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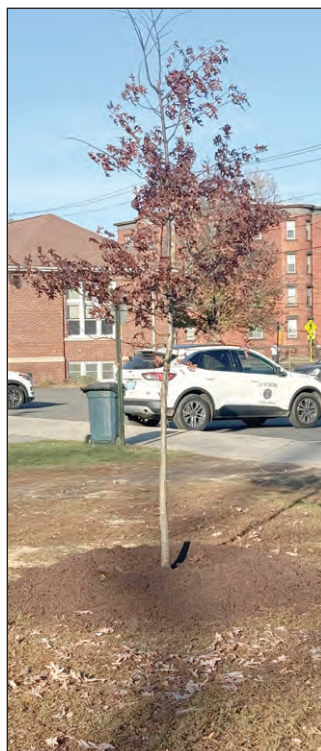
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## City marks Arbor Day at Lincoln Grove



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Tree Warden Chris Scott, Mayor John Vieau, members of the Forestry Department, Planning Director Lee Pouliot, Parks & Rec Department Director Benjamin Strepka, DPW Superintendent Elizabette Batista and City Engineer Douglas Ellis with this year's Tree City USA flag.



A photo of the scarlet maple tree at Lincoln Grove, one of the new trees planted at the park.

Also, 32 years for Tree City USA

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CHICOPEE - The city marked Arbor Day in a ceremony at Lincoln Grove on Nov. 20 that also recognized several new trees that were planted in the park and the 32nd year of being a Tree City USA award recipient.

The six new trees include a scarlet oak, ruby red sunset maple, sweetgum trees, the shade master honey locust and the village green sokovia tree.

After reading the mayor's proclamation declaring Nov. 20 as Arbor Day, Mayor John Vieau presented certificates of recognition to the Forestry Department, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Planning Department, the

Parks & Recreation Department, the Water Pollution Control Department and the Engineering Department.

Vieau explained how several trees were lost during recent storms and the city's departments "have utilized resources" from the city budget to assist in their replacement and "ensuring preservation of our environment."

"So, a heartfelt thank you goes to our departments for their dedication, for completing the task of planting this tree and everything else you do. I'm very grateful for the people who work here," Vieau said.

Tree Warden Chris Scott and the Forestry Department then presented this year's Tree City USA flag.

"So, we meet some criteria. It's spending per capita to fund the Forestry Department, having tree ordinances and most things—through the Arbor Day Foundation—qual-

ify us to be a Tree City USA. It's a great honor," Scott said. "Without the mayor and the City Council helping us out, Planning Department, Parks, DPW as a whole—its superintendent—none of it would be possible, so thank you."

Vieau then praised Scott and his department for their efforts.

"When these microbursts and storms go through, these trees are healthy because of the crew behind me. They're out there maintaining all the public trees—there's a lot of them—and if we take down a healthy tree, we plant two," Vieau said. "Thank you for what you do in taking care of not just planting the trees, but the maintenance, pruning, removing of hazardous waste and, of course, storm response like on Chicopee Street not that long ago."

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TURLEY PHOTO BY BRENDAN ROONEY

RiverMills Senior Center Executive Director Sherry Manyak and her staff behind the scenes.

## RiverMills gives thanks at Thanksgiving lunch

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — On Nov. 20, "The Friends of RiverMills" hosted a Thanksgiving Luncheon and Dinner, which drew close to 120 people and was a resounding success, a week before the actual holiday.

In addition, those in attendance were also treated to 50/50 raffles and a cash bar and a home-cooked turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. The main form of entertainment was singer Amanda Meli who sang during the dinner event, who, according to the consensus among the crowd, was well worth the price of admission.

Attendees could either attend the luncheon earlier in

the day or the dinner in the evening. The cash bar was available at the dinner."

The special event offered an opportunity to express gratitude and reflect on the true purpose of the senior center in the city, as well as its ongoing evolution.

Helming the ship was the leadership of current President Mike Wilk, who shared what he was thankful for this past year, keeping it simple, but impactful.

"I am extremely thankful for having the opportunity to be the president of the Friends of RiverMills, and to work with Sherry (Maynak) and her staff. And I confess, when I started, I really didn't know what I was get-

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### Major Site Selection Factors:

FACTORS	LAND	CITY COST	BUSING	TIME	TRAFFIC	NEIGHBORHOOD	DEMOLITION
	Most Favorable	More Favorable	Unfavorable				
	<b>BARRY</b> (Granby Grove)						
	Beneficial land acquisition displaces a minimum of 4 families						
	Added city cost \$4.1m (replicate Granby Grove Amenities & construct new park)						
	Land acquisition \$1.4m (4 homes)						
	Total: \$5.5m						
	Busing: No change						
	Additional Property and Haz-Mat Surveying Required						
	Time Impact: 1 to 1.5 year extension (Target Move-In: Fall, 2030)						
	Construction Escalation: \$2.5m						
	Traffic: Improves traffic in neighborhood and on site by removing queued cars from residential streets (Holly) and providing better separation of parent cars, buses and pedestrian traffic.						
	Neighborhood supports two environmental justice population (income and minority)						
	Demolition Costs Supported						
	Estimated to add up to \$7m to Chicopee's share of the project cost.						
	<b>NEW BARRY</b> (Granby)						
	Beneficial land acquisition clears up an abandoned property and displaces no one. (This is the last bit of land owned by the family who had the Szetela land taken from them - maybe they can be recognized somehow)						
	Added City Cost = \$3.5m (construct roundabout)						
	Land Acquisition \$0.20m (see warrant lot)						
	Total: \$3.7m						
	Busing: Added \$315,780 annually						
	No Additional Property or Haz-Mat Surveying Required						
	Time Impact: None (Target Move-In: Fall, 2029)						
	Construction Escalation: No impact						
	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.						
	Neighborhood supports only one environmental justice population (income)						
	Demolition Costs Not Eligible for MSBA Reimbursement						
	Heads the lowest cost for Chicopee's share of the project						

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Here, we have the site selection factors.

## City Council shares thoughts on Barry School site

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Anna Barry School Building Commission met with the City Council in a special meeting on Nov. 17 after the commission selected the Szetela Early Childhood Center site as the primary choice for a new Barry Elementary School.

The commission selected this choice on Nov. 13.

With a choice tentatively selected, the timeline of the 'legacy project' continues to reside in the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR) stage, but that will quickly shift soon, as in a couple of weeks from now, the final decision will be passed along to the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA), on Dec. 18.

Adam Dalessio, Colliers Project Leader (OPM), provided preliminary reasons why the Szetela project was

deemed the commission's decision due to factors such as the project being deemed fiscally defensible, consistent with MSBA's mission, provides the shortest timeline to get students into the new building—which is tentatively set for Fall 2029—and an update to the design of B3.

Dalessio said the preferred option is now down to a two-story option, estimated to cost around \$104,220,466. New details revealed that placing the new building at the Szetela site wouldn't displace any families from their homes, as the site was deemed large enough to accommodate the new school.

Pivoting to one of the main takeaways, which is finding a potential solution to address long-standing traffic issues on Granby Road.

Licensed Traffic Engineer Michael Wulforst, P.E., from Bowman, informed the City Council that a traffic study conducted during peak

hours in September, simulating school traffic, found that Granby Road is currently constrained by Macek Drive backups, with difficulty exiting the side street and speeding issues observed.

However, one key element from the traffic study was the initial reveal that crash rates are below average. At the same time, additional safety issues were observed, indicating that pedestrian accessibility remains a significant focus, as currently only one existing crosswalk is present on Granby Rd, with no sidewalk on the east side of the road. Wulforst then passed along that the two potential remedies being floated around are the implementation of a roundabout or a traffic signal, but noted the city would be liable for the price tag of each project.

To start the roundabout,

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## CFD takes part in legislative breakfast

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CHICOPEE - The fire department was one of many in Western Massachusetts to take part in a legislative breakfast event earlier this month.

Chief Daniel Stamborski explained the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association and the State Fire Marshal's Office hosted the event at the Western Mass Fire Training Academy, which included several state legislators and town managers, to bring attention and support for four items of need.

"So, the first thing on the agenda was supporting the creation of a Massachusetts Public Safety Building Authority, and the

reason we're trying to do that is because in New England here, I think in every city and town has at least one fire station that is super old," Stamborski said. "Several of them across Western Mass and New England in general are over 100 years old, so they certainly don't meet safety standards and building codes, and one of the other major problems we have is just the sheer size of the apparatus. Once upon a time, they were horse-drawn fire pumpers back in the day and we're trying to squeeze modern apparatus into these buildings, so that's a big one for us. To come up with some sort of system similar to how they fund public schools and whatnot, just getting some additional monies to get these buildings into a safer condition for the firefight-

ers and something that can house our apparatus properly."

The second item was support for the reauthorization of the Massachusetts Firefighters Safety Equipment Grant program, which Stamborski shared the goal was to get it refunded.

"This program is a funding source for some really vital equipment for our communities and much of this was used by the mayors and the state reps and so forth out at the fire academy grounds, on the drill yards," Stamborski said.

He added the equipment included battery-powered vehicle extrication equipment, SCBA, personal protective equipment and

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RET. SOUTHWICK FIRE CHIEF RUSS ANDERSON

Chief of Staff Mike Pise, Fire Chief Daniel Stamborski, Mayor John Vieau and Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Cross during the legislative breakfast event on Nov. 7.

# IN THE CITY

## Bowl-a-Thon returns after five-year hiatus

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CHICOPEE - The Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon returned to Bowlero in Chicopee for the first time in five years on Nov. 8, offering raffles, games and family fun to support adults with developmental disabilities at Camphill Village Copake.

This year's event raised over \$70,000.

Though located on the Berkshire border in Columbia County, NY, Camphill Village Copake has local families in Western Massachusetts with loved ones who live there or have been touched and impacted by their care.

John Freedman, whose sister, Susan, has lived in Camphill Village Copake for over four decades, explained the event originated about 15 years ago and was on hold the last five years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, it's back. "It's great because I think we're busier than ever. Hopefully, we'll hit a fundraising record and there's just lots of people from all walks of life. Families and a lot of villagers and friends, family, business associates, all having a fun time," Freedman said.

Freedman said he enjoys giving back and supporting worthy causes, elated with the turnout.

"We got a lot of people in the alleys," Freedman said. "Some people sign up and register, others just show up, but we're at capacity and a lot of people having fun with one another with old friends and new friends."

He was also happy to see many young people in attendance.

"We have more younger children than ever before. There's newborns all the way up to teenagers and anyone can bowl. That's what's so nice about having this event," Freedman said. "Anyone can come and bowl."

David Wallace, one of the residents at Camphill Village Copake, reflected on those who were attending the event for the very first time, expressing gratitude for their support as well.

"When people come to the event, come from our vil-



The Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon returned to Bowlero in Chicopee on Nov. 8 after a five-year hiatus, raising over \$70,000 for Camphill Village Copake.

lage that we haven't met, it's like meeting a whole group of people in a worldwide community around the world," Wallace said. "Something like traveling around the world in one day."

Wallace enjoyed seeing lots of people and being amongst friends for the event.

"I spent time bowling and got my face painted," Wallace said.

Christine Pizzuti, the communications and public relations manager at Camphill Village Copake, shared there's no admission fee for the organization and they rely heavily on donations and private sup-

port.

"We got more than \$70,000 raised so far from this event for the wonderful residents of Camphill Village, and that's largely due to sponsorships—not just bowling registrations—but sponsorships from the local businesses in the Springfield area. It's just incredible to see this many people supporting Camphill Village," Pizzuti said. "It's just really nice to see everybody back in Chicopee supporting us."

Pizzuti said the event also helps bring awareness and share information about the organization.

"We welcome any opportunity to be out in the community, to let people know that there are a lot of different types of settings that are available for people with developmental differences," Pizzuti said. "There are group home settings, there are waiver-funded settings, things like that. Camphill Village is one of many rural, intentional communities that are available for people with disabilities to live in. There are more than 100 Camphill communities across the world and Camphill Village Copake is the first and largest in North America."

Eileen Tau is a house



The arcade games were also a fun staple for attendees during the Bowl-a-Thon



An action shot of a member of Team Hogan bowling.



Attendees were all smiles during the event, enjoying time together and other fun activities.

leader who lives with five people with developmental disabilities, along with her family and also works in the Volunteer Admissions Office.

Tau said the event "is a highlight for our community" for two reasons.

"It's a time for us to get together as a community and have fun with other people, and also, raise awareness about our community," Tau said.

She encouraged people to volunteer as they welcome many from around the world to share their gifts and talents, also sharing what she enjoys about her work at Camphill Village Copake.

"We have essentials. Our first essential, really, is looking at everyone despite their disabilities as a spiritual being. That we are all human beings striving for the same things in life. That's what is very special to me," Tau said.

Sarah Bomba, another resident, and Susan Freedman

live together and work together, meaning they work together in the household. Freedman also makes beeswax candles in the candle shop and Bomba gardens.

Bomba encouraged people to reach out and learn more about the organization.

"If you know anybody, feel free to check out Camphill Village itself. If you have anybody in your family or know anybody that could benefit from Camphill, please look us up, check us out, go on a tour and just see what we're all about," Bomba said.

Pizzuti thanked the community for their support.

"Because it really does mean a tremendous amount to our organization, for our funding and for our residents to be able to see this many people coming out to personally support them, they really, really take that message home," Pizzuti said.

To learn more, visit [camphillvillage.org](http://camphillvillage.org).

## 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.

## City of Chicopee releases final draft of its Hazard Mitigation Plan for public comment

CHICOPEE - The City of Chicopee has completed an update to its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and is now seeking public comment to finalize and advance adoption of the document.

The HMP identifies natural and environmental risks – such as floods, storms, wildfires, and impacts from climate change – then outlines ways to reduce their effects. By planning ahead, the City can better protect people, property, and resources from both sudden disasters and long-term envi-

ronmental challenges.

Approval and adoption of the HMP ensures that Chicopee remains eligible for mitigation and emergency response funding available through state and federal grant programs through MEMA and FEMA.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding is available for projects designed to reduce the impacts of future disasters. Mitigation planning and actions break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Chicopee's plan update was completed in partnership by SLR International and a local hazard mitigation planning team – consisting of representatives from City Departments and community stakeholders including comprehensive feedback from residents.

All residents, business

owners, and other Chicopee stakeholders are strongly encouraged to review and offer feedback on the HMP final draft. The draft HMP is available for review at <https://chicopee-planning-department-chicopeema.hub.arcgis.com/pages/sustainability> or at the Chicopee Planning Department, City Hall, 274 Front Street, 4th Floor, Chicopee, MA. The draft HMP is available in English and Spanish.

Comments, concerns, and questions regarding the draft plan should be submitted via email to [pcollins@chicopeema.gov](mailto:pcollins@chicopeema.gov) or by phone at (413) 594-1482. All responses will be utilized solely for the purpose of finalizing the HMP for approval and adoption.

The public comment period will conclude on Monday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

## Aging Parent Solutions with The Arbors

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host the program "Aging Parent Solutions" on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Representatives from The Arbors and Ivy Assisted Living will be at RiverMills to discuss "The Aging Parent Solution" The Aging Parent Solution can partner with your family to navigate

the complexities of aging, with confidence and peace of mind, while providing compassion, support and guidance you may need. This session is great for anyone who cares for an older relative or friend and needs a little extra support on how to navigate the available supports and resources for caregivers and loved ones. You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

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# IN THE CITY



An ensemble photo of all Comp Colts Class of 2015 friends in attendance.

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## Comp 2015 Class celebrates 10-year reunion

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

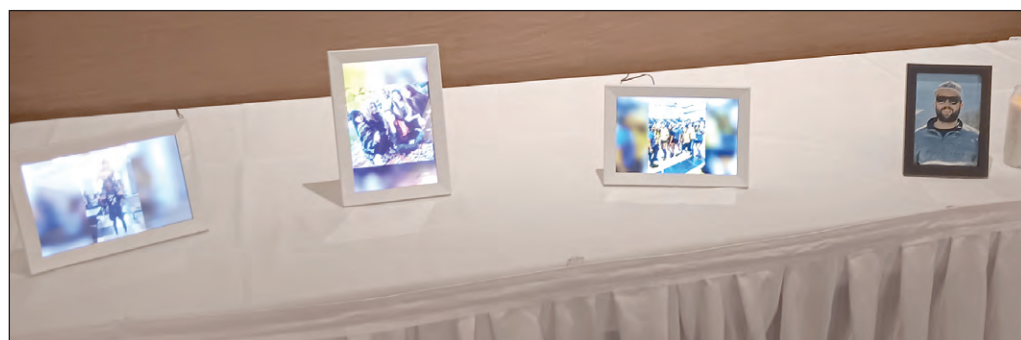
CHICOPEE — Earlier this month, on Nov. 1, the Chicopee Comp Colts Class of 2015 Alumni group hosted the class's 10-year reunion, and it was a long time coming.

More than 30 alumni, consisting of close friends, along with various spouses, gathered from the Castle of Knights Banquet Hall to reflect on the glory days, partake in the homecoming event, and touch base, as the fifth anniversary didn't take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic back in 2020.

The reunion was put into reality by Salutatorian Patrick Byrnes and classmate Jessica Lusignan, and had help from countless others, and they felt the finished product was 'great.'

First to reflect on the progress and unity of the 2015 Colts was Byrnes.

"It's great to get everyone back together for our 10-year reunion, and this is the first time we have been able to get our whole class together. And it's nice to see all of the various and different friend groups, catch up, and see what everyone has been up to since we graduated from Comp," Byrnes said. "And I feel, looking back on things, I felt we had a really fun class. I feel everyone has



The Memorial Table on display.

done a great job in staying in touch and connecting, and having an event like this is a great way to rekindle memories while discovering new ways to reconnect with those we fell out of contact with."

Echoing similar thoughts to Byrnes was Lusignan.

"So, Patrick (Byrnes) and I tried our best to get as many people as we possibly could to come to this event. We put a lot of effort into Facebook and social media, and we are very excited with the outcome and those who decided to come to the event," Lusignan said.

Lusignan also expressed that they are continuing to leave the door open for future gatherings.

"We hope to see more people in the future, and we are looking forward to our 15 and 20-year reunions, but we really just miss everyone and can't wait to see everyone once again," Lusignan said.

Those in attendance

were greeted with the class's old photo slideshow from senior year, a buffet-style dinner consisting of various restaurant-style entrees such as Prime Rib, Chicken Francese, Fried Potatoes, along with other crowd-pleasing favorites. To note, the meal also came with a cash bar and dance floor.

Also, a memorial table was set up to honor and respect the lives of those who passed away, as the lit candle was symbolic of understanding, and even though gone, it was made clear by those in attendance that those friends will still hold a place in the hearts of all and will never be forgotten.

The last person to speak was Gregory O'Connor, who enjoyed the overall experience and felt it was an honor to be back among his peers.

"I'm very happy to see all of my friends, and it's just fun to see how everyone

is doing in life," O'Connor said. "I hope more people will come out and show up as these events carry on."

And the overall message and consensus among those in attendance when asked about the question of what their class should be remembered for was a simple answer: "Just being fun, and being Comp Colts," according to various responses from all.

The overall takeaway from this evening was that memories were rekindled, and friendships reforged, and the only lasting impression is that it's clear the potential for the reunion to increase in size and stature is definitely on the horizon.

And, as noted before, one of the main topics among all in attendance was the confirmation of greenlighting future gatherings, with another recently held the night before Thanksgiving at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grille.

## HCSS 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

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## 13th Annual Western Mass. Toy Drive Comedy Show

CHICOPEE — The 13th Annual Western Mass. Toy Drive Comedy Show for foster kids and children in need takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Portuguese American Club.

Join us for a night of comedy, dinner, and community where every laugh helps bring holiday magic to kids who need it most.

Hosted by Jess Miller and featuring performances by Dave Sheehan, Doreen Watson and Max Dolchelli.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m.

Your \$40 ticket includes dinner, show and pictures with Mr. and

Mrs. Claus.

There's also a golden ticket to win \$1,000 cash! For each new, unwrapped toy valued at \$25, receive one entry to win a Golden Ticket worth \$1,000.

The toys go directly to foster children at Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) and low-income behavioral health youth clients at Clinical & Support Options.

Reserve your seat now at [funnyraising.com](http://funnyraising.com).

The event is proudly sponsored by Symetra, Pioneer Valley Allergy, Ohana School of Performing Arts, Amedeo's and Kind Squad Inc.

## Holiday Arts & Crafts for Kids

CHICOPEE — Holiday Arts and Crafts for Kids ages three to five will be taking place on Tuesdays 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](mailto:Durands@headstart.org).

The programs are offered 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.

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## IN THE CITY

## Thanksgiving questions for the Garden Lady

Eva, who has a big vegetable garden in Ware, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are supposed to have a low of 27 degrees one night this week. With that said, are my Brussels sprouts going to be OK? I was hoping to harvest them just in time for Thanksgiving." It has been a few years since I have grown Brussels sprouts, but I do remember that they do thrive well into late fall and early winter. A few frosty mornings won't hurt them!

For readers not familiar with Brussel sprout culture, I will elaborate. Brussels sprout seeds are started indoors, around the same time you would start their cousins, broccoli, cabbage or kale.

For me, seeds are sown off heat the first week of April through tax day. They are grown cool but under supplemental light to prevent stretching, and are transplanted once the first set of "true leaves" unfold.

I transplant mine into the

cells of a six pack, although individual two or three inch pots are also a good option. Brussels sprouts can be moved into the garden a couple of weeks prior to Memorial Day, where fertile soil and eight-10 hours of direct sun are preferred.

They need to be given a lot more room than their cousins, about nine square feet of growing space per plant! It will pay off!

Placing transplants under floating row covers is smart, and will protect young plants from flea beetles and swede midge, then from various "cabbage" worms. The plants will grow tall over the course of their long growing season and will form buds along the stem.

It is the buds that we har-

vest, known as the "sprouts" we so enjoy. Experts recommend "topping" the plants in September, or cutting off the first couple of inches of top growth, so that the plant puts all of its energy into the sprouts it already has, making them bigger.

When I grew Brussels sprouts many years ago, aphid were a big problem. There are a number of varieties that have a spaced branching habit that seem to reduce the population of these pests. "Divino," "Speedia," and "Nautic" are all good choices.

Harvest the half-dollar sized sprouts after the first few frosts and you will be in for a great, sweet treat. Like carrots who endure a little cold, starches turn to sugars and yum! Personally, I like to roast them for heightened crunch and a little more caramelization. I hope they will be a wonderful part of your family meal, Eva!

Melissa, who gardens in Palmer, just moved to a house that has a few "highbush cranberries" on her property.

"I was curious if this shrub is a tall version of the Thanksgiving cranberry and if so, if it is edible? The word 'highbush' reminds me of blueberries, so I thought maybe it worked out the same," she asked.

The American cranberry is not to be confused with Vi-

burnum trilobum, an eight-12 foot multistemmed shrub sometimes called highbush cranberry, crampbark, or even cranberry viburnum.

The berries of this native shrub hang in clusters and are orangey-red in color. Although they are edible, birds generally find them a whole lot more appealing than we do, and will typically "gobble" them up before winter hits.

The shrub typically has great fall interest, too, with foliage that varies in hues of orange, red and purplish red.

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*In the Garden*  
by Roberta McQuaid



## Are you a complex patient?

With more people living longer, it's becoming likelier than an individual will be dealing with more than one chronic health condition, such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, cancer, any number of autoimmune disorders (such as lupus) – the list is practically endless.

Your doctors – you probably have more than one -- may not tell you to your face that you are "complex" or "complicated," so how do you know if you are? What are the possible implications of complexity, and what can you do about it?

Here are some typical characteristics of complex patients, in addition to having multiple health conditions:

You take multiple medications.

You have a lot of health-care providers, including specialists.

You are in the hospital frequently.

You struggle to manage your own health care because of its complexity.

You lack the family or social network you need to manage your health care.

Health-care providers are seeing more patients with complex conditions than ever, but there's little consensus among doctors about how to deal with them. Aside from the characteristics I listed above, patient complexity is aggravated by a number of other factors.

Our health care and social care systems are fragmented, and the gaps are continuously growing.

The scope of individuals' needs are constantly growing.

More patients are living alone, as family and community connections weaken.

There is a global shortage of caregivers in the workforce.

Researchers have also noted the impact of socioeconomic factors, such as lack of nutrition, poverty and access to care.

"All of this poses great challenges and the need for a paradigm change in proposing possible solutions and interventions," three European researchers wrote in 2023. "We have to invest, mobilize and implement harm reduction interventions in the care of complex patients."

Easier said than done, obviously.

One positive I'm seeing is the emergence of patient-centered care as a pathway to better health outcomes. Using a patient-centered assessment lets providers understand not only a patient's physical



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column



health, but also their mental health, lifestyle, behaviors, social factors (education, employment) and ability to understand their symptoms and treatments.

As a patient advocate, I have to take all of these factors into consideration when working with a client and communicating with their care team. Even the smallest problem in any of these dimensions can dramatically worsen a patient's health outcome.

But patient advocates and health-care providers cannot do the job by themselves. If you fall within the definition of "a complex patient," it's important for you to take the bull by the horns and participate in your own health care to the best of your ability. The same goes for your loved ones, your primary care provider and caregivers.

This is not easy in our fragmented health-care world. Still, there are actions a complex patient can take to help themselves and (one hopes) improve their health outcomes.

1. Coordinating care. Each health-care provider has to know what the others are diagnosing, treating and prescribing. It's likely that one or more of your providers is accessible through a patient portal that also contains test results, notes and electronic health records.

Will they have time to read everything? Maybe not, but you should, so you can convey your understanding of what other doctors are saying. This is where medically-trained patient advocates provide a valuable service, by reviewing the records and then conveying that information to doctors in medical terminology.

2. Being honest. As humans who want to appear competent and in charge of our lives, we sometimes hesitate to tell our providers everything that's going on. Maybe there's an emerging mental health issue. Maybe you're taking a drug that hasn't been prescribed. Maybe there's been a breakup in a marriage. Maybe you're drinking more. All

of these things can impact your well-being, and your doctor needs to know about them.

3. Taking notes. I've said it before and I'll say it again. Take someone with you to medical appointments and have them take notes, or even keep a journal yourself. You can keep track not only of doctor discussions, but also note your mental, emotional and physical symptoms on a daily basis to share with your provider.

If you are a "complex patient," or you know someone who is, recognize that fact and take a stronger hand in your care. You may be helping yourself or a loved one live their best life.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Should I ask for retroactive benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turn 70 next month, Oct. 3 and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026.

I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026?

Signed: Turning 70

Dear Turning 70:

I must ask why claim your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits, which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section

of your application that "I do not wish to receive retroactive benefits. I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks" section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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IN THE CITY

# CHS Boys Varsity Soccer receives community sendoff

By Kristin Rivers  
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CHICOPEE - The Chicopee High School Varsity Soccer Team received a send-off from parents, students, teachers and staff, the fire and police departments and more ahead of their playoff game against Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School on Nov. 13.

The Pacers finished their regular season 17-3-3 and later advanced to the third round of the Divisional Playoffs after defeating Martha's Vineyard Regional High School 3-2 in an overtime win on Nov. 5 and defeating Hanover High School 4-1 on Nov. 8.

The team received a police escort as the team left the high school at the end of the school day.

Rachel Beaudoin, communications and special projects liaison for the Mayor's Office, provided best wishes to the players ahead of their departure. Mayor John Vieau was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

"He wanted to congratulate you guys, wish you the best of luck and he knows you guys are going to win. He's got all the faith in you and he wishes you the best," Beaudoin said. "Proud of you guys for making it this far, so good luck!"

Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Hugo Despatado was excited about the sendoff.

"It's a special moment and, obviously, they've done all the work over the years," Despatado said. "It's nice to see the city united too as part of this, so hopefully they're embracing the moment."

Despatado said the kids



A group photo of parents, students and more holding up "CHS Soccer" signs to cheer the team on at their sendoff outside Chicopee High School.

deserve it after the hard work they put in to get this far this season.

"We're hoping to go there for a two-hour drive and coming back and celebrating on the bus. It's one game at a time now, anything can happen and it's become at any moment now. So, we just got to embrace it and go from there," Despatado said.

The community support means a lot.

"It's huge. I've been involved in grassroots soccer in the city for over 12 years, if not 15," Despatado said. "It's good to see us united, even though we have two high schools. But, seeing everybody united, it's actually been a dream of mine to be honest with you. Just having one school represent the city or one group instead of the division."

Despatado also called the season "a special season," sharing how the team "finished strong" and rallied together.

"They're a resilient group



Chicopee High School Boys Varsity Soccer players pack up to get on the bus for their police escort to their playoff game.

of kids. Like I said, they've been through ups and downs. We're a very dynamic group, diverse group. I actually call them sometimes we look like a bunch of misfits, but it's a good thing and they embrace it, they work for each other, many ethnic backgrounds in this group," Despatado said. "So, it's important, I think, that actually helps them in the long run."

The season, he added, is

special for another reason.

"It's a good group of kids. A lot of these kids have been playing together since they were five, six years old, so they got at least a group that were working and just battle for each other," Despatado said.

His message to the community was this.

"Just continue to support us," Despatado said. "Just know that the boys are work-



The American flag adorned by the Chicopee Fire Department ahead of the sendoff.

ing for them. Go Pacers!"

**After the Game**

Unfortunately, the team lost 3-1 to Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School, ending the boys varsity soccer playoff run.

Vieau, however, had also shared these words about the team in a recent interview on how proud he was of not just Chicopee High, but also Chicopee Comp with the football team's recent playoff run.

"I think that when your high school teams and athletic programs are successful, it really does bring out the best in Chicopee in your commu-

nity. I really think there is a lot of pride in Chicopee," Vieau said. "And I'm seeing it at the games I was at, the soccer game on Saturday against Hanover; the numbers are increasing, and it's wonderful to see the support, and people playing for nothing other than creating those forever memories in their lives. They are playing in these wonderful opportunities, and like I shared with both Comp and High, it's all about understanding to win with dignity and walk away from a loss with a moral of respect."

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ting into," Wilk said. "I knew about the senior center, but one thing that changed my perception was how Sherry and her staff continue to go above and beyond in ensuring everyone is treated equally, fairly, and held with the highest level of professionalism and respect, which has now turned from humble beginnings of a working relationship to that of a family."

Reflecting on the ode of support delivered from Wilk was Manyak, the executive director of the RiverMills Senior Center.

"I think the thing we enjoy the most is helping each other put this dinner/lunch together and seeing the laughter and smiling faces on everyone, and I think RiverMills is a family," Manyak said.

Manyak also shared that with this being the sixth year doing this specialty dinner, she and her staff feel they are ahead of the game, which allows them to excel and deliver standards of the highest quality.

"We trust and believe in our system, which stems from organizing tickets, monitoring sales, and it's quite quick and easy," Manyak said.

The point of conversation then pivoted to the over-



Singer Amanda Meli out in the crowd bringing excitement to the room.

all feeling the staff and everyone in the organization feels when seeing new or returning faces daily outside of the specialty events.

"Everyday visits offer a sense of fulfillment, from just having the privilege of talking to people, to helping them, while instilling clarity to a numerous assortment of problems that come in all shapes and sizes, and just hearing the stories is just a moment of pure joy and elation no one can take away," Manyak said.

As the evening progressed, some familiar faces stopped by, such as City Councilor-At-Large Jerry Roy, who touched upon the



A perfect photo with smiles and joy.

importance of the senior center and the work being done to ensure a haven of entertainment and reunion for the elders of the community.



Attendees taking in the atmosphere.

able that they can continue to take care of these people with the highest level of humanitarian values," Roy said.

Roy then added with a follow up touching upon the concept of Thanksgiving.

"I just want to say be thankful for what you have and not for what you think you should have, and if you see someone in need take care of them, and as a past president of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, there is a big need out there, and try to not to forget that," Roy said.

Offering similar thoughts about the burgeoning sense of community that RiverMills provides was recurring visitor and local Chi-

copee resident Debi Korytko, who expressed praise and gratitude for not only the opportunities the senior center provides, but also highlighted the value and attention to care that the senior center possesses.

"It's one big happy family here," Korytko said. "And this means a lot to the city because we need someone where our seniors can go and play. They have beautiful pictures here, and it's always a great time coming into the craft store, and everything is always top-notch."

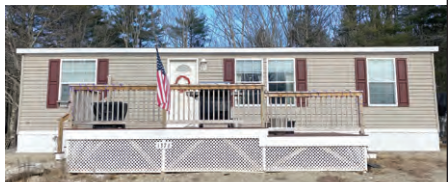
Korytko also expressed gratitude for the work being done behind the scenes by Manyak and her staff.



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# 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 December 2025.

**Math Everywhere!** Dec. 1, 3, 8, 15, 17 at 4 p.m. Join Shane from CFCE for an early math playgroup for ages 2-5. Meet new friends and practice important early math skills for young children with a curriculum brought to you by the Boston Children's Museum.

Email [wrights@headstart.org](mailto:wrights@headstart.org) to sign up.

**Sensory Play Saturday** will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

**Saturday Playgroup** will be held at 1 p.m., on

Saturdays in December. We'll put out some extra toys in the playspace. It's a great time for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play!

**Annual Cocoa Carnival** on Friday, Dec. 5 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.. Join us for a winter celebration! Play some games, enjoy a craft, and warm up with a cup of hot cocoa! No registration required. For kids and families of all ages! Head down the road to check out the Tree Lighting at City Hall after!

**Little Kid Dance Party** will be on Wednesdays, December 3 and 17 at 10:30 a.m. Moving and grooving for kids and their caregivers. Geared toward ages 0-5, but all are welcome!

45 minutes to one hour of energetic activity including singing and dancing, action rhymes, and playing with props like scarves and shakers.

**Build with LEGO** on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. Unstructured building time for kids ages 6 and up. This month's LEGO time will

be held in the Kids Activity Room.

**Little Movers** will be held in the children's program room on Fridays, Dec. 5 and 19 at 11 a.m. Babies crawling to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for free play followed by circle time exploring songs, fingerplays and movement!

**Create Art with Crayons** on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Join Marie Manley Tucker for a monthly drawing lesson this fall. Each month will have a different theme. December's theme is Stuffed portraits. Bring a stuffed animal friend to draw! Recommended for ages 5-12.

**The Kids Room Sewing Club** will have its first meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10 3:30 to 5 p.m. Learn basic stitches and practice skills by making fun projects. This month we will make sequin ornaments. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Kids who are not familiar with using a needle and thread should attend with an adult. Teens are welcome.

**Storytime** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is for children ages 3-5. This program features about 30 minutes of structured circle time, followed by 15-30 minutes of a craft or activity. Circle time will include 2-3 read aloud books, rhymes, songs, and felt boards. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer simple questions and recognize things like shapes, colors, letters, and numbers.

**The library Homeschool Meetup** will be on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. This group meets once a month September - June for homeschooling families with kids of all ages to hang out, do activities and learn together. Different activities each month are planned by the group.

**Terrific Twos** will be held on Tuesdays, Dec. 9 and 23 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 1 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.

Teens are invited to join us at LEGO, Sewing Club, Crayons for Kids and the Cocoa Carnival this month!

Visit the library website for more info about all of the library's events! [www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org)

# Winter Safety at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host The Chicopee Fire Department for their Winter Safety Presentation on Monday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join members of the Chicopee Fire Department for some tips on how to stay safe throughout the winter months, such as heating safety and safely using Christmas lights. You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

# Polish Food Sale

INDIAN ORCHARD - Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St., Indian Orchard, Ma will be holding five Polish Food Sales on these Saturdays: Dec. 13 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Dec. 20 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Golabki (3) \$12, Kapusta (Large) \$10, Pierogi (12) Cabbage-Potato & Cheese \$14--Sweet Cheese, Blueberry \$15. ales take place in the church cafeteria (lower section of the church) Credit cards not accepted..

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Vieau also noted the partnerships with the DCR, being in year 11 of planting trees for the Greening of Gateway Cities program, the Engineering Department, the DPW and the Planning Department.

"It's a collaboration and we all work together," Vieau said.

Another factor, he added, was water pollution control and coordination of tree planting with the Planning Department "in areas of sewer separation work."

"It's very predominant in the city of Chicopee. We want to make sure that we're putting trees back in places where they weren't as part of our tree ordinance, and Jim Dawson from Planning, we know that all new subdivisions get new trees," Vieau said.

"Two trees per building lot," Dawson said.

On why Arbor Day was being celebrated in November, Scott explained it's been



Members of the Forestry Department, Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Parks & Rec and more were in attendance for the Arbor Day Ceremony on Nov. 20.

a busy period for the department.

"It just brings some recognition for the city and we have an event every year where they give us the flags and stuff to honor all the communities," Scott said.

Scott elaborated on the process for replacing trees.

"That's one of our ordinances. If a tree has to be removed, the city ordinance

is two new trees get planted.

So, like when we have the sewer project come through, sometimes like 100 trees in a big section of the city have to come down. We replant 200 trees, get put back in. We do have a lot of available planting sites in town. We have a full city-wide tree inventory, so we know where everything is and where there's room to plant new ones," Scott said.

Scott said the 32 years of recognition for Tree City USA means a lot.

"It brings some satisfaction in that that we're doing the right things, trying to make the community better because trees are such a valuable part of the urban landscape as far as shade and just the overall feeling. You get a street with no trees, you definitely notice the difference for sure," Scott



Mayor John Vieau presents a certificate of recognition to DPW Superintendent Elizabette Batista, who also represents the Water Pollution Control Department.

said.


The trees, he shared, were planted at Lincoln Grove due to tree loss after storms and residents voiced concern, reaching out to his department.

"We have limited resources and limited time, so when we have people reaching out for us that show an interest in trees, that will take a prior-


ity of where we plant because people are probably going to be looking out for the trees," Scott said.

Scott's message was this.

"The city and the Forestry Department, we're out here doing the best we can to try as far as the trees go make things better, safer and more enjoyable for the future," Scott said.



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28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students sleep
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31. Taco condiment
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34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit

39. Khoikhoi peoples
40. Bears QB Williams
43. Scrambled, fried, boiled
44. Price indicators
45. One-time world power
49. When you hope to get somewhere
50. Farm building
51. Choose carefully
53. Magnum was one
54. One who combines
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to Pa
59. Notable river
60. Officially honors
63. Colorless compound
64. A fancy chair
65. Email function

2. Religion of Japan
3. Leggings
4. Officially distributes
5. Arabian Sea seaport
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Currency of Poland
9. Slowly moves into
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Unit of volume
14. Emit
15. With two replaceable hydrogens
20. Title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. One-time tech titan
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. The bill in a restaurant

34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Cosmetics giant Mary \_\_\_
38. Gym class
40. Automobiles
41. Roman honorific
42. Losses in sports
43. Skin tone in summer
45. Distant planet
46. Critical humor
47. Illegally obtained
48. Go back over
50. Home appliance brand
51. Unit of radioactivity
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
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# SPORTS

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## Comp falls to Chaug in Week 10

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE— Seven days after the two football teams lost in the opening round game of the Division 3 state tournament, the Minnechaug Regional Falcons and Chicopee Comp Colts battled each other in the inaugural Western Mass. Class A Bowl.

The Falcons closed out their season by celebrating a 34-6 victory over the Colts at Mitchell S. Kuzdal Field, last Friday night.

“Both teams didn’t get the result that they wanted in the opening round of the Division 3 state playoffs,” said Minnechaug head coach Will Nickerson. “My players were very excited to play in the Western Mass Class A Bowl game. We don’t play a game on Thanksgiving, so this was the final high school football game for our seniors.”

The Falcons, who lost at Hingham, 35-14, in the round of 16, finished their season with a 5-5 overall record.

The Colts (8-2), who lost, 51-0, against top-seeded King Phillip Regional, will be facing archrival Chicopee High School in the annual Sword Game on Thanksgiving morning.

The Colts seniors, who



Matthew Perez makes the handoff to Brayden Klett.

were hoping to win in their home finale against the Falcons, are Jacob Giec, Austin Abert, Adrian Gonzalez, Josiah Feliz, Joe Chmielewski, Victor Ferrer, Logan Yucka, JaVon James, Jake Galas, Frank Jordan, Harrison Wellington, Noah Johnson, Josh Maldonado, Chris Carrasquillo, Myles Besner, Tucker Jones, Jeremy Santalucia, Jacob Lopez Losacano, Abdulrahman Shehaden, Sean

Desormier, and Anthony Cabrera-Cavette.

Minnechaug senior Max Baroni entered the contest with 22 career receiving touchdowns, which was tied for the Western Mass. record. Alex Henry, who graduated from Minnechaug in 2019, and Springfield Central’s Joe Griffin, also finished their high school football careers with 22 receiving touchdowns.



Matthew Skaza makes a tackle.

Baroni is one of the Falcons senior captains, along with Jack Lucarelle, Aidan Dzierwinski, and Vinh Nguyen. The other Falcons seniors are Mason Jones, Zach Kozub, Lincoln Stiles, Cal Blanchard, William Vezina III, Donovan Belton, Jacob Fahey, and Liam Howe.

With 1:33 left in the second quarter, Baroni broke the record after catching a 12-yard TD pass from Lucarelle,

who’s been the Minnechaug starting quarterback since he was a freshman.

“I just saw the pylon, and I don’t think I’ve ever run faster in my life into the end-zone,” Baroni said. “I couldn’t have broken the record without the help of my teammates and coaches along the way. I’m hoping to continue playing football in college.”

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Joshua Maldonado goes on the run.



Landyn Chessey chases a Chaug ball carrier.

## Comp hosts Unified jamboree event

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—One of the 19 MIAA Unified Basketball Jamborees that took place during the past several weeks was held at Herbert H. Curry Gymnasium located inside Chicopee Comprehensive High School on November 18.

“This is the most jamborees that we’ve ever had,” said MIAA Associate Director Peter Smith. “We now have about 160 schools across the state that have a Unified basketball team. The growth of the sport during the past couple of years has been awesome to watch.”

The other jamborees in Western Mass. were held at Holyoke High School and at Mount Greylock Regional High School.

Chicopee Comp has hosted the Unified Basketball Jamboree, which is sponsored by Special Olympics Massachusetts, during the past seven years.

“We absolutely love hosting this event every year and it’s very important for our community,” said Sean Mackin, who’s the Athletic Director for the Chicopee Public Schools. “If you’re having a bad day, you can come to a Unified basketball game and watching these kids will make you feel a lot better. The best thing is these kids are having a lot of fun, and the score really doesn’t matter to them”

The six high schools that competed at Comp were Sci-Tech, High School of Commerce, Palmer, Monson, Chicopee High School, and Chicopee Comp.

It was the first time Palmer played in the jamboree since their head coach, Paul Holloway, passed away last summer.

Kelly Simpkins, who had shared the coaching duties with Holloway during the past six years, took over as Palmer’s head coach this fall.

“This whole season has been very emotional,” said Simpkins, whose son, Hunter, is a former member of the Palmer Unified basketball



Jadriel Agosto Garcia shoots for Chicopee.



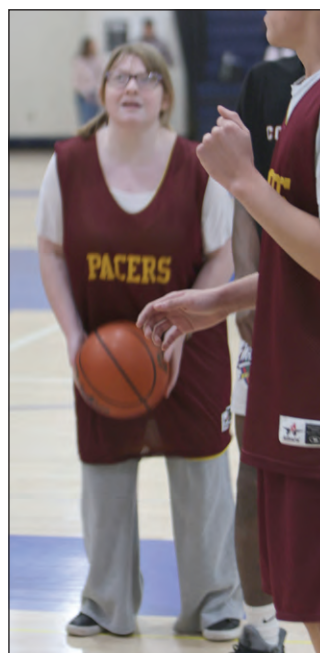
Josian Baerga angles toward the hoop.



Jonah Smith heads for the basket.



Comp’s Shawn Weber goes for a layup.



Shoshana Ablavsky looks to shoot.

team. “We dedicated the season to Paul, who meant everything to us. He started our Unified basketball team seven years ago and our track team prior to that. We have 18 athletes this year. I was worried before the season started that we wouldn’t have enough players this year because Paul made it a very enjoyable experience for the kids.”

Palmer faced Sci-Tech and Chicopee Comp at the jamboree.

Each game had 12 minute halves. It was running time until the final minute of each half.

The Palmer Unified basketball players are Dominic Storey, Makayla Camy, Marissa Robinson, Ben Robinson, Xavian Salsbury, Alex Riopel, Patrick Flynn, Yadiel Centeno,

Sofia Centeno, Brooklyn Pelouquin, Quinlan McCord, Raphael Orellana Duran, Alexa Gould, Austin Bickel, Noah Fredette, and Kaleb Brown

Palmer’s first game of the regular season was at home against Monson.

“When we played Monson in our first game of the sea-

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Lori Vazquez and Olivia Warren were volleyball all-stars this year.

## Local players participate in showcase event

HOLYOKE — Last Tuesday evening, the International Volleyball Hall of Fame hosted the Western Mass. Girls Volleyball showcase with a second

team game and a first team game held at Holyoke Community College. Olivia Warren and Lori Vazquez represented Chicopee Comprehensive.



Olivia Warren makes a play during the second team game.



Olivia Warren attempts a spike.

## SPORTS

## T-Birds score win over Utica

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-10-2-1) rode a magnificent night from their goaltender to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Utica Comets (2-9-2-1) on Friday night inside a sold-out MassMutual Center.

An unlikely source got the T-Birds onto the scoresheet just 4:04 into the period, as defenseman Leo Loof made a wise read from the defensive zone, jumping into a rush to create a 2-on-1 attack. With Jakub Stancl crashing the net from the left-wing side, Loof used the shooting lane available to him, snapping a wrister over Nico Daws' blocker, giving Springfield the one-goal edge off setups from Hugh McGing and Nikita Alexandrov.

Georgi Romanov got the nod in the T-Birds' goal crease and answered the bell

in the opening 20 minutes, making eight stops while his defense in front of him limited Utica's high-danger chances.



The middle period did not produce much in the way of chances, but the Comets made a strong push in the final minutes of the frame, and Romanov was forced to be at his best with a handful of saves off redirections. The netminder also got some fortunate luck on one occasion as a Mike Hardman deflection attempt glanced off the underside of

the crossbar, but stayed out.

Springfield also killed off one Utica power play attempt in the later stages of the second, while Utica went 2-for-2 to begin its night on the penalty kill, including 1:16 of power play time for the T-Birds at the start of the third. The Comets relentlessly pressured the Springfield net throughout the third, but Romanov had answers time and time again. Utica finished the game with 33 shots, but Romanov had stops on every one.

Calle Rosen finally put the game away with 1:11 to play, taking a pass from Romanov behind the net and lobbing a shot 200 feet down the ice and into a yawning cage to round out the scoring. The netminder's first shutout and win as a T-Bird also gave Springfield its second straight win on home ice.

## Railers grab home win over Gargoyles

WORCESTER - At the next ECHL Board of Governors meeting, Railers COO Mike Myers should suggest that, to save time and aggravation and wear and tear, the league should forego the first three periods of each hockey game and go directly to overtime.

If enough of those around the table said "aye" Worcester might be the first ECHL team to go undefeated.

The Railers did it again last Sunday afternoon. Anthony Repaci scored 90 seconds into OT to give his team a 3-2 victory over the Greensboro Gargoyles. Worcester has won six games this season, three in overtime.

It is 36-32 in overtime through the years but a remarkable 12-3 in its last 15 OT games. Sunday's fourth-period goal was the seventh of Repaci's career.

At the time, the shot seemed like a waste of time.

Repaci was at the very bottom of the offensive zone, almost to the goal line, and at least 10 feet from Gargoyles goalie (say that fast three times, why don't you?) Ruslan Khazheyev (say that fast three times, too) but fired away, anyway.

It went through the five-hole to earn two points for the home team.

"I didn't have an angle," Repaci said. "I knew I was



late in the shift and I could see (Matt Stief) coming downhill. I didn't want to make a pass that gets picked off and there's a 2 on 1 going the other way.

"So what I was trying to do is just throw it into the goalie's pads and hopefully have it pop out somewhere."

Repaci has scored 97 goals now for the Railers so, just doing the math, some of them had to be overtime goals. Seven is a high percentage, though.

"I'll take 'em," he said. "I'm thankful that coaches trust me to go out there for 3 on 3 and put me in good situations where there's open ice."

The victory was Worcester's fifth in the last six games, all at home. The Railers finished this eight-game homestand, their longest of the season, earning 10 of a possible 16 points. That is a .625 winning percentage, a good mark in a league where home ice is not a huge advantage.

Henrik Tikkanen got the win in the Railers net. He has won four in a row with

an 0.73 goals-against average. Worcester is 5-2-1 for 11 points in Tikkanen's eight starts this season.

Riley Piercey and Matt DeMelis had the other Railers goals. Colton Leiter and Wade Murphy scored for the Gargoyles.

The Railers played one of their best first periods of the season, especially at home, and had the lead after 20 minutes for merely the second time this year.

They dominated the early going and had a lot of pressure, but not a lot of goals. Worcester was finally rewarded when Piercey got his first goal of the season at 13:36 as the Railers took advantage of a turnover created by Max Dorrington.

He controlled the puck about 10 feet inside the blue line and passed it to Piercey. He put a low shot under Khazheyev's pads to make it 1-0.

Leiter tied it with a power play goal at 4:32 of the second period. DeMelis got the lead back at 11:04, set up by Stief. Murphy re-tied it with a shorthanded goal at 3:53 of the third period, finishing off a 2 on 1 break.

It remained 2-2 until Repaci figured he would just put the puck on net and see what happened.

What happened turned out to be a happy ending for the Railers.

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Nickerson also coached Henry when he played football for the Falcons.

"I spoke with Alex, and he was hoping that Max would break the record tonight," Nickerson said. "It was a very special night for Max."

Baroni, who also plays basketball, hasn't made his college decision yet. He wound up with five catches for 68 yards against the Colts.

The record-breaking touchdown by Baroni gave the Falcons a 21-0 lead.

Lucarelle capped off a

15-play opening drive with a 14-yard rushing touchdown with 4:23 left in the first quarter. Then sophomore Connor Walbridge made the first of his four extra point attempts

Lucarelle completed 12 of his 17 passes for 136 yards. He finished his high school career with more than 5,000 yards.

"I'm very glad that I was able to reach the milestone. All my hard work has paid off," said Lucarelle, who's planning to play football at Bowdoin College. "This is just a very special senior class, and it has been a lot of

fun getting the opportunity to play football with them."

It's the first time that Nickerson has coached a QB who has thrown for more than 5,000 career yards.

"Jack is the first quarterback I've coached who has thrown for more than 5,000 yards," Nickerson said. "He has done an outstanding job during the past four years. I'm looking forward to watching him play college football."

It was also a memorable game for Dzierwinski, who scored three rushing touchdowns.

"This was Aidan's best

game of his high school career," Lucarelle said. "The O-Line made it very easy for us tonight."

Dzierwinski, scored his first touchdown of the game on a six yard run up the middle with 8:38 remaining in the second quarter. That scoring drive took 11 plays, and it covered 81 yards.

Dzierwinski, who rushed for 196 yards on 19 carries, scored on a 40 yard run in

## UNIFIED from page 7

son, they gave us a card and a plant because they heard about Mr. Holloway's passing," said Simpkins, who graduated from Monson High School. "It was very touching and very sweet."

The Monson athletes are Ryan Cote, Devin Davis, Jakob Vanicsek, Steven Bassette, and Khushal Badshah. Their partners are Olivia Davis, Yayslin Garcia, and Lilly Stebbins.

"I really love watching these kids grow during the past four years," said Monson head coach Adrienne Davis. "I just want them to have a lot of fun playing basketball."

Davis, who graduated from Palmer High School, is a Special Education teacher at Monson High School.

"We love playing against Palmer," Davis said. "It's al-

## IN THE CITY

## Christmas and Holiday Sing 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.



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## First Central Bible Church announces programs for children and youth

CHICOPEE - First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street in Chicopee, is now offering five age-suitable programs from infants through grade 12 that are designed to help children and youth come to know the Bible, grow closer to God, and build a Christian community.

## Sunday Morning

Before Sunday service, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., the church's Sunday School partners with parents and caregivers in nurturing children's faith through engaging lessons and activities. Classes are held for ages two through grade 9. Nursery care is provided for children through age two. For adults, a variety of studies are available during this time.

## Wednesday Evening

Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. children ages two through fifth grade are invited to participate in Awana, which combines Scripture memorization, Bible teaching, fun activities, and mentorship to help children know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Please register on the church website at [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., young people in

grades six through twelve can join the church's Youth Group, which combines large- and small-group discussions. Sample topics include how the world's values differ from God's and the nature of sin. Participants explore their viewpoints while learning to apply Christian principles to their lives. No registration is required.

First Central Bible Church, located at 50 Broadway Street, Chicopee, exists to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus. Sunday service is held at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us in worship, prayer, learning from the Word, glorifying God, and feeling the warmth of fellowship.

For more information, please visit [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).

## Holiday Craft Fair at RiverMills on 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, lo-

cated 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.

## Winter safety program with Chicopee Fire

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host The Chicopee Fire Department for their Winter Safety Presentation on Monday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Coun-

cil on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join members of the Chicopee Fire Department for some tips on how to stay safe throughout the winter

months, such as heating safety and safely using Christmas lights.

You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

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# IN THE CITY



A slide showing Barry Option B3 at the Szetela Early Childhood Center site.

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for example, would be in the range of \$2.5 to \$3 million.

“This would be the best option to reduce speeding challenges, while building and allocating enough space for trucks to get through, resulting in Granby Road shifting west to alleviate space constraints,” Wulforst said.

For the latter, which is a signal crossing, comes with the price tag of \$1.5 to \$2 million, and key differences are a smaller footprint than a roundabout; roadway shift into the Szetela site to minimize impacts from pedestrian infrastructure such as new crossings and additional sidewalks that would be implemented on the east side of Granby Road bridged with a new crossing.

Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks, however, felt the Granby Road Traffic Study failed to address a few critical areas of focus.

“The area of focus needs to be Granby Road, because the area of impact is the entirety of Granby Road,” Brooks said. “So, while Edgewood, Macek, Sunflower, and Champagne are the areas of impact identified by the traffic study. The traffic study fails to capture the area of impact on which is the Grattan St. corridor, and the entirety of where the rotary would be placed, and the remainder, which is the most difficult point of this discussion, is the downhill incline

that only further exacerbates speed on the corridor.”

Mayor John Vieau responded to Brooks’s thought by referring to the inclusion of the Granby Road roundabout as a ‘calming project’ and discussed that the roundabout would be beneficial due to the 24/7 inclusion, which will help mitigate traffic and cause traffic to decrease in intensity.

“The main focus on which the traffic study zoned in on was peak hours but also took into consideration the overall impact of being a 24/7 traffic calming project, which is exactly what the city of Chicopee is interested in,” Vieau said. “This roundabout will create natural gaps that will allow for other streets to benefit when exiting, and the goal is now ‘let’s get you there in a timely manner’ that is safe for everybody, and ultimately we would like to see the coexistence of tri-mobile streets, where we have vehicles, bikes and pedestrians all co-existing safely, and I hope to get their someday but I think we are a long way away from that.”

Echoing similar concerns was President/Councilor-At-Large Frank LaFlamme, who drew ire towards the Szetela site, drawing potential similarities to current traffic issues at Chicopee Comp and the amount of cars stuck in the queue, for which Vieau offered some insight and additional commentary.

## Traffic Solution Concept - Roundabout

- Best option to consistently reduce speed on Granby Rd
- Size dictated by need to accommodate trucks on Granby Rd
- New sidewalks on east side of Granby Rd to connect with new crossings
- Roadway shifted west due to space constraints

Order-of-Magnitude Cost Estimate:  
\$2,500,000 - \$3,000,000

Preliminary Concept  
opportunity for further refinement

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A slide showcasing the Roundabout Design.

“I will say that the Szetela location allows up to 100 cars, which is designed for drop off, and built to get parents off the primary road, which the new design will help with the mitigation of traffic,” Vieau said.

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky then questioned the element of redistricting in an attempt to cut busing, as it was noted that the Szetela site will cost an additional \$318,780 in annual costs, which was quickly refuted by Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, who replied “No.”

“At this point, I have made a recommendation, and the School Committee has not had a conversation about redistricting, especially if we are talking about the expense of transportation, but moving forward with this project; it is a topic that needs to come

CHICOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Transportation Department				CHICOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Transportation Department			
Quote for Large School Bus Transportation Services (2 Buses)				Quote for Mini Bus Transportation Services (2 Buses)			
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November	18	\$422.91	\$15,224.76	November	18	\$462.58	\$16,655.24
December	17	\$422.91	\$14,379.44	December	17	\$462.58	\$15,728.06
January	20	\$422.91	\$16,916.40	January	20	\$462.58	\$18,933.60
February	20	\$422.91	\$16,916.40	February	20	\$462.58	\$18,933.60
March	17	\$422.91	\$14,379.44	March	17	\$462.58	\$15,728.06
April	21	\$422.91	\$17,761.22	April	21	\$462.58	\$19,483.78
May	15	\$422.91	\$12,487.30	May	15	\$462.58	\$13,877.70
June	10	\$422.91	\$8,458.20	June	10	\$462.58	\$9,251.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>180 Days</b>		<b>\$152,247.80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>180 Days</b>		<b>\$168,332.40</b>
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL COST = \$318,780 PER YEAR</b>							

A look at the Barry School Busing costs.



“I think that we are going to be aggressively looking for other grants and ways to fund to take this burden off the taxpayers,” Vieau said.

On the topic of potential grants, Dalesio chimed in by offering insight into IRA credits, which would be used towards geothermal systems.

“Those are really considerable at the end of a project, so those credits come back to you after the project is complete, and right now those are federal grants that are still available for projects like this, and it’s advantageous for us to be going after those; they are a ton of money, and they would be available until 2035,” Dalesio said. “My point of that is that would be something we would pursue, but if this project fails, by starting over again, we would probably lose out on those credits again.”

LaFlamme said that the likelihood of additional meetings will occur as a way to be transparent, as the project continues to be a main focus of attention among all parties.

“Realistically, we are going to have additional meetings because it’s our job and purpose to keep the residents informed of what we know, because we’re getting new information every day just as much as the School Committee does. And with the project being a few years away, we don’t want it to just limbo, and not work on this,” Laflamme said.

into play,” Ware said. Shumsky then inquired about the demolition costs associated with taking down the existing Barry School at Garrity Grove, which wouldn’t be covered by the MSBA grant, which is currently in the ballpark range of \$2 million.

It was also revealed by Bert Gardner of Caolo & Bieniek Architects that a project goal shared among everyone involved was to make and ensure the new Barry school will be a net-zero school, meaning to power the institution without any costs.

“We are looking at geothermal systems for your HVAC, and we are looking at the potential of putting PV fields onto the building, most likely on the roof, but the building is being proposed as an all-electric building, and

the goal is net-zero, so over the life-cycle of the building, you’re not paying to operate the utilities,” Gardner said.

After Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier asked about tax implications, Vieau shared what the taxpayer impact would look like.

“Just a point of information, realistically and conservatively, we are looking at 65% to 70% reimbursement, meaning a \$100 million project will cause a burden of a ballpark range from \$30 to \$50 million that the taxpayers will be responsible for,” Vieau said.

Vieau next mentioned the impact of the wetland soils at the Garrity Grove site, which has pushed the Commission and the city to find the best option for the taxpayers, adding that the city is looking into all possibilities to alleviate costs.

## Traffic Solution Concept - Signal

- Smaller footprint than roundabout
- Roadway shift into site to minimize parcel impacts from pedestrian infrastructure
- Exclusive pedestrian phase for crossings
- New sidewalks on east side of Granby Rd to connect with new crossings

Order-of-Magnitude Cost Estimate:  
\$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000

Preliminary Concept  
opportunity for further refinement

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A slide showing the Traffic Signal Design.

## Existing Crash History



Intersection	Total Crashes	
	2019-2021	2022-2024
Edgewood Ave at Granby Rd	0	2
Macek Dr at Granby Rd	3	1
Sunflower Ave at Granby Rd	2	2
Champagne Ave at Granby Rd	2	4

- Rear-end Collisions and Angle Collisions
- 1 Pedestrian Crash South of Champagne Avenue (March 2024)

Potential contributing factors –  
• Speeding, unexpected stops, difficulty finding gaps in traffic

Crash rates are below average for the State and the local highway district. Deficiencies were still observed, to be address with traffic solutions – speeding, pedestrian accessibility, difficulty exiting neighborhood streets

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A slide showing the existing crash history on Granby Road.

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handling and seeing how thermal-imaging cameras worked.

“This grant also funded gear-extractor washers, which keep all of our equipment carcinogen-free. Some of the other expensive items are powerload stretchers in the ambulances, which serve as injury prevention, back injury, shoulder injuries and so forth and also cardiac monitoring equipment,” Stamborski said. “We’ve had help with funding these over the last several years and we wanted to seek their help in reauthorizing this so we can continue to get these grants.”

Item three was transferring the Office of Emergency Medical Services from the Department of Public Health to the Executive Office of Public Safety. The reason for this, Stamborski said, is how many ambulance systems—including Chicopee’s—are

run by the fire department, which falls under EOPS, which also covers law enforcement, emergency management, the Office of the Medical Examiner, State 911 and Department of Fire Services.

“So, we think it would be more appropriately aligned to be under that EOPS so that we have coordination, communication and consistent operations,” Stamborski said.

Lastly, item four was support for the Massachusetts Tech Rescue Bill, which would formalize and fund the Tech Rescue Team under the Department of Fire Services and the State Fire Marshal’s Office to “improve delivery of their services and funding.”

“Currently, some of the things that they’re responsible for is high-angle rescue, confined space monitoring and rescue, building collapses and so forth. The teams all have specialized training. We have several members from

Chicopee that are on that team and we’re just looking to get that one aligned as well under EOPS,” Stamborski said.

Stamborski said the event was “a big success” as the legislators got to, physically, see everything in person and in use.

“We’re hoping that, moving forward, we’ll get the support of the reps that were there,” Stamborski said.

Stamborki expressed appreciation not just for the state officials lending their support, but also the local support, such as Mayor John Vieau.

“It means a lot. It shows that they do care and that they took the time to come out from their busy schedules. I have the same sentiment toward the mayor and his chief of staff, Mike Pise,” Stamborski said. “We’re fortunate in our city, they’re extremely supportive, as well as the City Council, for all our equipment needs, but

if we can get some of these state-funded grants and keep them in place, it’s less of a burden on the taxpayer in our cities and towns, so it’s significant. It means a lot to get these grants funded and so forth.”

Stamborski had also joined his fellow fire chiefs across Western Massachusetts and Chris Norris, the president of the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association, last month for a press conference in Easthampton to raise awareness and educate on smoke alarms that were purchased in 2015 having reached their 10-year mark. Also, discussions of CO detectors for carbon monoxide detection, as they have varying time spans.

“So, it was an awareness that they need replacement, it was awareness as to disposing of them properly,” Stamborski said. “A lot of Home Depots and Lowe’s take them. But if not, they have you check with your

local DPW for proper disposal. A lot of them have lithium-ion batteries in them. So it was a big awareness campaign. Main crux of it is just, once again, public safety and reminding people they have a shelf life and that the 10-year units that were out 10 years ago, obviously in 2025, are now due for replacement.”

Stamborski wants the

community to know the fire department is hopeful about the support for the initiatives and hopes the state legislators can help.

“Which, ultimately, will bring the best equipment to the city of Chicopee, along with the consistent support that we always have from the mayor and the City Council,” Stamborski said.

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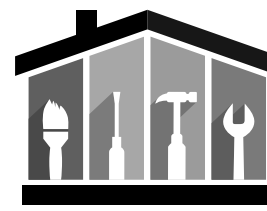


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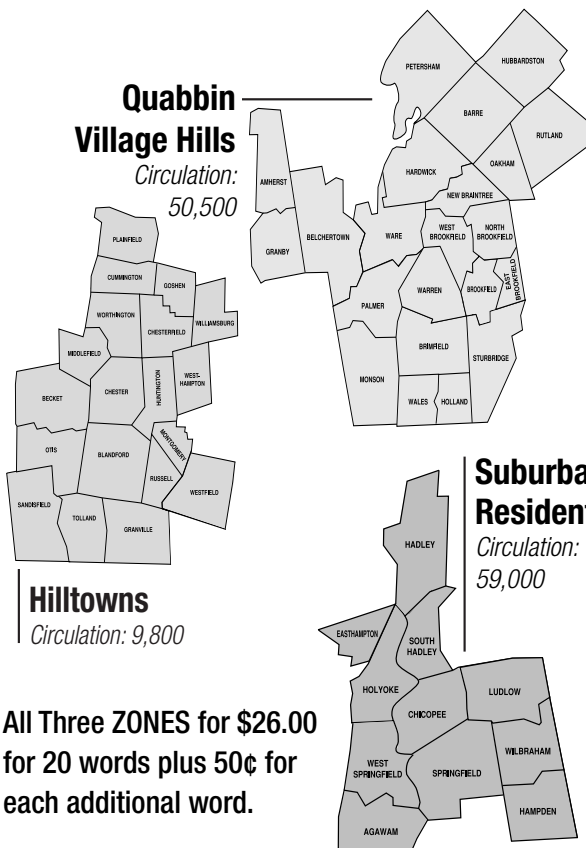
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Application for a Home Occupation License at 22 Farmington St. for the purpose of doing notary public services. Applicant-Karimar Vargas Ramirez, 22 Farmington St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 11/28, 12/05/2025

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Zone Change application from Bus A to Res B for 12,400 +/- SF of property located at 519 Chicopee St. for the purpose of eliminating split zone and create uniform zoning across the entire property. Applicant - Chelyka Diaz, 8 Thompson Ct., Enfield, CT 06082.

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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD25P2323EA  
Estate of:  
Theresa Rose Banister  
Date of Death:  
September 12, 2025  
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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Chicopee -  
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C-13-038, I-391 over (ST116)  
Chicopee Street  
Project File No. 612187**

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WHEN: Monday,  
December 15, 2025 @ 6PM

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PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the full replacement of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge which carries I-391 over Route 116, locally known as Chicopee Street, in the Willimansett neighborhood of Chicopee. The existing bridge is a concrete structure, originally opened to traffic in 1979. It provides three northbound lanes (towards Holyoke) and three southbound lanes (towards Chicopee), though the left lanes of both directions are currently closed to traffic. Though safe for all users, this bridge has reached the end of its useful lifespan and must be replaced. MassDOT proposes to replace the existing structure with a new bridge which will provide three lanes in each direction, a 75-year design life span, and incorporate modern bridge design elements to reduce maintenance impacts to the Willimansett neighborhood and the traveling public. During demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new bridge, some limited detours and closures may be required to ensure public safety, but in general, MassDOT will seek to maintain traffic on both Chicopee Street and I-391.

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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.  
HD25C0322CA  
In the matter of:  
Dennis Anthony Coram  
CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Dennis Anthony Coram of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Dennis Anthony Moore  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/08/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 10, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/28/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Date of Death: 9/27/2025  
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David Dubner of Windsor, CT**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**David Dubner of Windsor, CT** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets

and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 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 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 December 12, 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.

2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500  
VIN: 2GCEK19T531162203

Maria Filippone  
45 Burnside Ter Rm House  
Springfield, MA 01118

2013 Chevrolet Equinox  
VIN: 2GNALPEK7D6122633  
Marlory Davies  
273 Alameda Ave.  
Youngstown, OH, 44504

2016 Nissan Altima  
vIN: 1N4AL3AP6GC135197  
Alexis Vega  
99 Phillips Ave. #99  
Springfield, MA 01119

2007 Kia Spectra  
VIN: KNAFE122475408723  
Michelle Chor  
43 Maple St.  
Easthampton, MA 01027

2011 Honda Pilot  
VIN: 5FNYP4H22BB058405  
Belinda Pavlak  
659 State St., Apt. 2D  
Springfield, MA 01109  
11/28, 12/05, 12/12/2025

**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.  
HD25P2410EA  
Estate of:  
Esther Helen St. Pierre  
Date of Death: 11/22/2019  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Arthur J. Broadhurst of Methuen, 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: **Arthur J. Broadhurst of Methuen, 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 12/16/2025. 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 18, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
11/28/2025

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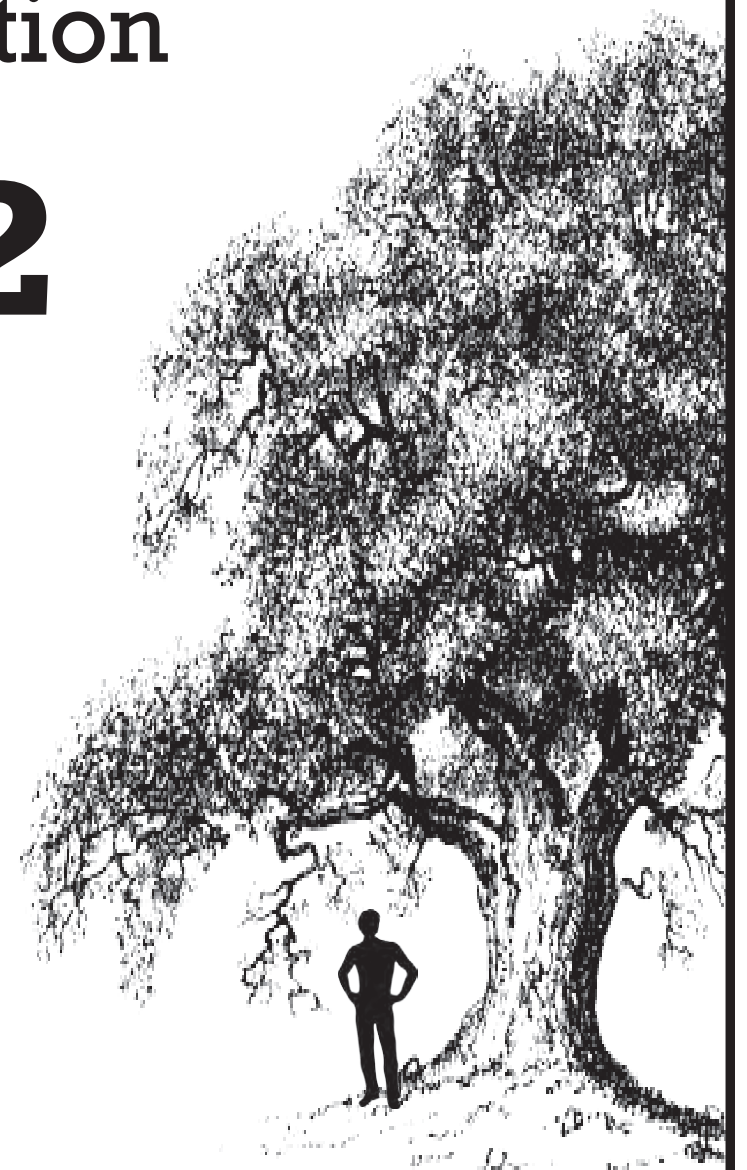
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