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Members of the Chicopee Police Department begin the call to arms to open the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

Chicopee marks 9/11 anniversary

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CHICOPEE - Community members, local and state elected officials, residents, members of the fire and police departments and more gathered at the Public Safety Complex on Sept. 11 to mark the 24th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

The ceremony began with presenting the call to arms by members of the police department, followed by Fire Lt. Joshua Clegg ringing 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 pas-

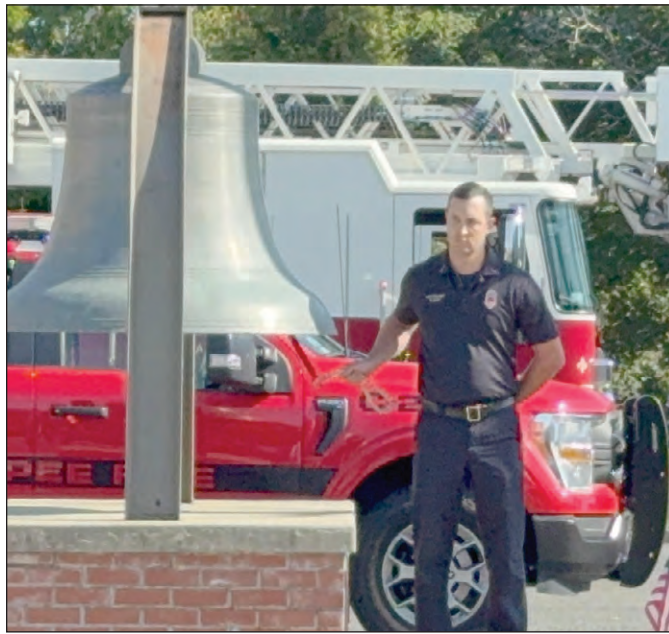
sengers fought back against the hijackers that day.

City Council Vice President/Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits then raised the American flag. Next, Rev. Robert Gentile of St. Rose de Lima Parish led the group in a moment of silence, followed by a prayer, with Fire Capt. Matthew Zabik reading the firefighter's prayer and Police Ofc. Christopher Malooly following suit in reading the police officer's prayer.

The bell then rang a second time, with the American flag lowered by Krampits and another moment of silence to close the ceremony.

Gentile said "we gather

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Fire Lt. Joshua Clegg rings the bell.

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Brad Timm presents "Wildlife Out Your Window" at CPL

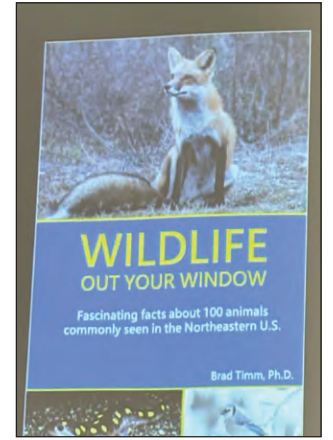
By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Sept. 16, the library hosted a program presented by Dr. Brad Timm who is the founder and executive director of the Northeast Wildlife Team.

The program was free to attend. The first half of the presentation included a 40-minute presentation about local wildlife and after there was time to ask Timm questions.

Senior Reference Librarian Carol Lynne Bagley explained why the library wanted to host this program for adults.

"We've been looking for an animal program that would be good for adults, because we love animals; even better if they are local. There's a lot of children's programs, but not so many for adults. We wanted one that was good for ages 10 plus, so it covers adults who are oftentimes like 'oh, I



TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Northeast Wildlife Team Logo and an image of Timm's book "Wildlife Out Your Window".

was hoping it would be for me', when we have done animal programs," Bagley said.

Timm first greeted the audience with a warm welcome and then spoke about his book "Wildlife Out Your Window."

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City Collector Primary Results

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CHICOPEE - Voters headed to the polls on Sept. 16 to decide on the two candidates who will be heading to the Nov. 4 municipal election ballot for City Collector.

The three primary candidates were Raj Sanghvi, Sandra Peret and Frederick Krampits.

The results are now in. The two candidates that

will appear on the ballot are Raj Sanghvi and Sandra Peret.

Sanghvi received 795 votes for a total of 37.54%, Peret received 771 votes for a total of 36.40% and Krampits received 552 votes for a total of 26.06%.

Stay tuned heading into November for the Chicopee Register's 2025 municipal election coverage on this year's races including City Council, School Committee and more.

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Former Central Library reopens as The Hub at Market Square



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A group shot of Mayor John Vieau, members of the City Council, Planning Director Lee Pouliot and Congressman Richard Neal (D-MA) after the official reopening of the Former Central Library as The Hub at Market Square.

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CHICOPEE - The former Central Library in Chicopee Center is officially reopen as The Hub in Market Square, with a ceremony and festivities celebrating the occasion on Sept. 13.

The ceremony included remarks from Mayor John Vieau, Planning Director Lee Pouliot, Congressman Richard Neal (D-MA), City Council President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme, City Council Vice President/Ward 5 City Councilor Fred-

erick Krampits, Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga, Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks, Ward 4 City Councilor George Balakier, Ward 6 City Councilor Samuel Shumsky and Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow).

Afterward, attendees enjoyed live music from Presz and Perry, board breaking and slime making hosted by Master Lee's Before & After School Program, crafts and DIY snack bags hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, a Zumba class hosted by Fitness Dance

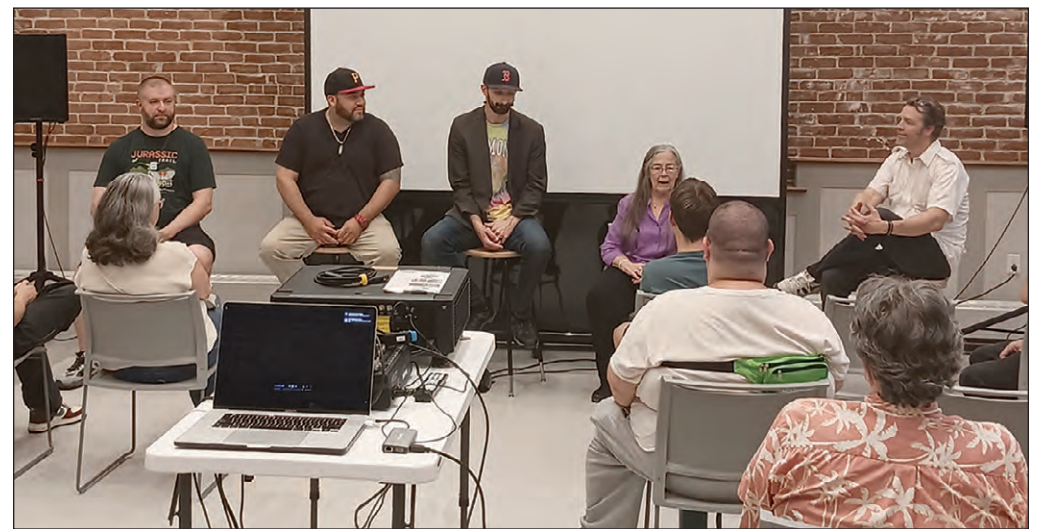
Center, a film screening of the original horror film screening "Vestiges" hosted by ChicopeeTV and an Outdoor Market and Historic Gallery Walk including artisan and retail vendors, food trucks, the library's Book-Mobile, face painting from Lolalina Paysita and chalk art.

Quick History

The Hub at Market Square is a community initiative aimed at revitalizing the heart of downtown Chicopee and will serve as a communal space for activ-

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

From left to right: Joe Audet, Grip/gaff, Foley, Ray Nazario, 1st AC, David Farnum, Director of Photography/Producer, Deb Sutherland, production design/costume/prop, and Wade Wofford, writer/director/producer.

ChicopeeTV hosted second screening of "Vestiges"

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Sept. 13, ChicopeeTV hosted the second official screening of the short horror film "Vestiges", as part of a closing act for the grand opening of the new The Hub at Market Square, which once housed the former Chicopee public library.

The film was the premiere debut of newly established production outlet "Singing Bridge Pictures," a grant-funded program centered around the goal and objective to produce a short narrative film every year, with members of the community acting as crew members.

Offering a bit of insight into how the overall project

of "Vestiges" came together was Wade Wofford, writer/director/producer, who shared how, originally, the film was called "The Box" and was based on an idea from the 2023 Chicopee Comp Film Club (CCHS).

"Originally, they (CCHS film club) were going to produce the film themselves; however, when it came to the choice to work long nights, the decision then shifted to a community-based production taking shape," Wofford said.

Wofford added that the Chicopee Schools stepped in and said no, forcing a transition of concept to take place, as the opportunity to create something special appeared.

"Things fell together and we had to make lemonade out

of lemons and pivot for the redesign to confess this isn't a school-based love, in reality it's a community-based love," Wofford said.

Providing additional information about the film was David Farnum, director of Photography/Producer. He also revealed that the script consisted of only seven pages in total, and principal filming took place over the course of three days.

Wofford added that about 90% of the budget was used on securing the central house. Before, Farnum then talked about the hurdles and challenges of filming on location.

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IN THE CITY

Community honors and remembers at 9/11 Memorial Mass

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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at St. Stanislaus Basilica on Sept. 11 for this year's Annual Mass of Remembrance for the Victims and Fallen Heroes of September 11, 2001.

The annual deanery-wide Memorial Mass is sponsored by the Catholic parishes of Chicopee and Ludlow 9/11 Memorial Mass Committee. The participating parishes include St. Stanislaus Basilica, St. Anthony of Padua and St. Anne Church in Chicopee and Christ the King Church, Our Lady of Fatima Parish and St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow.

The mass provided an opportunity for attendees to reflect and honor the 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.

After opening with the National Anthem, members of the fire and police departments came together in a combined honor guard to open the Mass, with Fr. Brad Milunski presiding with readings of Scripture, hymns, communion and reflections on the 24th anniversary of the terror attacks.

The mass concluded with



Members of the Chicopee Fire and Police Departments stand together in a combined honor guard with the colors and American flag.

a rendition of "America the Beautiful," followed by a reception with refreshments in the back of the church.

Milunski shared it was an honor to host the Mass and St. Stanislaus Basilica has hosted it other times in the past, thanking Bruce Broyles for helping to organize this annual Mass.

"We were very grateful

that we were chosen this year again and someone reminded me that St. Stan's actually hosted the first 9/11 Mass, so it's a privilege to do it. We've done two or three times here since I've been pastor," Milunski said. "It's really just a wonderful way to continue to honor those who died and to remember and lift up their families as well and all the

survivors."

Milunski also learned that a regular parishioner, a retired police officer, was there when 9/11 happened.

"She was saying how important the Mass was to her, so I never really thought that there would be in the congregation here in Chicopee—24 years later—one of the ones who was literally at Ground Zero that day, so that made it even more special," Milunski said.

Milunski also noted the first responders amongst the attendees for the Mass, carrying in the colors and the American flag.

"That really is one of the most powerful things, I think, is participate in the gathering," Milunski said.

Broyles said, "It's a wonderful Mass every year" and it goes from parish to parish, having first begun in 2007.

He credited a set of cousins for the Mass.

"The guy from Willimansett said, 'What if we did for our deanery, what if we did a 9/11 Memorial Mass? No one's ever done except the first year afterward,'" Broyles said. "It moves every year, Chicopee this year, Ludlow next year and then different



The Memorial Mass included readings reflecting on forgiveness and peace.



Fr. Brad Milunski, pastor at St. Stanislaus Basilica, gives his sermon during this year's 9/11 Memorial Mass.

parishes within the communities will have it when it comes back to their (church). It's just wonderful."

For Broyles, Milunski's homily made a mark and seeing the congregation "participate meaningfully" in the Mass stayed with him.

"He does a nice job," Broyles said. "The priests do a nice job also."

Broyles encourages more people to attend the Mass and to honor and remember.

"Someone said to me once, 'How long do you keep planning to do this anyway?'" Broyles said. "I said, 'Wait a minute, let me understand this. People went to work one day and they never came home. So, at one point, do you think we should stop remembering that?' You can't. If we do, there's something wrong with us. Never forget. I don't know how anybody could."

Milunski's message was

this: never forget and always remember.

"It's so important for us to keep remembering and to do this annual celebration so that that day is not forgotten. It's got to be more than just a news segment or just a little blurb that says, 'Oh, on this day in history.' This was a really pivotal day in history and so it needs to be commemorated by actually getting together and remembering it," Milunski said.

Also, a prayer for change in human hearts.

"This change that we're praying for tonight has to begin with us, right? We can have wonderful policies, all kinds of strategies in place and all kinds of rules and regulations and protocols, but that will not change human hearts, right? Only the message that we heard tonight from Jesus can change human hearts," Milunski said.



In addition to members of the Chicopee Fire and Police Departments, local officials were also attendance including Mayor John Vieau and members of the City Council.

Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 plans Casual Gathering

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding a casual and informal gathering of classmates on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the View Street Tavern in Chicopee.

Starting at 3 p.m., come to enjoy conversation and laughs with classmates and friends. There will be a cash bar available, and pizzas will

be available, compliments of the class treasury, at 5 p.m.

No reservations necessary, but if you think you can make it, it would be helpful if you could email either Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marciel Friberg at tinkert245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larrabee at penrose43@comcast.net. Come for fun!

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Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

Tis the season! Nope not the holiday season, though those are approaching quickly, it's the season that since 1999, Tracy Sicbaldi has been volunteering with the Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer. As you'll read more about Tracy, this isn't the only charity she offers her talents to, instead she's a seasoned volunteer helping many causes she believes in.

Though we all know that breast cancer happens every day of every month of every year, and you probably know someone affected with it, October is the month that brings its awareness to the forefront. Tracy began championing for this charity by forming a team and walking while supporting her friend Judy, who was dealing with breast cancer.

Having over 40 years of experience in the banking field, a natural fit for Tracy was to help with the financial portion of this event. She became a prominent part of the financial team and actually served as the Co-Chair of Finance with her good friend and fellow banker, Lisa Bullock, who is a breast cancer survivor herself. Though they relinquished their roles as Co-Chairs after many years, they both continue to be dedicated finance volunteers. Tracy continues with Rays of Hope to honor her friend Lisa and in memory of Judy, who unfortunately she lost in 2000.

Tracy loves the feeling of giving back and has been a well-rounded volunteer for years, helping many with her financial expertise. She currently volunteers with West MA Elder Care who recently changed their name to Access Care Partners, where her responsibility is being part of the 'Money Management Program'. Within this role she goes to elderly client's homes who

don't always have people around to help them. Her tasks may include assisting them in creating a budget, helping them with balancing their checking account, she's even helped them write checks to pay their monthly bills. She also will make phone calls on their behalf, whether to question a charge on a bill, to checking with their insurance company about benefits they are entitled to and may not be aware they have. She finds this very rewarding and loves when she can resolve an issue that is weighing heavily on the mind of that person. This service is free and therefore a Random Act of Kindness by helping the seniors in our communities.

As you can see, doing Random Acts of Kindness doesn't necessarily mean a monetary gift is needed, instead sharing your time and expertise is a very precious and appreciated contribution.

Another place you may find Tracy is taking the minutes at the Board meetings where she volunteers for the East of the River Chamber of Commerce. She's been a member for years but in 2021 became the Board Clerk of this organization. The purpose of this Chamber is to promote business networking in the towns it encompasses which are Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, East Longmeadow and Longmeadow.

As if all this wasn't enough, Tracy doesn't stop there! She held the position of Board Clerk at Dakin Humane Society then this year was elected as its Board President. For the past 4-5 years, she's also volunteered in their thrift store on Saturdays. Tracy said she can't work in the area with the animals because there wouldn't be any animals left in the shelter to adopt: she'd have taken them all home with her.

Tracy's mom and dad have been members of the Grace Union Church in

Wilbraham for years and have always taken care of the donations and financial matters for the church. Tracy didn't attend that church on a regular basis with her parents, but after her mom passed, her dad asked if she could lend him a hand. So now she's not only a member of that church, she's the Assistant Financial Secretary as well. Just another way she is giving back.

She loves helping with other fundraisers too. For the past three years she has helped BB Landscaping in Monson at their various community events as they support numerous local charities.

Rays of Hope shares a partnership with Baystate Health Breast Network and the Baystate Health Foundation. This year the Walk and Run will be on Sunday, October 19, 2025. It will begin and end at Temple Beth El on Dickinson Street in Springfield with two routes designed to capture the beauty of Forest Park and the neighboring communities. For more information about this incredible event that started with only 500 attendees thirty-two years ago and has now grown to over 20,000 participants, go to <https://www.baystatehealth.org/events/rays-of-hope>. See how you can support this very worthy cause by creating a team, individually walking, volunteering, making a donation or becoming a sponsor. Make a positive difference like Tracy is doing!

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 maybe received something nice being done for you.

See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

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 seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for September 2025.

Terrific Twos will be held on **Tuesdays, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m.** Terrific Twos is for two year olds and their caregivers. This program features about 25 minutes of structured circle time, followed by about half an hour of semi-structured playtime. During circle time we will sing songs, do rhymes, do some big movements and read 1 book. The book choice rotates between either a read aloud picture book or a group read of a board book. Playtime involves a choice of craft, activity or play.

Saturday Playgroup will be held at **1 p.m., on Saturdays** in September. We'll put out some extra toys in the playspace. It's a great

time for families to meet up and play!

Little Kid Dance Party will be on **Wednesdays, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m.** Moving and grooving for kids and their caregivers. Geared toward ages 0-5, but all are welcome! 45 minutes to one hour of energetic activity including singing and dancing, action rhymes and playing with props like scarves and shakers.

The library hosts a **Meetup for Homeschooling Families** once a month during the school year. The first meeting of the year will be on **Thursday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.** We'll talk about what kinds of things we would like to do this year, including holiday celebrations, book club ideas and ideas for presentations from students and families.

The Children's Room is a great place to hang out. Coloring pages and board games are always available. There are also some new things you can play with while you visit. Ask us about food toys for the play kitchen, art supplies, or building blocks.

Teens!

Visit the library after school and enjoy the Teen Space with friends! We've got board games, puzzles, the library's Switch, and coloring to enjoy. We're excited to see everyone this school year and hear about your interests so we can plan some exciting activities!

September is Library Card Sign Up Month! We're celebrating with prizes. When kids use their library card to check out physical items at any CPL branch (Main, Fairview or Bookmobile) in the month of September they can enter a raffle for a bookish squishmallow. One entry per visit, but you can visit more than once!

When teens check out a physical item with their library card, they can enter the squishmallow raffle OR the adult prize raffle for a Kindle Fire HD8.

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

CPL Adult September Programs

CHICOPEE - Here are some of our upcoming library programs for September 2025.

September 23 at 3 p.m. Parkinson's Disease and the Parkinson's Foundation: The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease (PD) by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience, and passion of our global Parkinson's community. **Stefany Scliopou, Community Education & Outreach**

Manager for the Parkinson's Foundation, will provide a presentation titled: "Parkinson's Disease and Parkinson's Foundation- What you and your family should know".

In addition, you will learn about information and resources available from the foundation. This event is free and open to the public!

For people wishing to work on genealogy, the computer lab is available to work on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.

to Noon and 6 to 8 p.m. We are a

FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry, American

Ancestors and Fold3 to help you in your search.

If you need technology help, we offer one-on-one computer help on Mondays and

Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, email or call the Reference

Desk at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org and 594-1800 x3.

RiverMills Photography Club Gallery exhibition

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging invites you to the fourth annual photo exhibition by the RiverMills Photo Club.

This event will take place at RiverMills Center, 5 W Main Street, Chicopee, MA. The exhibition will feature over 100 photographs taken by members of the RiverMills Photo Club.

Many photographs will be for sale and make great holiday gifts. The reception will take place on Tuesday, September 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Schuman and Liz Carter will play live music. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Finger food will be on

site. This year, lottery raffle tree tickets will be available for purchase; \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6. Tours of the Chicopee Senior Center will be available for those interested.

All ages are welcome to join us. An adult must accompany minors.

The photos will remain on display at the senior center until January 30, 2026.

St. Stan's Rosary Society 125th Anniversary

CHICOPEE - We welcome all to the joyous celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Rosary Society at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus 566 Front Street Chicopee, MA on Sunday Oct. 5, 2025.

Commencing with the Recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m., a Mass will follow at 11 a.m. The celebration continues at the Castle of Knights Meeting and Banquet House 1599

Memorial Drive Chicopee with a cocktail hour starting at 12:30 p.m. and dinner served at 1:30 p.m.

The guest speakers, Rev. Michael Heine, OFM Conv and Sr. Andrea Ciszewski, FSSJ will share relevant messages and reflections during this special Jubilee Year. Entertainment will be provided by Joey Dziok.

Tickets for the dinner can be purchased for \$40

per person at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus Parish Office 40 Cyman Drive Chicopee, MA. Honoring or memorializing previous members can be facilitated by offering a donation and filling out a form at the Parish Office.

Come celebrate with us and make this event in honoring our Blessed Mother memorable. For any questions, contact (413) 594-6669 or email Basili-caofSSRS@gmail.com.

Friends of Chicopee Public Library holding 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

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

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

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

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

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IN THE CITY

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Plant exodus, coming soon

Just this past week I put a call in to the herb gardeners at Old Sturbridge Village where I work part time.

I asked them to let me know they'd like me to deliver the pots and soil for the annual "exodus." We will be moving the tender perennials from their summer residence in the herb garden to my domain, the maintenance department's greenhouse.

There are some wonderful and very familiar plants in our living collection: rosemary, bay, lemon verbena and scented geraniums are some of my personal favorites.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give them a bath to cut down on the number of insects that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one- made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weaken the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every seven-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. You will be amazed at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the plant and dig straight down, completely around its circumference. After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift.

Have a pot ready - one that is an inch or two bigger than the root ball is sufficient, and will allow for minimal winter growth. My container of choice is always plastic, but glazed pottery is fine too. I steer clear of clay; it dries out too quickly.

I usually put a couple of inches of moist potting soil into the container, set the plant and then fill in with more as needed before watering well. Oftentimes I leave the plants outside until a frost threatens, then I bring them in and back out until the weather turns decidedly cold.

Home gardeners often ask how to overwinter their favorite herbs without a greenhouse.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. The key to growing it successfully indoors is "cool but sunny."

My old house affords me many such microclimates. If you aren't as lucky, try for a sunny window away from dry heat, in other words far from heat vents, the wood stove etc.

Bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) is another favorite and can be grown right through the winter with little or no coddling provided it is given medium to bright light and consistent watering. Do be on guard for the waxy-looking scale insect; one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called honey dew.

Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been active for awhile, sooty mold may have formed. This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

To have success overwintering scented geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly-take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia triphylla*) may start out looking great, but a month or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected! You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

Enjoy your favorite tender herbs over the winter and again come spring-time and summer when they return to the garden.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.



By Julie Midura
Correspondent

I knew going into this hike that it would require a strategy. You see, our energetic 3-year-old grandson, Levi, can play outside for hours, but walking uphill for long distances isn't his strong point. Peaked Mountain in Monson is not a long or strenuous hike, but when you're not even 3 feet tall, even 475 feet of elevation gain can feel like Mt. Everest.

He started strong, making it to the frog-filled pond with ample energy, but about a third of the way to the top, he said, "Memere, pick me up."

Since carrying my 28-pound grandson to the summit was not what I had in mind, I decided to utilize every ploy in my arsenal to ensure that he would hike the trail under his own power. I implemented Ploy #1... DISTRACTION.

"Let's look for the red blazes on the trees," I said. Levi inched his way forward in search of the large red painted circles marking the trail. "I see one!" he exclaimed each time he saw a blaze. This only distracted him for a distance of three blazes, so I needed a new distraction.



Levi's first mountain



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I asked him if he wanted to be a big boy and use one of my trekking poles like the 'real hikers' do. His eyes lit up. I shortened one of my poles and showed him how to use it. He wrapped his tiny hand around the handle, and for the next 5 minutes, he was so busy staring at the tip of the trekking pole with each step forward that he kept tripping on it.

Whereupon he decided to use the pole for more entertaining purposes. He wielded it over his head like a light saber in order to strike every large boulder he happened upon. Then he transformed it into a javelin to pierce mushrooms with. And finally he turned it into an excavator to dig in the mud and dirt.

In between the trekking pole fun, he found boulders to climb on, rocks to throw, branches to hang from, and long sticks to drag behind him. With all of the distractions, it was slow going, but at least he was moving upward on his own 2 feet. Until, that is, the trail became

steeper, and he suddenly proclaimed, "I can't do it."

It was time for Ploy #2- DISCOVERIES.

"Look, Levi! There's are more mushrooms up ahead. Let's go see them!" "What kind of animal do you think made the hole in that stump?" "Check out this stack of rocks! It's called a cairn." "Oh look! A sign! Do you want me to read it to you?"

With each step, Levi's interest was piqued, his imagination increased, and his self-confidence soared. ALL the way to the very top of the mountain, at 1,227 feet!

Levi seemed less than impressed with the views, but very excited to celebrate his victory with mini muffins and apple juice. Once he had popped the last muffin in his mouth, he was off like a rocket, exploring the summit. We allowed him the freedom to test his abilities. Levi climbed, jumped and scrambled over numerous boulders. He tripped, then righted himself. He learned what his three-year-old self was capable of.

When he asked Tom and I if we could play hide and seek, we happily obliged. Tom and I spent close to an hour taking turns hiding so that Levi could find us. However, I drew the line when he said, "I'm going to hide by myself, and you and grandpa can come find me." Sorry little man, unless you're wired with a tracker, that's not happening!

When it was finally time to head down, Levi once again asked me to carry him. So I resorted to Ploy #3... BRIBERY. "Levi, if you can make it all the way down to the trailhead on your own two legs, we can stop for an ice cream on the way home."

Needless to say, the vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles sure hit the spot!

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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IN THE CITY

The Inspiration of God in Our Lives

CHICOPEE – “Reflects the theme of an Art Show” to be held at St. Stanislaus, B.M., 566 Front Street, Chicopee, MA and is supported by the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning.

The parishioners are coming together to present their artwork as a celebration during this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. They will present a wonderful display of art Sept. 25 through Sept. 30 in the lower level of the Basilica Church.

It is in these gifts of talent that we share our inspired longings for peace and hope for our community!

The Basilica has a rich historical heritage and within the walls are murals and elaborate architecture that embrace the art of deepened spirituality. Art is the conduit for expressing faith, inspiring devotion and deepening spiritual understanding.

The theme of Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, represents a time for social reflection where we can med-



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itate on the role that faith plays for ourselves, for our youth and the world world. It represents an invitation to unite and inspire confidence and optimism towards a promising future to join in to building a better world.

It is an encouraging call to make the call of hope a promotion of values of solidarity, justice and brotherhood.

Please come and enjoy with all that in mind. This invitation welcomes all and

may possibly arouse your own creativity. The dates and hours are as follows:

Opening Thursday, Friday Sept. 25 and 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27 5 to 8 p.m., Sunday Sept. 28 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday Sept. 29, Tuesday Sept. 30 6 to 8 p.m.

The entrance to the Lower Basilica is on the left side of the church from the rear parking lot. There will be signage on the door.

Chicopee residents to participate in the 37th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk

CHICOPEE - Three residents from Chicopee will participate in the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Jennifer Dout, Olivia Dout and Caitlin Putnam, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk will aim to raise \$9.5 million this year in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

“For 36 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has been a cornerstone of support for lifesaving cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber,” said Caitlin Fink, vice president of The Jimmy Fund. “Every participant contributes direct-

ly to advancing lifesaving research and critically important cancer care. Walk Day is more than just an event-it’s a celebration of hope and the shared commitment of the Jimmy Fund community.”

One Walk, Four Distances, For All Cancers

The Jimmy Fund Walk takes place along the famed Boston Marathon@course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber’s Longwood Medical Campus); 10K walk (from Newton); Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers who prefer to participate virtually can complete their chosen distance from any location.

Whatever route participants choose, they will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated

to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Walkers will be motivated by poster-sized photographs of Walk Heroes that appear along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call 866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk day.



Rev. Robert Gentile of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish provides the opening prayer.



The firefighter’s prayer was read by Fire Capt. Matthew Zabik.



Police Ofc. Christopher Maloly read the police officer’s prayer



Members of the Chicopee Fire Department salute during the ceremony.

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together today to be mindful” of the events of 9/11 “and the horrors and the tragedy.”

“We pray. We pray for the victims and their families, for those who have lost and the strength and courage to go on. We ask our God to be present in their lives. We’re also mindful of those who responded to the event, that their lives are forever changed and our God give them the strength and courage to also carry on,” Gentile said. “But we also ask that the human heart soften. That people don’t do violence, terror, that they love one another and they care for one another so that in our lifetime, violence, senseless tragedies don’t happen. That we can live in a place where there’s peace and security and we know that people can live in true freedom. We ask this as we ask all things in Christ our Lord, amen.”

Police Capt. Doug Lambert emphasized the importance of remembering the anniversary every year, also thinking about those who served the country in response to the attacks.

“It’s important for us to all gather and display our Patriotism. Just remember everybody who passed away, including the civilians and first responders,” Lambert said.

Lambert shared he was a freshman in college and driving to class when the attacks took place.

“That’s one day I’ll definitely remember very adamantly at my first year in college,” Lambert said.

He expressed gratitude to the local and state officials joining the first responders for the ceremony.

“Our local and state politicians are always here and they’re always the best sup-



Members of the Chicopee Fire Department pose for a group photo with State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee).

porters of Chicopee. We appreciate them, we appreciate the Mayor’s Office and (State Rep.) Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) was here. Every other city councilor that was available to be here,” Lambert said. “It’s always important to support the first responders. When they show up like this, it shows how dedicated they are to the police and fire department.”

Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh reflected on the many heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice that day along with those who saved many lives.

“We also need to continue to be filled with gratitude for their bravery, even in the face of disaster,” Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Collins-Kalbaugh was at home with a three-week-old baby at the time and watching the news, wondering “how am I going to raise a child in this world with these acts of violence?”

“It was so heartbreaking to see what was happening that day in our country,” Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Her message was this: be kind and come together, thinking, also, about September 12, 2001 when the country united together to support one another.

“We do need to come together. We do need to understand that we may all have different beliefs, but we also all deserve respect and kindness,” Collins-Kalbaugh said.

For Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski, the ceremony itself took him back to that day including “what I was doing and my complete shock at

seeing what was on the TV and the devastation.”

He was studying for a promotional exam that day.

“Also, this time of year, they start playing different things on the news with family members that were children that were born of the Era and lost their dads and their moms,” Stamborski said. “Your heart just goes out to those families that lost everybody that day.” He also reflected on the many first responders who lost their lives that day.

“I think that is amazing that we all get together and we remember it together because there was so many police officers and so many firefighters that lost their lives that day. First responders like general ambulance personnel, we all work together in the community with the private ambulances and so forth,” Stamborski said. “There were a couple ambulance folks here today which was nice and we work hand in hand every day, so it’s important.”

His message was to re-



The American flag waving in the air after being raised to full-staff in Chicopee

member how precious life is and the heroes.

“Just how much the first responders contribute to help total strangers on a daily basis and say thank you in once a while and appreciate what those men and women do on a daily basis,” Stamborski said.

Lambert’s message was these two words.

“Never forget,” Lambert said.

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Events & announcements schedule

Goal Setting at RiverMills

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging will be hosting a Goal Setting Series beginning Monday, Sept. 15 at Noon at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Do you set goals and they fall through? Do you want to be held more accountable for things you need to get done and want to accomplish?

Join this five-part goal setting series, led by River Valley Counseling. The dates that this series will meet are Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 8 at Noon.

During this series, you will learn about goal setting, putting those goals on paper, how to execute your goals. You will also follow up with the group on your progress and set-backs, and to start to think about future goals for the new year.

You must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

First Central Bible Church of Chicopee launches Awana Program

CHICOPEE – First Central Bible Church today announced the kickoff of Awana, a global, Bible-based discipleship program that helps churches and families raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

The program is open to the community and will be held at the church located at 50 Broadway Street, Chicopee.

Weekly sessions run on Wednesdays from September 10, 2025 to May 20, 2026 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and are for children ages two through fifth grade. Registration is required on the church

website at www.firstcentral.church. There is no charge.

All families looking for a positive activity for their kids are welcome.

Awana combines Scripture memorization, Bible teaching, fun activities, and mentorship to help young people build a lasting foundation of faith. The program provides a safe, structured environment where kids can make new friends, build confidence, grow spiritually, and explore how God's Word applies to their everyday lives.

If you have questions, please call the church office at 413-592-5353.

DCR Recreational Advisory: Cyanobacteria Bloom in Chicopee Reservoir

BOSTON - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is warning the public of a cyanobacteria

bloom present in Chicopee Reservoir at Chicopee State Park in the City of Chicopee.

During a bloom it is strongly advised that the public should not have contact with the water. Additionally, pet owners should keep their animals away from the shoreline to prevent them from ingesting the water.

The waterbody will be retested until cyanobacteria levels are within acceptable limits per Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines. For questions regarding cyanobacteria blooms, please contact the DPH at (617) 624-5757 or visit the agency's algae webpage.

Effective immediately - until further notice.

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

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

The program is for families with children from infant to five years old.

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

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

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

This program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to

HCS Head Start by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Livy's VIP Dance Oct. 5

LUDLOW – Livy's VIP Dance, in support of a fundraiser for Rett Syndrome, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Gremio Lusitano Club.

The special dance is in memory of Livy, who succumbed to Rett Syndrome at the age of five.

Sparkle, shine and support!

Music and memories with VIP Princess guests.

To learn more, contact Maggie Wurm at maggie@rsangels.org or Shanon at shanon.m.hardy@gmail.com.

To learn more about Rett Syndrome, visit rsangels.org.

For the event page, visit rsangels.org/event/livys-vip-dance/.

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ities, events and supporting local businesses. The former library had sat vacant for over 20 years and planning efforts began in 2012 with the West End Brownfields Area-wide Plan and, later on, with the 2018-2021 Chicopee Center Transformative Development Initiative District Plan.

The building was originally built in 1907 following decades of public support from the community and later outgrew its space, leading to the Emily L. Partyka Central Library which opened its doors in 2004 on Front Street.

As time went on, the city considered several proposals for the space including redevelopment by private entities, a museum and a possible brewery. Other considerations were additional office space for City and School Department operations.

However, the building not being fully accessible and the capital costs necessary to address accessibility and building upgrades being beyond what a private entity could sustain presented challenges for those proposals.

Funding the over \$10 million project later came together through a Massachusetts Underutilized Properties Grant Award and the allocation of CDBG and city resources in 2021 for advancement of schematic design, while ARPA Funds came in 2022 to advance 100% design and engineering documents and construction bidding. Additional ARPA Funds and city funds were secured in early 2024, which led to the completion of the construction budget.

The updates to the building included renovations, a roof replacement, general repairs, the installation of an elevator to make the space ADA-compliant and the removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials.

Final completion of the project is scheduled for late fall of this year.

The Day Arrives...

After reflecting on the building's history, Vieau explained the project was possible due to Pouliot, Neal, the



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Presz and Perry performed.



Maria Reyes of Hersh Paw Designs was also amongst the vendors.

ARPA Committee, the City Council, the Building Commission, NV5 Senior Project Manager Rob Alger, D.A. Sullivan & Sons and Dietz & Company Architects.

"I'm really proud as mayor to be standing in front of you today," Vieau said. "I'm hopeful that it lasts for another 100, if not more. 200 years past our time and becomes that hub that we want it to be. That space where the community comes and gathers and socializes, where micro-business opportunities are there for people, where the ChicopeeFRESH Market is here, you can see a small venue...you can come and watch a movie."

Pouliot emphasized the preservation of buildings and how "projects like this ensure that that happens and to ensure that these symbols live on through future gen-

erations," while creating an opportunity for education and collaboration, community activities and more.

"That's how we'll operate this space. It will be extremely flexible and open so that we can welcome entities in and welcome the community back here and generate more activities in Chicopee Center," Pouliot said. "I thank you all for being here, thank you for the time, thank you for the investment and the resources that have allowed us to bring this building back to life."

Neal shared, "This is just what the ARPA money was supposed to do" in terms of restoring landmarks and investing in the future.

"The money couldn't be used for tax cuts. The money couldn't be used to offset other expenditures in the budget. It had to be used looking forward, not looking backward," Neal said. "No matter where you travel in New England, the library—the center of attention in many of those small New England towns—on the town green, it's pretty simple. There was the congregational church, there was the town hall and there was the library. The idea that aspirations would be honored in those settings."

In the next couple of months, Neal plans to ask communities across the First Congressional District to highlight what they did with their ARPA money.

"This is precisely what



Photos of the Former Central Library construction process were on display upstairs for attendees to see. There were also photos and old newspaper articles on display showcasing the library throughout the years.

we intended and I want to thank you for the manner in which you've done it, thank the council members that are here as well, because of what you've done. Thanks from America," Neal said.

Brooks, who represents the ward, called the project "one of the most prolific accomplishments of the downtown that I've seen in my entire life," thanking Pouliot specifically.

"Without your efforts—and we've had many conversations—this would not come to fruition. So, you have my eternal gratitude for what you've done for not only for the city, but the downtown area. It's your vision, your accomplishment—you and your team—you have made the downtown a better place," Brooks said.

Zenaida Smiley of Plant Moms got involved in the festivities through Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Breor and Anna Brittan and was ecstatic to meet the attendees.

Smiley would love to see a Cultural Day that brings people of all nationalities together, artists, workshops and a community calendar of events throughout the year.

"I am so at awe with the amount of people that have come through. That means that Chicopee is heading in the right direction. We're building traffic here in downtown. I'm loving it. I'm loving the opening of our new community center and it's almost like it's embodying what we're about," Smiley said. "We're all from different entities of the community from plants to gardening to baking to people outside of the community. We have Westfield here, people from Springfield here that support our Chicopee community."

Courtney Froebel of FroebelArt was happy to see the space officially open, having taken part in the Center Fresh Farmers Market outside the space the last couple of years.

"I'm just so grateful for the opportunity to even be a part of this. I'm from Chicopee, so it feels good to be in



From the left, Chicopee Cultural Council Members Kamy Sanghvi, Debra Sutherland, Mary Jennings and Rachelle Master in a group photo. The other members are Chair Lisa Hagar, Bill Butman, Anna Cruz, Jim Albert and Ray Hoess-Brooks.



Jennifer Pickering, district director for State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Mayor John Vieau and Congressman Richard Neal (D-MA) with a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate.

my hometown supporting the community and vice versa the community supporting me," Froebel said.

Froebel said she'd love to see anything involving the arts.

"Because I think that goes hand in hand with bringing the community together is creating, so I hope to see that and for all ages, especially the kids," Froebel said. "I think it's very important for kids to have positive outlets like creating and art, so I hope to see that."

Smiley's message was this.

"I thank you all for coming, I thank you all for supporting. I want to continue us getting the word out and supporting, letting (people) know that Chicopee is up and coming," Smiley said. "As far as everyone here, the vendors here and everyone that's coming through, thank you for supporting, supporting, supporting. If nothing

else, you came by, you collected some information. Now, it's your job that you came by to now spread the word. So if you came by and didn't get anything, it's okay. Spread the word. Chicopee is here, the new community center is here and we're here for you."

Applications Sought

On a final note, the Chicopee Cultural Council is also seeking grant applications from now through Oct. 15 to help build the arts and culture for the space.

"The Chicopee Cultural Council's job is to invest in our city's creative heart. They provide funding and resources to artists and organizations, enabling them to share their work with our community," they said. "Their mission is simple: to make sure the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences thrive for everyone in Chicopee."

To learn more, visit massculturalcouncil.org/lo-



From the left, Planning Director Lee Pouliot, Melissa Breor, executive director of the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, and Teresa Hayward Kagan, marketing coordinator for the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, in a group photo.

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Pacers defeat Panthers at home

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE— Emma Simkewicz won her first career game as the Chicopee High School girls' varsity soccer coach in a home match versus Palmer last September. The 2-1 come-from-behind victory also snapped the Lady Pacers 23-game losing streak.

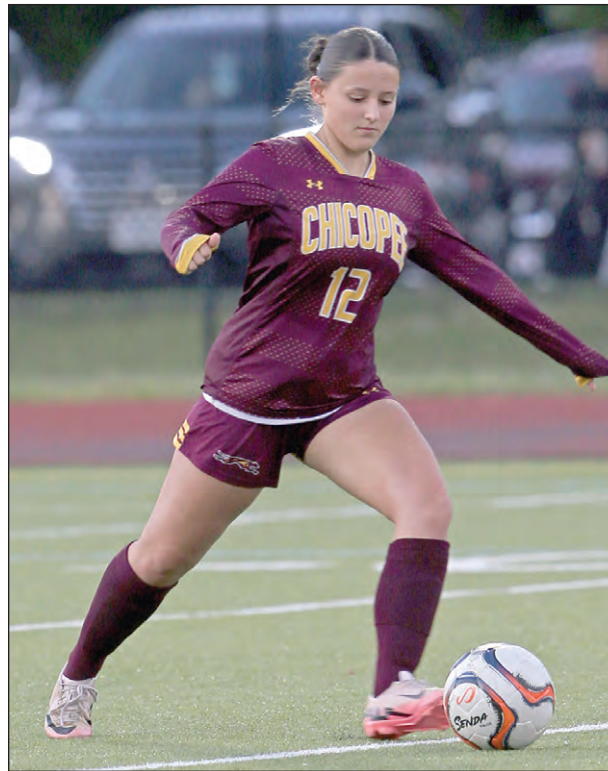
The Lady Pacers began this season with a pair of road losses before posting a 6-0 win in the home opener against the Lady Panthers, last Tuesday night.

"Anytime that you can win a game against a league opponent, it's always a good day," said Chicopee assistant coach Miguel Ribeiro. "We're a very young team this year and we're going take it one game at a time."

Simkewicz was unavailable following the Pioneer North match-up, which took place at Captain John W. Mahoney Memorial Field located behind Chicopee High School.



Louisa Stefanelli gets ready to shoot.



Sydney Germain crosses the field with the ball.



Brianna Gregoire takes possession and moves up the field.

The two girls' soccer teams were members of the Central Division a year ago before moving to the Pioneer North Division this fall.

Chicopee only won four games a year ago. Three of those victories took place on their home turf field.

The only senior listed on the Lady Pacers varsity roster is Magdalena Lapierre, who's the starting goalkeeper.

Lapierre is also a tri-captain, along with junior Cassidy Pytel and sophomore Louisa Stefanelli.

The Lady Panthers, who kicked off the 2025 campaign with a 2-0 shutout win at Greenfield, also won four games in 2024 and are very young squad. Eleven of the 14 players listed on the Palmer varsity roster are either freshmen or eighth graders.

"This is the youngest team that we've had in the seven years that I've been the varsity team," said Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. "Despite the outcome, there were a lot of positives

in tonight's game. They did put a lot of pressure on our defense in the first half, but we played much better during the second half."

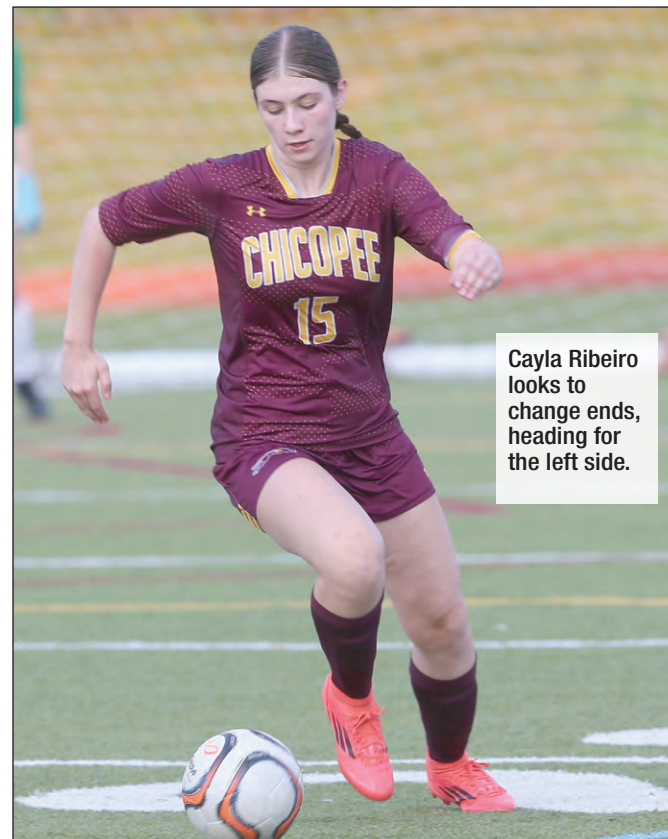
The Lady Panthers captain is junior Addyson Petrasiewicz, who's a starting defender.

"Addy is our only upperclassmen," Sandoval said. "She always expects a lot from her teammates. She's also our starting center back."

After falling behind in their first two road games, the Lady Pacers took a 1-0 lead against the Lady Panthers following a fluke goal ten minutes into the first half.

A Palmer defender tried to clear the ball out of the box, but the ball went off the side of her foot and bounced into the net for an own goal.

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Cayla Ribeiro looks to change ends, heading for the left side.



Cassidy Pytel tries to settle the bouncing ball.



Adrien Gonzalez heads into the end zone for a two-point conversion.



Victor Ferrer kicks off for the Colts.

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Colts rout Holyoke for second win

HOLYOKE – Last Friday night, former conference rivals Chicopee Comprehensive and Holyoke matched up in independent action. Comp would score 29 points in the first half, taking advantage of Holyoke's offensive struggles as well as a blocked punt en route to a 43-8 win over the Knights.



Christopher Chagnon makes the handoff.



Josiah Feliz makes the catch on a punt.



Christopher Carrasquillo makes a tackle.

Colts get into win column

CHICOPEE – Last week, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School boys soccer team was able to get into the win column. After dropping their first two matchups this season, Comp scored its first win of the season over Pioneer Valley Regional High School 4-3.

In that first win last Friday night, Comp would get goals from four different scorers. The scorers were Ali Al Zubaidi, Rodney Blanc, Landon Sousa, and Aiden Devlin. Iakov Bulatov had three saves for the Colts.

The Colts also scored a win over Franklin Tech on the road to even their record at 2-2 on the season.

The Colts had a tough challenge against South Hadley earlier this week and have their cross-city matchup with Chicopee High School set for Monday night at 6 p.m. at home.

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SPORTS

Stafford hosts responder race

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – Stafford Speedway hosted USNE First Responder Friday on Sept. 12 with the TC 13 Shootout joining Stafford's five weekly divisions in feature action. The SK Modified® division ran their regularly scheduled 40-lap feature as well as the 3rd Annual TC 13 Shootout, a 13 lap race contested between the top-13 finishers from the 40-lap feature. Michael Christopher, Jr. was the big winner of the night taking home the TC 13 Shootout trophy and the \$1,313 to win TC 13 Shootout. Also as part of the TC 13 Shootout festivities, the Ted Christopher Safety Initiative, orchestrated by Quinn Christopher, donated a Bell helmet with the winner determined by the winner of the TC 13 Shootout drawing from a list of the five drivers who finished in 13th place in their respective feature events. Christopher drew the Street Stock division which made Bill Cote the winner of the Bell helmet for his 13th place finish in the Street Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Michael Gervais, Jr. took the early lead with Anthony Flannery and Todd Owen going wheel to wheel for second. Owen took second on lap-2 with Andrew Molleur going around Flannery to move into third on lap-3. Flannery was able to get back in line in fourth, just in front of

Cory DiMatteo and Alexander Pearl, who were side by side fighting for fifth place.

Molleur made a move to the inside of Owen on lap-6 to take second with Michael Christopher, Jr. getting around Pearl for sixth. Molleur took the lead from Gervais on lap-8 with DiMatteo moving into third on lap-9. With 10 laps complete the order was now Molleur, Gervais, DiMatteo, Owen, and Christopher, Flannery was sixth followed by Pearl, Marcello Rufrano, Tyler Chapman, and Jon Puleo.

DiMatteo streaked by Molleur to take over the lead on lap-13. Gervais was third behind DiMatteo and Molleur with Christopher fourth and Owen fifth. Christopher took third from Gervais on lap-16 and then took second from Molleur on lap-17. Wesley Prucker spun on the backstretch to bring the caution flag out with 18 laps complete.

Molleur spun from third place on the restart to bring the caution flag right back out. The next restart saw Gervais shoot out of line going down the backstretch and into turn 3 and his car came back up on the track and collected several cars including Curt Brainard, David Arute, Timmy Solomito, and Wade Gagner to bring the caution right back out again before a lap could be completed. Christopher was sent to the rear of the

field for making contact with Gervais.

The third lap-19 restart saw DiMatteo take the lead with Flannery in second. Puleo and Owen were wheel to wheel for third with Mikey Flynn and Tyler Chapman wheel to wheel for fifth. Flynn and Chapman touched going into turn 3 with Chapman spinning into the wall to bring the caution flag back out with 20 laps complete.

DiMatteo took the lead on the restart with Puleo moving into second. Flynn took third after a side by side lap with Flannery with Rufrano in fifth behind Flynn and Flannery. Rufrano got around Flannery to take fourth place on lap-23 and then took third from Flynn on lap-24. Puleo was looking high and low for a way around DiMatteo but DiMatteo was able to maintain the lead.

With 5 laps to go it was still DiMatteo and Puleo fighting for the win with Rufrano and Flynn fighting for third and Flannery and Keith Rocco fighting for fifth. Rocco took fifth from Flannery on lap-37 while Flynn made a move to get back by Rufrano for third on lap-39.

Puleo couldn't get close enough to DiMatteo as DiMatteo took down his second win of the 2025 season. Flynn finished third with Rocco and Rufrano rounding out the top-5.



Brad Timm doing his presentation on September 16 at the Chicopee Public Library sharing some fun facts about possums.

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"Wildlife Out Your Window," Timm explains, isn't a guide to the outdoors but more so a book of fun facts about a variety of local wildlife. The program then went on to discuss facts about local wildlife.

This included how certain bird species drink water, birds being attracted to light, the challenges bats are facing due to bacteria, what climates frogs live in and more. Timm then discussed some of the ways in which wildlife suffers and how we as individuals can do our part to help combat some of these issues.

One issue he discussed was light pollution. Light pollution disrupts wildlife that is used to complete darkness at night.

He told the audience to combat this by closing blinds at night and using downward facing lamps for outdoors.

After the presentation, Timm shared what he hopes attendees got out of the pro-

gram, what inspires him to do his work apart of the wildlife team and his views on living amongst wildlife as humans.

"I hope that they feel a little bit more connected to some of those common species, that we see every day. And really, what I hope is that they then feel inspired to take some personal actions, you know, to help wildlife, so we all can be a part of the solution. Yeah, it was just time and time again just chatting with people either through doing programs or just talking with neighbors, when I'd mention something, you know, like bats for example, I would talk about the challenge that bats are going through and then people didn't know about that and so they learned about it; to see how excited they were to pitch in and try to do something and to learn how they could, you know, help and make a difference," Timm said. "That really just kind of continually inspires me when I see that and have that experience. I think in general is,

again, whether you live in the most urban area or the most rural area, there's loads of wildlife, and especially people that live in urban communities, just take a walk around your neighborhood or from your school and just keep your eyes open and look out your window at dusk and dawn. You'll be amazed at how much lives around you throughout the year. We really live amongst wildlife, not the other way around."

It's clear Timm's passion for the outdoors is helping him make an impact on the planet and local wildlife for the better. Through fun programs like this spreading awareness to issues such as light pollution, people can combat these problems making the world safer for wildlife.

For more information about the Northeast Wildlife Team visit www.northeast-wildlifeteam.com.

For more information about upcoming events at the library, visit chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

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Spending time in nature is crucial to a child's physical health, as well as for their emotional and intellectual development. The best way for children to grow up to be healthy, well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of independence and compassion is to get them off of the screens and into nature. The benefits of outdoor play cannot be understated.

A child needs unstructured time to explore their natural environment. They need to be encouraged to play in a stream, walk through the woods, dig in the dirt, go fishing, or even climb a mountain. Many important life skills that children will need as they grow into teens and adults can be learned through outdoor activities-skills such as multi-tasking, troubleshooting, planning and prioritiz-

ing. Outdoor play also helps to build self-confidence, independence and self-esteem. It decreases stress, and increases attention, focus and motivation. I encourage every parent and grandparent to do everything you can to get the children in your life outdoors.

Teaching children to appreciate our natural world and all of its wonders is one of the most amazing gifts that you can give them!

Westfield State football falls to Bridgewater

WESTFIELD – Eric Lovell's 80-yard interception return for a touchdown highlighted Westfield State's efforts as the Owls dropped a hard-fought 29-16 decision to Bridgewater State University in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football opener for both teams.

Westfield is now 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the MAS-CAC, while Bridgewater is 1-1 and 1-0 in the league.

The Owls fell behind 9-0 at the half.

Lovell picked off a pass on the right side of the field and outsprinted everyone to the endzone midway through the third quarter, and Dino Stellato converted the extra point for the Owls to trim the Bears' lead to 9-7.

Bridgewater answered with a 29-yard field goal from Joey Naso, and then capitalized on an Owls turnover, as Lucas Lambert returned an interception 23 yards to the Owls 21, and a penalty on the tackle set the

Bears up 1st and 10 at the Westfield 11. Bridgewater QB Shamus Whiting found Jack McCarthy for an 11-yard TD pass on the next play to extend the lead to 19-7.

Westfield got two points back on a safety, after a 52-yard Brian Carlin punt pinned the Bears back on their own one-yard line, and Justyn Gardener sacked Whiting in the end zone to cut the lead to 19-9 with 1:26 left in the third quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Westfield marched 75 yards on eight plays, capped by an 18-yard scoring strike from Westfield QB Miles Foerster to Will Brewster that trimmed the lead to 19-16 after the extra point with 12:57 left in the game.

Bridgewater responded with a sharp 6-play, 60-yard drive of their own, with Whiting connecting with Josh Registre for 34-yard TD to boost the lead to 26-16. The Owls answered by driving the ball to the Bears

7-yard line, but a bad snap and hold foiled a field goal attempt.

A late 42-yard field goal from Naso late in the fourth quarter capped the scoring and effectively ended the Owls comeback chances.

Foerster finished 10-26 passing for 94 yards, a TD and an interception, and ran for 57 more yards. Manny Mengata led the Owls with 63 yards on 22 carries. Brewster caught five passes for 56 yards.

For Bridgewater, Whiting finished 8-19 for 158 yards with two TDs and 2 int's, and Joseph-Dube Garrett threw a TD pass as well. Isaiah Wright carried 20 times for 74 yards, and Registre caught three balls for 75 yards and a TD. Bridgewater held a 327-263 margin in total offense, and led 19-18 in first downs. Westfield held a slight 30:58 to 29:02 edge in time of possession.

Budder Ferreira led westfield with eight tackles, Lovell added seven.

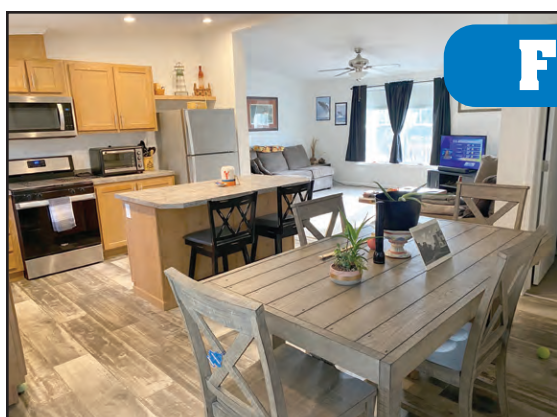
Kessy re-signs with T-Birds for 2025-2026 season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today they have re-signed forward Kale Kessy to a one-year AHL contract extension. Kessy, 32, is entering his 13th professional season and has logged 359 regular season games of AHL experience, posting 43 points (21g, 22a) and 961 penalty

minutes. He has additionally skated in 13 Calder Cup playoff contests, including all three games of the Thunderbirds' postseason series against the Providence Bruins last April. Originally a fourth-round pick by the Phoenix Coyotes in the 2011 NHL Draft, Kessy has also dressed in the AHL for the Oklahoma City Bar-



ons, Bakersfield Condors, Manitoba Moose, Cleveland Monsters, Colorado Eagles, Hershey Bears, Iowa Wild, and Syracuse Crunch.



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"We were trailing at the half in our first two games, so it felt very nice to finally take the lead for a change," Ribeiro said. "We received an early break which gave us some momentum."

Five other players scored a goal for the home team.

"It was nice to see those five players rewarded for their efforts," Ribeiro added. "We always want to spread things around offensively."

The Lady Pacers took a

2-0 lead eight minutes later when junior Ivette Burgos Vellon put a breakaway shot into the left corner past Palmer eighth grade goalie Cora Lachance, who was the starting keeper for the j.v. team as a seventh grader.

Chicopee's third goal was scored by sophomore Cayla Ribeiro, which was assisted by her classmate Sophia Moreira.

Palmer's best scoring chance of the opening 40 minutes came on a shot attempt from freshman Anabelle Ladue, which was saved by Lapierre.

Holding a 3-0 halftime advantage, Pytel fired a shot into the back of the net two minutes into the second half for an unassisted goal.

In the 59th minute, the Lady Pacers were given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Sophomore Sydney Germain stepped up to the spot and put the ball into the upper left corner giving the Lady Pacers a comfortable 5-0 advantage.

The final goal of the contest was scored by Stefanelli on a breakaway shot with twenty minutes remaining in regulation.

The second meeting of the regular season is scheduled to take place at Duke Field, which is located on the hill behind Palmer High School, at 4pm on October 2.

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IN THE CITY



St. Joan of Arc School works on flower beds

CHICOPEE - School volunteer Mrs. Lynn Larabee adopted the school's flower beds. On Sept. 10, she and some fourth and fifth grade students helped weed and plant mums, which were donated by Gooseberry Farms in West Springfield.

The school's fourth and fifth grade science classes will maintain the flower beds throughout the fall season.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Chicopee takes part in Springfield Puerto Rican Parade for first time

CHICOPEE - What a beautiful day on Sept. 14 in Springfield to celebrate culture, community and PRIDE!

For the first time ever, the City of Chicopee was invited to march in the 35th Annual Springfield Puerto Rican Parade and we couldn't be more honored to be part of such an incredible celebration.

Chicopee is a culturally rich and diverse community, and that's what makes our city truly special. From all backgrounds and walks of life, we stand united in pride and in honoring the cultures that shape who we are. What started as a volunteered Sunday turned into a day full of laughter, dancing, and unforgettable memories!

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A look behind the scenes.

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"We had the house for four days, and the first day was used for setting up filming, and then conducting the rest of the production," Farnum said. "But the issue we faced was that it had two

underpass near the Red Fez. As time progressed, Wofford took a moment to shed some light on the next production, "ZOM-JONG," which is set to begin filming the first week of October.

"We have been in pre-production on that (Zom-Jong) since December 2024," Wofford said. "And you want to talk about a major leap forward in ambition, 'Vestiges,' which had about 12 in total, but 'Zom-Jong', which is going to be a Zombie comedy, has over 43 people involved, which consists of our cast and crew, and we have about 23 zombies in total."

He then dropped a small sample of what the next film will entail.

"It's a horror film where Zombies are getting pinned to the ground, and like, they are wrestlers," he said. "Zom-Jong" is the story of this person dressed up as a Barbarian because they are really into LARPERING (Live Action Role Play), who is trying to lead their grandmother through the zombie apocalypse, so that their grandmother can play in their weekly mahjong game. Essentially, she lost her glasses, so she doesn't know what's going on."

One major development that Wofford revealed was the inclusion of an actual writers' room, a patent film-making

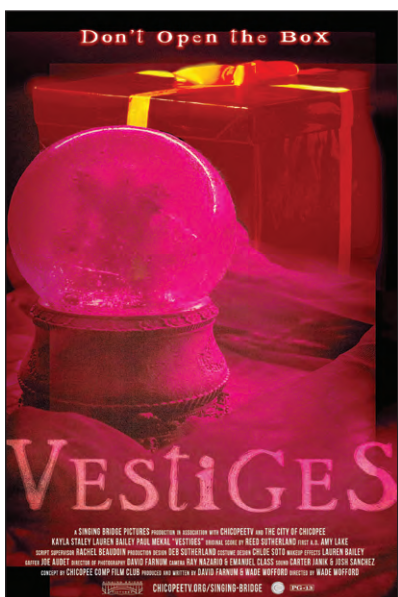
staple. "So, we tried to find people from the community who were interested in screen-writing, and we brought them together into a room and had everybody pitch two concepts, and then it kept narrowing from there, and then the room broke into two halves, and that's how the story came together, and it's really funny," Wofford said.

He added that the film was shooting for a PG-13 rating, but felt that to deliver the entirety of the story, the crew is now looking for an 'R' rating instead.

Speaking on the overall reaction from the community was 1st AC Joe Audet who admitted that the partnership among all parties, including the city, has been receptive to everything.

"The community accepts them and sees the benefits of funding these," Audet said. "It's clear there is a market, and the reception has been welcoming from all parties involved, and as Singing Bridge Pictures continues to develop Hollywood-level products, we are all proud of the achievement we made."

At this moment, "Vestiges" has garnered the title of Best Horror Film at the WXSA Paris Film Festival, and the short film isn't done traveling worldwide as it's been reported the film has been submitted to other Film Festivals such as the Lift-Off 2025 festival in Sydney, and most recently, the 5th Anniversary LAVA Film Festival in Greenfield, Massachusetts.



The "Vestiges" Official poster.

floors, and so for us, then came the problem of understanding we had to rent out both floors because we couldn't risk that someone was going to rent the top and make a bunch of noise while we were filming on the bottom, or vice-versa."

Sticking to the topic of additional locations throughout the film was Wofford, who revealed that a total of three locations were used: the rented house's interior, exterior, a local café and the

CFD conducts response training

CHICOPEE - This week our members performed training on response to multiple casualty incidents and hostile event response.

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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 **Lisa E Moriarty of Granby, 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 E Moriarty of Granby, 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 10/08/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: September 10, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/19/2025

INVITATION FOR BID – CEL BID #25-0524

The Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant, a/k/a Chicopee Electric Light ("CEL") invites bids from qualified bidders for a contractor to provide EXCAVATION/CONSTRUCTION SERVICES as described in BID-25-0524. The successful bidder will be awarded a One (1) year contract. CEL shall have the option to grant the successful bidder an extension for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Evaluation for extension of the contract will be done yearly prior to the end of any contract extension, but in no case shall the contract exceed three (3) years in total. Prices shall remain firm during the contract term and for any extension and the conditions of the contract shall remain the same.

Specifications may be obtained at Chicopee Electric Light, located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

All questions or requests for clarification regarding this BID should be made in writing to the attention of Natalie A. Colberg with the Bid #25-0524 in the subject line.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of Chicopee Electric Light for a sum not less than 5% of the bid price. In lieu of a check, a bid bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the bid price. Checks, if submitted, will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after the award of the order.

A payment bond in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the bid with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the payment under the contract for labor and materials.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 44A-H and M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Department of Labor Standards under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26-27D.

All proposals must be submitted in **duplicate** form, sealed and marked on the outside "CEL BID #25-0524" and be received at the office of Chicopee Electric Light (CEL), Attn. Natalie A. Colberg, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020, **no later than 11:00 AM, on October 9, 2025**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened.

CEL reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in bids received, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the CEL to do so.

Natalie A. Colberg, Purchasing
09/19/2025

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Ronald Fournier of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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

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

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09/19/2025

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 19th, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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VIN: JTDDBE32K940262230
Jenipher Cirino Salgado
10 Carol Ave., Apt. 3
Brighton, MA 02135

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VIN: WDDGF8BB4CF883201
Gian Nene Gonzalez
66 Sorento St.
Springfield, MA 01108

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VIN: STDYK3DC6DS324124
Vicente Alvarado Argueta
979 Chesterdale Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

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VIN: 2T1BR32E23C030488
Savannah Laprise
26 Fessenden St.
Baldwinville, MA 01436

2005 Chevrolet Cavalier
VIN: 1G1JF52FX57105511
Robert Viera
19 Vigeant St Apt 6,
Ware, MA 01082

2010 Chevrolet Equinox
VIN: 2CNFLGEY4A6282396
Alan Ladouceur
28 Congress St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2014 Ford Explorer
VIN: 1FM5K8D86EGB22175
Dalisha Ruiz
181 Clemente St Apt 31
Holyoke, MA 01040
09/05, 09/12, 09/19/2025

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Joshua Tanner
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Worthington, MA 01098

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Saundra Gadson
522 W 5th St.
Chillicothe, OH 45601

1998 Ford Econoline
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Jacob Spencer

26 Wood Hill Rd.
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Naarah Berry
13 Ridgeview Rd.
Sturbridge, MA 01566

2007 Chevrolet Express G1500
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Jesus Ramirez Garcia
5028 Colemont Dr.
Antioch, TN 37013

2002 Jeep Liberty Sport
VIN: 1J4GL48K82W116026
Timothy Woodbury
316 Lake Ave.
Bristol, CT 06010
09/12, 09/19, 09/26/2025

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.
HD25P1863EA
Estate of:
Joseph Marowski
Date of Death: 07/07/2025
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 **Anita Fleckenstein of Rutland, 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: **Anita Fleckenstein of Rutland, 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 10/07/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: September 09, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/19/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No.
HD25P1886EA
Estate of:
Wilfred Edward Thibodeau
Also known as:
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Wilfred Thibodeau,
Joe Thibodeau
Date of Death: 08/02/2025
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 **Elizabeth A Wilk of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other re-

lief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth A Wilk 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 10/09/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: September 11, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/19/2025

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.
HD25A0135AD
In the matter of:
Julius Assane Walbert
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, § 6

TO:

Travis Dean Walbert
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Angel Javen Camacho of Holyoke, MA
Charity Unique Guillen of Holyoke, MA

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

Date: September 11, 2025

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/19, 09/26, 10/03/2025



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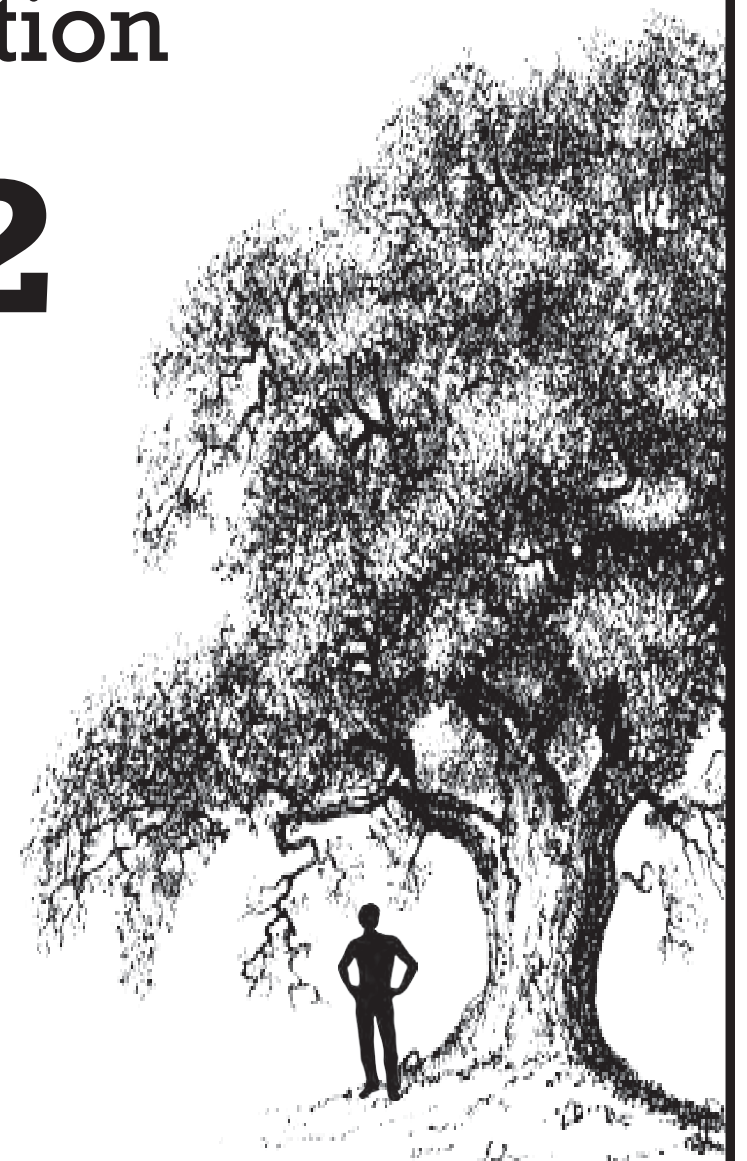
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