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From the left, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), Andrew Morehouse, executive director of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Gov. Maura Healey and Mayor John Vieau during Healey's visit on Nov. 17.

Gov. Healey visits Food Bank of Western Mass

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - Gov. Maura Healey visited the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on Nov. 17 as part of many stops across the state to thank volunteers and

staff who kept people fed when SNAP benefits were cut during the recent government shutdown.

Monday's visit also included a press conference with remarks from Healey, Andrew Morehouse, executive director at the Food Bank of Western Mas-

sachusetts, Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) and State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee).

Healey thanked Morehouse and his team "for the incredible work that you all have been doing," and how "there's a lot of people with

need," encouraging residents to continue giving to local food banks and food pantries, with the United Way Response Fund still taking donations, the Project Bread hotline at 1-800-645-8333

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Polish Heritage Award Winners honored

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

HOLYOKE/CHICOPEE - On Nov. 2, the Wyckoff Country Club hosted the 19th Annual Krakus Festival, in partnership with the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee.

Amongst the celebration was five trailblazers from the Polish community in Western Mass were honored and enshrined into the ever-growing ring of honor.

Meet the Five Award Recipients

First was Sheryl Mardeuz, who is a Chicopee native and has made an impact on the city by becoming president of the Polish Junior League, while also being a career educator of service for Agawam for more than 30 years. Mardeuz helped establish the annual scholarship from the League, which falls in the range of up to \$5,000, and is presented during the League's Fashion Show at the Castle of Knights.

Mardeuz has strong Polish roots and carries her life with a sense of perseverance, driven by her ability to lead

and help build the next generation.

John Skibiski founded the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts in 1989, where he served as a prominent staple to help reconnect and nurture the bridge of offering a point of reconnection for countless families with their Polish roots. Currently, Skibiski resides in Northampton, where he has been for more than seven decades, and he has also found success and built a reputation for success in the real estate industry, garnering titles such as being elected as president of the Hampshire County Board of Realtors, and later Realtor of the year.

Skibiski participates in Polish American Heritage Month, while providing traditional polka tunes on his Chemnitz Concertina during Pulaski Day Events.

Wieslaw Olsak has been nationally and globally recognized for his courage and testament to bravery, and love for his homeland of Poland, as he didn't back down when

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Barry Commission chooses Szetela for Barry Elementary School site

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Anna Barry School Building Commission has chosen the Szetela Early Childhood Center site as the primary choice for a new Barry Elementary School.

The decision comes after an 8-2 vote on Nov. 13 and the final three options—two at Garrity Grove and one at Szetela—

were reviewed.

Since this vote, it was next presented to the City Council in a special meeting on Nov. 17. The Chicopee Register will have more on that meeting in our next edition.

During the meeting, a second location at Szetela, labeled as D3, was also eliminated due to overbearing costs, as part of conclusions made during the PSR (Preferred Schematic Report) stage of the

project. Although its elimination was made clear, by MSBA standards, the option had to be included in the presentation presented, hence the option still be included in the PSR but won't move forward.

Also joining the list of sites not moving forward, it was decided in a swift vote that option A2, which would be a two-sto-

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TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The ribbon is officially cut for the grand opening of the Belcher Apartments on Southwick Street in Chicopee.

Former Belcher Elementary School reopened as Belcher Apartments

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CHICOPEE - The former Belcher Elementary School on Southwick Street has officially reopened as the Belcher Apartments, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour celebrating the occasion on Nov. 13.

The property was acquired by the Valley Opportunity Council from the city in 2016.

The \$13 million dollar project features 25 apartments— with 22 noted as affordable apartments and three as market-rate apartments— consisting of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units, a solar system on the roof to produce 74,000 KWH per year, an EV charger and the building renovated as 100% electric.

The historical elements include having the first triple pane energy efficient historic approved windows in the

region, custom-made entry doors based on old plans discovered in archives by a historic consultant, reused original granite steps in the parking lot entryway, reused all original trim in the building and bringing back parts of the original chalkboards in every unit.

The project's funding sources were ARPA Funds, state and federal historical tax

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BERT GARDNER

The B3 Design Alternative, the chosen site voted on by the Anna Barry School Building Commission on Nov. 13.

Chicopee to pursue buying new School Department building

Negotiations will begin with Westfield Bank for the Exchange Street property.

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Chicopee officials took a major step forward Tuesday as they look to move the School Department headquarters to the Westfield Bank building on Exchange Street.

The City Council voted unanimously to allow Mayor John Vieau and his team to begin negotiations with the bank, which is looking to sell the 27,000-square-foot space

in Chicopee Center for \$2.36 million.

Members of the council recently toured the building and were impressed enough by what they saw that the city's Finance Committee - consisting of city councilors - authorized Vieau to attempt to acquire the parcel at 219 and 225 Exchange St.

During Tuesday's meeting, multiple city councilors praised the building for both its location and amenities. Shane Brooks, the Ward 2 councilor, noted that moving the School Department headquarters to the Exchange Street location would benefit a variety of residents living in or near Chicopee Center.

"[Community members]



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The City Council voted unanimously on Nov. 18 to begin negotiations with Westfield Bank for the Exchange Street property to become the new School Department headquarters.

will benefit from the economic impact of having what was reported to us as 90 full-time positions that will be located in that area," Brooks said. "You'll see the downtown restaurants benefit, you'll see the restaurants on Meadow Street corridor benefit, you'll see the businesses in Ward 4 up the Springfield Street corridor benefit."

Brooks acknowledged all the talk in recent years about revitalizing downtown and said that this is a prime opportunity to do so. Beyond that, he said it just makes sense.

"It's on a public transit line," Brooks said. "And we know that the median income of many of our families is below the poverty line, and

they don't have the luxury of owning a vehicle. So, if they were in need of going to, as it stands now, Dulong Circle, that presents a hardship."

However, Brooks pointed out that there are bus stops directly adjacent to the Exchange Street building.

"This will further enhance the School Department's relationship with the general public and with the students in which they serve," Brooks said.

Decades ago, the store that operated within the building was known as "Balakier's Williamson Clothier."

Ward 4 Councilor George
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IN THE CITY

City Council sets FY26 tax rate

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CHICOPEE - The City Council set the FY26 tax rate during their Nov. 6 meeting.

The FY26 rate is as follows: a residential tax rate of \$15.24 per \$1,000—an increase of eight cents—a commercial tax rate of \$32.60 per \$1,000—which was a decrease of two cents—a residential factor of 0.8179%, a maximum commercial shift of 1.75% and approval of a split rate.

Also, a denial of the residential exemption, denial of the open space exemption and denial of the small commercial exemption.

Board of Assessors Chairperson Laura McCarthy explained the average values for residential and commercial properties have also increased.

“The average value of a one-family home has now increased to \$300,000 and the average of a commercial industrial property is \$847,000, but that is very hard to gauge because it includes very low value and very high value and that’s just an absolute averaging,” McCarthy said.

City Assessor Victor Anop noted this on the exemptions and money to be applied against the tax rate.

“Since the mayor has recommended against the residential and the commercial exemption, the vote on that will be a no because without the mayor’s approval, the council could not vote a residential or a commercial exemption,” Anop said. “In support of what Laura had to say. On June 3, 2025, the council voted to apply \$3 million against the tax rate to reduce the tax burden on the residents of Chicopee, and also, June 9, the mayor approved that. So, \$3 million is

being added to reduce the tax rate.”

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff noted how Holyoke has a commercial rate of 38.55 and Springfield at 35.22, while Chicopee’s is 32.62.

“As far as economic impact for development, Holyoke and Springfield are building a lot. A lot more than Chicopee is. So, to say that having a lower rate on commercial is going to impact the community, it’s not,” Goff said. “Because, if you’re going to raise the taxes on the homeowner, that’s going to give the homeowner less money to spend in the community. So, that’s what doesn’t make sense to me.”

Goff added those two cities had put in business developments “and they have a way higher tax rate on commercial than we do, and they’re thriving.”

“So, to say it’s going to impact the development in Chicopee, I don’t see that,” Goff said. “We’re lower than Springfield and Holyoke and it’s not improving development coming into Chicopee.”

McCarthy said the rates Goff presented were correct.

“It depends on the valuation—average valuations—in the city that each community has to use the same method to determine values and to determine tax rates. So, the determination of a tax rate is a combination of what is valuation, what is the budget and how much do you have to raise to meet that budget,” McCarthy said.

After Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello noted the towns of Longmeadow, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow and Ludlow have similar or the same residential and commercial rates, McCarthy replied those communities are mostly residential “with very little

commercial base.”

“So, they don’t do a split rate. Usually, the communities that have the larger commercial base have the split rate, and you can see that with West Springfield, Westfield, Agawam. Their tax base is mostly residential,” McCarthy said. “You can also see that Wilbraham and Longmeadow have higher assessed values for their property, too, for their average residential value.”

Costello appreciated the explanation.

“I just wanted the public to know the difference between our planning and development in regards to commercial and residential and a town like East Longmeadow, which is not similar to us at all. But the similar communities, which would be Springfield, Holyoke, their commercial rate, as stated earlier, is actually higher than our commercial rate,” Costello said. “You take our residential rate, 15.16, where (a) community like Longmeadow has 21.12. So, their residential tax rate is extremely high compared to ours, so that’s a big difference as well.”

She added how “we’re doing our best to keep everything affordable for the residents and competitive for commercial development.”

Anop added the city has also “gone to the maximum shift in order to help the residential taxpayer the most.”

“As far as economic development, I’m not sure where we are in the economic development group right now as far as the aggression, going after businesses. But still, the reason that Holyoke and Springfield may have new businesses is because of the climate. Springfield and Holyoke are not as financially secure as the city of Chicopee,” Anop said. “The city of Chicopee put \$3

million towards the tax rate, Springfield put \$1 million towards the tax rate because they just don’t have the money, so it’s really comparing apples and oranges, in my opinion.”

After Goff asked about the community impact tax, which is for homeowners that own more than one rental in the same town or an LLC-like structure, McCarthy said a residential exemption would need to be adopted.

“We determined that about 97% of our properties are homeowner-occupied, so you’re talking about a very small percentage of people who would be getting a higher tax rate,” McCarthy said. “Most communities have not done it. It changes your residential rate. It changes because you still have to raise that money from the residents.”

She also reiterated something like this has to be put forth by the mayor as a proposal for the City Council to adopt.

After City Assessor Brian Suchy said this would be “across the board” and apply to single, two and three families, McCarthy said “which single families are rented out” would have to be determined as well.

“The effect is having a higher tax rate for everyone and there’s a percentage that is taken off all homeowner-occupied properties to lower their bill. At a higher tax rate, that is paid by them and all the properties that are owned by, maybe you could say, absentee landlords. But, the statistics seem to support not going forward with that,” McCarthy said.

All motions for the FY26 tax rate passed unanimously.

CPD to buy 24 training pistols with state grant

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The police department recently received a state grant worth \$18,238 to help better train the law enforcement members who serve and protect the city.

On Tuesday, City Council accepted the Fiscal Year 2026 Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security on behalf of the police department.

Chicopee police will use the money to purchase 24 Glock 45T MOS training pistols and weapon mounted lights.

The Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The program provides communities with key funding to support a variety of needs pertaining to law enforcement, crisis intervention and victim treatment.

Sgt. Joseph Conroy joined the City Council meeting on Nov. 18 to offer details about the training pistols that the department plans to purchase.

“There’s 24 training pistols, and they’re capable of accepting blank rounds, just sound producing rounds, and also simunition rounds, which are basically little paintball rounds. So, they don’t fire any live ammunition. So, for a training environment, it’s a safer environment for us,” Conroy said.

Simunition creates marking rounds for training situations portraying the effects of live fire.

Conroy explained why the new purchase will benefit the department and why the mounted lights are necessary.

“We have current training pistols. They’re not capable of having the optics

that we have upgraded to recently, so that’s the purchase of the new optic,” Conroy said. “We do have lights and optics on our current firearms. This is just specifically for our training firearms so we can match our actual firearms and training.”

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne, a longtime member of the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department, was pleased to learn how the grant funding will be spent.

“I’m very happy to see this,” Courchesne said. “To finally get away from using anything but simunitions is phenomenal.”

According to Courchesne, there once was a training incident in the city that to this day reaffirms the need to use simunitions to train department members.

“Many, many decades ago, there was a training incident because there was use of simunition and live ammunition. One officer was shot in the head, unfortunately. That ended his very good career. He was an awesome guy,” Courchesne said.

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga also shared her approval of the anticipated purchase.

“I think it’s a great way to get through training and think this is a wonderful grant. I’m excited to see this [come to fruition],” Arriaga said.

The item passed unanimously.

Ultimately, Mayor John Vieau appropriated \$12,979 for the purchase of the training pistols. He shared why the city can save about \$6,000 of the grant for future expenditures.

“There’s some money in the account now, so we don’t have to appropriate the whole amount of the grant,” Vieau said.

Vieau’s appropriation also unanimously passed.

Holiday Arts & Crafts for Kids

CHICOPEE – Holiday Arts and Crafts for Kids ages three to five will be taking place on Tuesdays Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays by creating fun, creative crafts. All materials included!

Location: Head Start Lincoln Grove, 216 Broadway St. Chicopee
Register to participate.
Please call or email: Silvia at 413- 505-9053 or Durands@headstart.org.
The programs are of-

fered by the Holyoke Chicopee Family and Community Program.

Funded by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 5

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Agings FRIENDS of RiverMills will host a holiday craft fair on Friday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Come on down to RiverMills for the FRIENDS of RiverMills first event holiday craft fair! If you are a local crafter and would like to sell your handmade items, please contact Leah Laflamme at 413-534-3698 ext. 105 for more information. A space for this event is \$15 and registration for a space opens Monday, Oct. 20. This event is open to the public to sell and shop.

Collector Candidate is named to board

CHICOPEE – Raj Sanghvi was appointed to serve as a board member on the City Hall Building Commission Phase Two by the City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Sanghvi previously ran for City Collector during the 2025 Municipal Election and lost to Sandra Peret.

CPL hosts programs for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens, and families. The Youth Services Department seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for November 2025.

Terrific Twos will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 10:30 a.m. Terrific Twos is for two-year-olds and their caregivers. This program features about 25 minutes of structured circle time, followed by about half an hour of semi-structured playtime. During circle time, we will sing songs, do rhymes, do some big movements, and read one book. The book choice rotates


between either a read aloud picture book or a group read of a board book. Playtime involves a choice of craft, activity, or play.

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

Teens

Visit the library after school and enjoy the Teen Space with friends! We’ve got board games, puzzles, the library’s Switch, and coloring to enjoy.


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



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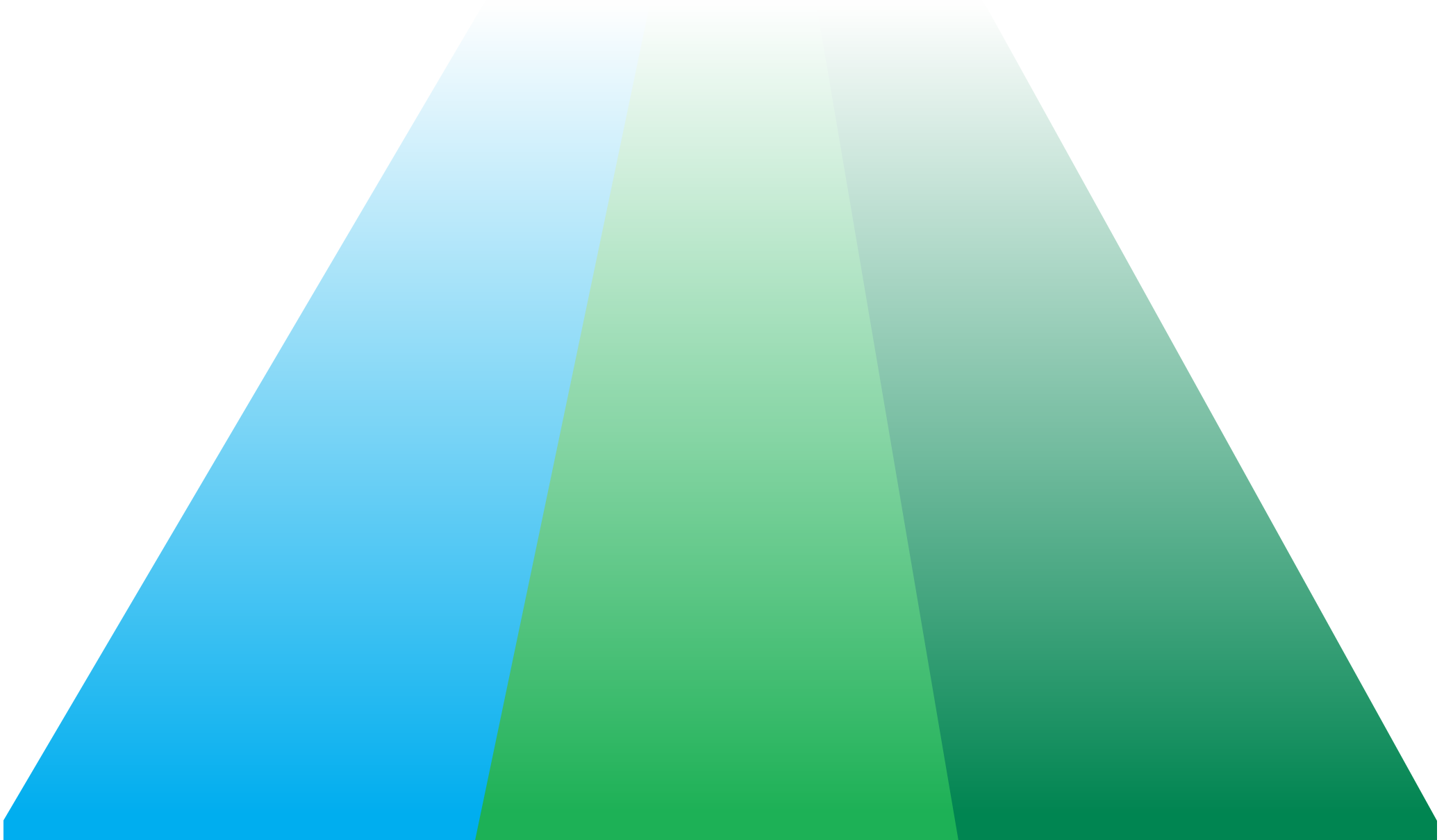
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IN THE CITY

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



A healthy orchard begins in the planning phase

It was a lot of fun to take part in a "meeting of the minds" this past week, where we were discussing key maintenance tasks in the young orchard at Old Sturbridge Village.

I left the meeting inspired for my own young orchard, and with renewed interest in heirloom apples altogether.

I must make a trip to Cold Spring Orchard to get some Caville Blanc for the Thanksgiving pies before they are all gone! They are surely the best pie apples, to me at least!

Perhaps indulging in your favorite apple varieties have inspired you to consider a home orchard as part of your landscape. If so, this column, straight from the archives, is for you. Enjoy the re-visit, as you ask yourself some important questions. We all know that the key to successful home apple orchards appears to be forethought. Purchasing fruit trees should not be an "impulse buy."

What variety do you want to grow? While I like heirlooms, you may prefer some of the newer, disease resistant types.

Or maybe you want apples that span the seasons, say Paula Red to start, Honey Crisp for mid-stream and Gold Rush to finish it off. Perhaps you'd like to make cider or bake lots of pies.

There are apples that are specifically suited to how you'd like to use them. My favorite place to buy trees by mail order is through Fedco in Maine. Call 207-426-0090 or log on to fedcoseeds.com/trees to request their "Trees" catalog.

You will glean lots of useful information within the pages of this catalog. I am thrilled to know that they are grafted on site and accustomed to our climate!

How tall to you want your trees to get? Apple trees are available in dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard size.

Their ultimate size is determined mostly by the rootstock onto which the named variety is grafted.

Each has their pros and cons. Dwarf trees can generally be maintained without a ladder. They come into bearing sooner but because of their size produce fewer apples than larger trees.

Staking and irrigation are often necessary, because of limited root systems. They can be planted relatively close together (six-eight feet) and are generally short-lived.

Semi-dwarf trees are midsized, bear well and are most productive for two or three decades. They are usually spaced 12-14 feet apart

from one another.

Standard, or full-size trees are those beauties of our grandparent's era. Extremely hardy, many are still around and might even be bearing fruit! Plan on 18 feet or more between trees, with a mature height of 15-20 feet tall!

Where will you plant them? With the size of the trees determined, you can now figure out how many will fit in the space designated for your home orchard.

The best spot is one that receives six-eight hours of full sun per day.

Deep, well-drained soil is ideal; never plant where you know the water table is high. In my opinion, a few trees positioned close to the house will be maintained better because they are in eye-shot as compared to those placed strategically out in the back-forty. They tend to nag you as you walk by: "Time to prune!" "Why are those leaves curled?" "What is that orange spot?" You get the idea.

Is my soil any good? Fall is a great time to take a soil test.

First, slice a six-inch core of soil from your intended orchard with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

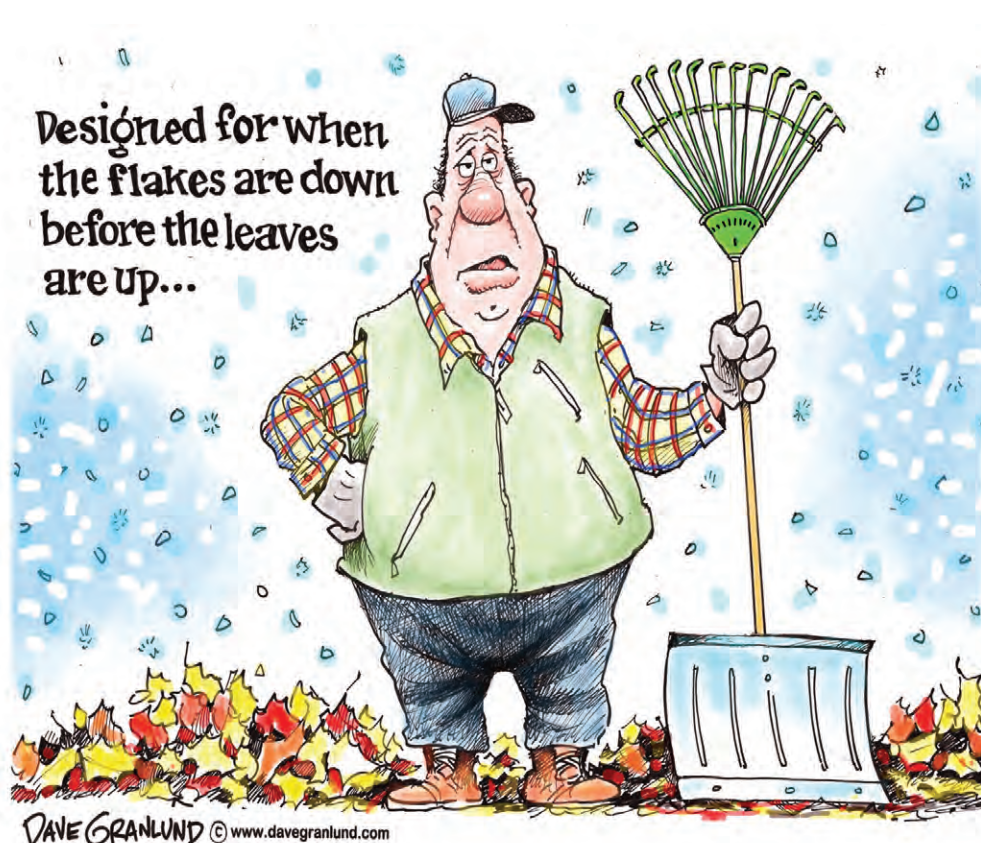
Repeat several times and mix the cores together. Then, measure out a cup of soil to send to the lab. If the locations you plan on planting your apple trees vary considerably, test them separately.

Official directions and an order form are found on <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20. Mention on the test that you are growing apples and pH and fertilizer recommendations will be specific to that crop.

You can do something this fall to make planting easier next spring. Mark out where your trees are to go and dump a generous amount of compost on top of the grass in a circle three feet in diameter. This will start to break down the sod and get the microbes in the soil working.

With the planning part behind you, it will be a lot of fun to await the arrival of your trees come springtime.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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A day in the life: Never a dull moment

People often ask me what a patient advocate does. Truly, when my phone rings I never know what the day might bring. But if I have done my job, by the time my head hits the pillow, I will have made someone's life better or their hospital stay safer.

Let me walk you through a day in the life of a patient advocate.

Morning

I receive a call from a senior health-care industry professional with a referral for a man who is struggling to care for his wife, who has Alzheimer's. Dementia is hard not only on the person who has it, but on their loved ones who are determined to care for them. It can be a lonely existence.

This man needs support because he wants to keep his wife safe at home, meaning he will need to find 24-hour care. In addition, he is suffering from caregiver stress and has health challenges of his own. It seems also that a new neurologist is needed to get a fresh set of eyes and a new evaluation of his wife's condition.

One of our nurses will follow up with this couple after I share their story and initial priorities of care.

Then, a community member calls regarding an elderly neighbor who has been in the hospital for several weeks and is having complications that come with prolonged hospitalization. People who are hospitalized for days or weeks at a time may suffer sleep deprivation and disorientation, which can complicate their recovery.

The neighbor is concerned that the man is not receiving the care he should, but I explain that we cannot legally help unless we are formally retained and have the individual's or family's



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

your health

to make sure they don't pay a penny.

Evening

I get a call from a former client whose sister had a massive stroke four years ago, and now the insurance company is saying she no longer qualifies for placement in a skilled nursing facility. There has been fragmented communication among the

physicians, therapists and family.

The family wants me to appeal the insurance company's decision and gather documentation that will allow the sister to be approved for further long-term care, therapy and high-tech care for her needs. While waiting for documents, I speak with the woman's daughter to formulate a plan.

Finally, I update presentations for our Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur training program and speak with two nurses who are eager to sign up and start their own advocacy businesses. From their hospital experiences, they can see that families need a great deal of help these days navigating the health-care landscape.

My days aren't always this busy, but every day reminds me of the significant impact I can have on someone's life, health and well-being. It's worth it, to be sure.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of Northshore Patient Advocates LLC (NShore). She is also founder and CEO of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

To The Children of The World with Sweet Devotion Childrens' Sweet Dreams

T'is the night as children sleep, when all are slumbered in pillows deep, of warm snuggled blankets tucked up under their chins, give a sense of security all wrapped up within.

For as they lay their little heads to sleep, an Angel comes and says a prayer for those to keep, that dreams may come upon them of laughter nor weep.

Do you not awake with each whimpering sound and look upon them and wonder on which fabulous journey they are bound, for the sandman may take them to wonderous lands, that only children can understand.

For upon these lands' they've all come to see, meadows full of lollipop trees, with cotton candy shrubs that stand by, then disappear in a blink of an eye. Strawberry Vanilla ice cream peaks, on chocolate fudge mountains for all the children to seek, their mouths drool as they rub their tummies, as they all shouted together "How Yummy!"

And through the trees, the children have all come to see, a rainbow cottage filled with of all sorts of goodies and candies, with peppermint sticks used as columns, as they all scream together "How Dandy!"

But There!, as they all looked up to the skies, and what should appear, amazed at the sight as the children can see, a sleigh being pulled by eight tiny reindeers, "Oh Gee!", they shouted, "Santa must be near!"

Whoosh! off to bed they went, in a wink of an eye, and under their covers they would peek and hide, to await for Santa to arrive.

To this, is this not a child's delight, as they lay their heads on their pillows and turn to say, "Merry Christmas & Good Night".

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IN THE CITY

Saint Bernard Jack dazzles in Top 20 Saint Bernards Competition

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - In South Sioux City, Nebraska on Wednesday, Sept. 4, the Saint Bernard Club of America held their National Top 20 Saint Bernards Competition, which featured a local participant taking home the gold.

Cathy Figueroa's dog, Jack, won the Top 20 Saint Bernards Competition and was also the winner of the Saint Bernard Club of America National Specialty Show. Jack won first place out of 20 dogs in the Top 20 Saint Bernards competition.

Figueroa shared she discovered her passion for working with dogs when she was a child and she carried that with her into adult life.

"I always had a love for dogs from a young age when I did 4H with them. I came to love the Saint Bernard breed because we had one when I was a teenager. It all started when I had my first Saint Bernard and met someone who wanted to breed him with her female Saint Bernard. His call name is Jack, but his registered name is GCHB Royalty's Jack of Hearts, and he



PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHY FIGUEROA

A photo of Jack, the Saint Bernard who won the Top 20 Saint Bernards Competition in Nebraska.

is a Saint Bernard. I've always had a passion for animals. It's always been inside me," Figueroa said.

Figueroa explained how growing up with dogs in childhood and having dogs as a young adult impacted her. Also, how she originally

heard about and got interested in the competition and all about the process of preparing her and her dog Jack mentally and physically for the show in Nebraska.

"My father had hunting beagles when I was growing up. It all

started with being invited by friends who were going to the competition and thought Jack and I deserved to be there. If it was not for them, I wouldn't have been able to go," Figueroa said.

Friends often help us discover our passions and guide us through the joys in life whilst sharing those special moments with us, the dog show business an example of how community and friendship can be found through personal passions.

"Just making sure Jack was conditioned, in good health, and making sure he was well groomed beforehand," Figueroa said about the process of getting ready for the competition.

When asked about her feelings and emotions regarding Jack winning these competitions and what this level of success means to her, Figueroa was ecstatic.

"Yes, of course I am proud of him. Especially because I bred this amazing dog. After 35 years of breeding and finally being able to breed a dog to get to this level of accomplishment is an amazing feeling. All my hard work and love for the breed is finally paying off. And to say I'm proud if this dog is an

understatement," Figueroa said.

Figueroa mentioned the other competitions Jack won too.

"I would also like to say that he also won the Saint Bernard Club of America National Specialty Show while we were in Nebraska. He competed against over 100 dogs and came out on top. This was an even bigger honor than winning the top 20 Saint Bernards," Figueroa said.

Figueroa then shared some advice, tips and tricks for the easiest and most efficient way of getting involved in dog breeding and dog shows.

"I would tell them if they are truly interested in getting involved with breeding and shows to start by attending local dog shows and talk with breeders in the particular breed they are interested in. Try and find an established breeder who would be willing to mentor them. I would also tell them to do all the research they can," Figueroa said.

It's clear Figueroa has an immense amount of love and pride for her winning dog, Jack, along with a real passion for the Saint Bernard breed and for the community offered by these competitions.



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A group shot of local and state elected officials with staff and volunteers at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts during Gov. Maura Healey's visit on Nov. 17.



Mayor John Vieau and Gov. Maura Healey chat as Andrew Morehouse, executive director of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, leads elected officials and others in attendance on a tour of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

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and, for seniors, MassOptions at 1-800-243-4636.

"My message is nobody should go hungry in Massachusetts or anywhere in the United States. I'm grateful to all these organizations, including Food Bank of Western Mass, for the work they've done to get food out to families in need in this region," Healey said. "I continue to ask people—who have the means and are able to—to give. To give to your local food pantries and food bank, organizations, the United Way and others out there who are helping to take care of our neighbors and our coworkers and our friends during this time of need."

In Chicopee specifically, Healey noted how the city saw "a 600% increase in the number of calls coming in in the last few weeks from people looking for food, who are hungry and needed to eat."

"So, it just gives you an indication of the strain that

people have been under," Healey said.

Morehouse thanked Healey for her support and leadership.

"All I can say is that we believe that access to food is a right, that food assistance should be convenient and dignified, and, actually, systemic change is necessary to build lasting food security and centering the voices from the community makes us stronger and makes us better," Morehouse said. "And we couldn't do it without support from all of our partners, our pantry meal site partners, our other community partners across Western Massachusetts, funders of food and donations, and of course, the state and federal government. In particular, the MEFAP program of Massachusetts, which not only supports local food banks, but also, local farmers from whom we purchase food and who come out in droves to donate food."

Vieau said the city had been through "a really trying couple of weeks" and praised the community for

stepping up to lend their support, highlighting Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry as one of 9 organizations in Chicopee supported by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

Lorraine's is open for pantry Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and open for dinner Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Readers can learn more at lorrainessoupkitchen.com or by calling 413-592-9528.

"The community needs you more than ever and that anxiety that was created by cutting those SNAP benefits was something real. People are struggling with so many other different facets of life and to have to deal with that one component and not knowing where your next meal is coming from is scary," Vieau said. "As a parent or as an elderly adult or one of our older adults here in the city, just know we're here for you. Anyone who's watching, anyone who gets to see this clip, call the City of Chicopee Mayor's Office, we're here, we have the resources that are available."

Gomez said hunger is "one of the issues that keep us up at night."

"This is the reason why individuals like myself got involved and engaged with participating in trying to fight for individuals that suffer from food insecurity. This is why the legislature and the federal government came in during a time of need in 2020 when we were going through COVID and built this illustrious building," Gomez said.

He added the state legislators will continue to address food insecurity.

"There is going to be a lot more of us that are needed to be able to bring community—and I mean community—to come together so we can fight and combat still food insecurity because there's still individuals that will go hungry even though we're doing what we can as government officials, but

also in collaboration with our community members like Lorraine's Kitchen," Gomez said.

Arriaga shared how she heard from children, young adults and seniors "that they did not know where their next meal was going to come from."

"We came together and that's the power of community and family and friends and neighbors that we are coming together. There's food drives happening, the senator's leading a turkey drive for the season, he does that every single year. It's not simply just to say, 'Hey,

we're here handing out turkeys.' We want to ensure families are being fed," Arriaga said.

She also mentioned how the number of families and individuals going to local food pantries has doubled.

"That is a very, very large number and we should all bring awareness to that. But I am truly grateful for the leadership that we have here, our mayor, our city officials that are here in support of this. We are all coming together and we will continue to fight this good fight that nobody goes hungry in Massachusetts," Arriaga said.

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Martial Law was declared in Poland back on December 13, 1981, as Solidarity was outlawed, and arrests became apparent.

Despite the risk, Olsak continued his work and earned the title of Chairman of Solidarity's Torun region, where he rallied followers and distributed flyers, to keep public awareness and perception alive to ensure that Solidarity was alive, which led to his incarceration for more than three years, and six years deprived of civil rights, due to his sacrifice to not betray the loyalty of others.

During his time in Potulice Prison, Olsak made a rosary from bread, which is currently on display at the Polish Center in Chicopee, acting as a reflection and beacon of hope, to which many continue to gravitate and hold onto.

Carolyn Czaja Topor's achievements for the Polish community have been ongoing since her earliest days, when she joined the Polish Women's Alliance #422 Folk Dance Group, which helped pave the way forward for her humanitarian efforts later on in her adult life as she helped raise funds for the Polish pilgrimage homes and helped organize financial support for Poland the 1980s. Her efforts hold weight in Western Mass just as well because she was a founding member and longtime president of the New England Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, where she introduced Polish music, art, and film to local audiences, as an extension of keeping Polish heritage alive and allowing the next generation to carry the torch, never forgoing the legacy of the Polish community and culture.

Throughout the years, she also served as co-chair of the 2005 Kosciuszko Foundation Ball in New York City, and three years later, in 2008, she



A group shot of the past Polish Heritage Award Winners.

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was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit by the Republic of Poland, in recognition of her contributions to cultural and community life.

Topor was a supporter of the development of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning at Elms College.

Fred Zimnoch was the fifth to be recognized for his work alongside Skibiski at the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts (PGSMA), where Zimnoch then served many roles throughout the years, staying within the organization, such as officer, director, vice president, president, and treasurer.

He was responsible for publishing and overseeing the society's newsletter, organizing meetings, and outreach programs across the Commonwealth. In addition, Zimnoch also served as the first webmaster for the Kosciuszko Foundation New England Chapter and helped solidify the nonprofit status for the Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton.

and his team. They've turned this into something special that you're going to see," Vieau said.

Vieau added the former elementary school was on the historic register, "so we had to actually repurpose it in some way, shape or form."

"I couldn't think of a better way to turn it into housing, and there's already a huge demand to live here, so wait until you see these beautiful apartments," Vieau said.

Stephen Huntley, executive director at VOC, thanked his board, staff, the housing teams, the architects and the city's ARPA Committee—who stepped up when certain federal money could not be used—for their support.

"We consider the apart-



2025 Polish Heritage Award Winner Fred Zimnoch.

Reflections on Polish Pride

The event drew a massive crowd, with more than 250 people filling the newly renovated banquet hall, which featured some notable guests and those in attendance were greeted with various Polish delicacies such as Kielbasa, Pierogis, Kapusta, Red Cabbage and an assortment of desserts.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau reflected on Polish passion.



2025 Polish Heritage Award Winner Sheryl Mardeusz.

"Being half-Polish, it's quite exciting to see the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning honoring people who are of Polish heritage, and keeping that Polish heritage active - remembering where you come from," Vieau said. "It's probably one of the most important things I share with kids every day, 'telling them to be proud of themselves,' your heritage, and where they come from, and I'm proud to be Polish,



2025 Polish Heritage Award Winner John Skibiski.

and when you come here and have some Polish food, and celebrate in the Polish heritage style with this Krakus Festival, it's truly a special day."

Vieau also touched upon the element of celebrating Polish pride in Holyoke, outside of Chicopee.

"I think they are doing tremendous here at Wyckoff, and to showcase this beautiful ballroom, and have the Polish Center here as a very generous



2025 Polish Heritage Award Winner Carolyn Czaja Topor.

host, and the food was excellent, which shaped up to be a great day," said Vieau. "I close by admitting I'm excited about the future of the Polish Center, and it's because I feel they have the right leadership in place, and I urge those who haven't been to the museum, please take the tour, because you will walk out of their feeling a sense of Polish Pride that no one can take away from you."

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credits, federal low-income housing tax credit, the Housing Stabilization Fund, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation.

Mayor John Vieau explained how he, personally, has been waiting "for over 10 years to see this project come to fruition," and it was huge with the state's housing shortage.

"There's about a 20,000 unit shortage in Western Mass alone and this is a huge contribution to that. Taking a shell—a dilapidated shell—and repurposing it into something really special. So, I couldn't be more proud of Steve Huntley, VOC, NL Construction, Wally Lupa



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Above, interior kitchen space shot. Inset, history remains as shown in this sign of the former Belcher School, built in the late 1800s and established in 1900.

most importantly, congratulations to all the new future residents of Belcher Apartments. Thank you for letting Redstone be part of this transformative project."

As attendees toured the new apartments, Huntley expressed his excitement at the official opening and a decade of work coming together at last.

"It's just real excitement. We're hoping people are going to start moving in as soon as next week, so we're excited to show off what the inside looks like because, pretty soon, it's people's home," Huntley said.

He also expressed gratitude for the community support on opening day.

"We did have just a tremendous amount of people who want to see the reuse of a beautiful, old, historic building and to see how we did it and the curiosity factor of a lot of folks, so we're just excited to show off the work we do. We're very proud of the work we do and we're excited to show it off and we're thrilled people want to see it," Huntley said.

He emphasized the importance of bringing the building to today's standards while maintaining the historical aspects.

"It was built in the late 1800s, so it was very important that we maintain as much of the historic elements as we could. The woodwork was removed during demolition, stored and restored and brought back in and restored. So, we're very happy with keeping as many of the historical elements as we could, but make it so that there are ADA-units for folks who have different needs," Huntley said. "It's an all-electric building, there's solar panels, so we tried to make it as modern as we can, but not look modern."

"We're just proud to continue to offer quality housing in the city of Chicopee and we want to give folks really quality options that don't break the bank," Huntley said.

ments for our residents as, really, resilience hubs. Places where if life has treated you poorly that day, you can go, you can reset and you get after it the next day, and that's what this is meant to be," Huntley said. "So, I want to thank everybody for coming, again, really appreciate it and I'm very excited for you all to see the finishes of what the VOC standard is for apartments."

Nick Keefe, senior vice president of Acquisitions at Redstone Equity Partners, one of the investors, shared the organization has invested over \$11 billion dollars "to facilitate the new construction and rehabilitation of over 70,000 units of affordable housing for low-income families and seniors" since its founding in 2007.

For this project, Keefe said \$11.6 million of equity was invested, noting Santandar Bank also "saw the true potential for this development."

"I'm very much appreciative of your patience and trust about the entire closing process. We're very happy to be involved with another project with VOC and look forward to our continued relationship together," Keefe said. "Congratulations to all our other funding partners here today and

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Adrian Gonzalez holds the football in traffic.

Chicopee Comprehensive once again celebrates victory in the Thanksgiving Sword Game last year. It was Comp's seventh straight holiday win.

Colts look to stay perfect in Turkey 'Sword' games

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CHICOPEE – Seven times the Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive High School football teams have played each other on Thanksgiving morning to hold their annual "Sword" game. And seven times, Comp has come away with a win.

This year, the numbers clearly in Comp's favor, though the Colts are coming off a two-game losing streak. But, they were Comp's only losses of the season.

Chicopee Comprehensive when a perfect 8-0 in the regular season. The Colts ran rough shot over the Suburban South Conference, with a perfect 5-0 record. Their biggest test during conference play was against Agawam. The Brownies even had a couple of leads during that pivotal game before Comp came back in the second half, and ultimately pulled away with a 46-32 win. The 46 points Comp had against Agawam was its second largest total of the season. Comp had 54 points in a win over Putnam. Putnam had 34 points in the game, another high scoring affair.

After the 8-0 record, Comp entered the Division 3 State Tournament. Unfortunately, Comp was over-matched by King Philip, losing a disappointing 51-0



Victor Ferrer makes a tackle for Comp.



Josiah Feliz heads into the crowd of blockers.

after showing an offense the first eight weeks of the season that could do a lot of scoring.

In Week 10, Comp was relegated to nonplayoff action against another first round state playoff loser, Minnechaug. The Falcons, who still play in the AA Conference, would defeat Comp 34-6 to drop Comp to 8-2.

Comp had a much tougher schedule this season than Chicopee High. The Pacers league scheduled consisted of SICS, Commerce, Ludlow, Northampton, and Frontier. Chicopee went 3-2 in conference play and 5-3 overall, but did not qualify for the tournament.

In nonplayoff action, Chicopee renewed an old rivalry with Holyoke High School, falling 35-12. Holyoke and Chicopee met 100 times on Thanksgiving before moving on from the rivalry in 2017. Chicopee would defeat Monument Mountain 36-12 in Week 10 to finish 6-4 heading into Thanksgiving morning.

Kickoff between Comp and High will take place at Szot Park this year at 10:15 a.m. High will be seeking its first win in the "Sword Game" since the rivalry was moved to Turkey Day.

Francisco Nieves makes a catch,



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2024: Chicopee Comprehensive 52-0

2023: Chicopee Comprehensive 38-0

2022: Chicopee Comprehensive 28-10

2021: Chicopee Comprehensive 46-14

2020: No game - COVID

2019: Chicopee Comprehensive 42-6

2018: Chicopee Comprehensive 54-6

2017: Chicopee Comprehensive 21-12

***Note – Record reflects matchups played on Thanksgiving Day. Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive have been playing a "Sword Game" for several decades.

Chicopee, Comp previous scores

Chicopee Football (6-4)

Friday, Sept. 12 – Chicopee 15, Greenfield 6

Thursday, Sept. 18 – Easthampton 18, Chicopee 14

Friday, Sept. 26 – Chicopee 12, Palmer 7

Friday, Oct. 3 – SICS 38, Chicopee 16

Friday, Oct. 10 – Frontier 22, Chicopee 6

Friday, Oct. 17 – Chicopee 30, Commerce 6

Friday, Oct. 24 – Chicopee 14, Ludlow 7

Friday, Oct. 31 – Chicopee 34, Northampton 8

Thursday, Nov. 6 – Holyoke 35, Chicopee 12

Friday, Nov. 14 – Chicopee 36, Monument Mountain 12

Thanksgiving Game

Thursday, Nov. 27 – vs. Chicopee Comprehensive 10:15 a.m.

Chicopee Comprehensive Football (8-2)

Friday, Sept. 5 – Chicopee Comprehensive 13, Hopkinton 6

Friday, Sept. 12 – Chicopee Comprehensive 43, Holyoke 8

Friday, Sept. 26 – Chicopee Comprehensive 38, South Hadley 14

Friday, Oct. 3 – Chicopee Comprehensive 54, Putnam 34

Friday, Oct. 10 – Chicopee Comprehensive 35, Wahconah 0

Friday, Oct. 17 – Chicopee Comprehensive 44, Pittsfield 6

Friday, Oct. 24 – Chicopee Comprehensive 46, Agawam 32

Thursday, Oct. 30 – Chicopee Comprehensive 18, Amherst 0

Friday, Nov. 7 – Division 3 First Round – King Phillip 51, Chicopee Comprehensive 0

Friday, Nov. 14 – Minnechaug 34, Chicopee Comprehensive 6

Thanksgiving Game

Thursday, Nov. 27 – at Chicopee 10:15 a.m.

Comp's season ends in state playoffs



Ellie Savarez squares a bump

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls volleyball team went 10-8 in the regular season and qualified for the Class A Tour-

nament in Western Mass. The Colts would lose to Minnechaug as well as Putnam in a nonplayoff game. With a 10-10 mark, the Colts entered the state

Division 2 tournament on the road, facing Nashoba Regional and getting swept 3-0. Comp's season ends with a 10-11 overall record.



Lorianys Vazquez sends the spike away.



Olivia Warren sets over the net



Keishalee Guzman sets near the net.

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SPORTS

Thunderbirds offensive struggles continue against Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-10-1-1) could not overcome an early deficit, falling 3-1 to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (12-3-1-0) on Saturday night inside Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

After scoring five goals in a third period comeback win on Friday night, the Penguins picked up where they left off just 2:20 into the game on Saturday, as Raivis Ansons funneled a wrist through heavy traffic and past Georgii Romanov to make it a 1-0 game.

The T-Birds had a tough time getting much cooking in the offensive end, and the Penguins' relentless pressure pushed the lead to a pair at 12:51. After already picking up a fighting major in a scrap with Springfield's Kale Kessy earlier in the period, Boko Imama positioned himself in the slot

and deflected a Zach Gallant shot through Romanov's legs to make it a 2-0 game and bringing Imama two-thirds of the way to a Gordie Howe hat trick in the opening period.

The Penguins wasted little time adding to their margin early in the second, as Rutger McGroarty - making his season debut - cashed in with a backhand tuck between the legs of Romanov just 1:06 into period two.

After continuous even-strength action for the first 28 minutes, special teams were finally put to work in the middle frame, and the T-Birds had a perfect showing, killing off two Penguins' man advantages and adding a power play goal at 11:52. After creating his own predicament on a turnover, Romanov reacted alertly to deflect a centering pass toward the neutral

zone, where Chris Wagner and Hugh McGing sped up on the rush and converted a 2-on-1 past Joel Blomqvist to make it a 3-1 game, as McGing picked up his third of the season while Wagner picked up a point for a second straight night.

Romanov settled in very well after the McGroarty tally and turned aside the final 11 shots he faced to keep it at a two-goal margin heading into the third. Blomqvist, though, answered in kind with a busy and strong final period, as the Penguin backstop turned away all 12 attempts that came his way in the third, while the Penguins' PK also survived one more Springfield power play threat.

The T-Birds continued their busy road schedule Tuesday morning when they square off in Hartford against the Wolf Pack at PeoplesBank Arena.

Worcester Railers score sweep of Lions

WORCESTER – The Railers spent the first few weeks of this season playing games where it was hard to find something they did right.

Saturday night they played one where it was hard to find something they did wrong.

Behind sensational goaltending by Henrik Tikkanen and equally sensational penalty killing, Worcester shut out the reigning ECHL Kelly Cup champion Trois-Rivieres Lions by a 2-0 score.

Tikkanen made 32 saves. The Railers killed five penalties, three in the third period. Counting the penalties and the four minutes or so Trois-Rivieres played with its goalie on the bench, Worcester spent about half the period skating 5 on 6.

Goaltending was the difference in the final 20 minutes as Tikkanen made 13 saves. So, which aspect of the game was key, goaltending or penalty killing, coach Nick Tuzzolino was asked.

"It works hand in hand," he said. "I think the lanes that our penalty kill created allowed (Tikkanen) to be as effective as he was."

Worcester got a goal from Lincoln Hatten in the second period and Anthony Callin, just back from a suspension, in the third.

The shutout was the first by a Railers goaltender since Tikkanen beat Wichita, 1-0, out there last Nov. 27. It was the first at the DCU Center since March 2, 2024. John Muse blanked Trois-Rivieres, 4-0.

It was the fifth of Tikkanen's career here. He is one behind Mitch Gillam, the franchise's all-time leader, and tied with IceCat Brent Johnson for sixth on the Worcester all-pro list. Curtis Sanford of the Ice-Cats leads in that category with 10.

Tikkanen's career in the Islanders' organization has had its highs and lows. It is highs like Saturday night that have kept him around.

"I know he has had sort of an up and down stat ca-

reer in Bridgeport," Tuzzolino said, "but every time I've been behind the bench and he's been in net I can count maybe one game that he'd like back.

"I have no issue with Teeks."

Tuzzolino did have an issue with the way his team played in the first two periods and let them know about it. Even so, the Railers had the lead going into the third thanks to Hatten's goal at 12:31 of the second period.

He snapped the dual shutout with his second goal of the weekend at 12:31. Cole Donhauser tried a wraparound that Lions' goalie Benjamin Gaudreau denied but the puck bounced out to Hatten just above the crease and he popped it home to give Worcester the lead.

Callin made it 2-0 at 8:12 of the third. Calle Odellius set things up with a nice rush through center ice. He found Callin on the right side and he beat Gaudreau with a high wrist shot to the far corner.

Participate in the 2025 Wilbraham Turkey Trot

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27 for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 46th year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. This year, the maximum has been increased to 550 participants.

There is no vaccination requirement this year. The course starts in Woodland Dell Cemetery just up from race headquarters at the Wilbraham United Church. Runners then make a left onto Main St. and head up Monson Road. Once summited, runners turn left and enjoy scenic views of

the valley from atop Ridge Road and enjoy the downhill along Mountain Road before turning back on Main Street to the church. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. with bib pick-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The race focuses on providing a classic New England Turkey Trot with chip timing, race swag, and one big hill. Awards will be given for the first male and female runners to the top of Monson Road.

Registration is only \$25 and available online at www.RunReg.com/13116

Residents are asked not to park on Woodland Dell or Main Street on Thanksgiving morning and to avoid driving on the route until after the race has concluded

at 10 a.m. Any traffic will be detoured downhill from Monson Road to Main along Ridge and Mountain Roads.

Expected road closures are as follows:

Main Street: From Monson to Woodland Dell: 8:30-8:35 a.m.

Monson Road: Closed to downhill traffic from Ridge Road to Main Street: 8:30-8:50 a.m. (Traffic detoured down ridge road)

Ridge Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Mountain to Monson: 8:35-9:10 a.m. (Traffic detoured down Mountain Road)

Mountain Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Main to Ridge: 8:40-9:25 a.m. (Traffic can travel uphill via Monson Road)

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IN THE CITY

St. Joan of Arc School NHS collects socks for Socktober



SUBMITTED PHOTOS JANINE DUNLEA

CHICOPEE - St. Joan NJHS collected 401 pairs of socks during Socktober. On Nov. 11, Mrs. Mahan and three NJHS students delivered them to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen for distribution. What a great way to help the Chicopee Community!

Polish National Alliance Lodge 711 to host Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

CHICOPEE - Lodge 711 Polish National Alliance of Chicopee will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. followed by the Lodge Christmas party with dinner served promptly at 1 p.m. at the Chicopee Falls Polish Home, 27 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA.

The Christmas party will feature the singing of Polish and English Christmas carols. Refreshments will be available and gifts for members,

ages 0-12 will be distributed by Santa. Assisting the President and Chairman, Joanne Cebula, are Jeannie Zapala and members of Wilbraham PNA Lodge 3276, dinner and refreshments, Teresa Sherman, publicity, and Cindy Kirejczyk, toys, decorations and entertainment. There will be arts and crafts, games, and a hot cocoa station.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers from the National Honor Society at Minnechaug Regional High

School in Wilbraham, MA to assist the committee in preparing and conducting this fun-filled event.

There is no admission fee. Donations for the raffle are welcome to help defray party costs. Please RSVP by Dec. 1.

PNA Lodge 711 is a non-profit organization dedicated to assure an active role in area social, cultural, civic and charitable events. For more information call Teresa Sherman at 413-596-9578.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Christmas and Holiday Sing to be held Dec. 7

CHICOPEE – A Christmas and Holiday Sing will take place on Dec. 7, 3 p.m. at Faith United Church, 191 Montcalm St., Chicopee.

Presented by The Fanfare Brass Ensemble.

The 10 part group's program: O Come All Ye Faith-

ful, Three Ships, Three Kings, Westminster Carol, Jingle Bell Rock, Twelve Days of Christmas, Away in the Manger, A Christmas Cannon, Jingle Bells, White Christmas, Sleigh Ride, Oh Holy Night, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Angels from the Realms

of Glory, All I want for Christmas, O Little Town of Bethlehem, We Need a Little Christmas, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Stars and Stripes for Christmas and more.

For more information - David Neill - tbn8@aol.com 413-686-5027.

The Hampden Charter School of Science Winter Raffle to hold Winter Raffle

CHICOPEE – The Hampden Charter School of Science Winter Raffle takes place on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 20 Johnson Rd. in Chicopee.

There will be over 50 prizes, a \$150 lottery tree, a signed Red Sox baseball and a 40 inch TV. General tickets are 3 for \$5, 8 for \$10 and 25 for \$20.

Other prizes include a Furnari Jewelers necklace - \$1,000 of sparkle! Tickets at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 and a \$500 Woodloch Pines Resort Gift Card at 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10.

Your \$5 entry ticket will lead to a 50/50 raffle ticket (12 and under free).

Doors open at 1 p.m., raffle starts at 2 p.m. Also, meet Boomer from 1 to 2 p.m., a winter craft for the first 50 children under 10, \$10 mystery grab bags (prizes range from \$10 to \$50), \$2 cupcakes (every cupcake sold also enters you in our Sweet Treats Raffle and a Reserved Front Row Graduation Seating - Live Auction.

The raffle donors are Ashley Furniture, Basketball Hall of Fame, BJ's, Boston Crawling, Boston Red Sox, Bowlero Bowling, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Charles River Cruises, Chick-Fil-A, Chili's Bar and Grill, Cinemark, Coca Cola, Crumbl, Furnari Jewelers,

Hartford Yard Goats, Home Depot, Hy-Line Cruises, Jersey Mike's, Just B Prom, Kate Spade, Longhorn Steakhouse, Margaritaville Water Park, Men's Wearhouse, 99 Restaurant, Northampton Dojo, Outback Steak House, Olive Garden, Springfield Museums, Springfield Thunderbirds, Starbucks, Tees 413, Texas Roadhouse, The Adventure Park, The Skin Nutritionist, Tree House Brewery, UMass Theater Department, Wendy's, Woodloch Pines, Wood-n-Tap and Worcester Red Sox.

Bundle up with big prizes! Every ticket helps HCSS athletes shine!

Traffic stop leads to arrest/firearms charges

CHICOPEE - On Monday Nov. 10, at approximately 9:12 pm, an Officer monitoring traffic in the 800-900 block of Chicopee St., observed a motor vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

The Officer conducted a check of the vehicles registration and learned that the registered owner also had a suspended license. At that time a motor vehicle stop was conducted.

The operator of the vehicle was identified as Romario

Roberts, while he was not the registered owner of the vehicle a check of his license showed that he had an active arrest warrant out of Holyoke District Court. Romario was asked to step out of the vehicle and secured in handcuffs. Prior to putting Romario in the back of the cruiser a pat frisk for weapons was done, at that time Romario stated he had a weapon and indicated it was a gun. Officers located a loaded 9mm handgun in Romario's waistband. When asked to pro-

duce his license to carry Romario stated he did not have one.

Romario Roberts a 28 year old male from Holyoke was arrested and charged with the following:

- No Inspection Sticker
- WMS Warrant
- Firearm, Carry Without a License
- Loaded Firearm, Carry Without a License
- Possess Ammunition Without an FID
- Possess Large Capacity Feeding Device



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IN THE CITY

Major Site Selection Factors:

FACTOR	NEW BARRY	GARRITY GROVE
Beneficial land acquisition displaces a minimum of 4 families	Beneficial land acquisition cleans up an abandoned property and displaces no one. (This is the last lot of land owned by the family who had the Szetela land taken from them - maybe they can be recognized somehow)	Added City Cost = \$4.1m (replicate Garrity Grove Amenities & construct new park)
Added City Cost = \$4.1m (replicate Garrity Grove Amenities & construct new park)	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)	Land Acquisition \$1.4m (4 homes)
Land Acquisition \$1.4m (4 homes)	Land Acquisition \$0.20m (open vacant lot)	Total: \$3.5m
Total: \$3.5m	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Bussing: No change	Bussing: Added \$318,780 annually	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Additional Property and Haz-Mat Surveying Required	No Additional Property or Haz-Mat Surveying Required	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Time Impact: 1 to 1.5 year extension (Target Move-In: Fall, 2030)	Time Impact: None (Target Move-In: Fall, 2029)	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Construction Escalation: \$2.5m	Construction Escalation: No Impact	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Traffic: Improves traffic in neighborhood and on site by removing queued cars from residential streets (Macek Dr.) and providing better separation of parent cars, buses and pedestrian traffic.	Traffic: Improves traffic in neighborhood and on site by removing queued cars from residential streets (Macek Dr.), providing separation of parent cars, buses and pedestrians. In addition, this option improves safety on Granby road by introducing traffic calming measures and adding sidewalks for a portion of the east side of Granby Rd.	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Neighborhood supports two environmental justice population (income and minority)	Neighborhood supports only one environmental justice population (income)	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Demolition Costs Supported	Demolition Costs Not Eligible for MSBA Reimbursement	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)
Estimated to add up to \$7m to Chicopee's share of the project cost	Wields the lowest cost for Chicopee's share of the project	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)

A list of the selection factors.

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ry Addition/Renovation at Barry Elementary School Site, which is estimated to be \$99,953,506, and would have to abide by the land swap, was deemed not viable and was eliminated early on in the meeting.

This left one option remaining at Garrity Grove, which was A4, a three-story new rebuild from the ground up, with costs estimated to be in a similar range of close to \$104,284,031. Current pros for this option would be no change in bussing, subtle traffic improvements in improving traffic in the neighborhood and on site by removing queued cars from residential streets such as Holly, and providing better separation of parent cars, buses, and pedestrian traffic. And demolition costs would be covered by the MSBA.

However, the cons included additional soft costs such as replicating Garrity Grove Amenities and constructing a new park, which would total close to \$4.1 million that the city would be liable for, along with Additional Property and Hazmat Surveying Required, while the official move-in date would shift in status as currently it's slated

for Fall 2030.

But, with the overarching fluid nature of the Article 97 process, things could shift drastically, according to comments from Bert Gardner, from Caolo & Biemek Architects.

"Currently, the Fall 2030 date is predicated on the assumption that we move through the Article 97 process without any hiccups or delays. With that said, if a delay did occur, we estimate it would be an additional year to a year and a half to the project, where we would have a mid-year move in January or delay the opening to Fall 2031," Gardner said.

The final option presented—and later chosen—was B3, which is at the Szetela site, a three-story design estimated to cost around \$104,220,466, with a target move-in date set for Fall 2029. Pros here were the avoidance of Article 97 Impacts, no Additional Property or Hazmat surveying required, no roadblocks for construction and would improve traffic by the inclusion of a proposed roundabout that would improve traffic in the neighborhood and on-site by removing queued cars from residential streets, in particular, Macek Dr., allowing the separation

of parent cars, buses and pedestrians.

The cons were Granby Road Traffic Concerns, storm sewer backups at surrounding houses and the potential addition of city scope costs such as land acquisition, sidewalks, bussing, etc. Additionally, as previously reported, the MSBA confirmed that it will offer Chicopee up to 80% reimbursement toward the construction of a new school building or extensive renovations in place of Anna E. Barry's aging facilities, as the more practical number or a ballpark figure would be more in line with 65 to 70%, according to comments from Mayor John Vieau.

"Just a point of information, realistically and conservatively, we are looking at 60-65% and hoping and praying that we can get to a 70% reimbursement," Vieau said.

Another noted factor was that the MSBA's grant will not cover demolition costs of the original building. For example, if the Szetela location is selected, the city would also be responsible for bussing and sidewalk improvements and disposal, which would total around \$3.7 million, which would cover the con-

DESIGN ALTERNATIVE D3

2- Story Consolidation New Construction
Target Move-In Date: Fall 2029

Total Building Area: 125,643 gsf
Program Area: 85,733 nsf
Grossing Factor: 1.47

562 Granby Road 3 Acres (Vacant)

The Design Alternative D3 design.

DESIGN ALTERNATIVE A4

2- Stories - New Construction
Target Move-In Date: Fall 2030

Total Building Area: 97,107 gsf
Program Area: 65,348 nsf
Grossing Factor: 1.49

School Property: 6.11 Acres
Retained Parkland: 9.41 Acres
Land Swap Parkland: 1.25 Acres

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BERT GARDNER

The A4 Design Alternative.

struction of a roundabout, and the land acquisition for \$200,000 of 562 Macek Drive, compared to the overall challenges at Garrity Grove, which totals close to \$7 million in total.

Annual bussing would

be an additional \$318,780.

With all of this addressed, the Commission decided to put the motion to a vote, choosing option B3.

As of now, the timeline for the project currently stands in the Preferred

Schematic Report (PSR) stage, which is now one month away from the final decision being passed along to the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA), on Dec. 18.

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Balakier said his uncle built the building in 1955, long before it became a bank.

Balakier was on the recent tour and was pleased with what he saw. He expressed his belief that the building could be a great fit for the School Department and a great find for downtown.

"This will really help the city tremendously and our needs," Balakier said.

He also noted that there is still plenty of usable furniture that Chicopee could buy with the building.

"There are a lot of fixtures and furniture in there that we could utilize. It's just a question if you have a meeting of the minds if that's factored into the negotiated price with Westfield (Bank) and the city," Balakier said.

Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie acknowledged that he visited the building often as a young child. He also said that there is an abundance of furniture still in the building and hopes that it can be included as part of a potential deal.

Labrie spoke further about additional space the building features that might not have been considered in the square footage.

"I remember going down into the cellar, and I believe the shoes were sold in the cellar," Labrie said. "I can remember quite a large cellar down there, and we did not talk about that. I don't think it's counted in the square footage as what was stated that night, but I



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The building is located at 219 and 225 Exchange Street.

think the cellar adds storage, and I know the School Department can use storage."

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga also weighed in, noting that buying the building on Exchange Street is a much better long-term option for the city than continuing to rent at its temporary space on Dulong Circle.

She also said it is very important for community members to have all major municipal buildings near each other, which would occur if the deal gets made, as the Exchange Street building is within walking distance of City Hall.

"Just to have everything in one place and make it easier on our families that may not be able to get off of work and need to do everything in one day, it just makes everything a lot easier to get those errands done, and I think it

will be fantastic," Arriaga said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello thanked all who were involved in identifying the Exchange Street property as a possibility. She said it is a much better location than Dulong Circle or the district's old headquarters at 180 Broadway Street in a building that is over 100 years old.

Like Arriaga, Costello also praised the potential placement of the School Department near City Hall downtown.

"This is a major improvement for the School Department. It's a good investment for the city, and you're going to create a government center where you have City Hall and the School Department administration building near each other," Costello said.

DESIGN ALTERNATIVE A2

2- Stories - Addition/Renovation Retains Existing Gym and Cafeteria
Target Move-In Date: Fall 2030

Total Building Area: 95,689 gsf
Program Area: 63,859 nsf
Grossing Factor: 1.50

School Property: 5.88 Acres
Retained Parkland: 9.46 Acres
Land Swap Parkland: 1.42 Acres

The Design Alternative A2 option.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21P2140EA
Estate of: Domingo Arocho
Date of Death: 09/10/2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Anna Arocho of Middletown, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Anna Arocho of Middletown, NY 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 12/23/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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: November 19, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 11/21/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P0163EA
Estate of: Kenneth Wayne Francis
Date of Death: 02/14/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition has been filed by: **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** requesting that Ashley

M Carlson of Springfield, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate, also requesting that: **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

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 12/11/2025**.

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

Witness, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 13, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 11/21/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A
 Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 28, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2009 Ford Fusion
 VIN: 3FAHP07Z79R144053
 Samira Kon
 85 Rogers St., Apt. 4A
 Lowell, MA 01852

2006 Honda Accord
 VIN: 1HGCM55366A149681
 Delmar Mejia Soto
 22 Marshall St., Apt. 1
 Springfield, MA 01109
 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A
 Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on December 5, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2012 Ford F150
 VIN: 1FTFW1ET3CFA98671
 Alexis Capezza
 846 Plain Rd.
 Hinsdale, NH 03451

2006 Toyota Avalon
 VIN: 4T1BK36B56U090403
 Jaron Lavar Turner
 222 Burnside Ave., Apt. A2
 E. Hartford, CT 06108

2004 Toyota Corolla
 VIN: 2T1KY32E54C188635
 Yamara Carrero Rosa
 1045 Moss St.
 Reading, PA 19604

2011 Mazda Cx-9
 VIN: JM3TB3CV3B0328443
 Tammi Flagg
 11 Temple St.
 Holyoke, MA 01040

2015 Nissan Sentra
 VIN: 3N1AB7AP0FY244672
 Richard Brown
 98 Beacon Terrace
 Springfield, MA 01119

2011 Chevrolet Equinox
 VIN: 2GNALBEC0B1246474
 Nancy Cortez
 53 Braywood Circle
 Indian Orchard, MA 01151

2018 Hyundai Elantra
 VIN: 5NPD74LFXJH267333
 Mileidy Rosado Robles
 335 Hampden St.
 Chicopee, MA 01013
 11/21, 11/28, 12/05/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A
 Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 21st 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 Chevrolet Tahoe 1500
 VIN: 1GNEK13T81J315658
 Marcus Snipes
 48 Hope Farms Dr., Apt. 4
 Feeding Hills, MA 01030

2009 Volkswagen Routan
 VIN: 2V8HW341X9R604622
 Emanuel 777 Cleaning Llc\
 212 Fanning St.
 Waterbury, CT 06704

2008 Bmw X5
 VIN: 5UXFE43548L027074
 John Demartino
 104 Blue Grass Ct.
 Rocky Hill, CT 06067

2015 Moped
 VIN: L5YACBPA3F1129626
 Aiden Lopez
 63 Tyler St.
 Springfield, MA 01109

2015 Ford Escape
 VIN: 1FMCU9JX8FUC31131
 Carmen Torres Luciano
 28 Calhoun St.
 Springfield, MA 01107

2006 Audi A6
 VIN: WAUEH74F36N156693
 Frank Maiellano
 PO Box 590308
 Newton Center, MA 02459

2014 Volkswagen Jetta
 VIN: 3VWD17AJ7EM233048
 Pablo Lantigua
 Po Box 1901
 Brattleboro, VT 05302

2003 Acura TL
 VIN: 19UUA56623A092705
 Luis Montes-Deoca
 75 Groton School Rd Apt A5
 Ayer, Ma, 01432

2011 BMW 328xi
 VIN: WBAPK5C55BF124517
 Antonio Ortiz-De Jesus
 50 Revere St.
 Springfield, MA 01108
 11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD25P1805GD
In the interests of Ayha Helena Langevin of Chicopee, MA Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time:
 A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/28/2025** by **Patricia Lynne Saczawa** of Chicopee, MA will be held **12/22/2025 08:30 AM Review Hearing**. Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**.

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

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

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

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

Date: November 7, 2025
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 11/21/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P2343EA
Estate of: Lawrence Thomas Lessin
Date of Death: 10/21/2024
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 **Joseph R Machnac 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: **Joseph R Machnac 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 12/10/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without

further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 12, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 11/21/2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD25E0040PP

To Redsock Properties, LLC, of Rockville, Maryland, Montgomery County, and to all other persons interested

A petition has been presented to said Court by Gail Goodrow, of Ludlow, Hampden County, representing that they hold as joint tenants 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 private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred (\$256,700.00) 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.

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 forenoon on the **sixteenth day of December 2025**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 16th day of October 2025.
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
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 11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P2198EA
Estate of: Camella Sebastiano
Date of Death: 09/16/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for S/A -Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Erik Govoni of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal De-

cree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Erik Govoni 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 12/05/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 05, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 11/21/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P2309EA
Estate of: Ray Vaughn
Date of Death: 8/26/2025
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Amy S Moore of Springfield, MA

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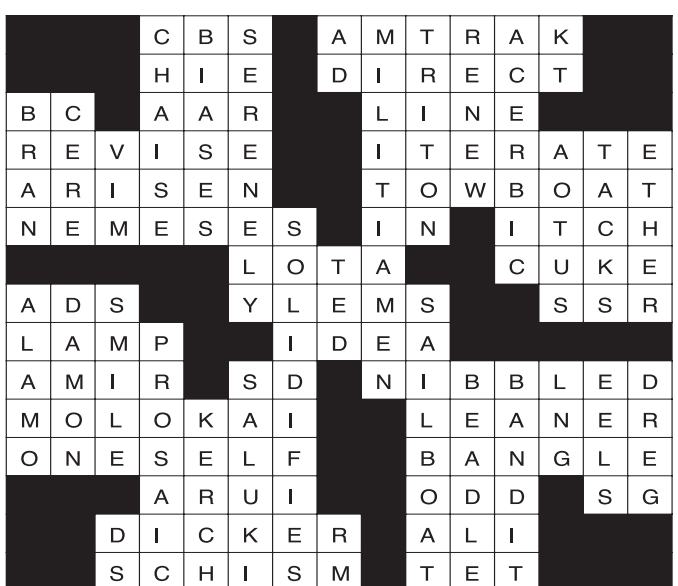
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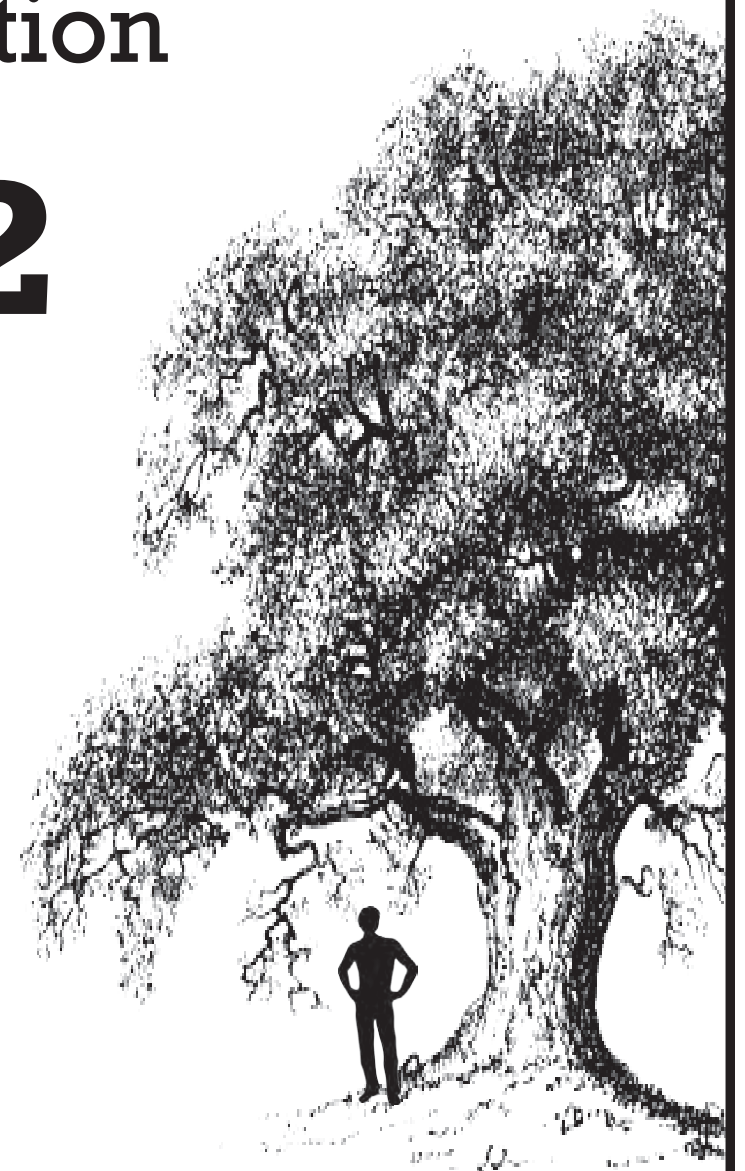
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