We have parents who share their stories of what they dealt with, with their children going through this or sadly or even how they coped with the grief of losing something, which is helpful for people to hear that they're not alone," Tourville said.

On the Healing Voices Project website, at <https://www.mtmedianetwork.com>, one can donate to the program. Tourville explained why every dollar counts; he said his job is to facilitate a message and it takes a team to do it.

"The thing is I'm not an expert at social media, promotion, website management and YouTube editing so we need to get the message out through people who can actually enhance and bring that promotion to the people who need to hear it, and that takes on many paths," Tourville said.

One can listen to the Healing Voices Project podcast on YouTube.

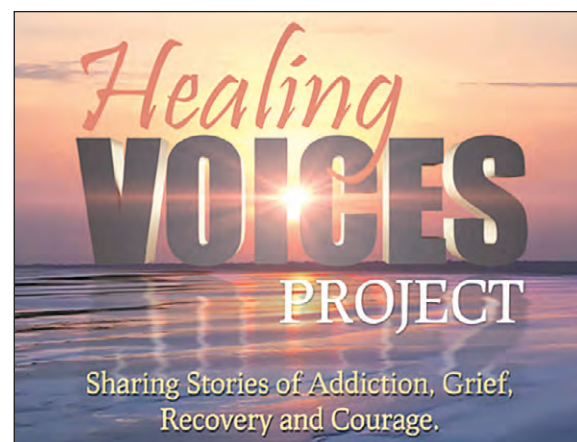


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The Healing Voices Project, a nonprofit and podcast, counter addiction in northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts by sharing stories of addiction, grief, recovery and courage.

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invited all our friends and that was kind of the genesis of the whole thing," Buckley said.

Buckley said watching participants enjoy the course fulfills his work.

"I enjoy seeing people have fun with something that I created. That's really kind of fun, and then I enjoy just having fami-

lies participating together and having fun together," Buckley said.

Daly, who also loves mini golf, said library mini golf has taken place in the past and she's happy to have the event back.

"It's really, really fun. It gets people to explore the whole building. I love working with Joe because he is super self-sufficient and brings everything and sets it all up and works with us," Daly said. "I love that it

can exist in the library where we always are."

Martin Kuzniar and David Host come to the library frequently and were excited to take part in the event.

"Just to have fun," Kuzniar said. "Being a kid again, basically."

"We like city events," Host said. "We're both fans of miniature golf."

Host and Kuzniar also shared they've

been lifelong friends and neighbors for 52 years, enjoying golf together and visiting the library to use the computers and participate in the Scrabble Club.

"They have lots of activities going on. That's why we come here anyway. So now they got miniature golf, that's pretty nice," Host said.

Host wants the community to know in addition to the library, the city offers a lot for residents.

"In general, I think the City of Chicopee does a great job with their library, their senior center and other activities," Host said.

Daly said the library is gearing up for the fall, encouraging the community to stop by for those upcoming events.

"We get a little quiet for a little bit at the end of August and we will be back with a full slate of stuff for children and families in September. So, get in here, get a library card, come hang out with us!" Daly said.

To learn more about Mobile-Mini Golf, visit mobile-minigolf.com.



The Stop & Go hole was one of the trickier mini golf holes attendees got to play during the Library Mini Golf event at Chicopee Public Library.



Erin Daly, youth services coordinator at Chicopee Public Library, partakes in some library mini golf fun of her own during the Library Mini Golf event at Chicopee Public Library.



Morgan and Kirstin Brogden get ready to play mini golf at the rock garden hole during the Library Mini Golf event at Chicopee Public Library.

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Pacers fall to Pittsfield in PVSSL final

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—What a difference a year makes for the Chicopee Pacers boys' soccer team.

After winning just four games in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League a year ago, the Pacers played in this year's championship match.

The second-seeded Pacers, who posted a 7-2-2 record during the summer league regular season, lost to fourth-seeded Pittsfield, 3-1, in the B-Division finals, which was held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Saturday afternoon.

"Just playing in the summer league finals, especially after winning only four games last year, was an awesome experience for these guys," said Chicopee summer league coach Paul Langevin, who shared the coaching duties with Miguel Ribiero. "We had seven or eight freshmen on last year's team and they're now sophomores. The boys worked very hard in today's game."

The players listed on the Chicopee Pacers B-Division roster are Colby Zamachaj, Griffen Wisley, Henry Ryzek, Cristian Ribeiro, Travis Podolski, Hussein Noori, Lucas Marcelino, Dan Lonczak, Brandon Langevin, Nazarii Kravchenko, Tyler Hoar, Jason Gregoire, Dom Garcia, Adam Brunelle, Jason Brown, Amer Almajdi, Arthur Alekseyenko, Tiago Destapado, Nicholas Kendra, Deven Macy, and Zaid Zamil.



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Chicopee boys soccer took the runner-up plaque in the B Division finals for the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League on Aug. 5.



Dan Lonczak crosses the middle of the field.



Adam Brunelle tries to block a shot.

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West showcased in boys soccer

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

In the gold medal match, the West won 3-2.

The Gold medal match saw powerhouse West face off against Central in what would be an exhilarating and heated match. West opened the scoring within the first minute of the match with a blast from Cole Bamford (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). West then went up 2-0 with help from a penalty kick, expertly taken by Mateo Balbino (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Swiftly followed by another goal to give them a commanding 3-0 lead. Central was able to crawl back within one with a strike from Jovuan Mensah (Worcester, Burncoat HS) and Kingston McGee (Sutton, Sutton HS). West ended the showcase with a dominant 5-0 record. Central ended with a 3-1-1 record.

The West started out the showcase with a 5-2 win over the Metro team.

West got on board first with a sensational strike from

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Westside Sports Shop takes women's summer soccer title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While the Monson girls and the Ludlow boys soccer teams captured the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League A-Division titles for the third consecutive year, Westside Sports Shop also took home the women's championship trophy for the third year in a row.

The second-seeded Westside Sports Shop outshot the sixth-seeded Celtic Grey for almost the entire match, but goalie Brianna Kubik, who's from Agawam, managed to keep the contest scoreless until the penalty shootout.

Westside goalie Emily Letendre made a couple of outstanding saves during the shootout and her team celebrated a 0-0 (3-1 PK's) win at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on Aug. 5.

"I never expected this game to be so close," said Westside Sports Shop coach Chris Andre. "Their goalie was outstanding. She kept her team in the game during regulation and in over-



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Emily Howard, of Wilbraham, takes a shot on goal.

time. Emily made a couple of saves in PK's. We were finally able to score a couple of goals during the penalty shootout."

Westside Sports Shop (9-2), which is also known as Andres, joined the prestigious summer league in 2021. They posted a 4-0 shutout victory over fifth-seeded Here for Beer in last year's championship match. They defeated the Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the 2021

finals.

For her outstanding performance during the shootout, Letendre received the MVP Award following this year's championship match.

"It just feels amazing to win our third championship title in this summer league," said Letendre, who's from West Springfield. "We did beat Celtic during the regular season, but they wanted it as much as we



Jennifer Galindo sends a free kick away for Celtic Gray.

did in tonight's match."

Six of the Westside Sports Shop players played high school soccer for longtime head coach Nundi Goncalves at Minnechaug Regional. They are Emily Howard, Chapin Jeanotte, Rhianna Ryan, Madison Sanborn, Katie Shea, and Gabby Williams.

Several of the other players are from Ludlow, South Hadley, and Chicopee.

"Most of the players on this team played on the same youth soccer teams," Andre said. "Then they went their separate ways in high school and it's very nice having them back together again. It has been a lot of fun coaching them and I'm already looking forward to next season."

It was a history making day

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Chapin picks up Modified win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Brian Chapin guided his fabled “Studebaker” Modified to victory Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and, on the same card, Milton Duran topped the points-rich Late Model 50-lap main event.

Bob Williams made it two in a row on the high banks in Mini Stock action, while Chelsea, VT’s Andrea St. Amour scored her first career Monadnock victory in the Pure Stocks. Young Gun Owen Zilinski made it a hat trick season with his third youth division feature win of the summer.

In support card action, Doug Meservey held off a storming Rob Richardi in the Pro 4 Modified feature, and Jason Pomfry romped to victory in a North East Mini Cup Series 15-lapper.

Chapin and last week’s winner Tyler Leary led the NHSTRA Modifieds to the green to get their 40-lap main underway, with Chapin jumping all over the lead. And while the popular Palmer, Mass. pilot would lead all the way; he’d never in all 40 laps had an inch of breathing room.

Both Nate Wenzel and JT Cloutier had All Star runs at Chapin’s back bumper but he ran a perfect line the entire distance to earn the win. Wenzel, a two-time 2023 winner and the current points leader finished second, with Cloutier impressive in his second straight podium finish.

With a boatload of points and cash on the line, Saturday’s Late Model 50-lapper drew an All Star cast. Teddy Bear Pools

2023 Triple Crown, NHSTRA Battle for The Belt, and Monadnock Speedway seasonal champ points were all up for grabs, with leaders Geoff Rollins, Milton Duran, and Tim Wenzel, respectively, all in the house.

Wenzel set fast time atop the 23-car field, but Duran drew the pole. Rollins started sixth. Duran led the first 15 laps, then giving way to Chris Buffone on the third of what would become eight total restarts. Duran would then drift back to seventh.

Rollins, aboard probably the fastest car in the field, took charge on lap 33. Wenzel was whacked out of the top three on the 41st go-round, with Rollins then railed from the lead just moments later, the second time he’d been taken out. And who was patiently waiting in the wings? Duran.

He took charge again on lap 41, bringing potent Matt Sonnhalter with him, and held strong to score his third consecutive Battle for The Belt series victory. Sonnhalter finished at his bumper in second, with strong and steady Billy Clement Jr. third on the night.

Andrew Brousseau came home fourth, with Rollins’ second charge through the field netting him fifth, while Wenzel stormed back for sixth.

Kevin Clayton, from row two, led the first 15 laps of the Mini Stock main, but rocket man Bob Williams then sailed past him in turn two and sped off to his second

Monadnock victory in as many weeks. Clayton held strong in second, with top points man Louie Maher coming home third on the night, just ahead of the Sontag siblings, Cameron and Chris.

Hot shoe Jimmy Zellman took the lead from Dominick Stafford on lap two of the Pure Stock 25, holding the point until Andrea St. Amour took over on a lap 18 restart. A lap later, Zach Zilinski moved up to second but came up one spot shy of duplicating his younger brother Owen’s earlier Young Gun win.

Zellman, strong all night, joined St. Amour and Zilinski on the podium, with Chris Davis and Colton Martin rounding out the top five. Davis’ one position advantage left he and Martin deadlocked atop the points parade at the end of the night.

Owen Zilinski led all the way in the Young Guns 15-lapper, earning his third victory lap of the summer. Markus O’Neil was solid in second, and Kailyn Hubbard earned the third-place trophy just ahead of her sister Cambri.

Pro 4 super star Rob Richardi was bounced off the frontchute wall at the drop of the green and then made a rock star effort to charge back to the winner’s circle, coming up just short of winner Doug Meservey, who’d taken the lead from Jack Dumas on lap five.

With Meservey victorious, Richardi, Dumas, Justin Faford and Kurt Les-

ter made up the top five in the fast-paced event.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, August 19, when a large field of NHSTRA Modifieds will square off in twin feature events atop a full card of racing on the high-banked speedplant.

Monadnock Speedway August 12 Unofficial Top Tens

NHSTRA MODIFIED: Brian Chapin, Nate Wenzel, JT Cloutier, Scott Zilinski, Tyler Leary, Joel Belanger, Andy Major, Kimmy Rivet, Kyle Boniface, Adam Lapoint.

NHSTRA LATE MODEL, 50-LAP: Milton Duran, Matt Sonnhalter, Billy Clement Jr., Andrew Brousseau, Geoff Rollins, Tim Wenzel, JD Stockwell, Robert Hagar, Chris Buffone, Hillary Renaud.

MINI STOCK: Bob Williams, Kevin Clayton, Louie Maher, Cameron Sontag, Chris Sontag, Erin Aiken, Nolan McClay, Jake Puchalski, David Pratt, Skyler Shippee, Pat Houle.

PURE STOCK: Andrea St. Amour, Zach Zilinski, Jimmy Zellman, Chris Davis, Colton Martin, Chris Chambers, Teagan Edson, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Aaliyah Tacy.

YOUNG GUN: Owen Zilinski, Markus O’Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Cambri Hubbard, Sofia Rego, Addison Brooks, Madison Cousino, Hunter Duquette.

T-Birds name new operations manager

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Thunderbirds general manager Kevin Maxwell announced today that Jeff Jordan has been promoted to Manager of Hockey Operations. Previously the Thunderbirds’ Video Coach and Team Services Coordinator,

Jordan will continue his work with the coaching staff in the video department during the 2023-24 season.

“Jeff has deservedly earned this promotion through hard work, loyalty, and his dedication to the Thunderbirds

on both the hockey and business side,” said Maxwell. “He is a tireless worker with a wonderful personality, making him a terrific conduit between players, management, and the front office. We look forward to seeing him continue to excel in the future.”

Jordan joined the St. Louis Blues’ AHL affiliate in 2019 when he was hired by the San Antonio Rampage as the team’s video coach. Before starting his professional career, Jordan served as an assistant coach with the OHL’s Ottawa 67’s in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Foursomes needed for charity golf tournament

AGAWAM – Registration and signups are currently open and underway for the Sixth Annual “Shoot Fore The Stars To Cure Cancer” Golf Tournament to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

In the first FIVE years we have raised over \$15,000 for cancer research. The four-person scramble event will take place on Monday, Sept.

18 at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, CT.

The event will be an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be prizes up for grabs (Closest to Pin/Long Drive) along with a putting contest. Entry fee covers golf, lunch and dinner.

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Dom Garcia re-directs a pass.

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Chicopee, who only had one boys’ team competing in this year’s summer league, advanced into the finals following a 1-0 win against seventh-seeded Ludlow in the quarterfinals. They then posted a 4-1 victory against third-seeded South Hadley in the semifinals. Both of those matches took place at Ike Albert/Brooks Park in Chicopee.

During the first 15 minutes of the B-Division finals, Chicopee had six corner kicks and a couple of other shots on goal, but they didn’t capitalize on any of the chances.

“It was very frustrating,” coach Langevin said. “We had several scoring chances early in the game, but we just couldn’t put any of them away.”

Wrisley fired a shot towards the goal during the seventh minute, but Pittsfield goalie Diego Cruz made the save.

Nine minutes later, Cruz made another save on a shot attempt from the top of the box by Marcelino.

Pittsfield (6-2-3), who upset top-seeded Frontier, 4-2 in the semifinals, broke the ice a few minutes later following a goal from Aidan D’Aniello.

“The only times that we had trailed this season were in our two losses,” coach Langevin said. “We also were behind in our regular season game at Pittsfield, but we battled back for a 3-3 tie in that one.”

Pittsfield, who held a 1-0

halftime advantage, took a 2-0 lead seven minutes into the second half when Owen Klatka fired a shot into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Pittsfield had a chance to score another goal, but this time the shot attempt deflected off the post.

Chicopee did get on the scoreboard in the 66th minute following a goal by Destapado. Ribeiro was credited with the assist.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in regulation, Klatka netted his second goal of the match, which gave Pittsfield a 3-1 lead.

Even though the outcome didn’t go their way, it was still a very good experience for the Pacers players, who took a team photo following the match.



Jason Brown attempts to run down a long kick.

BBB Scam Alert: Six scams for college students to avoid

College students must spend money on tuition payments and school supplies to prepare for the new year. However, scammers are taking this opportunity to try to steal some of that money through various schemes and scams.

One tactic used to get student's personal information is a phishing email that claims to be from the school's "Financial Department." Messages via text or email may appear, instructing the student to click on a link provided in the email and log in with a student username and password. Don't do it; doing so could give the username, password, or other personal information to scammers while possibly downloading malware onto the device.

Whether you are starting school away from home or have young students who may be vulnerable to such scams, BBB recommends watching out for these financial scams before head-

ing into the new semester.

Fake credit cards - Offers to apply for the first credit card are tempting to many students. Not only could this create credit problems down the road due to unchecked spending, but some deals could be phony offers designed to access personal information. Research the offers from the credit card flyers and the banking institutions before applying. Review the BBB tip on credit card scams.

Too good to be true apartments - It's hard not to jump on a convenient apartment so close to campus, especially if it advertises affordable rent. It's tempting to hand over credit card information online to lock in a great spot, but it's always worth seeing the apartment in person before a money transfer. This also applies to Craigslist and social media ads appearing to be from other students looking for room-

mates. Read more about rental scams.

ID theft - It's a good idea to start practicing healthy money habits, and one such habit is regularly checking your credit report for unusual activity and possible ID fraud. The official government website to do this for free is annualcreditreport.com. Read BBB's article on How to know if someone stole your identity.

Scholarship and grant scams - Be wary of phone calls from companies guaranteeing they can help reduce loan payments or offer a hefty grant. Searching the company's name online could bring up scam alerts or negative reviews from other consumers. Read reviews and complaints about the company at BBB.org and contact the school's financial aid office for advice and help regarding financing your education. Scholarship scams can affect college students even after grad-

uation; read our tips on scholarship scams.

Online shopping scams - Online purchase scams can be especially effective when set up through social media platforms and apps. BBB has tips for smart shopping online and a page dedicated to online shopping tips and scam alerts.

Awareness of current scams - As tech-savvy as current college students can be, a surprising number of scams reported to BBB's ScamTracker are from students who learned their lesson too late. Use BBB's Scam Tips to learn the latest scam trends and read local reports of specific incidents.

Read 9 ways for students to avoid ID theft on campus.

Contact your local BBB if you are unsure of something that could possibly be a scam, and report scams to BBB Scam Tracker."

Dakin Humane Society rescues more than 40 cats/kittens from hoarding cases

SPRINGFIELD -- Dakin Humane Society has participated in rescue efforts involving two separate hoarding cases in the past week and has taken over 40 cats and kittens into its care. The felines are being medically and - in some cases - behaviorally evaluated, with several newborn kittens and mothers being placed in foster homes. Many are available for adoption, with more becoming available in the days and weeks ahead.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, the organization traveled to a one-bedroom apartment in

Berkshire County that contained more than 80 cats and brought several felines back to provide care and place for adoption.

The following Saturday, Aug. 5, Dakin assisted a Hampden County animal control team with the intake of over 30 cats and kittens, several of them Siamese and Ragdoll breeds, and returned with 21 cats to treat and make available for adoption at Dakin.

According to Dakin's Executive Director Meg Talbert, "It's very unusual

that Dakin responded to two hoarding cases just days apart, but it's a vital part of our mission to answer the needs of our community. Cats that come from these circumstances tend to be very shy and are typically not confident or social around people for what may be just an initial period, or for their entire lives. They're perfectly happy to have a home with a cat companion or two. They're very special animals, and we're hoping that people will open their hearts and homes to them."

Talbert noted that the cats and kittens will be spayed or neutered prior to being made available for adoption.

Due to the large number of cats taken in between the two rescues, Dakin has created an online form to collect contact information and other data from prospective adopters of these felines. All Dakin pets available for adoption, including the cats and kittens recently rescued and ready to be rehomed, can be seen here. Several of the recently rescued cats have reduced adoption fees.

BOYS SOCCER from page 7

forward Brayden Marta (Ludlow, Suffield Academy). Followed by a hat trick of goals from Balbino. Down 4-0, Metro was able to get on the board with a tremendous effort from Oscar Martinez (Boston,

East Boston HS) who scored both Metro goals to bring them within two. West then scored to make it 5-2 to capitalize on a dominant win in their first match.

The West would go a perfect 6-0 in the showcase.

WOMEN'S SOCCER from page 7

for Celtic Grey (4-6-1). They have been a member of the summer league for the past twenty years, but it was their first appearance in the women's finals.

"We just wanted to keep this game close as long as we could," said Celtic Grey coach Rob Galazka. "We played very well defensively in tonight's game. We're hoping to make it back here again next year."

One of the key defenders for Celtic Grey is Jennifer Galindo, who's from Chicopee.

Galazka has also been the women's soccer coach at Holyoke Community College for the past 19 years.

"I coached most of these players at HCC," Galazka said. "It's awesome coaching them again in this league. It's a lot of fun."

Celtic Grey peaked at the right time of the season.

"We ended the regular season with a shutout," Galazka said. "Then we played the top three seeds in the playoffs, and they were all shutouts. The players just stepped up."

Celtic Grey posted a 1-0 shutout versus the third-seeded Heat in the quarterfinals. They also posted a 1-0 win against the top-seeded W. Mass Extremes.

The first shot of the shootout was taken by Westside's Jocelyn Trajkovski, who's from Ludlow. She fired a low shot into the right corner to give her team a 1-0 lead.

Then Letendre made a save on the Celtic Grey's first shot.

After both teams hit the post in the second round, Jeannotte stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the left corner giving her team a 2-1 lead.

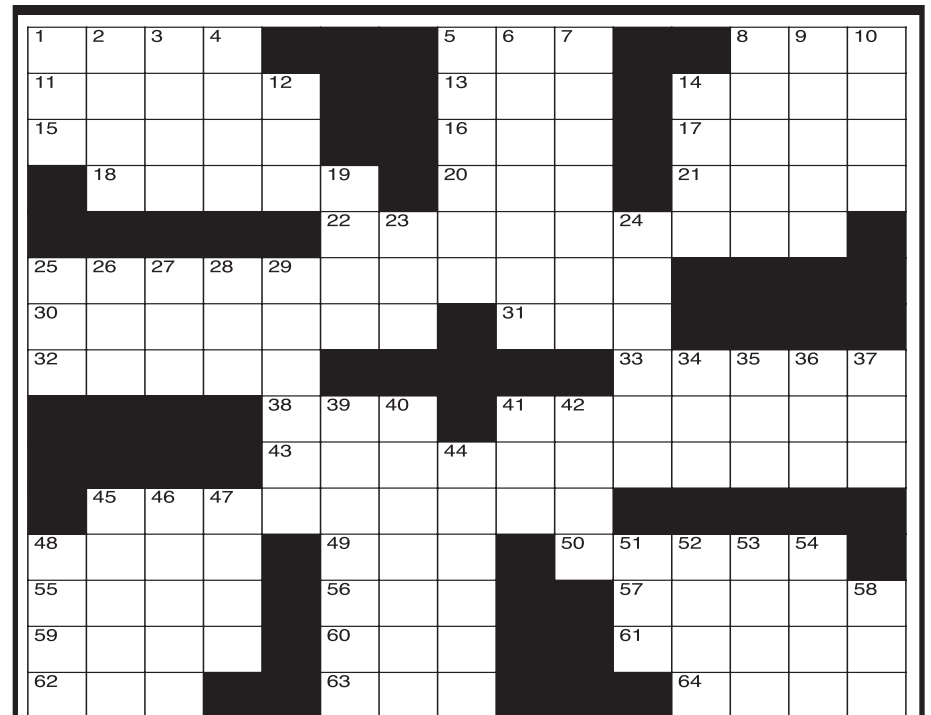


Katie Shea makes a quick pass.

Galindo managed to put her team on the scoreboard, which sliced the deficit in half. It wound up being the only shot made by the Celtic Grey.

Following a goal by Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), Letendre made a diving save giving the Westside Sports Shop another championship title.

The Westside players will be looking to four-peat next summer.



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- 13. Everything included
- 14. "Antman" actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine
- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst's captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant
- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. __ mater, one's school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They __
- 24. Connecting line on a map
- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
- 27. Chinese philosophical principle
- 28. Type of tree
- 29. Persuade to do
- 34. A place for travelers to rest
- 35. National Gallery of Art designer
- 36. Panamanian province
- 37. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 39. Whalers' tool
- 40. Simply
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Not one
- 44. Obstruct
- 45. Political plot
- 46. Manila hemp plant
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c)(5) & 40 (G) (4) for the purpose of creating a mixed use property – Business A/ Residential with two one bedroom units and a business building. Waiver requested – reduce parking requirement from 6 spaces to 3 spaces located at 520 Chicopee Street. Applicant – Campagnari Construction, Matt Campagnari, 128 Federal Street, Springfield MA 01105.

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

The August 30, 2023 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.

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58(c)(5) for the purpose of two apartments on the second floor of a business building located at 873 Grattan Street. Applicant

– DCL Property Mgmt., David Labrie, 187 Nelson Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1130EA
Estate of:
Tadeusz Surowiec
Date of Death: 01/12/2023
CITATION ON**

PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Monika Surowiec 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: **Monika Surowiec of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/07/2023.

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

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

Date: August 10, 2023
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Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Business A to IPUD II for 2.0621 acres of property located at 41 Robbins Road for the purpose of constructing a commercial building with associated site improvements for use by a commercial electrical contractor. Applicant – KOI2KOI Associates, LLC c/o Christopher P. Lapinski, 9 Wellesley Circle, South Hadley, MA 01075.

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Workshop13 hosts fifth annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition!

Local Non-profit Cultural Arts and Learning Center seeks works of traditional realism by fine artists across the Northeast.

WARE – Workshop13 invites artists from throughout the northeastern US to participate in the fifth annual juried Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition. Works of traditional realism are welcomed in the following categories: Oil Painting, Watercolor, Sculpture, Drawing/ Graphics, Acrylic (includes casein & egg tempera, Pastel, and Mixed

Media. Awards will be granted in multiple categories, with Best in Show receiving \$1,000. The deadline for entry is Aug. 23 by midnight.

This annual exhibition of traditional realism is held in the unique Grand Hall gallery of Workshop13, a non-profit cultural arts and learning center located at 13 Church Street in Ware. The exhibition will be on display from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8 and can be visited on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The show will open with a reception from 1-4 p.m. on Sept. 23,

with awards announced at 3 p.m.

The juror for the 5th annual NEFAE is Julie Beck. Beck is the Assistant Director of the Academy of Realist Art, Boston, as well as an instructor. Julie is currently working out of her personal studio at ARA Boston, where she is developing a body of work that explores the concepts of nostalgia, relationships, and identity. She has a wide range of painting subjects including still life paintings and animal/figurative works. Her work can be found in private collections throughout the US and internationally.

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Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
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HOLY COW from page 4

The station's switchboard was flooded with more than 150 calls in 45 minutes as parents told how their kids loved the program. That was nothing compared to the tidal wave of enthusiastic fan mail that followed.

Ding Dong School instantly became part of WNBQ's morning lineup five days a week. It was such a hit, NBC picked it up in 1953 and broadcast it nationally.

Miss Frances even became a TV star. More than 12,000 children and

parents attended a promotional event in Boston.

She was stopped by adoring fans 18 times daily. When she and her husband flew to Florida for a vacation, kids on the plane recognized her – and sang the show's theme song over and over all the way to Miami.

Likely making it history's most miserable flight for the passengers.

But TV is a cutthroat business. Despite its success, NBC cancelled Ding Dong School in 1956 for the more lucrative The

Price Is Right.

The show continued in syndication until 1965.

Miss Frances eventually moved to Arizona where she dabbled in local public television until her death in 2001 at age 94.

Children's television is one of broadcasting's few success stories; and it's largely due to the huge influence of a single teacher and her little bell.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.

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Jemar Mack named to Spring 2023 Dean's List at Tufts University

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Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Anastasia Fitzgerald makes Curry College Spring 2023 Dean's List

MILTON -- Curry College congratulates Anastasia Fitzgerald of Chicopee, who was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

Local students named to University of Hartford Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, CT -- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following Chicopee students who have been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2023: Gabrielle Hogan and Samuel Fournier.

Marcel Chavez makes University of Bridgeport's Spring 2023 Dean's List

BRIDGEPORT, CT -- Marcel Chavez, of Chicopee, was named to University of Bridgeport's Spring 2023 Dean's List. Chavez was among more than 300 students named to the

Spring 2023 Dean's List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a term grade point average of between 3.2-3.69.

Local students made UMass Amherst Spring 2023 Dean's List

AMHERST -- Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2023 semester.

From Chicopee: Ahmad Ribab Al Zubaidi, Mohammed Ribab Al Zubaidi, Kayla Jean Bibeau, Alexis Lynn Blaine, Nicholas Blinn, Tesia Britt, Sorrel Ren Brooks, Elizabeth Christine Marie Butler, Shiyu Cai, Nicholas Antonio Cipriani, Austin James Fydenkevez, Emma Cecilia

Geitz, Grace Connors Xiaochen Gill, Cassandra Miguelina Guerrero, Kristen Michelle Huard, Mitchell Peter Jezouit, Emily Jurkowski, Erryn Paige Kimberley, Hubert Tomasz Kula, Kristina Nicole Lavoie, Michelle Anna Letowska, Brielle Elizabeth Los, Julia Maciaszek, Joseph Daniel Martineau, Gabriel Mijal, Madelina Mary Montemagni, Rory Lian Murphy, Linda Nguyen, Y Ngoc Nguyen, Patrick Michael Nugent, Joshua William O'Brien, Pratham Raju Patel, Chase Joseph Presz, Xaviana Rodriguez, Eric Sawyer, Olivia Diana Schonagel, Evangelia Skoumbakis, Kate Melissa Spillane, Lilly DuBois Tabb, Giavanni Julianna Thomson, Amalia Najeli-Asenath Torres, David Andres Travis, Alison Victoria Wegrzyn, Kevin Yuen and Benjamin and Anton Zamachaj.

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Bipartisan push to end violence against children around the world

WASHINGTON— Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, alongside Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL) and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced a major new bill to update and strengthen existing U.S. Government efforts to end global violence against children, improve inter-agency coordination in addressing violence and promote the use of evidence-based strategies and information gathering capabilities.

Globally, half of all children experience violence. Violence includes abuse, neglect, and exploitation and can be physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional in nature. Violence can happen anywhere—in communities, schools, homes, workplaces, and in humanitarian settings. Sexual exploitation and abuse take many forms and include human trafficking, early and forced child marriage, homicide, online exploitation, and gender-based violence.

“America has played a leading role in developing strategies to reduce and end child violence, and our new bipartisan bill builds on that legacy to help put an end to violence against children once and for all,” said McGovern.

“We must do more to protect vulnerable children from being exploited by evil individuals across the world,” said Salazar. “I am proud to co-lead the Strengthening Efforts to End Violence Against Children Act to help innocent children who are at risk of sexual exploitation, human trafficking, forced child marriages, online abuse, and gender-based violence.”

“It is our duty to protect children from exploitation and violence,” said Fitzpatrick. “I am grateful to partner with my colleagues on the bipartisan Strengthening Efforts to End Violence Against Children Act to ensure that appropriate resources are directed to protect vulnerable children at risk of violence around the world.”

Specifically, the Strengthening Efforts To End Violence Against Children Act will:

Align current interventions for vulnerable children with USAID's Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity Strategy and evidence-based interventions such as the INSPIRE strategies and Violence Against Children Surveys.

Elevate the USAID Special Advisor for Assistance to Orphans and Vulnerable Children and require the Special Advisor to advise USAID offices, bureaus, and field missions and other U.S. government agencies to address violence against children through the current whole-of-government strategy.

Update USAID reporting requirements to identify how U.S. agencies are utilizing the INSPIRE strategies and findings from Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys, including in response to the effects of COVID-19.

