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**COMMUNITY**

## One Strong Community Program celebrates grand opening in ribbon-cutting ceremony

*The nonprofit organization provides creative after-school programs for students*

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CHICOPEE-- The community gathered on View Street on Sept. 1 for the grand opening of the One Strong Community Program.

The ceremony kicked off when Charles "Charlie" Laboy, founder and program director at One Strong, cut the ribbon alongside John Torres, a 2022 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School and part of the organization's pilot internship program, and Ward 3 Councilor Delmarina López.

Following the ribbon-cutting, Laboy gave a tour of the organization, which includes a garden space, outdoor play space, a kitchen and living space and more.

The nonprofit organization, launched in 2022, fosters educational, personal and artistic growth by creating and organizing



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Charles "Charlie" Laboy, founder and program director at One Strong Community Program LLC, cuts the ribbon as John Torres, 2022 Chicopee Comprehensive High School graduate and part of the organization's pilot internship program, and Ward 3 City Councilor Delmarina López cheer during the grand opening ceremony for One Strong Community Program on View Street in Chicopee.

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**COMMUNITY**

## Lorraine's Soup Kitchen presents brick to Harvey Lafleur for 100th birthday

*Also, how you can support Lorraine's and its mission*

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CHICOPEE -- Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry presented a brick on Sept. 4 to Harvey Lafleur for his 100th birthday.

Lafleur, who turned 100 on Aug. 4, received the brick from Kim Caisse, executive director of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, to celebrate the milestone and his contributions to the community.

When he was 85 years old, Lafleur was part of the build for Lorraine's, from the foundation to the roof.

Lafleur said the entire experience "is a favorite memory."

"I started with the foundation and it was cold, it was winter then but things got better and I enjoyed it more," Lafleur said. "I worked with Don Herta. I was with him to the very end and the last place we worked



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Kim Caisse, executive director at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, and Harvey Lafleur smile while holding the brick celebrating Lafleur's 100th birthday that was put into the entry patio outside Lorraine's on Sept. 4.

was putting the plastic walls on the kitchen."

Lafleur was honored to receive the brick and said Lorraine's helps many people receive the food they need, adding the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts moving to Chicopee will help even further.

"The whole community is in the need of food for a lot of

them and they're helping out here," Lafleur said. "I just went to the open house at the Food Bank in Chicopee there and that's going to help out a lot here also. It is going to be closer for them to pick up food there."

Caisse shared that the organization wanted to recognize

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ChicopeeTV offers training opportunities for residents looking to familiarize themselves with a television studio. Photo courtesy of ChicopeeTV

## ChicopeeTV receives funding for the next year

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CHICOPEE -- ChicopeeTV, the city's public access television studio, received funding for the next year when City Council voted unanimously on Sept. 5 to approve a \$365,400 mayor's appropriation to cover the costs of both salary and equipment.

A total of \$165,400 was ap-

propriated to cover the cost of the TV Production Directors' salaries, \$100,000 was appropriated to cover the salaries of part-time staff and another \$100,000 was appropriated to fund the maintenance of ChicopeeTV's facilities and equipment.

The item was originally scheduled to be voted on during the Aug. 1 meeting, but a typo in

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# Elms College welcomes new and returning students on Move-In Day



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New Student Orientation Leaders Malina Woodbury, George Chaya and Sabrina McBride pose for a group photo during Move-In Day at Elms College. The leaders held welcome signs directing students to the Gaylord Mansion to get their dorm keys and check in for their semester at the college.

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CHICOPEE -- Elms College welcomed new and returning students to its campus on Sept. 3 during the college's Move-In Day.

Throughout the day, students picked up their dorm keys, received information on the college and later moved into their dorm rooms with their families.

A prayer service took place at noon in the center of campus, officially welcoming new students, followed by goodbyes to family.

Elms College President Dr. Harry Durnay was excited to have students arrive, including his nephew who is transferring to the college.

Additionally, the class of 2027 and transfer classes are one of the largest in the college's history and include the first group of students that are a Varsity Men's Lacrosse Team.

"So a lot of firsts with this group of students and we're excited to accompany them through the first year of their college experience and helping them to make the best of it, not only intellectually but also as young people spiritually, socially and to be the best that they can be," Durnay said.

Steve and Jennifer Lynch were moving their son, Declan, in for his second year at Elms.

They appreciate how Elms provides opportunities for engagement and lessons

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(L to R) Kate, Katelyn, Brian and Justin Meunier take a family photo during Move-In Day at Elms College as Katelyn prepares to move into her dorm for the semester.



Elms College President Dr. Harry Durnay talks with a family during Move-In Day at Elms College.



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# Probationary Firefighter Justin MacIntyre graduates from state firefighting academy

MacIntyre graduated as part of Career Recruit Firefighter Class S33

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CHICOPEE-- Justin MacIntyre has become a probationary firefighter after graduating on Aug. 25 from the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

During his time at the academy, MacIntyre learned many things, including how to operate pumps on the fire trucks, climb ladders, drag victims out of buildings and carry them down ladders, how to do knots, firefighting techniques and more.

MacIntyre shared what inspired him to become a firefighter.

"I always wanted to serve the community, help out and do something that I felt was a meaningful job by serving other people, so I chose the fire department. It seemed like a good opportunity to serve the community that I grew up in in Chicopee. I've lived here my entire life," MacIntyre said. "Whenever the firefighters would come to school and stuff, I always thought it would be a cool job to do in the future."

MacIntyre was humbled to have Chief Daniel Stamborski, Deputy Chief William Boutin, his fellow firefighters and instructors at the graduation.

"It was nice to have them all there to support me and welcome me into their fire department," MacIntyre said.

As he moves ahead in his career, MacIntyre will get more on-the-job experience when he starts his first 24-hour shift on Sept. 4, including training and observing his group.



(L to R) Deputy Chief Peter Jerusik, Captain Daniel Sousa, Probationary Firefighter Justin MacIntyre, his grandfather, Chief Daniel Stamborski and Lt. John Jebb pose for a group photo in front of a fire truck after celebrating MacIntyre graduating from the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Graduation of Career Recruit Firefighter Class S33.

"I look forward to actually getting my hands on the job and doing everything a firefighter does," MacIntyre said.

He added he would like to learn more about being a firefighter as he grows in his career.

"Right now, I'm just learning the job. In the future, I'd take more classes. Hopefully, maybe be an instructor in the future or move up in the ranks," MacIntyre said.

For the city, MacIntyre looks forward to a long career serving them and setting an example.

"I hope to be a good role model for the kids and serve the members of the community. Always act professional, always be kind to everyone that I'm helping out regardless of how severe or minor the case

is. Just take it seriously, help them with whatever they need," MacIntyre said.

For his family and friends, MacIntyre hopes to make his family proud and have his friends become firefighters in their local departments.

"It's a great job to have," MacIntyre said. "My parents and grandparents are all very proud of me for joining the fire department and look forward to seeing how my career unfolds as I move forward."

Looking ahead to his first day, MacIntyre said he looks forward to bonding with his fellow firefighters and growing alongside them.

"It's going to be good working with the group that I'll be with for the foreseeable future," MacIntyre said.



PHOTOS COURTESY CHICOPEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Probationary Firefighter Justin MacIntyre is pinned by his grandfather after graduating from the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Graduation of Career Recruit Firefighter Class S33 on Aug. 25.

MacIntyre wants the community to, also, know he's looking forward to helping and meeting them.

"I just look forward to helping them out, any calls that I get, going in and around the community, meeting more members of the community as I help them out whatever their issues are and respond to their calls," MacIntyre said.

Additionally, he encourages residents to become a firefighter, explaining his time at the academy was a positive experience.

"The 10 weeks are fun, you'll get along with the other people that you're there with, all of the instructors are great, they'll help you out with anything you have trouble with," MacIntyre said.

MacIntyre, also, shared this message about the fire department.

"All of the people that I've met so far that are in the fire department are great. So if they call in, you're going to get a good responder regardless of what group is working there that day," MacIntyre said.

## Officer Mark "Shrek" Wilkes returns home



PHOTO COURTESY CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Mark Wilkes with members of the Chicopee Police Department.

CHICOPEE – After 175 days, the Chicopee Police Department are excited to welcome back Officer Mark Wilkes

home from the hospital. Mark continues to gain strength and greatly appreciates all the support from the community.

## PSA: Chicopee Community Pro Shred Event

CHICOPEE -- In partnership with St. Rose de Lima Parish and St. Joan of Arc School, a shredding event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9-11

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## The Arbors and The Ivy Assisted Living Communities to host 'I Wanna Rock for Alzheimer's'

CHICOPEE -- The Arbors and The Ivy Assisted Living Communities are hosting an "I Wanna Rock for Alzheimer's" 80's-themed fundraiser event on Sept. 16, at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee, from 6-10 p.m. and will be featuring the band Aquanett!

In our line of business, we have a close tie to Alzheimer's and dementia and are deeply touched everyday by many of our residents and their families' stories and struggles. We see firsthand what this awful disease can do and because of this, we have decided to hold a benefit where all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association, in hopes to find a cure and as they say, "do good to end ALZ"!

We would greatly appreciate any donations to this cause and look forward to ROCKING out with a special performance by Aquanett. This event will in-

clude lots of raffles, a door prize and a fun filled night had by all! Don't miss out, get your tickets today!

The event will feature a full bar; you cannot bring your own alcohol. Attendees must be age 21+ and are encouraged to wear '80s-themed attire.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### I'm 64. When should I claim my Social Security?

Dear Rusty  
I am 64 years old and still working full time.

My question is - when should I start my Social Security? I would like to start it in January 2024 and go part time at work, but would I be losing much Social Security by not waiting until full retirement age?

Signed: Trying to Plan Ahead

Dear Trying, to Plan:

You are smart to evaluate the impact of claiming your Social Security benefits early. First, be aware that your full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months and that is when you get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working.

It appears you already know that if you start benefits before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn from working before they take away some of your benefits. But if you go part time at work you can mitigate the earnings test and claim your benefits early - just understand that your payment will be permanently reduced by doing so.

If you claim your benefits to start in January 2024, you'll be taking your Social Security about 18 months early, which means that instead of 100% of your FRA entitlement you'll get about 90% (a reduction of 10%).

The earnings test will still apply and we don't yet know what the 2024 earnings limit will be, but it will be something more than the 2023 limit of \$21,240. If your 2024 earnings exceed the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover what you owe for exceeding the limit.

If you work part time and don't exceed the 2024 annual earnings limit, there will be no penalty and you will get every month's SS payment. If you find you will exceed the annual 2024 earnings limit, you can call Social Security and inform them of that and by how much, and they will suspend your benefits for the number of months necessary to avoid overpaying you.

If you don't inform them and you exceed the annual 2024 limit, they will catch up in 2025 when they get your 2024 earnings information from the IRS and issue an Overpayment Notice requiring you to pay back the amount owed, half of what you exceeded the 2024 annual limit by. As you likely know, the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

So, the decision on when to claim your Social Security benefit is yours to make, and you are smart to consider your work plans - but should also consider your life expectancy and marital status. If you are married and eventually die before your lower earning spouse, your spouse's benefit as your survivor will be based on your benefit amount at the time of your death.

Thus, your age when you claim your benefit may also affect your spouse's benefit as your survivor; the longer you wait up to age 70 the more your spouse's survivor benefit would be. And if you enjoy at least average longevity, which is about 84 for a man your current age, then by waiting until your FRA or later to claim you'll not only get a higher monthly payment but also get more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

If, however, your financial circumstances are such that you need the SS money sooner, then claiming earlier may be the

## GUEST COLUMN



**Black-crowned night heron**

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a black-crowned night heron in Pittsfield.

The black-crowned night heron is about 25 inches long and is gray and white. It is a stocky heron with pale yellow legs, which turn reddish in the breeding season.

The immature is brown with white streaks below and large, buff white spots on its back and wings. It keeps its immature plumage for two years. The immature black-crowned night heron is distinguished from the yellow crowned night heron by its greenish-yellow lower bill. The yellow-crowned has a dark bill.

Although the night heron will feed by day, as its name implies this species feeds mostly at night or at dusk. They roost in trees.

It feeds on fish, amphibians, insects and small mammals. It also will eat the young of other bird species such as terns, herons and ibises. They inhabit freshwater streams, lakes, rice field, dry grassland and salt marshes.

These herons nest either in colonies or singly. The female lays three to five pale blue green eggs in a nest of twigs, reeds and finer material placed against a tussock or in the reeds, shrub or trees up to 160 feet.

When greeting other black-crowned

night herons, they stretch their necks horizontally with breeding plumes on the head raised and they touch bills. They make a low, hoarse "quok" sound often heard at dusk. During nesting, they make a "rok rok."

### Red-winged blackbirds

I received an email this week from someone who lives in the West Springfield Agawam area. She said, "Red-winged blackbirds are one of my favorite birds, but I always wondered why they leave the area so early?" She also said, "I go to areas where I know they nest, but never see them after mid-July or so."

Red-winged blackbirds are one of the first to arrive in early spring with the males coming first, then the females. They migrate anytime from late August to early October and gather in flocks for the trip south.

### Audubon Society sightings

Other Audubon Society sightings reported for August in Berkshire include an alder flycatcher in Washington and a yellow-bellied flycatcher at the Jug End State Reservation in Egremont. In Hampshire County, four sandhill cranes were at East Meadows in Northampton and four more sandhill cranes at the Arcadia Sanctuary.

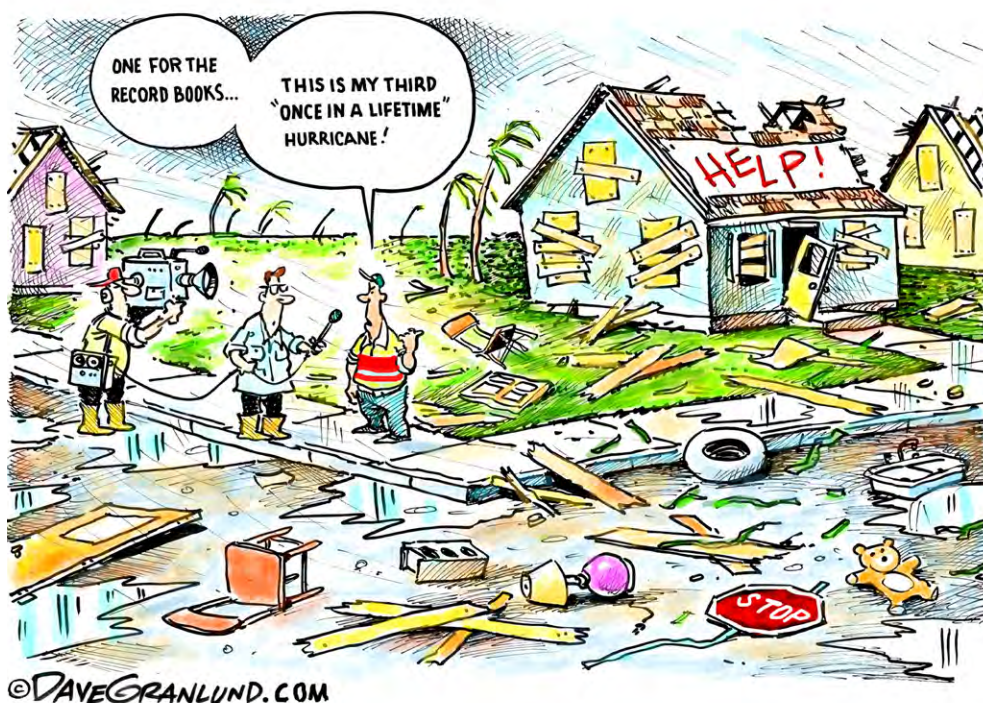
Migrants tallied at Quabbin Park in Ware included four common nighthawks, two yellow-bellied flycatchers and four Cape May warblers. In Worcester County 14 Common Mergansers were seen near fishing area #3 at Quabbin Reservoir in Petersham and four Bonaparte's Gulls were tallied along the Dana shoreline in Petersham.

Two black vultures were seen soaring over Mt. Wachusett in Princeton and in Paxton there was a Cerulean warbler. Mount Wachusett is a popular spot for birders to view hawk migrations during September and October. Two Cape May warblers were seen at the Moose Hill Wildlife Area.

### Wild turkeys

It seems wild turkeys are everywhere. I have seen groups of three or four Tom turkeys and much larger groups of hens and their poults. Several times I stopped while a large flock of hens and youngsters crossed the road.

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



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right decision, provided you don't substantially exceed the annual earnings limit prior to reaching your full retirement age. I hope the above provides what you need to make an informed decision.

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## Parade Committee plans 70th season

CHICOPEE -- Members of the Chicopee Parade Committee have been meeting to plan fundraising and other events in preparation for the 2024 season, which will be the committee's 70th year. In preparation, a number of events will be held in the fall of 2023, as announced by incoming Committee President Meghan Balakier:

- Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - Car Wash, Bob Pion Buick GMC, 333 Memorial Drive, Chicopee
- Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m. - Quarter Auction at AmVets, 754 Montgomery St., Chicopee
- Friday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. - Comedy Night, Portuguese American Club, Chicopee
- Friday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. - 70th Anniversary Reception, Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange St., Chicopee

All events are open to the public. Information will be listed on the committee's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/](http://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/) and can also be obtained from any committee member. Proceeds from these fundraisers will support the Chicopee contingent's participation in the 2024 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Sponsorship opportunities for each event listed are also available. The Chicopee Parade Committee, Inc., doing business as The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee, is recognized as a tax-exempt organization by the IRS under Section 501(c)3.

The Committee was formed in 1954 to organize the Chicopee contingent in the Holyoke Parade. A few years later, Judith Buckley rode on a float as Chicopee's first Colleen. Originally selected through popular public vote, the sys-

tem was changed to the current contest and coronation process in the 1960's. A "Court" of four members was added soon after due to the popularity of the contest, which has always been open to young women of all ethnic backgrounds.

Other awards bestowed by the Parade Committee over the years include the Parade Marshal; the Woods Award, which recognizes an outstanding committee member; and the Atkinson Award, given to a person or organization in the community who lends support to the committee. Occasionally, the Meara Award is given to one or more residents who perform an act of heroism.

The Committee meets throughout the year, and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested may contact the Committee through its Facebook page, or website at [www.chicopeespc.com](http://www.chicopeespc.com).

## St. Rose de Lima Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser to occur Oct. 13

CHICOPEE -- St. Rose de Lima Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 in the church hall, 594 Grattan St. in Chicopee. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6:30 p.m. A \$35 donation includes 10 games (Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach, Dooney & Bourke purses) a bingo marker, door prizes and light refreshments. Hot food will be available for purchase. Many raffle baskets, including a lottery tree and a Blackstone grill! Tickets/Questions contact Chris at 785-477-9536 or the Parish Office at 536-4558. All proceeds benefit St. Joan of Arc School

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community programs for the gateway cities of Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield.

Laboy was "truly honored" by the support for One Strong.

"I was honored to have so many people who believe in the idea or at least wanted to check out what this whole thing was going to be about," Laboy said. "I ultimately want to be there for Chicopee residents and I'm glad they were there for me."

Laboy explained the programs are geared toward children ages five to 13 and that they also provide internships and work readiness programs for teens ages 14 to 18. For now, the organization can take on six kids, with hopes to expand to 10.

The idea originated about seven years ago when Laboy and his cousin wanted to take his experience of working in after-school programs including Playful Minds and The Arbors Kids and offer services that "we feel are important to the community."

"I think it's very important that after-school programs are coming up, especially after this pandemic situation. Many people want to get back to work but they also want to be able to trust who's watching their students during these off-hours," Laboy said. "But they also want it to be an experience that's ultimately going to have them coming away with something, whether it's a new friendship, new skill learned or maybe even a new hobby they developed just

by being exposed to new information and someone that's going to creatively engage with them and that's what I want to do with students ultimately."

Torres reflected on opportunity and giving back through his intern work at One Strong, sharing how important after-school programs are.

"I think after-school programs are an amazing thing. Keeps kids structured, out of trouble at the same time. Even bringing in kids to help, to volunteer is also great community involvement. So I believe that after-school programs are needed in our community," Torres said. "I feel like One Strong can be that change to the community."

Torres also believes in inspiring the next generation.

"Anything that can bring up ideas for kids and help expand the way that they think, have bigger ideas, that you can have the big dreams. Everybody always says, 'Your dream is too big.' Nothing is too big," Torres said. "So I feel like something like this that can help expand kids' way of thinking definitely helps our society and our future societies as well."

Laboy wants residents to know there are many after-school offerings to serve all families in addition to One Strong and he's here to offer support.

"There's plenty of great choices in the City of Chicopee. There's not a bad program in the area, and you know, if we're what they're ultimately going for I hope they made the right decision, and if not, I'm always willing to rec-



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS  
Staff, interns and volunteers at One Strong Community Program LLC take a group photo under their banner in celebration of their Sept. 1 grand opening on View Street in Chicopee.

ommend what programs I think would work best for them depending on what school or area that they live in," Laboy said.

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# Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run

Event to benefit the Foundation for TJO Animals

SPRINGFIELD -- The Foundation for TJO Animals will be holding its annual Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center at 627 Cottage St. in Springfield. Kick stands up at 10:45 a.m. with the ride leaving at 11 a.m. for a scenic ride through western MA. The event wraps up with a cel-

ebration at the Ludlow Elks located at 69 Chapin Street from noon to 3 p.m. Guests will enjoy live music, great food, vendors, raffles and more!

A \$30 registration fee includes an event t-shirt, wrist band, entrance to the after party and one meal ticket. Participants interested in the after party only can register online for \$15 and receive admission and a meal coupon. Children under 12 are free. Register online at [https://secure.lgl-forms.com/form\\_engine/s/V0wocgELADiDSAav4FyYpQ](https://secure.lgl-forms.com/form_engine/s/V0wocgELADiDSAav4FyYpQ)

Proceeds from the Ride Like an

Animal Motorcycle Run go directly to the Foundation for TJO Animals to benefit animals in need at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

Event sponsors include Fontaine Community Foundation, Florence Bank, Keller Williams, Western Mass Collision, Bacon Wilson, Greater Springfield Credit Union, and Hazen Paper Co.

More information is available on [www.tjofoundation.org](http://www.tjofoundation.org), by emailing [info@tjofoundation.org](mailto:info@tjofoundation.org) or by calling 413.306.5161.

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the order forced it to get tabled until Sept. 5.

On Aug. 1, Chief Information Officer Andrew Vernon explained specifically how the money will be appropriated.

"These are not new positions. They are four part-time positions in ChicopeeTV and then there are eight student employees of ChicopeeTV," he said. "The student employees help to tape and livestream sporting events throughout Chicopee. The part-time directors help with a variety of things, whether it be this evening's broadcast from the mezzanine, or whether it be content throughout the city and producing some of the shows that are made throughout the entire year."

Vernon noted that the city's 10-year contract with Charter Communications requires Mayor John Vieau to allocate \$100,000 annually from the contract "explicitly to the PEG facility ChicopeeTV to operate its equipment and facilities."

The TV Production Director Salary line covers the salaries of both Producer/Director Jay Buckley and Producer/Director Wade Wofford. Buckley and Wofford will both be paid approximately \$80,000 over the next year.

Buckley graduated from UMass Amherst in 1997 and built his broadcast television experience working for ABC 40, Fox 61, WGBY and nationally for NFL and NASCAR events.

He began working for the city school district in 2007 as a video production teacher and now oversees the city's audio-visual equipment and cable access channels.

Wofford arrived in the city as an award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker. He graduated from the Los Angeles Film School for film production, the Meisner School for acting, the University of Georgia for his bachelor's degree in drama and UMass Amherst for his master's degree in English Education.

Wofford gained employment in the city as a Film-making teacher at Chicopee Comprehensive High School and now oversees ChicopeeTV's studio operations.

The remaining staff includes Digital Media Producer/Digital Media Educator/Production Director Dave Farnum and Alex Fenderson, a videographer, editor and Emmy-winning television director.

Farnum graduated from Springfield Technical Community College's Digital Media program in 2018 and works at STCC as an adjunct instructor for the Digital Media program, where he teaches video production courses.

Henderson graduated from the New England School of Communication at Husson University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Video Production and specialization in Photography.

Vernon is also a member of the ChicopeeTV team through his role of overseeing the City & Schools of Chicopee. Vernon attended UMass Amherst and worked there in a variety of capacities. Before joining the City of Chicopee, he worked as an Information Technology Manager for Newell Brands.

The \$100,000 appropriated to facilities and equipment upkeep will be spent on maintaining the city's state-of-the-art television studio, located inside of Chicopee Comp, and its mobile equipment.

The television studio is open to residents, and training opportunities are available for those looking to create content in the space.

ChicopeeTV also has equipment that can be made available for community use for those who have completed mandatory equipment training and the online reservation request.

Currently, ChicopeeTV can be viewed on Channel 191, 192 and 193. The ChicopeeTV Facebook page also posts live content and uploads programs and meetings, all of which can also be viewed on the studio's Vimeo channel.

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and honor Lafleur for his contributions, adding she was honored to meet him at his surprise birthday party last month, having heard many stories about him. His nephew, Al, also serves on the Board of Directors.

For the bricks, they're part of the organization's ongoing brick drive and can be purchased for \$75.

"People will come in and have these bricks made in memory or in honor or just for their family themselves, so it's really a beautiful remembrance to have," Caisse said.

Caisse loves giving back through her work at Lorraine's.

"I hold Lorraine's near and dear to my heart. I was a volunteer for several years before I was hired at Lorraine's, you know, behind the scenes with helping with fundraising and different events and stuff, so I served here for years as well," Caisse said. "I just love being a part of it."

Caisse shared Lorraine's needs peanut butter, soup and cans of fruit for their pantry, seeing 30 to 50 people on some days.

Additionally, over 100 people for dinner.

"So there's a big need right now for all the staple items," Caisse said.

Additionally, Lorraine's is looking for volunteers.

"Whatever time people can come in, you know, 9 a.m. - noon or 9 - 11 a.m. or in the afternoon, help serving. Whatever people are able to do, a couple of hours at a time is



Harvey Lafleur poses with his brick before it is added to the entryway patio outside Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.



Harvey Lafleur holds a newspaper clipping from when he was working on the roof of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry 15 years ago—when he was 85 years old—during his brick dedication outside Lorraine's on Sept. 4. Lafleur is heavily involved in the community and contributed to the building of Lorraine's at its permanent location on Pendexter Avenue.

TURLLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

perfect," Caisse said.

Cooking groups are also needed.

"We're always looking for cooking groups, especially on Mondays we don't have cooking groups," Caisse said. "So that would be helpful."

Caisse wants the community to know the impact Lorraine's has on providing food to people in need.

"Not only do we serve the pantry Monday through Friday 10: a.m. - 2 p.m., we do the dinner every night 4 - 6 p.m. and we also have the Mobile Pantry that's out 14 times a month, low-income housing, elderly housing. We have such a great impact on the community," Caisse said.

Lafleur encouraged residents to continue donating to Lorraine's "as much as you can" and to stop by if



A close-up of the brick reading "Happy 100th Birthday Harvey Lafleur" in the entryway patio outside Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

they need help.

"If needed, visit it as often as you can. They'll be pleased to see you and help you," Lafleur said.

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## Comp gets set for regular season



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Eliana Ayala tries to settle the ball.

**CHICOPEE** – Last week, Chicopee Comprehensive girls soccer prepared for their season opener with a scrimmage against Granby High School. The Colts made a long trip to Wahconah on Wednesday and have their first home game of the season on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. against East Longmeadow.



Maddy Riffenberg sends a pass away.



Katie Gilhooly watches as pressure comes near.



Ariana Chagnon heads up the sideline.

## Former field hockey standout Leclerc takes coaching helm at Elms

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**HOLYOKE** – Holyoke native Katelynn Leclerc is the new head field hockey coach at Elms College.

Leclerc has been playing field hockey since she was in sixth grade, when her father Pete Leclerc started the Holyoke youth program.

“I used to go to the high school games because my brother used to announce, and I enjoyed watching the sport, then my dad started the program so I could start to play,” Leclerc described.

Playing in Holyoke helped her to find her love for field hockey, and she is grateful for the experience and lessons the city provided her.

“I think culturally it was very impactful and I took a lot of the life lessons with me as I moved onto collegiate athletics,” she said.

She is excited to be continuing her field hockey career at Elms. While playing the game was her passion, she is looking forward to continuing to have the opportunity to grow the game as a coach.

“It’s the best way to transition from being a committed player,” she said.

Leclerc attended American International College for both her undergraduate degree and her masters. During her masters program, she had the opportunity to be the graduate assistant for the field hockey team while getting her degree, an experience she enjoyed.

“It was great, I got to

Katelynn Leclerc, who was an outstanding field hockey player at Holyoke High School, is the new coach of Elms College field hockey.

coach for my alma mater,” she said.

After graduating from AIC, she worked in Florida briefly before one of her old teammates reached out to her about the Elms program. Leclerc said she instantly liked the school and eagerly applied for the position.

“It was really family oriented and I felt very supported,” she said.

She hopes to take that feeling of support the college provided her and pass it on to her players as coach.

One of her biggest goals as the coach is to ensure that each player feels seen and supported by her, so that they have the opportunity to meet their full potential both as a player and as a student.

“I’m always going to be there for them, I’m trying to be very supportive for them on the

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## Pioneers cap season with Festa match

**LUDLOW** – After another season with a playoff appearance in the USL-2 League, many members of the Western Mass. Pioneers got together one last time for the annual Friendly Festa game on Sunday afternoon. The entire team was put together by the Lusitano Club of Ludlow. The exhibition has been happening for the past several years during the town’s Festa celebration.

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Monson’s Connor Hicks receives a pass and makes his way up the field.



Max Robbins looks to catch up with the ball.



Noah Rivera stops the ball.

# Coby among hungry contenders for Monadnock Race

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – After two races off, Tommy Baldwin Racing announced today that the team will field a Mayhew Tools No. 7NY entry for Doug Coby in this Saturday's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150 at Monadnock Speedway.

Coby and Baldwin enter the event leading the point standings for the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup, which will conclude Saturday night.

The Cup awards a bonus of \$5,000 to the team that captures the most points over three events. Coby picked up the win in round one of the Cup at Monadnock back in May and finished sixth in the second race at Lee USA Speedway to enter this weekend in the lead.

The team is also eligible for additional bonuses from the Cup, including a lap

leader bonus from all three events combined and the best average finish over the three races. The team has the opportunity to collect over \$6,400 in bonus money, plus any winnings collected for finishing position on Saturday. It made the decision to attend a no-brainer.

Last month, Tommy Baldwin Jr. announced a diagnosis of cancer and is currently undergoing treatments. The team is not returning full-time on the Whelen Modified Tour for the remainder of the season, but will come together to chase the Cup crown at Monadnock.

Baldwin is selling Baldwin Strong stickers on his website, TommyBaldwin-Racing.com, and donating final proceeds to the Matheny School. His goal is to share awareness and have everyone know they are all in it together when fighting

through health issues.

"After winning at Monadnock in May and leading the Cup standings heading into Saturday, we really wanted to make this event happen," team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. said. "I'm thankful for everyone's support through my announcement and treatments - it's been incredible and our entire family couldn't be more grateful. The team will be ready to roll into Monadnock to chase the Cup title, but also another win for Mayhew Tools and everyone involved with Doug and our team."

Coby has one goal in mind for Saturday: win.

"We had a great car last time at Monadnock, it was dominant all day," Coby said. "This will be a little bit of a different race being at night compared to the day time back in May. As far as Tommy want-

ing to have a car prepared and go to the track, it's good for him to be able to have something different to focus on and he said he feels good enough to make it happen, which is great to hear. With the race now 150 laps, you will probably be able to go harder and really battle for spots earlier in the race. There will likely be some serious battling on restarts to keep or gain track position."

Saturday's event schedule at Monadnock Speedway includes NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour practice from 2:55-3:55 p.m., followed by qualifying at 5:30 p.m. The estimated green flag time for the Winchester Fair 150 is set for 8 p.m. Tickets for the race are available in advance at JDVProductions.com. The event will air live on FloRacing.TV for those who can't make it to New Hampshire.

## Railers name new VP

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) is pleased to welcome David Aitken to the front office staff as the Vice President of Tickets & Corporate Partnerships.

"David has a proven track record of driving revenue in minor league sports," said Railers HC President, Stephanie Ramsey. "He has been a direct contributor of significant AHL ticket sales growth in both Rochester and Cleveland and will bring new ideas to enhance the Railers experience for fans and sponsors."

Aitken will oversee all revenue channels for the Railers and will help further develop the ticket sales and corporate sponsorships departments. Most recently, Aitken spent nearly five years as the Director of Ticket Sales with the Rochester Americans (AHL) and Rochester Knights Hawks (NLL), as part of Pegula Sports and Entertainment, the parent company of the Buffalo Sabres and Buffalo Bills. His responsibilities included strategy, budgeting, and personnel.

Under Aitken's leadership, the Amerks achieved their highest season ticket numbers and ticket sales revenue in the franchise's 67-year history. The Amerks concluded the 2023 Calder Cup Playoffs with the highest attendance for the AHL clubs playing more than one home playoff game, which featured three of six home games with a sell-out crowd of 10,662 at their venue.

Prior to his time in Rochester, Aitken spent eight seasons with the Cleve-

land Monsters (AHL) as part of the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA) organization. His position with the team was Sr. Manager of Business Development where he led all new business ticket sales efforts, as well as managed a senior level team of ticket representatives. During this time, Aitken was also responsible for youth hockey game-day programming and community outreach efforts for six seasons and was instrumental in the founding of the Monsters' "Grow the Game" and Learn to Play initiatives in Northeast Ohio.

Aitken's tenure in Cleveland was highlighted by placing among the AHL's top 10 in group sales for five seasons and generated the most group sales in franchise history at that time in the 2015-16 season. He was also part of the 2016 Calder Cup champion Lake Erie Monsters staff which won the AHL's President's Award for Business Team of the Year.

Aitken is originally from Chestertown, NY in the Lake George region, and is relocating to Worcester with his wife Colleen, and their three daughters, Leah, Emma, and Olivia. His start date with the Railers is Monday, July 24.

The Worcester Railers HC 2023-24 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder & Trois-Rivieres Lions. Season memberships, mini-plans, and group packages for the 2023-24 season are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

## Foursomes needed for charity golf tournament

AGAWAM – Registration and sign-ups 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, the event has raised over \$15,000 for cancer research.

The four-person scramble event will take place on Monday, Sept. 18 at Winton-

bury 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. Please contact ShootFOREtheStarstoCureCancer@gmail.com more information. We hope you can join us.

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field and off the field so they know that they have a life coach, not only for field hockey but I want to be there to mentor them in all aspects of their life to set them up for success," she said.

Her support will not just extend to her athletes on the field, but also off it. Leclerc believes that the student athletes should have the opportunity to have a truly holistic college experience, where they are able to be students, athletes and be involved in clubs and activities on campus.

"A lot of my girls are involved in a lot of clubs on campus... they just really get that whole college experience, which is important to me," she explained.

Additionally, Leclerc hopes her young age will help her to stay connected to the team. As she is only twenty-five, she was very recently a college student herself. Leclerc feels this is key, as she knows what her athletes are going through and hopes to be able to use this knowledge to help her team.

"I have just gone through that myself, so I understand what they're going

through as a student athlete," she said. "The balance of academic and athletics can be a lot sometimes, but I think because I've just gone through it, what they may need really stands out to me."

Leclerc also believes that her experience as an assistant coach at AIC, as well as her many years as a player of the game, will help her to bring new drills



Katelynn Leclerc talks to her team during a timeout at a game last Friday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

to the Elms team.

As her first year of coaching at Elms begins, Leclerc hopes to focus on building and shaping the team.

Specifically, she is hoping to ensure she is on the road and recruiting for the team this year.

"I think recruiting is really going to be important for this program moving forward," she said.

On top of this, she hopes to build upon the team that is already there. She wants to focus on building team morale and ensuring they grow stronger after every game, no matter the outcome.

"We're challenging ourselves every day and continuing to build game after game, so it's going to come. We just have to piece all the little victories around the field together," she said.



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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, September 27, 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) for the purpose of two residential units in a business building located at 94 Chicopee St. Applicant – Extremely Clean Limo c/o David Provost, 124 Posner Cir, Ludlow, MA 01056.

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

The September 27, 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](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>). You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov). 09/08, 09/15/2023

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9 (L) (2) for the purpose of amending an existing Special Permit under Chapter 275-50 for a double faced 14' x 48' sign structure to be relocated on the same property and out of the State of Massachusetts right of way. The existing sign structure will be moved 34 feet North, and 53 feet East. The state of Mass DOT is requiring Lamar to move the existing sign out of the State Right of Way. Waivers requested from 500 feet setback from residentially zoned land and a waiver for 750 feet spacing from any other sign on the property. The requested waiver reduction: 500' to 115' and 750' to 290' located at 333 Memorial Drive. Applicant - Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC, Patrick Keough Real Estate Manager, 32 Midland Street, Windsor, CT 06095.

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Zone Change from Residential A to Business A for +/- 18,730 SF (Parcel 0690-00048) and +/- 24,237 SF (Parcel 0690-0044D) located at 523 James Street and 0 James Street (Parcel ID 0690-00048 & 0690-0044D) for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the existing Business A zoning district to the entirety of both parcels to allow for the future construction of a drive-through coffee shop. Applicant – DDM Property Group, LLC c/o Daniel Hannoush, 166 South Blvd, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM\*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from split zone Bus A/Res B to Res A for 9,000 SF located at 580 Meadow St. for the purpose of Boys & Girls Club (existing) eliminating a small portion of zoning overlapping and causing a split

zone on the site. Applicant – Chicopee Boys & Girls Club, Jason Reed, 580 Meadow St, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The September 27, 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](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>). You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov). 09/08, 09/15/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P1694EA

Estate of:  
**Therese Margaret Blanchard**  
Also Known As:  
**Therese M. Blanchard**  
Date of Death:  
**March 1, 2023**  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bryan A. Russell of South Hadley**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Bryan A. Russell of South Hadley** 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. 09/08/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1866EA Estate of:  
**Alice A Galarneau**

## Date of Death: 11/15/2022 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 **Lisa Jacquinet of East Longmeadow, 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: **Lisa Jacquinet of East Longmeadow, 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 10/03/2023.**

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 return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: September 05, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
09/08/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD21P1984EA Estate of:  
**Michele Newell**

## Date of Death: 07/30/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **Della D'Antonio of Chicopee, MA** requesting that **Nicholas Fales of Ludlow, MA** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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

Date: August 28, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
09/08/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1763EA Estate of:  
**Francis Patrick Marley, Jr.**  
Date of Death: 06/19/2014  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Jessica D Rene of Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

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

Date: September 05, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
09/08/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P1696EA Estate of:

**Howard L. Martin**  
Also Known As:  
**Howard Lawrence Martin**  
Date of Death: July 8, 2008  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robin J. Martin-Moreau of Chicopee, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Robin J. Martin-Moreau of Chicopee, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 09/08/2023

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## Massachusetts launches free community college program for residents 25 plus

WELLESLEY— Holyoke Community College President George Timmons joined Gov. Maura T. Healey today to launch MassReconnect, the administration's new program establishing free community college for Massachusetts residents aged 25 and older.

The announcement event, held this morning at MassBay Community College, was attended by representatives from the Healey administration and Department of Higher Education, as well as the presidents of the state's 15 community colleges.

"MassReconnect will be transformative for thousands of students, for our amazing community colleges, and for our economy," Healey said. "It will bolster the role of community colleges as economic drivers in our state and help us better meet the needs of businesses to find qualified,

well-trained workers. We can also make progress in breaking cycles of inter-generational poverty by helping residents complete their higher education credentials so they can attain good jobs and build a career path. Our administration is grateful for the partnership of the Legislature to move forward on this critical program that will make our state more affordable, competitive and equitable."

The state is investing \$20 million in MassReconnect for the first year of implementation. The funding covers the full cost of tuition and fees and includes an allowance for books and supplies for qualifying students. Additionally, each community college will receive \$100,000 to support student and community program awareness, staffing, and program administration.

"This is an exciting moment for

HCC and all Massachusetts community colleges," said Holyoke Community College President George Timmons. "Our college's financial aid and student affairs teams have been working diligently to prepare for MassReconnect and to guide students through the process of enrolling at HCC. MassReconnect will enable our community colleges to do more of what we do best, which is serve students from all ages and all backgrounds, and provide them with an exceptional education that leads to employment and, ultimately, a stronger economy and thriving region."

MassReconnect starts immediately. There is still time for students to enroll for the fall 2023 semester. Qualifying students must be enrolled in at least six credits per semester in an approved program of study leading to an associate degree or certificate at one of the Commonwealth's

15 community colleges and complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA. There is no deadline to sign up.

Fall semester I classes at HCC begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, but there are also two additional flexible fall start dates, on Sept. 25 and Oct. 30.

For more information about MassReconnect at HCC, please go to: [hcc.edu/massreconnect](http://hcc.edu/massreconnect).

To qualify for MassReconnect, students must be 25 or older on the first day of their classes and be a permanent Massachusetts resident for at least one year at the start of the enrolled term. The program is limited to residents who have not previously earned a college degree (associates or bachelor's) who enroll in at least six credits per semester in an approved program of study leading to an associate degree or certificate at a community college.

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in personal growth.

"They're always trying to engage the students, different clubs," Steve Lynch said. "You just have to get out and do stuff and that's how you're going to meet people."

"I think he also learned that he had to self-advocate for himself with his professors. He came home more independent than he was when he left, so that was nice to see," Jennifer Lynch said.

For Declan, he's looking forward to his second year on the basketball team and returning to class. He chose the college for its community feel.

"It has the close tight-knit community, so it's helpful when you know everyone there so you can always rest on somebody's shoulders if you need to," he said.

He wants the community to know he enjoys his time at Elms so far and looks forward to the new semester.

"It's a very positive experience and Elms gives a lot of experience. There's a lot of experience in the staff and what they give you, a lot of it you can use in your life," he said.

Desmond Nigol-Mason, a senior transfer student, was moving into his dorm with help from family and his fiancée, Chloe Poles.

Nigol-Mason encouraged people to "go for it" in attending college.

"A lot of people coming out of high school don't know what they



Elms College President Dr. Harry Durnay delivers remarks to new students, faculty and members of the college's Board of Trustees during the gathering prayer and family send-off event during Move-In Day at Elms College on Sept. 3

want to do, if they want to go to college or if they want to start into work. Personally, I was on the edge about that as well and I went to college and I loved it," Nigol-Mason said.

Nigol-Mason appreciates the support from Poles and his family on move-in day.

"It means a lot to have their help with everything, not only just moving in but support in all that," Nigol-Mason said.

Claire Wright, director of student engagement and leadership, is excited about working with the students this semester.

"It's the start of a new year. It signifies a new beginning. It gives you an opportunity to see your returning students that you saw in April and May and you haven't seen for the summer and it gives you an opportunity to meet the incoming class and see what the future of the institution is going to look like," Wright said.

Durnay encouraged students to enjoy their college experience as "it goes by before they know it" and to know the faculty, staff and administration are here to support them.

"I encourage them to enjoy every moment of it," Durnay said.

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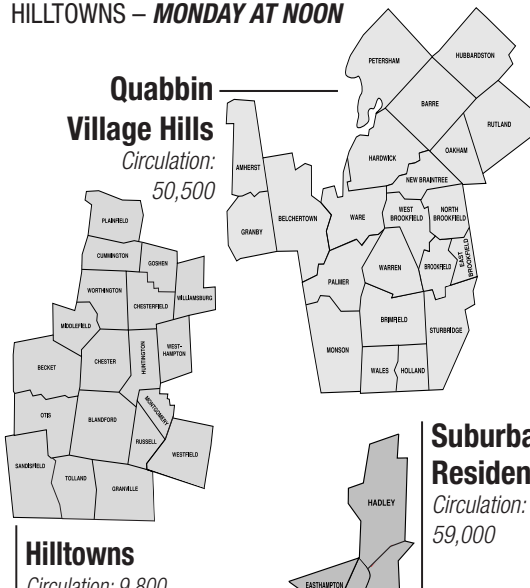
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## RiverMills Center upcoming programming

**CHICOPEE** – The following programs will occur at the RiverMills Center, located at 5 West Main St., and be hosted by the Council on Aging.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

The COA will host a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the RiverMills Center.

This vaccine clinic will offer booster and full dose vaccines. The bivalent booster is currently the only authorized booster which will be supplied for this clinic. There is no appointment needed and you do not need your ID or health insurance to get the vaccine. The vaccine is free for everyone. If you have questions, please call 534-3698.

### Flu Shot Clinic

The COA will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Monday, Sept. 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

This clinic is for adults only and there are a limited number of senior doses available. You must book an appointment at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

### Remedy for Retirement Blues

The COA will offer the program “Remedy for the Retirement Blues” on Monday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the

RiverMills Center.

John Martine will lead this workshop, where you will take a deep look into what you want out of life once you retire. Although this is a free program, please register at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

### Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

The COA will offer the program “Healthy Eating and Physical Activity” on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

This workshop, led by the Foodbank of Western Mass, will review Myplate Healthy Eating guidelines and tips to make exercise part of your daily routine. You will also learn how to make an easy, healthy, budget friendly recipe. Don’t worry, samples will be available!. Although this is a free program, please register at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

### Medicare 101

The COA will offer the workshop “Medicare 101” on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Join us for this Medicare 101 presentation. There are so many questions surrounding signing up for Medicare.

When do I sign up? How do I sign up? Are there penalties for not signing up? The Answers to these and all your other questions will be discussed. Be prepared before you meet with your SHINE Counselor. There will be time for questions and answers. Although this is a free program, please register at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

### Senior Transportation

The COA’s Transportation Department provides rides to the senior center, doctor’s offices, supermarkets, pharmacies, etc. for Chicopee older adults.

Transportation service is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations must be made at least five business days in advance by calling 413-536-5733.

A \$15,750 grant from WestMass Eldercare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings. Shopping Trips are funded in part by a Title III/Older Americans Act grant from WestMass ElderCare, with support from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living.

There is no charge for this service, but participants are welcome to make a voluntary, confidential donation for a shopping ride.

## Valley Eye Radio seeking a board member

**SPRINGFIELD** -- Are you ready to get more involved??

Then you may want to consider becoming a board member with Valley Eye Radio.

Why??

Did you know we are the only accessible local news and information broadcasting service in the Pioneer Valley for those who can no longer read independently? We are dedicated to making sure that the lives of seniors, veterans and others who have vision challenges never feel socially isolated, vulnerable, or feel like they are losing their quality of life because they can no longer read.

Valley Eye Radio, formerly Valley Radio Reading Service, started almost 50 years ago when a group of dedicated citizens wanted to help their family members, friends and neighbors who were struggling due to eyesight issues. Since that time volunteer readers and passionate board members have continued what that small group started.

Today, Valley Eye Radio is using 21st century technology to be more accessible than ever, has more financial resources than ever, and needs new community members to join our board to help us define what our future growth should be for our listeners and the growing numbers of people who will need us in the next few years.

If you are that person and ready to get involved and join us, please contact Executive Director Barbara Loh at 413-747-7337 or [bploh@valleyeyeradio.org](mailto:bploh@valleyeyeradio.org).

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- How Do I know When to Start Thinking About Memory Care?
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