

Chicopee Register

CPL welcomes Wildlife on Wheels

By Christina Gioscia
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CHICOPEE – The library hosted Forest Park’s Wildlife on Wheels program on July 29.

This program was managed by Wildlife Interpreter and Educator Sara Hogendoorn. The animals that traveled with Hogendoorn to the library for the program included a red tail boa named Yzma, a bearded dragon named Aughra, two Australian white tree frogs named Wart and Worm, a skunk named Dorothy, and an Eastern box turtle named Walnut.

During the presentation, Hogendoorn had attending children sit in a circle to ensure the safety of the animals and attendees. She highlighted the importance of respecting wild animals, explaining that respect for these animals keeps everyone safe.

Hogendoorn talked about why she enjoys working with animals.

“Creating connections with individuals of a species, realizing their own personalities, and being able to share that with the public. I’ve had and worked with animals for as long as I can remember. There’s always been something, from cats to dogs, rats, birds, and reptiles,” Hogendoorn said.

Hogendoorn then explained what she enjoys about bringing Wildlife on Wheels to local communities and educating people on different animals.

“Seeing someone not only learn something new, but overcome a fear or misunderstanding and turn it around into a respect for that species or wildlife in general. I also love being able to involve

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Wildlife Interpreter and Educator Sara Hogendoorn with bearded dragon Aughra.

Discussions continue on AI data centers

By Brendan Rooney
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CHICOPEE — The city council reconvened on Aug. 4 to address another increasingly prominent issue: the potential impact of AI data centers in Chicopee.

This comes as Western Mass neighbor Holyoke made history earlier this summer by becoming the first municipality in the state to ban data centers of any size or capacity, with the sole exception of the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC). In addition, the Paper City has established a Data Center Study Committee to examine the issue further.

Now, as communities across the region grapple with how best to approach the rapidly evolving data center landscape, Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne introduced a rough-draft

proposal outlining potential measures for Chicopee to consider; if so, then the proposal would proceed through the appropriate channels before ultimately being submitted to the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office for review, that was received favorably by a 9-3 margin from his constituents, though not without criticism from a few during the discussion.

“So this is obviously a rough draft because there are some things that planning may want to change as far as who’s responsible for what engineering, so I want them all to have their say so we can retweak this and bring to a committee as something that meets our needs and not the state’s,” Courchesne said.

First to draw ire to the proposal was Ward 6/City

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Chicopee adopts quarterly property tax billing process

The new system will go into effect July 1, 2027

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – City Council voted without objection during Tuesday’s special meeting to adopt a quarterly property tax billing process, which will take effect on July 1, 2027.

Prior to taking their vote, the ward representatives asked a series of questions to the Chicopee Quarterly Tax Task Force, which Mayor John Vieau established to

examine the potential benefits of quarterly billing.

The group includes City Collector Sadra Peret, City Assessor Laura McCarthy, City Treasurer Marie Laflamme, Senior IT Systems Analyst Tammy Shaefer, IT Systems Analyst Dawn Fortin and City Council President Frank Laflamme, who abstained from the discussion.

McCarthy stressed the importance of spreading the information to residents so that they can be fully aware of the change by the time it begins next year.

“One of the main ways would be we can put an insert into the tax bills,” she said.

“Also, we would certainly reach out to the local newspapers to provide information, possibly set up information sessions with neighborhood groups or the senior center. We would do flyers that could be posted throughout the city. We would be open to suggestions. Basically, anything we can do to educate the public about this change.”

Previously, Chicopee residents voted in favor of a non-binding-referendum to switch from billing twice each year to billing for times during that period.

Ward 1 representative Abigail Arriaga agreed that it might be challenging to

spread the word at first, but she believes it can be accomplished with almost a year to go before the change.

“The first year might have a lot of speed bumps getting through it, but I think posting it in the library, posting in the senior center, the newspaper, ChicopeeTV, where a lot of people do get their information, it’s going to roll out,” Arriaga said.

She added that she has received numerous phone calls from constituents asking her when the change will be made. Many of these individuals are older and on fixed incomes.

It would be meaningful

for them to pay in four installments instead of getting hit with one big bill.

“Most of my phone calls have been, ‘When is this happening? I need this. Please make this happen.’ I haven’t gotten any really negative feedback,” Arriaga said.

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier described this change as “long overdue” because residents’ tax bills have been increasing. He also pointed out that most of Chicopee’s neighbors have already adopted this system.

“I know that Chicopee is late to the game with this, but I don’t know if any other municipalities have recently

gone through this exercise that we could maybe see some of the pitfalls that they ran into. I know that I think about 80% of the cities and towns in our area have gone through this,” Balakier said.

Ward 9 Councilwoman Mary Beth Costello inquired if it would be more feasible to delay the change until July 1, 2028.

The task force explained why this would not be in the city’s best interests, saying people only pay attention to information about imminent developments.

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City Council appoints Bianca Janeczek as Chief HR Officer

The Chicopee resident has a medical and HR background.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Chicopee resident Bianca Janeczek left a strong enough impression on City Council during Tuesday’s special meeting that the board voted without objection to appoint her as Chief Human Resources Officer.

Earlier this month, the Mayor John Vieau recommended the council appoint Janeczek to the role, but the board voted to schedule a special meeting in which the ward representatives could interview the candidate.

The councilors had their opportunity on Tuesday, as they asked Janeczek a range of questions.

Janeczek had worked since February 2024 at McGill Hose & Coupling, Inc. in East Longmeadow as the company’s Human Resources Executive. Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier inquired about her experience there.

“They have three separate locations; one in Rhode Island, one near Boston, one in East Longmeadow. It’s close to 100 employees, and I was a department of one,” Janeczek said. “I handled full cycle of human resource

and [the company] was continuing to expand, so I doubled their personnel just from being there for two years.”

Jessica Avery, an at-large representative, asked Janeczek how she would go about modernizing the HR system, and the new department head provided a thorough answer.

“For me, step one would be to assess our current standards and practices, figure out where there’s flaws or things to be improved on and, from there, jump into technology platforms to see where we can create a robust system that carries out everything and doesn’t leave room for error and can double-check the work,” Janeczek said.

She added this would entail something more modern than an Excel spreadsheet. Instead, it would be “something that can be regulated and proceduralized and more fluid.”

Ward 9 representative Mary Beth Costello asked Janeczek if she will be involved in disability recommendations or training. She pointed out Janeczek’s time spent as an Emergency Room Technician at Cooley Dickinson Hospital from 2023 to 2025.

Janeczek said she has an ADA background stemming from her full cycle responsibilities in her previous

position and that disability and accommodations are critical.

She noted that it has been explained to her she will essentially be the city’s ADA coordinator.

“I’m not a very reactive person. I like to gather all the information first and make sure that we are accommodating of people of all kinds, at all times,” Janeczek said. “I think the biggest thing with anything to that nature is to assess the full situation, see what we currently have in practice and then see what needs to be determined after doing a thorough investigation and research.”

Ward 3 Councilwoman Susan Goff thanked Janeczek for her decision to “stick with Chicopee,” and asked her if she gained any experience dealing with unions in her previous roles.

After confirming she has that experience, Janeczek detailed her familiarity with the budgeting process. She also has administered payroll, insurance and other benefits to recipients.

“I became very familiar very fast with union work and having to do certain things certain ways and really respecting the contracts that are in place. I’m very comfortable with that,” she said.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS
From the left, Ofc. Antonio Mazza, Ofc. Jen Thornburn and Ofc. Brennan Fields, the newest members of the Chicopee Police Department.

CPD welcomes three new officers

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - The police department welcomed three new officers to their ranks in a ceremony at City Hall Auditorium on Aug. 6.

The new members are Ofc. Antonio Mazza, Ofc. Brennan Fields and Ofc. Jen Thornburn.

Mazza and Fields are recent graduates of the 6th ROC Holyoke Police Academy and are Chicopee residents.

Thornburn is a transfer from the Ashby Police Department and a graduate of the 5th ROC Holyoke Police Academy.

Mayor John Vieau emphasized public safety in welcoming the new members.

“As mayor, I believe that public safety is paramount to the success of our community and we are entrusting you as new members of the Chicopee Police Department to not only uphold the law, but hold yourself to very high standards and you’re joining a wonderful family,” Vieau

said.

Vieau then shared this message with the family members of the officers.

“I want to say congratulations for helping them get to the point in their lives where they can protect and serve Chicopee. I’m very excited for this opportunity for you,” Vieau said.

He then noted the city’s commitment to protecting the community under Acting

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IN THE CITY

CPL hosts Winifred Costello’s Tarot Reading Workshop

By Christina Gioscia
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CHICOPEE – The library hosted a Tarot Reading Workshop led by Winifred Costello on July 28.

Costello began the presentation with a brief history on tarot and its origins and highlighted the origins of the Celtic spread.

During the workshop, Costello also walked attendees through how to set up a Celtic spread, and the steps to interpreting each card.

Costello shared what she enjoys about practicing Tarot and how she first discovered it.

“I was curious about Tarot as a young teen and was given my first deck, The Morgan Greer Tarot, on my 16th birthday from my best friend at the time. That began my journey studying and practicing reading Tarot 44 years ago. My growth and greater understanding of tarot came over decades, with the first 10 years being the most challenging. At first, I learned through books and practice with friends,” Costello said. “Then, I met an amazing mentor in my mid-twenties who really opened up the

world of tarot from a spiritual and intuitive perspective. I have been reading and teaching tarot professionally for over 25 years.”

Costello also shared what she enjoys about Tarot.

“In my own practice, I enjoy how Tarot invites me to take a moment out of my busy life for quiet contemplation and insight. I usually pull a single tarot card as a focus point for meditation, reflection, or to help redirect my energy at that moment. When working with clients, I enjoy holding space and lending support for folks as they gain greater clarity when it comes to navigating situations and transitional crossroads in their lives,” Costello said. “There is something really unique in how tarot speaks through symbolism and metaphor, which in turn, allows folks to discover kernels of wisdom and connect dots that might not have been obvious before.”

Costello then explained the importance of making Tarot workshops accessible.

“Honestly, I just love to teach tarot. I am passionate about sharing how Tarot can be utilized as a profound tool for expanding self-awareness,



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Winifred Costello at the Tarot Reading workshop on Tuesday, July 28.

growth, and empowering personal agency. It isn’t lost on me that learning tarot can be a daunting endeavor,” Costello said. “My hope is to help folks who come to my classes to grasp Tarot as a system, one that intersects knowledge and intuition, but in a way

that is accessible for anyone who chooses to work with the cards. My goal is to provide not only information, but to encourage folks to apply what they are learning into their own tarot practice. Tarot has been an essential resource in my own journey, and teach-

ing is a way I can open that door for others to experience the same. Tarot is an incredibly rewarding and fun journey. That said, it can feel a bit overwhelming when you first begin. Focus on having fun and connecting to the aspects of tarot that pique your curi-

osity the most.”

Costello then highlighted how the CPL is to thank for bringing this workshop to life.

“Just a shout out to the incredible resource that is the Public Library System. Going to the library as a child was central to nurturing my interest in many subjects, developed my love of education, and fostered community connections. As a mother, my kids are all grown up now, I loved taking them to the library for books, story hour and playtime,” Costello said. “Our public libraries are an incredible resource offering far more than just books. The workshop line-up is really diverse and includes all manner of great ideas from hands on craft making to conversational language classes to writing groups. They are an invaluable community hub.”

There was a large turnout of community members for Costello’s workshop. Attendees experienced in Tarot varied from never having heard of it, to practicing Tarot regularly. Costello’s lecture explained Tarot in a way that was both educational and fun. For information about upcoming CPL events, visit chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

In case you missed it

Tidbits from Aug. 4
City Council

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – With multiple meetings in the month of August, no one can say City Council took the summer off.

When the board met on Aug. 4, many items were discussed and approved, but few were as expensive as the one to borrow \$1.2 million, which will help finance the replacement of water mains at a prominent city intersection.

Before the board voted unanimously in favor of the item, Mayor John Vieau offered more information.

“As you’re well aware, our roundabout project is about to commence at that intersection of Montgomery [Street], McKinstry [Street] and Granby Road. We’re excited for the project. We have secured the layout. I believe it has gone out to bid,” Vieau said.

The mayor then called on Liz Batista, director of the city’s Department of Public Works, to explain why the city must borrow more than a million dollars.

“The water main – when you have a significant distur-

bance within the right of way – aging infrastructure tends not to be able to sustain the impact. And so, we’re taking the opportunity to replace all the water mains and valves and all that stuff within that area,” Batista said.

She further noted that the entire project costs \$2.1 million.

“We’re going to be using some of our funds from our fund balance account but need to supplement with a bond authorization,” Batista said. “This is going to be a MWRA loan, which is a 0% financing.”

Batista acknowledged that it will be several years before the project is complete. She said the city will have a better idea when the work is awarded to a contractor and a schedule is provided.

Ward 1 Councilwoman Abigail Arriaga was thrilled to hear that this project is progressing. She pointed out how busy the area is with Chicopee Comprehensive High School in the vicinity.

“Maybe we can talk at a later date, about how this coincides together and how the project is going to work together timely to get it done and what that time will look like and how that traffic is going to work or how we’re

going to maneuver through both projects in this very busy area,” Arriaga said.

Another highlight from the Aug. 4 meeting included the Chicopee Police Department being awarded \$4,550 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the purchase of new bulletproof vests.

Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne, a law enforcement professional, spoke to the importance of the grant.

“It’s a grant we get every year thanks to the due diligence of the grant writers in the [police department]. They always seem to manage to get this every year, and we appreciate that,” he said.

Also, during the meeting, the council unanimously passed a mayor’s appropriation of \$357,367 to pay for salaries and equipment affiliated with ChicopeeTV.

“This is the money we receive from the Charter customers in the city of Chicopee and helps to pay the payroll and also the equipment and part-time staff at our public access television, ChicopeeTV,” Vieau said.

The TV production director salary is \$182,367, the ChicopeeTV staff position is paid \$75,000 yearly, and another \$100,000 was allocated for equipment.

Update on smokestack demolition at the former Uniroyal property

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

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

As previously an-

nounced, demolition work was expected to begin in late June but has been delayed. Under a Cooperation Agreement with the City for the former Uniroyal property, the demolition work is being performed by contractors for Michelin North America, Inc. (MNA). MNA is responsible for the smokestack demolition and ongoing environmental remediation activities at the site. The city does not oversee the planning or im-

plementation of this work. Once MNA provides a confirmed demolition schedule, the city will share updated information with residents.

The city appreciates residents’ patience and will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available. For any questions on the process, residents are urged to call the Chicopee Planning Department. They can be reached at 413-594-1515.

Chicopee Parade Committee announces upcoming fall events

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

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

Admission is \$35, which includes 10 bingo card games and a door prize entry ticket. Dabbers will be available for purchase. Additional bingo card games can be purchased during the event. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$240.00 and must be paid in full no later than Sept. 2. Checks should be made out to Chicopee Parade Committee and mailed to P.O. Box

495 Chicopee, MA 01021, or brought to 1 Central Ave., Chicopee during regular business hours (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM) Monday thru Thursday.

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

New this year: A Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday October 3, 2026, at the Chicopee Country Club, 1290 Burnett Rd., Chicopee. Fee is \$120 per Golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. Cost is \$440 per foursome. Dinner only tickets may be purchased for \$40. There are also sponsorship opportunities avail-

able from \$100 through \$1000. For more information or to register, call 413-531-5161 or e-mail ChicopeeSP-Cgolf@gmail.com.

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

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.

Dozynki Mass to be held on Aug 30

INDIAN ORCHARD – Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard, MA will have a Dozynki (Harvest) Solemn Holy

Mass with Bishop William D. Byrne on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 10:15 a.m. with reception after Mass until 12:30 p.m.

\$20 per person (pre-ordered tickets only)

Tickets available after all Masses and at Rectory until Aug. 23

Food from traditional harvest table (bigos, kielbasa, bread, pickle, dessert, coffee)

Second option: served 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Kiel-

basa placed in a Portuguese roll \$8, Bigos (Hunter’s stew) with bread or roll- (bowl) \$8 Pickles \$1 each.

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IN THE CITY

Divalicious Beauty Salon opens in Chicopee

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CHICOPEE – Divalicious Beauty Salon, a hair and beauty salon, has officially opened its doors and celebrated the occasion with a ribbon-cutting on Aug. 7.

It is located at 45 Perkins St.

A full salon service, it offers lashes, extensions, hair color and dyes, makeup and cosmetics, design cuts, shampoo and blow dry, partial and full highlights and many more.

They also do weddings, Quinceañeras and other occasions.

Divalicious Beauty Salon is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sundays and Mondays. Booking an appointment beforehand is preferred.

Mayor John Vieau congratulated Javier Mulero, the owner of Divalicious, on the grand opening.

“One of the things that Javier is offering through Divalicious is he’s going to be offering as an in-kind donation back to someone who’s deserving, once a month, a full makeover, which I think is just amazing and very generous of you to offer that,” Vieau said. “Especially to municipal employees and hard workers, so we’re looking to build morale through you and thank you for that wonderful offer. We’ll take full advantage of it.”

Vieau then wished Mulero the best, success and “much prosperity and growth and, of course, good health.”

“Best to you,” Vieau said. “We hope to be here for—just



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Divalicious Beauty Salon officially opened its doors in Chicopee on Aug. 7, with local elected officials and community members stopping by to celebrate with Owner Javier Mulero and his volunteer assistant Dahlia Medina.

today is your ribbon-cutting—but we’ll celebrate your annual, your five-year, 10-year, 30-year, all of them. We hope to see you be successful here in downtown Chicopee, so congratulations.”

Dahlia Medina, Mulero’s volunteer assistant, thanked the community for the welcome.

“This is our new home. We’ve been looking for a home, a place to call home and we finally found it and thank you for the support,” Medina said.

Mulero explained Divalicious first began 15 years ago and he has been in the industry for 15 years, having lost everything in June 2011 when the Springfield tornado hit. He then decided to move to Chicopee.

“I’m back in action,” Mulero said. “I’m excited. I have a lot to offer and a lot to give and it’s going to be a new opportunity for me in Chicopee.”

Mulero said his mission is about empowerment and making women feel beautiful.

“I do it for the passion. I don’t do it for the money. A lot of people nowadays do it for the money. A woman sits down in a chair, they tell ‘Hey, I need a makeover or I need something done.’ They do what they want to do, but they will never listen to the women,” Mulero said. “I say a woman’s beautiful, but it’s beautiful is if they’re happy inside. By being inside happy is if you have to listen to a woman and know what a woman wants. If she knows

what she wants, she’s going to put confidence out there and she’s going to live life like a diva and no one’s going to tell her nothing because she instills confidence because she knows what she wants. A lot of women feel this world that’s fast-paced, fast-living; they feel like they’re not obligated to have anything in this world. That’s taken away. No, it’s not.”

Mulero explained he was looking for locations and checked out East Longmeadow, Enfield, Connecticut, Holyoke and Chicopee and stopped and prayed, finding a sign that said “For Rent.”

“It was actually another storefront here,” Mulero said. “The owner told me, ‘Hey listen, Sept. 1 they’re leaving,

could I show you this new location?’ and I was like ‘Sure,’ and I fell in love and I was like, ‘This is going to be my home. This is what I want. I feel like this is going to be Divalicious Salon. This is going to be home.’”

Mulero got his start through an internship on Newbury Street working for an Italian designer and catered to many clients. Then, became an educator for a color line and worked for high fashion including models and LATV out of Boston at the time and case fighting, among many adventures.

“I said, ‘You know, it’s time to come back home. Start what I need to start and do it all over again, but in a better way now,’” Mulero said. “They say

that you have to throw in the seed to grow more. You can never forget where you came from.”

Mulero was happy about the ribbon-cutting and grateful for the support from the mayor’s office and city.

“I feel great. I feel like a new person. Like I said, a new home, exciting for a lot of opportunities that are going to come my way and I feel great,” Mulero said.

Mulero encourages the community to stop by.

“I want them to, when they come in, I want them to feel good. I want them to not be nervous. I want them, to, when they come in, I’m going to listen to you. I’m going to listen to what you want and what you need because we need that in this community,” Mulero said. “There’s a lot of people that do hair but they don’t take the time and effort to listen to the clients and to the women about what they want. That’s what I’m looking for and they’re going to have a friend for life. They’re going to feel comfortable.”

He added even if someone doesn’t want to come in and do hair, still come in for a chat.

“If you’re stressed out, I’m going to give you a big, fat hug and you’re going to walk out of here nice,” Mulero said.

The Divalicious website is currently in the works and will be up next month, but in the meantime, residents can book an appointment at 799-9703.



Javier Mulero, owner of Divalicious Beauty Salon, gets ready to cut the red ribbon.



Divalicious Beauty Salon is a full salon service, offering many options for clients.

Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1986 - 40th Class Reunion Sept. 26

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

Appetizers, cash bar, mu-

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

Classmates are encouraged to email their current contact information to chi-

copeecomp86@gmail.com to receive future reunion updates and to let us know if you plan to attend.

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

Summer Art Class for children at Head Start

CHICOPEE – A Summer Art Class for children ages 2.9 to 5 years old is held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m through Aug. 27.

Head Start Center, 216 Broadway Street in Chicopee.

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

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

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OPINION

**in my
BACKYARD**

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email from a Hampden resident, who sent two photos of Eastern bluebirds – one adult male and a fledgling.

She states, “I live in Hampden, for the past several years we have been blessed to have a pair of bluebird’s nest in our yard. They have had three broods of babies each year including this year.”

The fledgling in the above photo is a male. The photo was taken shortly after fledging. Wing feathers, wing coverts and tail feathers are essential in determining the sex of young bluebirds.



The fledgling male Eastern bluebird blends in with the ground cover. Blue feathers are visible.

By day ten to eleven days after hatching, feather colors are noticeable. The blue tail in males and gray in females become apparent. In the male, the short tail at fledging is bright blue. Times may vary but by day 13 the tail color is apparent.

Both sexes have a gray spotted back and chest. They



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH FREDERICK
This adult male Eastern bluebird is seen at the entrance of a bluebird house checking on his brood.

also have a white eye ring. By the time a bluebird is 19 to 24 days old, the male has blue wing coverts and the female gray ones.

At five weeks old the young male has blue wing feathers and a bright blue tail. The female’s primary wing feathers are blue, but concealed. The base of her tail is blue and the rest bluish gray. Spots are still present on back and breast.

Young bluebirds continue to depend on their parents for food until six weeks old. Siblings tend to forage nearby until they join flocks of young birds. Some first brood birds even help raise their parents next brood if their parents have a double brood season.

Between July and October young birds begin to replace their juvenile plumage. Blue and brick red feathers begin to appear. By mid to late October all juveniles finish molting into their first adult plumage.

Leucistic crow
I met a New Braintree resident at the Oakham Post Office this week. He said he saw a crow with one white wing. Leucistic birds are birds that have abnormal plumage coloration due to a genetic mutation that causes a partial loss of pigmentation. They may have washed out feathers or blotches of white feathers. While rare, they are found in many bird species around the world.

Whippoorwills
A Brimfield resident emailed, “I thought you’d be interested to learn that I still have several whippoorwills calling at dusk in the lower Haynes Hill/Paige Hill area of Brimfield.” She stated, “I’ve only lived here four years, but they are here every year!. They start calling about 8:30 p.m.” She stated, “My grandparents owned a house that bordered Reedy Meadow in Lynnfield. We heard Whippoorwills there. So cool to have them calling from my front and back yards at the same time.” While on vacation as a child on Lake Winnisquam, my dad, brother and I would hear them calling while fishing for horn pout at night. I used to hear them in Oakham, but I not heard one in years.

Owls hooting
I do hear barred owls hooting back and forth at night. Sometimes they are quite loud and can be heard even with the windows closed.

Juvenile red-tailed hawk
I received an email from a reader who saw a juvenile red-tailed hawk in her front yard. She stated, “It was quite beautiful. It had a small rodent for its dinner. It was really close to my front door, I’ve never seen a hawk so close to me.” People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowne@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

**SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters**

By Russell Gloor

Is the Medicare Part B Premium a Percentage of our Social Security Amount?

Dear Rusty:
I have a simple question: Is the amount we pay for Medicare Part B premium a percent of our Social Security amount we receive?
Signed: Curious

Dear Curious: Your Medicare Part B premium is not based on a percentage of your monthly Social Security benefit amount. Medicare Part B premiums are set in October of each year by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and are based upon anticipated total costs of the Medicare program in the forthcoming year. Generally speaking, Medicare Part B enrollee premiums are expected to offset about 25% of CMS’ anticipated total Medicare Part B costs; the rest is borne by the Federal Government.

So, when CMS estimates Medicare program costs for the upcoming year, they also look at the number of anticipated Part B enrollees. They then divide 25% of total anticipated Part B program costs by the number of expected Part B enrollees, resulting in the “standard” Medicare Part B premium for next year.

For 2026, the standard Part B premium amount is \$202.90. The standard premium for 2027 will be announced in October 2026 and will likely be different.

It’s important to understand also that not everyone pays the “standard” Part B premium. Some lower income seniors may pay less because of the so-called “hold harmless provision,” and some higher income folks may pay more than the “standard” monthly Part B premium because of a provision called Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount. The “hold harmless provision” says that monthly Social Security benefits cannot decrease as a result of a Medicare premium increase, so if the annual SS Cost Of Living Adjustment is insufficient to offset any increase to the standard Part B premium, then the SS beneficiary may pay a smaller Part B premium amount so that their SS benefit doesn’t decrease (note there are exceptions to this rule).

Conversely, those with a higher “provisional income” (an IRS definition), may pay more than the standard Medicare Part B

premium. That’s because of a provision known as IRMAA, which adds a supplemental amount on top of the standard Medicare Part B premium.

IRMAA supplement amounts are determined using a sliding scale to define the required higher Part B premium for each income level category and IRMAA will cause the Part B premium to be more than the standard premium amount. For those with exceptionally high incomes, the Part B premium can be as much as \$690 per month. For your information, income reported to the IRS two years ago is used to determine if an individual is subject to IRMAA for the forthcoming year.

The reason for this is timing: when next year’s Part B premium is determined in October of each current year, the IRS has processed all tax returns for the preceding year but doesn’t yet have individual income for the current year.

Thus, they must use a person’s income from October of the preceding year to determine who will pay the standard Part B premium next year, and who will pay a higher IRMAA amount.

And just to complete this picture, you should be aware that IRMAA also applies to Medicare Part D premiums. And that means that those with higher incomes who are affected by IRMAA for Part B will also pay a higher Medicare Part D premium.

Medicare Part D is private insurance coverage for prescription drugs). But none of this is related to your Social Security benefit amount.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support Mike Fenton for Governor’s Council

To the Editor:

As a resident of Chicopee and a lawyer, I am proud to support Attorney Michael A. Fenton for Governor’s Council.

The Governor’s Council plays an important role in Massachusetts by reviewing judicial nominations and helping ensure that the people chosen to serve on our courts have the qualifications, judgment, and temperament necessary for these important positions. These decisions affect our communities for generations, and Western Massachusetts and Chicopee needs someone with the experience and understanding to take on that responsibility.

Mike understands our legal system and the importance of having fair, qualified judges who understand the communities they serve. He also understands that Western Massachusetts deserves a strong voice in state government. That is particularly important to Chicopee, where we have a District Court.

I support Mike because I believe he will bring thoughtful judgment, independence, and a commitment to public service to the Governor’s Council. He will work to ensure that our cities like Springfield, and Chicopee, are heard and that the people appointed to our courts reflect the values of our community.

Mike has demonstrated throughout his career that he cares about the people and communities he serves. He understands the challenges facing cities throughout Hampden County. He will bring that perspective with him to the Governor’s Council.

This election is an important opportunity to choose someone with the experience, character, and commitment necessary to represent Western Massachusetts. I hope you will join me in voting for Attorney Michael A. Fenton for Governor’s Council in the Democratic primary.

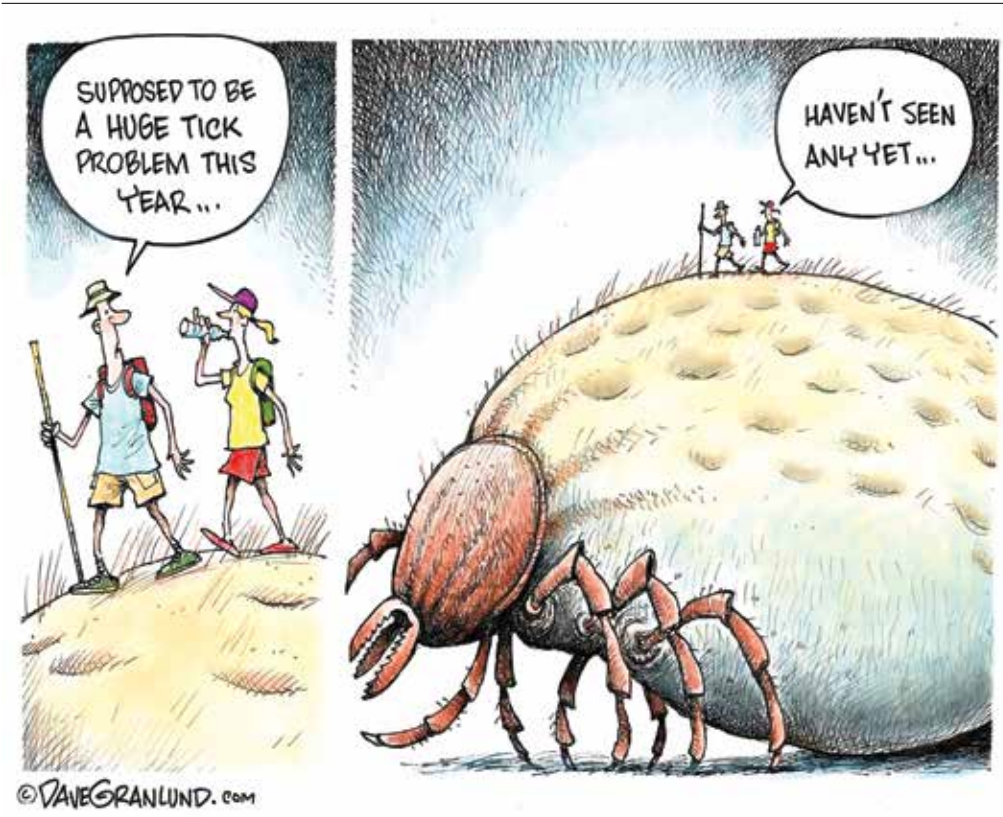
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IN THE CITY

Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens, and families. The Youth Services Department provides opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. At the start of a new school year, the library often makes changes to schedules and program offerings, so even if you are a frequent visitor, some things here might look a little different. Here is the slate of events for September 2026.

Little Kid Dance Parties will happen on Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 15 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. Little ones ages 0-5 are invited to move and groove with their caregivers. If the weather's nice we'll be outside on the library's back patio.

Babies 0-12 months and their caregivers are invited to Baby Time on Tuesdays Sept. 8 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. Baby Time will include rhymes, songs, lap bounces and a short story, as well as some unstructured play time.

Play Bingo for Books on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. Play a few rounds of bingo and win the best prize: books! For kids and families of all ages, no registration required.

Storytime will be on Thursdays, Sept. 10 and 24 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for 30 minutes of circle time with read-aloud books, songs and rhymes, followed by a craft or activity. For ages 2-5.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays, September 12, 19 and 26 at 1 p.m. We'll put out some extra toys in the playspace. It's a great time for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

On Saturday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. the creators of the DinoMap podcast will be tabling in the Children's Room. Learn about the geology and fossils of the Connecticut River Valley and where you can go to visit them! Listen to the DinoMap podcast at: www.nepm.org/dinomap

Build with LEGO on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. Bring your creativity and hang out with our big pile of bricks. Best for ages 6 and up.

The library will host an Afternoon Craft for kids on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 3 to 4 p.m.

The library's meetup for homeschooling families is going to be a Homeschool Book Club this fall, which will meet once a month to discuss a book and do an activity based on that book. At this first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m., we will choose books for future meetings.

Sewing Club returns on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. Learn and practice basic sewing skills by making fun projects. Great for ages 6 and up. Teens welcome! If you are not familiar with using a needle and thread, bring an adult to help. September's project will be a beaded embroidery hoop.

Teens

Teens in middle and high school can participate in our new Craft Club, hosted twice per month after school at 3 p.m.! Each meeting will feature a different, exciting craft! For the month of September, Felt Pennant Flags will be made Wednesday the 9th, and we'll be making custom but-

tons and bookmarks from recycled materials on Wednesday the 23rd!

Fans of comics and manga are encouraged to stop by on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. for our new Bring Your Own Comic (B.Y.O.C.) Club! It's like a book club, except you get to read whatever you want! Share your thoughts about whatever comic you're currently reading, discover new stories from fellow fans, get to hear about new additions to the library's collection, and more!

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

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myself with the community, and learn many new things, from people themselves to their histories with local wildlife,” Hogendoom said. “Conservation starts with understanding the world around us, and up close encounters provide a space for people to learn about and connect with wildlife. Free programs allow us to reach a broader audience, and give opportunities to all ages in all regions.”

Then, Hogendoom explained the process Forest Park goes through to decide which animals are suited to travel during the Wildlife on Wheels sessions.

“The first step is making sure the animal is comfortable being handled and is suitable for travel. After verifying they are okay on site in the zoo meeting strangers, we then assess their comfort at nearby, smaller programs,” Hogendoom said. “From there they graduate up into further reaching, larger programs or sometimes they return to life at the zoo and retire from being an ambassador. We take our ambassadors’ autonomy very seriously and are alert to changes in their behavior.”

Hogendoom added this. “For each program itself,



Australian white tree frogs Worm and Wart.

we try to vary the species we bring, so we have a broad spectrum to teach about. There are sometimes requests, and we do our best to accommodate each of those. We have some larger ambassadors that do well in stage settings, and some that are much better suited to small, hands-on groups,” Hogendoom said. “We also take into account who has travelled a lot recently because everyone deserves rest days.”

During the presentation, Hogendoom explained to the audience that many of the animals a part of their zoo aren't able to live on their own in the wild without help from zoo staff members. Hogendoom explained this further. “Our Zoo and Education

Center is home to over 200 animals, and we focus on housing animals that are unreleasable. Many come from rehabbers and cannot survive in the wild, from other facili-

ties, or were pets from varied backgrounds. Our ambassadors for Wildlife on Wheels are just a select few of the many animals we provide care for at our facility,” Hogendoom said.

Hogendoom was also sure to explain a little about each animal that was traveling with the program that day. She explained how old each animal is, what they typically eat, their natural habitat, and shared any reasons they cannot be released into the wild.

For more information about Forest Park Zoo, visit forestparkzoo.org.

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

Western New England University students on Spring 2026 Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize 805 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean's List, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to achieving their educational goals.

WNE congratulates these outstanding students for their accomplishments and applauds their continued pursuit of academic success.

From Chicopee: Reem Aljashaam, Natalie Rodriguez, Nicole Rodriguez, Benjamin Halley, Michael Bozetka, Trevor Kenneson, Sophia Gonzalez, Amie Teixeira, Nicholas Aube, Brady Burnett, Damian Sanabria Ramos, Nicholas Mezzetti, Hadi Syed, Isabella Piantoni, Malachi Gladden, Makayla Van Buren, Emily Desroches, Kayla Nhiv, Matthew Nabors, Paola Torres-Nieves, Natalie Miner, Ian Asselin, Matthew Lagares, Daniel Kennedy, Jayda-Mya Garrafa, Luke Sarlan, Myah Garcia, Jack Williamson, Shakina Perry, Brianna Brown and Taryn Cariveau.

Fairfield University Spring 2026 Dean's List Devin Hammon named to Regis College Spring 2026 Dean's List

FAIRFIELD, Conn. - The following Fairfield University student(s) received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2026 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better. From Chicopee, Michael Wolanski.

WESTON - Regis College today recognizes Devin Hammon, Class of 2026, of Chicopee, whose academic excellence and commitment to learning have earned them a place on the spring 2026 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. First-year students qualify with a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

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Council Vice President Sam Shumsky, who presented an extensive, comprehensive bulletin and cited this as, “This is not a ban; this is a regulation,” Shumsky said. “I do want to make note that I understand that in the future regulations will be put in place, but I would rather have the experts from the planning department office do this. So then we can adopt anything they have that's legally vetted.”

According to Shumsky, it was revealed that Courchesne's proposal would look to ban data centers of anything over 2MW; however, according to an ordinance Shumsky read into the record, stated that “Tier I – Low Impact Data Centers shall be permitted only by Special Permit from the City Council in the Industrial Districts... Data Centers shall be prohibited in all other zoning districts.” Tier II (2–10 MW) and Tier III (over 10 MW) are defined in §275- 62(F) and then appear nowhere in the applicability or permitting provisions — there is no way to apply. For scale: the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center in Holyoke — the one facility Holyoke exempted from its own ban — is permitted at 12 MW, six times this ordinance's ceiling,” Shumsky stated.

He added that the project could face challenges establishing financial credibility because of the special permit granted by the city, potentially making it subject to what he described as “self-destruction every five years” before construction could even begin.

“Nobody invests \$10 million dollars per megawatt(MW) in an asset that a future city council can vote out of existence,” Shumsky added. He then drew focus to the framework that Gov. Maura Healey presented earlier this summer, where Healey's framework directs data centers to “Bring or fund clean energy generation sufficient to meet 100% of the data center's demand,” the governor shared.

Shumsky then argued this ordinance counts on-site power against the 2 MW cap, which penalizes self-powered projects while also locking out the new generation of technologies the gas moratorium makes necessary, while acknowledging that the clause would have to be repealed before Chicopee could ever accept them.

Shumsky continued his thoughts by addressing other topics of concern, such as the Governor has been stern in her stance on rejecting bans outright, as the framework also shows that, “applications for the 20-year sales and use tax exemption for qualified data centers, which she agreed to as part of a 2024 economic development law, will remain in effect “until we have strong protections in place for our residents and communities against higher gas and electric bills.”

Echoing the decision to allow the planning department to oversee this proposal first was City Council President Frank Laflamme.

Providing context to Courchesne's order was City Planner Lee Pouliot, who shared, “Councilor [Courchesne] submitted language to amend the zoning

code to address data centers because it's a zoning ordinance amendment; it follows the same process as the battery storage revisions to the renewable energy chapter, so similar to the batter discussion, this order will get 3 public hearings, one with the planning board one with the city council's zoning committee and one with their ordinance committee before it's up for a final vote for adoption,” Pouliot said.

He then shared that data centers are a slower process compared to the battery facilities.

“At this moment, data centers are a bit different, because they are quite new, and their regulations continue to evolve quickly both here and across the state, so to ensure we have a regulation that doesn't zone out data centers,” Pouliot said. “So with that said, the planning staff and I have been working to educate ourselves in preparation for developing appropriate regulations, so what will likely happen is that there will be additional language added to the ordinance chapters for Chicopee, but based on how our regulations are structured, elements such as noise, water, and electric use are not things that are addressed by zoning.”

Similar sentiments were echoed by Councilor-at-Large Joel McAuliffe, who offered a point of caution to the council, not to rush.

“We don't need to go fast on this because it's all new, but I also want to add, I'm not necessarily against data centers; in fact, if we're looking to achieve our green energy standards by 2050, as the governor has said, then we need to find places to store that battery power, and if we

are going to have this AI revolution, and Chicopee isn't going to stop then we need to have data centers to do these things. And remember, when entities use our utilities, residents' rates and bills go down because consumption goes up, so I think we need to do this the right way,” McAuliffe said.

Closing out the conversation was Ward 5 City Councilor Joe Pasternak III.

“I understand this is the way of the future, but we have to be careful because this is something that could help Chicopee or could be adverse towards the city,” Pasternak said. “Because I feel we are a diamond in the rough, and let's make that diamond shine, so at this time I would like to see a bit more thought go into these, and we need to bring our best efforts forward.”



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Forge Baseball Clinic returns to Western Mass.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—One of the last sports camps of the summer of 2026 was held at Spec Pond in Wilbraham from August 10-13.

A total of 57 baseball and softball players between the ages of 6-16 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the four day clinic.

“This is our fourth year conducting the baseball clinics, and this is probably the best one yet,” said camp director Dustin Brisson “We have almost 60 kids, including a couple of softball players for the first time, this week. It’s the most campers we’ve ever had at this clinic and I’m very pleased.”

Brisson, who is the owner of Forge Athletics, was born in Florida and played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2000. The first baseman was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft.

Brisson, who played 345 minor league games, advanced to Double A Portland. His baseball career came to an end due to an injury.



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Adam Smola swings off a tee.

“I was blessed to have the opportunity to play professional baseball,” Brisson said. “I’m doing what I can to give back to these kids.”

Some of the camp instructors were Lindsay Beer,

David Wendt, Ace Adams Chade Shade, who’s the head coach of the Springfield College baseball team, Pat Strange, who’s the pitching coach at Westfield State University, Dan Gomez, who’s



London Shepard focuses on solid contact off the batting tee.

the head baseball coach at Western New England University, and Terry Doyle, who’s the the baseball coach at New England College.

“It’s an honor to have these coaches working at our clinic this year,” Brisson said.



Ryan McLane does a running drill

general manager of the Valley Blue Sox, Nancy Street, who’s a board member of the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, and Duke Castiglione Jr who’s a sports-

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Lusitano keeps the soccer going, hosts collegiate match

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— In what could become an annual tradition, the UConn and UMass women’s soccer teams met in an exhibition match in front of a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Aug. 5.

Neither team was able to find the back of the net during the contest, played in three 30-minute intervals, but it was still a memorable evening at the 108-year-old stadium located on Winsor Street in Ludlow.

“It’s very exciting to be hosting a college soccer match here at Lusitano Stadium,” said Joe Ferrara Jr., who’s the Managing Director of the New England Mutiny and the General Manager of the Western Mass. Pioneers. “Both UConn and UMass have been very supportive of the Mutiny over the years. I also have a personal relationship with both coaching staffs.”

The last time a college soccer match was held at Lusitano Stadium was on October 17, 2018.

On that fall evening, the Worcester State University Lancers squared off against the Western New England University Golden Bears in a non-conference men’s match-up.

Cyrus Raines, a Belchertown High School graduate, delivered his first collegiate goal during the second half, which lifted the Lancers to a 1-0 shutout victory. Raines, who’s a defender, finished his college soccer career with three goals.

The Worcester State head coach at that time was Jason Willis, who’s currently an assistant coach for the Western Mass Pioneers. He also coaches a Western United Pioneers team.

Willis graduated from Ludlow High School, and he helped the Lions boys’ soccer team win two state titles and three Western Mass. titles back in the 1990’s.

Ferrara, who also graduated from Ludlow High

School in the 1980’s, played many soccer games on the grass stadium field.

“I recall scoring a lot of big goals on this field while I was in high school,” Ferrara said. “I also played for the Lusitano Whites, which won the first ever summer league championship on this field. I hope the college players appreciate the history of this place.”

This past spring, Ferrara approached UMass head coach Jason Dowiak about playing the exhibition match against UConn at Lusitano Stadium.

“Because it was UMass turn to host the exhibition, I asked coach Dowiak if he would be interested in playing the game here this year,” Ferrara said. “He thought it was a very good idea.”

It was something that Dowiak, who was hired as the UMass women’s soccer coach in 2017, had always wanted to do.

“I’m beginning my ninth season as the UMass women’s soccer coach and this is something that I’ve always wanted to do,” said Dowiak following the scoreless draw. “I’ve watched several Mutiny games here in the past and this was really a very special night for us. I’m very glad that the soccer community came out and supported us. This was an electric atmosphere for an exhibition game.”

A year ago, UMass posted a 5-8-4 overall record and went 3-6-2 against their Mid-American Conference foes.

“I thought my team played very well against a fantastic UConn team, and this is a positive step for us,” Dowiak added. “I feel like we can go into tough environments and still be successful.”

One of the three graduated students listed on the UMass women’s roster is Bianca Cardano, who’s from Monson. She attended Minnechaug Regional where she played soccer for Nundi Goncalves, who’s another

Ludlow High graduate.

“I’ve played a lot of games at this stadium,” Cardano said. “My family and friends were here tonight. It was a very special night.”

Cardano, who’s a management major, fell in love with the UMass campus when she made her official visit.

“UMass was always my top choice,” she said. “The girls on the soccer team are like members of my own family. We’re hoping to finish first in the Mid-American Conference.”

Cardano, who’s a starting defender, played in 16 games as a freshman before missing her entire sophomore season recovering from a right knee injury. She was limited to just three matches (two starts) in 2024.

A year ago, Cardano was a starter in ten of the 14 matches that she played in.

“We’re really hoping that Bianca is able to play the whole season for us this year,” Dowiak said. “She’s a fantastic leader on and off the field.”

Cardano isn’t the only Minnechaug girls’ soccer player to play soccer at UMass.

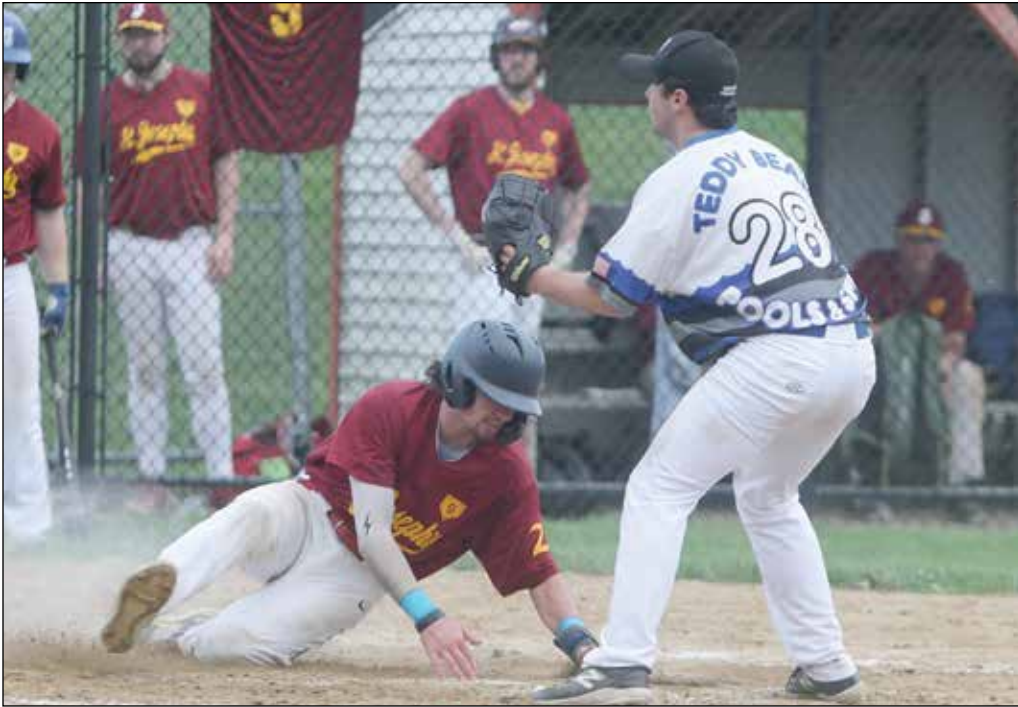
Jess Howe, who was a member of the Lady Falcons 2005 Western Mass championship team and the 2008 state title team, was a defender at UMass from 2009-2012.

UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez played soccer at Lusitano Stadium for a couple of seasons as a member of the Western Mass. Lady Pioneers. She also played for the Mutiny for one year when they played their home matches at Agawam High School.

“We’ve led the Big East in fan support during the past several years,” Rodriguez said. “This was a good way for my players to get used to playing in this type of a setting under the lights.”

The Huskies, who finished the 2025 campaign

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Nate Carrill slides safely home.

Tri-County finals forced to a deciding game three

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY— Third-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas had a golden opportunity to sweep the top-seeded St. Joseph’s Saints in the Tri-County League championship series.

Teddy Bear held a 1-0 lead entering the top of the third inning in game two.

St. Joe’s rallied for three runs in the third and fourth innings and they evened the best-of-three series at 1-1 following a 6-3 victory at South Hadley High School Friday, Aug. 7.

The game came to an end after five innings due to darkness, which didn’t please the Teddy Bear players and their supporters.

“It’s a very frustrating situation,” said Teddy Bear player/manager Ryan Magni. “I think we should’ve been able to finish the final two innings of tonight’s game at St. Joe’s Park before playing the deciding game tomorrow night.”

The baseball field at South Hadley High School doesn’t have any lights and the first pitch of game two was thrown by Teddy Bear

righthander Sean Rosemond at 5:55p.m. The three umpires made the decision to end the game at 7:45 p.m.

“The pace of tonight’s game was very slow,” said St. Joe’s manager Paul Marcinek. “We were very lucky to finish five innings which made it an official game.”

Had the game ended before the bottom of the fifth inning, it would’ve resumed at South Hadley High School the following day. If the score would’ve been tied, game two

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Matt Drobiak tries to evade a run-down.



Ramon Jimenez takes a swing.

IN THE CITY

NEW OFFICERS
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Chief Eric Watson’s leadership and the Real Time Information Center.

“The goal is to protect this community and we have been solving crimes like no other, making sure that you all have the best technology to protect yourself moving forward,” Vieau said. “So, again, congratulations to you.”

Capt. Ted Hitchcock shared these words on behalf of Watson.

“We’d like to thank the mayor, all the city officials for the continued support. The three of you don’t know what kind of support you have behind them, yourselves, but you soon will. I’ve had the privilege of working around the state, around the area and there isn’t another department or a city infatuated as much as the city of Chicopee. So,

as you start your career, recognize that and treasure that because it’s not everyone,” Hitchcock said. “We welcome you and we’re looking forward to seeing what great things you’re going to do.”

Hitchcock also encouraged the officers to take advantage of the technology the police department utilizes.

“So, enjoy it, use it, learn it and contribute and be thankful you’re working for the city of Chicopee,” Hitchcock said.

After City Clerk Keith Rattell swore in the new officers, Mazza spoke on behalf of the group about what this opportunity meant to him and his new colleagues.

“I’m very grateful and honored for this opportunity. It’s been a long time coming. I’ve been doing my very best to train for this both academically and physically,” Mazza said. “Very grateful and looking forward to the many



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

City Clerk Keith Rattell swears in the new officers.

opportunities the department has to offer.”

After sharing his excitement about learning from his colleagues and the chance to be inspired, learn and grow,

Mazza shared this advice for future recruits.

“I would say it’s something you’re very passionate about. Put your best foot forward, do everything you can. If you know it’s coming up sometime soon, probably try to get in the best physical shape that you can,” Mazza said. “As well as academically, anything that you can take from people around you – especially people that are in your own department – learn from them prior too and I think it’s going to help you along the way and once you get in, find your niche and find that good group of people that can help you and you can help them as well and I’m sure it’s going to help you very far down the road.”

Mazza shared he was inspired to become a police

officer when he didn’t get in the first time, but kept going. Now a part of the CPD, he looks forward to serving the public.

“Public service is the number one thing,” Mazza said. “It’s to help everyone in the name of community. If I can make it that much better, even as a single officer, where

sombody is out during the day and they see me out in public and they say, ‘Hey, that’s Officer Mazza. He’s a solid guy, he’s fair, impartial.’ I couldn’t ask for more.”

His message was this.

“Never stop trying to achieve your dreams. If there’s something you are passionate about, something you are very, very strong about, take everything you can and fight for it and eventually it will come,” Mazza said.

“We welcome you and we’re looking forward to seeing what great things you’re going to do.”

Capt. Ted Hitchcock



A group photo comprising Ward 5 City Councilor Joe Pasternak, City Council Vice President/Ward 6 City Councilor Sam Shumsky, Ofc. Jen Thorburn, Ofc. Antonio Mazza, Ofc. Brennan Fields, Mayor John Vieau and Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks.

QUARTERLY TAXES
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During Costello’s line of questioning, McCarthy explained why time is of the essence, especially when looking at the statistics.

McCarthy recalled that the issue was previously discussed in 1990, 1999, 2004 and 2014, and in each instance, she was against it. Now, she has changed her stance.

“I changed my mind because the average tax bill has changed tremendously. In the past five years, it went

up \$1,000. Five years prior to that, from 2015 to 2020, it went up \$368. I’m looking at average tax bills. Our increases, which used to be on an annual basis of \$100 or less are now \$200-\$300,” McCarthy said.

She also pointed out that in 2015, the average bill was \$2,900. Now, it is \$4,500.

When the system begins in July 2027, the first payment will be Aug. 1. The next will be Nov. 1. The following year, the dates will fall on Feb. 1 and May 1.

Before the vote was

made in favor of the item. Peret added that this could help people who are struggling to pay their taxes.

“There’s a myriad of outstanding tax bills in the city, which is probably a myriad of different situations for different individuals, but it’s significant,” Peret said. “I don’t have anything to compare it to from prior years other than the tax titles, but these have not yet received their demand notices, which will be going out. People do tend to make that payment when they get that demand.”

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with an 11-4-3 overall record and a 7-1-2 conference record, were picked to finish second behind Georgetown in the BIG EAST Preseason Women’s Soccer Coaches’ Poll.

Redshirt sophomore

Se-Hanna Mars, who plays for the Mutiny, was selected to the preseason All-Big East team, along with senior Anaya Johnson.

There is a very good chance that the UConn and UMass women’s soccer teams will be meeting at Lusitano Stadium again next

August.

Western Mass. soccer fans will get another chance to take in collegiate action at Lusitano Stadium, as the Western New England University men’s team hosts Wesleyan University on September 22 at 7 p.m.

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caster at a television station in Boston.

Ray Fagnant, who grew up in Chicopee and is the Boston Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also spent a day at the clinic.

A few of the different stations were hitting, fielding,

and throwing.

“My main goal is to teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game,” Brisson said. “I also want to keep the kids active at this clinic. I really don’t want them standing around doing nothing.”

Brisson was aided at the clinic by his wife, Kasey.

“My wife is the backbone

of the organization,” Brisson said. “She keeps everything in order. I appreciate all the support from many different people that I’ve received running this camp.”

Brisson and his staff is already looking forward to holding the baseball clinic at Spec Pond again next summer.

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would’ve been replayed from the beginning, which has been a TCL rule for many years.

Teddy Bear won game one of the championship series, which was an old fashion pitcher’s duel, 3-1, at St. Joe’s Park, last Thursday night.

Righthander Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School in 2024, went the distance for Teddy Bear. He allowed a run on six hits and three strikeouts without issuing a walk.

Drobiak outdueled St. Joe’s righty Trey Yesu, who graduated from Monson High School in 2022.

Yesu also went seven innings allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Teddy Bear took a 1-0 lead in game against lefthander Jackson Hayes with two outs in the bottom of the first inning following a

run scoring double by second baseman Ramon Jimenez.

St. Joe’s took the lead against Rosemond in the top of the third inning.

Catcher Nate Carillon and second baseman Greg Vouros began the St. Joe’s rally with back-to-back singles. After Drobiak retired the next batter on a pop-up, before Carillon scored the tying run following a wild pitch. Then right fielder Brian Hayes drew a walk before center-fielder Pat Fitzgibbons hit a two run single into right field giving St. Joe’s a 3-1 lead.

With one-out in the bottom of the third inning, Drobiak, who started at first base, launched a solo home run over the left field fence.

Holding a slim 3-2 lead, St. Joe’s scored three more runs in the fourth inning.

The first two runs crossed the plate following a two-run single down the right field line by Vouros.

At that point, Rosemond

was replaced on the mound by righthander Mason Barcomb.

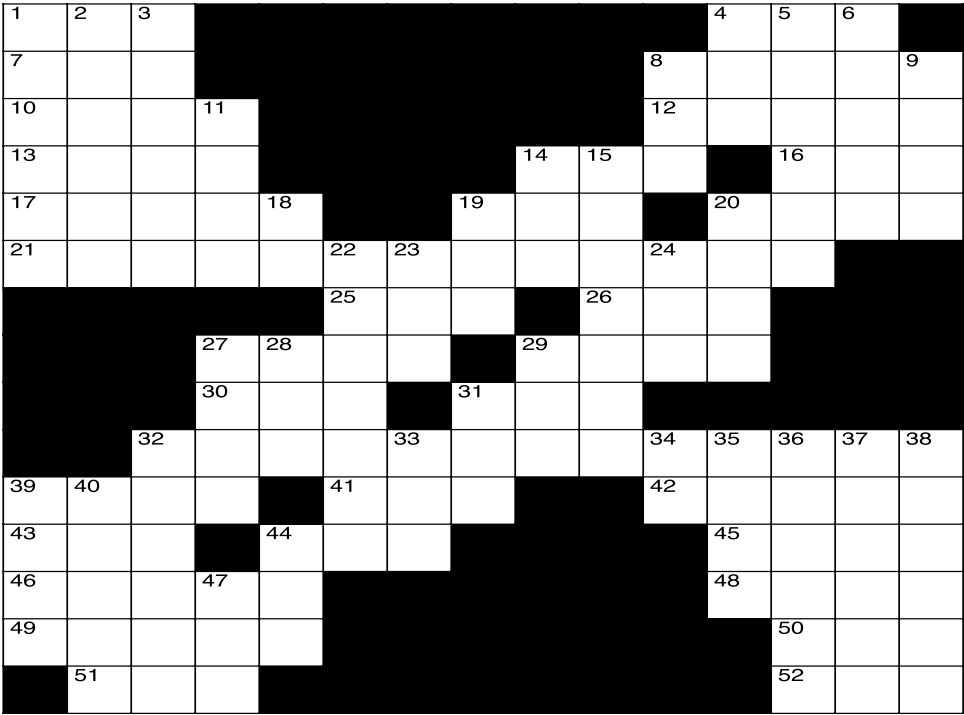
Shortstop Jacob Hayes greeted the relief pitcher with an RBI single into left field giving the visiting team a commanding 6-2 lead.

After Jackson Hayes retired the first two batters in the bottom of the fourth on flyballs to center, consecutive walks by third baseman Alex Gochinski, right fielder Ty Evans, and catcher Eric Rob- ert loaded the bases. Another walk by Ryan Magni plated Teddy Bear’s second run.

Relief pitcher Matt Irzyk, who wound up as the winning pitcher in game two, retired the only batter he faced in the fourth on a pop-up caught by Jacob Hayes.

Irzyk allowed a single to shortstop Ray Toth in the bottom of the fifth inning before the umpires halted to game.

Photos and highlights from the deciding game three will be in next week’s edition.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Microgram
 - 4. Fixed charge
 - 7. Each
 - 8. Feeling of humiliation
 - 10. Coat with sticky substance
 - 12. Powerful “Severance” family
 - 13. Japanese city
 - 14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
 - 16. Hat
 - 17. Place where rockers work
 - 19. Psyche
 - 20. Snakelike fishes
 - 21. Where people live
 - 25. Body part
 - 26. Old towel
 - 27. One’s essential being
29. Japanese alcoholic beverage

30. Boxing’s GOAT

31. Wet muddy ground

32. Christian Laettner is one

39. A place to store lawn tools

41. Large tub for liquid

42. Old World lizard

43. One-time European member group

44. Healing student

45. Nuclear weapon

46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia

48. Silk garment

49. About some Norse poems

50. Woman religious community member

51. Congressman (abbr.)
52. Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. An insane person
 - 2. “Homeland” actress Danes
 - 3. Buttock muscles
 - 4. US federal agency
 - 5. Birds of prey
 - 6. Electronic communication
 - 8. Ocean
 - 9. Terminates from a bell
 - 14. Exclamation: yuck!
 - 15. A place to attach a boat
 - 18. Exclamation of surprise
 - 19. Make a mistake
 - 20. Border line
 - 22. Have religious faith
- 23. Klutz
 - 24. Large tree
 - 27. House of ___ rulers
 - 28. Red deer
 - 29. Small coin (French)
 - 31. Popular sandwich
 - 32. 10-year period
 - 33. Not good
 - 34. Government lawyer
 - 35. Egypt’s intelligence agency
 - 36. Without an occupant or incumbent
 - 37. Stain with one’s hands
 - 38. Crippling
 - 39. One point east of southeast
 - 40. Large, united groups
 - 44. ___ and cheese
 - 47. Alcoholic beverage

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1175EA
Estate of:
Mary Ellen Carey
Date of Death: 04/18/2026
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Becky Goulet of Springfield, MA.**

Becky Goulet of Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
08/21/2026

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103,
413-748-7758
Docket Number:
HD25A0001CW
In the matter of:
Noah N Delvalle
CITATION
G.L.c. 119, § 23(a)(3)
To:
Unknown/Unnamed Father**

A petition has been presented to said court by: DCF Western Legal Regional Office/Western Legal Division, 200 Front Street, 4th Floor, Holyoke, MA 01040, requesting that said court finds that said child is under the age of eighteen (18) and is without proper guardianship due to the death, unavailability, incapacity or unfitness of the parent or guardian.

Any decree under the provision of the General Laws of

Massachusetts, Chapter 119, Section 23(a) (3), gives custody of the child to the Department of Children and Families and authorized the Department of Children and Families or an agency commissioned by the Department to determine the child's place of abode, medical care, and education; to control the visits to the child; and to give consents to enlistments, marriages and other contracts requiring parental consent.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **Springfield** ON OR BEFORE **TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 09/04/2026.**

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IF YOU ARE AN INDIGENT PERSON. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving AFCD, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, food stamps, refugee resettlement benefits, Medicaid, and SSL. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager/Adoptions Clerk of the said Court on or before the date listed above to obtain the necessary forms.

WITNESS: **Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court**, Date: August 6, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
08/21/2026

**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**
Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on September 4th, 2026 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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Edwin Rodriguez Vasquez
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Worcester, MA 01604

2015 Hyundai Santa Fe
VIN: 5XYZUDLB3FG284985
Jay Marek
16 Dewey St.
Easthampton, MA 01027

2020 Great Dane Trailer
VIN: 1GR1A0628LD178641
Sibley & Sons Construction Inc
PO Box 338
Lincoln, ME 04457

2023 Volvo VN VNL
VIN: 4V4NC9EH0PN611017
Rmmj Service & Delivery Llc
43 Summit St.
Elmsford, NY 10523

2013 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GJAA62DH017027
Timothy Morin
19 Monson Rd.
Wales, MA 01081

2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer
VIN: 1GNDT135442333413
Shaun Texeira
73 Canton St
Springfield, Ma 01104

2010 Toyota Rav 4
VIN: JTMBF4DVXAD021310
Matthew Hamel
1063 Dwight St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2012 Great Dane Trailers
VIN: 1GRAA0626CB703241
South Eastern Jet Express Inc.
11565 51st Pl.
Pompano Beach, FL 33076

2019 Kenworth Construct T680
VIN: 1XKYDP9X8KJ292031
Southeastern Jet Express Inc.
11565 51st Pl
Pompano Beach, Fl 33076

2009 Toyota Corolla
VIN: JTDBL40E199090965
Carlow, Linda C
85 Norman Rd. 106
Norwich, CT 06360

1981 Chevrolet Corvette
VIN: 1G1AY8767BS403172
Tyler Pinkham
1616 S Branch Pkwy.
Springfield, MA 01129

2008 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCP26868A048949
Davis, Alden Augustus
197 Goodwin St.
East Hartford, CT 06108

2008 Chevrolet Aveo
vin: K11td56688b070881
Nathan Antonio Bailey
27 Glemby St.
Hamden, CT 06514

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Andrew Hartley
300 West Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2013 Subaru Impreza
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Mohamed Safraz Ahamed
93 S Maple St., Apt. 26
Westfield, MA 01085

2006 Honda Civic
VIN: 1HGFA16576L070653
Rivas-Deangel, Jaqueline Y
33 Rose Park Ave., Apt. 3
Stamford, CT 06902
08/21, 08/28, 09/04/2026

**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**
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Dennis Adams
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West Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Kia Sorento
VIN: 5XYKT3A69CG302048
Lecilia Periz
810 Southampton Rd., Apt. 6
Westfield, MA 01085

2004 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR32E94C255167
Lisette Mejia
100 Princeton Ave. 2
Providence, RI 02907

1995 Saturn SL1
VIN: 1G8ZH5282SZ355129
Ruthann Persaud
8 Quirk Ave., Apt. 1
Holyoke, MA 01040

2026 Mazda CX-50
VIN: 7MMVABDLXTN493339
Ean Holdings Llc
14002 E 21st St Suite 1500
Tusla, OK 74134

2004 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES165X4H529600
Nicholas Kenny
151 Hampden St., Apt Top Right
Chicopee, MA 01020

2014 Infiniti GX60
VIN: SN1AL0MN4EC544262
Elizabeth Diaz
30 Hunt St.
Agawam, MA 01001

2003 Infiniti G35
VIN: JNKC51E43M018373
Carol Coombs
PO Box 1801
Westfield, MA 01085

2018 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMPK4J92JBC17932
Jeremiah D. Murphy
273 Paulanne Ter., Apt. 2
Secaucus, NJ 07094
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**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**

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2011 Ram 1500
VIN: 1D7RV1GT6BS678800
John Chekovsky
31 Grove St.
Southwick, MA 01077

1989 Honda Civic
VIN: JHMED635XKS003210
Rosa Cruz
658 Union St., Apt. 2
Springfield, MA 01109

2006 Nissan Murano
VIN: JN8AZ08W06W545550
Marie Mobio
412 Summerfield Ave., Unit 313
Bridgeport, CT 06610

2006 Chevrolet Suburban
VIN: 3GNGK26G66G119062
Charles T Corning
7 Mulberry Ln.
New Rochelle, NY 10804

2013 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FADP3J24DL202963
Luis Junior Perez Sierra
698 Broad St., Apt. 301
Hartford, CT 06106

2013 Kia Soul
VIN: KNDJT2A63D7524590
Katherine Vannostrand
334 Woronoco Rd.
Woronoco, MA 01097

2006 Bmw X5
VIN: 5UXFA13586LY39601
Alexander Marano
037 Wyndermere Pl.
Ludlow, Ma 01506

2014 Honda Accord
vin: 1hgc6f59ea010988
Melissa Marie West
367 Bee Hole Rd.
Loudon, NH 03307

2014 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T4BF1FK5ER356211
Jose Contreras
6 Sackett St., Apt. 11
Westfield, MA 01085

2007 Mitsubishi Lancer
VIN: JA3AJ26E17U017178
Angel Guevarez &
Ashly Figueroa Pagan
135 Meeting House Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2012 Acura TSX
VIN: JH4CU2F62CC000950
Deneishaliz Feliciano
276 Plainfield St.
Springfield, Ma 01107

2020 Land Rover Range Rover
VIN: SALGV2SE0LA568762
Nathan Nguyen
135 Seaport Blvd., Apt. 526
Boston, MA 02210

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VIN: 3VW2B7AJ4JM263378
Rafael Hernandez
119 Lebanon Hill Rd.
Southbridge, MA 01550

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VIN: 2HJYK16317H548594
Adam Tirrell
68 Angeline St.
West Springfield, MA 01089

2003 Hyundai Santa Fe
VIN: KM8SC73E33U500288
Cristian Martinez Vazquez
23 N Summer St., Apt. 2b
Holyoke, MA 01040

2006 Kia Optima
VIN: KNAGE123565042928
Kristen Thrasher
175 Grattan St., Apt. 3
Chicopee, MA 01020

2005 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56405A114947
Jay Miranda
27 Whittier St.
Springfield, MA 01108
08/14, 08/21, 08/28/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P1746EA
Estate of:
Peter Anthony Lizak
Date of Death: 03/15/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul S Lizak of Ludlow, 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 **Paul S Lizak 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 09/14/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration** is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the **Personal Representative** and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
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Rosemary A Saccomani,
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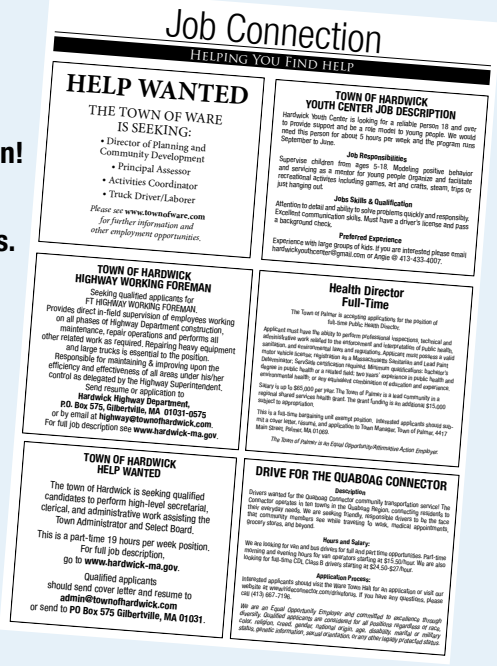
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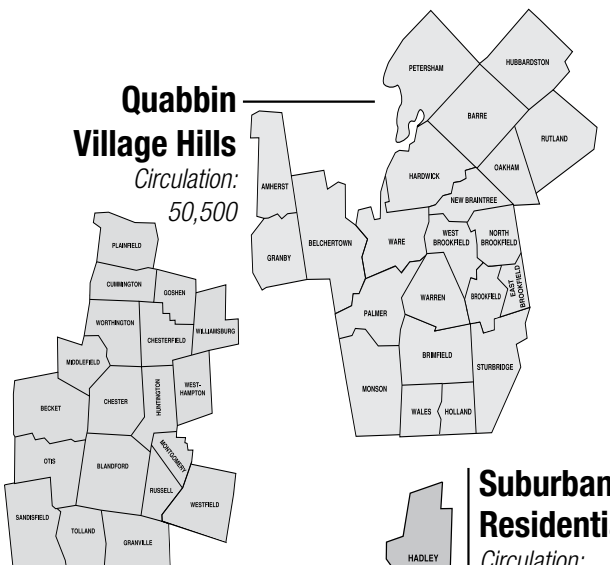
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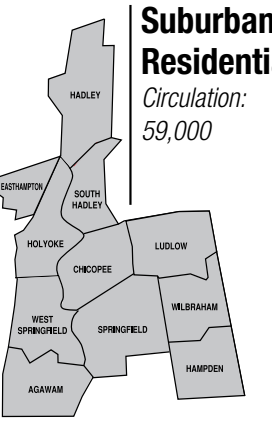
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