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History was made on Oct. 20 as the first female deputy fire chief was sworn in to the Chicopee Fire Department along with a new captain and four new lieutenants.

Chicopee Fire Department makes history, celebrates new promotions

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CHICOPEE - The fire department made history and celebrated new promotions in a ceremony at The Hub at Market Square on Oct. 20.

Katie Collins-Kalbaugh has been promoted to deputy fire chief—the first woman to ever hold the position—Kirsten Therrien has been promoted to captain and Justin Clark, Eric Rogers, Norman Colon and Christopher Ferrari have been promoted to lieutenant.

After reflecting on recent retirements happening the week before and the historic milestone taking place, Mayor John Vieau noted the talent at the fire department.

"There is—not there are—there is so much talent in our department and it is beyond impressive. The leadership and hearing these interviews with people coming through and sharing that," Vieau said. "For all those

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Community enjoys SPOOKY FUN at Spooktacular

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CHICOPEE - The community—kids and adults alike in full costume—gathered at Sarah Jane Sherman Park for Spooktacular on Oct. 22.

Previously held at Szot Park, the event took place at Sarah Jane Sherman Park to showcase the park's recently completed renovations.

The event featured many vendors, an interactive haunted bus, the ChicopeeTV Selfie Station, musical performances by the high school bands and local dance studios, lots and lots of candy for attendees and more.

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Kim Caisse, executive director at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, and Donna Marratta, board of directors president for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, dressed up as jelly and peanut butter.

Congressman Neal fondly remembers Ernie Laflamme, Jr.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – In late August, the city of Chicopee was dealt a blow when a beloved public servant and community leader passed away at age 95.

Ernest "Ernie" Laflamme, Jr. spent more than five decades serving Chicopee in a variety of capacities.

As the city's longtime treasurer and assessor, Laflamme was employed by the municipality for a period that spanned 12 mayoral administrations.

Many of the people Laflamme mentored have expressed the importance of his presence since his passing two months ago.

Among them is U.S. Congressman Richard Neal [D-MA], who honored Laflamme during the Oct. 20 meeting of the Chicopee City Council.

Neal said few people have been more important to his political climb than Laflamme. He presented a citation to a large group of family members that he jokingly referred to as the "Laflamme precinct."

Neal explained that he inserted into the Congressional record his description of Laflamme's widespread impact.

"This becomes part of the permanent history of the United States of America," Neal said. "So, to the family, children, grandchildren, and I met a great-grandchild on the way in, you will be able to go and check this out in the Congressional record noting the contributions that Ernie Laflamme made to the city he loved so much."

In the Congressional remarks, Neal calls Laflamme a "true giant in the city of Chicopee and its history."

He goes on to explain how Laflamme earned the nickname the "Dean of Chicopee" by never taking for granted what his responsibilities were as a public servant.

Neal described Laflamme as a "constant presence here in City Hall" for decades and added that he "served as a source of wisdom, institutional knowledge and always friendship."

Beyond his employment with the city, Neal remembers Laflamme in the Congressional record as being a devout Catholic and steadfast believer in giving back to the community.

He also mentions that Laflamme contributed greatly to the Boy Scouts, Sunshine Village, the Knights of Columbus and the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce.

"There is not a corner of this city that has not benefited from Ernie's efforts.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

The Liberty Bank Foundation presents the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee with a $50,000 check to help fund the club cruiser.

Boys & Girls Club unveils 'Club Cruiser'

By Brendan Rooney
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CHICOPEE — The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee officially unveiled their 'Club Cruiser' during an Oct. 7 ceremony—a move that looks to be a game changer for the non-profit going forward.

During the press conference, Club Executive Director Jason Reed shared that the vehicle was made possible by a $50,000 donation from the Liberty Bank Foundation and supported by local partners including The Vann Group, Teddy Bear Pools & Spas and Marcotte Ford.

Reed delivered opening remarks to outline the vision for the newly established resource.

"The Club Cruiser will be stocked with supplies and activities to provide fun and enrichment for a wide range of ages. From arts and crafts and basketballs to a blender

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City of Chicopee, BusPatrol hold joint press conference during bus safety week



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A group photo of local and state elected officials, members of the city and School Department, members of BusPatrol and more in front of a school bus after the press conference.

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CHICOPEE - The city and BusPatrol held a joint press conference in the police department's training room on Oct. 23 to wrap up National School Bus Safety Week.

The press conference follows an announcement in February that Chicopee would be the first city in the state to install cameras on school buses as part of the Bus Stop Arm Safety Program, which would help detect and enforce the illegal passing of stopped school buses. After a warning period to help educate drivers about the new technology, the program officially launched at the start of the school year in August.

So far, 10 buses have been equipped with the technology and all 119 buses will have them soon.

In 2025, Gov. Maura Healey signed a bill into law allowing video monitoring for school bus safety enforcement, and pilot programs were also conducted in other communities.

Mayor John Vieau emphasized the partnership was about keeping students safe, later sharing that taxpayers are not paying for the technology and the revenue is

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IN THE CITY

School Committee reviews Superintendent Marcus Ware

Ware excelled in some areas, but there's still room for growth

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – The School Committee made its in-depth evaluation of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marcus Ware public during its Oct. 21 meeting.

The review critiqued Ware's performance over the 2025-2026 academic year, which was his third since joining the Chicopee district in 2023.

Ward 5 School Committee Rep. Grace Schofield chairs the committee tasked with evaluating the city's superintendent of schools each year. She led a presentation during last Wednesday's School Committee meeting, noting that the review is available online.

Schofield described the analysis as "quite extensive and long."

Still, she explained its significance and why it must be shared with the community.

"I feel it's very important that in transparency that the analysis and comments and ratings are made public," Schofield said.

Schofield noted that Ware was evaluated by four standards, which included instructional leadership, management and operations, family and community engagement and professional development.

A thorough explanation was then given by Schofield regarding how Ware was graded in each area.

Standard 1 – Instructional Leadership

According to Schofield, the review notes that Ware promoted the learning and growth of all students and staff by "cultivating a shared vision that makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus."

It adds that Ware demonstrated a "proficient instructional leadership through a clear focus on improving student academic growth and addressing achievement gaps, particularly for students with disabilities and multi-language learners."

The School Committee points out in the review that last school year, the district witnessed academic growth, which was made visible by multiple metrics. There were also increased ELA and mathematics achievements and progress made with curbing chronic absenteeism.

Standard 2 – Management and Operations

The review notes that Ware demonstrated "proficient performance in managing district operations and resources to support a safe, efficient and learning environment."

It states that he worked to align staffing, scheduling and financial resources.

While the review says there is evidence of effective management in many areas, it expresses that opportunities exist to improve recruiting, hiring, onboarding, professional development and career growth.

"Strengthening these systems would help ensure that the district consistently attracts, selects, develops and retains high-quality staff. Inconsistent practices in these areas have contributed to concerns regarding some hiring decisions and have, at times, created friction between union employees and school administration," the review reads.

It adds that a "stronger, more consistent approach" to these issues would both strengthen district operations and improve morale.

Standard 3 – Family and Community Engagement

The review says that last school year Ware demonstrated "exemplarily leadership in engaging families in the broader community through a wide range of inclusive, creative and accessible events and activities."

It lists a variety of events that occurred throughout the school year and notes that Ware's "sustained and intentional effort" to build strong relationships between students and staff benefited many people.

"The sustained scope of these efforts reflects a culture in which family and community engagement are viewed as an essential component to student success rather than a series of isolated events," the review reads.

The School Committee used the review to compliment the district's Family and Community Engagement, or FACE, team for its hard work. The group connects families with important resources and other means of support.

Standard 4 – Professional Development

The review notes that Ware performed at a proficient level last academic year when it came to developing and sustaining a professional culture that facilitated the learning and growth of students and staff.

It says Ware consistently communicated the district's core values and did a good job of aligning the district's actions with those priorities.

"There is clear evidence of progress in aligning district growth with the strategic plan," it reads. "The development and implementation of forward-looking goals have provided a framework for decision making and district processes."

The review compliments Ware as "communicative, transparent and approachable."

It also positively relays that the district used more data to impact its decisions during the 2025-2026 school year.

However, there is room for improvement on this line.

"An area for growth is the superintendent's direct visibility within schools," the review reads. "More frequent visits and opportunities to interact with staff in their work environments would provide additional firsthand evidence of school-level successes as well as challenges."

The review makes it clear that the School Committee would like to see Ware build stronger relationships and develop better understandings with district staff. It says this will help him respond more effectively to different concerns.

The document also notes that some district staff have expressed concerns with Ware's leadership style, while others have praised him, calling Ware the "best superintendent" Chicopee's ever had.

"This range of perspectives reflects the importance of continued trust, communication, transparency and relationship building," the review reads.

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. Here is the slate of events for November 2026.

Babies 0-12 months and their caregivers are invited to Baby Time on Tuesdays Nov. 3 and 17 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, Nov. 5 and 19 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.

Sensory Play Saturday will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 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.

Pioneer Valley Ballet presents a special Nutcracker Storytime on Monday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. Enjoy storytime with characters, an introductory dance class, and Nutcracker themed craft.

The library will host a Crafternoon for kids on Thursday, Nov. 12 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.

Homeschool Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 11:30 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, Time to Make Art by Jeff Mack.

Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18 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.

Little Kid Dance Parties will happen on Tuesdays, Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Little ones ages 0-5 are invited to move and groove with their caregivers. Older kids are welcome.

Build with LEGO on Monday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Bring your creativity and hang out with our big pile of bricks. Best for ages 6 and up.

Teens

Teens in middle and high school can participate in our new Craft Club, hosted twice per month after school at 3 p.m! Each meeting will feature a different, exciting craft! For the month of November, a Clay Magnets craft will happen Wednesday the 4th, and we'll be making Emotional Support Chickens on Wednesday the 18th!

Fans of comics and manga are encouraged to stop by on Tuesday, Nov. 17 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!

Teens can visit the library on Monday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. for ChicopeeFRESH Teens: Three Sisters Chili. Learn about the three sisters, corn, beans, and squash, and how they help each other grow. Then help make a delicious and quick chili you'll get to enjoy!

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

City Council continues discussion on data centers

Topic has been much debated throughout the state

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – During its Oct. 20 meeting, the City Council joined the statewide discussion that is being held about data centers.

Massachusetts has taken several steps to tighten regulations around data centers, which are facilities housing centralized collections of computer systems, servers, storage drives and/or other networking hardware used to store, process and transmit information digitally.

On Sept. 8, Gov. Maura Healey signed Executive Order No. 658, which requires any new data center with a peak electricity demand over 25MW to gain the approval of the community before earning state permits in Massachusetts.

Over the past month-and-a-half, several dozen communities in the state have entered discussions about potential local restrictions. For instance, the town of Mansfield passed a near total ban on large data centers by approving a zoning amendment at its Town Meeting.

Previously, Chicopee entertained the idea of implementing restrictions against data centers in the city, and that conversation progressed last Tuesday.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello requested that a discussion on a moratorium for data centers be referred to the city's Public Works, Utilities and Water Resource Committee.

"I have been getting comments about data centers. We are proceeding with restrictions and rules, which a lot of communities are doing, which is a good thing," Costello said.

She inquired if a discussion should be held prior to the city creating new language in its ordinance regarding data centers.

"Should we discuss the moratorium prior to…the change in the rules, restrictions and the new ordinance regulating data centers?" Costello asked. "I'm just throwing it out there. Do we want to have a discussion on moratoriums before everything is in place, or do you want to wait? This is only for discussion, and that's where the discussion begins."

The discussion item was not well-received by the council, which voted down Costello's request by an 11-2 vote.

Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne explained that he already has written a data center ordinance, and it was submitted to the Planning Department and other entities for review.

"It's going to go to the Engineering Department too and then to Zoning, so it's going to be vetted by every single person who knows what they're talking about because I certainly don't. I just did my work and research and had a rough draft. So, it's going to be pretty restrictive, and I'm sure they'll make it less or more restrictive as suits the city's needs," Courchesne said.

Courchesne also expressed reservations out of fear that it may be illegal to ban data centers from operating entirely.

"A moratorium is nothing other than a ban. Maybe it's a short-term ban. So, I'd like to find out the legalities of that first before we get ourselves into trouble and the state decides to look into all the states that are doing it that shouldn't be," Courchesne said. "It's probably low on the tree for them to look at, but that doesn't mean they're never going to look at it, and I don't want to see the city liable for something."

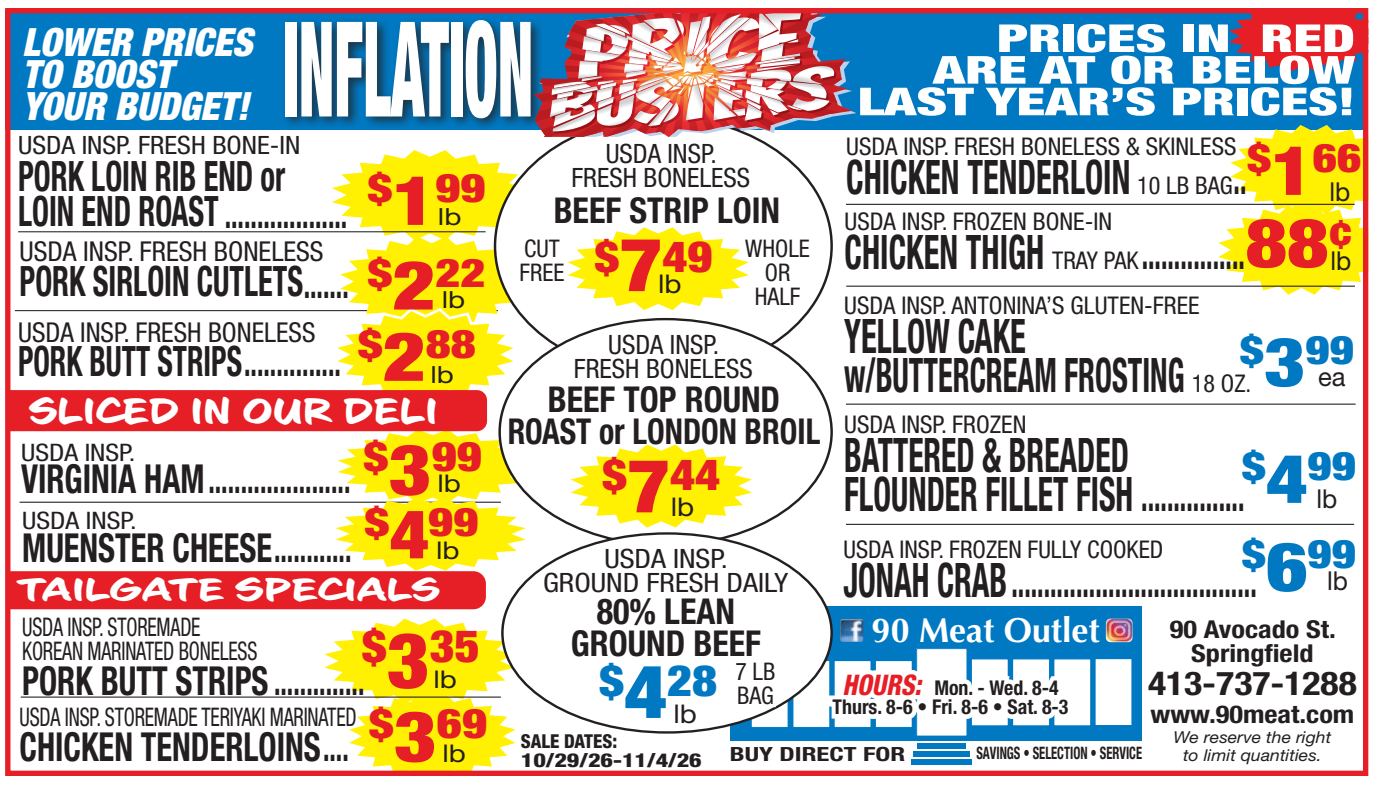
Costello responded that she proposed the discussion because several Ward 9 residents have approached her with questions.

She wants the councilors to be "perfectly clear where we're coming from" in their approach to the controversial issue.

"I do know a couple constituents had come to me in regard to the moratorium, and the governor has already allowed municipalities to do a moratorium. I'm not advocating yes or no in regard to data centers. I just want to make sure that we're addressing what the public is concerned with," Costello said.

Keep an eye out for future editions of the Chicopee Register to see how the conversations around data centers progress in the city.

Please remember to recycle this newspaper



Center Fresh Farmers Market

CHICOPEE – The community is encouraged to stop by the Center Fresh Farmers Market at The Hub at Market Square.

The farmers market occurs the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 6 p.m., with food trucks opening early for lunch at 1 p.m. There are food trucks, artists and artisans, farm-fresh offerings and live music. The remaining dates are Nov. 4 and Nov. 21.

To learn more, check out their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Veteran's Day Breakfast to be held at RiverMills on Nov. 9

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host a Veteran's Day Breakfast on Monday, Nov. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

RiverMills invites you to enjoy a homemade breakfast in honor of Veteran's Day. To say "Thank You" to those who have served, breakfast for veterans and active military is free. All other attendees is $5. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

IN THE CITY

Chicopee St. Patrick's Day Committee hosts golf tournament

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent



TURLEY PHOTOS BY BRENDAN ROONEY
Parade Committee group photo featuring the 2026 Chicopee Colleen Charlotte Rae Fields and her court.

CHICOPEE — History was made earlier this month when the Chicopee St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee hosted its first annual benefit golf tournament at the Chicopee Country Club on Oct. 3, drawing a big crowd to help raise funds for the upcoming parade season.

Offering insight into how the idea came into focus was long-time committee member Nicole Simard-Mendes.

"It was honestly simple, because after years of assisting my husband [Brian] with other tournaments, the idea then came together: what if we did one of our own, and here we are," Simard-Mendes said.

Looking ahead, she also shared a broader vision.

"I can share that my future vision for this tournament is to keep growing and hopefully reach the scale of the others. Meaning down the line, we would love to raise funds to potentially create a scholarship fund that would then be offered and bestowed to the Chicopee Colleen and her court during 'Green Season,' but that's a priority a bit down the road. We're just trying to create something fresh and innovative while expanding our community output and reach," Simard-Mendes said.

Simard-Mendes also acknowledged that the turnout was a "strong start," but growing pains were expected for the inaugural event.

"Look, we are extremely appreciative of all, and the atmosphere has been extremely positive, and we couldn't be happier, but we also understand that unfortunately we had a few road bumps that led to some cancelations, such as weddings, but again we feel today is a great starting point, and seeing everyone come together is just a special moment to be a part of; we truly couldn't be happier," Simard-Mendes said.

Shifting focus to the upcoming parade season, Simard-Mendes shared that applications to be the next Chicopee Colleen or part of her court are well underway, adding that the committee remains excited about discovering who could be the next set of ambassadors to the city.

She highlighted the experience as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, encouraging all young women from Chicopee ranging in ages 17 to 20 to apply and take a chance.

During the day, Krystenlee Pepin, the 2027 Parade President, shared a vision for her upcoming term.

"What I would really like to do is build up our archives," Pepin said. "To have the chance to assemble all of that history and make it publicly available for everyone would be a massive ode—not only to the parade itself, but to the fabled history of everyone who came before us and got us to this point. Showing respect to those who paved the way would be something quite special."

Lastly, offering a timeline of key dates to keep an eye out for was Alivia Mendes—Nicole's daughter, a former Chicopee Colleen court member in 2022, and an instrumental committee leader whose growing role has elevated her to a key senior position behind the scenes.

"First, I want to say thank you to the committee for always trusting me with my ideas and allowing me to have opportunities to grow," Mendes said. "Overall, I just think the entire process is fun—it's always a blast, and I truly enjoy running events."

Mendes also shared what the community can anticipate in 2027.

"We also have the President's Dinner, which is currently set for Jan. 30, which is where we will honor our new guard of members, along with bestowing our parade president their sash and sheilagh, and then we have the Colleen Ball on Feb. 20, which will be when we crown the new Colleen, and I feel I'm most excited for next year's Irish Night, but it's a bit of a surprise, and also something we never did before, so we're hoping we can pull it together," Mendes said.

Mendes then pivoted to discuss recruitment, citing a point of optimism.

"We all understand that recruitment can be a bit difficult; we feel we just need to keep posting, sharing, essentially get the message out in hopes of reaching the right audience, but the committee has always been a big family, and we encourage all to join and help us to continue to make something special here in the city," Mendes said.

The event's top sponsor was TDM Automotive and other sponsors included Callaway Golf, Freedom Credit Union and countless others, such as the Portuguese American Club and The Knights of Columbus Fairview Council #4044.

Inactive Voter Status Notice reminder

CHICOPEE - As voters head to the polls on Nov. 3, Chicopee City Clerk Keith Rattell would like to remind people that all residents who did not respond to the annual census are designated as "inactive" voters. Clerk Rattell said, "Massachusetts voter-registration laws command that failure to respond to the annual street listing/census, requires the voter to be placed in, "inactive voter status."

An inactive voter remains registered and may still vote. At the polling location, they will be asked to complete an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence and present identification showing their name and registered address.

Rattell further explained, "This is Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 51, Section 4 which we are being required by the state to enforce. We ask that you please have patience with our Election workers as they help you reaffirm your voting status if you failed to answer the census."

Out of approximately 44,000 voters in Chicopee, over time, over 11,000 have not responded to the census.

Historical Society Bullen talk Nov. 18

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society hosts author Daniel Bullen, who will present a talk on his new book, Daniel Shays's Honorable Rebellion.

You probably know of "Shays' Rebellion" as the time when "farmers who were angry about taxes" "created unrest" that exposed the weakness of the Articles of Confederation, causing the Founding Fathers to write the Constitution.

Mr. Bullen shows that, in fact, Shays and thousands of farmers were not trying to overthrow the government.

They were protesting flagrantly unjust economic policies that were forcing them off their land, all to pay windfall profits to financiers.

The book draws on extensive research to show that the farmers kept the peace through five months of protests and won reforms in an electoral landslide.

Join us for this history with deep contemporary relevance on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bazan Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee. The event is free and open to the public.

Daniel Bullen holds a Ph.D. in American literature. He is the author of two other books, "The Love Lives of the Artists: Five Stories of Creative Intimacy" and "The Dangers of Passion: The Transcendental Friendship of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Margaret Fuller." He lives in western Massachusetts.

Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser returns to Chicopee, benefiting adults with developmental disabilities

CHICOPEE - The Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon to Benefit Camphill Village returns to Bowlero Chicopee on Saturday, Nov. 14, offering raffles, games, and family fun—all to benefit the 100 adults with developmental disabilities living in Camphill Village.

Since its inception, the Bowl-a-Thon has welcomed hundreds of families and sponsors who have helped us raise almost $700,000 for this amazing organization.

"We've seen firsthand how Camphill Village changes lives—not just for residents, but for their families here in Western Mass and Northern Connecticut. These are our neighbors, our friends, and our loved ones," said John Freedman, a Springfield business owner whose sister Susan has lived a fulfilling life in Camphill Village for decades. "Supporting and organizing this event means supporting a community that continues to care for these individuals throughout their lives."

Though located on the Berkshire border in Columbia County, NY, Camphill's impact reaches deeply into our Western Massachusetts communities, where local families have loved ones living there or have been touched by its model of lifelong care.

Since 1961, Camphill Village has provided a peaceful setting for adults with developmental disabilities to garden, farm, create, and live alongside residential service volunteers from all over the world.

Now, as Camphill's residents who entered in their 20s have now surpassed their 50- and 60-year anniversaries of making their home in Camphill, the Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon remains a major funding source for Camphill's residents, whose needs are evolving as they age.

Register and learn about sponsorships at camphillvillage.org/bowlathon.

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While the…charitable causes are too numerous to name, one thing remained constant: Ernie lived a life defined by service to others. Few have ever given more of themselves to the community he cared so deeply about and felt so privileged to call home," Neal's insert into the Congressional record reads.

Neal noted that Laflamme's passing leaves a "void in this city," but he believes his legacy will live on through the people he positively affected and the large family he left behind.

Before handing the citation to Laflamme's family, Neal thanked them for sharing him with the city for all these years.

As he left the podium, Neal remarked that the region is better off because of Laflamme's "extraordinary life of service."

Trailer Trash performs Benefit Concert for Harmony House on Nov. 6

CHICOPEE - The popular local band Trailer Trash is performing a concert to benefit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit home providing compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need.

The concert will be on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Portuguese American Club located at 149 Exchange Street in Chicopee. Tickets can be purchased in advance online for $20 or at the door for $25. Doors open at 6:15 pm, with the concert commencing at 7 p.m. Known for their high-energy performances, Trailer Trash will bring their modern country sound to the stage for an evening of music and dancing while raising funds to sustain the work of Harmony House. The event will also include raffles, food for purchase from Pizza Lino with a portion of proceeds being donated to Harmony House, and a cash bar.

The event is supported by local sponsors, including headlining sponsor Yankee Home. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org/trailertrashconcert or by emailing development@HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

Community members can also get involved with Harmony House by volunteering. If you might be interested in providing care and companionship to our residents, organizing special projects to engage our residents, or supporting our fundraising efforts, please email admin@HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

To learn more, please visit www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org.



OPINION

A fall question and a request for the Garden Lady



Karen, who reads the column, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "Should you remove all the blossoms from Hydrangeas before the snow falls?"

What a great question and the perfect time to tackle it. Here are some post bloom tips for the beloved hydrangea.

To first answer Karen's question, you can snip off the flowers but you don't have to! If you like a tidy look, trim off the spent flowers right below the bloom and above the first set of healthy leaves.

You can also choose to leave the flowers in place. They add a bit of winter interest and some experts say that they insulate next year's flower buds.

While we are thinking about next year, continue to water your hydrangea bushes, especially if Mother Nature is stingy with rain. Concentrate your watering efforts at the base of the plant.

Refreshing bark mulch now will also help seal in moisture and offer a measure of winter protection. Leave the stems intact – don't cut them back to the ground even though they may look like rigid sticks all winter.

For hydrangeas that bloom on old wood, you definitely want to keep "old wood" in place.

A long time reader of The Register, Frank, asked for more recipes from the harvest. He said that he didn't try the pickle recipe that I published this summer, but that it did inspire him to make his own long-standing recipe.

That's great. I am happy to inspire.

So Frank, here is a recipe that I just happen to be making today, Butternut Squash soup, originally shared with me by my sister. You don't need to use butternut, either. Really any winter squash or pumpkin will do!

Now that my stash is in storage it's time to get creative and enjoy it, and this is one of my favorite recipes. First we have to cook it! Any squash or pumpkin can easily be cooked up by roasting.

Don't go through the trouble of peeling and cubing then boiling. Simply cut in half, scoop out the seeds and bake cut side down in an oiled glass pan or on a cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour.

A fork should go into the non seeded part of the squash easily. Once cooled, scoop out the flesh and it's ready for all sorts of seasonal delights.

To make the soup, first, sauté a chopped onion, one stalk of chopped celery and one clove of minced garlic, a half teaspoon of salt and a teaspoon of finely minced rosemary in a couple of tablespoons of olive oil. Let this fragrant mixture cook for about 10 minutes, until the onions are transparent.

Once it has cooked, add about two pounds of squash and 32-ounces of chicken broth. I always tend to have some broth in the freezer from my last chicken dinner.

If you purchase broth, go for the low salt option or adjust the salt in this recipe to your taste.

After it comes to a boil, simmer for a few minutes and then ladle the chunky soup into a blender. You will likely have to do this in two or three batches.

Return to the pot or serving bowl and enjoy! Some folks like to garnish with parmesan cheese or toasted pumpkin seeds, but I am more of a soup drinker, so I like it just fine in its plain state.

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



White-breasted nuthatch

Recently, I watched a pair of white-breasted nuthatches climbing up and down an oak tree in the yard.

They have a gray/blue back with a white face and black cap. They are a small, compact bird with a long, sharply pointed bill and short tail.

Females look similar to the males, but have a gray cap rather than a black one. Both sexes have white bellies and a chestnut colored patch on the lower belly and near the tail. The head is large and they have almost no neck.

They are about 5.1 to 5.5 inches long. White-breasted nuthatches are agile birds that creep along trunks and large branches, probing into bark furrows with their straight, pointed bills.

Like other nuthatches, they often turn sideways and upside down on vertical surfaces as they forage. A friends mother called them "upside down birds" for that reason. Unlike woodpeckers, they don't lean against their tails.

They inhabit mature woods and woodland edges particularly deciduous stands like maple, hickory, basswoods and oak. They also are found in coniferous forests.

White-breasted nuthatches eat mainly insects including weevil larvae, wood boring beetle larvae, other beetles, tree hoppers, scale insects, ants, gall fly larvae, spiders, caterpillars including spongy moth (also known as Gypsy moth) and tent caterpillars.

They cache food typically hiding it under a piece of bark, lichen, moss or even snow.

They also eat seeds and nuts including acorns, hawthorn, sunflower seeds and sometimes crops such as corn. At feeders, they like sunflower seeds, peanuts, suet and peanut butter.

White-breasted nuthatches are cavity nesters and sometimes use nest boxes. The female builds the nest and lines the nest cavity with fur, bark and lumps of dirt.

She builds a cup nest of fine grass, shredded bark, feathers and other soft material. They reuse their nest holes in subsequent years. The female lays five to nine eggs and raise one brood per year.

Eastern phoebe

An Oakham couple saw an eastern phoebe on Tuesday, Oct. 13. They were surprised the bird was still around and had not headed south by now. The phoebes, which nest every year near me, left last month.

eBird sightings

eBird sighting on Sunday, Oct. 18 included a Carolina wren and a common raven in Hardwick and a yellow-billed cuckoo at Longmeadow flats. Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield had a spotted sandpiper.

Common raven

Monday, Oct. 19 I heard and then saw a common raven. It frequents the woods behind the house. Sometimes I spot it flying, but mostly I hear its low, gurgling croak.

Dark-eyed juncos

I spotted my first juncos on Oct. 10. I saw a small flock take flight as I drove on a country road in Barre. I noticed their white tail feathers.

They are one of my favorite winter birds. I enjoy watching them pick up seeds dropped by other birds at the feeder. They also come for suet.

A few days later, I saw two or three in the yard. They flew up when I drove into the driveway.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

My brother died on Dec. 23 – Does he get Social Security for December?

Dear Rusty:

My question concerns the passing of my brother on Dec. 23, 2025. Since he passed away before the month was over, does that mean he will not receive a Social Security payment for December 2025? Does the fact he passed before the end of December negate him receiving benefits for December 2025?

Signed: Executor of my Brother's Estate

Dear Executor Sister:

Please accept our sincere condolences on your brother's passing. FYI, according to Social Security law, all SS benefits are paid in the month following the month they are earned, which means two in things in this circumstance:

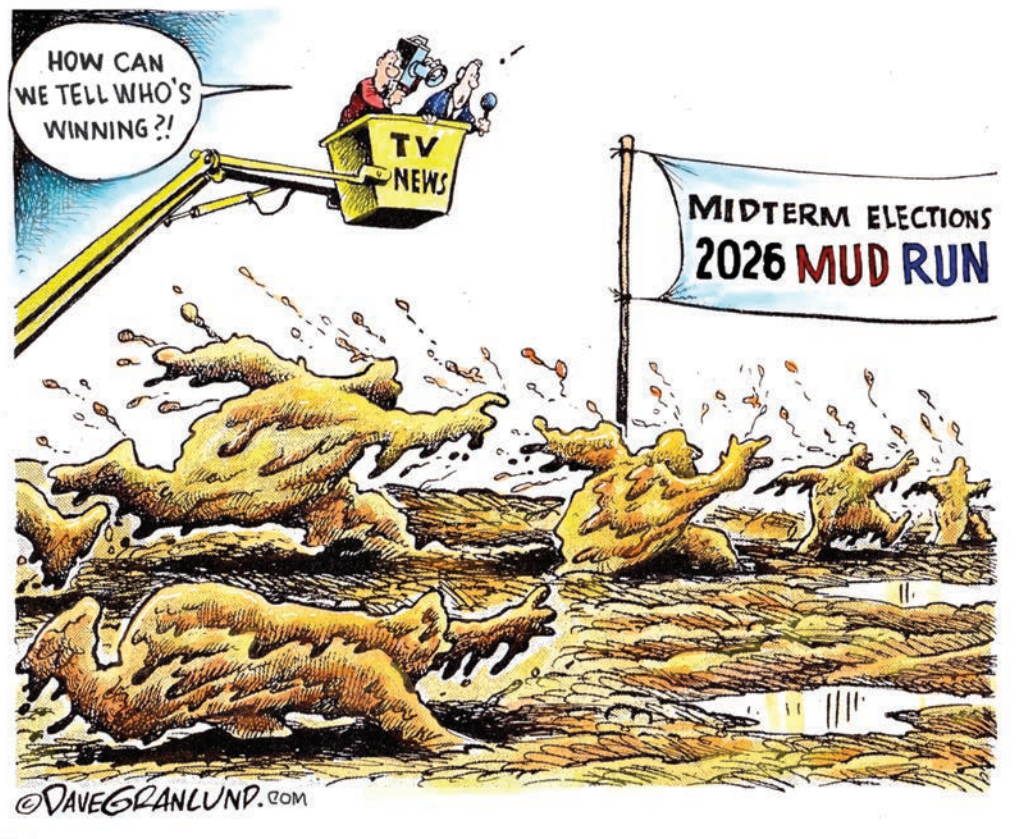
1. Any SS payment your brother received during the month of December (his month of death) is legally his or his estate's because that payment was for the month before he died (November 2025).

2. Any SS benefits received thereafter (e.g., SS benefits paid in January 2026 for the month of December 2025) must be returned to Social Security. The bank, which received his SS payments, would normally handle this automatically if they were notified of your brother's death.

Social Security benefits are not paid for the month of death because the beneficiary did not live the entire month and SS benefits are not paid for partial months. So even though your brother lived about 3/4ths of the month of December, he (his estate) will not get any SS benefits for the month of December. Indeed, even those who pass shortly before midnight on the last day of the month do not get Social Security benefits for the month they died.

For additional information, if your brother was married and his wife is still living, she would be entitled to a one-time, lump sum death benefit of $255 (if she is also eligible for her own SS retirement benefit). And, depending on her own SS retirement amount, she might also be eligible for a surviving spouse benefit as your brother's widow.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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IN THE CITY

Chicopee declares 'Extra Mile Day' (11/1) honoring those making a difference

Mayor Vieau recognizes the volunteers going the extra mile to help keep Chicopee strong

CHICOPEE - On November 1, 2026, Mayor John Vieau will proclaim Extra Mile Day, recognizing the people whose volunteer service, generosity, and everyday efforts improve lives and strengthen the community.

From supporting schools and community programs to caring for seniors, helping animals in need, and showing up when a neighbor needs a hand, these individuals give their time, energy, and heart-often without recognition. Extra Mile Day shines a light on the people and organizations whose efforts make life better for others, one act of service at a time.

"We live in a world that claps for fame," says Extra Mile Day founder Shawn Anderson. "But some of the people who make the biggest difference in our communities will never make the news or hear the words 'thank you.' They keep showing up anyway. They keep going the extra mile. And somebody's life is better because they did."

Extra Mile Day began in 2009, inspired by Anderson's symbolic 4,000-mile bicycle ride across the United States. A non-bicyclist at the time, Anderson used the journey to interview 200 people who were going the extra mile by accomplishing something extraordinary or overcoming major adversity. What began with 23 participating cities in 2009 has grown into a nationwide observance, with more than 500 cities across all 50 states expected to participate in 2026.

Anderson says, "It's the woman who volunteers weekly at an animal shelter after a long workday. The parent who shows up for a classroom bake sale even when there's no time left in the week. The neighbor who mows the lawn next door without being asked. And the business owner who steps in to make sure the town's special celebrations still happen. Different people. Different ways of helping. Each making their community a little stronger. I am grateful that Chicopee takes the time to recognize their volunteer heroes."

For more information, please visit Extra Mile Day at ExtraMileAmerica.org.



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Help us keep our firefighters safe

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Fire Department is asking for the public's help in keeping our members safe at Station 5, located at 580 Chicopee Street.

Due to the station's close proximity to the roadway, crews must activate their emergency lights and carefully back fire apparatus into the station. Unfortunately, last week, Engine 5 was damaged by another vehicle attempting to go around the fire truck while it was backing into the station with its emergency lights on.

Our members assisting with backing the apparatus have also experienced several close calls.

We understand that traffic can be frustrating, but please be patient, slow down, and never attempt to drive around a fire truck that is backing up. Doing so puts our firefighters and other motorists at risk.

Signage is posted in the area to alert drivers that fire apparatus are entering or returning to the station. Please pay attention to these signs and follow the directions of our personnel.

Our fire apparatus are essential to responding to emergencies throughout our community.Thank you for helping keep our members and community safe.



A family photo of Meghan Kalbaugh with her mother, Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, the new deputy fire chief of the Chicopee Fire Department.



Kirsten Therrien hugs her mother, Marie Jean, after being pinned and sworn in as the newest captain of the Chicopee Fire Department.



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Norman Colon takes a family photo after becoming one of four new lieutenants.

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who didn't get promoted, I just want to say that you are so much appreciated for what you do every single day. You are leaders in the department and we're really grateful for what you're accomplishing and that your opportunities are going to come and just, unfortunately, you can't promote everyone. But, there are so many talented individuals who are a part of this fire department, which make it really special."

Fire Chief Matt Cross said the new promotions "were very exciting" and shared this message.

"These promotions are well-earned and well deserved. Your hard work and dedication to the department have brought you this moment. These countless hours invested in studying and learning your trade, preparing yourself to take on the added responsibilities has truly paid off," Cross said. "I have full confidence that each of you will continue to uphold the values of the department and lead by example. Congratulations once again and thank you all for your continued commitment."

City Clerk Keith Rattell then swore in Collins-Kalbaugh, Therrien, Clark, Rogers, Colon and Ferrari to their roles, with family members pinning them to applause and celebration.

Rogers was humbled by his promotion and also congratulated his colleagues.

"I worked hard at it and I've had a lot of good mentors. I'm just excited at the next step and to see where I go," Rogers said. "Continue working hard for the city and the fire department."

He enjoys the camaraderie among the team.

"Just everything. I grew up in Chicopee and I like serving the community. The ladies and men I work with are all great and so I think we have a good culture," Rogers said. "The people I work with is what makes it the best."

Collins-Kalbaugh had no words about her promotion.

"I'm just grateful. I'm grateful for the trust that's being placed in me today. I'm grateful for the support, support of the community, support of my friends, support of my family while they put up with this process. Just grateful," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

She was also honored about becoming the first female deputy fire chief in Chicopee, offering this advice to any woman who would like to join the fire department.

"Just do it. Go for it," Collins-Kalbaugh said. "You only have one life to live, just go for it."

Therrien credited her fiancé, family and friends and mentors for their support. Originally with an on-call fire department locally, she realized being a firefighter was something she always wanted to do and took the test, later finding the fire department in Chicopee.

"I'm just feeling proud and supported and ready to make a positive impact for people coming behind me and pull people up along with me," Therrien said.

She appreciated everyone who came out to support her and her colleagues during their promotions.

"It's always great seeing people support others," Therrien said. "I think it shows a lot of the good work that the Chicopee Fire Department does in the community that we have so many community members here supporting us in this next step of growth for the department."

Rogers, Collins-Kalbaugh and Therrien shared these messages.

"Thank you for trusting me to help the city as I can," Rogers said.

"Thank you for trusting in me, for believing in me, for participating in the programs and thank you to my coworkers for being so great at what they do," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

"We're just grateful for the support and I'm just really looking forward to do something every day that makes a positive impact on somebody, whether it's someone I work with or, oftentimes, it's just the small things. Things you do in the community. Just make somebody's day a little bit better so I'm just glad to lead and serve more in that capacity," Therrien said.

After the ceremony, attendees headed over to the View Street Tavern for an after-party hosted by Ret. Police Capt. Holly Cote.



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) reads the citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives celebrating the six new promotions at the Chicopee Fire Department.



Justin Clark, one of the four new lieutenants for the Chicopee Fire Department, in a family photo.

IN THE CITY



A witch and gerbil stop by the Rotary Club of Chicopee table to grab some candy.



Jay Buckley, producer/director at ChicopeeTV, also dressed up for the occasion along with his son.



Here's a little Pikachu sighting.

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Mayor John Vieau—in the witch's caldron—takes a group photo with the students and staff at Unity Dance Spectrum, one of the featured dance performers at the event.

were PeoplesBank, Holyoke Medical Center, Florence Bank, Metro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Westfield Bank and Chicopee Electric Light/ Crossroads Fiber. Candy donations were through National Convenience Distributors (J. Polep), Unity Dance Spectrum and Walmart.

Mayor John Vieau wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

"To all your parents, I don't think there's a safer way to trick or treat. Parents, grandparents, guardians or whoever's here with you, I'm hopeful that you're really enjoying this amazing experience," Vieau said.

Vieau then thanked his team for helping organize the event.

"It does take a village. We did not do it alone," Vieau said. "Without the vendors being here, there wouldn't be this much candy…Happy Halloween, don't lose your Chicopee pride and help me spread it."

He also celebrated the reopening of Sarah Jane Sherman Park.

"For those who live in this neighborhood, this park has been closed for months and I'm super excited to announce today that it is officially back open. It is now ADA-compliant and it has been renovated for this beautiful neighborhood for you all to enjoy every single day," Vieau said. "There's more coming. The spray park is being addressed as we speak. There's some issues that are being taken care of, so that'll be open hopefully by summer, but the rest of the park is open for you to use every single day. Thank you to Ben Strepka and the Parks Department and all those who are involved in getting this park back open."

Shelley Scott, banking center manager at PeoplesBank, was dressed as a robber as she and her coworkers handed out candy.

"PeoplesBank loves to join in community events. We love to sponsor and also come take part. We love the brilliancy of Chicopee and the thing about Chicopee is community," Scott said. "We would love to be a part of that, so every year we donate, we have a table, we give out candy, so we do it all. Volunteer and sponsor."

Scott was elated with the turnout and emphasized that it means "Chicopee is a great community."

"Everybody loves to help each other here and that's what it's all about," Scott said.

A resident who also raised her family here, Scott added she loves how kids "can still go out into the community."

"It's safe. You meet your neighbors and that's what makes the community, you know what I mean? So, that's what I'm proud of," Scott said.

Tammie Cypek, owner of Carol's Dance Studio, was excited to have her students perform at the event.

"It was a great time, a huge turnout. My girls love to come and perform for the city and to be a part of all the festivities and we love coming out to dance," Cypek said. "They're having a blast and all the kids here are having a blast, so it's great."

Cypek explained the dance studio has been around since 1958 and was started by Carol Barker, who owned it from 1958 to 1988, then Carol O'Leary from 1988 to 2018 and then herself. It will celebrate 70 years in 2028 and it's open to students from age three to adults.

"I started dancing there when I was three and in high school, I started assisting in classes and then started teaching my own classes and then when Carol O'Leary was getting ready to retire, she said, 'I'm retiring. If you want to buy it,' I said, 'All right, I guess I have to because I didn't want to lose all our kids. Where are they going to go?'" Cypek said. "So, I bought the studio, but I've lived in Chicopee my whole life and been in the studio my whole life."

She expressed excitement at seeing all the families come out for the event, including the studio's families.

"It's wonderful to see and our studio's just so tight-knit. We're like a family and our slogan is 'Where dancers become friends.' So, we love it and we love to see the community out and so happy and festive and all ready for Halloween," Cypek said.

Scott encouraged other community organizations and local businesses to get involved.

"I'd say please do it. It's worth it. Look at how many people are here. They appreciate it. There's a lot of families right now; we know this economy, things are so expensive too to buy a bag of candy," Scott said. "So, to be sponsored and to get all this free, bring your families here, see your neighbors, do it. You won't regret it."

Cypek's message was this.

"Their kids all look fabulous and it's nice to see all the families come out for their kids. Even a lot of the adults are dressed up and that's so awesome to see. It's so good to see that. That they dress up with their kids. It's great, it's a great night, it's fabulous," Cypek said.



The dance performances featured not only Halloween-themed music, but impressive moves like these high kicks.



The Chicopee Public Schools in a group photo for some spooky fun.



A close-up of Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School students—in costume—performing the "Ghostbusters" theme song.



The Chicopee Cultural Council was among the many vendors in attendance.

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Colts score sweep over Holyoke



Trinity McCarthy goes for a spike.



Keishalee Guzman goes straight up with a set.

CHICOPEE – Last Monday evening, Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls volleyball defeated Holyoke 3-0. The Colts got eight kills from Angiee Chuqilla-Bermudez to lead the team and Keishalee Guzman got 19 assists in the sweep. The Colts are 13-5 heading into the Western Mass. Tournament, which they were scheduled to participate in this week. The Colts will also be in the state tournament, set to get underway next week.

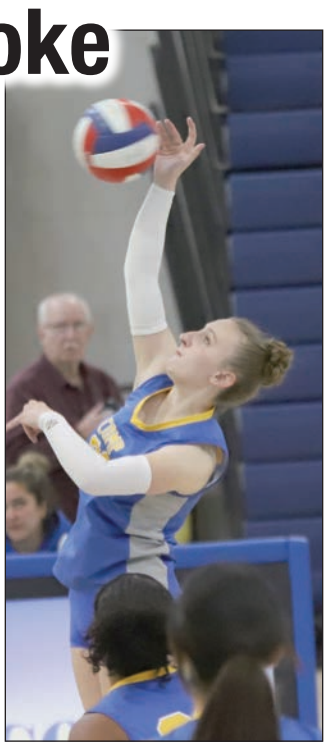


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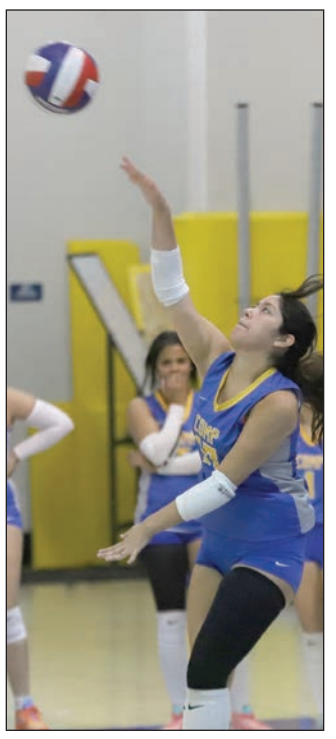
Brielle Bennett goes low to keep the ball in play.



Ellie-Miri Suarez sends a long bump away.



Christina Zielinski sends the ball over the net.



Angiee Chuqilla-Bermudez sends a serve to the other side.

Pacers qualify for state tournament

CHICOPEE – Last week, the Chicopee High School girls soccer team completed its regular season with an impressive run. The Pacers won two games last week and finished the regular season with a 10-5-1 record. They won their final seven games of the regular season to reach that point, including a 6-1 win over Easthampton and a 9-2 win over Central High School. Unfortunately, the Pacers strength of schedule did not qualify them for the Western Mass. tournament this year. The Pacers were scheduled to face Holyoke and cross-city rival Chicopee Comprehensive in nonplayoff action this week.

The Pacers will make the state tournament this year, which is set to begin sometime next week when seeds are announced. The Pacers compete in Division 3 at the state level.

Thunderbirds grab split with Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-3-1-1) saw another standout performance from their young netminder in a 2-1 victory over the Charlotte Checkers (5-3-0-0) on Saturday night inside Bojangles Coliseum.

Both teams exchanged minor penalties and unsuccessful, abbreviated power plays in the opening four minutes, but the Springfield man-advantage got another crack and opened the scoring at 5:51. After wrestling the puck out of a board scrum, Michael Buchinger freed it up and dropped it back to Theo Lindstein at point position. The second-year blueliner danced toward middle ice before firing a seeing-eye wrister past Kirill Gerasimyuk's glove, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge.

That proved to be enough for Will Cranley to hold the T-Birds lead into the intermission, as the second-year backstop denied each of Charlotte's seven shot attempts.

The game's pace grinded to a halt in the second period, as both teams paraded their ways into the sin bin. The teams would combine for 28 penalty minutes and seven separate power play opportunities, but despite all the chaos, shots were a scarcity, with Charlotte launching only six attempts at Cranley, while Springfield managed just four at Gerasimyuk.

Oskar Sundqvist had the T-Birds' best chance to extend the 1-0 lead, but the

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Zachary Banar tries to get around an opponent.

Comp gets shutout over Monson

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, it was all Chicopee Comprehensive in the regular season finale for the Colts and Monson boys soccer. The Colts took care of Monson 6-0. In the win, Rodney Blanc three goals while three others had single goals. The loss dropped Monson to 7-8-1 on the season while Comp improved to 4-12.



Ali Al Zubaidi traps the ball and tries to change direction.



Dominik Szczech goes for the header.

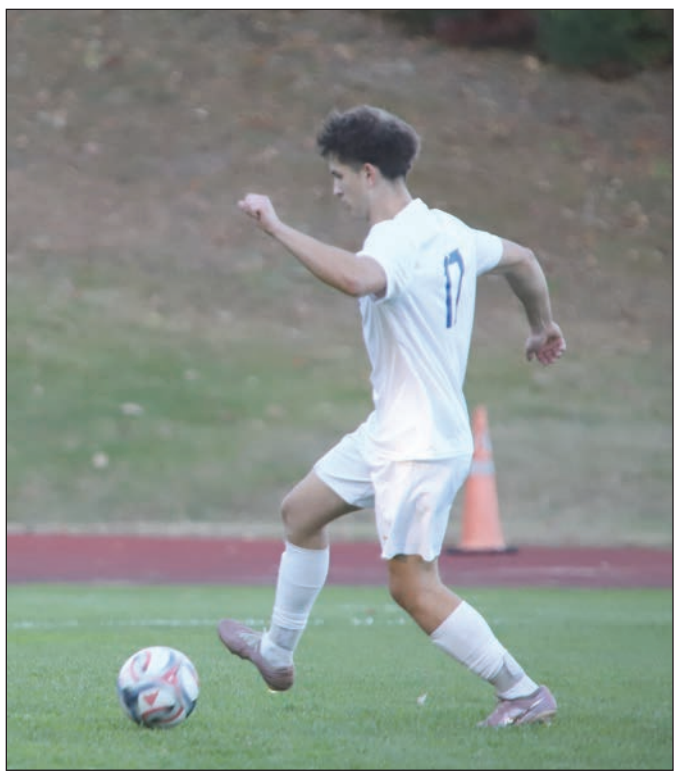


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Edison Chuquilla is pressured by an opponent.



Jack Neuhauser tries to beat a Monson player to the ball.



Landon Sousa reaches out to collect a pass.

IN THE CITY

CLUB CRUISER
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for smoothies and even a 3D printer, this fully contained mobile club will produce a pop-up shop-style Boys & Girls Club experience," Reed said.

He also explained how the Club Cruiser would support youth and teens in the city.

"We know, due to geography, transportation and financial means that there are many children in the city that cannot access our beautiful campus and the quality programming we provide," Reed said. "Our Club Cruiser will help break down those barriers, allowing more opportunities for the youth and teens in Chicopee to benefit from the club and further our mission."

Following his opening remarks, Reed introduced Liberty Bank President and CEO David Glidden to speak on behalf of the lead foundation sponsor.



TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

A group of kids getting a peek inside, as staff members helped take items out and set up various activity stations.

"Just on behalf of the team at Liberty, I wanted to tell everybody that, you know, we're a big supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs throughout our footprint, and I can tell you, I was a club kid," Glidden said. "I grew up in the Holyoke Boys Club, and I know firsthand just how important these places are."

Next to the podium was Chairman and co-founder of the Vann Group, Kevin Vann.

"It's incredible to be here, and bear witness to how this campus has evolved into something truly special," Vann said. "We have gymnasiums, gardens, greenhouses, basketball courts, the teen center and now the club cruiser, which will allow us to take what we can do here every day and bring it out into the community. I feel we will have a fleet of these one day, but until then, today is a special moment of reflection. We are only going to continue to grow and expand, so thank you to everyone who made this achievement possible."

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) also took the podium to deliver remarks, pointing to the Club Cruiser as a shining example of public-private partnerships paying dividends for the future of Chicopee's youth and emphasizing the critical safe haven the club provides for local children.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, kids of all ages gathered around the mobile clubhouse and got a closer look inside before staff members pulled various items out and set up mini activity stations, showing a full first-look demonstration, which turned out to be a massive hit.

Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga highlighted the impact the mobile clubhouse will have on local families.

"To me, this means such an amazing thing—to meet kids where they are, at the parks, to set up events and fun sports, and just get the community working together," Arriaga said. "So, I truly think we have something special here, because now we have created this opportunity for families to see something so new... these are exactly the initiatives and programs that I will continue to advocate for: the safety, future, and prosperity of our children."

In addition, the cruiser recently debuted at the Curry Honda Haunted Car Show and the city's 'Spooktacular' event.

BUS SAFETY
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supported by the fines from violators.

"Our partnership with BusPatrol is real. It's implemented and we are keeping our students safe and that's really the focus," Vieau said. "When a student gets on a bus, we want to make sure that they get home safely at the end of the day after a full day of school."

State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) called the partnership "a fascinating idea and endeavor, which I think is so critically important."

"I can think of no higher calling as an elected official than public safety," Velis said. "If you even unpacked it a little bit more, it's the public safety and well-being of our youngest, most vulnerable, and, to me, at the most fundamental level, that's what this program is. It's about keeping our kiddos safe and holding people accountable who don't think it's important to stop when those (stop arms) come out..so I just think it's a really important day and I can't stress enough to everyone involved: kudos."

He added the partnership "is a perfect example" of collaboration between different levels of government, the private sector and law enforcement.

Justin Meyers, president and Chief Innovation Officer at BusPatrol, shared that BusPatrol is the nation's largest provider of child-safety systems on school buses and a mission-driven organization protecting kids going to and from school.

"There's an organization called The National Pupil Transportation Directors Association that does a national study every year with about 1,000 school bus drivers to aggregate how many times, on average, does someone illegally pass a school bus. Is it 100 times, is it 1,000, is it a million? If you can believe, it's 39 to 45 million times a year that a school bus is illegally passed," Meyers said.

Meyers added what doesn't usually make the news is "the hundreds—if not thousands of times across every community in this country—that children have to be witness to a close-call event,"



State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) talks about collaboration between different levels of government, the private sector and law enforcement and their impact.



Justin Meyers, president and Chief Innovation Officer at BusPatrol, talks about his organization and how school bus cameras are helping communities.



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Public Information Ofc. Travis Odiorne provides information on citations issued to drivers who illegally passed school buses.

sharing the story of a little girl named Abigail who was waiting for her school bus in the grass area of the bus stop and a car came speeding up and passed on the right-hand side where she was standing, spinning out of control and striking her, throwing her 20 feet in the air and hitting the ground.

"Now luckily, Abigail survived and she did not have any serious injuries. But, if you can imagine for that poor little 10-year-old girl who then goes to school the next day. She's not thinking about her math class, she's not thinking about getting on the school bus and hanging out with her friends. She's thinking about the time—and associating going to school—with the time that she thought she might die, and that happens all across this country every single day in the United States," Meyers said.

Meyers also noted in 2018 in Rochester, Indiana, four children were struck by a vehicle while getting on the school bus; three of them—who were all siblings—were killed. After that, the National Transportation Safety Board conducted a study, leading to three recommendations: communities take this problem very seriously through elected leaders, communities and appointed officials coming together from a law enforcement perspective to address it; adopting an automated enforcement program and educating the public—including drivers and students—on knowing the laws, the importance of stopping for the bus, how to appropriately drive around school buses and how to get on and off the school bus.

"The Governor's Highway Safety Association did a study just in August of this year—two months ago—that came back that said 47% of parents—so half of all parents in America—have said their child has been a victim of a close call," Meyers said.

Odiorne shared that from Aug. 26—when the school year started—to 15 minutes ago that day on Oct. 23, 186 citations were given.

"It's $250 for the first offense. If it's a reciprocal event, it goes up. So, it would be $500 for the next one. As of now, we've only had first-time offenders," Odiorne said.

Meyers later gave a tour of a school bus equipped with high-definition 4K cameras—360 degrees—to get every angle and that "can see a few hundred feet in every direction down the roadway."

"So, we have a rear-facing camera that sees vehicles coming up behind the bus. There's a front-facing camera in the dash that's able to see forward," Meyers said.

Above the bus windows is an AI lenses or fish-eye lenses "that's able to see the full length of the school bus."

"So, it sees the totality of an infraction occurring in one single shot," Meyers said. "And then these cameras here are kind of lower down so that they can record the vehicle as it passes and then, ultimately, once law enforcement reviews the evidence package, if they determine that, yes, a violation did occur, they can use this camera feed to identify the vehicle through its license plate, run the owner's of the vehicle's DMW record and then ultimately mail that ticket."

A side-load camera on the other side, he added, helps capture when a child gets on and off a bus "to ensure that we're getting the totality of the circumstances."

"The entire system is hooked into the telematics of the bus, so it knows when the bus is moving, it knows when the bus is stopped. It knows when the bus has been stopped, the amber lights have been triggered, the red lights have been triggered and that stop sign has been deployed so that children can enter or exit the bus," Meyers said.

Once that's been deployed, an AI system called AVA starts watching the camera for only one thing: when a vehicle illegally passes a school bus.

"So, she's watching all of these cameras and when a car does come by and blows by that stop sign, she recognizes that as a potential event or a potential violation and cuts a 30-second evidence package from all of those camera feeds on the bus. That evidence package is then uploaded to the Cloud and a human at BusPatrol reviews it and says, 'Okay, what's the letter of the law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, what are the business rules in Chicopee,'" Meyers said. "There's obviously discretion in a traffic violation and we work with law enforcement upfront to understand how they want to enforce the law here in Chicopee. So, a human at BusPatrol reviews the law, the business rules and determines whether or not the AI got it right."

If the human decides it was right, Meyers said a second set of eyes at BusPatrol reviews the footage and when both are completed, the evidence package is sent to local law enforcement, with local officers reviewing and deciding if a violation occurred or not.

If a ticket or potential violation is dismissed, the data is deleted. However, if a violation was found, the ticket would be mailed out and include still photographs and video footage. Faces are not identified in the video footage or photos.

"You can click that link, go and put that citation number in and you can review the same video evidence that the law enforcement officer ultimately who made that determination to issue that violation had at their disposal," Meyers said. "You can then review that and either plead guilty and pay your violation to the city of Chicopee or you can contest and you'll have your day in court in the state of Massachusetts."

CLUES ACROSS
1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN
1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

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veteran forward rattled the crossbar with a high-rising wrister.

After beginning the weekend 0-for-7 on their power play, the Checkers did finally cash in with just 27 seconds left in the period as Jack Devine funneled a wrister from point position over Cranley's glove, tying the score and sending a 1-1 game into the third for a second straight evening.

As was the case on Friday, shots on goal heavily favored the Checkers for the game and especially in the third, as Charlotte twirled 15 pucks on Cranley. However, the T-Birds proved opportunistic, as Jack Finley found a loose puck in the left circle near the boards and whipped a perfect blind cross-ice feed to Dylan Peterson, who punched a shot through Gerasimyuk to restore the T-Birds lead, 2-1, at 6:32 of the third.

Peterson's clutch tally would be all Cranley needed, as the Springfield penalty kill dispatched two additional Charlotte power plays to bring the game to its finish line. Cranley finished with 27 stops and has now turned away 111 of 116 shots over his first four starts.

The T-Birds now return home with a 3-1-0-0 road record to begin their season, as Springfield looks to find its home ice advantage when they open a five-game homestand on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:05 p.m. against the Providence Bruins.

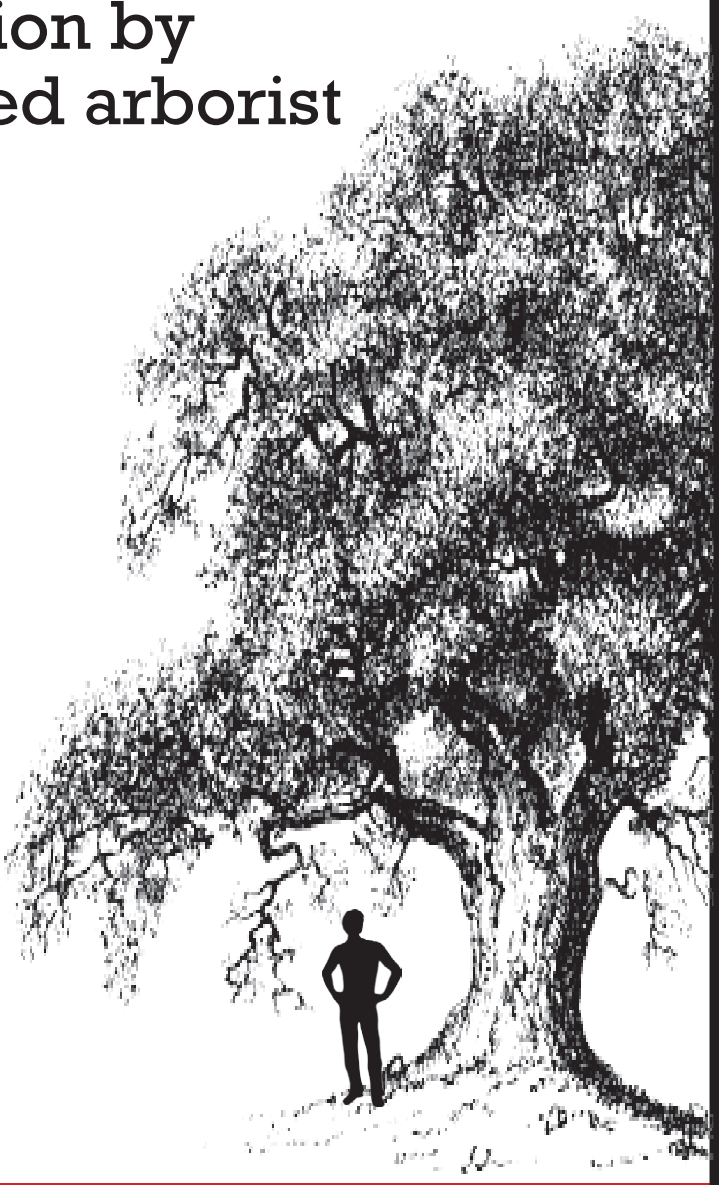
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Home Occupation License application at 17 Woodcrest Ct. for the purpose of an at home bakery to start a small business to provide for family. Applicant – Allison Kraucunas, 17 Woodcrest Ct., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Home Occupation License application at 18 Devlin Dr. for the purpose of baked goods sales from home. Applicant – Brianna Souza, 18 Devlin Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Special Permit application under section 275-30 for the purpose of replacement of an existing building with new 40' storage container located at 36 Johnny Cake Hollow. Applicant – Rebecca Manzo, Natson Hotel Group, 36 Johnny Cake Hollow, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

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Home Occupation License application at 131 Beauregard Ter for the purpose of baking cake pops to sell at home. Applicant – Dori Acevedo, 131 Beauregard Ter, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Special Permit application under section 275-61 C3 & 40G for the purpose of new license all alcohol/wine and malt and flexible parking standards located at 264/258 Exchange St. Applicant – Nonna's Village, Angela P. Breault-Klusman, 29 Concord St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

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Special Permit application under section 275-50 (A) for the purpose of modification of an existing Special Permit to convert two 14'x48' billboard static sign panels to two 14'x48' digital billboard sign panels on the existing monopole located at 530 Memorial Dr. Applicant – Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC, Patrick Keough, 32 Midland St., Windsor, CT 06095.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT HAMPDEN, ss
Case No. 2679CV00399
ESTATE OF TERESA CARTIER
Plaintiff
v.
JOANNE SOWA, deceased
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
DEBORAH L. CLEVELAND, deceased
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
DONNA M. BEDARD
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
Defendants

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard and their heirs, successors, and/or assigns:

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed by the Estate of Teresa Cartier, by its Personal Representative Michael Cartier, in which you are named as a Defendant. Wherein Plaintiff is seeking service of process by publication. This complaint concerns property in Chicopee, Massachusetts once owned Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard. Said property is known as 14 Lawrence Road, Lot 71-B, Chicopee, Massachusetts. See Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 315 Page 17. Plaintiff seeks a judgment declaring that Plaintiff holds 100% clear, marketable and record title to the property known as 14 Lawrence Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

This complaint may be examined at the Hampden County Superior Court, or a copy obtained from Plaintiff's Attorney.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon the Plaintiff's Attorney, Sean T. Powers, Esq., Powers Law Group, LLC, whose address is 680 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089 an answer to the Complaint on or before the 9th day of December 2026, next, the return day, hereof, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the Plaintiff which arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiffs' claim, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service has been made on the heirs, successors, and/or assigns of Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard and that after a diligent search Plaintiff has served the living Defendant, Plaintiff can determine, that there are no other such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service.

It is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing a copy of this notice three consecutive times in either the Chicopee Register and/or Chicopee Herald, a newspaper general circulation in Chicopee in the County of Hampden and said.

Dated this 16th day of October in hte year 2026.

Hon. Jeffrey J. Trapani,
Justice
10/30, 11/06, 11/13/2026

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

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 6th, 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.

2014 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCR2F36EA129475
Mathew Cotto
617 Harrison Ave.
Scranton, PA 18510

2010 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP6AN542961
Francisco Santiago Moreno
58 Chester St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2007 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56717A066291
Jessica Harrington
185 North St.
Bennington, VT 05201

2009 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFG12679H505881
Xiomara Rivera
5 Riverboat Village Rd.
South Hadley, MA 01075

2007 Mazda Mazda 6
VIN: 1YVHP80C075M60922
Benedict Smith
213 4th Ave.
Bellaire OH 43906

2003 Ford F250
VIN: 3FTNX21L33MB23573
Jerry Francisco Ramos
168 Sewall St.
Ludlow, MA 01056

1995 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
VIN: 2G1FP32P3S2113159
Angel Guzman
109 Outer Dr.
Chicopee MA 01022

2018 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VW2B7AJ4JM263378
Rafael Hernandez
119 Lebanon Hill Rd.
Southbridge, MA 01550
10/23, 10/30, 11/06/2026

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

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on October 30th, 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.

2007 Chevrolet Cobalt
VIN: 1G1AL55F277221535
Alexander Germaine
137 Sierra Vista Rd.
Springfield, MA 01128

1992 Chevrolet C3500
VIN: 2GCGC39N7N1227316
Travis Powell
50 Southampton Rd., Apt. 11C
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GE60629H515321
Leonardo
42 Boyer St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2001 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES16541H610166
Luz Anna Torres
73 Farnum Dr.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2003 Honda Civic
VIN: 1HGEM22593L078120
Earl Kiefer
94 Northway Dr.
Springfield, MA 01119

2003 Chevrolet Avalance
VIN: 3GNEK13T73G232257
Jay Carroll
100 Bonner St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2004 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES16584H507885
Christian Yael Torres Santiago
33 Trinity St., Fl 3
New Britain, CT 06051

2017 Suabru Outback
VIN: 4S4BSANC1H3244581
Elise Oreilly
1620 Pendleton Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020

2003 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES26763H513108
Alexis Atkins-Nortez
135 Layzon Brothers Rd
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

1996 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BB02E3TC153817
Calet Sanchez Diaz
132 Wait St.
Springfield, MA 01104
10/16, 10/23, 10/30/2026

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

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 13th, 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.

2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer
VIN: 1GNDT13S952186992
Luis Carrucini Roberto
611 Cheeseman Court
Newport News, VI 23608

2015 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G11F5SL6FF127101
Kaila Coppedge
389 Hamilton St., Apt. 3
Southbridge, Ma 01550

2006 Toyota RAV 4
VIN: JTMBD33V166020561
Yvonne Provost
583 Pochassic Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2008 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF1SG65648H704984
Robert Henderson
1139 Westfield St., Apt. 40
West Springfield, MA 01089

2006 Shan Jmstar
VIN: LJ4TCKPZ76J001510
Unknown
10/30, 11/06, 11/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2249GD
In the matter of: Elizabeth Malave
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Baystate Medical Center of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Elizabeth Malave** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Hector Luis Cartegena Santiago of Chicopee, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/19/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 22, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/30/2026

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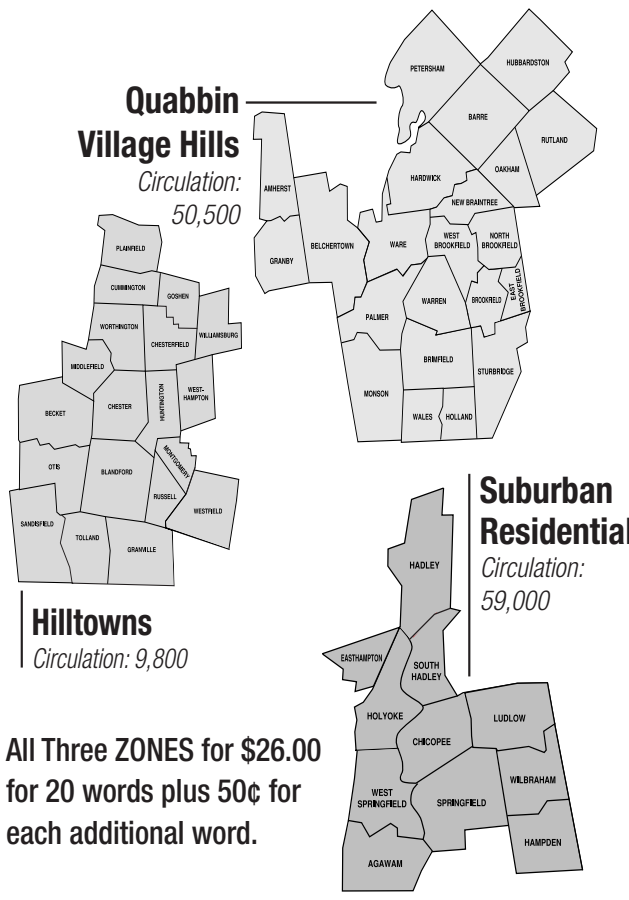
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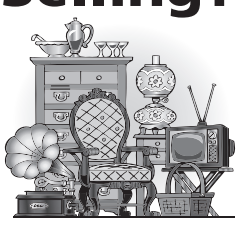
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