

Chicopee Register

VOC hosted summer cookout

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Earlier this summer, on July 24, the Valley Opportunity Council(VOC)hosted a summer BBQ as an ode of gratitude for its tenants and the community.

The event kicked off at Noon and ran until 3 p.m.; it featured a full buffet of classic summer staples, from Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, to Pernil (Pork Shoulder), Roasted Chicken, Rice and

Beans, and countless other options, that drew a significant crowd, one comprised of unity and found family.

Reflecting on the gathering was Resident Service Coordinator Ruth Ayala.

“I’ve been working with them [VOC] close to five years now, and every year we do these events, and the main purpose is that we just want the community to come together, and let them understand we

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Lamont Johnson, owner of Color My World Painting, with a VOC employee.



A group photo of local direct support professionals with Mayor John Vieau and the mayor's proclamation.

Chicopee marks Direct Support Professionals Week with flag-raising

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CHICOPEE – The community gathered outside city hall on Sept. 14 to raise the Caring Force flag for Direct Support Professionals Week.

Direct Support Professionals Week is recognized on Sept. 13 through 19 to honor the dedication and hard work of DSPs who support people with disabilities.

This year marks the first time the city held a flag-raising ceremony to recognize the week.

Mayor John Vieau called the DSPs “superheroes.”

“Those people are the ones who are there, in and out, every day. Helping individuals navigating life, pursuing goals and they remain connected to the community and help those who are intellectually and developmentally disabled to do that, which

is really special,” Vieau said.

“DSPs, they do more than just provide care. They create opportunities for individuals to live the lives that they choose. They help give them that independence, which is something very special.”

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Sunshine Village holds Third Annual Little E

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CHICOPEE/AGAWAM – Sunshine Village held its Third Annual Little E event at its Litwin Lane location on Sept. 18.

The event featured a variety of activities, including a baked potato bar and walking tacos, numerous traditional and non-traditional carnival games, a K-9 demonstration with the Chicopee Police Department, members of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office with their equine unit and information about Project Lifesaver, a photo booth with props, client artists, crafters and entrepreneurs showing off their creations for purchase, entertainment provided by the Just Go With It Band and more.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and Tevin Colon, aide for State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), also presented a special proclamation to celebrate the occasion.

Jennifer Guzman, client relations manager at Sunshine Village, explained the event was the organization's way of bringing their version of The Big E to their community to coincide with the fair's opening day. She is also one of the folks who help organize the event.

“We have a mother of one of our individuals who made a small donation for us to offer some type of event to our individuals and it was our vice president of Day Services who came up with the idea of why don't we make a carnival event, patent it The Little E and make it all the great things that the Little E has to offer at Sunshine Village,” Guzman said.

Tevin Colon, aide to State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Michelle Theroux, president and CEO of Sunshine Village, and State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) with the proclamation.

Guzman said she enjoys “sharing what a great day is” through holding events like this, calling her work with the individuals her “sweet spot.”

“Something that we see every day here at Sunshine Village while their loved ones, our individuals, are participating in programming. So, it's even better to be able to enjoy some of the local SPED department, school department, our stakeholders and community vendors to come as one big group and enjoy it together,” Guzman said.

President and CEO Michelle Theroux called the event “a way to celebrate the community” and bring everyone together to see more about their mission and opportunities, praising the staff for their work.

“It's a beautiful day. Mother Nature certainly co-operated for this and you can see as you look around the smiling faces of our clients, community members, families,” Theroux said. “It's really just a great day.”

Theroux also expressed appreciation for the community's continued support of Sunshine Village, noting the

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School Committee endorses Barry final project scope

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The future of Barry School is now in the hands of the City Council after the School Committee endorsed the final project scope, schematic design, and overall budget for the new school during its Sept. 16 meeting.

Highlighting the urgency of what's at stake with the council's looming decision, Mayor John Vieau stressed the importance of the upcoming October City Council meeting.

“This project is reaching the point where the City Council is going to weigh the option for us to move forward and bond for the project, which will be the first week of October,” Vieau said. “And I want to add that private projects are not lobbied by me, but this is a legacy project. This is our first of 10 elementary schools that need to be replaced. This is the school that has come

closest to reaching the end of its useful life, and I feel it's time to start replacing our elementary schools, and Barry is where we have to begin.”

Prior to the decision, Project Architect Bert Gardner delivered a presentation to the committee outlining the project's vision and scope. He noted that the new two-story building will feature geothermal HVAC systems, triple-pane windows, and brand-new amenities like a baseball diamond and soccer fields, while being entirely ADA-compliant.

The facility will serve pre-kindergarten through grade five with a total capacity of 200 students.

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WHY SZETELA and not GARRITY GROVE?

BARRY AT SZETELA

A land use study confirmed that Szetela offered a viable solution within the Barry Elementary School's current catchment area

No existing buildings within the District (i.e. Catholic School) support the proposed Educational Program

The Szetela site offers a viable option as the best and only solution to support the proposed Educational Program within the Barry Elementary School catchment area

BARRY AT GARRITY GROVE

The original school violated deed restrictions and should not have been constructed on land set aside for park and playground use. Article 97, enacted after the school's construction enforces protection of open lands

Potential area for development is significantly restricted by discovered wetlands and water easement

Due to wetland restrictions, four occupied houses would require taking by eminent domain to support access to the proposed school

Here is the why was Szetela chosen graphic.

Controversial PROTECT Act fails to pass by School Committee

Item needed eight votes in favor and didn't get them.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The School Committee failed to pass a policy last Wednesday to adopt the PROTECT Act, a controversial bill signed into law by Gov. Maura Healey in August.

The PROTECT Act, or “An Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust and equal constitutional treatment,” prevents federal immigration and law enforcement activities on school grounds in Massachusetts without a judicial warrant or court order.

Across the state, the hastily rolled-out mandate has received significant push-back, including in Chicopee, where it failed to gain the eight votes necessary to pass

through the School Committee on Sept. 16.

Ward 9 Representative Ron Benard led the opposition. He expressed various concerns.

“If we have a situation, God forbid, that we have somebody in the building that's, say, an illegal alien, and they may pose a danger to our staff and students, what is our policy there? According to what our governor is saying, ICE is not going to be allowed to go in there and take care of business unless they have a judicial warrant,” Benard said.

Benard acknowledged that there may only be a “one in a million” chance of a situation like that occurring in Chicopee. However, he pointed out that similar scenarios are unfolding across the country.

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IN THE CITY

More tidbits from last week’s City Council meeting

From background checks to new parking rules, much was discussed

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – When the City Council met last Tuesday, a variety of items demanded its collective focus. Among them were numerous Ordinance Committee reports for the board to approve, a call to hold a local business accountable for several violations and a request to enhance how the city conducts criminal background checks.

Criminal background checks

Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks requested that a sub-committee review and modify the wording for an ordinance that would make the city’s process of conducting background checks more thorough. “Currently, our process is slightly flawed,” Brooks said.

“We require all car dealerships and other license holders to have their quarries run and verified prior. What we don’t currently have is anything in place for hawkers and peddlers.”

In Massachusetts, a hawker and peddler is legally considered any individual who travels from community to community or from place to place within the same town to sell, barter or expose for sale any goods or merchandise.

“So, if someone applies for a hawkers and peddlers license, we could grant it, as we have historically in the past, without your background record check coming into play,” Brooks said.

A new ordinance would aim to make it equal across the board and ensure that before any application is accepted, the background check has been completed.

“So [that] we know that the individual or individuals are suitable to operate a business or work for a certain en-

tity in the city,” Brooks said.

Costello’s items

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello brought two interesting items to the table during the Sept. 15 meeting.

First, she asked that the Recreation and Resort Casino and Gaming Committees meet to discuss improvements at Fairview Park.

Costello said this item has been discussed before and that constituents from the Fairview neighborhood have spoken to the board members.

“So, I’m asking that we get that updated to see what the status is in regard to Fairview Memorial Park. Again, this is constituent driven. Many constituents have come to me and asked me the status of the improvements at Fairview Memorial Park,” Costello said.

Ultimately, City Council voted unanimously in favor of Costello’s request.

Costello also had another request pass unanimously, when she asked that a local

business be called before the License Committee to discuss several violations.

That business is All State Auto Max, located at 400 Main St.

Costello alleged that the operation also known as “Best Car Best Deal” has failed to do proper housekeeping and is not utilizing its license.

Ordinance Committee reports approved

A significant portion of last week’s meeting was dedicated to the approval of numerous favorable Ordinance Committee reports. All the following items passed unanimously.

For instance, parking has been prohibited at a busy part of Riverview Terrace on the east side.

“We have a public safety concern in this particular street,” Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier said. “Apparently, people, if they park, they obstruct the view of the line of sight of the stop sign... So, the sentiment is that by

putting prohibited parking here to corner, it’s going to help alleviate that.”

Another ordinance now prohibits parking near the Hampden Street and Kennedy Street intersection. Brooks noted that this spot is in Ward 2; he thanked City Engineer Doug Ellis for helping craft a solution.

“This will allow for a very saturated area where there’s no off-street parking for a lot of rental units on Hampden Street, but it does impede at the beginning and end of the day with school buses and people parking on lawns to pick up their children rather than following the pickup cadence that Bowe [School] has put in place,” Brooks said.

The area directly in front of Chicopee Electric Light on Front Street has a stretch where parking is newly prohibited also.

“My councilor to my right, Councilor [Joseph] Pasternak, informed me that he had heard some issues that

had taken place in front of the CEL. People had unfortunately been parking there and almost getting clipped,” Balakier said. “So, the sentiment is to have no parking in front of Chicopee Electric Light because there is a parking lot there, and this way here we won’t have a public safety issue.”

A stretch on Cox Street, from Meetinghouse Road southerly to Gill Street, is also an area where parking is now prohibited.

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff said this measure will clean up some safety issues and clear at least one side of the busy street.

“There was a new rule put in by the Housing Authority about parking on their property, and so it diverted all of the parked cars onto all the side streets on both sides,” Goff said. “And if one car can barely make it down, when one car tries to take a corner and another is coming down, we’re lucky so far there hasn’t been an accident.”

City of Chicopee recognizes Emergency Preparedness Month

CHICOPEE – The City of Chicopee is recognizing Emergency Preparedness Month by encouraging residents to take simple, practical steps to prepare themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods for emergencies.

Emergency Preparedness Month serves as an opportunity to remind residents that being prepared does not mean expecting the worst. It means taking reasonable steps now so that individuals and families have the information, resources, and plans they may need if an emergency or disaster affects our community.

“Preparedness is about information, planning, and community,” said Mayor John Vieau. “Our goal is not to alarm residents, but to make sure everyone has access to the information they need to make informed decisions and stay safe. A prepared community is one that knows where to find reliable information, understands what to do in an emergency, and looks out for one another.”

Throughout Emergency Preparedness Month, the City of Chicopee is reaffirm-

ing its commitment to providing residents with timely, accurate, and accessible emergency information. This includes sharing guidance about emergency alerts, evacuation and shelter information, severe weather, public safety announcements, and other resources that can help residents prepare for a variety of situations.

Residents are encouraged to consider a few basic preparedness steps:

Stay informed: Know where to find official information from the City of Chicopee and local emergency management and public safety agencies.

Sign up for emergency alerts: Make sure you can receive important notifications and emergency instructions.

Create a household plan: Talk with family members about how you will communicate and where you will go if you need to leave your home.

Build an emergency kit: Keep essential supplies such as water, food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and other necessities readily available.

Consider individual needs: Make plans for chil-

dren, older adults, individuals with disabilities, pets, and anyone who may require additional assistance during an emergency.

Check on your neighbors: Strong communities look out for one another, particularly during challenging circumstances.

Preparedness does not have to be complicated or expensive. Small steps taken over time can make a meaningful difference when unexpected circumstances arise.

The city encourages residents to use Emergency Preparedness Month as a reminder to learn, plan, and stay informed. By working together and making reliable information readily available, Chicopee can continue building a safer and more resilient community.

For emergency information and updates, residents should follow official City of Chicopee communications and local public safety resources, such as official city websites and social media pages. For more tips on how to stay safe and create a plan, residents are urged to go to <https://www.mass.gov/emergency-preparedness-month>.

Chicopee resident to participate in the 38th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber

Andrea Conte will join the fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

CHICOPEE – One resident from Chicopee will participate in the 2026 Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 4.

Andrea Conte will join thousands of other walkers in participating in the 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. Last year marked a historic milestone, with the Walk raising more than \$11.2 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and setting the stage for an even greater impact in 2026.

“Each year, the Walk

brings our community together in a powerful way, with people of all ages supporting Dana-Farber’s groundbreaking research and patient care,” said Jessica Abbott, assistant vice president of the Jimmy Fund. “For more than three decades, this event has been a celebration of hope, where every step helps fuel breakthroughs, support patients, and inspire progress.”

Together Against Cancer

The Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber takes place along the famed Boston Marathon® course. Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options ranging from a 5K to a full marathon. Walkers can also participate virtually at a time and location that works for them.

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 posters of Heroes, the Walk’s adult and pediatric patient partners, that appear along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber Finish Line sponsored 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 or to support a walker, visit JimmyFund.org/Walk 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 Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk Day.

Chicopee Chamber supports downtown revitalization through co-working days

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 Coworking Days and Open Office Hours at The Hub at Market Square.

The Chamber is 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 maintained its offices in Chicopee Center for many years, and while its physical office has not been at street level since 2019, the organization con-

tinues 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.”

Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 plans mini-reunion

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding a casual and informal gathering of classmates on Thursday, Oct. 22, 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 help if

you could email either Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marcil Friberg at tinker245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larrabee at penrose43@comcast.net.

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IN THE CITY

Books and Banter group welcomed author Kelly Link

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CHICOPEE – The library’s Books and Banter hosted a discussion with author Kelly Link on Aug. 19.

The book club and Link discussed her fantasy novel, “The Book of Love” at the meeting. Access Services Librarian Kyleigh Morin runs Books and Banter, providing attendees with a printout of suggested questions although attendees were encouraged to share their own thoughts and questions as well.

Link shared why she believes discussions that facilitate conversation around themes of books are important.

“I don’t believe that it’s important for people to discuss my books, necessarily, or even that we need to regard books as important. I also don’t believe that it’s necessary for the writer of a book to be present during a book group meeting, sometimes, in fact, it inhibits discussion,” Link said. “But stories are how we understand our own lives, our families, our communities and our histories. We tell each other stories to get through hard times, or to

share good news, or to remind each other of people that we’ve lost. I do believe that stories are important. I believe, too, that book groups and libraries are a way of building community and sharing ideas.”

Link then shared a little about her writing process and what she hopes readers get out of reading her book.

“It took about eight years for me to write ‘The Book of Love,’ although at the same time I was writing a group of stories that became my collection ‘White Cat, Black Dog.’ I hope that it finds readers who, in turn, find it entertaining. I hope that it reminds readers of people or music or places that they’ve loved, and of the feelings that love produces in us,” Link said.

During the discussion, a character from Link’s book named Daniel came up. Link shared that Daniel was a tough character for her to write.

Link explained how she was able to overcome this challenge.

“Daniel is one of the main characters in ‘The Book of Love,’ and he is the most suspicious of magic and magical second chances. ‘The



Books and Banter attendees, Rachel, Paula, Andrew, Annmarie, Joyce, Kyle, Theo, Access Services Librarian Kyleigh Morin and author Kelly Link at Books and Banter on Aug. 19.

Book of Love’ is very much about magic and magical second chances, and so Daniel stood in opposition to most of the themes of the book. But Daniel loves his family and his siblings, and the way into understanding his point of view in the novel was to realize that his refusal to use magic came from a place of love,” Link said.

Link elaborated on her thoughts on writing as a whole and how the craft of

writing isn’t something always enjoyable, but rather necessary.

“I don’t particularly enjoy writing. In fact, most of the time I hate it. But it’s also the most interesting work that I do, and presents problems that I like to chew over, and so I probably won’t ever stop writing,” Link said.

Link then shared why she believes that community book discussions, like Books and Banter, and libraries in

general are so important and central to people’s lives.

“The Chicopee Library is such a fantastic community space. When my kid was much younger, we would take them there for the fabulous children’s section. But there’s so much else: besides Books and Banter, the library offers all kinds of resources and community services. I’m already planning to get back down there as soon as possible,” Link said.

This event was free to attend.

Books and Banter is a wonderful book club that meets in the conference room at Chicopee Public Library, and it’s clear the group appreciated Link answering their questions and taking the time to make this event happen for the community.

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

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.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays, September 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.

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 em-

broidery hoop.

Teens

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!

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Sensory Play Saturday will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays 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.

Babies 0-12 months and their caregivers are invited to Baby Time on Tuesdays Oct. 6 and 20 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, Oct. 8 and 22 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.

Little Kid Dance Parties will happen on Tuesdays, Oct. 13 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Little ones ages 0-5 are invited to move and groove with their caregivers. Older kids are welcome. If the weather’s nice we’ll be outside on the library’s back patio.

Homeschool Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. to discuss a book and do an activity based on that book. Homeschooling families with kids of all ages are welcome. See the Kids Room to borrow a copy of this month’s book.

The library will host a Crafternoon for kids on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 3 to 4 p.m. Come by the library for a fun craft! No registration required. Suitable for all ages, but younger friends may need a grown up to help.

Build with LEGO on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Bring your creativity and hang out with our big pile of bricks. Best for ages 6 and up.

Kids, teens and families are invited to a Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Come enjoy some games and activities to celebrate the season. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 28 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. October’s project will be Design Your Own Ghost!

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 October, a Fire Tile craft will happen Wednesday the 7th, and we’ll be making fall themed buddies out of pipe cleaners on Wednesday the 21st.

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Swing by the TeenSpace on Saturday, Oct. 24 from

1 to 3 p.m. and enjoy some awesome PC gaming with a selection of indie titles! We’re currently testing the Ludollio platform, from the University of Sydney in Australia, which hopes to bring digital PC game access to public libraries in the coming years. Try different titles, provide feedback, and get a glimpse at what the future may hold.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship

7. Referee declaration

10. Torsos

12. Used to introduce something

13. Healing method

14. Takes to the sea

15. Make law

16. French coastal city

17. Hawaiian dish

18. Young of domestic cattle

19. Women’s undergarments

21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

22. One after another

27. It’s a hot topic these days

28. Folk band frontman

33. They precede C

34. Heavenly

36. Fiddler crabs

37. Major Hindu deity

38. Hebrew given name

39. Cost per mile

40. ___ Romeo, car

41. Rural municipality in Manitoba

44. Narratives

45. “A tragedy had ___ him”

48. Iranian city

49. Praises publicly

50. Founding Father Franklin

51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass

2. “Tears in Heaven” singer Clapton

3. Part of a sailing vessel

4. Part of (abbr.)

5. Polynesian garland of flowers

6. Keyboard key

7. One who steals

8. Large oven

9. Former CIA

10. Idea

11. Solomon Islands capital

12. Afrikaans

14. Remove thatch

17. Television network

18. Jalen Brunson is one

20. Title of respect

23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube

25. Exists

26. Woman (French)

29. Expression of doubt

30. NHL legend Bobby

31. Accomplished

32. Makes slightly wet

35. National Assn. of Manufacturers

36. Not sated

38. Poe’s middle name

40. Swiss river

41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music

42. “Shane” actor Ladd

43. Popular whodunit board game

44. Bar game

45. Ballplayer’s tool

46. Indicates near

47. Feet per second

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.

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**in my
BACKYARD**

By Ellenor Downer



Sandhill crane

Someone reported hearing as sandhill crane calling in New Braintree, but did not see it. Recently, someone saw a pair of sandhill cranes in a field on Pleasant Street in Barre. The cranes stayed about a week and then left.

Sandhill Cranes are large birds that live in open habitats, so they’re fairly easy to spot. They are gray overall, have red foreheads, white cheeks, a long dark bill and dark legs.

Immature birds have reddish-brown upper parts and gray underparts and lack the red foreheads. This makes it easy to pick out the parents from the youngsters even when they are the same height.

Sandhill cranes make a loud trumpeting call that can be heard for long distances. They are mainly herbivores, but feed on other foods depending on availability. They will feed on berries, small mammals, insects, snails, reptiles and amphibians.

These cranes raise one brood per year. The female lays one to three brownish eggs. Both sexes build the nest using plant material and both incubate and feed the young.

In summer cranes are often seen in small bogs, marshes and prairies across northern North America and the southeastern United States. In winter they form immense flocks in places like Bosque del Apache, New Mexico and Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, Texas.

Sandhill crane’s call is a loud, rolling, trumpeting sound whose unique tone is a product of anatomy. They have long tracheas that coil into the sternum and help the sound develop a lower pitch and harmonics that add richness.

Sandhill cranes are also known for their dancing skills. Courting cranes stretch their wings, pump their heads, bow, and leap into the air in a graceful and energetic dance.

Many years ago, a Barre resident saw a pair dancing in a field. He said it was a “sight to behold.”

Although some start breeding at two years of age, Sandhill cranes may reach the age of seven be-

fore breeding. They mate for life, which can mean two decades or more and stay with their mates year-round. Juveniles stick close by their parents for nine or ten months after hatching.

Sandhill crane chicks can leave the nest within 8 hours of hatching and are even capable of swimming.

The oldest sandhill crane on record was at least 37 years,

3 months old. Originally banded in Florida in 1982, it was found in Wisconsin in 2019.

Scarcity of birds

I received an email from a woman who lives on Lake Lashaway.

She said, “Since Sunday, Aug. 30, they had most days without birds... any type, large or small at our feeders or just in the shrubs or anywhere. All my neighbors have noticed their feeders are full too.” One neighbor said he has seen a falcon. She wonders if the falcon has anything to do with the lack of birds.

Several people at the Oakham Senior Center reported, they see only a few birds and the feeders remain full of seeds.

Massachusetts Audubon sighting

This report to the Massachusetts Audubon Society supports the lack of birds. Someone stated, “On Sept. 11 we birded around Hardwick and on Sept. 12 we birded around Warren. Both days were very poor for passerine migration.” They also stated, “On both days we only saw 1 species of warbler: common yellowthroat. In general, song birds were in very low numbers and poor variety. And we went to spots that had proven good for migrants in years past. We really worked hard to turn up migrant warblers, and it just was not happening, at least where we were.”

Migrating hawks

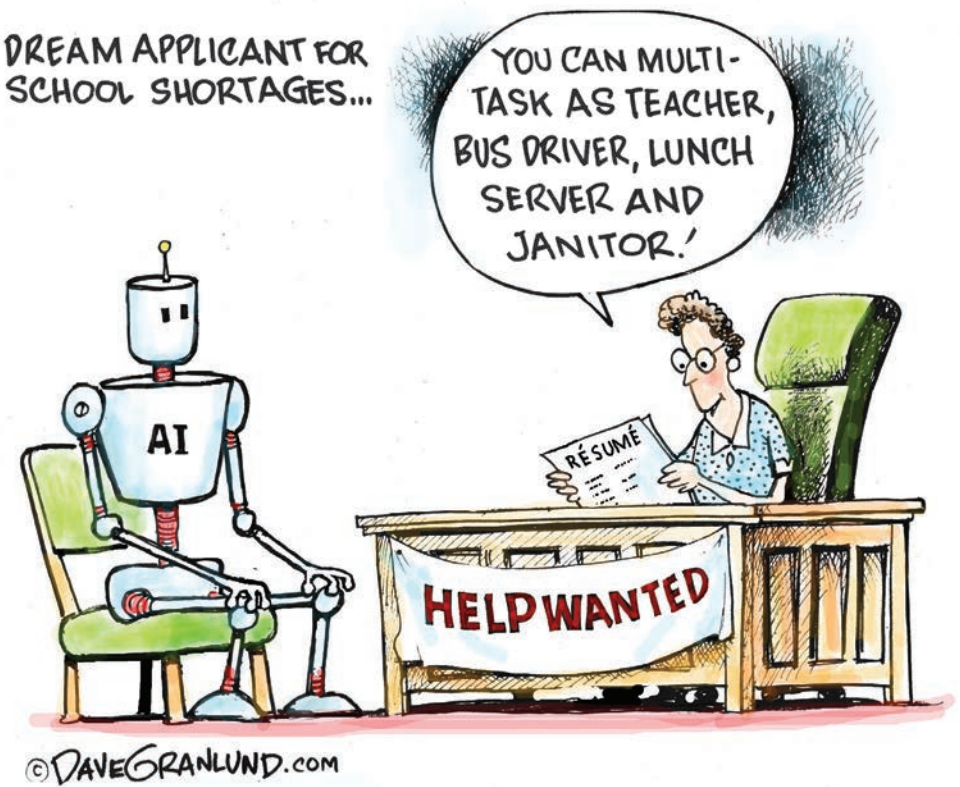
The Massachusetts Audubon Society listed migrating hawks spotted on Friday, Sept. 11 at Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham. They included 3 osprey, seven bald eagles, ten sharp-shinned hawks, 131 broad-winged hawks and one merlin.

Canada geese

On Friday, Sept. 4, I saw a large flock of over fifty Canada geese in a field in Spencer. On the same day, I also saw a small flock of wild turkeys and about six Canada geese in field in Barre.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

OPINION



Raised beds? Why not!

I have to say that today I am having a hard time thinking of something to write about.

As I scan my mind of all the seasonal gardening topics, I come up blank. Winter squash? Done it. Mums? Ditto. Seed saving. Yup.

So, on this rainy Sunday, I give you all the luck of the draw. I will grab a gardening book off of my shelf, twirl the pages, and where my finger lands, I will expound on the subject. It may not be autumnal, but it will be interesting, I guarantee that.

Here we go...

The book I grabbed from the shelf was “The Dirt Cheap Green Thumb,” by Rhonda Massingham Hart. My finger landed on page 189, with the heading “Raise Your Beds, Not Your Expenses.”

I have some experience with raised beds. In my home garden I have four rock-edged beds. Prior to that I had beds edged in pine slabs.

My friend uses hemlock edged beds and is happy with them. I envy how neat and orderly they are. Another friend is using galvanized metal beds this year. They seem to be all the rage.

Her tomatoes and peppers continue to produce like gangbusters even late in the season. She has just gotten back into gardening after a two year hiatus and I am proud of her and happy she has been so successful.

Let’s begin our chat with some of the advantages of raised bed gardening.

The first one that comes to mind is that you can be selective about the soil you fill it with. I’ve enjoyed using the Coast of Maine Raised Bed Mix.

Blending loam and aged manure or compost at a 2 to 1 ratio is another option. Additionally, raised beds make it easy to concentrate fertilizers where they are needed.

In large garden plots we often broadcast fertilizers and other amendments throughout the bed. Some inevitably gets wasted in walkways or around hills of plants.

Raised beds can be constructed to suit your needs. I wanted to be able to reach into the middle of my beds from either side, so they are about four feet wide.

Some gardeners construct them 36 inches wide so



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there is less of a stretch.

In my four beds, I have a pretty good crop rotation system going. Each crop does a slide to the next bed each year. That way it is four years before onions are grown in the same space.

Another interesting thing I have set up is that onions, for example, follow melons in my rotation. I grow the melons on black plastic. All season long the black plastic is limiting weeds from germinating, so that hopefully next year, the onions, who hate weeds, will see less weed pressure.

Raised beds warm up quicker in the spring, and stay warmer later into the fall. Sometimes the edging material helps with that.

My rock beds, for example, hold heat. So does the metal to some degree.

In mid spring, prior to the frost-free date, raised beds can be easily fitted with hoops on which plastic or polyester row covers can be draped to offer even more frost protection. They can also be covered with the black plastic I mentioned to grow crops like melons or peppers, who appreciate the heat.

With raised beds you will likely never need your rototiller. Beds can effortlessly be turned over by hand from either side. Typically, unless you walk all over them, the

soil in the raised beds stays nice and friable, as well.

If I need to get into my beds, say to separate crops, sometimes I will position a plank across the width of the bed, and step on that to disperse my weight, therefore avoiding compaction. Plants always grow better in loose soil.

I almost forgot the obvious! Raised beds are easier to work with. Beds are typically a foot or so tall, sometimes a bit taller.

Bring out a short stool to the garden and you can comfortably sit and work in the beds. No more long periods of stooping or crouching.

Well, I hope you enjoyed reading this luck of the draw column as much as I did writing it! And if you haven’t gardened in a couple of years, give raised beds a try and maybe you will be as fortunate as my friend, with six foot tomato plants still going strong at the end of September!

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IN THE CITY



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A group photo to commemorate the celebration.

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do we care about them, and take in this moment, and get to know each other, and have some fun, that’s what today is about,” Ayala said. “And we have tons of food, games, a bounce house, ice cream for the kids, along with handing out backpacks, as many head back to school soon, and so we’re just trying our best to provide and give back where we can.”

In addition to the budding excitement, Ayala shared that the event usually draws a bigger crowd.

“At the moment I feel this year is a bit small, but I have a feeling it’s going to get bigger; We just need to wait, but you watch,” Ayala said. “Normally we get so many people that shut down the front office for three hours, and we spend time with them, and we also surprise our tenants for pass-

ing inspection with a \$25 gift card, along with putting their names into a raffle for a big TV, so it’s a great way of celebrating and having some fun.”

Touching upon the estimated number of clients that VOC serves in Western Mass was Housing Director Maritza Rios.

“So, we have about 265 units, some of them are market, and others are subsidized, and they are found throughout Chicopee and Holyoke, so we serve a lot of people and help where we can,” Rios said.

Providing context into that branching conversation was Ayala, who shared this.

“We are known for providing food assistance through programs such as SNAP and WIC, while also providing education and childcare, along with helping the homeless with our shelter program and helping those in



This kid was all smiles as he showed off his balloon swords.

to help, and our door and phone is always available for our service,” Ayala said.

She then revealed the non-profit has plenty of events throughout the year to look forward to.

“Well, every year we partner up with the Salvation Army and do Christmas with Santa. The Salvation Army then drops off gifts to kids, and we then do snacks and cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus, so during that we will take pictures and post them on social media,” Ayala said. “It’s our way to show that we are here to help, and remind the community that low-affordable options are still available, and we’re here to help.”

The non-profit can be found on social media and has multiple offices throughout Hampden County and Western Mass.

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.

Wiggles and Giggles program

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Chicopee Cultural Council FY2027 grants accepting applications

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 visitors alike.

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS
Mayor John Vieau reads the proclamation for Direct Support Professionals Week.

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Vieau shared that he’s attended awards ceremonies in the past that recognized DSPs “and what they do and the differences that they make.”

“It’s so touching and moving to hear those stories and they truly are superheroes in my eyes and I think that’s the message to get out today,” Vieau said.

Lois Nesci, CEO of the Gándara Center, explained how she knows “this is something that is very important in this community,” and noted the Caring Force Rally, which was held on Sept. 18.

“The Caring Force Rally is an initiative of the Providers Council, which is an association in Massachusetts,” Nesci said. “It’s a great way to support our direct service professionals, to recognize that direct service staff deserve fair compensation that is commensurate with the work that they do, fair fund-



Lois Nesci, CEO of the Gándara Center, reflects on the work of direct support professionals and their impact.

ing and the respect and recognition that they deserve.”

She thanked Vieau for his support.

“You always show up for us. You don’t just come to a meeting or you just don’t come and raise a flag, but you do show up and support us, so thank you,” Nesci said.

After reading the mayor’s proclamation declaring it Direct Support Professionals Week in the city, Vieau presented it to the local DSPs in attendance.

Post-ceremony, Vieau shared that his mother was a direct support care professional for many years, working with the Vanguard Group. He hopes the flag raising brings more awareness to the DSPs, recognizing the work that they do and more support for pay parity.

“What she did is just help people with their everyday tasks. Those who are developmentally and intellectually disabled, helping them to get



The Caring Force flag blowing in the breeze ahead of the ceremony.

their groceries, helping them to do the daily tasks that you and I take for granted and that’s what it’s really about: how to pursue happiness and do things that bring joy to people,” Vieau said. “But also taking care of those mundane tasks of your banking, managing your checkbook, getting your groceries and doing all of those things every single day and making people feel appreciated and getting them actively involved in the community and that’s what it’s about. So, I think recognizing those people who do that every single day, who are making a difference in individuals’ lives is very special.”

Nesci explained as an industry, “tens of thousands, if not, hundred thousands of lives each and every year” are served, calling receiving the mayor’s proclamation “very significant.”

“It makes a statement. It makes a statement of sup-

port and that we are working together, we’re united as one and so, the state, municipalities, the nonprofits, all really work together to provide services for the people that we serve,” Nesci said.

Her message was this.

“We have lots of good people working in the community to support the lives of people so that we make a difference. We need to continue to appreciate them and know that the impact they make each and every day, not only with recognition, but also to continue to advocate for fair



The lever is cranked to raise the flag.

funding, respect and adequate compensation,” Nesci said.

Vieau’s message emphasized the goal of independence, noting the accomplishments of the students in the Crossroads program, which supports 18-to 22-year-olds. A graduation event held this summer celebrated the students’ accomplishments.

“Helping people become more and more independent every single day. Giving them confidence,” Vieau said. “Seeing these kids come out of their shell and realize, ‘Hey, I can hold a job.’ ‘Hey, I can actually live independently on my own, and with just some direct support,’ and that’s what it’s about. People know that they can have an independent life and know that it’s not just letting them know. Letting the community know, let everyone know that independency isn’t something that’s given to everybody. Some people need help and guidance and this is providing that service for them through the nonprofit groups. They’re angels.”

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An attendee has fun with bubbles during the Third Annual Little E at Sunshine Village.

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annual Golf Tournament held last month.

“It’s super. One, we can’t do the work without the community support and also, it’s wonderful that the community continues to keep showing up for our events,” Theroux said.

She also reflected on her new role at the organization after succeeding Gina Kos, who retired earlier this year.

“It’s gone by super quick and, really, it’s been a lot of fun to meet and learn and get to know our clients, our staff, our supporters in the community, our donors, our community partners and it’s also been an opportunity to see what’s the next chapter will be for Sunshine Village,” Theroux said. “Because in 2027, we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary. So, we certainly will be highlighting our growth over 60 years, but also then looking towards the next chapter of Sunshine Village and the tremendous care we do as we serve over 400 clients on a daily basis and we got over 230 staff coming in to work, so what that looks like, what that means to the community.”

Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson was happy to stop by and see everyone, including folks from Agawam and the smiles at the booths.

“Obviously, they understand how important Sunshine Village is and what a great job they do. Like I said,



Striking a pose with fun hats at the photobooth

former Mayor Kos from Chicopee; his wife used to be the executive director and got involved when they were around,” Johnson said. “They have a facility over in Agawam, so I go there. I try to play every year in their charity Golf Tournament, so like I said, it’s fun to come and see the clients and see people enjoying themselves, having fun.”

Johnson also reflected on Direct Support Professionals Week, which recognizes those who support people with disabilities, emphasizing the importance of Sunshine Village and “seeing how much they help people, that’s what really matters.”

“They’re key. My wife is a social worker, she’s in the

elder care area, but having organizations like Sunshine Village to be able to help people that they help, otherwise they might fall through the cracks. They provide a tremendous boost to the quality of life,” Johnson said. “They come by city hall a couple times a year to visit us and will bring other, different clients in. They’re phenomenal to talk to and we just saw one that was at city hall a few months ago and she’s like, ‘Oh, the mayor’s here!’ It’s great. It’s a lot of fun and like I said, I’m here to support Sunshine and all the residents and their clients and what they do and all the tremendous staff that provide the services.”

He encouraged everyone to continue supporting Sun-



A client poses for a photo with members of the Chicopee Fire Department.



From the left, Corinne Dumont Jackson, community relations manager at Sunshine Village, State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson and Michelle Theroux, president and CEO of Sunshine Village, in a group photo.

shine Village whenever they have fundraiser events.

“They rely a lot on the funds that they raise privately to supplement what they get,” Johnson said. “It’s a great organization, so just trying to write them out a check when you can and support them by showing up to events like this.”

Theroux’s message was this.

“Thank you for showing up, thank you for coming, supporting us, having a good time, getting to learn a little bit about us and just realizing what individuals with disabilities really can do, the joy that they bring to all of us,” Theroux said.



The ring goes flying in this ring toss game.



Some waterslide fun on an inner tube at the Little E.



It wouldn’t be the Little E without the dunk tank.



The Sunshine Slots in full swing.



The Just Go With It Band gets attendees dancing and rocking out.

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Pacers battle to draw with Palmer

Palmer – Last Monday afternoon at Palmer High School, Cassidy Pytel scored all four goals for the Pacers, but the Panthers came back and the two teams ended in a 4-4 tie. The Pacers had two other games last week. They were defeated by Drury 5-2 on the road, and came home last Thursday to defeat Greenfield 8-0. Coming up, the Pacers are at Hopkins Academy at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29.



Louisa Stefanelli advances past midfielder.



Ivette Burgos Vellon makes a pass back.



Ella Gendreau fights for possession.



Melanie Sobieraj makes a quick pass.



Sarina Garcia nearly collides with an opponent.



Brianna Gregoire looks to clear the ball away.

Comp takes tough loss at South Hadley

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – As a freshman member of the South Hadley girls' varsity soccer team, Hannah Haesaert recorded her first career hat-trick during the Division 4 state tournament.

Haesaert accomplished the milestone for the second time in last year's Western Mass. Class B quarterfinal match, which was a 4-0 shut-out victory over Frontier Regional.

The junior forward didn't have to wait until the postseason tournament to record another hat-trick.

After scoring two first half goals, Haesaert netted a breakaway goal in the middle of the second half, as the Lady Tigers cruised to a 9-0 home victory over Kurty/Fielding Division rival Chicopee Comp, last Tuesday afternoon (Sept.15).

"This is my third year playing for the varsity soccer team and it's my third hat-trick," said Haesaert, who has scored a total of 25 goals as



Shanea Fisher chases down the loose ball.

a varsity soccer player. "I'm hoping to get a few more hat-tricks this season. My teammates have been very supportive of me."

While the shutout victory improved the Lady Tigers overall season record to 2-1, they had only scored one goal in their first two regular season

matches.

"We just needed to fix some things offensively," Haesaert added. "We've been working very hard and it feels very good to finally score some goals."

The Lady Colts (0-3) didn't score a goal in their first three games. They also haven't



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Bailey Neuhauser tries to get momentum going up the field.

defeated the Lady Tigers on the soccer pitch in more than seven years.

Haesaert assisted on the Lady Tigers first goal of the contest.

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Goalie Annie Dulong punts the ball away.



Natalia Tarka sends a ball toward the South Hadley goal.

Pacers fall to 0-2

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee High School football team has started out with two losses to open the season. On Friday, Sept. 11, the Pacers fell at home against Greenfield High School 24-12.

In Week 2, last Friday evening, the Pacers went to Easthampton High School and were unable to mount enough offense to overcome

the Eagles, falling 36-14.

The Pacers actually have a bye in Week 3 and will not be playing this week. But they will be back in action coming up on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. at Snot Park, looking for their first win of the 2026 regular season. It is the first conference game for Chicopee, who will be hosting SICS.

Owls football gets first win

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University football rolled up 463 yards of offense and got a pair of long TD receptions from electric first-year receiver Malachi Hymes (E. Hartford, Conn./East Hartford) as the Owls downed Dean College, 26-8 at Alumni Field on Westfield State's Family and Champions Weekend.

Westfield improves its record to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, while Dean is now 0-3 and 0-2 MASCAC.

Hymes finished with four catches for 166 yards and touchdowns of 61 and 46 yards. His day could have been bigger as a reverse that looked like a 89-yard score was called back by a penalty, and later he stepped out of bounds while avoiding a tackle on 53-yard reception that initially looked like a 73-yard score.

Westfield opened the scoring with a 1-yard TD plunge from QB Quinn Sumner (Dayville, Conn./Killingly), who finished 6-11 passing for 180 yards and the two TD tosses to Hymes.

Hymes caught a go route down the left side for the 61 yarder, out sprinting the full defense, then outleaped his defender around the five-yard line to with the ball on the 46-yard grab be-

fore waltzing into the end-zone.

Westfield set up the big passing plays with the run as sophomore fullback Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) battered the Bulldogs for 136 yards on 18 carries, and Cole Ingham (Agawam, Mass.) added 69 yards on five carries.

Westfield senior PK Andrew Currier (Attleboro, Mass./Foxboro HS) booted a pair of 33-yard field goals and a pair of extra points to account for the final score.

Dean's lone TD of the game came midway through the second quarter on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Chris Donahue to Yasir Moses. The Bulldogs tried to feature a short passing attack with Donahue connecting on 32 of 45 attempts for 186 yards with one TD and one INT. His longest completion of the day went for 12 yards.

The Bulldogs totaled just 33 yards rushing. Tay Scholtz finished with nine catches for 75 yards and seven catches for 62 yards.

Westfield's defense bent but rarely broke, allowing 219 total yards on the day. The Owls sacked Donohue eight times for a loss of 61 yards.

LB Aydan Verba (Albany, NY/Colonie Central) led the Owls with eight

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IN THE CITY

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.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Kendall Knotts is pressured by a South Hadley midfielder.

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After receiving a pass from Haesaert, senior Mikayla Weaver bounced a shot past Comp junior goalie Annie Du-long (10 saves) into the left corner of the net. It was Weaver’s first goal of the season.

Then Haesaert scored a pair of goals in a span of five minutes.

“I thought Hannah played very well in today’s game,” said South Hadley first-year head coach Molly Foley. “I’m hoping that she’s one of our leading goal scorers this season.”

Both of Haesaert’s first half goals were assisted by junior Kelcey Zraunig.

The Lady Tigers had several other scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the first half, but the score was 3-0 at halftime.

Zraunig added her name to the scoring column with a goal four minutes into the second half, which was assisted by senior Cara Dean.

One of the few things that the Comp faithful supporters had to cheer for was a free kick taken from junior Kelsey Morrisette. Her line-drive shot taken from the top of the box was saved by junior goalie Olivia Athas (2 saves), who posted her second consecutive shutout.

Haesaert capped off her memorable afternoon with an unassisted breakaway goal increasing the Lady Tigers lead to 5-0.

“I really wanted to get another hat-trick,” Haesaert said. “I just relaxed on the breakaway and put a shot past the goalie.”

A couple of minutes later, sophomore Regan Masse scored on a header following a corner kick.

Sophomore Violet Carillon, whose older brothers were outstanding athletes at South Hadley High School, was giving the assist.

Five days earlier, Masse scored her team’s only goal in a 1-0 victory at Agawam.

The Lady Tigers final three goals were scored by freshman Adalyn Weaver, freshman Cadee Killian, and Athas, who was replaced in goal by Dean.

While Athas has four assists as a varsity player, it was her first varsity goal.

Adalyn Weaver and Killian also scored their first varsity goals.

“It was very special to see Adalyn and Cadee score their first varsity goals. It’s something they’ll always remember,” Foley said. “I’m also very glad that we had several other goal scorers.”

Foley, who played soccer at Palmer High School, netted her first varsity goal in a game at Springfield Central as an eighth grader.

Prior to becoming an assistant varsity coach at South Hadley a year ago, Foley was the Lady Colts varsity coach for two seasons.

“A couple of the players that I coached are still playing for Comp,” Foley said. “Those kids always work very hard.”

While South Hadley ended last week with a scoreless draw against Northampton, the Chicopee Comp players celebrated a 3-2 victory over West Springfield at Ash Park in Chicopee, last Friday afternoon.

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.

Manicurist Needed

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.

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.

All Makes & Models Car Show Oct. 3

CHICOPEE – The All Makes & Models Car Show takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Moose Club at 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee MA 01020.

Come on out and bring your classic to the annual All Makes & Models Car Show presented by the Corvette Club of Western MA. Food, beverages, raffles, trophies and live music provided by The Blue Groove Band. \$20 car entry fee and Spectators are Free.

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Layla Harnum takes a goal kick for the Colts.

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tackles and 2.5 sacks. Tedi Hunt (Littleton, Mass.) made eight stops and had 2.5 TFLs. Eight different players had a hand in the sack column. First-year Caedan Burns (N. Grafton, Mass.) picked off the Bulldogs

late to help seal the win. Colin Brady and Herman Esquivel Menzdez led the Bulldogs with eight stops each.

Westfield State will travel to Worcester State for a conference matchup next Saturday, Sept. 26 with a 1 p.m. kickoff at Alumni Field.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Massachusetts Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD26P1744GD
In the interests of
Zaedyn Armani Batista
of Chicopee, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES
1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for
Appointment of Guardian of a
Minor filed on 08/14/2026 by
Evelyn Montalvo of
Chicopee, MA
Janaliz Lebreault of
Springfield, MA

will be held 10/29/2026
08:30AM Guardianship of
Minor Hearing. Located:
Hampden Probate & Family
Court, 50 State Street, 4th
Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.

2. Response to Petition: You
may respond by filing a written
response to the Petition or by
appearing in person at the hear-
ing. If you choose to file a writ-
ten response, you need to: 1. File
the original with the Court and 2.
Mail a copy to all interested par-
ties at least five (5) business days
before the hearing.

3. Presence of the Minor at
Hearing: A minor over age 14
has the right to be present at any
hearing, unless the Court finds
that it is not in the minor's best
interests.

4. Counsel for the Minor: The
minor (or an adult on behalf
of the minor) has the right to
request that counsel be appointed
for the minor.

5. Counsel for Parents: If
you are a parent of the minor
child who is the subject of this
proceeding you have a right to
be represented by an attorney. If
you want an attorney and cannot
afford to pay for one and if you
give proof that you are indigent,
an attorney will be assigned to
you. Your request for an attor-
ney should be made immediately
by filling out the Application of
Appointment of Counsel form
(MPC 263). Submit the applica-
tion form in person or by mail
at the court location where your
case is going to be heard.

THIS IS A LEGAL
NOTICE: An important court
proceeding that may affect your
rights has been scheduled. If you
do not understand this notice or
other court papers, please contact
an attorney for legal advice.

Date: September 17, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate

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.
HD26P1952EA
Estate of:
Raymond Joseph Blais
Date of Death: 07/20/2012
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Lim-
ited Formal Testacy and/or
Appointment has been filed by
Debbie L Cote 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
Debbie L Cote of Granby, MA
be appointed as Personal Repre-
sentative(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 writ-
ten appearance and objection
at this Court before: 10:00 a.m.
on the return day of 10/16/2026.
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 affi-
davit of objections within thir-
ty (30) days of the return day,
action may be taken without
further notice to you.

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THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)

A Personal Representative
appointed under the MUPC in
an unsupervised administra-
tion is not required to file an
inventory or annual accounts
with the Court. Persons inter-
ested in the estate are entitl-
ed to notice regarding the admin-
istration directly from the Per-
sonal Representative and may
petition the Court in any mat-
ter relating to the estate, includ-
ing 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

09/25/2026

Chicopee Electric Light
725 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01020
INVITATION FOR BID
CEL BID #26-0530

The Chicopee Municipal
Lighting Plant, a/k/a Chicopee
Electric Light ("CEL") invites
bids from qualified bidders for
a contractor to provide EXCA-
VATION/CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES as described in BID-
26-0530. The successful bidder
will be awarded a One (1) year
contract. CEL shall have the op-
tion 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 pri-
or to the end of the contract and
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, locat-
ed at 725 Front Street, Chicopee,
MA 01020, Monday through Fri-
day, 8 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 #26-0530 in the sub-
ject line.

Each proposal shall be accom-
panied by a certified or cashier's
check payable to the order of
Chicopee Electric Light for a
sum not less than 5% of the 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 unsuccess-
ful 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 Massa-
chusetts will be required for the
payment under the contract for
labor and materials.

All bids for this project are sub-
ject 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 submit-
ted in duplicate form, sealed and
marked on the outside "CEL BID
#26-0530" and be received at the
office of Chicopee Electric Light
(CEL), Attn. Natalie A. Colberg,
725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA
01020, no later than 10:00 AM,
on October 22, 2026, at which
time and place they will be pub-
licly opened.

CEL reserves the right to reject
any and all bids, to waive infor-
malities 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,
Business Manager
09/25/2026

INVITATION FOR BID
CHICOPEE
ELECTRIC LIGHT
725 FRONT STREET,
CHICOPEE, MA 01020
BID NO. CEL #40
ISSUE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Sealed proposals are being
accepted for: "SURPLUS DIS-
TRIBUTION POLEMOUNT &
PADMOUNT TRANS-
FORMERS FOR SALE".

Inquiry forms may be picked
up at the business office located
at 725 Front Street, Chicopee,
MA 01020, between the hours of

10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday
through Friday. It is the intent of
Chicopee Electric Light to award
by Lump Sum.

BID OPENING DATE, TIME
AND LOCATION: Thursday,
October 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM.
at Chicopee Electric Light, 725
Front Street, Chicopee, MA
01020-1778.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE AC-
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SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE,
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THE INQUIRY NUMBER
AND TITLE. Proposals must
be returned on or before the time
specified. Postmarks will not be
accepted. Bids will be received
at the business office or by mail
at Chicopee Electric Light, 725
Front Street, Chicopee, MA
01020.

The Department reserves the
right to reject any or all propos-
als, or to accept any proposal that
in the opinion of the Municipal
Light Board, is in the best interest
of Chicopee Electric Light.

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

INQUIRY NUMBER: CEL
#40
TITLE: "SURPLUS DISTRI-
BUTION POLEMOUNT &
PADMOUNT TRANSFORM-
ERS FOR SALE"

Natalie Colberg
Business Manager
09/25/2026

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: JM3BR4WL7A0311955
Amanda Francis
16 Olivine St., Apt. 2
Chicopee, MA 01013

2015 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6P0H70FR108091
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: 1UYVS2532EG833913
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: Jtkjf5c78c3026964
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 Grres
2 Hill Ave.
Easthampton, MA 01027

2012 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP3F27CL216557
Anibal Almonte
80 Debra Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020
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storage, towing charges, care and
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said vehicles.

2004 Acura MDX
VIN: 2HNYD18824H549430
Stephanie Jackson
3 Laurel St., Apt. 11
Holyoke, MA 01040

2007 Isuzu NQR
VIN: JALE5B16X77904380
Fast & Quality Moving Inc
8 Adair Rd., Apt. 2
Brighton, MA 02135

2025 Fly Wing Taizho
VIN: HZZTCDM48S1008323
Miguel Angel De Jesus Martinez
220 Pearl St.
Springfield, MA 01105

2010 Mazda Mazda 3
VIN: JM1BL1S64A1314494
Pamela Dean
105 Union St.
Westfield, MA 01085

2010 Hyundai Elantra
VIN: KMHDC8AE0AU074574
Cassidy Day
1 Summer St., Apt. 1B
Easthampton, MA 01027

2013 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GPAU63D2860876
Miguel Rodriguez
37 Lynwood Ave.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2018 Audi Q7
VIN: WA1LHAF73JD036883
Stephan Frank
121 Village St.
Bristol, CT 06010

2021 Taizhou Rugby 11
VIN: L5YTCKAV9M1138977
Thomas Lavin
341 Huttleston Ave.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

2013 Subaru Outback
VIN: 4S4BRBAC3D3224916
Solomon Reynolds
97 Hamlin St.
Manchester, CT 06040

2006 Cheverolet Sivlerado 1500
VIN: 3GCEK14V76G181582
Jennifer Desreuisseau
519 E River St., Lot 38
Orange, MA 01364

2005 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56405A005033
Richard Browning
224 Woodville Rd.
Asaway, RI 02804

2020 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCV1F37LA008344
Lexxiani Lopez
23 Wayland St., Apt. 2R
Hartford, CT 06114

2011 Bmw X3
VIN: SUXWX5C52BL714285
Xoshell Baez
251 Beacon Cir.
Springfield, MA 01119

2010 Acura MDX
VIN: 2HNYD2H6XAH506373
Carlos Villanueva Martinez
121 Pilgrim Ave.
Worcester, MA 01604

2014 Honda Pilot
VIN: 5FNYP4H4XEBD01211
Unknown
Unknown
9/25, 10/02, 10/09/2026

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2017 HONDA ACCORD
IHGCR2F11HA141245
DONOVAN ANDREW MARSH
111 JEFFREY RD
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01119

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

2005 HONDA ACCORD
IHGCM56445A104535
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
WBAAW33509P470086
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
UNKOWN OWNER
09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2026

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
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Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P1602EA
Estate of:
Kym L Peters
Date of Death: 02/08/2025
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of
Complete Settlement has been
filed by Kyla Daigneault of
Chicopee, MA requesting that
the court enter a formal Decree
of Complete Settlement includ-
ing the allowance of a final
account and other such relief as
may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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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 writ-
ten 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 appear-
ance 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 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate

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.
HD26P1995EA
Estate of:

John Michael Spiewak
Also known as: John Spiewak
Date of Death: 09/27/2025
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adju-
dication of Intestacy and Ap-
pointment of Personal Repre-
sentative has been filed by Eric
J Spiewak 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
Eric J Spiewak of Chicopee,
MA be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said estate
to serve Without Surety on the
bond in unsupervised adminis-
tration.

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ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)

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appointed under the MUPC in
an unsupervised administra-
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inventory or annual accounts
with the Court. Persons inter-
ested in the estate are entitl-
ed to notice regarding the ad-
ministration 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 admin-
istration.

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

Date: September 16, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

09/25/2026

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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

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The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Polish National Credit Union,
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By:
/s/Jonathan C. Sapirstein
Jonathan C. Sapirstein
SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN,
P.C.
1500 Main Street, Suite 2504
P.O. Box 15408
Springfield, MA 01115-5408
Tel.: (413) 827-7500
Its Attorneys
Date: August 31, 2026
09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2026



MSBA BENEFITS – WESTERN MA COMMUNITIES



Town/ City	School	Cost	\$/GSF	Opening Year
Springfield	Gerena Comm Schl	131 million	-	In progress/Not set
Pittsfield	Crosby ES	80-120 million	-	2031
Chicopee	Barry ES	106 million	\$899	2029
Longmeadow	Middle School	151 million	-	2028
Amherst	Fort River ES	98.2 million	\$769	2026
North Adams	Greylock ES	\$65,362,859	\$726	2027
Easthampton	Mountain View PK-5	109 million	\$508	2022
Westfield	Westfield River ES	62.2 million	\$570	2025
Springfield	De Berry Swan ES	\$75,788,107	\$498	2023
West Springfield	Coburn ES	69 million	\$457	2023
Orange	Fisher Hill ES	45 million	\$471	2023
Ludlow	Chapin St ES	57.5 million	\$431	2021
Springfield	Brightwood ES	82 million	\$445	2021
Granby	East Meadow MS	34.2 million	\$385	2018

Table shows a sampling of Western MA Communities who have taken advantage of the MSBA Program to improve the impact their school districts are able to offer their residents

Chicopee built a compelling case to MSBA, convincing them that Barry ES no longer provides an acceptable educational experience. In response MSBA invited Chicopee into their program at the maximum reimbursement rate allowed by statute (up to 80% of eligible costs)

Table also reflects escalating trend of school construction cost/sf

MSBA Benefits - Western MA communities chart.

FINAL SCOPE
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capacity of 340 students, occupy space behind the existing Szetela Early Childhood Center and is tentatively on track to open in the fall of 2029.

Gardner also outlined two major cautions: First, while the current estimated total project budget is approximately \$106.7 million, final numbers won’t be official until construction is complete—and delaying the project by four years due to inflation could increase costs by \$64 million.

Second, that if the project fails to meet the required chamber vote threshold, restarting the MSBA process would delay completion by 9 to 12 years and drive costs up further.

Gardner explained that the city has been navigating a lengthy state funding process to help offset these figures. While initial reports indicated that Chicopee might qualify for the highest eligible reimbursement rate of 80%, the

MSBA ultimately approved a maximum reimbursement grant of approximately \$57.6 million after reviewing the project.

This leaves the district share at about \$49.1 million.

Addressing taxpayer concerns, Vieau stated that the city is well-equipped to handle the debt service and that the project wouldn’t place a heavy burden on residents.

“Even though this is a very expensive project, I’m confident to say that the city of Chicopee can handle the debt service because some of our debt will be paid off in the next few years, allowing capacity without putting a huge burden on taxpayers, and with confidence, the bond council can confirm that we do not anticipate having to utilize an override to fund the project,” Vieau said.

While fiscal worries may be somewhat eased by those assurances, non-financial worries remain high. Local scrutiny has also come to the forefront as public concerns

shape the conversation.

Since the project’s inception, many residents have voiced frustration over the Szetela site being chosen—driven largely by Article 97 constraints at the original Garrity Grove location—as well as concerns regarding exhaust, air pollution and traffic from placing two schools on a single site.

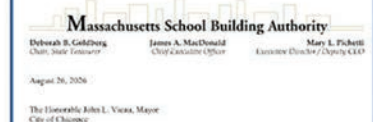
Gardner acknowledged in his presentation that site traffic will increase; he noted that both the state and Chicopee have strict idling laws that local police can enforce to address these issues before they transpire. To address environmental and traffic concerns, Gardner highlighted several mitigating measures, such as the city pursuing a \$2.39 million grant to begin replacing existing buses with quieter, zero-emission electric buses. Additionally, the plan includes tree buffers designed to absorb CO2, filter airborne pollutants, provide privacy, and dampen sound transmission.

As part of traffic miti-



PROJECT SCOPE & BUDGET SUPPORT





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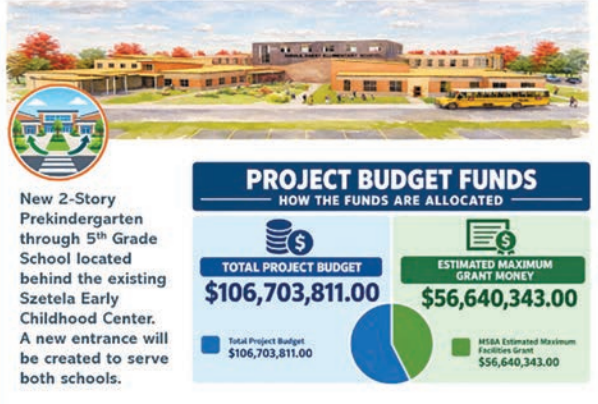
August 26, 2026

The Honorable Beth L. Veneo, Mayor
City of Chicopee
Mayor's Office
17 Springfield Street
Chicopee, MA 01013

Re: City of Chicopee, Anna E. Barry Elementary School
Dear Mayor Veneo:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") has approved the Anna E. Barry Elementary School Project as a City of Chicopee "C-Project" to replace the existing Anna E. Barry Elementary School with a new facility including a new 2-story Prekindergarten to 5th Grade Pre-kindergarten, an alternative site adjacent to the Szetela Early Childhood Center.

The District's proposed project is subject to the review of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MESA) ("MESA Review"). Therefore, the MSBA Board authorizes me to enter into a Project Funding Agreement is conditioned upon the District satisfying the applicable



New 2-Story Prekindergarten through 5th Grade School located behind the existing Szetela Early Childhood Center. A new entrance will be created to serve both schools.

PROJECT BUDGET FUNDS
HOW THE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET
\$106,703,811.00

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM GRANT MONEY
\$56,640,343.00

Total Project Budget \$106,703,811.00

MSBA Estimated Maximum Facilities Grant \$56,640,343.00

This is the Project Scope & Budget Support Breakdown.

gation, Gardner emphasized that a core priority is preventing vehicles from spilling onto Granby Road during morning drop-offs.

“One of the early priorities we established was that we don’t want any of the queuing lines from the parents dropping students off to back up onto Granby Road, so we got a very extensive kind of parent drop-off loop to make sure that both schools can be accommodated on the site without backing up onto Granby Road,” Gardner said.

In addition, school traffic would be routed away from residential neighborhoods

via a brand-new property entrance at 562 Granby Road, which was taken by the city via eminent domain earlier this year. The project also includes new sidewalks near the entrance to boost pedestrian safety.

“We are providing sidewalks on the east side of Granby Road, where there are none currently... because it’s a school project, anything we do off the property line is not reimbursable through the MSBA, so we want to address the concern, but we don’t want to spend money on a school project that is more of a city project,” Gardner said.

“We are proposing sidewalks from Simonich Street, to the north, and down to Sunflower on the south, and there will be monitored crosswalks at the school entrance.”

Gardner also shared that either a signalized intersection or a roundabout will be used to calm traffic, but cited that the roundabout solution is currently preferred by the city and most stakeholders.

As previously reported, none of these specific improvements—including the roundabout, the traffic signal, and the demolition of the original Barry School—will be covered by the MSBA.



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DRIVE FOR THE QUABOAG CONNECTOR
Positions needed for the Quabog Connector Highway Department. The Quabog Connector is a new road project that will connect the Quabog Reservoir to the Quabog Lake. The project is currently in the planning phase and will involve the construction of a new road and the relocation of existing roads. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

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Furthermore, Benard raised serious questions about whether Healey had legitimate authority to pass a law that directly contradicts federal statutes.

According to Article VI, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution, federal law supersedes state law when the two conflict.

“In contrary to what [Healey] says, under our federal immigration laws, she’s incorrect. In a situation like that, ICE or any other federal agent does not need to get a warrant from a judge,” Benard said. “I can even state what part of the Constitution that’s in. So, I don’t know if we have anything covering that, so I don’t know if we should be voting unless we have an answer to that.”

Rebecca Bouchard, the district’s legal compliance officer and attorney for the School Committee, explained that the model policy extends from the

Massachusetts Association of School Committees and that the district is legally obligated to adapt it locally.

“We’re not asking teachers to do anything in violation of the law,” Bouchard said. “The policy and the procedure will be to contact a building administrator, who will then speak with the law enforcement person, and we will verify their purpose and whether or not they have a lawful judicial warrant or judicial order. It’s just creating a process for managing this situation in the off-chance that it could occur.”

Bouchard was offput by Benard’s remarks.

She said, “first of all,” no one will be granted access to a Chicopee school building unless they belong there and are credentialed.

“So, if there’s someone in our building who’s not supposed to be in our building, we’re going to be dealing with that,” Bouchard said. “If there’s someone in our building who’s not supposed to be in our building,

I’m not calling federal law enforcement.”

Bouchard said that the school resource officer and building administrators would be asked to handle the circumstance.

“I’m not waiting for someone else to come and solve that problem,” Bouchard said. “The safety of our children is paramount. That is how we will respond, and that is how we currently respond. This doesn’t change any of that.”

Ultimately, Bouchard’s advocacy for adopting the PROTECT Act fell on deaf ears.

Nevertheless, it is worth noting several School Committee members were absent during last Wednesday’s meeting, and the item still received six of the eight votes it would have needed to pass.

As this topic is not likely to disappear any time soon, it will be interesting to see how the discussion reappears before the School Committee moving forward.



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