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Vieau defeats López, earns victory in mayoral race

Candidates hold watch parties, reflect on campaigns

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CHICOPEE -- Voters re-elected Mayor John Vieau on Nov. 7 as mayor of Chicopee, defeating challenger Ward 3 City Councilor Delmarina López.

Vieau received 5,058 votes, while López received 3,695 votes, a difference of 1,363 votes.

On Election Night, both candidates held watch parties with their supporters as the votes came in.

At the Portuguese American Club, Vieau was congratulated by supporters for securing his third term in office.

Vieau shared he was “just really excited and humbled and honored to continue to serve Chicopee as the mayor.”



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With Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks by his side, Mayor John Vieau announces he won this year’s mayoral election during a speech at the Portuguese American Club on Tuesday night.

“My committee put in so much work. It was a thorough campaign. I felt like we’ve touched all the bases and really got our message out for the people of Chicopee that Chicopee’s stable and Chicopee’s heading in the right direction,” Vieau said.

Vieau said he spoke with López “just recently” after the votes were counted.

“I said she ran a great race, and I wished her best in her future endeavors and I’m proud of her. I am. I win and lose with dignity,” Vieau said.

Looking ahead to his next term, Vieau shared his many goals, including Phase Two of renovating City Hall, working on a new Barry Elementary School, seeking public input for rebuilding Szot Park, revitalizing the former Central Library and investing in public safety.

Additionally, his team will

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HAMPDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, holds Sierra, the newest addition to his team.

Meet Sierra

Newest member joins the Hampden County Sheriff's Office

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SPRINGFIELD -- The smallest member of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office is making a big impact.

Sierra, an English Labrador puppy, is training to become the office's newest ther-

apy dog. She's already had an incredible effect on her handler, Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, as well as his team.

“She’s had a huge impact on our team and our mission in terms of the unconditional love she shows to all of us,” Hoffman Jr. said. “I see the stress and strain on the staff in terms of what we do, and she has infused an element of joy and

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Planning Board approves preliminary site plans for drive-through on James Street

The decision was made despite concerns from residents

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CHICOPEE -- On Nov. 2, the Planning Board approved a preliminary site plan with a waiver for a proposed drive-through coffee shop with associated site improvements and three residential units on James Street.

The area for the proposal is 0 and 523 James St., split into two zones of Residential A and Business A.

Robert Levesque of R Levesque Associates, on behalf of the applicant, Daniel Hannoush, presented updated plans for a drive-through-only coffee shop and three single-family houses; with the houses mentioned for reference.

“So, we’re working with the zoning we have,” Levesque said.

Levesque addressed many issues, particularly traffic overflow concerns, when discussing the arrangement of traffic going around the Memorial Drive rotary.

“When they get off and go into this loop, it’s a clockwise motion, and so they come into this site, they have all this area and then we have significant amount of stacking that we’ll be able to provide,” Levesque said.

Levesque also mentioned the Engineering Department’s concerns around potential traffic stacking of vehicles onto the one-way looped access road, saying he and Hannoush “can provide that information in the definitive process.”

“We’ll make sure that we communicate with Mr. (Doug)

Ellis with regard to that prior to the submission and then provide the outcome of those discussions to the Planning Board,” Levesque said.

Numerous residents, including two City Councilors, voiced their concerns and opposition to the proposal, citing public safety, traffic, water basin overflow concerns and more.

Janet Paquette called the proposal “a disastrous and fatalistic proposal for our neighborhood.”

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(L to R) Planning Board members Michael Sarnelli, Tom Reniewicz, Planning Board Chair Cynthia Labrie, Planning Board member Jay Paul and Planning Board Clerk Eric Oulette discuss a motion during the Nov. 2 Planning Board meeting.



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Zoning Committee hears concerns about Food Bank

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CHICOPEE -- The Zoning Committee heard from residents and department heads on Oct. 25 regarding concerns surrounding the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

No vote took place, as the discussion served as a dialogue to gather information and ideas.

City Engineer Doug Ellis discussed a second address for the Food Bank, given the issue with the parked trucks.

"We're trying to work through that and see if we can issue them a second address. There is an issue with trucks trying to get in on the street side, so that's something we're currently working on," Ellis said.

Fire Chief Dan Stamborski wondered if two addresses would cause confusion but after receiving more information from President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme on the concerns, he has a better understanding of what's going on.

"We're perfectly willing to sit down with the powers-that-be and come up with something that'll help the situation," Stamborski said.

Police Lt. Eric Laflamme, who spoke on behalf of Police Chief Patrick Major, also gained a better understanding of the situation after talking with residents, particularly about the entrance concerns.

"Along with the fire chief and engineering (department), I'd like to discuss this more," Laflamme said.

Andrew Morehouse, executive director of the Food Bank, agreed to consider the second address and permanent gates, appreciating residents reaching out about when trucks are arriving.

Morehouse also had confronted a truck arriving after hours.

"That would go a long way to helping us to help the neighbors because we want to be good neighbors," Morehouse said.

Morehouse also supports additional signage for truck entrances and restricting trucks on Carew Street.

"Honestly, after the encounter just now, I now know we need to put a sign di-



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

An exterior shot of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on Carew Street

verting truck traffic," Morehouse said.

Brenda Theriault requested more information be given to the truck drivers, discussing a video she sent to Mayor John Vieau of a school bus driving on the opposite side of the road to get around a parked trailer truck.

"What if there were children on that bus? What if there was an accident and lives were destroyed? That shouldn't be happening. Trucks should not be on Carew Street parked," Theriault said.

Kevin Colter shared concerns about the Food Bank's proposed stage two plan for snow removal and the installation of solar panels.

"It's just an eyesore now, so it's starting to get bigger and bigger, and we were all concerned about this from the get-go," Colter said.

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits

hopes the issues will be addressed.

"It sounds like progress is slowly being made, but I think if we can deal with some of the issues that were brought up tonight, particularly about eliminating the truck traffic that's going to the wrong entrances and things like that amongst the lighting and some of the other issues I think will go a long way in restoring things back to the neighborhoods," Krampits said.

The item was placed on file 5-0 with information to be sent to the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, with the information to be referenced during the Nov. 9 City Council meeting.

Nov. 2 Planning Board Update on Food Bank

On Nov. 2, the Planning Board reviewed the Food Bank's modified definitive site plan, with residents voicing their

concerns.

The Food Bank discussed their snow removal and solar panel plans, presenting blueprints of the sites and design along with these updates: a wooden fence screen for the loading dock area was installed, the bollard lights are off, additional signage is up, including temporary signs for truck entrances and no trucks, and agreements to address the smoking policy and install a fence for a patio break area (were discussed).

The Food Bank received a \$900 fine from the Conservation Commission for violations of the enforcement requirements.

The motion to approve the modified definitive site plan, with all SPRAT comments being addressed and adding a six-foot privacy fence at the patio area of the Food Bank's choosing, passed 5-0.

Recap of Chicopee Election Day Results

Costello wins Ward 9 race;
Wagner voted onto Council-at-Large
Arriaga wins in Ward 1;
Goff is victorious in Ward 3

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CHICOPEE -- A total of 8,837 ballots were cast on Election Day in Chi-

copee, matching 21.56% of the eligible population.

Councilors-at-Large Frank Laflamme, Jerry Roy and Robert Zygarowski will remain in their positions. Laflamme received 20.4% of the vote, Roy received 19.8% and Zygarowski received 18.8%

Tim Wagner, currently the Ward 1 School Committee member, was also voted to the Council-at-Large, where he will follow retiring City Councilor

James Tillotson, who has held office for nearly 50 years.

Wagner earned 4,261 votes, good enough for 16% of the vote. He defeated outgoing Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe (13.2%) and Sean Goonan (11.5%).

In Ward 1, in a race to fill the seat left open by McAuliffe, Abigail Arriaga narrowly defeated James Tanhauser, Jr. Arriaga earned 570 votes (51.6%) compared to Tanhauser, Jr.'s 530 (48%).

Uncontested Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks received 97.3% of the vote and will remain in office for at least two more years.

In Ward 3, in a race to fill the seat left open by mayoral candidate Delmarina López, Susan Goff defeated Lucjan Galecki. Goff earned 457 votes (53.1%), and Galecki earned 402 votes (46.7%).

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier was reelected in an uncontested race, earning 98.5% of votes, while Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits earned 97.2% of votes, also winning an uncontested race.

The race in Ward 6 was won by Samuel Shumsky, currently a member of the School Committee. In an uncontested race, Shumsky earned 97.5% of

the vote.

Shumsky has noted he is the first City Councilor in Chicopee to be born after 2000..

Ward 7 was also an uncontested race and was won by William Courchesne, who earned 98.6% of the vote. Gary Labrie won an uncontested race for Ward 8, earning 98.9% of votes.

In Ward 9, Mary Beth Costello was victorious over John Paquette, Jr. She earned 767 votes (61.8%) compared to his 469 (37.8%).

Each School Committee race was uncontested. In Ward 1, Deanna Rousseau joins the committee, following in the footsteps of Wagner, who was elected to City Council At-Large.

Carlton "Sonny" Brooks was voted onto the committee for Ward 6, taking the seat of Shumsky, who was voted onto the City Council. Sztela-Lopes is taking the at-large seat of retiring member Chester Sztela.

Returning School Committee members include David Barsalou, Jason Dout, Sandra Peret, Grace Schofield, Donald Lamothe, Douglas Girouard and Ron Bernard.

On Question 1, 4,963 voters said 'Yes' (59.9%) while 3,319 (40.1%) said 'no.'

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School Committee members, Director of Maintenance visit new Easthampton school



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Anna E. Barry School in Chicopee will likely be rebuilt in several years. To seek input on the process, Chicopee officials and administrators visited a state-of-the-art Mountain View School, which opened last year in Easthampton.

Strategize on how to best replace Anna E. Barry School

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CHICOPEE -- City officials are seeking input from neighboring communities ahead of the construction of Chicopee's next school.

Late last year, Chicopee received state approval to construct a new building to replace the aging Anna E. Barry School.

The state also pledged 80% reimbursement for eligible costs, and the Massachusetts School Building Authority voted unanimously to invite the city into phase one of receiving project funding.

During the Nov. 1 School Committee meeting, Ward 7 School Committee Member Donald Lamothe announced he recently traveled to Mountain View School in Easthampton with Ward 5 School Committee Member Grace Schofield and Scott Chapdelaine, the district's director of maintenance.

"It's a new school that just opened. It's a very nice school. They put three elementaries and one middle school into one building. There are about 1,000 kids in the building, but they have three separate wings," Lamothe said.

Lamothe noted each wing has a principal but there are no vice principals. There is a head of school that oversees the building, "so really they have one principal and three vice principals," Lamothe said.

"They went through and explained to us how they got where they're at, and

that's where we're heading with Barry. We're going to have to go through those processes," Lamothe continued.

Mountain View School is a 176,155 square-foot state-of-the-art school building that opened in September 2022. The project cost approximately \$110 million; students enjoy the school's large, bright spaces and updated technology, according to the school website.

"The building is in very good shape. It has a beautiful layout because of the property they have. All you see is the nice mountain range with all the colors at the time," Lamothe said.

On Nov. 1, Chicopee Public Schools Human Resources Director Deborah Green offered the School Committee an update on personnel. She said that there were 10 new hires and three resignations between Oct. 11-25.

"Of those new hires, two are teachers, two are paras," Green said. "We have officially gone to our orientations for once a week during the slow season. As of today, this afternoon, we have 70 postings open on SchoolSpring. Twenty-seven of those are Unit A, or the teachers, 20 are Unit E, the paraprofessionals or teaching assistants and 21 of those positions involve special ed. Of those 70, 15 of those are still new positions we are hiring for."

Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware announced that when it comes to professional development for district teachers, he wants to bring people's attention to the many training opportunities that are available for educators.

"We have multiple-day conferences for many of our administrators that will be in attendance, including myself and

some of the members of the School Committee who will be at the Mass joint conference next week, as well as we have multiple single-day conferences for many of our staff," Ware said.

Ware said presentations are given by a variety of entities ranging from the School Nutrition Association to the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education.

"As you can see in your handout, it goes on and on," he said.

On Tuesday, Unit A teachers were able to experience a professional development session.

"We have a lot of offerings for our staff so we're looking forward to this

day," Ware said. "Having a new team on board, it's really exciting to look at the professional development opportunities coming together for our staff and district."

On Nov. 1, Mayor John Vieau recognized recently retired culinary arts teacher Karl Krawczyk for working for the district for 21 years and eight months. He was employed at Chicopee Comprehensive High School where he contributed to the CTE program.

"I would like to say thank you Karl for your service. I would like to wish you the best in your retirement," Vieau said.

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Programming next week at the Chicopee Public Library

CHICOPEE – The following two programs will occur next week at the Chicopee Public Library on Front Street.

Protestant and Jewish Cemeteries in Chicopee

Join the library on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a talk about the Protestant and Jewish Cemeteries in Chicopee. Robert Comeau, a former science teacher, now explores topics of local history and sets up walking tours to share with the public. This talk is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Rise Up Book Talk

Join the library on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. for a multimedia presentation with Craig Harris discussing his new book "Rise Up: Indigenous Music in North America". The presentation includes music and storytelling. Craig is an author, musician and radio host.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

This program is supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The applause continues and the gratitude never fails for Delmarina Lopez

During the wind blast frozen Tuesday night, voters approaching we remaining sign holders at the Ward 9 poll were exuberant and delighted to have voted for Delmarina for mayor. At 6:45 p.m. one gentleman stated voted for Delmarina as she had spent 40 minutes at his home discussing, learning and gaining insight to represent constituents and the area. Delmarina continually visited streets and spent time to gain invaluable understanding to know and to represent.

To insist upon the truth and to Better Best represent is the genuine character of a truly unique exceptional leader López.

Delmarina also ran a high standard ethical campaign with the most wonderful, warm, genuine people I have ever met in my life. Actually, this is not surprising as Delmarina and each of her family members are indeed warm wonderful genuine individuals.

I would cast my vote without hesitation for the Better Best Mayor Lopez again and again as the utmost authentic leader.

Thank you Delmarina for enabling so many Chicopee residents to stand up, speak out and to vote for standards of excellence and integrity for true representation. You have indeed awakened and inspired the now many and the future more to continually question and demand only Better Best truth and representation to ensure our voice, rights, life quality and public safety.

Chicopee will be fortunate when López leadership once again will inspire Chicopee voters at the next election for Mayor Lopez for our Better Best Chicopee. Why? Because as residents, our lives aspire to our very Better Best. We deserve and are entitled to absolute truth and representation to protect our Better Best quality of life, homes, neighborhoods, roads and public safety.

As you personally come or zoom in to public input to see, hear and know our Chicopee elected at our Chicopee meetings, please compile a score notebook listing and identifying serious issues; when, how, and by whom our voices, input, rights and law are accepted or disregarded; as well as if procedures and process deliberately fail, under minded, or are upheld and by whom? Also, identify who tells the truth and represents who and what?

Then at the next election, look at your score book as to who tells the truth and represents rather than listening to the anonymous rhetoric, "they say", jibs and jabs, lip service and lip sinking.

We each deserve and need to perform our very Better Best.

Thank you,
Sue Nimchick,
Chicopee

GUEST COLUMN



Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground.

That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of

fertilizer can be added in early spring.

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed then.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips 14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

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.

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Chicopee JRAFROTC presents the colors at football game



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CHICOPEE -- Before Chicopee High School took on South Hadley High School at Szot Park on Friday, Oct. 20, the Chicopee JR Air Force ROTC presented the colors. Turley Publications photographer David Henry captured this image. South Hadley emerged with a road victory.

First Congregational Church to hold Holly Berry Fair Nov. 18

CHICOPEE -- The First Congregational Church at 306 Chicopee St. is having their Annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy great Holiday crafts and gifts from various vendors, raffle baskets, baked goods, yummy food at the snack bar and more.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Chicopee Parade Committee's 70th anniversary tickets available

CHICOPEE -- Tickets are now available for the Chicopee Parade Committee's 70th anniversary celebration, which will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange St., Chicopee. Cost is \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door (\$60 per couple in advance and \$70 per couple at the door). They may be purchased by contacting any committee member, or through EventBrite, under "Chicopee Parade Committee."

The public is invited. Also attending the celebration will be past and present presidents, parade marshals, award recipients, colleens, court members and committee members. Memorabilia and displays depicting the committee's history will be available to view. Appetizers will be served, and there will be Irish music and entertainment by Irish step dancers.

The Committee was formed in 1954 to organize the Chicopee contingent in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. A few years later, Judith Buckley rode on a float as Chicopee's first Colleen. Originally selected through popular public vote, the system was changed to the current contest and coronation process in the 1960's. A "Court" of four members

was added soon after due to the popularity of the contest, which has always been open to young women of all ethnic backgrounds.

Other awards bestowed by the Parade Committee over the years include the Parade Marshal; the Woods Award, which recognizes an outstanding committee member; and the Atkinson Award, given to a person or organization in the community who lends support to the committee. Occasionally, the Meara Award is given to one or more residents who perform an act of heroism.

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

Dec. 9 New York City bus trip is full

Wait list is being kept in case of cancellations

All aboard! The Dec. 9 New York City bus trip is full, and a wait list is now being kept in case of cancellations.

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Valley Opportunity Council holds Trunk or Treat event

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The annual Knights of Columbus #4044 Thanksgiving Dinner is back

The meal takes place on Thanksgiving Day from noon - 2 p.m.

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CHICOPEE -- The Knights of Columbus Council #4044 will hold its annual Thanksgiving meal for the first time in three years.

The meal is on Thursday, Nov. 23 from noon - 2 p.m., with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash donated by McKinstry Farms, potatoes, gravy, rolls, peas and cookies for dessert.

The deadline to order a delivered meal is Nov. 17 through The Turkey Lines at 413-612-4259 or 413-612-4218.

Volunteers can also call these same numbers to volunteer.

Grand Knight Steve Dubreuil explained the COVID-19 pandemic affected the meal for two years, while last year, the organization's chef had issues acquiring turkeys from different vendors due to avian flu.

"We were concerned," Dubreuil said. "After last Thanksgiving, I was determined that we were going to have it, and a lot of the members and my officers were the same way. We have to have it, or we may never see it again."

Dubreuil said he's excited to have the meal return.

"It's just awesome. It's as exciting,

I think, for the volunteers that it's coming back as for the people that are going to come and have the meal or have the meal delivered," Dubreuil said.

Dubreuil expressed gratitude to the city, the community attending their fundraising events and monetary donations from Tina and Andrew Crane and the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home & Garden Show to help support the meal.

Additionally, there will be donations of 50 turkeys from State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Sen. Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow), State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Rep. Patricia Duffy (D-Holyoke) and State Rep. Michael Finn (D-West Springfield).

"It's incredible. It's showing us that people are supporting our efforts and they want it back," Dubreuil said.

Dubreuil said everywhere he's gone, residents have expressed shock and excitement about the meal's return.

"I've had calls from so many people that want to volunteer (that) are so excited that we're back," Dubreuil said. "It's really nice to hear when somebody actually calls and orders a meal and they're like, 'Oh thank you so much for bringing it back.'"

Dubreuil also reflected on delivering meals on Thanksgiving, saying "It's just a wonderful feeling" when volunteers deliver the meals.

"I've done it in the past and it's just a great feeling, and it's a great feeling being able to be out here and greet people coming in that are going to be having a meal," Dubreuil said.

Dubreuil said the organization focuses on charity, holding events including spaghetti suppers, bingo, breakfasts, raffles, a craft fair and more throughout the year.

He calls his fellow members "my friends."

"The Knights of Columbus pretty much is the biggest group of friends I have, and we all have the same thoughts about how we want to represent ourselves, values and goals," Dubreuil said. "When we come here on Thanksgiving week, it's like you're there with your friends, with your family. We have a good time. We set it up, it's busy, it's crazy, but it's great."

Dubreuil also appreciates how the event brings people together, whether through generations of volunteers helping prepare the meal or providing community to those who may not have family or friends nearby to enjoy the holiday.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS STEVE DUBREUIL

Volunteers working together to prepare meals during a past Thanksgiving Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Council #4044 in Chicopee.



Volunteers prepare meals in the kitchen for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner during a past event at the Knights of Columbus Council #4044 in Chicopee.

"I feel like we're bringing some of that, you know, starting the holiday on the right foot for people," Dubreuil said.

Dubreuil wants the community to know they look forward to seeing everyone.

"I just want the residents to know that we're here. We are a group that like to do for others," Dubreuil said.

"Thanksgiving is only one part of what we do here. We're really trying to help the community."



A photo of a "Bringing Back the Bird!" t-shirt on sale at the Knights of Columbus #4044 in Chicopee. The shirts can be purchased at the lounge for \$20, with the proceeds supporting the Thanksgiving Dinner.



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The Wealth Transition Collective hosts annual food drive Nov. 13-17

HOLYOKE -- The Wealth Transition Collective, a financial planning firm out of Holyoke, recently announced it will host their 4th annual weeklong food drive, beginning Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17, to benefit Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke in honor

of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Individuals can drop off non-perishable and canned foods during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at their office at 1632 Northampton St.

IN THE CITY



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Mayor John Vieau, bottom right, and his team await news in the 2023 mayoral race.

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look to implement the comprehensive plan.

“The Planning Board just adopted our comprehensive plan for where we want to be in 20 years,” Vieau said. “It has complete streets and digital equity and where we want to be as we start looking towards the future.”

Vieau wants to make sure that various multi-million-dollar projects get done right.

“I want to make sure we do them right; make sure we do them without putting a burden on the people who pay taxes and our ratepayers and so on,” Vieau said.

Vieau said he “believes in Chicopee and its potential.”

“For those who didn’t vote for me, I’m hopeful that I can earn their trust in the next two years,” Vieau said. “There’s some great things happening in Chicopee.”

Vieau ended his reflections with this message.

“I’m passionate about what I do, and I’m not done. So, I’m excited to serve for two more years,” he said.

López greeted her supporters at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grille by saying “We ran an amazing, amazing campaign” and gave Vieau and his campaign “a run for

their money.”

“We are grateful because the people said that they want change and even though we have come up a little short, I’m at peace with that,” López said.

López was thankful to her supporters and campaign team, sharing they worked tirelessly and endlessly knocking on thousands of doors and fundraising, adding she has “absolutely no regrets” and “this is not the end” because “we’ve changed the trajectory of campaigns in Chicopee.”

“This was a successful campaign because even though at the end we didn’t win, we showed the people that there is hope and that women can do it, that people of color can do it and at the end of the day, win or lose, that’s a win in my book,” López said.

López congratulated Vieau while sharing this message.

“Don’t celebrate too hard because you better put in the work because the community is watching,” López said.

Looking ahead, López said she’s not going anywhere and will celebrate her campaign with her team while trusting God to guide her next move.

“I’m a Chicopeean through and through, but I don’t know what my next move is. God will tell me,” López said.



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Mayoral Candidate Delmarina López addresses her supporters and watch party attendees in the patio area at Rumbleseat Bar & Grille on Election Night after the votes were counted during López’s Election Night Watch Party.



Team Vieau awaits the results of the mayoral election on the evening of Nov. 7.



Mayor John Vieau was reelected on Nov. 7.



Mayor John Vieau gives his victory speak on Tuesday from the podium at the Portuguese American Club.



Friends and family applaud at the Portuguese American Club on Nov. 7 as it is announced Mayor John Vieau won the mayoral race.

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pride that really is unlike anything I've ever witnessed."

Hoffman Jr. said his office is responsible for serving civil processes, or court documents, to people during very difficult moments in their lives. Whether it be delivering divorce papers or eviction notices, Hoffman Jr. and his team are often tasked with being the bearers of bad news.

"The mental health crisis that we read and hear about in the media we are on the front lines of," he said.

When Hoffman Jr. proposed the idea of bringing a therapy dog into his office, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi was highly receptive. Hoffman Jr. hopes that Sierra can make a difference by brightening the day of his staff and the individuals they encounter daily, whether it be those who ask for papers to be served or, eventually, those who are on the receiving end.

Thus far, Sierra has had a positive influence on the Civil Processes Division. Hoffman Jr. described Sierra as a "rock star."

"The moment I walk in the door in the morning with her, she's a game changer," he said. "A month into it, we already recognize the value of her. We think it's just going to continue to grow and grow."

Hoffman Jr. acknowledged he wasn't a "dog guy" and never even had a dog before becoming Sierra's caretaker, but the impression she's left on him has been life changing.

While Sierra has interacted with and had a positive effect on individuals who hire the office to serve papers, she is not



Sierra is the newest member of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office's Civil Processes Division.

quite old enough to venture out into the community to impact those who are being served.

Nina Valentino, the Emotional Support Division supervisor for the Hampden County Sheriff's Office, said Sierra is undergoing a training process that will take about a year to complete. She noted that the Hampden County Sheriff's Department has a total of six therapy dogs; Sierra would be the seventh.

Valentino said Sierra is getting into a routine. Valentino has worked with many handlers and agencies and has considered her time in Springfield to be a phenomenal experience.

"Sierra is doing great. (Hoffman Jr.) is hitting and meeting all our expectations and he's a natural at it. When he told me this was his first dog, I was so surprised because he just was so confident and comfortable and asked good questions and follows through so he's a perfect fit for the program as far as what we look for in



TURLEY PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

(L to R) Robert Hoffman Jr., chief deputy sheriff of the Civil Processes Division, intern Antonella Mikolyuk, Sierra, Emotional Support Division supervisor Nina Valentino and Senior Public Information Officer Robert Rizzuto pose at the Hampden County Sheriff's Office in Springfield.

a handler," Valentino said.

Valentino said therapy dogs have to be trained in obedience, be well-socialized and have good manners. It is important they feel comfortable in busy areas, as there is a lot of unpredictability when out in the community.

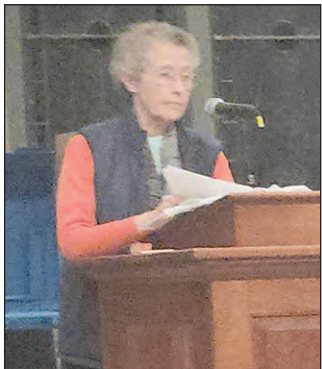
Valentino and her colleagues look at dozens of dogs to find the perfect fit. The dogs must be versatile, enjoy the job and be comfortable in difficult settings, as many times they'll be working in the Hampden County Correctional Center.

So far, Sierra has passed all her tests with flying colors. Hoffman Jr., who says the job has gotten more challenging

during his 18 years with the office, is happy to have a new friend and teammate.

This year, the office is on pace to serve between 30,000 and 35,000 papers, which Hoffman Jr. described as sad but necessary. He said empathy is a critical component to doing the job well, and Sierra brings that to the table.

"She has this aura about her that is universally loved for the most part. In this short period of time, I've witnessed her impact and can only say that it's going to continue to grow. I think the more I potentially get out there in the community... I think it's endless in terms of the impact she might have," he said.



Sue Nimchick asks questions and shares her concerns about the preliminary site plans.



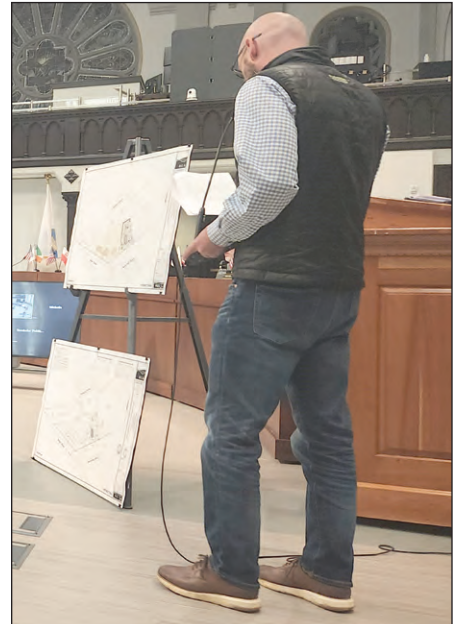
Mary Beth Costello shares her concerns at the meeting.



Ken Moreau, who was in favor of the preliminary site plans expresses his thoughts.



Diane Martin shares her thoughts about the proposed plans.



Robert Levesque of R. Levesque Associates shows preliminary site plans for the proposed drive-through coffee shop, a Starbucks, and three residential units on James Street during the Nov. 2 Planning Board meeting.

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"It has been exhaustingly and infuriatingly frustrating and continually emotionally draining. The issue just does not stop, and our nerves are afraid," Paquette said. "We should not have to suffer recurrent and intrusive invasions to our neighborhood."

Paquette said we are all "hard-working, tax-paying Chicopee residents" and "the ones who have been here these many years," addressing the planning board members with this.

"Is it not your duty to best serve the residents of Chicopee? Responsible tax-

payers should feel like they are part of a community decision-making process. Is it not incumbent upon this board in your positions of municipal responsibility to ensure residents' safety? We don't want a Starbucks in our neighborhood," Paquette said.

Diane Martin explained how the Zoning Committee voted down the proposal and feels "the residents don't have any say this time," citing a previous conversation she had with Planning Director Lee Pouliot.

"I was told this will go through and it doesn't matter how we feel about it. So, the abutters mean nothing. The residents mean nothing," Martin said. "I don't think that's right to do this to the taxpayers."

Martin's daughter, Tammy Martin-Griffin, said how "four entire sets of City Council voted this down because of safety."

"It's mind-bobbling and one has to question where and why this is happening," Martin-Griffin said.

She made this promise.

"I promise you that we will do whatever it takes to protect ourselves in our neighborhood," Martin-Griffin said.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz requested the vote be delayed one month to give the City Council and residents time to review the plans, pointing out how the Planning Board did not ask the applicant any questions.

"We're a community. We're willing to go through the plans with the Planning Board, but none of you have asked any questions. How could you vote this through tonight without asking any questions?" Dobosz said.

Ken Moreau, in favor of the proposed plan, said "The property's been garbage since I was 15 years old" and "needs to be developed."

However, Moreau was irritated about the preliminary site plan including the three houses.

"The whole property should have been approved because now you're going to have three houses there. It makes the shop a little smaller. The people got their way, but this is what it's zoned. This is what it's used for. There's no reason to stop it," Moreau said.

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Chicopee girls volleyball wins first playoff match

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday, Chicopee girls volleyball outlasted Saugus High School in the opening round of the State Division 3 Tournament. The Pacers captured the final set to win 3-2 and moved into the Round of 32 to face Holliston earlier this week.



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Myah Garcia gets this hit on the run.



Julia Swiatlowski squares up a low hit.



Jordyn Lemelin gets the bump to her side.



Alanys Torres dives to keep the ball in play.



Olivia Dobronski sends a return hit over the net.

Pacers grab second straight win

PALMER – After narrowly defeating Ludlow to pick up its first win of the season, Chicopee football was sent on the road to Palmer in Week 9 for nonplayoff action. The Pacers scored a couple of second half touchdowns to win 20-6 and improved to 2-7 on the season. The Pacers were placed in a Week 10 matchup at Athol before hosting Chicopee Comp on Thanksgiving morning.



Cyar Charles goes for a tackle.



Yandel Cruz makes a tackle.

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Xavion Maldonado gets the first down.



Haven Caudle attempts to take down a Palmer ball carrier.



Braeden Siano attempts a pass.

Papermen to join Union Hockey League

HOLYOKE – This week, Brian Pratt, president of the Holyoke Papermen Hockey Club, announced his team's participation in the newly-formed Union Hockey League. The UHL consists of 16 teams in the northeast and Midwest and is a senior level semi professional league. Pratt said the Papermen are putting together their roster at this point.

"We have 14 skaters and two goalies signed, looking to add about 8 more players," Pratt said. "We have four preseason games in December and 20 regular season games starting Jan 5."

The schedule for the league has not been released yet and Pratt did not say where the Papermen would be playing their home games. Closest to Holyoke are Fitzpatrick Rink, state-run facility right in Holyoke next to Holyoke High School's Roberts Sports Complex, and nearby is Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield.

More information will be forthcoming about the team and the new league as the Papermen prepare to participate in the new league. For more information, go to: <https://www.unionhockey-league.com/>.

T-Birds fall to Islanders in weekend finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker's seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally.

Walker's goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at

16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin's goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds' power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby's equipment to restore Springfield's lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Spring-

field defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds' defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds' offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club's five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.



Owls reach conference finals

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men's soccer team appeared in their first conference title game since 2017, falling to top-seeded Bridgewater State 5-0 in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship game from Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater, Mass. on Sunday.

The Owls conclude a successful season campaign as Westfield (7-8-2) increased their season win total by four games from last year, securing the second overall seed in the MASCAC Tournament.

The Owls run to the title game included a memorable penalty-kick shootout victory over Salem State in the league semifinals to advance to today's conference title game with a relatively short turnaround given the effort and intensity of Friday night's match.

In just his second season as Westfield's head men's soccer coach, Dr. Christopher Streeter led the Owls back to the conference championship match for the first time in six years, coaching a group that was comprised of experienced upper-classmen and impact rookies.

Bridgewater quickly opened the scoring 4:28 into the match with Nicholas Ribeiro (Bellingham, Mass.) potting his sixth goal of the season to put the Bears ahead 1-0. From that point forward, senior David Nelson (East Bridgewater, Mass.) took control of the contest, scoring the next three goals to complete the hatrick, ultimately securing the conference title for a Bears team that suffered just two regulation losses all season.

The Bears outshot the Owls 20-9 in the game as Westfield rotated all four goalkeepers into the match. Luke Theroux (Chicopee, Mass.) wrapped up an impressive first season with the Owls, starting the match and picking up one save.

Senior Drew Adams (North Attleboro, Mass.) stopped all four shots faced while first-year Berto Truoiolo (Springfield, Mass.) got his first taste of postseason play, securing two saves. Senior Collin O'Brien (Windsor Lock, Conn.) also saw playing time in net for Westfield. Coleby Andrade (Falmouth, Mass.) led the Owls with two shots.

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Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

"It wasn't a good play," he said. "I was trying for the puck and then he fell... that was terrible by me."

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

"That's just the kind of guy he is," Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game's first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period

they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

"That can't happen," Smotherman said of the late lapses, "especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can't happen in small margin games."

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox' blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second period.

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of a minute but as things

progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goal-mouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhander from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers two men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes.

From there it was on to overtime and the 5-4 final.

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Chicopee students graduate from Elms College in summer of 2023

CHICOPEE -- College of Our Lady of the Elms congratulates the following students from Chicopee who graduated after the conclusion of the summer 2023 semester.

Nicole August, Master in Education

Yelena Bazukina, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Christen Bernardi, Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies

Maranda Carter, Master of Science in Biomedical Science

Chelsea Crochiere, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Melissa Fields, Bachelor of Arts in Management

Nicole Fregeau, Master of Business Administration in Management

Benjamin Laxton, Master of Business Administration in Accounting

Miranda Lebel, Master of Science in Nursing

Joshua Nohilly, Master of Business Administration in Accounting

Jack Paulo, Master of Business Administration in Financial Planning

They were among 75 students who received their degrees this summer.

SNHU announces Summer 2023 President's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students from Chicopee on being named to the Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Abby Hurlburt, Mohamad Kariem Allam and Jeremy Oliveras

SNHU announces Summer 2023 Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following Chicopee students on being named to the Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Sara Kidd, Meghan Norton, Skyler Edwards and James Martin

Retired HCC president Christina Royal named to Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

HOLYOKE - Recently retired Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal has been named to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education by Gov. Maura T. Healey, according to HCC.

Royal, who lives in Northampton, was one of three new board appointments announced Sept. 19, along with the reappointment of board chair Chris Gabrieli.

"Equity is at the center of our administration. I'm proud to be appointing members of the Board of Higher Education who share this commitment and will work to expand access to affordable, high quality higher education for every student," Healey said. "Massachusetts has long been a leader in higher education, and I'm confident that under the leadership of Chair Gabrieli and the other board members we will continue to lengthen our lead and deliver results for the people of Massachusetts."

The 13-member Board of Higher Education is the statutorily created agency in Massachusetts responsible for defining the mission of and coordinating the Commonwealth's system of public higher education and its institutions.

"I am grateful to serve on the Board of Higher Education for Massachusetts and look forward to supporting our system of public higher education in a new capacity," said Royal. "As president of HCC for seven years, equity was a significant priority, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue this work at the state level, in support of our students and institutions."

The two other new appointments to the board include Danielle Allen, a Harvard University professor, and Harneen Chernow, director of the 1199SEIU Training and Employment Fund.

Royal, who wrapped up her tenure as the fourth president of HCC in July, is the president of Infinite Unlearning, LLC.

SENIORS

Senior center needs volunteer driver

CHICOPEE -- The Council on Aging at the RiverMills Center is looking for licensed drivers who are willing to volunteer a few hours a week and provide rides to Chicopee's older adults. The City of Chicopee provides the vehicles that the drivers will be using, and these cars are fully insured and maintained by the city's maintenance department.

The COA's Transportation Department provides rides for any Chicopee resident who is 55 years old or older. This service is for medical, dental, legal and hairdresser appointments, pharmacy pickups, banking and shopping. The service is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any licensed driver who is interested in becoming a volunteer driver should contact the Council on Aging Volunteer and Activity Coordinator at 413-534-3698 Ext: 130 for additional information or stop by the reception desk to pick up an application.

BBB: People ages 18-24 lose more money to scams than seniors

People ages 18-24 reported losing more money to scams than older age groups, according to a new report published by the Better Business Bureau's Institute for Marketplace Trust, the International Association of Better Business Bureaus' educational foundation. Targeting our youth: How scams are impacting ages 18-24 highlights scam types, tactics, and trends based on data submitted to BBB Scam Tracker between January 1, 2022, and June 24, 2023. Riskiest scams

Employment scams continue to be the riskiest scams for ages 18-24, making up almost 30% of scams reported by this age group to BBB Scam Tracker. This scam type had the highest median dollar loss of all scam types reported by this age group (\$1,819). Riskiest scams for 18-24-year-olds:

1. Employment
2. Online purchase
3. Cryptocurrency
4. Rental
5. Investment
6. Fake check/money order
7. Phishing
8. Romance
9. Advance fee loan
10. Credit repair/debt relief

"It's important that we spread awareness about employment scams, especially to younger people," said BBB Institute Executive Director Melissa Lanning Trumpower. "About 43 percent of employment scams reported by this age group included a mention of fake

check scams. Many reported being told to deposit checks into their accounts and then transfer funds to a vendor to pay for training or office equipment. By the time they realized the check was bad, the money was gone. We must make sure young people understand it takes time for checks to clear and to be sure they're good."

About 19% of employment scams from this age group mentioned schemes involving inspecting or reshipping packages.

Online purchase scams made up 29.1 percent of all reports submitted by 18-24-year-olds, with 81.4% reporting a monetary loss.

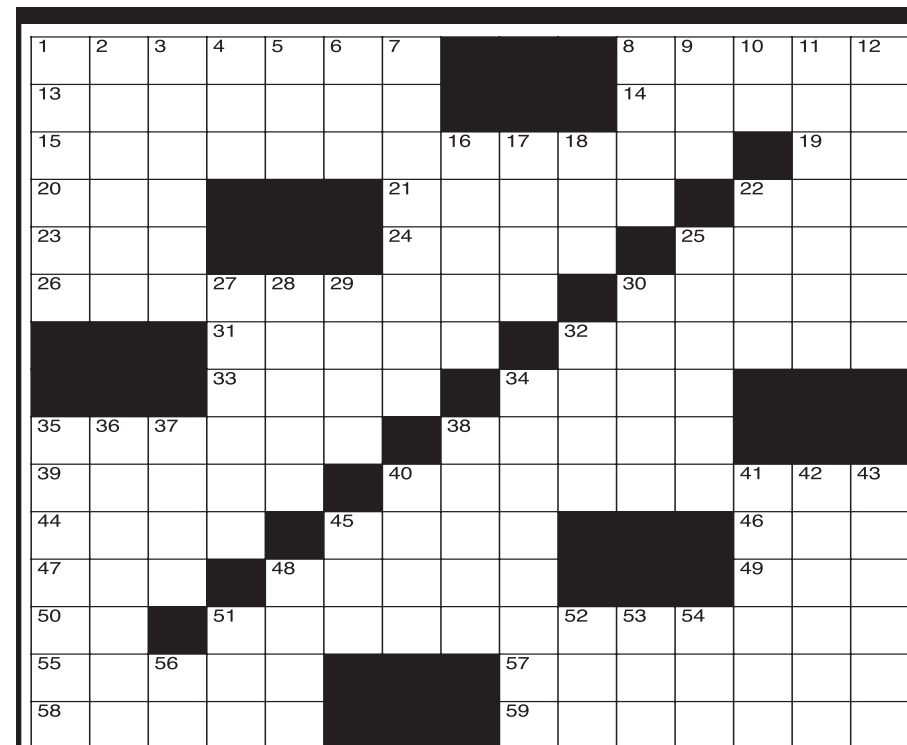
Contact method

Ages 18-24 were more likely to report being targeted by text message or internet messaging than other age groups. The contact methods with the highest likelihood of a monetary loss (susceptibility) included website and social media. The contact methods with the highest reported median dollar loss were phone call, text message, and in person.

This group reported a higher percentage of scams targeting them on Instagram and X (Twitter) than other age groups.

Payment method

Ages 18-24 reported a higher percentage of scams via online payment system and bank account debit. The payment methods for this age group with the highest median dollar loss were wire transfer (\$2,150), check (\$1,500), and cryptocurrency (\$1,200).



CLUES ACROSS

1. Happen again
8. Large flightless birds
13. A type of account
14. Beyond what is natural
15. Beloved comfort food
19. Rural delivery
20. Belonging to us
21. Typical
22. Pie ___ mode
23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
24. Not us
25. Discharge
26. Made empty
30. Fishing net
31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
32. Analyzed into its parts
33. In a way, chilled
34. Hindu queen
35. Circles around the sun
38. Used for emphasis
39. Reactive structures
40. Recommendations
44. Feel intense anger
45. Puke
46. Rural Northern Ireland community
47. Naturally occurring solid material
48. British watch brand
49. Toddler
50. Integrated circuit
51. Being revered
55. "Pets" you can grow
57. Continual
58. Puts together in time
59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

1. Vital public document
2. Disinter
3. Musical performances
4. After B
5. Every body has one (abbr.)
6. Utilize
7. In a way, disproved
8. Fisherman's tool
9. Of she
10. Trauma center
11. Commercial flyer
12. Administered medicine to calm
16. Popular R&B performer
17. Regretted
18. Leg (slang)
22. "Night Train" author
25. More supernatural
27. Baltimore ball-player
28. Shoe parts
29. Scores perfectly
30. More lucid
32. Trim by cutting
34. Disreputable people
35. Dramatic behaviors
36. Disorder
37. Private box in a theater
38. More dried-up
40. Raw
41. In operation
42. Pillager
43. Butterflies with brown wings
45. Disallow
48. Own up
51. Hungarian city
52. A way to condemn
53. Tax collector
54. Lease
56. Not out

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL LICENSE COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The License Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Application for a Home Occupation License at 120 Applewood Drive for the purpose of doing cakes and cupcakes. Applicant – Wilma I. Albelo Arce, 120 Applewood Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020.

The November 20, 2023 License 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, Chicopee, MA 01013. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 11/03, 11/10/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL LICENSE COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The License Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Application for a Home Occupation License for the purpose of administrative tasks in home office located at 156 Pendexter Avenue. Applicant – Leeandrew Wilson, 156 Pendexter Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The November 20, 2023 License 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, Chicopee, MA 01013. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 11/03, 11/10/2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div.

Probate & Family Court Dept. HD23E0048PP To George Carvalho

Gendreau of Granby, in the County of Hampshire, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Valerie Laplante, of Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as joint tenant in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at a private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand (\$215,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

EXHIBIT A

The land in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, together with all the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot 4 on Plan in the City of Chicopee, Mass., Durkee, White, Towne and Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, Dec. 5, 1972, which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 155, Pages 124 and 125; said premises being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Beaudry Avenue as shown on said Plan, seventy-five and 00/100 {75.00} feet; Westerly by land of one Heck, as shown on said Plan, one hundred nine and 00/100 {109.00} feet, Northerly by land of Memorial Realty Trust seventy-five and 00/100 {75.00} feet; and Easterly by Lot 3 {three} on said Plan one hundred nine and 00/100 {109.00} feet.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the morning on the **fourth day of December 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 3rd day of October 2023.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register

10/27, 11/03, 11/10/2023

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 November 24, 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.

2002 Toyota Camry Soara Se VIN: 2T1CE22P12C014468

John Renaud 8E Townhouse Rd Broad Brook, CT 06016

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2002 Honda Accord VIN: 1HGCG225X2A018999 Jean Jones 3056 39th St. Milwaukee, WI 53210 10/27, 11/03, 11/10, 11/17/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, November 29, 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 275-59 (c) (6) for the purpose of selling beer and wine in a restaurant located at 32 Center Street. Applicant – Deepthi Fernando, 123 State Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The November 29, 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. 11/10, 11/17/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, November 29, 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 275-58 (c)(5) for the purpose of a property becoming a mixed property. The creation of one residential unit in a business building located at 386 Chicopee Street. Applicant – Dance Dynamics/Angela Klusmen, 386 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The November 29, 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. 11/10 11/17/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court

50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P1319EA Estate of:

Anna Mary Midura Date of Death: 09/21/1993 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **Lauralyn J Carlson of Hampden, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 12/04/2023.**

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.

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

Date: October 30, 2023 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate 11/10/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P1312EA Estate of:

Joseph J Midura Date of Death: 07/04/1973 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **Lauralyn J Carlson of Hampden, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 12/04/2023.

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.

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

Date: October 30, 2023 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate 11/10/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and

Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P0738EA

Estate of: **Richard R Laflamme** Date of Death: 11/29/2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Vincent C Delgado of Springfield, 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: **Daniel R LaFlamme of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 11/27/2023.

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 27, 2023 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate 11/10/2023

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Chicopee Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2024EA
Estate of:
Victor George Latvis
Also known as:
Victor G Latvis
Date of Death: 08/07/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael S Gove of Easthampton, 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: **Michael S Gove of Easthampton, 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 11/27/2023.**

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 30, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/10/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P2201GD
In the matter of:
Nicholas Rivera
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 **Department Of Developmental Serv of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Nicholas Rivera** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Daisy L Rentas 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 11/24/2023.** 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. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 26, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/10/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P0774EA
Estate of:
Henry J. DeSellier
Date of Death: 05/21/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sandra M. Sparks 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: **Sandra M. Sparks 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 12/01/2023.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 03, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/10/2023

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 November 22, 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.

2001 Saturn L200
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112 Tokeneke Rd
Holyoke, MA 01040

2003 Honda Pilot
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19 Moseley Ave
West Springfield, MA 01089

2007 Honda Ridgeline
VIN: 2HJYK16207H538341
Rozeley Fernando Patricio Neto
49 Hosmer St Apt 1
Everett, MA 02149

2011 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FAHP0HA6BR295433
Emely Ramirez
21 Worcester Pl Apt 3
Holyoke, MA 01040

2012 BMW X5
VIN: 5UXZV8C57CL424470
Symphony Winborne
9 Walden Estates Rd
Walden, NY 12586

11/03, 11/10, 11/17/2023



Chicopee Police Department seeking to implement FUSUS Real Time Crime Center

CHICOPEE -- Mayor John Vieau has requested the City Council fund the police department's request to purchase and implement the FUSUS Real Time Crime Center. Chicopee would be the first Massachusetts community to implement this system designed to make policing more efficient and effective for Police Departments and Officers. The FUSUS system is currently used in: Hartford, CT, Atlanta, GA, Milwaukee, WI, San Gabriel, CA, Winston-Salem, NC, Gary, IN, Arlington, TX and many other communities.

Keeping neighborhoods safe has always involved eyes on the streets. Safer neighborhoods are ones where individuals are present and see what is happening. That's why Crime Watches and similar activities are successful, people do not commit crimes when they are being watched. Also, police have been interviewing eyewitnesses and gathering information, using that information to solve crimes. The camera footage obtained and studies in the Boston Marathon Bombing led to the apprehension and convictions of individuals. If it wasn't for businesses and individuals providing camera videos many crimes would take years to solve. Law enforcement working with the community helps solve crimes and ensure quality police work is performed.

Police Chief Patrick Major and Deputy Chief Eric Watson are seeking to bring to Chicopee a Crime Center operation, which will enhance situational awareness and investigative capabilities.

"The FUSUS Crime Center will bring together law enforcement, the community, and technology for a holistic approach to public safety," Major said. "This investment is a crucial step toward ensuring the highest level of public safety, improving the effectiveness of our law enforcement, and maintaining the trust and confidence of our residents."

The FUSUS Crime Center will allow local businesses and residents to integrate their camera systems into a central location providing real time in-

formation to our officers. The system would provide a framework for a "Next Gen Neighborhood Watch Program" in which residents and business owners can participate. The FUSUS Real Time Crime Center in the Cloud platform will be the foundation for the Chicopee Police Department's innovative "Next Gen" Neighborhood Watch Program. Residents and business owners will be provided with the opportunity to partner with the Police Department and help contribute to the safety and security of Chicopee. Additionally, community members will have the ability to anonymously submit multi-media tips to the police department, and the police department will have the ability to keep the community up to date with relevant information via instantaneous text alerts to an opt-in list of community member's cell phones.

Such information will provide the Chicopee Police Department with the ability to respond quickly to crimes in progress or to those which have recently occurred. This technology will be integrated into our license plate reader database and other systems to allow officers access to information and tools. The tools are accessible from a laptop, desktop, cruiser's laptop and officer's smartphone.

"The FUSUS system will enable the Chicopee Police Department to operate more efficiently, effectively, with improved operational intelligence, and with a proactive emphasis on officer, citizen, and community safety," Watson said.

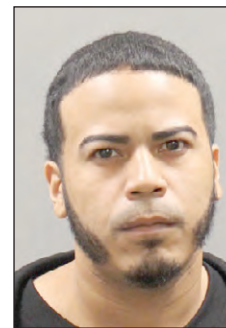
Vieau stated that the city is striving to improve the safety of the community.

"This system will strengthen our efforts to improve the safety of our neighborhoods," he said. "Modern policing is advancing through the use of technology and tools, gaining more trust from our residents through successful investigations and improved response times."

In conclusion, Vieau requests the City Council approve the appropriation of \$150,000 to purchase and implement the FUSUS system.

Kermith Alvarez, wanted in fatal Holyoke infant shooting, surrenders to authorities

HOLYOKE -- Kermith Alvarez, 28, of Holyoke, wanted in connection with the shooting that took the life of an infant on Oct. 4, surrendered on Nov. 3 to authorities, according to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office.



Kermith Alvarez

Alvarez has been on the run since Oct. 4 and was subsequently placed on the Massachusetts State Police 10 most wanted list. He was arraigned on Monday, Nov. 6 in Holyoke District Court on a charge of murder.

On Oct. 6, Johnluis Sanchez, 30, of Holyoke, was arraigned by Zoom in Holyoke District Court for is suspected involvement in the Oct. 4 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, other charges are expected to follow. He was scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 3.

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; his next scheduled court date was Nov. 3.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 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 and are now in custody.

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.

Should I Have a Lumpectomy or Mastectomy?

Questions answered by a Baystate Health breast surgeon and which you can use in discussions with your own doctors

SPRINGFIELD -- Should you have a mastectomy or lumpectomy? That's a question that can only best be answered in consultation with your breast cancer team. There are many questions to ask your doctor, here a just a few along with some general answers from Dr. Jesse Casaubon of Baystate Surgical Oncology and Breast Specialists.

Q: What is a mastectomy, what are the pros and cons of mastectomy and what can be expected after surgery such as restrictions, recovery time, and more?

A: A mastectomy is a procedure that removes all of the breast tissue and is typically compared to lumpectomy which involves removal of the infected area only but leaves the remainder of the breast tissue intact.

There are many pros and cons but the important thing to note is that for breast cancer, either option is effective, assuming that the patient is a candidate for lumpectomy (for example some women have cancer that has spread throughout multiple areas of the breast and require mastectomy/are not candidates for lesser surgery). By effective I mean that the survival between the two is exactly the

same. There is a slightly lower risk of having the cancer come back when someone chooses mastectomy, however, if they choose lumpectomy and the cancer returns, it typically recurs within the breast and the patient would then be a candidate for mastectomy which is likely why the survival is the same between the two. Unfortunately, mastectomy is a much larger procedure that is associated with a higher risk of bleeding and infection. It also will permanently change how the chest feels and looks.

Q: What are the different types of mastectomies?

A: There are different types of mastectomies. The most basic mastectomy is called a total mastectomy and involves removing the breast and most of the overlying skin so that the chest wall looks flat afterward. Other variations of the mastectomy involve leaving skin, or sometimes even leaving the nipple and areola so that a plastic surgeon can perform reconstruction or rebuilding of the breast

Q: Will I be a candidate for breast reconstruction?

A: Many women are candidates for breast reconstruction though it is important to note what things make reconstruction riskier such as uncontrolled diabetes and smoking. Only the plastic surgeon can decide after discussing with you.

Q: What is a lumpectomy and what are the pros and cons of lumpectomy and what can be expected after surgery such as restrictions and recovery?

A: Lumpectomy is typically a less intensive/invasive procedure and the recovery is quicker. Everybody is different but usually within a week or so people are feeling close to normal. It is important to recognize that it takes a long time to get completely back to normal with any procedure. Mastectomy takes longer typically, often we will tell people it will be weeks until they are feeling almost like normal.

Q: Are there different types of lumpectomies?

A: Yes. It is typically just related to how much tissue needs to be removed compared to how much is being left behind and what will need to be done to the tissue that is being left behind so that it looks good.

Q: What will my breast look like after a lumpectomy?

A: Your breast should look relatively similar after lumpectomy to what it did before lumpectomy.

Q: What are the determinants you consider when suggesting one over the other?

A: We typically recommend that women who are candidates for lumpec-

tomy undergo the procedure instead of mastectomy given the survival is the same and the procedure itself is much better tolerated. It is important to note that there are studies looking at quality of life after these 2 surgeries and that it is almost always better (quality of life after surgery is almost always higher) for patients who are able to preserve their breast.

Q: Depending upon the procedure I choose, will I need additional treatment?

A: One of the main downsides of lumpectomy is that often, radiation is recommended which will help decrease the chance of the cancer coming back in the breast. This is one of the reasons why many women elect to remove the breast entirely.

Q: Will I need to have chemotherapy or hormonal therapy?

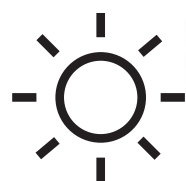
A: The decision for chemotherapy or hormone therapy is not often related to which surgery you pick and more related to which type of cancer, and how aggressive that type is. The lymph nodes are often sampled during these procedures to understand if the cancer has spread and this will often influence these additional treatment recommendations as well.

For more information on breast cancer surgery at Baystate Health visit: <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/cancer/treatment/surgery/breast-surgery>.

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CHICOPEE -- During the month of November, Freedom Credit Union is collecting cash donations at all its branches throughout western Massachusetts to help Westover Galaxy Community Council support military service members and their families at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee.

"At Freedom Credit Union, our members and staff are honored to

support our military and the brave individuals who give so much to protect and defend our nation," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Throughout the year, and especially around the holidays, being away from family is one of the biggest challenges they face. The Westover Galaxy Community Council works to ease this difficulty by helping keep the members of our military connected to their families and homes, while also providing resources to their family members."

Formed in 1988 as a committee within the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and incorporated as an

independent organization in 1989, the Westover Galaxy Community Council is an organization made up of veterans, local businesspeople and other citizens who support the men, women and mission of Westover ARB. Within Department of Defense guidelines, Westover Galaxy Community Council raises funds to contribute to events and special needs at Westover ARB, the largest air reserve base in the nation.

"Whether or not you are a Freedom member, please join us in supporting those who keep us safe," said Welch. "Stop by any one of our branches to make a cash donation."

Freedom Credit Union raises more than \$2,700 for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Annual summer food drive was held throughout the months of July and August

SPRINGFIELD/CHICOPEE -- Throughout the months of July and August, Freedom Credit Union raised more than \$2,700 through its annual summer food drive for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Chicopee. In addition to cash donations, Freedom also collected non-perishable food items.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members and staff, we were able to make a substantial donation of both money and non-perishable food for the Food Bank," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Every donation makes a difference, and we are proud to help erase food insecurity in our community."

Since 1982, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has helped provide much-needed food to area residents in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties.

It sources its products from donations, which it distributes to participating pantries, meal sites and shelters throughout the region.

"We're grateful for the ongoing support of Freedom Credit Union," said Food Bank of Western Massachusetts Executive Director Andrew Morehouse. "With a food assistance network of 172 local food pantries in all four counties of western Massachusetts, we will certainly put these dollars and food donations to good use!"

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