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Ride to Remember

Fire personnel participate in 72-mile journey



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Firefighter Bradley Harrington rode alongside the Sanford brothers, one a deputy chief and one a captain in the Chicopee Fire Department, during the Sept. 9 Ride to Remember.

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CHICOPEE -- Three members of the fire department participated in the Ride to Remember on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Deputy Chief Doug Sanford, Capt. Phillip Sanford (brothers) and Firefighter Bradley Harrington each completed the 72-mile journey.

They pedaled from the Irish Cultural Center of Western New England in Springfield, past the Chicopee Public Safety Complex

to Ludlow's Hampden County Sheriff's Department. They then traveled from the fire department in East Longmeadow to the prison in Somers, CT on to the fire department in Enfield, CT before circling back through Suffield, CT to the Southwick Fire Department and Westfield and returning to Springfield.

"It's all about not forgetting. You can't forget. People lost their lives trying to help other people. You should never forget about that," Phillip Sanford said, of the event that took place two days before the 22nd

anniversary of Sept. 11. The Ride to Remember was completed this year for the 11th time. It was established in 2012 after Springfield Police Officer Kevin Ambrose and Westfield Police Officer Jose Torres died in the line of duty. Chicopee riders rode in memory of Firefighter Anthony Spano.

"I thought it was great to be a part of something bigger than yourself. Being with 400 other riders, members from my department and others, it was great to be

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Mayor Vieau's signs are vandalized



Photo courtesy of the Mayor John Vieau re-election campaign

Nearly 15 of Mayor John Vieau's re-election campaign signs have been vandalized.

López says many of her signs have been torn down too

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CHICOPEE -- Election Day is looming, and as Nov. 7 approaches, the race between incumbent Mayor John Vieau and challenger/Ward 3 City Councilor Delmarina López is heating up.

Both candidates have recently had their campaign signs vandalized, however, an act neither party endorses.

Over the past week, Vieau has had nearly 15 signs sabotaged and damaged. Vieau said one or several culprits used an X-ACTO knife to remove and steal portions of the signs. His team has since fixed them with white duct tape.

"They're vandalizing my signs, but we're repairing them. I'm disappointed that someone feels the need to do that, but we're just fixing them," Vieau

said. "We actually have security footage of someone doing it. There's a guy on Monday morning at 5 a.m. cutting a hole in my sign on Memorial Drive."

Fortunately, Vieau has a collection of about 50 signs that he's accumulated throughout multiple elections, so the criminal activity isn't crippling, as the reserve is available. The price of new signs is expensive, however; Vieau said each one costs approximately \$150, and the money can be better spent elsewhere.

"We've been able to recycle from the last election. Going back almost four years, I've been storing them in a clean, safe storage area," Vieau said.

Vieau noted that he did not file a police report, but a member of his campaign team claimed that one was filed. Vieau said at least one suspect has been caught on camera multiple times.

"Hopefully, it's just some

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Dinner and a Show! at the Munich Haus supports Rotary Club

Rotary Club is 'coming back'

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CHICOPEE -- The Munich Haus banquet hall was a full house on Oct. 5 for the Dinner and a Show! event to benefit the Rotary Club of Chicopee.

The Rotary Club of Chicopee, a community organization emphasizing service above self, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at View Street Tavern.

From 5:30 - 7 p.m. last Thursday, attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner, cocktails and purchased raffle tickets to win prizes, followed by a 7 p.m. concert featuring Robert Black as Elvis Presley, Nicole Fuller as Lady Gaga and Rick Larrimore as Rod Stewart.

Ashley Kohl served as em-

cee. Rotary Club Co-President John Arthur explained the event was the first one the club has held in nearly four years and hopes "to have many, many more" in the future.

Arthur said, "We couldn't be happier," for the support.

"We need the support of the community to give back to the community. We don't keep a dime, we give it back," Arthur said. "We put a lot of smiles out there."

Arthur also enjoys giving back.

"I'll be honest, when we do things for others, it makes us feel good. It's what it's all about," Arthur said.

Lou Arasate, the other co-president of the Rotary Club, is also the entertainment director, explaining the event "was all a result of team effort."

Arasate also joined the club recently.

"I truly enjoy doing what I'm doing, and the team effort's a big thing," Arasate said. "I'm a happy member."

Black shared he also serves on boards for several foundations and realizes the importance of events like Dinner and a Show that support community organizations.

Additionally, he is honored to be at the event "to support a great cause."

"I think the biggest thing about these events is people don't realize how much work actually go into them," Black said. "So, unless you're on the other side, you have to tip your cap to people that do these kinds of things, especially that it's helping other people, that's the most important thing."

For Larrimore, he was honored to perform at the event, saying "We go everywhere" for per-

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TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

(L to R) Jeff Sattler, chairman of the Rotary Club of Chicopee's Board of Directors, Lou Arasate, co-president/entertainment director for the Rotary Club of Chicopee, and John Arthur, co-president of the Rotary Club of Chicopee, smile for a group photo during the Dinner and a Show! event at the Munich Haus on Oct. 5 to support the Rotary Club of Chicopee. The event supported the rotary club and was their first event in nearly four years.

COA receives \$207,830 grant from Executive Office of Elder Affairs

COA also receives \$15,750 grant from WestMass ElderCare

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CHICOPEE -- Several items discussed during the Oct. 3 City Council meeting were dedicated to the Council on Aging; perhaps, none were more noteworthy than the \$207,830 grant that was accepted from the state's Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

"The grant is calculated based on the number of Chicopee residents 60 or over, and that's how they arrive at that number of \$207,830. We do have an aging population here in the city of Chicopee, and we are getting funds to help elder affairs," Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie said.

The EOEA announced its intent to award Formula Grants to local COAs in Fiscal Year 2024 to ensure all older adults and their caregivers throughout the state "have access to the tools, resources and help they need to fully embrace the aging experience."

There are 350 COAs in Massachusetts that provide direct services to older adults, their families and caregivers. Most COAs offer information and referral, outreach, meals, transportation, health and wellness screening and fitness and recreational programs.

Awards were issued to each COA at a rate of \$14 per individual age 60 and over based on the number of older adults noted in the 2020 federal census. At minimum, all COAs got at least \$7,000.

Ten councilors voted in favor of ac-



TURLEY PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

The RiverMills Center received several grants during the Oct. 3 meeting of City Council.

cepting the grant; Council President/At-Large Councilor Frank Laflamme abstained.

City Council also accepted a \$15,750 grant to the COA for Fiscal Year 2024 from WestMass ElderCare, a private, non-profit agency funded in part by grants and contracts from the EOEA.

The two-year award began on Oct. 1 and will end Sept. 30, 2025. The funds were awarded during the WestMass ElderCare Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 11 and will be used for the Chicopee Elder Transportation Program.

The Fiscal Year 2024 amount is \$7,875. Ten councilors voted in favor of accepting the award; Laflamme abstained.

"I just want to publicly recognize WestMass Eldercare and all the work that they do, especially in grants that helps our seniors here. They're a great, great group, and I used to work for them, so I like them," Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth

Costello said.

By a vote of 10 'yes' and one abstention, Laflamme, City Council voted to appropriate \$6,000 to the COA Salary Account for Intern from funds available in the Stabilization Fund.

"I would like to request an appropriation for \$6,000 (social worker intern from Elms College) for the intern/co-op position. The intern would be paid \$15 per hour for 400 hours of work at the COA," wrote COA Executive Director Sherry Manyak to Auditor Sharyn Riley on Sept. 15.

With 10 voting 'yes' and Laflamme abstaining, City Council accepted the Fiscal Year 2024 Caregiver Respite grant from WestMass ElderCare in the amount of \$2,000. The plan is for WestMass ElderCare to cut a check for \$1,000 now and another \$1,000 next fall, as the grant runs until June 2025.

WestMass ElderCare will ask the COA for a short report at the end of the

fiscal year to see how it went.

"If you could provide us with your brief description of your plan to spend the money and a very simple budget by the end of next week, we can quickly process the checks. Please keep in mind, you don't have to spend the total and are able to keep some of the money for staff time, etc.," wrote Marketing and Development Manager Lynn Wolf of WestMass ElderCare to the COA on an unspecified date.

Lastly, by the same vote, City Council accepted a memory connection donation of \$2,000 from Polish National Credit Union to the COA in memory of Cecilia Matras.

"Cecilia Matras happens to be a cousin of ours. She made it to 97 years, and her husband Stanley was a principal, and they were very active in the community, and I'm sorry that she passed, and may God bless her and rest her soul in peace," Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier said.

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe acknowledged that the council was fortunate enough to vote on several orders in a row in support of the COA. He thanked the COA staff for its work, thanked the public for the grants and shared a word with Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz, after he inquired if Ernest Laflamme was too old to serve on the COA board during a previous meeting.

"What a wonderful thing to see, and I want to remind our colleagues and the public, and particular the councilor to my left, given his recent age remarks, that Oct. 7 (was) National Ageism Awareness Day, encouraging all our residents of the city of Chicopee to respect our elders and to respect those that are involved in the COA," McAuliffe said.

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CHICOPEE – As the leaves begin to fall, the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department will begin cleanup of the Fairview Cemetery beginning the week of Oct. 23. The Fairview Cemetery Commission and Parks Department asks that all families please remove grave decorations by Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023. Once the cleanup begins all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff.

Artificial grave ornaments, artificial

flowers, enclosures of any kind, and new plantings in the ground are not allowed as they are hazardous to both visitors and workers. Holiday pots and boxes will only be allowed during the Memorial Day and Holiday seasons.

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School Committee supports lowering MassReconnect age to 18

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CHICOPEE -- The School Committee voted 9-2 on Oct. 4 to "petition the commonwealth" to expand the MassReconnect subsidized higher education program and make it available to 18-24-year-olds.

MassReconnect is a state program that funds free community college certificates and degrees including all costs related to tuition, fees, books and supplies. The Healey-Driscoll administration recommended budgeting \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2024 to launch the MassReconnect scholarship program.

The caveat is that residents must be at least age 25 to be supported by the program with free associate degrees and high-quality certificates.

The program "empowers students to complete their education and pursue training for in-demand jobs across industries, including healthcare, education, clean energy, advanced manufacturing and behavioral health," reads the Healey-Driscoll budget recommendation.

Last month, Ward 1 School Committee Member Tim Wagner, who is not yet 25, presented to the committee on the benefits of lowering the required age to 18. The subject matter was discussed again last Wednesday, and the committee voted favorably to send a resolution in favor of the change to state legislators and other individuals of authority.

"This is a program that many states offer with no strings attached. It's simply a way to get people ahead in life," Wagner said. "This really comes down to what kind of support do we want to show the residents of not just Chicopee but other Gateway Cities who are most disadvantaged in the state and probably the least likely to be able to afford to go to college or hold a college degree at all."

Wagner noted that the resolution simply asks the commonwealth to expand a program that it has already dedicated \$20 million to. He said there are up to two million permanent Massachusetts residents who attend community colleges for six to nine credits a semester and who live in the state for the duration of their degree.

Wagner said that "\$20 million out of the state's \$55 billion budget is a drop in the bucket or a percent of a percent of a percent."

"Up to two million people can take advantage of this program, and they get books, they get technology, a chunk of this cost is to get it up and running administratively in each of the 15 community colleges in the commonwealth," he said.

Not every committee member was in favor of the resolution. Ward 3 Committee Member Jason Dout voted against it after reflecting on his time as an 18-year-old college freshman who "prioritized playing frisbee on the green of Westfield State over going to class."

Dout questioned if every 18-year-old has the maturity to complete school and wondered if lowering the age requirement

would set up certain students to fail.

"I think of certain students graduating high school and not really wanting to take that next step in their life. When I was graduating, (Holyoke Community College) was high school 2.0. The high school class just kind of continued on," Dout said.

Ward 8 Committee Member Doug Girouard applauded Wagner for bringing the item to the table.

"Certainly, there's 18-year-olds who can't quite afford to move their education forward, and if this program can help, and if the money's there to assist, I think education is great, and I would hate to see someone not be able to afford their education because they merely can't afford it," Girouard said.

Ward 5 Committee Member Grace Schofield had a similar point to Dout's.

"The requirement of the program is that you have to be 25 in order to qualify. Research shows that brains are fully developed at 25, so there's a big difference between an 18-year-old and a 25-year-old," she said.

Ward 9 Committee Member Ron Bernard said he attended HCC before eventually furthering his education. He said the program could have been useful to him decades ago.

"I wish this opportunity was there when I was that age because my family didn't have a lot of money, and I had to work while I was going to school," Bernard said. "I wish that program was there for me, and I think other people feel the same way."

Ward 6 Committee Member Samuel Shumsky voted against the resolution, as he would like to hear more information, specifically from State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee). He also shared his perspective.

"Is there going to be a commitment if college is free? I feel like a price kind of motivates you to learn in some sort of aspect," he said.

Ward 4 Committee Member Sandra Peret said the entire committee wants to support people in advancing themselves. She also had an array of statistics to present.

"Just to give the public an idea of the cost of community college education, the three area schools, HCC the tuition is \$5,378, and then after all the other fees and book purchases it's around \$8,000. (Springfield Technical Community College) is \$5,520; again, after all the other purchases and fees it's \$9,727 a semester. Greenfield Community College is \$5,642, and then \$9,088. Just an idea of what the cost of a community (college) education is," Peret said.

Ward 7 Committee Member Don Lamothé said he is not opposed to the program, but he voiced a question that couldn't be answered during the Oct. 4 meeting.

"My concern is that I hope the money to fund this program doesn't come out of K-12 schools. We're in good shape right now in our district, but there are several districts who have laid people off. I hate to see robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said.

City Council opts-in to early voting

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CHICOPEE -- As the Nov. 7 election approaches, City Council voted unanimously on Oct. 3 to opt-in to early voting for the residents of Chicopee.

On Sept. 19, the city's Board of Registrars of Voters voted to recommend City Council opt-in to early voting for the upcoming local election, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

"Please know that more than 50% of the membership voted affirmatively to recommend opting-in," wrote Barbara Galindo, clerk of the Board of Registrars of Voters, to Mayor John Vieau on Sept. 25.

The councilors were pleased the city will offer its residents early voting. Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello explained.

"Voting is priceless, and we utilize this particular voting right," she said. "I want to thank the Registrar of Voters for this initiative."

Ward 3 Councilor Delmarina López said she is glad the board made its recommendation. In early discussions, it did not appear as though the board would recommend early voting.

"At that time, the recommendation was that this was too expensive and that (the board) was not in favor of having early in-person voting. That was the information that was presented to us then, and at that point I was very much against a decision not to have early in-person voting, as were some of my colleagues on the council," López said.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz

echoed López's comments. He thanked the board for changing its original course and recommending early voting.

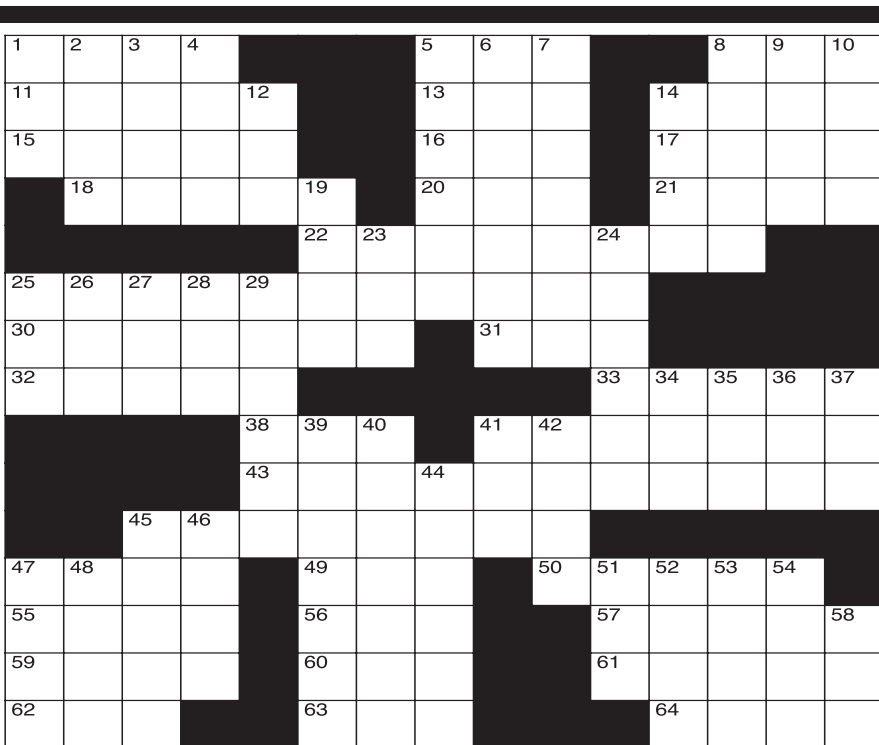
"I think it's the right decision, especially in an election year. If they're going to make changes to voting, it should be very early on. I think when we make changes to voting late in an election it just confuses people," Dobosz said.

López said she was also glad to see the board change its stance to the point that more than 50% of members voted to recommend early voting. The mayoral candidate feels strongly that it is worth the added effort.

"Yes, it may be expensive to have early in-person voting, but you can't put a price on democracy," she said. "I am very glad to see any and every way that folks are able to access their right to vote, especially even more so now when we're asking folks to vote on non-binding questions and elections and all these other interests that we have increasing (the number of) folks coming out to vote."

Dobosz is nervous that the late decision could already have consequences. While he feels the right decision was made, he wishes it was made in a timelier manner, instead of a month before Election Day.

"In some ways, I think there's already damage done," Dobosz said. "Right, if people think that early voting was no longer and we're opting back in, I think it's already going to confuse some people, but I think ultimately the right decision is to allow early voting, especially this close to the election, because we don't want to confuse people."



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Information
 - 5. Seaport (abbr.)
 - 8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)
 - 11. Riding horses
 - 13. Boxing's GOAT
 - 14. Hurt or discomfort
 - 15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables
 - 16. A beaver builds one into a mine
 - 18. Self-immolation by fire rituals
 - 20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)
 - 21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit
 - 22. Agreeable
 - 25. In an early way
 - 30. In a way, struck
 - 31. It's there in the morning
 - 32. County in the S. Pacific
 - 33. Central Florida city
 - 38. Numbers cruncher
 - 41. Mexican beers
 - 43. Lawyers say you can indict one
 - 45. Capital of South Australia
 - 47. Wings
 - 49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS
 - 50. Fencing sword
 - 55. Capital of Qatar
 - 56. Portable bed
 - 57. Afflicted
 - 59. Lying down
 - 60. Midway between northeast and east
 - 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 62. Inflamed
 - 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 64. Impudence
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. A way to fish
 - 2. Greek mythological figure
 - 3. Scarlett's home
 - 4. Assist
 - 5. More doleful
 - 6. Premeditated
 - 7. Dish featuring minced food
 - 8. San Diego ball-player
 - 9. Eight
 - 10. Unwelcome picnic guests
 - 12. Human gene
 - 14. Bucket
 - 19. Make full
 - 23. Dirt
 - 24. Person cited as ideal example
 - 25. A part of (abbr.)
 - 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 27. Very long period of time
 - 28. Gas usage measurement
 - 29. North American native people
 - 34. It says "moo"
 - 35. Folk singer Di Franco
 - 36. Resinlike substance of certain insects
 - 37. Residue
 - 39. Grand homes
 - 40. Popinjays
 - 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
 - 42. Figures
 - 44. One who watches over children
 - 45. Expressed pleasure
 - 46. No longer living
 - 47. Hebrew calendar month
 - 48. Part of the ear
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Prejudice
 - 53. Italian Island
 - 54. Resist authority (slang)
 - 58. Criticize

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

Correction

For the Revitalize Community Development and Blue Cross Blue Shield volunteer day, Blue Cross Blue Shield was one of 15 volunteer groups taking part including Berkshire Bank, Country Bank, Experis IT, Going to the Chapel Dress Shop, Liberty Bank, MassMutual, Monson Savings Bank, M&T Bank, New England Public Media, Rocky's Ace Hardware, TD Bank, Western New England University - Women Engineers and Westfield Bank. Additionally, Blue Cross Blue Shield did not work on the homes on State Street in Chicopee. We apologize for the mistake.

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GUEST COLUMN



Planning ahead for raised beds!

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

"For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?"

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively,

meaning fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down

the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.

Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much.

On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

GUEST COLUMN



How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers,

who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

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To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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City Council approves public hearing request with Food Bank

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CHICOPEE – On Oct. 3, City Council approved for a public hearing to be held by the Zoning Committee with the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts amid growing concerns from residents.

The date for the public hearing is to be determined and will also include invitations to the heads of the Department of Public Works, the Planning Department, the Law Department, the Building Commissioner and the fire and police chiefs to attend.

Before the discussion, Julie L'Heureux, who lives on Carew Street, where the Food Bank has been located since its move from Hatfield in September 2023, shared her concerns during public input, one of them around tandem trucks sitting on Carew Street idling and a situation where they backed up from 58 Carew St. to the lights.

"That put so many cars in danger that it was unbelievable.

The bottom line is that this is a hazard," L'Heureux said.

She also encouraged City Council members to attend a Planning Board meeting later that week to hear what residents are experiencing and feeling.

"They are angry, they are upset, because the Food Bank has requested modifications and they have not done anything about completing what they need to do now," L'Heureux said.

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits shared he's received "a lot of complaints about some of the ongoing issues over at the Food Bank," and explained what the public hearing will entail.

"This is to get the Food Bank to appear before these different departments so that the public can come out and express their concerns on a lot of the work that hasn't been completed yet and actually be able to get feedback from those departments," Krampits said.

Krampits encouraged residents to at-

tend this upcoming meeting when the date is announced.

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe thanked Krampits for his leadership on this item and shared his thoughts.

"I'm happy they're here, but what I'm not happy about is after we went through everything that we went through that they haven't gone above and beyond to try to be good neighbors. That, in my opinion, is unacceptable," McAuliffe said.

McAuliffe added he hopes the public hearing will get the organization's attention and lead to a resolution for them and the residents.

"These are things that shouldn't happen and it's incumbent upon them as neighbors to handle these issues," McAuliffe

said. Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier said on planning the public hearing, "We'll be able to get that in our schedule."

"Unless legally we have some issues, Councilor Krampits, I think we should be able to fit it on the schedule," Balakier said.

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme had co-sponsored the order with Krampits and also had concerns, explaining he reached out to the departments on behalf of the Planning Board.

"On their behalf, we asked all these people, especially Conservation Commission, to appear before us with the Building Department, so that'll be done," Laflamme said. "We follow this process and it'll move into the next

process which will be the Zoning Committee and we will get that meeting set up through the Zoning Committee."

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz also thanked Krampits and Laflamme for bringing the order forward, sharing he originally voted against the Food Bank because he thought "the development was a little big at the time," but agreed with their mission.

"I hope that they start working with the neighborhood a little bit more obviously," Dobosz said. "Personally, I think trucks should only go in and out on East Main Street, but it's not my ward. I appreciate Councilor Krampits looking into this, and I'm sure he'll fight hard for the residents."

The motion passed 10-1, with one out of chair.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CHICOPEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chicopee fire personnel participated in the Ride to Remember in memory of Anthony J. Spano.

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able to show our support for those families," Harrington said.

Although it was advertised as a 68-mile trip, Doug Sanford said it was ultimately 72 miles. When he signed up to participate, he hadn't ridden a bike in almost a decade, but he practiced leading up to the event and made the most of the challenge. He offered some expert insight.

"I'll say whenever you get in a group of people when you're riding, they pull you along. It's motivation," Doug Sanford said. "Actually, when you're in a group, if you're in the middle of the group, there's less wind resistance so it's actually easier to ride than it is to ride by yourself... With everyone around me, if I had to, I could just get on somebody's wheel and kind of draft them the whole way."

Most of the individuals who participated in this year's Ride to Remember are public safety personnel such as firefighters, EMTs, police officers or correctional officers. Phillip Sanford explained what it was like along the route riding with people who serve.

"It was fun to ride. We passed a lot of fire stations during the ride," he said. "A lot of them had flags out over the road. There were a lot of people hanging out, cheering us on. That was definitely cool to see."

Harrington said he isn't a big rider, and it was the first time he participated. Looking back, he's glad he got involved.

"I thought it'd be a great way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to support their families," he said. "It was a good way to get exercise, support the families, raise money for some local charities; just a good cause all around."

Phillip Sanford was happy to ride alongside his brother and looks forward to participating again next year. He encourages all residents to give back in whatever ways they can.

"You can help out in any way you can to show your support," he said. "I guess this is one of the biggest rides they've done. Maybe next year we can make it even bigger so we can hold up traffic even longer and people can ask, 'What's going on here?' to get the attention. You're just one person, but if you do something, you can encourage other people to do something too."

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Superintendent Ware addresses dress codes

Also reflects on school year thus far, celebrates Chicopee Day at Big E

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE -- Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware discussed the dress codes in the city's two high schools and three middle schools during his report at the Oct. 4 meeting of the School Committee.

"I want to acknowledge that I did some research behind what schools do to communicate the expectations around the dress code," he said.

Ware said he wanted to make sure he got back to the committee and public about how the district's schools interpret the dress code. He said he sent a follow-up message to members of the School Committee.

"However, I also wanted to make sure it was clear out there that a lot of the communication stems from what we call town halls or direct communication with the students in which the expectations of the dress code are communicated to the students as well as the parent handbook that is used to (communicate) the expectations to the parents so that we can all be on one accord," Ware said.

Ware said that Chicopee Comprehensive High School holds a seminar for incoming freshman to discuss the dress code.

He also said that principals reported back to him that counselors and teachers have made numerous calls home regarding the dress code this school year.

"There's even efforts to grab on-hand clothing in some of the schools that actually offer up students the option to change into other wear for the day," Ware said. "Although it may not always be met or received (positively) by the students, I just wanted to let people know the principals of all five secondary schools, the two high schools

and three middle schools, were very clear with me that we actually do a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure that we are communicating the expectations of the dress code."

Ware said that if more information is needed, parents can reach out to him and his office.

Ware noted that it's already October and the city had completed six successful weeks of school as of the meeting he spoke at. He said the staff is "showing up" and he appreciates all their hard work.

"I just want to give a quick shout out to the principals, the VPs, the teachers and everyone down to the clerks, working very hard. Every school that I've been visiting is just operating on all cylinders, and it's really good to see despite the challenges with the heat a couple weeks ago or despite the numerous rainy days we've had," Ware said.

Ware also noted that there are open houses ongoing for all buildings that will run through the month of October. He encourages parents and family members to attend.

Late last month, Ware participated in his first Chicopee Day at the Big E. He had kind words for the students involved.

"It was nice to see students smiling and playing their hearts out and representing the district very, very well. Shout out to both of those high schools," Ware said.

Mayor/School Committee Chair John Vieau weighed in on Chicopee Day, acknowledging the Junior Air Force ROTC.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't take a second to recognize the JR AF ROTC, who were well-represented with approximately 120 members. They looked fantastic in the parade," Vieau said. "And I just wanted to also recognize the fact that our bands looked incredible. Chicopee High and Chicopee Comp had their new uniforms on and showed a lot of Pacer and Colt pride at that parade so I'm sure it's going to be a memorable day for them that will last a lifetime."



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

(L to R) Ward 6 City Councilor Derek Dobosz, Ward 8 City Councilor Gary Labrie and Councilor-at-Large Jerry Roy listen as Planning Director Lee Pouliot shares his insights on drive-throughs over Zoom during the Oct. 10 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Ordinance Committee holds discussion on requiring special drive-through permits

Further research will be completed on the topic

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CHICOPEE -- The Ordinance Committee had a discussion on Oct. 10 about requiring special permits for drive-throughs in the city.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz explained he now better understands the process of obtaining special permits after talking with Attorney Tim Riley.

Dobosz cited the now-closed Dairy Queen on Keddy Boulevard to residents protesting a proposed Starbucks on James Street as to why he believes "drive-throughs should be more regulated" and "it should be a special permit process through the City Council."

"I just think that in the future, it would be a really helpful tool to the City Council, and I think certain areas like James Street, for example, I think we'd be having a much better conversation if City Council had another tool to regulate drive-throughs," Dobosz said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello echoed Dobosz's thoughts, responding to Riley sharing how other communities including Westfield, Springfield, West Springfield and Holyoke have special permits.

"But can it happen here? Because that would be a tremendous victory for the residents," Costello said. "Because that attempt to get a special permit, that would make the process more accountable, and that's what Councilor Dobosz and I were trying to speak of several months ago."

Planning Director Lee Pouliot said, "There are two separate issues" on requiring special permits for drive-throughs: drive-throughs in place before implementing changes would not be affected as they would be legally grandfathered in and how special permits in Chicopee go to the City Council as opposed to a Planning Board or Zoning Boards of Appeal.

"Our zoning code establishes that they are an accessory use to a primary use and as Councilor (Frank) Laflamme

noted, you have drive-throughs associated with restaurants, pharmacies, banks, and even one of our licensed operating marijuana facilities has a drive-through," Pouliot said.

Pouliot added how many places switched to drive-throughs and pickup options during the pandemic and site planning regulations established by the Planning Board "have worked well."

"I would just caution that doing this would definitely slow down the permitting process for new business development. It will not address any issues with existing drive-throughs because they were permitted under whatever the regulations were when they were constructed," Pouliot said. "And you do have to consider that you have more than just food establishments that have drive-through restaurants. You would be impacting them all. Because of the drive-through you have to treat them all equally. You can't single out just food or just pharmacies."

Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski asked Pouliot to find out what communities in the area have the special permit and how it's read.

"We have drive-throughs all over the city. It's all around us, so if these towns do have a special permit for new restaurants, I'd like to hear how it's read or if it is a state function. I'd want to hear the criteria," Zygarowski said.

Costello agreed with Zygarowski's earlier comments on not wanting businesses hurt and exploring this topic more, adding how Westfield and West Springfield's special permit process hasn't impacted businesses or residents negatively.

She stressed that's why the topic needs to be discussed for Chicopee.

"People have made serious concerns publicly in regard to drive-throughs, and I feel it's our responsibility to take a look at that," Costello said.

Dobosz reiterated his earlier points, explaining he does not want to hurt businesses.

"This is just meant to be an additional tool for the City Council to hold new developers accountable and make sure that a development safely fits within a certain area," Dobosz said.

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Colts fall to N'Hamp



Frankie Cabrera sends a free kick away.



Lucas Castro tries to stay ahead of the pressure.



Carlos David tries to separate from the defense.



Evan Tyrrell heads for the goal.



Nate Deren makes a quick pass.

CHICOPEE – After a fast start, Chicopee Comprehensive boys soccer has run into some tough opponents, including Northampton last Wednesday evening. The Blue Devils scored in each half for a 2-0 decision over the Colts. Frankie Cabrera would make 10 saves in goal. The Colts are now 8-5 with three games remaining, including a matchup with Central on Oct. 16.

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Pacers fall to Putnam

CHICOPEE – Last Friday on a muggy night, Chicopee football had its second home game of the season, and fell to Putnam Vocational 22-14. The Pacers were within a touchdown and a conversion, but could not push across the tying score. Chicopee is now 0-4 this season, though every game has been pretty close for the Pacers. They will travel to Pittsfield on Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.



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The Chicopee offensive line works to block the opponents.



Quarterback Jacob Lozado drops back to make a pass.



Nadir Johnson prepares to punt.



The defensive line attacks for the Pacers.

Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the

2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic. When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted from fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the

Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they dived through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but over and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the

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Holyoke defeats Comp for first win of season

HOLYOKE – Last Friday night, after heavy struggles in their first four games this season, Holyoke football picked up its first win with an 18-13 win over Chicopee Comprehensive last Friday night.

Chicopee Comp's struggles continued as they dropped to 0-5 for the season. The Colts

were coming off their toughest matchup of the season as they fell to Central 56-0 the previous week.

Both teams are now in their AA Conference action for the remainder of the regular season with tough matchups to come against teams like Minnechaug and Longmeadow.

SPORTS

T-Birds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and Hugh

McGing each tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was deadlocked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win.

The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

Cambridge half-marathon registration is open

CAMBRIDGE - Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

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Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/City-Scholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

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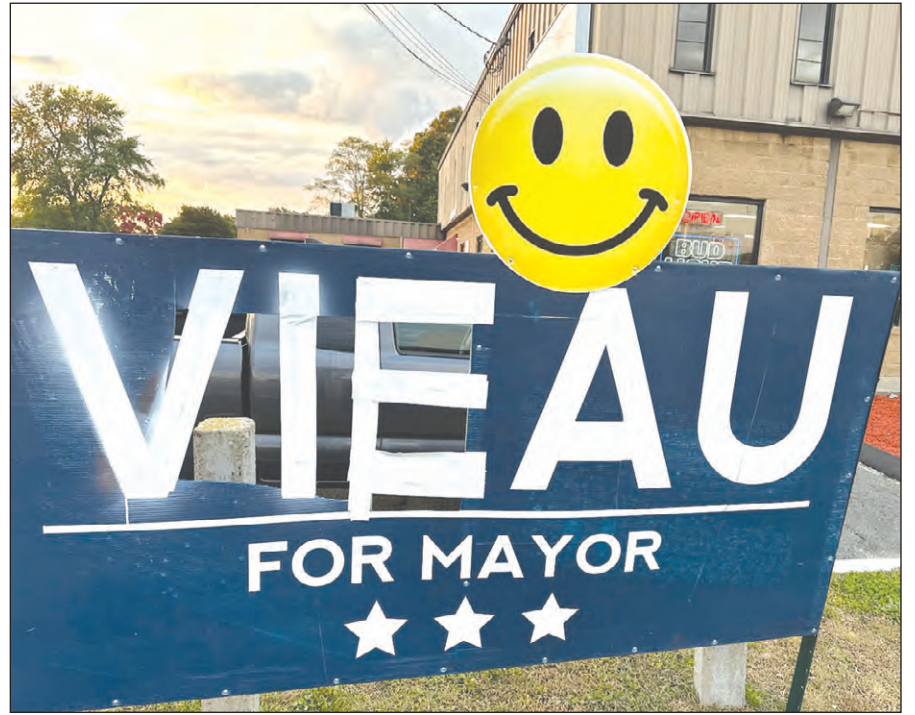
stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different

driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.



Photos courtesy of the Mayor John Vieau re-election campaign

The Vieau campaign is making the most out of a tough situation, as it repairs damaged signs all throughout the city using white duct tape.

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kid doing it, but this person is getting out of a car it looks like. We've seen multiple portions of video," he said.

López issued a statement in the wake of the Vieau sign saga, noting that her campaign has had many of its signs

stolen and torn down, dating back to the beginning of the campaign season.

"I want to make it clear - we condemn any acts of vandalism and theft of signs of our campaign and my opponent," López said. "However, I will not sit here and dwell over vandalized or stolen signs when pedestrians are dying on our streets. Instead of focusing on campaign signage, let's focus on the challenges our city of Chicopee is facing."

Vieau also encourages residents to take the high road. He had the following words of wisdom for whoever is behind the irresponsible criminal activity, noting that it could be a federal offense to tamper with a political campaign.

"I wish that the person doing it would find something better to do. If it's more than one person, please find a better hobby. Vandalizing my signs is just sad to see," Vieau said.

López refuses to make too much of the situation. She said her focus is on the challenges that the city is facing.

"We will not be derailed by cries for attention or passive aggression," she said. "We live in a world where there are more cameras than people - check your cameras and stop the nonsense. We will not insinuate that our opponents have stolen and torn down our signs, as that would be petty and speculative."



The Vieau campaign team is repairing his damaged campaign signs with white duct tape.

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Kermith Alvarez wanted in fatal Holyoke shooting of infant

HOLYOKE -- The Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office, Holyoke Police Department and Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section is actively pursuing Kermith Alvarez, 28, of Holyoke, as was reported by the District Attorney's Office on Oct. 11. Alvarez is the third suspect being sought in connection with last week's shooting on Sargeant Street in Holyoke, which claimed the life of an infant.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Kermith Alvarez, you are asked to contact the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit at (413) 505-5993 or

the Massachusetts State Police: Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section at 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873). ALVAREZ is actively avoiding law enforcement, the firearm used in this incident has not been recovered, and he should be considered armed and Dangerous.

On Oct. 6, 2023, Johnluis Sanchez, 30, of Holyoke, was arraigned by Zoom in Holyoke District Court for is suspected involvement in the Oct. 4, 2023 shooting. His bail was revoked on an open firearms case out of Holyoke District Court and held without the right to bail on a charge of murder for his suspected involvement in this case, other charges are expected to follow.

His next scheduled court date is on Nov. 3, 2023.

On Oct. 5, 2023, Alejandro Ramos, 22, of Holyoke, was arraigned on a charge of murder in Holyoke District Court for is suspected involvement in the shooting. He is being held without the right to bail, with his next scheduled court date on Nov. 3, 2023.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at 12:38 p.m. members of the Holyoke Police Department responded to a reported shooting in the 100 block of Sargeant Street. It appears three male suspects were involved in an altercation, during which a shooting occurred. It is believed one of the rounds

from that altercation struck a public transportation bus and an uninvolved female occupant, who was seated in the bus.

This victim, who was pregnant, was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition. The infant, who was delivered, and needed life-saving medical services, tragically passed away.

All involved suspects are believed to have been identified. The one remaining suspect is being actively sought by law enforcement. This incident is under investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office and the Holyoke Police Department.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Herbert V. Bowie Memorial School holds open house



Photos courtesy of Herbert V. Memorial School

CHICOPEE -- Last month, Herbert V. Bowie Memorial School had a terrific open house. The school thanks all the families who came out to meet the staff.



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formances and "This is what we do."

"It's just good when you can give back, because, I mean, we do this for a living," Larrimore said. "I do a lot of work with veterans, also, to raise money for service dogs, so any time that you can give back to the community - cancer, things or whatever - it just makes you feel proud."

Fuller was excited to interact with audiences and perform again, having known Arasate for over a decade and grown up in Western Massachusetts.

Like her fellow performers, Fuller emphasized the importance of giving back to communities and organizations.

"I always say yes to events like this for that reason. Just giving back to the community, being involved with anything like this is just something that you just have to do and support your local community," Fuller said.

Jeff Sattler, chairman of the Rotary Club's Board of Directors, summed it up best on what he wants the community to know.

"We want to let the community know that the Rotary Club of Chicopee is still here, that's important. We could have folded, but we are not. We have 15 strong members and we're looking to grow back

to where our club's normal membership was, years before, that were 40 or 50 members. We're coming back," Sattler said.

Arthur said there are more events to come and to stay tuned.

"We're in the planning stages. We have some really exciting things coming up," Arthur said.

To learn more, visit chicopeerotary.org.



Robert Black as Elvis Presley belts out a classic Elvis song during the Dinner and a Show! event at the Munich Haus on Oct. 5 to support the Rotary Club of Chicopee.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-51.1 for the purpose of constructing a membrane covered structure located at 24 Olko Ct. Applicant - Bobbilea Larrivee, 24 Olko Ct., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

The October 25, 2023 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 10/06, 10/13/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Business B to Residential A for 0.964 acres of property located at 0 Marion St. (Parcel ID 0027-00034) for the purpose of construction of single-family homes. Applicant - Partyka Partners Limited Partnership, formerly known as Partyka Family Real Estate Limited Partnership, Joan Partyka, 495 Springfield St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

The plans/application can

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

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The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 10/6, 10/13/2023

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on October 20, 2023, at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2005 Harley-Davidson Flhti VIN: 1HD1FVW105Y657047 Douglas Walker 19 Chauncey Walker Way Belchertown, MA 01007

2018 Harley-Davidson Flhx VIN: 1HD1KBC12JB669857 Douglas Walker 19 Chauncey Walker Way Belchertown, MA 01007

2009 Nissan Altima VIN: 1N4AL21E99N413381 Jose Arismael Hernandez 12 Beacon St Burlington, MA 01803 10/06, 10/13, 10/20/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2074EA Estate of: Gerald Joseph Moise Also known as: Gerald J Moise Date of Death: 08/16/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: October 10, 2023
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The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
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50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1248EA
Estate of:
Daniel L Thumm
Date of Death: 02/13/2017
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Katherine Hall 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: **Katherine Hall of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/02/2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: October 05, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/13/2023

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A
Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on October 10/27/2023, 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

2011 Kia Optima
VIN: KNAGR4A63B5154171
Richards Carlson
31 Mohawk Lane
Exeter, NH 03833
2003 Ford F250 Super Duty
VIN: 1FTNW21L43EB42738
Evaldo Simoncelis
187 Campbell Ave.
Revere, MA 02151

2011 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCP2F42BA111050
Destiny Kamroski
40 Price St.
Springfield, MA 01104

2007 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G1ZT57F37F289784
Shamyia Washington
119 Main St. Apt. 11
South Hadley, MA 01075

2013 Ford Transit
VIN: NM0LS7CN3DT158986
North East Safety Inc.
PO Box 11115
Portland, ME 04104

2007 Chrysler Sebring
Touring
VIN: 1C3LC56K97N547151
Juan Rivera
67 Park St.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2008 Volkswagen Touareg2
V8
VIN: WVGC77L98D054185
Tommy Seidell
66 Clarence St.
West Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP6CN405411
Ruben Lopez
303 Maple St. Apt. 146
Springfield, MA 01105

2005 Chevrolet Colorado
VIN: 1GCDT196958268706
Clement Mortone
15 Sogmore Rd.
West Springfield, MA 01089

2005 Honda Cr-V EX
VIN: SHSRD78825U327757
Victor Serrano
12 Daytona St. Apt. 1
Springfield, MA 01108

2009 Kia Sorento EX
VIN: KNDJC735995873922
Heaven Burton-Jordan
1716 Dwight St. Apt. 5
Springfield, MA 01107

1999 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCG1643XA028258
Jason Gurwacki
PO Box 1455
Southwick, MA 01077

2000 Ford F150
VIN: 1FTRF18L1YNA24297
Paul Brodsky
37 Hewitt St.
West Springfield, MA 01089

2013 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport
VIN: 5XYZDLB3DG079215
Mark Zhupikov
524 Springfield St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2009 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL21E29N494840
Gizzette Rodriguez
351 Oakland Dr.
Springfield, MA 01104

2008 Hyundai Elantra
VIN: KMHDU46D68U291658
Destiny Santana
67 Fairmont St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2008 Subaru Outback
VIN: 4S4BP61C887357537
Brian Larfield
48 Thompson St.
Springfield, MA 01104

2000 Toyota Avalon
VIN: 4T1BF28B8YU106916
Wayne Bingle
63 Carson Ave.
North Adams, MA 01A247

2005 Honda Pilot
VIN: 2HKYF18535H542291
Joshua Ross
120 Elmore Ave.
Springfield, MA 01108

1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GS78S6TC306202
Joyce Collins
38 Bartlett St.
Springfield, MA 01107

2006 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56846A078653
Veronica Lynn Wheeler
5 Sergeant Ave.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2008 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCS12778A014640
Chelsea Brunson
1193 Elm Street
West Springfield, MA 01089

2015 Nissan Rogue
VIN: JN8AS5MV5FW258557
Viktoria Kozodoy
155 Main St. Apt. 3
Westfield, MA 01085

2003 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM55693A108614
Victor Arzola
72 Virginia St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2003 Lincoln LS
VIN: 1LNHM87A23Y688878
Efrain Santana Rosario
70 Broadway St. Apt. 222
Chicopee, MA 01020
10/06, 10/13, 10/20/2023

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
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thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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Nestor Miranda Anaya
1580 Burr Oak Dr 8
Fayetteville, AK 72704

2006 Buick Lacrosse
VIN: 2G4WC582861305937
Marianna Flis
885 Harcourt Rd
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

2007 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFA15567H311277
Marie Clark
205 Southallen St 1B
Albany, NY 12208

2007 Honda Pilot
VIN: 2HKYF18687H534831
Jannira Alvarez
42 Florence St
Springfield, MA 01105

2020 Volkswagen Jetta Gli
VIN: 3VW6T7BU5LM022620
Brian Heaney
22 Notre Dame St
Hudson Falls, NY 12839

2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GS48K25C570460
Lucsimon Lindor
133 West St
Auburn, MA 01501

2008 Honda Fit Sport
VIN: JHMGD37648S013136
Eliezer Guerra Sanchez
595 E 170th St
Bronx, NY 10456

2004 Toyota Avalon
VIN: 4T1BF28B04U360582
Edgardo Martinez
32 Parkway Pl
Meriden, CT 06450

2007 Kia Rondo
VIN: KNAFG525377088360
Andres Felipe Castro
Calanche
1143 41st St W
Birmingham, AL 35208

2006 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL11DX6C256985
Gerardo Alfredo Flores Cruz
351 E Marshall St
Norristown, PA 19401

2009 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL24E59C197567
Ricardo Gonsales
40 Clinton St
Manchester, CT 06040

2003 Toyota Sequoia
VIN: 5TDDBT44A23S184515
Daisy Santiago
26 Cutler St
Worcester, MA 01604

2009 Chevrolet Silverado
VIN: 1GCEK39J59Z267236
Alayna Garcia
202 State Route 365
Remsen, NY 13438

09/29, 10/06, 10/13/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2073EA
Estate of:
George J. Breault, Jr
Also known as:
George Breault,**

**George J. Breault
Date of Death: 08/11/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dawn M. Duquette of South Hadley, 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: **Dawn M. Duquette of South Hadley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/07/2023.

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

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

Date: October 10, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/13/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to dis-

cuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-30 (B) for the purpose of installation of a 20'x10' conex storage box for additional storage at the City's Public Safety Complex located at 110 Church St. Applicant – City of Chicopee, David Rice, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-30 (B) for the purpose of installation of a 40'x10' conex storage box for additional storage at the City's Department of Public Works located at 115 Baskin Dr. Applicant – City of Chicopee, David Rice, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Ordinance Amendment Chapter 275-66 Burnett Road, add new language to 275-66 B "or Transportation Impact Assessment or any other such report whose official name may be changed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation." Full text available in the City Council Office. Applicant: Councilor Frank Laflamme (At Large) and Councilor William Courchesne (Ward 7), City Council Office, 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013.

Ordinance Amendment Chapter 275-50 Signs, delete 275-50 B (f). Delete "Duration of Placement" Full text available in the City Council Office. Applicant: Councilor William Courchesne (Ward 7), City Council Office, 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013.

Ordinance Amendment Chapter 275-51 Motor Vehicle Repair and Storage, delete language from Chapter 275-51 D. Delete "or inoperable or not currently registered or with a current state inspection sticker". Full text available in the City Council Office. Applicant: Councilor William Courchesne (Ward 7), City Council Office, 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

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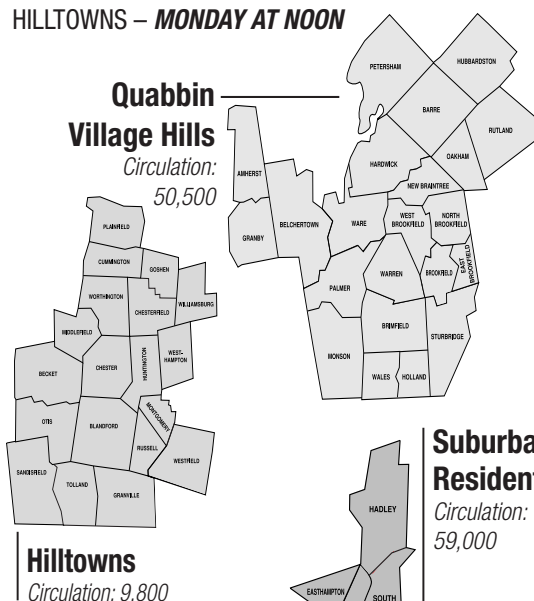
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Mayor rolled up sleeve and received flu shot

CHICOPEE -- On Oct. 6, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, received his flu shot from Stop & Shop Pharmacists at the Chicopee Stop & Shop and called on residents of his city to get their flu shots as early as possible this fall. The flu vaccine helps reduce serious respiratory illness and can help protect a person throughout the entire year. Stop & Shop pharmacies have been providing more immunizations year over year to protect its community, and according to the CDC, the flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of having to go to the doctor with flu by 40% to 60%.

Stop & Shop offers several types of flu vaccines, and its team of licensed pharmacists can help each patient select the type that is best for them. Stop & Shop pharmacists will help customers by addressing concerns about allergies, preservatives, or potential side effects.

"It's important to get a flu shot every year to protect yourself from illness, medical visits and hospitalization," said James Root, Stop & Shop manager of pharmacy operations. "Reducing the flu is very significant and Stop & Shop has worked to ensure that we have enough vaccinations available in all pharmacies to keep our communities safe this fall."

"Every flu season, we're presented with a choice: to protect ourselves, our families, and our community, or to take a risk that might lead to serious illness or even death," said Vieau. "As Mayor of our great city, I urge each and every one of you to choose protection.



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Mayor Vieau joined Stop & Shop Pharmacists in call for residents to get their flu shots.

The flu vaccine has been shown time and again to prevent illness, reduce the severity of symptoms, and save lives, particularly among our vulnerable populations like children and the elderly. This isn't just about avoiding the flu; it's about preserving the health and wellness of our community. With the flu virus constantly evolving, an annual vaccination is our strongest shield. It's safe, it's effective, and it's our responsibility. So, I urge you, get your flu shot by the end of October. For those wondering where to get vaccinated, many local facilities including health departments, pharmacies, and clinics are offering them. Protect yourself, protect your loved ones, protect Chicopee. Visit www.cdc.gov/flu for more information."

The CDC suggests everyone six months and older receives a vaccination in advance of the flu

season.

Stop & Shop is taking extensive health and safety precautions at its pharmacies and has secured additional stock of several types of flu vaccines.

Stop & Shop can offer immunizations without appointments.

Vaccinations are administered by Stop & Shop's trained & trusted pharmacists and are at no-cost with most insurance plans.

Stop & Shop will be able to administer traditional intramuscular flu shot for those five years and up. No prescription is needed for either vaccine type.

Stop and Shop has the New Covid Booster for eligible patients and at no-cost with most insurance plans.

Stop & Shop is also offering the newly approved RSV, respiratory vaccine to those 60 and older. Eligible customers can receive immunizations for both the flu and RSV during the same pharmacy visit, as the CDC has indicated that these vaccines may be administered alongside each other.

Stop & Shop pharmacists are also experienced in screening for risk factors associated with various health conditions and providing immunization support to help protect against shingles, pneumonia, and tetanus.

To find a Stop & Shop Pharmacy near you, to view which vaccine is available in your local Stop & Shop Pharmacy, or to schedule an immunization appointment, visit www.stopandshop.com/pages/ss-pharmacy.

Events and announcements

Parade Committee plans Comedy Night

CHICOPEE -- The Chicopee Parade Committee has announced that tickets are now available for their second annual Comedy Night, "Marty Caproni and Friends", to be held Friday, Oct. 13, at the Portuguese American Club, Exchange Street, Chicopee. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m.

The team will bring their hilarious brand of comedy to the area for a great night of laughs to benefit the Chicopee Parade Committee. Caproni has toured extensively, performing in Comedy clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has opened for acts like Vic DiBitetto, Michael Rapaport, Jessimae Peluso and many others. He also helps manage The Loft Comedy Club in Chicopee and can often be heard as a guest host on Rock 102's Bax & Nagle morning show.

Proceeds from this event help to fund scholarship opportunities that are awarded every year, as well as support events the Committee hosts during parade season, such as the Colleen Coronation Ball.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online through EventBrite. Advanced purchase is greatly appreciated and will help the committee better prepare the seating arrangement for the show. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the event.

The ticket covers admission to the show. The bar will be open, and a limited menu will be available for purchase. Outside beverages are not permitted, but patrons may bring in snacks. Parties who purchase eight or more tickets will be able to reserve a table.

This is one of several events planned by the Chicopee Parade Committee for its 70th anniversary year. The Committee was formed in 1954 to organize the Chicopee contingent in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade and strives to promote Irish pride and culture through its many events.

The Committee meets throughout the year, and new members are always welcome. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Anyone interested may contact the Committee through its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/>, or website at www.chicopeespc.com.

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

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

St. Stan's to hold Parish Bazaar on Oct. 14

CHICOPEE -- St. Stanislaus Basilica will host their annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in St. Stanislaus School, 534 Front St., Chicopee.

The Bazaar will feature a Polish-American kitchen serving a Polish plate, pierogi, golumbki, kapusta, hot dogs, hamburgers and home baked pastries. Various activities including games of chance, raffles, items from Poland, religious items, magic show and children's games will be available. Heritage "Pops" Polka Band and Sarah the Fiddler will provide entertainment.

Representatives from the Wreaths Across America and Polish Center of Learning and Discovery as well as other parish and community organizations will provide information about their activities. Everyone is invited to the Bazaar with free admission and parking. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 413-594-6669.

First Congregational Church to hold Annual Roast Pork Dinner Oct. 14

CHICOPEE -- The First Congregational Church at 306 Chicopee St., Chicopee, is having their Annual Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday Oct. 14 from 5-7 p.m. Roast Pork with all the fixings, including dessert will be available for dine in or take out. A donation of \$15 is suggested. Call 413-592-0396 for reservations.

Ward 1 Candidates Night planned for Oct. 16

CHICOPEE -- The Willimansett Heights Improvement League will host a Candidates Night on Monday Oct. 16, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the hall at 118 Mount Vernon Road. Candidates for elected office who will be appearing on the Ward 1 ballot in November have been invited to attend.

Those running for contested offices will each be asked to make a five-minute presentation at the beginning of the program. Following this, voters will be able to pose questions to any candidate present. At the conclusion of the formal program, candidates will have the opportunity to mingle and speak with voters individually.

This year, Ward 1 will elect a new City Councilor and a new School Committee Representative. Candidates for City Clerk and two Assessors are running unopposed. There are two candidates for the office of Mayor.

Information on this event will be posted on the organization's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Willimansettheightshall> or by calling 413-206-9574.



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