

Chicopee Register



Members of the Chicopee Police Department Honor Guard open the ceremony at the Public Safety Complex.

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Chicopee marks 25th anniversary of 9/11

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - The city marked 25 years of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with a ceremony at the public safety complex and a Memorial Mass at Ste. Rose

de Lima Parish on Sept. 11. Last Friday's remembrances began in the morning when the community gathered at the public safety complex, with the call to arms presented by members of the police department honor guard and the ringing of the bell in memory of the victims

who died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA, where Flight 93 went down as passengers fought back against the hijackers that day. Following this, former City Council Vice President/Ward 5 City Councilor Fred Krampits raised the American

flag and Rev. Robert Gentile of St. Rose de Lima Parish led the group in a moment of silence, followed by a prayer and Fire Capt. Matthew Zabik reading the firefighter's prayer.

Another moment of si-

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CPD celebrates new officer promotions

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - A historic occasion unfolded inside Chicopee City Hall on Aug. 10, as three longtime members of the police department were promoted and reaffirmed their oath of service to the city.

The ceremony included Mayor John Vieau, City Clerk Keith Rattell and

Acting Chief Eric Watson, along with family, friends, and colleagues, to commemorate the significant milestone.

"Today is a testament and reflection that we have been blessed with an amazing police department under the leadership of Acting Chief [Watson], and I can

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

Lt. Stephen Jodoin sworn in and received his promotion to Captain as his wife joined him.

Chicopee Public Library hosts Otha Day

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The library hosted Otha Day for a fun event of drumming on Aug. 4, which was free and open to all ages.

This hour-long event was hosted on the lower level of the library in the Bazan Community Room where Day and attendees created a lively drumming circle. Day began the event by stating that every single person is a drummer, due to the beat of each of our hearts.

Day explained how he believes that drumming is a group focused activity that has the power to bring people together and create a sense of joy and family. He began the program by creating a beat of his own on the drum then having attendees recreate the beat on their own.

This method of copying allows attendees to get acquainted with the drums.

Day then shared that the type of drums he provided for the program are called, hand drums. They don't require



TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Attendee Chris Nadeau and Otha Day at the drumming circle on Aug. 4.

drumming sticks, instead the drummer lightly hits the top of the drum to create the beat.

As the program continued on, Day encouraged

attendees to create beats of their own and find their own rhythm, making the drums

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Armando Sousa, Dan Sousa, Victor Mendes and Marty Carvalho out on the golf course.

Community turns out for Portuguese American Club Golf Tournament

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Aug. 9, the Chicopee Country Club hosted the 31st annual Chicopee Portuguese Amer-

ican Club Golf Tournament, raising funds to provide scholarships to seven recent high school graduates as they prepare to begin college.

The fundraiser drew a full field of more than 170

golfers who took to the course and teed off for a great cause. Attendees were treated to a lunch featuring barbecue staples such as

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IN THE CITY

Ordinances passed on battery energy storage systems and loitering

Items passed
unanimously at
Tuesday's meeting

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – City Council unanimously passed several ordinances during its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Among them were new laws pertaining to language surrounding renewable energy storage and battery energy storage systems, as well as loitering.

The energy system ordi-

nance took up nearly a dozen pages in the packet assigned to each councilor ahead of the meeting. It is filled with definitions of terms including battery energy storage system, photovoltaic systems, wind systems and solar.

Furthermoe, it details regulations for installations, off-site production, maintenance, land clearing, financial surety, commercial sales, signage, abandonment and renewal and more.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello was thrilled to see the item brought to the table on Tuesday.

“This is a big, big deal to

have an ordinance with guardrails in the city of Chicopee dealing with renewable energy,” Costello said.

However, Costello expressed that it came to her attention that the ordinance does not include if there will be public input.

“Will the public be notified when a battery storage facility is going to be proposed? I would like to have that in a discussion at some point,” Costello said. “I was talking after the meeting with the Board of Health commissioner, and that was brought to my attention last night after the meeting.”

City Council President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme offered some clarity, noting that several processes were established to give residents a chance to weigh in before the board voted Tuesday.

“That’s what was placed on file tonight,” Laflamme said. “It was going to go to Planning, Zoning and to the Ordinance Committee and back, which are plenty of public inputs. There are plenty of them.”

An ordinance outlining clearer definitions of what consists of loitering was also passed by the council without issue.

Laflamme provided more information as to why this item was brought forward. It was sparked by numerous concerns in the city’s center.

“This year, a couple of department heads called me and were having issues behind the library, behind the Hub over here in City Hall and other areas,” Laflamme said. “It gives us a tool for the police department to work with. [It’s meant] to try to help the people but also have tools to do what’s necessary.”

According to Laflamme, people loitering outside the library specifically created concerns that led in part to the

ordinance’s creation.

“People were going to work, and there were some people sleeping on the stairs as they were going in. They actually had to wait for someone to remove them,” Laflamme said. “So, we’re not here to hurt anyone, but we’re trying to keep it safe for everyone.”

Laflamme also credited the city’s Law Department for doing its due diligence on the matter.

“I want to thank our attorney for working on this. He looked at other cities and towns and what they do, and this is what we came up with,” Laflamme said.

Chicopee High and Chicopee Comp Artists set to showcase talent at Cross-District Exhibition

CHICOPEE – The Center Alternative Cooperative is proud to announce the upcoming Cross-District Art Exhibition, a collaborative showcase celebrating the creativity and technical mastery of student artists from Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School. The exhibition will feature a diverse collection of paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed-media pieces inside The Gallery at The Center Alternative Cooperative.

This juried event unites young creatives from both of Chicopee’s high schools, providing students with a professional platform to share their unique visual voices. Submissions are currently open to students, with an upcoming deadline of Sept. 25. To encourage

future creative pursuits, all participating students will receive a formal letter of participation to support their college or art school applications, and top entries will receive official recognition in various categories, such as, People’s Choice, Best in Show, Artistic Expression, Technique Skills.

“This exhibition is a powerful testament to the vitality of arts education in our Chicopee schools,” said Carrie Desmarais, organizer at The Center Alternative Cooperative. “Bringing Chicopee High and Comp together allows our community to witness the incredible depth of talent, dedication, and perspective that our local youth bring to the gallery.”

The public is invited to attend the Opening Reception on Saturday, October 3,

2026, from 1 to 3 p.m. which will feature opening remarks and an opportunity to view and vote in the People’s Choice category for the juried selections. The full exhibition will remain on display through November 2026.

Admission to the exhibition gallery is free and open to all ages. For more information regarding gallery hours, submission guidelines, or parking details, please email wtpthecenter@gmail.com or follow updates on social media.

Quick Event Facts

What: Cross-District Student Art Exhibition (featuring Chicopee High & Chicopee Comp)

When: Opening Reception on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 1 to 3 p.m. (On

display through November)

Where: The Gallery at The Center Alternative Cooperative, 264 Exchange St, Chicopee, MA

Cost: Free admission.

How to Submit Artwork & Win: All Chicopee High and Chicopee Comp students are encouraged to enter their work new or older, regardless of artistic medium.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted by Friday, Sept. 25.

Prizes & Awards: Top juried entries will win official awards and one of three Guild Art Supply gift cards to help fund their future creative projects!

Future Benefits: Every applicant receives a formal letter of participation-a fantastic addition to portfolios for college or art school applications.

How to Enter: For the digital submission form and guidelines, students and parents should email wtpthecenter@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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. 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. 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.

Storytime will be on Thursdays, Sept. 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 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.

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, we’ll be making custom buttons 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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POP Orthodontics recently celebrated its first anniversary, and our team looks forward to continuing our mission of providing convenient, comfortable and conservative treatment. We offer both traditional braces and Invisalign, as well as interceptive treatments such as expanders. We use the latest in dental technology and offer daytime and evening appointments. We are excited to be able to provide a locally-owned option for orthodontic care to the community!



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New ValleyBike Stations
are now open in Chicopee

CHICOPEE – The City of Chicopee is excited to announce the opening of two new ValleyBike Share stations in the city. The new stations are adjacent to Elms College at the intersection of Grape Street and Springfield Street as well as at the Western Massachusetts Post 9/11 and Service Dog Memorial Park on Westover Road. With these additions Chicopee now has a total of five ValleyBike Stations.

Mayor John L. Vieau remarked, “Expanding access to bike sharing gives residents more transportation options, connects neighborhoods and destinations, and supports a healthier, more sustainable future for our city.”

The installation of the Elms College station was made possible through a grant from the Mass Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) as part of its Accelerating Clean Transportation for All Round 2 (ACT4All 2) grant program, which awarded a total of over \$9 million to support “innovative and equitable transportation” initiatives across Massachusetts. ValleyBike was awarded \$990,000 which, in

addition to funding Chicopee’s new stations, was used to support the system’s operational costs, introduce new bicycles into the network, and install new stations in other member communities including expanding the network into Westfield.

Lee Pouliot, Chicopee’s Director of Planning and Development, noted, “The continued growth of the ValleyBike network is consistent with Chicopee’s vision for expanding micromobility and meeting the transportation needs of residents, as described in the Comprehensive Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan.”

With hundreds of bicycles and over 80 stations, spanning 9 communities throughout the Pioneer Valley plus the University of Massachusetts Amherst, ValleyBike is the first municipally owned pedal-assist regional bike-share in the country. After its return in 2024, ValleyBike has been operating successfully, providing a clean, affordable option of alternative transportation. Please visit “ValleyBike.org” or download the ValleyBike app to get started.

IN THE CITY

City Councilors praise Chicopee Country Club for its success

Golf Committee recently presented full financial report to the city

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Members of the City Council spent several minutes singing the praises of the Chicopee Country Club and the municipal golf course during Tuesday evening’s meeting.

The council unanimously approved a favorable Finance & Budget Committee report after management from the city golf course provided a full financial report.

Beginning with Vice President/Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky, the councilors took turns Tuesday complimenting those who steer the operation on Burnett Road. They recognized the group’s transparency and its ability to compete with the region’s finest golf courses.

“I think the golf course is an invaluable asset for the city of Chicopee,” Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks said. “I just want to be clear with folks it’s likely never going away. We’d have to replicate that amount of land somewhere within Ward 6. Sam, if you’ve got some that’s about 55 acres, you let me know.”

Brooks went into detail explaining that the “golf course is a viable entity in the city of Chicopee.”

He noted it makes money and finds success year after



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year. He acknowledged that success there is largely weather dependent, but that hasn’t stopped the golf course from outperforming similar operations in nearby communities.

“This year, if you look and compared our municipality receipts to that of Springfield, with one course, we are far and ahead of their both combined revenues,” Brooks said. “So, it tells us – and it tells me – that Chicopee Country Club is a place where people want to go play. You have three municipal golf courses within a 17 or a 20-minute ride. People choose Chicopee.”

According to Brooks, people come to Chicopee from as far as Worcester and Cape Cod to play golf at the city’s country club. He said

that the team from the municipal golf course did a fine job in presenting to the subcommittee and that he only expects more growth.

Brooks also identified that numerous nonprofits in the city make use of the golf course for their charitable events.

“I mean, talking to folks with the Boys & Girls Club, on average, most nonprofits are in that \$15,000 to \$20,000 range of monies cleared from using the golf course to have a tournament there,” Brooks said. “It has an immeasurable effect on the community in and of itself.”

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier echoed Brooks’ comments by noting that he also found the presentation to be informative.



“It’s my understanding that in the vicinity, we have approximately 53 golf courses, and what the team at Chicopee Country Club has done and is doing is extraordinary with the competition,” Balakier said.

He pointed out that when an irrigation bond comes off the books in the coming years, more than \$100,000 annually will be freed up for the golf course.

Balakier believes that unless the weather in the coming summers is unfavorable, the golf course should expect nothing but further success.

“And, with the work and diligence of the crew that’s

running that, we have a home run, and I’m in favor of helping the golf course as much as we can,” Balakier said.

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga agreed that the subcommittee presentation was productive. She said it’s obvious the golf course is flourishing in Chicopee.

“I love what they do. I love the impact they have on the community and what they do for our nonprofits, our schools,” Arriaga said. “It was a great conversation, very good information... I just want to see it grow even bigger than it already is.”

Ward 8 Councilor Doug Girouard thanked Arriaga for

bringing the item forward at a previous meeting. He commended her willingness to learn more about what it will take for the operation to continue flourishing.

Girouard pointed out that in society, life can change daily, so it’s been a pleasure to see the golf course manage to improve each year.

“We do have a great thing that’s going up there, but the business changes from day to day and week to week and year to year, so it’s great that we’re keeping an eye on this and figuring out ways on how to be creative and capitalize on some more revenue,” Girouard said.

Chicopee Parade Committee announces Fall Events

CHICOPEE – 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 available from \$100 through \$1000. For more information or to register, call 413-531-5161 or e-mail ChicopeeSPCgolf@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.

Chicopee Cultural Council Grants

CHICOPEE – Chicopee Cultural Council grants for FY2027 are now open.

The local Cultural Council grants aim to support projects, programs and events that promote arts, culture, music and creativity in our community, fostering a vibrant cultural scene that benefits residents and visi-

tors alike.

Also join the Grant Writing Clinic on Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at The Hub at Market Square.

The application deadline is Oct. 16.

Apply at masscultural-council.org/local-council/chicopee.

Contact us at culture@chicopeema.gov.

Chicopee Chamber supports Downtown Revitalization through Co-working Days and “Falling for Chicopee Center

”CHICOPEE – The Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce continues its commitment to the revitalization and activation of Chicopee Center by bringing its work and resources into the district through twice-monthly Co-working Days and Open Office Hours at The Hub at Market Square, while also serving as a key organizing partner for the upcoming “Falling for Chicopee Center” event.

Hosted in partnership with the City of Chicopee Mayor’s Office and Valley Opportunity Council, “Falling for Chicopee Center” is an open house-style event taking place Wednesday, September 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Hub at Market Square and

participating downtown businesses. This free public event will invite residents and visitors to explore local businesses, meet business owners, and discover what is happening in Chicopee Center. A business showcase at The Hub at Market Square will provide an additional opportunity for Chicopee Center businesses to introduce themselves, showcase their products and services, and connect with the community. Attendees will receive a punch card at participating locations which must be completed to enter to win prizes donated by participating businesses. Businesses interested in participating are encouraged to contact the Chicopee Chamber of Com-

merce or the Mayor’s Office.

In addition to “Falling for Chicopee Center,” the Chamber is also hosting twice-monthly Co-working Days and open office hours at The Hub at Market Square, creating a regular opportunity for Chamber staff, members, and the broader business community to work, connect, and engage in the Center. Co-working Days are held on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are currently scheduled through December. Some dates will also feature special programming, including a hybrid workshop on LinkedIn best practices scheduled for Oct. 6.

The Chamber has main-

tained its offices in Chicopee Center for many years, and while its physical office has not been at street level since 2019, the organization continues to see the Center as an important part of its work and community presence.

“Being part of a thriving downtown isn’t only about where your office is located,” said Melissa Breor, Executive Director of the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce. “It’s about creating more opportunities for businesses, residents, and community members to connect in the Center while increasing visibility for the businesses that call Chicopee Center home. We are proud to be a partner in that work.”

Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee offers teens a safe and fun place to go

CHICOPEE – As the school year begins, the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee is proud to offer the Haven Teen Center, a dedicated space for teens aged 13 to 18. This drop-in membership program is designed to offer a safe, supportive, and fun environment where teens can build skills, make lasting friend-

ships, and explore new opportunities. Haven provides an after-school program Monday - Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and a teen night program Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost to participate is \$30 per year, per program.

Teens are involved in the following and can participate

in homework help and tutoring, a games room, athletic programs, nutrition programs, college tours and special events. Currently, teens are working in the digital media room creating original songs or covers, voice acting, 3-D printing, painting projects and a cooking club. To explore career development and help

with future goals, partnerships have been created with Junior Achievement of Western Mass, Holyoke Community College and Mass Hire.

For more information on how to register or to schedule a tour, please contact Stephen Osgood, the Teen Site Manager at 413-592-6707 ext. 4104.

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Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

Dr. Roland and Claire Stebbins

There are so many wonderful things about this couple, Dr. Roland and Claire Stebbins.

They both have jovial personalities with him joking that after celebrating 69 years of marriage this past May, they still liked each other and even enjoy doing nothing together!

They’ve lived very full and productive lives, he as a Pediatrician and she as a Lab Technician.

That is of course besides raising three sons and a daughter. Their four children have blessed them with nine grandchildren and Roland kidded, the family’s growing with 11 and three quarters great-grandchildren, the newest addition arriving in November.

Claire also worked at Holyoke Hospital; her expertise was with pediatric patients and was often called to draw a baby’s blood. She explained that Roland has what’s referred to as “rolling veins” which can be difficult to draw blood from.

She chuckled saying when they went for their blood tests to get married, she offered to take his blood, being a professional. The “rolling veins” threw her a curve so had to have the specialist do it after all, but has since become an expert.

After raising their four children, Claire went back to Holyoke Hospital but as a volunteer in their gift shop.

Her eyes lit up as she explained how much she enjoyed doing that. It entailed not only helping the store customers but also visiting patient rooms.

Roland and Claire lived pretty sparsely in the beginning as she became pregnant when he was still in medical school. Luckily, she enjoyed cooking which helped with costs, boasting that she made a delicious spaghetti sauce.

Roland shared some of his experiences, one being his first disastrous speaking engagement at Mt. Marie in Holyoke.

They were supposed to supply the movie with him answering questions after the viewing. He got there, they thought he was bringing the movie so instead, after giving a 10-minute lesson to a totally nonengaged audience, he had one of the nuns ask him some prepared questions which still brought no participation.

He considered this his worst teaching moment.

Two other pediatricians joined Roland when creating the Holyoke Pediatrics practice. Every three weeks the doctors volunteered at the “Milk Station” in Holyoke’s most needy community.

He reminisced fondly about the dedication of all the nurses and staff, making sure the children and families were helped with not only their medical necessities, but offered help wherever needed. Their practice wound up with four doctors, but now has about a dozen

Roland was also involved with the Western New England Golden Gloves boxing tournaments by volunteering with pre-fight exams and sometimes staying during the fights as there always had to be a physician present. Most boxers he passed through but remembered one young man devastated when he had to reject him due to a ruptured ear drum and didn’t want to take the chance of further injury.

In order to play high school sports, students needed a yearly physical exam prior to participating. Needless to say, the coaches were very appreciative as they had two pediatricians from his practice doing free exams for three nights so the kids who didn’t have a regular doctor could still play.

Roland accepted a volunteer position and served for 15 years on the Holyoke Board of Heath along with other medical professionals. He said here he learned more about public health than he had in medical school. His working years were when house calls happened and there were no cell phones, so had to find a landline for all communication. When on call for the Emergency Room, with no modern technology, you just always had to show up.

Both Roland and Claire were co-chairs along with Jim and Rosalie Hobert for Holyoke’s 200th anniversary festivities.

Laughingly Roland said he really only did about 10% of the work, that it was really Claire who was on the committee to organize five different venues at various locations throughout the city that included excellent food, ballroom dances and fun for all. He revealed they agreed no drinking otherwise by the fifth site they wouldn’t be standing!

Roland shared when he started his practice, an Irish couple came in with the baby who had meningitis. It was touch and go, then several months later they brought in the healthy baby along with a treasured authentic Irish stein as a thank you.

He fondly reminisced while vacationing in Jamaica, they stopped by a Catholic Church unknowingly that it was a children’s communion service. They were so excited to witness this, giving each child a congratulatory dollar bill and described how much fun it was to watch them giggle with acceptance.

I would have loved to have him as my son’s pediatrician, how about you or maybe he was yours!

If you’d like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, “just ‘cause” you witnessed, you did or were the recipient of a kind gesture. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness.

OPINION



A fall blooming vine worthy of merit

On my drive home from work this morning, I happened to notice the flowers of a familiar vine climbing up a lamppost.

It brought me right back to my old house and landscape. It is easy to miss the simplicity of that time in my life and wonder the age-old question of “Where did time go?”

When we moved some years back we left behind numerous plants (the obvious outcome when you sell your house with two feet of snow on the ground). One of my very favorites was the sweet autumn clematis.

Each year, right about now, the vine would explode into clouds of white blossoms. And because the vine grew up a trellis on the gable end of my house, it made a beautiful, tall backdrop for the annuals and perennials still in flower.

I hadn’t really thought about this plant recently, until my drive earlier today. The white blossoms were abundant and beautiful.

Let’s take this opportunity to learn more about a fall plant that is used not nearly enough.

Clematis ternifolia (aka paniculata) is a fast-growing vine that if left to its own devices, can cover several yards in a single season. It does not climb by use of tendrils, rather it has long leaf petioles that bend around neighboring objects for support.

Sturdy trellises are in order here; another option would be to let it sprawl over a fence or large rock.

Leaves are medium green in color; stems are green as well, but turn brown with age. New growth emerges in late spring.

Most experts recommend cutting autumn clematis back to a foot or so tall early in the season to rejuvenate the plant and initiate branching. Flowers buds form on the present season’s growth, so don’t worry that your pruning attempts will sacrifice flowers.

This rule is not absolute with all clematis species, though, so do your homework before tackling other varieties you may have.

Culture, however, is similar: Plant in a location where the plant’s roots will stay cool but where top growth receives ample sunshine. You can accomplish this situation by providing a thick layer of mulch at the base of the vine.

Autumn clematis will tolerate all but the worst of soils and is hardy in zones 4-10.

Panicles of one inch flowers delight the eye and the nose for about six weeks beginning in late summer. Some liken the sweet fragrance to vanilla; others call



it the smell of “springtime.”

After blooms have passed, silvery seed heads add another short season of interest to the garden before the leaves fall.

Admittedly, a brown vine is not the most attractive thing to look at during the winter months, but it is a small price to pay for the abundance of flowers you get at a time of year when most other plants are winding down.

I enjoy reminiscing, but I can’t think about it for very long or I’ll miss what is right in front of me; there is plenty blooming here, too.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

In the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security.

My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier.

She doesn't plan on retiring for another eight years. Also, I would like to wait till my Full Retirement Age before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point?

Signed:
Retired but Curious

Dear Retired but Curious:

As long as you are covered by a “creditable” healthcare plan such as that from your wife’s US Postal Service employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit coverage from your wife’s employer ends.

When that happens, you and your wife will enter a Medicare “Special Enrollment Period” during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances,

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

you don’t need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A coverage for inpatient hospitalization services, but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your wife’s employer even while you are collecting Social Security.

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because

you are still covered by your wife’s USPS employer healthcare plan.

Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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IN THE CITY



The bell is rung, with lights flashing and American flags blowing in the background.

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lence followed and the bell rang again, with everyone saluting as the bagpipes played “Amazing Grace.”

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) recalled being in sixth grade when the attacks happened, and 10 years later, she and many others would serve in the midst of war.

“I joined literally in the middle and here we are 25 years later and it’s still an eerie feeling that we were attacked here at home and so many lives were lost—not only on that day—but because of that aftermath, because of the gauges we’re going to call them in Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively, and it just changed everything for so many,” Arriaga said. “Something that we have to remember and keep in the forefront so we don’t repeat and we don’t become complacent because it’s easy to become complacent, especially with security when we think it cannot happen to us. That day struck that that it can happen to anyone at any time and we need to be always alert and ready.”

Arriaga added this.

“My heart goes out to the families who lost loved ones that day and during the conflicts and we pay tribute by remembering them and honoring them,” Arriaga said.

Krampits remembered the shock and how everything unfolded, particularly when the second plane hit.

“I’ll never forget when

that plane hit. I was watching TV when the second plane hit and I just remember the shriek—there was a woman that was standing next to the camera—and the utter gut-wrenching shriek that she gave when that second tower was hit,” Krampits said. “That was like, ‘This is no accident.’”

On lowering and raising the flag during the ceremony, Krampits explained his father, Alderman Frederick Krampits Sr., was buried on September 11, 2002, and his family was presented with a flag as he had served in the Army.

“My mother and I had tried to think about what would be appropriate use of the flag and we decided, ‘Well, my father was a big supporter when he was on the Board of Aldermen for the police and fire department,’ and so we approached the fire chief at the time, Chief Burkott, just simply with presenting the flag and that they could fly it,” Krampits said. “He was really the one that said, ‘Well, we’d like to use it for our 9/11 ceremonies,’ and so it kind of grew from there. So, it’s always been an honor and a privilege to raise his flag in honor of all of those that perished on 9/11 and I think it’s humbling and it’s an honor at the same time.”

Fire Chief Matt Cross was in the Elms College Library studying for his first lieutenant’s exam for the fire department on that tragic day, reflecting on the first responders.



Fire Capt. Matthew Zabik reads the firefighter’s prayer.

“We just want to remember all the people that lost their lives that day, the tremendous tragedy, tremendous change on all of us. The first responders that responded to the scene, the first responders that were heroic to respond to that scene, some perished, including the fire department, police department and Port Authority department. It’s just a solemn day. Just a tragedy,” Cross said.

Cross emphasized the ceremony’s opportunity to teach the next generation about the tragedy.

“It’s very important and—including the firefighters here at work—just to know about the firefighters that came before us, what type of situation they were going to that day. They came in that day; it started off as a normal day, but us as first responders, fire, police—everybody that’s a first responder—medical professions, we never know what we’re going to come up against every day. It’s really important to show them the importance of this day, what happened to the world in general and its history. We have to know our history,” Cross said. “The same thing with my daughters. They weren’t born at the time and they asked questions about, ‘Do you remember that?’ and I remember it so vividly I can



The ceremony brought community members together to mark the anniversary.



Fr. Robert Gentile of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish leads everyone in prayer.

tell, from my perspective, what took place on that day.”

Arriaga, Krampits and Cross all stressed the message to the community was this: Never forget and always remember 9/11.

Later that evening, the Memorial Mass had the National Anthem, “Amazing Grace” and “America the Beautiful” performed as Gentile presided with readings of Scripture, hymns, communion and reflections on the 25th anniversary of the terror attacks.

In his message, Gentile reflected on the importance of



The Memorial Mass also brought in local elected officials, with members of the City Council in attendance.

remembering the tragedy and gathering together.

“We remember because history speaks to us that if we don’t remember history, we are doomed to repeat it. So, we stride each and every day to prevent something like that from ever occurring again. An attack that strove to disrupt the financial services, an attack that strove to disrupt the military climate, an attack that strove to destroy our political power. It was an organized, planned attack with purpose and our role is to ensure that never happens again,” Gentile said.

On how the community can make an impact “on such an enormous task to prevent an attack of that nature ever again,” Gentile said, “We can by what we’re doing now.”

“We’re in God’s house. We’re in a house of prayer and we’re to use the most hopeful tool we have as a people, the power of prayer. To pray to our God, the same God who made each and every human being on the planet Earth. To call upon Him, to ask Him, to soften hearts, to get rid of prejudices. Prejudices that are



The American flag on full display in the processional to begin the Memorial Mass at Ste. Rose de Lima Parish.



Attendees with hands over hearts sing the National Anthem.

IN THE CITY

Chicopee High School Soccer washes cars



CHICOPEE – While driving around on the morning of Sept. 12, Chicopee Register Editor Kristin Rivers saw members of the Chicopee High School boys and girls soccer teams hosting a car wash at Brad’s Service Center. She snapped this group photo of the kids after they did an excellent job washing her car.

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Church holds Tag Sale Sept. 26

CHICOPEE - Holy Mother of the Rosary National Catholic Church will hold a tag sale on Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall, 20 Bell Street. There will be clothing, jewelry, toys, books, puzzles, kitchen and dining products, collectibles and more. Lunch, baked goods and snacks will bar available for purchase to eat in or take out.



A full group photo from all officers in attendance with Mayor John Vieau to celebrate the ceremony.

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Ofc. Deanna Grimshaw being sworn in and taking the oath of service.

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assure you we try to give the police department all the tools they need to protect themselves and protect this community, while being like no other in Western Mass, and that it’s something really special that we take a lot of pride in,” Vieau said. “Our training program is special, and the leaders in the department are another reason why we have been so successful, and that applies to all of those who wear blue and are here today, Chicopee’s finest as I like to call them.”

Vieau then turned his attention to the newly promoted officers, emphasizing how their commitment to integrity, leadership and service helped pave the way to this significant milestone in their careers.

“And for those who are being promoted today, it’s about leadership, it’s about having integrity, it’s about being well-rounded, it’s about being professional, and holding yourself to a very high standard in uniform, which is something that we take to heart here in the city of Chicopee,” Vieau said.

Watson said each was chosen “due to being the best for the position.”

“I can confirm that all 3 topped the list, and this is a



Sgt. Joseph Conroy being resworn in as a newly appointed Lieutenant.

well-deserved promotion for all, and we couldn’t be happier,” Watson said.

First was Stephen Jodoin, who was promoted to the rank of Captain and has been with the CPD for more than 27 years. After the ceremony concluded, he took a moment to reflect on what this achievement truly represents.

“For 27 years being here in this department means everything, and then having my family with me is just perfect in every sense,” Jodoin said. “I can confirm that I’m looking forward to my next steps, which are mostly going to be focused on helping train the next generation of officers and helping the new supervisors, to ensure the current foundation of the department remains ready while showing signs of growth and success, and even though I’m now inching closer to retirement, I will continue to serve and protect the city and citizens of Chicopee, and I’m looking forward to it.”

Throughout his career, Jodoin has taken on a variety of roles within the department, serving as a patrol supervisor, a member of the Motorcycle Unit, and a member of the department’s Special Response Team. With his latest promotion, Jodoin will now serve as the department’s Patrol Captain.

Next was Lt. Joseph Conroy, who began his law enforcement career as a part-time officer on Cape Cod in 2011 before being hired full-time by the Wellfleet Police Department. He then graduated from the Western Massachusetts Regional Police Academy as a member of the 52nd ROC and transferred to the Chicopee Police Department in February 2016.

During his time with CPD, Conroy has taken on numerous specialized roles, such as Field Training Officer; MPTC Certified Instructor; Commander of the Motorcycle Unit; diver with the Underwater Recovery Team;



Ofc. Daniel Surprenant sworn in and received the new rank of Sergeant, accompanied by his wife.

a vital part of the Crash Reconstruction Team; patrol supervisor; head of the training division; and staff instructor at the police academy. He is also a recipient of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award and joined the Police Unity Tour in 2025.

Conroy shared this is an “amazing journey” to be a part of, and offered all the support to the department and his family.

“This means the world to me to accept this promotion, not only to represent myself, but the entire department, and I look forward to the opportunity to be able to better the department and help improve city safety, and I couldn’t do that without all of the support standing behind me,” Conroy said. “And having my family here means the world, because they’ve got me through to this point, from becoming an officer to getting promoted from Sergeant to now Lieutenant, so it’s truly a special moment.”

Sgt. Daniel Surprenant first joined the CPD in 2008 after graduating from the Springfield Police Academy, and was assigned to the mid-night shift in the Patrol Division, where he has spent his career serving the residents of Chicopee. He has also served as a Field Training Officer and

as vice president of the Patrol Union. Before joining the Chicopee Police Department, Surprenant proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he earned the Purple Heart for his service.

Surprenant will now remain in the Patrol Division and take on his new role as a patrol supervisor, a career decision he discussed.

“Earning this title is very significant, and it’s been a long road that I’ve been waiting to get to this point, and I’m thrilled for the opportunity,” Surprenant said.

In addition, a new officer joined the department and took the oath of service to the city as Officer Deanna Grimshaw, who recently transferred from the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office, signed on for her first official shift, which was met with ample praise from all, including Watson.

“She[Deanna] is going to be a great addition for us. She joins our department with a ton of experience, coming from the sheriff’s office and being a recent graduate from the police academy, and we couldn’t be happier,” Watson said. “I can confirm she’s going to enter our field training program, and then she will be on the street.”



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Knights edge Colts with single touchdown

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Holyoke High School football coach David Guzman wasn't very happy with how his squad performed in a home scrimmage against West Springfield High School on September 5.

Guzman was feeling a little bit better after the Purple Knights opened the 2026 regular season with a 6-0 non-league victory over the Chicopee Comp Colts in front of a large crowd at historic Szot Park, last Saturday.

"We scrimmaged West Springfield last week and we weren't very sharp in any phase of the game," Guzman said. "The players watched the film during the week and fixed their mistakes. I thought we were the more physical team in today's game. We made some mistakes, but the kids responded very well. It was a solid win for us and I couldn't be happier."

The season opener took place on the Szot Park grass field because of ongoing track improvements at Mitchell S. Kuzdal Field.



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Armani Gonzalez goes for a tackle.

The Colts are scheduled to play three consecutive road games before facing Wachuset Regional on their turf field on Oct. 9.

Holyoke, who's a member of the Suburban North Division, finished with a 3-8 overall record a year ago. They were able to beat Comp on the gridiron for the first time since squeaking out an 18-13 win at the Roberts Sports Complex on October 6, 2023. The last time that the

Purple Knights celebrated a season opening victory was in 2022 when they posted a 35-0 shutout over Putnam Voc/Tech High School, which was held at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

Chicopee Comp, who's a member of the Suburban South Division, had outscored Holyoke, 66-20, during their previous two meetings.

The Colts went 8-0 during the 2025 regular sea-



Drew Florek makes a block.

son and qualified for the Division 3 state tournament. They lost to top-seeded King Phillip Regional in a round of 16 road contest before losing to Minnechaug Regional in the inaugural Western Mass. Class A Bowl. They did beat cross-town rival Chicopee High School, 41-12, in the annual Sword Game held at Szot Park last Thanksgiving morning.

Prior to last season, the Holyoke and Chicopee Comp football teams were both



Jacob Cedeno takes down a Holyoke ball carrier.

members of the AA League.

In their only meeting of this season, Comp was forced to punt on the game's first series.

Holyoke junior Georlee Aponte carried the ball five times before the visiting team turned the ball over on downs.

The Purple Knights got the ball right back following an interception by freshman Jayden Velez with 1:55 remaining in the opening quarter.

Aponte carried the ball

on the first three plays of the series before an incomplete pass on fourth down gave the ball back to Comp at the start of the second quarter.

Starting at midfield, the duo of sophomore Brayden Klett and junior Jacob Cedeno took turns carrying the ball for the home team. The Comp offense, which is led by senior QB Chris Chagnon, reached the Purple Knights 24-yard line before Aponte

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Nicholas Colin advances toward the middle of the field.

Tigers offense overwhelms Comp boys

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—The first 40 minutes of the Holley Division boys' soccer match-up between the Chicopee Comp Colts and the South Hadley Tigers unfolded as a tightly contested battle.

Clinging to a slim 1-0 halftime lead, the Tigers found their stride during the second half and pulled away for a 7-1 victory last Wednesday night.

"I thought everyone contributed during tonight's game," said first-year South Hadley boys' varsity soccer coach Byron Joy. "We've set

high goals for this season. We're hoping to win the Division 4 state championship title."

Joy had been the Tigers junior varsity coach for the past two seasons. He replaced Mike Gauthier as the varsity soccer coach. Joy was also an assistant varsity soccer coach under Eric Castonguay, when the Tigers defeated Blackstone Valley Tech, 5-2, in the 2022 Division 4 state finals.

"It's a great feeling to win my first game as a varsity coach," Joy said. "I've coached almost all of these players at either the j.v. level or in the summer league."

The Tigers, who posted



Finian Carter makes a throw-in.

a pair of shutouts against the Colts a year ago, opened the 2026 regular season with a 2-2 draw at Mount Greylock two days earlier.

It was first match of the regular season for the Colts.

Comp freshman goalie Dante Ferreira made several saves during the first twenty five minutes of the opening half, which kept the contest scoreless.

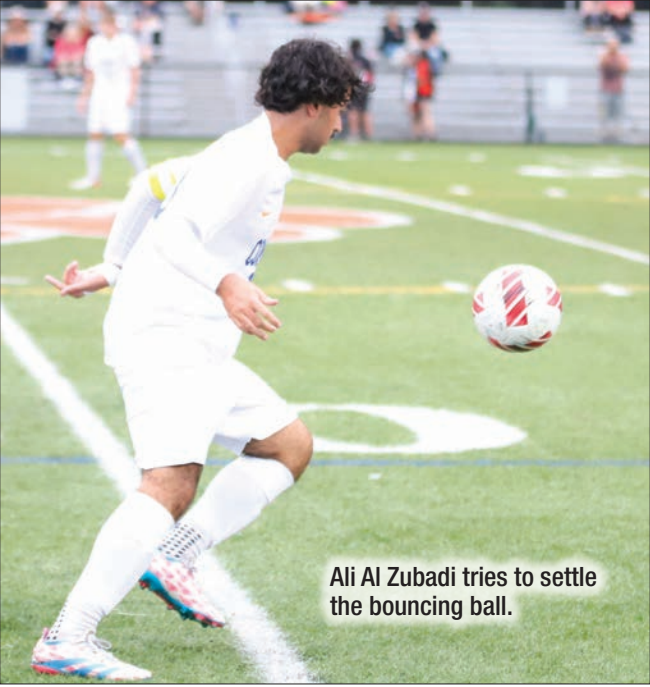
"I thought Dante played phenomenal in his first varsity game, especially during the first half," said Comp head coach Vincent Rodriguez. "He kept us in the game."

The Colts goalies last season were Orion Shearer and Iakov Bolatov, who both graduated last spring.

"We graduated both of our goalies," Rodriguez added. "Dante showed up on the first day of practice and quickly became our number one goalie. He would probably be the top goalie for most teams around here. I'm looking forward to coaching him for the next four years."

The Tigers broke the ice in the 26th minute when junior Peter Barone fired a shot into the right corner of the net.

Barone, who split time between the j.v. and varsity teams last year, wound up recording his first career hat-trick in a varsity game



Ali Al Zubadi tries to settle the bouncing ball.

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Pacers outlast Holyoke girls volleyball

CHICOPEE – Last Tuesday evening, Chicopee High School came back to win the fifth deciding set in a 3-2 win over Holyoke.

Chicopee had taken the first two sets 25-18 and 25-13 before closely losing sets three and four.

The Pacers were able to come back and grab a 15-13 win to finish the match off. Chicopee is 2-3 on the season while Holyoke is out to an 0-3 start



Emily Babula goes for the set.



Yazielis Rodriguez sends a bump back over the net.



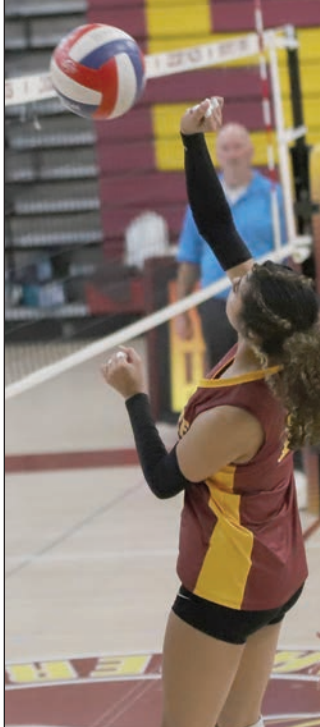
Hadassah Matos socks a serve away.



Anelis Colon reaches out to get a hit.



A pair of Pacers attempt a block.



Thalia Villalongo tips the ball back over the net.

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N THE CITY

Officer John Birks retires

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Police Department would like to congratulate Officer John Birks on his retirement from the Chicopee Police Department.

Officer Birks proudly served the citizens of Chicopee for over 34 years and is retiring with the prestigious honor of badge 1.

He joined the department in 1992 after graduating from the 18th MPOC in Agawam. Officer Birks remained in the patrol division his entire career, patrolling every district in the City on all three shifts. He was a dedicated “union guy” for his fellow officers, holding every position in the patrolman’s unions, IBPO Local 401 and MassCop Local 485.

We wish Officers Birks health and happiness in his retirement and thank him for his service to the City of Chicopee.



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RiverMills Senior Center News

Massage Therapist Needed
CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging is looking for a Massage Therapist to offer monthly chair massages to our members. You must be a licensed massage therapist to provide these services. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in this, please reach out to Program Coordinator Casey Conroy at 413-534-3698 ext 118.

Memory Connections
CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging continues to offer the support group “Memory Connections” on the first Wednesday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Memory Connections is a program that serves caregivers of people with Dementia and their loved ones living with Dementia. Caregivers

will participate in a program led by Laura Lavoie, president and founder of Our Dementia Life. During this time, their loved ones who have Dementia will spend time in an activity supervised by trained facilitators. These activities with range from crafts, a walk, music, etc. At 4 p.m., everyone will join together for an early dinner. You must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills center or by calling 534-3698.

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CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging is looking for a manicurist to provide monthly manicure services to our members. You must be a licensed nail technician to provide these services.

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their own.

After the drum circle, Day shared how long he’s been facilitating these drumming circles.

“I’ve been doing this right here, drum circles like this, my youngest daughter is 24 so 21 years,” Day said.

Day then shared what he enjoys about sharing drumming with different communities.

“I like the smiles. I like

to smile, like watching people connect and introducing people to each other, and having everyone know that they are all drummers, that we all have rhythm. Even though people think, that ‘I have no rhythm, I can’t sing, I can’t dance.’ We all dance. We can all drum. It helps everyone see that there should be no division, that we’re all connected, we all can take care of each other. I hope that they get a sense of community, connection, joy, fun and

you know relaxation, tension release,” Day said. “Often, people will say that they feel more relaxed and their bodies are looser, and realize that we’re all connected. It’s important, because I think we all grow when we expand and try things we’ve never done before, look at the world in a new way. You know, have a new vision, a new song, a new rhythm.”

Day then shared where many of his drums are from.

“Most of them from

West Africa. Some from Central America, South America, Brazil, Cuba, Venezuela. I have drums at home that come from Asia, Japan and China, Indonesia. I have Native American drums. So, from all the world,” Day said.

In closing, Day shared his thoughts on how drum circles bring people together to form one force that moves as one whilst still contributing individual talent and sharing that rhythmic energy to create beautiful and excit-

ing music.

“Not only can everyone drum, but the drumming that everyone does helps everyone feel better. My notion is that I want to heal the world with rhythm. That my hearts connected to yours, yours connected to those kids, and those kids’ hearts connected to those kids over here whom they never met. So, it’s a chance to have everyone see that we’re all interconnected, we’re all related to each other. We’re all brothers and

sisters. We all have that heartbeat,” Day said.

This event allowed attendees to learn a new skill and gain some insight into what being a part of a drum circle and creating musical art as a team is like.

For more information about Otha Day’s drum circles visit drumtothebeat.com.

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

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picked off a pass.

The contest was still scoreless at halftime.

“We knew it was going to be a grind out type of a game,” Guzman said. “We were feeling very good at halftime.”

Holyoke, who received the second half kickoff, managed to put together an eight-play scoring drive, which

covered 77 yards.

Junior Jostyn Reyes Cruz, who didn’t have any rushing yards during the first half, entered the game for the first time during the opening drive of the second half. He picked up seven yards on his first carry before gaining 14 more yards on the next play. Then Cruz capped off the drive with a 34-yard touchdown run with 6:43 remain-

ing in the third quarter.

“Jostyn came in during our first drive of the second and was the difference maker,” Guzman said. “He always runs very hard and has outstanding vision.”

There was a bad snap on the extra point try and Holyoke junior William Ramirez, who was the holder, was tackled by several Colts players. It gave the Purple Knights a 6-0

advantage.

After both teams exchanged a couple of punts, the Colts had one final scoring chance.

Starting from their own 28-yard line, Klett took a direct snap from center and carried the ball on the next eight plays, which moved the ball to the Purple Knights 28. Following an illegal formation penalty on Comp, Chagnon reentered the game. He threw an incomplete pass on third down. Another pass attempt on fourth down was broken up in the end zone by junior Darel Sierra-Feliciano, who was also Holyoke’s starting QB.

A couple of the Purple Knights’ other key defensive players are senior Parker Brunelle and junior Janiel

Diaz.

Then Sierra-Feliciano, who started his first varsity game, took a knee on the final three plays before he and his teammates took a team picture.

“We’re a very young team this year, as we start mostly sophomores and freshmen,” Guzman added. “Hopefully, this win gives us a lot of confidence.”

Holyoke will be looking to celebrate another road victory against Northampton on Friday night.

Comp will be making a longer bus ride on Friday night to Hopkinton High School.



Chris Chagnon sends a pass away.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Egyptian bull god
 - 5. A young canine
 - 8. North Carolina university
 - 11. “Oddbod” actor Tom
 - 13. Midway between northeast and east
 - 14. A place to shop
 - 15. Mysterious “Severance” family
 - 16. Single Lens Reflex
 - 17. Malaria
 - 18. Informal loan organizations
 - 20. Twitching
 - 21. Holm oak
 - 22. Willing to consent
 - 25. In an early way
 - 30. Stuck it out
 - 31. Language in Ghana
 - 32. Obtain
 - 33. Ancient Greek currency
- 38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 - 41. Popular baseball movie
 - 43. Group of islands
 - 45. Church building
 - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 49. Late AC/DC frontman
 - 50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 55. Thick piece of something
 - 56. Breakfast food
 - 57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
 - 59. Ancient Greek City
 - 60. Bitterly regret
 - 61. Don’t forget it
 - 62. Dishonorable man
 - 63. Affirmative
 - 64. “ ___ and flows”
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Bridge-building degree
 - 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 - 3. Lizard species
 - 4. Turkish leader title
 - 5. A way to bother
 - 6. Blank
 - 7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
 - 8. Sports broadcaster Ian
 - 9. Popular whodunit board game
 - 10. Alkali flats mineral
 - 12. Large African antelope
 - 14. It’s delivered most days
 - 19. Satisfy
 - 23. Water soaked soil
 - 24. Of a past era
 - 25. Chest muscle (slang)
 - 26. Ribonucleic acid
 - 27. Doctor of Education
 - 28. Coffee receptacle
- 29. Where rockstars work
 - 34. International airport in Connecticut
 - 35. Russian river
 - 36. It’s used to make cabins
 - 37. OJ trial judge Lance
 - 39. A means to persuade
 - 40. Short poem
 - 41. A way to begin hostilities with
 - 42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
 - 44. Joints
 - 45. Blatted
 - 46. Swedish rock group
 - 47. Millisecond
 - 48. ___ podrida: Spanish stew
 - 51. Doctors’ group
 - 52. Trunk of a tree
 - 53. Tattle
 - 54. Metrical foot
 - 58. ___ Angeles

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against Comp.

“It was a very special night for Peter,” Joy said. “This is his first full season as a varsity player. We’re expecting him to score a lot of goals this fall. He’s a very special soccer player.”

Two minutes into the second half, Barone fired a low breakaway shot into the back of the net.

During the 61st minute, Barone put his name into the history books by converting a rebound shot.

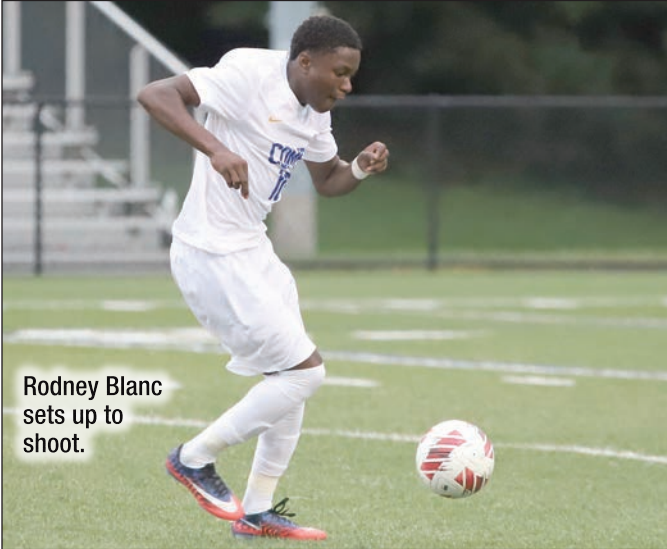
Junior Alex Linnehan also scored two goals for the home team, which were sandwiched around a breakaway goal from senior Martin Dixon, which gave the Tigers a commanding 6-0 lead with a little more than ten minutes remaining in the match.

The only Comp goal was scored by junior Rodney Blanc during the 74th minute.

South Hadley junior Brandon Bregu added his name to the scoring column with a goal in the final minutes of the contest.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is slated the be held at Chicopee Comp at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Camden Anderson sends a pass forward.



Rodney Blanc sets up to shoot.



CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
ZONING COMMITTEE
LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 6:30 PM** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Res A to Res B for 39,872 SF of property located at James St. & Memorial Dr. (Assessors Map 690, Parcels 44D & 44E) for the purpose of building 3 condex buildings (6 units total). Applicant – DCL General Construction, David Labrie, 187 Nelson St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The September 30, 2026 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 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 09/11, 09/18/2026

**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.
HD26P1936EA
Estate of:
Elizabeth L. Forster
Date of Death: 11/24/2023
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 **John E. Forster of Manchester, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **John E. Forster of Manchester, CT** 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 10/07/2026**. 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.

Date: September 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/18/2026

**SALE OF
MOTOR VEHICLES
UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**

Notice is hereby given by In-

terstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on October 2nd, 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.

2020 Toyota Sienna
VIN: 5TDXZ3DC1LS043032
Wenrui Wu
12 Woodland Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2015 Kia Optima
VIN: 5XXGM4A73FG354947
8 Mile Detailing LLC
23 Birch Rd.
Swanzy, NH 03446

2021 Honeystar 50 Moped
VIN: L5YACBBMON1105039
Catherine Blake
28 Forrester St.
Newburyport, MA 01950

2010 Mazda Cx-7
VIN: JM3ER4WL7A0311955
Amanda Francis
16 Olivine St., Apt. 2
Chicopee, MA 01013

2015 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6POH70FR108091
Steve Autar
109 Prospect St. #2
Schenectady, NY 12308

2007 Dodge Nitro
VIN: 1D8GU28K57W650150
Jonathan Cruz
15 N Summer St., Apt. 1C
Holyoke, MA 01040

2014 Utility Trailer Mfg Base
VIN: 1UYYS2532EG833913
Best Way Logistics 1 Inc.
2701 Washington Blvd. #2
Bellwood, IL 60104

2013 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GJAA63DG023912
Charles Obutu Obutu
463 Belmont Ave.
Springfield, MA 01108

2014 Honda Insight
VIN: JHMZE2H32ES003009
Scott Forest
133 Allyn St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2012 Scion TC
vin: Jtkjfc578c3026964
Tristan Bell
657 S Westfield St.
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

E Bike
Chepurin Yan
37 Cabot St.
Westfield, MA 01085

2014 Volkswagen Passat
VIN: 1VWAT7A35EC097079
Anthony Dekarski
242 Montgomery Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2018 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6P0LU0JR193844
Dakota Shatto-Ravalli
408 Northampton Rd., Apt. 105
Amherst, MA 01002

2019 Moped
VIN: L9NTCBAD101011264
Alexis Grees
2 Hiill Ave.
Easthampton, MA 01027

2012 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP3F27CL216557
Anibal Almonte
80 Debra Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020
09/18, 09/25, 10/02/2026

**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 18th 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.
2005 ACURA RL
JH4KB1650SC018725
ALEXANDER BURGOS
154 WESTFORD CIR
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01109

2020 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500
1GCRYAEF4LZ335877
MANOLIN FERNANDEZ
PO BOX 6822
HOLYOKE, MA 01040

2007 HYUNDAI TUCSON
KM8JN12D57U614181
BENJAMIN ROBERTS
222 WHEATLAND AVE
CHICOPEE, MA 01020

2015 FORD FIESTA
3FADP4BJ7FM149124
MEGHAN DUVAL
80 Percy St
CHICOPEE, MA 01020

2018 FORD ESCAPE
1FMCU9GD3JUC11150

MARK DAIGNEAULT
58 NASHOBA RD
CHARLTON, MA 01507

2016 LEXUS ES 300
JTHBW1GG4G2101300
JOSE COLLAZO
42 LUMAE ST
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01119
09/04, 09/11, 09/18/2026

**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 25th 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.
2017 HONDA ACCORD
1HGCR2F11HA141245
DONOVAN ANDREW MARSH
111 JEFFREY RD
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01119

2011 HONDA CRV
5J6RE4H52BL120958
JAMI MAHON
28 ROSEMONT ST
HARTFORD, CT 06120

2005 HONDA ACCORD
1HGCM56445A104535
1446 DWIGHT ST
HOLYOKE, MA 01040

2007 PACE AMERICAN TRAILER
4FPFB10167G120660
MICHAEL DAN ABBOTT
1101 POWHATAN AVE
PORTSMOUTH VA 23707

2024 TRANS PRO BSWR
LLPTGIH17R1050061
UNKNOWN OWNER.

2009 BMW 328XI
WBAWC33509P470086
EMMANUEL SMITH-MC-NEILL
8 SIGOURNEY ST APT 1
WORCESTER, MA 01605

2017 TOYOTA CAMRY
4T1BF1FK0HU794861
EDWARD & JACQUELINE PROULX
112 WILLSON ST APT D
LUDLOW, MA 0105

2015 SUBARU FORESTER
JF2SJADC2FH558492
393 BAY RD
BELCHERTOWN, MA 01007

2024 SUPERMACH MOPED
HODTAEG41RX0805420
UNKNOWN OWNER
09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2026

**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.
HD26P1956EA
Estate of:
George Robert Lomax
Date of Death: 08/18/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gloria G. Lomax of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Gloria G. Lomax of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/09/2026**. 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.

Date: September 11, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/18/2026

**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.
HD26P1811EA
Estate of:
Alden Michael McClaffin
Date of Death: 09/07/2023
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Erica F. McClaffin of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Erica F. McClaffin of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/13/2026**. 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)

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

Date: September 15, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/18/2026

**CHICOPEE
ELECTRIC LIGHT
INVITATION FOR BID
CHICOPEE
ELECTRIC LIGHT
725 FRONT STREET,
CHICOPEE, MA 01020
BID NUMBER: CEL 26-0529
ISSUE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

Sealed proposals are being accepted for: **“OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS (ANNUAL BID)”**

BID OPENING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.** at Chicopee Electric Light, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN DUPLICATE. PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENTITLED 1.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS.

Bid documents are available at the business office located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

The Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity” and of Chapter 164 Sec. 56D as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Municipal Light Board, is in the best interest of the Municipal Lighting Plant.

Is your firm a: MBE WBE (please circle) MBE/WBE firms must be currently certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please submit Bids in **duplicate** clearly marked with the Bid Number and Title:
**BID NUMBER: CEL 26-0529
TITLE: “OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS (ANNUAL BID)”**

**Natalie Colberg
Business Manager
09/18/2026**

**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.
HD24P0198EA
Estate of:
Jane M. Stanek
Date of Death: 09/08/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Christine Morando of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 10/23/2026**.

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.

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

Date: September 14, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/18/2026

**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.
HD26P1978EA
Estate of:
Luke S Vicente
Date of Death: 09/05/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/06/2026**. 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)

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

Date: September 15, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/18/2026

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MORTGAGEE’S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by HUGO F. PONTES, to POLISH NATIONAL CREDIT UNION, dated September 28, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24751, Page 111, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m., on the 20th day of October, 2026, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 901 Front Street, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
“Property Address: 901 Front Street, Chicopee

The Land in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Front Street Six Hundred Forty-eight and 62/100 (648.62) feet southerly from the point of intersection of the westerly side of Front Street with the southerly side of Grove Street at land of Peter Chlost et ux, and running thence
WESTERLY along last named land One Hundred Seventy-four and 60/100 (174.60) feet to land of Boston & Maine Railroad Company, Lessee of the Connecticut River Railroad Company; thence running
SOUTHERLY along land of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, Lessee of the Connecticut River Railroad Company, to land of Stanley Siok, et ux; thence running

EASTERLY along last named land One Hundred Forty-six and 50/100 (146.50) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Front Street; thence running
NORTHERLY along the westerly side of said Front Street Sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning.
BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Francisco E. Santos, et ux, dated July 2, 2004 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 14331, Page 450.”
The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having

priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the purchaser’s sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.
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A foursome comprising Tyler Midura, Evan Pycko, Jake Midura and Brian Mateo.

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hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water.
Later that evening, the festivities continued with a post-dinner celebration.
Reflecting on the growth of the event was club President Brian Mendes.
“So, as of this year, we have raised over \$120K in scholarships, which we then distributed to local families that are members of the club,” Mendes said. “I can confirm that every year we continue to grow, whether in the number of golfers and attendees we have or the number of recipients. It’s always a great time, and the support from our sponsors and community is always special to bear witness to and be a part of.”
Following the tournament, attendees gathered at the venue, where the scholarship recipients took center stage in front of family, friends and peers, celebrating the accomplishments and dedication that defined their high school journeys.

Meet Your Winners
This year’s group of recipients included Lily Carvalho, Lauren Cross, Tiago Destapado,

Riley Longo, Emalie Mendes and twins Avery and Isabella Morgado.
First, there was Carvalho, a recent graduate of Holliston High School who was involved in cheerleading throughout all four years. During her senior year, she earned the title of captain while also maintaining her status as an honor roll student during her junior and senior years.
She now looks forward to attending the College of Charleston, where she plans to study psychology.
Next was Cross, the daughter of Fire Chief Matt Cross and a recent graduate of The MacDuffie School, where she served as student body president and a member of the leadership council. She also played varsity basketball for four years, serving as team captain for three, while also playing soccer and captaining the team for one year.
Also, Cross was a member of the National Honor Society(NHS) and earned high honors. She now plans to study pre-med while continuing her basketball career at the University of Saint Joseph.
Next up was Destapado, a recent graduate and member



The 2026 Chicopee Portuguese American Club Scholarship recipients.

of the Chicopee High School Class (CHS) of 2026, where he ranked fourth in his class. During his four-year soccer career with the Pacers, Destapado helped the team secure two Western Mass. Championship titles, serving as team captain for two of those seasons.
He was also a member of the National Honor Society and plans to study finance while continuing his soccer career at Westfield State University.
Also among this year’s recipients was Longo, a recent graduate of Pope Francis Preparatory School, where

she was a member of the National Honor Society, a varsity soccer player and captain of the lacrosse team. She plans to attend UMass Amherst, where she will study public health sciences with the goal of pursuing a career as a physician assistant.
Mendes was another recipient recognized for her achievements and is the daughter of club President Brian Mendes and his wife, Nicole Simard-Mendes. A member of the Chicopee High School Class of 2026, Emalie was involved in the National Honor Society, Best Buddies and the school’s Dance Club,

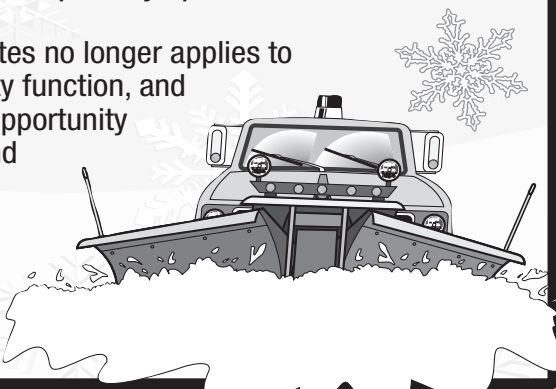
while also serving as an assistant dance teacher.
She plans to study law at Western New England University.
The final two recipients, twins Avery and Isabella Morgado, shared more than just a graduation year, as each made her own mark throughout her high school career.
First up was Avery, who served as secretary of the Business Club and participated in the DECA business competition. She was also a member of Best Buddies and played lacrosse for four years, helping her team capture a Western Mass. championship during her junior year.
Also, she played basketball and soccer for three years. Avery plans to attend Bryant University, where she intends to study business or

accounting.
Lastly, Isabella’s accomplishments included serving as co-vice president of Best Buddies, participating in soccer and lacrosse, and serving as the basketball team’s manager. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and earned high honors throughout all four years of high school.
Isabella plans to attend Endicott College, where she will study interior architecture and design.
The event’s Premier Sponsors were Bernardino’s Bakery, Village Eye Care, The Polish National Credit Union(PNCU), and RMG(Renaissance Medical Group), while top sponsors included Freedom Credit Union, Titan Roofing and Grise Funeral Home, to name a few.

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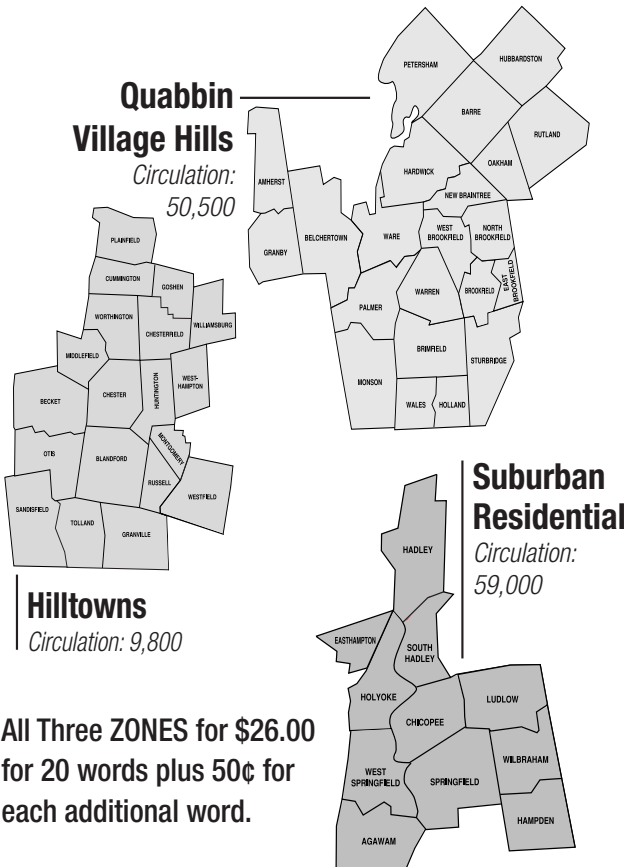
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