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A group photo comprised of the Melha Shriners, Mayor John Vieau and members of the Chicopee Fire and Police Departments after first responders received a donation of 33 comfort kits, showing off the teddy bears.

Melha Shriners donate comfort kits

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - The Melha Shriners and area Masons visited the fire department's Station 3 on Dec. 17 to donate comfort kits to first responders.

The donation is part of Project Delta, an ongoing state-wide initiative that originated in Braintree and is named after founder Delta Lodge, providing first responders free comfort kits for children experiencing a

traumatic situation, whether it'd be a fire, domestic violence, severe automobile accidents and more.

Mayor John Vieau thanked the Shriners for supporting the first responders.

"Knowing that these packages will be available for families. Look, when they're at their worst, someone needs to comfort somebody and these bags will go a long way, so thank you for that and your generosity," Vieau said. "What you do as an entity is very special and we're glad you're part of our

Chicopee family, so thank you. I'm glad you invested in the city and we're excited to continue partnerships with you."

Michael White, Regional Director - Northeast, Marketing and Communications for Shriners International, stressed the importance of the comfort kits.

"As you know, as first responders, you come upon a scene, you got to bring the child to safety. The last thing you want to do is have them run back into the house and go back for that comfort item

that they need. So, this is going to be available in your fire engines, your ambulances, the back of your cruisers," White said. "Each kit has four bears in here and then the bags, also, serve a secondary purpose. If you're in a household where the child cannot go back in—whether it's a domestic abuse situation or it's a fire, something devastating—they can use this to collect some of their personal items, their toothbrush, quick underwear kind

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Chicopee Comp High School hosts Winter Concert

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Thursday, Dec. 18, Chicopee Comprehensive High School held their annual Winter Concert to showcase the chorus and band.

The concert included solos done by talented students, group numbers involving all the members of choir and band, as well as trios and duets coming together to use their talents to create something truly special. The choir performed a traditional plena from Puerto Rico called "Temporal."

The choir was complemented by hand drums called panderetas. Included in the

performance was a traditional dance called Danza de Vejigantes, worn for the dance are beautiful colorful costumes resembling mythical figures. After the choir performance, the band took the stage.

The band worked together using their instruments to showcase how amazing music can be. The performance ended with chorus and band performing together.

The chorus teacher, band teacher and CCHS principal shared their reflections on the Winter Concert with us. Natalia Borowiec, who has been

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TURLEY PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

Band Teacher Matt Sypek, Chorus Teacher Natalia Borowiec, and choir member Abdul Hai at the CCHS Winter Concert.

Chicopee named 'Most Affordable City'

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CHICOPEE - The city of Chicopee has been recognized as the most affordable city by Family Destinations Guide.

Chicopee was ranked number one on the list, with public transportation, the library, property taxes and utility costs, local grocery stores and markets offering reasonable prices noted as the factors for the ranking. It was also one of three Western Massachusetts communities that made the list, with Holyoke and Springfield also included.

The average home price is around \$300,000, which is well below the state average.

Readers can check out the article here at familydestinationsguide.com/social-security-cities-massachusetts/.

Mayor John Vieau expressed gratitude for the city receiving this recognition, explaining someone had reached out to him after seeing the article.

"We've always tried to keep Chicopee affordable and to be recognized for that is something very special," Vieau said. "So, it's not just me. It's the Financial Team that I work with continuously to try to find creative ways to keep progress going, but at a pace that we can afford and that's been a goal."

Vieau noted there has been recent challenges due to inflation, shrinkflation—which is when companies reduce size, quantity or quality of a product while the price remains the same or increases—the economy, tariffs and health insurance increases. However, the goal of affordability remains top of mind.

citing examples such as the city having a municipally owned electric company through Chicopee Electric Light, which keeps rates affordable for residents.

"It's hard to keep that balance of employee raises and also maintaining services and living within our means, and it's been a true challenge—and I can tell you firsthand—a very difficult one," Vieau said. "We value all employees who provide great services."

Vieau said things like the senior center, the police department, education and more are factors that are "essential to a great community" as well, emphasizing that affordability has been one of his biggest goals since taking office in 2019.

For affordable housing, recent examples include the opening of the Belcher Apartments in November, which has affordable and market-rate apartments, and the groundbreaking for the Singing Bridge Residences, an eight-story residential complex of mixed-income housing comprising 105 units at the former Face-mate property that will open upon completion in Summer 2027.

"I've watched what happens to certain communities as they grow, they grow to the point where blue-collar Chicopee people can't afford to live here anymore and I can't let that happen. So, it's a real focus," Vieau said. "I know that everyone's taxes went up. We're in some very difficult times and trying to—like I mentioned—retain the talent of the employee workforce by giving them appropriate raises so we can retain that talent and, also,

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY BRENDAN ROONEY

Some attendees had fun posing at the photobooth together for group photos.

RiverMills celebrates Christmas with holiday luncheon, dinner

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Friends of RiverMills hosted a Holiday Luncheon and Dinner events on Dec. 18, a week before Christmas.

Like last month's Thanksgiving Luncheon and Dinner events, attendees could either attend the luncheon event earlier in the day or the dinner event in the evening. The cash bar was available at the dinner.

In addition, those in attendance were also treated to 50/50 raffles which consisted of 10 lunch tickets and two additional tickets for the next 'Friends' dinner that would be good for next year, and a home-cooked Prime Rib meal with mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. The main form of entertainment was the ensemble Soular Eclipse who covered a variety of holiday classics that had many



A happy couple taking in the atmosphere.

off their feet and on the dance floor during the dinner event.

The special event offered a point of closure for the end of this current year, and like always helping the ship and ensuring every single detail was perfect was the leadership of current President Mike Wilk.

"It truly makes me happy to see everyone come out. You

know people are dressed up in Christmas gear - sweaters, Santa hats, reindeer ears, and you can see the band is great, and overall the lasting effect is that everyone is having a great time, and this is a perfect opportunity to socialize," Wilk said. "It allows many to get out of the house, have a

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MassDOT held public hearing on Veterans Bridge

By Brendan Rooney
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CHICOPEE - MassDOT held a public meeting in the library's Bazan Community Room on Dec. 15 to inform the public and capture public comment about the upcoming replacement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge in the city.

The project is set to be a three-stage replacement and development cycle that is currently still considered in its 'infancy' as it looks to be a seven-year project, with completion set for Spring of 2032, barring any potential setbacks.

The estimated budget for the project is currently \$145.7 million.

The presentation was led and introduced by project manager Aleksey Belov, who offered a brief timeline of how the idea for this project originated, highlighting that the bridge was built in 1979. He then pivoted to that during a routine inspection in 2022, it was revealed that the means of transportation is officially reaching the end of its life cycle, as many have classified the current condition as 'poor shape' due to apparent deterioration that has now spread to the super and substructure.

From there, MassDOT greenlighted the project in 2024, just two years later, citing conclusion that the bridge now requires immediate

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CPL's New Book Club, Books & Banter

By Christina Gioscia
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CHICOPEE - On Dec. 17, the library hosted its second meeting for their new book club, "Books and Banter."

The club is run by Access Services Librarian Kyleigh Morin.

During this latest meeting, the club met at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room in the library located on the lower level. There was a good turnout for the club; everyone was ready to discuss the previously decided upon book, "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden.

Provided at the club were handouts showing the agenda, homemade bookmarks and cookies made by one of the club members. First were introductions, followed by an open discussion about the book.

Topics discussed included the timeline of the novel, character's flaws, symbolism in the novel, as well as likes and dislikes about the book.

Morin shared a bit about why she started Books and Banter and what she hopes the club can provide for the community.

"The library had been talking for a while about

adding a new book club, and this fall I decided to take it on. I'm really passionate about showing people that modern libraries can be true community spaces. You can come here to borrow books and movies, but you can also come to connect with other people. With that idea in mind, I created Books & Banter as a casual book club focused on popular, trending reads you might see on BookTok or Bookstagram, and discussing them the way you would with a friend," Morin said.

Morin explained why book clubs can be fun places to meet new people and talk books.

"Reading is usually a very solitary activity. A book club gives people the chance to talk about what they read, hear different perspectives, and sometimes even change how they feel about a book after hearing others' thoughts. Beyond the book itself, it creates a shared experience and gives people a reason to come together around a common interest," Morin said. "Even though Books & Banter is still a relatively new group, I can already see friendships starting to form. People are comfortable sharing their

opinions, joking with one another, and building conversations that go beyond just the book we are discussing. That sense of connection is really important to me, and it is exactly what I hoped the club would become."

She also shared one of her biggest goals for the book club.

"One of my long-term goals is to eventually meet somewhere in the community outside of the library, like a local coffee shop. I think bringing the group out to support places in the community we love and getting a change of scenery could be really fun. I would also like to continue building in more theming each month so that each meeting feels like a special experience, not just a standard book discussion," Morin said.

Morin encouraged the community to check it out and consider joining.

"I always tell people that Books & Banter is a no-guilt book club. If you started the book but did not finish it, you are still absolutely welcome to come, as long as you do not mind spoilers. Book clubs work best when people show up with opinions and even saying 'I didn't like it and didn't

finish it' can lead to some of the best conversations. There is no pressure and no judgment, just discussion and friendship," Morin said. "I really enjoy theming everything around the book we are reading. For example, I design bookmarks that reflect each title. I like adding small details that make it feel more like you are coming over to a friend's house for book club night."

The club's next meeting will be in January.

"Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., and we will be discussing "Atmosphere" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. If you enjoy talking about popular books and sharing what you are reading, I hope you will join us. And definitely check out the library for other ways to be part of your community," Morin said.

It's clear Morin cares deeply about her work at the library regarding "Books and Banter." This club has real potential to create a welcoming environment at the library where people can make new friends and relax.

For more information about upcoming events at the library, visit chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

RiverMills Center Events

Brain Health and Dementia Prevention

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer the program "Brain Health and Dementia Prevention" on Monday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Join the Arbors for the presentation on brain health and dementia prevention. During this workshop, you will get an overview on Dementia, what it is and the different types of dementia. You will also learn if memory loss is a normal part of aging and what the difference is between normal forgetfulness and potential Alzheimer's forgetfulness. You will also learn about brain health and how to keep your mind sharp. You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

Volunteer drivers needed

CHICOPEE - RiverMills Center is looking for volunteer drivers at the senior center. Volunteer drivers transport older adults to doctor's appointments, the bank, shopping to the senior center and back to their homes.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer driver must have a good driving record and fill out a volunteer application, which includes a CORI check. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Rivermills Volunteer and Activities Coordinator Brandon Dumas at 534-3698, ext. 130.

Powerback Rehab To-You Program

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host Powerback Rehab for Physical Therapy appointment every Monday starting Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Powerback Rehab To-You is a mobile therapy program that brings care directly to you! Powerback Rehab will be at RiverMills Center for appointments to help your recovery whether dealing with a recent injury chronic pain or seeking performance enhancement. These appointments are free.

This program is open to members 55 and older. There are limited appointments, so you must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

New Year Celebration Dinner Jan. 6

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host a New Year Celebration Dinner on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Join your friends at RiverMills to celebrate the new year! Enjoy a delicious Pot Roast dinner while listening to a performance by Michelle Brooks-Thompson, Grammy nominated performer and finalist on NBC's "The Voice" Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Registration for this event is now open. You must purchase tickets in advance and RiverMills Center.

Westcomm Emergency Health Profile Set-up at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host Emergency Health Profile Set-ups on Friday, Jan. 9 at 10:00 a.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Representatives from Westcomm Regional Dis-

patch in Chicopee will be at RiverMills to assist with setting up your Emergency Health Profile with RapidSOS. RapidSOS is a secure online profile where you can store information that may help first responders during an emergency. When you call

911 from the phone numbers linked to your profile, information such as medical conditions, allergies, medications and emergency contacts will automatically and securely appear to the dispatcher, helping them and first responders understand

your needs quickly and provide the right care. To sign up for a health profile, you will need access to an email and cell phone.

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Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens, and families. The Youth Services Department seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for January 2026.

Sensory Play Saturday will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays at 1 p.m. in January. 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.

Little Kid Dance Party will be on Wednesdays, Jan. 14 and 28 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, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. Unstructured building time for kids ages 6 and up.

The Kids Room Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Learn basic stitches and

practice skills by making fun projects. Recommended for ages six and up. Kids who are not familiar with using a needle and thread should attend with an adult. Teens are welcome.

Stop by for a Kids Room Craft on Friday, Jan. 16, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. It's an early release day for Chicopee Public Schools PreK-5. Beads and paper craft supplies will be available for crafty exploration.

Storytime will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 8 and 22 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 Friday, Jan. 23 at Noon. 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. This month we are reading and discussing fairy tales.

Terrific Twos will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 6 and 20 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.

Unleash the ooze! Make Slime in the kids room on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. Kids and teens can stop by the Activity Room to make their own small container of slime using three simple ingredients.

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.

Teen

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.

Anime Club will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. Stop by for some fun crafts and activities themed after the hit series Demon Slayer!

Teens are invited to join us at LEGO, Sewing Club, and Slime Making.

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



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Victory photo for the Seniors as they point at the scoreboard.

Comp Colts host Second Annual Powder Puff Football Game

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Nov. 24, the Chicopee Comp Colts hosted their Second Annual "Powder Puff Football Game," which meant that the girls played flag football as the guys traded in their cleats for pom poms.

The main purpose of the event was to raise funds and help offset costs for the upcoming Senior Class of 2026, and in the end, the matchup yield \$1,100, a significant milestone, an achievement something that current senior advisor Charles Laboy elaborated on.

"I will say that these seniors have done a tremendous job in ensuring that this type of event can happen for the student body and the Chicopee Comp Campus. I mean, it's been two straight years of us putting on this amazing event, where classes can really come together, and put forth an effort to support both classes, and bring their classmates together," Laboy said. "And I have to add, the community has done a tremendous job in supporting the students in really showing that things like this can happen in a post-COVID era of having actual events that involve the community, and it's really inspiring."

As Laboy noted, it was clear interest was piqued as the stands were filled, consisting of parents, friends, teachers, and countless others, and the matchup didn't disappoint, as coming out on top was the Seniors representing the Class of 2026, pulling out a 31-19 victory against the Class of 2027 Juniors despite trailing till the closing minutes of the fourth quarter.

Also, it was quickly made clear that the element of sportsmanship was in full effect, along with the replication of a real-game scenario, as the school's band even had a part to play performing the National Anthem and kept the momentum and crowd energized through it all.

Meet the Seniors
Representing the se-



Senior Boy Comp Cheerleaders with their coaches.

niors were Elianna Ayala, Joaneliz Soto-Cintrón, Kaylin Chagnon, Kyla Shumsky, Arianna Bird, Captain Madison Boulanger, Captain Olivia Warren, Millianie Fidalgo, Captain Julianna LaFond, Julia Chagnon, Hailey Veins, Captain Carolyn Garfi, Alissa Fournier, Molly Girouard, Charlotte Fields, Anna Buchanan, Kristina Gendreau, Joneilys Arroyo, Zuliany Torres, Arberesha Ibrahim, Captain Lori Vasquez, and lastly Aleysha Ramos. Leading the helm among the sidelines were all-star players from the school's boys football team, Joziyah Feliz, Frank Jordan, Adrian Gonzalez, and Tucker Jones, along with Austin Abert, who was the official for the game. Also in participation were fellow seniors Gregory Green, Ayan Khattak, Geoffrey Gleeson, Andrew Courchesne, Nathan Robitaille, and Harrison Wellington, who were cheerleaders, and were coached by Jade Santiago and Arielis Rivera.

Round of Applause for Your Juniors

The Juniors' roster consisted of Erin Kelly, Ashlyn Warick, Kamila Arroyo, Aiyana Kochanic, Brielle Bennett, Kendal Knotts, Elynis Isaac, Ellie-Miri Suarez, Izzy Dawson, Shanea Fisher, Savannah Davis, Tori Melendez, Wali Pena, Georgia Payette, Taeghan LaPorte, Huda Sayeed, Faith Irwin, Mariana Ferreira, Alexa Franklin, and Aleisha Lugo. The coaching

staff consisted of Matthew Skaza and Hunter Patterson.

Post-Game Thoughts

Reflecting on the hard-fought victory was Feliz.

"This was such a great experience, and one I won't ever forget," Feliz said.

LaFond, who scored on the night, noted that she was "happy and thrilled" after the victory and just glad it's over.

Echoing similar thoughts was Ibrahim, as she noted, "I think we started a bit low, and we had a great mentality throughout the entire game."

And lastly was Fidalgo.

"I felt we started low, we started arguing a bit, but once our coaches pulled us together, then we came together as a unit and found success, and couldn't be more proud," Fidalgo said.

Laboy offered a simple ode of gratitude towards the sense of integrity and growth he has seen since welcoming this class on the Comp campus from the first day as freshmen, now only a few months away from graduation.

"As their advisor, I can tell you this class has a ton of fire. They are all very high-achieving and forthcoming, and it's taken a long time to see that spirit manifest in the classes, and these guys have exhibited it since they were freshmen, and now they are really putting forth as seniors, leaving a mark for the rest of Chicopee Comp," Laboy said.

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of thing, a change of clothes, whatever. It's just something really comforting kids like that ability to hold on to that."

White said Project Delta serves 15 states currently, with almost 20,000 stuffed animals given out to date.

"We expect to make three to four more presentations in the next 60 days," White said.

Police Capt. Holly Cote thanked the Shriners on behalf of the police department, noting this donation will also help the C3 Units with their community outreach.

"From our perspective, having the bags and your explanation of the bags is very important because we do often have to take a child into the police station, whether it'd be a domestic situation or other type of criminal activity and having a few things that they could pack in the bag, just your explanation was spot-on," Cote said.

White said they'd like to continue these donations moving forward, adding the funds for this donation came together through a one-night Pasta Fez event.

"If we can do that in one meeting, imagine what we can do with a planned event and more public involvement," White said.

Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh also expressed her gratitude for the donation.

"We're so grateful to the Shriners for providing these comfort kits to children during any sort of emergency. Some children can have an extreme stress reaction—rightfully so, they're experiencing an emergency—so they can have this teddy bear, the bag and they



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A photo of a teddy bear sticking out of a comfort kit on the back of a fire truck at Station 3 in Chicopee.

can have some comfort in a stressful moment, so we're grateful," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

Collins-Kalbaugh explained how there isn't a line item in budgets for items like this.

"So, to be able to receive these without any cost and have them during any emergency available to our members is truly wonderful," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

White said these comfort kits also "create a feeling of trust" between families and first responders.

"It's something that everyone recognizes, it's very relevant and it just helps keep the children emotionally calm during difficult times," White said.

He added this donation is very important to the organization by supporting the community.

"Now that we're in Chicopee, we felt that we wanted to start giving back. We wanted to start something that would have a meaningful impact on the community and we're all about children. Everything we do has children at the heart of it. So, this is a great way to get

involved," White said.

With their new headquarters nearly ready to open, White said more public events are coming soon, including the upcoming Easter Basket Festival on March 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

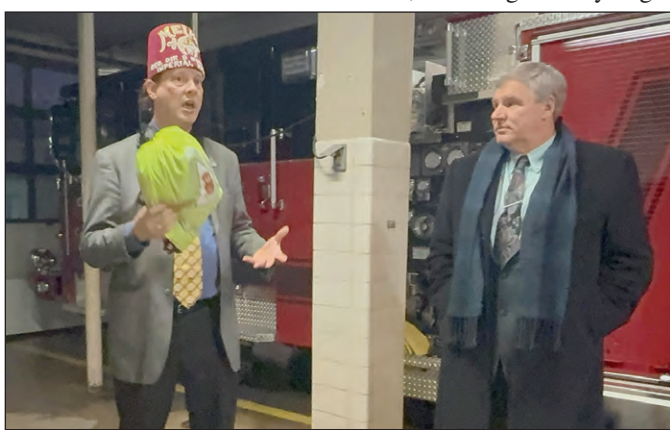
"It's similar to our Festival of Trees. Instead of Christmas trees with gifts that people can come in and observe and bid on, these are going to be Easter baskets. So, this whole place will be filled up with all kinds of Easter events and people can come in," White said. "It's a nice spring outing, people can get out, the kids love it because they get to see the Easter Bunny. Of course, there's candy available. So, it's just fun for everyone."

White's message was this.

"We're here to help support first responders and we could use their support. They could come to our website, they could stop in at any of our events, they could go to Project Delta's website and learn how they can donate either their time or stuffed animals, cash donations. Anything they can do if they believe in this program, there's an opportunity for them to help," White said.

To learn more about Project Delta, visit projectdelta.boston or visit the Melha Shriners at melhashriners.org.

Michael White, Regional Director - Northeast, Marketing and Communications for Shriners International, explains the comfort kits as Mayor John Vieau looks on.



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IN THE CITY



By Ellenor Downer



Purple finch

An Oakham resident saw a purple finch in her yard recently.

The purple finch is about six inches long. It has a sturdy body, short tail and a conical bill designed to crack seed. The male has raspberry red covering its head, chest and back. The color fades into a lighter pink tone on the belly. The wings and tail are brown with red highlights. The female has no red coloring and is brown and white with heavy streaking. It has a white eyebrow stripe.

The purple finch and house finch are often confused. The purple finch as a more uniform raspberry color and the house finch is more orange red color. The house finches color is limited to the head and upper chest. The purple finch also has notch at the base of its tail and is larger.

Purple finches breed primarily in Canada and the northeastern United States including New England and the Great Lakes region. The purple finch is the state bird of New Hampshire.

A typical clutch consists of four or five pale blue eggs with small dark speckles. The female incubates the eggs for about 12-14 days while the male provides food. Once hatched, both parents feed the nestlings a mixture of regurgitated seeds and insects to ensure proper nutrition. The fledglings leave the nest roughly two weeks after hatching, though parents continue feeding and protecting them for another week or two.

They are fond of black oil sunflower seeds, safflower seeds, and millet offered in tube or platform feeders. In summer they supplement their diet with insects and caterpillars as well as blackberries and cherries.

Birds during snow storm

A Brimfield resident emailed, "During the recent snow storm (Tuesday, Dec. 2) there were 30 plus dark-eyed juncos in the yard and one white-throated sparrow.

Bird bath visitors

The Brimfield resident said he went looking for his bird bath heater and could not find it.

He said, "Eventually I did find it, in the bird bath. It wasn't connected and grass had grown over the cord so I couldn't see it, but dug around and eventually found the cord, got it plugged in and now the bath isn't freezing."

He has a trail camera near

the bird bath. Lots of birds are using the bird bath, mostly to get a drink. Birds coming to the bird bath include blue jay, Carolina wren, cardinal, cedar waxwing (six), chickadee, goldfinch, mourning dove, robin (three), titmouse and white-throated sparrow.

He said, "Robins took a bath but when it was warmer, temperature in the upper 40s. Junco are the only cold weather bathers." Mammals seen at the bird bath are opossum, raccoon, mouse at least two and a mole.

He thinks the tub he uses for the bird bath has a leak because the water level goes down and he has to refill it ever couple of day. He said, "The local pond are now frozen. We did a few trips around the area and never saw any migrating ducks, just mallards and Canada geese.

Helping birds

Birds are attracted to water during winter months. They do not bath when temperatures are below freezing, but they do take a drink. A source of unfrozen water will attract birds.

Providing wild birds with clean drinking water is helpful. However, providing a roomy bathing area that stays thawed even in severely-cold weather can be harmful in some cases. Before heating devices kept birdbaths ice free, birds could bathe in naturally-melted water and be able to fly off without their feathers freezing. According to the blog Cool Green Science-Stories of The Nature Conservancy, birds bathing while air temperatures are frigid risk harm due to frozen

feathers: <https://blog.nature.org/2022/01/31/should-you-provide-birds-water-in-winter/>.

The article suggests modifying heated birdbaths so that birds can safely drink, but not bathe. A metal heating element that keeps a small section of the birdbath thawed works well. People, who have bird feeders or simple feeding stations may add shallow unbreakable container around the area. Yes, it can be labor-intensive, but they can easily pour water into them (hot water when it's below

freezing) and provide fresh water for at least a short period of time. As a source of drinking water, the containers can be filled with pebbles that will form small pockets of water where birds can get a drink of water.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Why won't Social Security give me my benefits?

Dear Rusty:
I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time at about \$800/week, they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me.

Signed: Wanting my Benefits

Dear Wanting my Benefits:

If you have not yet reached your SS Full Retirement Age and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born. The annual earnings limit for those collecting SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it's likely because Social Security determined that your cur-

rent annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot

Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age – again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again.

At that time, your application will be approved, and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband's spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn't get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost you may be entitled to from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social

collect benefits. That's because the penalty for exceeding the limit would be more than your benefit amount. FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social



By Russell Gloor

Feeling SAD? There are ways to improve your mood

By Bonnie Lane, M.S.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is recognized as a recurring major depressive disorder, typically starting in the fall and winter and spontaneously improving when spring arrives. It's usually associated with less sunlight and shorter days. Some people attribute the symptoms to stress surrounding the winter holidays, but that's more of a seasonal coincidence.

It may look like it, but it's not just the blues.

Individuals with SAD may have difficulties with memory, thought processes and motor abilities. SAD can evolve into something more serious if left untreated, particularly if you already have a diagnosis of a mental health disorder. SAD may occur alongside other disorders such as bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and alcohol use disorder, but it can be a diagnosis by itself.

While anyone can develop SAD, some groups are more prone to it. Seniors with health issues or who live in social isolation are more at risk, and SAD can worsen feelings of isolation. Conversely, seniors who live in communities have a lower incidence of SAD because

there are social activities to keep them engaged after the sun goes down.

SAD seems to be most prevalent among women, usually showing up in someone's 20s and early 30s.

It's important to understand, though, that SAD is not the same as clinical depression. If your mood was fine all summer but you're starting to feel low as winter approaches, it is likely SAD. If you feel this way all the time, you need to look into treatment for clinical depression.

SAD and depression share many of the same symptoms. Here are some of the most common:

- Changes in eating habits (eating more or not enough)
- Increased alcohol consumption
- Not being able to get out of bed
- Lack of motivation, feeling hopeless and/or helpless
- Problems focusing at work
- Loss of interest in socializing
- Household chores remaining undone (laundry, dishes, etc.)

Current research is focusing on better understanding the underlying biology of SAD and improving long-term treatment strategies. Findings so far indicate that SAD may be caused by changes in brain chemistry or inflammation. Fortunately, treatments are better understood.

One of the most common front-line treatments is bright-light therapy (BLT), also known as phototherapy. It involves exposure to bright light with the use of a light box, which can be purchased at stores or even online for as low as \$150. Getting outdoors in the morning sunlight for about 20 minutes can also help.

It's not completely understood why light therapy seems effective for many people. Researchers think it boosts serotonin, sometimes called the "happy chemical" because it increases feelings of calm, contentment and happiness. Exposure to certain light also has a pos-

itive effect on melatonin, a hormone that helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle. Better sleep can ease symptoms of SAD.

Another form of treatment is cognitive-behavioral therapy, which focuses on challenging unhelpful thoughts and beliefs – "negative self-talk" – and replacing them with positive self-talk. In the case of SAD, the therapy targets "seasonal beliefs" that express negative attitudes about the seasons, light availability and weather conditions. Studies have found that this type of therapy is more effective and longer-lasting than phototherapy.

Almost everyone can feel a little down at some point or another. These feelings may evaporate within a few days. But if they persist or keep recurring, it's time to ask your primary care provider about being screened for SAD. A physical exam should be part of a screening as well because symptoms can arise for a variety of health reasons related to hormones, medications, or a bacterial or viral infection.

SAD may bring on thoughts like "Everyone would be better off without me." Do not ignore those thoughts. If you or a loved one is in crisis, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. You can also call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988; veterans can reach specialized help at 998, press 1, or text 838255.

When we're feeling SAD or depressed, it's easy to retreat into feelings of helplessness and hopelessness this fall and winter. Recognizing the symptoms of seasonal affective disorder, and knowing where to turn for help, are the first steps toward a more enjoyable winter season.

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Baby's First Christmas 2025



Daelin Dominic Mahoney

November 4, 2025
Parents: Felicia and Patrick Mahoney, Belchertown
Grandparents: Tricia and the late Dominic Siclari, Chicopee
 Denise and Bill Mahoney, Belchertown



Fia Angelina Ferrentino

October 23, 2025
Parents: Frankie and Marissa Ferrentino, Longmeadow
Grandparents: Joao and Maria Dos Santos, Ludlow
 Angelina Ferrentino, Longmeadow
Great Grandmother: Noemia Tereso, Ludlow



Liam Kosnicki

September 3, 2025
Parents: Marcie and Jonathan Kosnicki, Monson
Grandparents: Marc Davignon and Lisa Dube, Chicopee
 John and Pamela Kosnicki, Palmer



Luke Matthew Sabourin

March 18, 2025
Parents: Matthew and Amanda Sabourin, Belchertown
Grandparents: Allan and Joanne Bearegard, Belchertown
 Diane Sabourin, Chicopee
 Trish Sabourin and the late Dave Sabourin, Holyoke
Great Grandmother: GiGi, Holyoke



Samuel Moreno

January 16, 2025
Parents: Christopher and Elizabeth Moreno, Chicopee
Grandparents: John and Marianne Moreno, Ludlow
 James and Christine O'Donnell, Ludlow



Wesley George LaPlante

December 21, 2024
Parents: Krysta and Giles LaPlante, Belchertown
Sibling: Hayden Theresa LaPlante
Grandparents: Karin and George Howard, Belchertown
 Judy and David LaPlante, Granby
 Carol and Joseph Remillard, Belchertown

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chorus teacher at CCHS for 27 years, shared details about the concert and how proud she is of the choir members for their hard work.

"My favorite part of teaching choir is working with the students and making music together. CCHS holds two major choral concerts each year: a Winter Concert and a Spring Concert. Our students perform a very challenging repertoire, and I am most proud of their willingness to seek out and embrace those challenges. They approach music with open minds, enjoy exploring new musical horizons, and love singing in different languages. They work exceptionally well as a team, and our rehearsal process is always a meaningful learning experience for all of us — myself included," Borowiec said.

Borowiec explained how the annual concert comes together.

"Preparing for the concert involves many different aspects, including organization, booking the performance space, coordinating the accompanist, and managing lighting and sound. It is also important to establish a strong performance routine, so students feel comfortable, confident, and excited on stage. Of course, the most important focus is the sound itself — achieving balance within the choir and between the choir, soloists, and accompaniment,"

Borowiec said. "Choir is built entirely on teamwork. Everyone works together to create music — blending voices, matching tone and diction, singing in unison and harmony, maintaining the same rhythm and tempo, and balancing the different voice parts. It is impossible to accomplish all of this without true collaboration."

Borowiec added the students also bond.

"Through this shared effort, students naturally form friendships as they learn, grow, and work together. There is simply no other way. Music education should be an essential part of every student's education, whether through singing or playing an instrument. Music strengthens critical thinking, problem-solving skills, memory, and coordination," Borowiec said. "More importantly, music changes us forever — it brings enormous richness and happiness into our lives. Students graduate and pursue careers in many different fields, but once music becomes part of who they are, it stays with them for life."

Andrew Lamothe, principal of CCHS, emphasized the importance of the arts for students.

"Fine arts in all forms are essential in creating the fabric of a school. It gives students a chance to express themselves and showcase their talents," Lamothe said.

Matthew Sypek, who has been the band teacher at CCHS for two years, said how

proud he is of the band students and what band means to its members.

"We are performing some very challenging music, and they have done a great job rising to the occasion. Band is

one of the best communities on campus, in my opinion. I have formed life-long friendships from my time in both high school and college band. There is no first or second string; there is no bench; ev-

eryone is working together to create something beautiful," Sypek said. "In times as divided as ours, I think activities like band are crucial for our young adults since the future is in their hands."

The Winter Concert is a fabulous tradition that allows students to showcase their talents just in time for the holidays.

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IN THE CITY



By Barb Turcotte

When they say a family that plays together stays together, they must have been talking about Tony and Chrissy Fazio and their five children. This family is full of creative talent. They literally play together as this family is full of musical abilities and can be seen at various venues throughout the area. They also do a lot of laughing in this household which comes pretty easily in this family as mom performed as a 'stand up' comic in LA. Of course, that was before they had their kids who are now 23, 22, 20, 18 and 15. WHEW, I'm tired just thinking what that must have been like when they were all younger! Imagine the comedic material she must have now with that crew! Tony said when someone in their house takes themselves seriously, they don't stand a chance because of the family's humor.

Tony and Chrissy have been examples for their children by giving back and being involved with their community in various ways.

Chrissy has always participated with the kid's schools and volunteered for projects within their town. Tony as a proud dad shared some things about the kids and their aspirations saying they are all gearing toward something that will be of service to others. Their oldest son has chosen his vocation, is learning much about the profession and has already purchased a home! One of his daughters has been a Paraprofessional for students with disabilities for a few years now, and though exhausting, loves what she does. Another is in college with the goal of being an Adjustment Counselor for high school students, while yet another hopes to become a History Teacher. The youngest is watching all her sibling's accomplishments and has a few years before she needs to make a decision in which direction she wants to go.

Tony along with his friend Ed, voluntarily entertained the thousands of walkers at the Rays of Hope Walk-

a-Thon from 2013 to 2020 and then passed the torch to his kids who now volunteer at the same spot. However, last year the walkers got a special treat as the whole family sang at that location! Tony said they like to use their talents to bring joy and in doing so volunteer four or five times a year such as at the Longmeadow Library and have also performed for Relay for Life. In January he will be entertaining the residents at Keystone Commons, offering his first performance there for free. So as you can see, their children have been nurtured by very giving parents.

Tony went to school for physical therapy then soon realized he liked the teaching aspect better so wound up working with special education students. He's advanced his career and now holds the position of Director of Special Education Programs for the state of MA. The mission is to help these youngsters get the resources they need and are entitled to with hopes of keeping them from ever going down the wrong path and landing in jail.

Chrissy was a stay-at-home mom for years, (hmm, wonder why with five little ones!) but since they are old-

er now, she's ventured into the entrepreneurial world by opening a store called the 'The Living Room'. She had a dream of opening a store that looks like a fully furnished home but with everything in it for sale. After acquiring numerous things from finding treasures at estate & tag sales, she had built up quite an inventory over the years and was ready to make her dream come true. In fact it's been so successful, it's outgrown its current spot and will be moving to a larger location soon, still in East Longmeadow.

Tony said that Chrissy is really the 'rock of the house' and keeps it all together. He was emphatic by saying he picked a fantastic partner! He chuckled as he explained the kids go to Chrissy for tangible things and if they need to get something done, she'll know exactly how to accomplish the task. Whereas they come to him for the emotional support because as he describes himself, he's just a big softy.

Tony was very humbled in 2005 when he was voted, 'Teacher of the Year'. And all these years later is still a very humble guy and isn't really into talking about himself, but did agree hesitantly to let me write this story about he and his family. I worked with Tony about 30 years ago and he's never changed, not from his great charismatic personality to his huge smile that makes his eyes glisten.

I'm wishing you all wonderful holidays! Create your own magic by doing a Random Act of Kindness, it will definitely brighten your season as well.

If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you.

See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

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good meal, and where can you get this type of meal and quality for \$20 dollars, and I feel this year has been a great success, we accomplished a lot we wanted to accomplish."

Wilk went on to note that the Facebook page, which was one of his key interests in updating and making accessible for all, has reached a high point of 500 followers, and he feels the message of the senior center has been received well, and the output of production reflects the hard work being put in behind the scenes.

"This year, we reached a record number of members than we have had in the past. We had more trees in our Festival of Trees than we did in the past as well, and I just feel things are going the direction we all envisioned and hoped for," Wilk said.

He then discussed what ideas and new concepts he looks to implement in 2026, while noting his current term as President comes to a close in July, but he is looking to



Friends having fun.

run again.

"So, for next year there are some different things that I'm thinking about doing, but one of the biggest ones is that I want to have a car wash - we tried this year but didn't come together. Also want to note that we're going to do another bingo event at Raymond & Flanigan, and then I'm going to look at other types of fundraisers such as a Golf Tournament," Wilk said. "As I mentioned before, my term as President ends on July 1, but I plan on running again. I plan on staying on the board, and we're just going to hit it

hard, as we look to expand and build on our success."

However, Wilk made it clear that all of the success that the Senior Center achieved wouldn't be possible without Executive Director Sherry Maynak and her staff, as he bestowed ample praise.

Offering personal insight into the ode of support delivered from Wilk was Manyak, who also while reflected on the overall success of the evening.

"We all work tirelessly on every event as we strive to make it better than the one prior, and we seem to achieve

that," Manyak said. "I think tonight was a good way to end the year, it's our last dinner of the year, we had a great turnout and I feel everyone seemed very happy."

Manyak is also looking forward to what next year brings for everyone, sharing this message with the community.

"I feel better things are to come next year, as we are set to have new talent performing, so we're really happy for the new year, and I just want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season," Manyak said.

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diate replacement.

Despite the urgency put forth, Belov acknowledged that, currently the bridge is safe to travel at this time; however, MassDOT representatives relayed that they are looking to design and create a new bridge with three lanes traveling in each direction, which is set to yield a 75 year of service, while also looking to reduce maintenance impacts connected to the Willimansett neighborhood, along with addressing the daily occurrence of traffic, which sees more than 31,000 vehicles.

This includes close to 5% of heavy vehicles such as commercial trucks, and PVTAs buses, according to a traffic study conducted in 2023, that travel on the bridge.

With all of this noted, the project's design is approximately 25% complete, meaning the drafting of a Preliminary Schematic Report (PSR), in coordination with the City of Chicopee, and the advancement of Federal Highway Documentation have transpired along with other key elements.

The initial proposal brought forth is to replace the bridge with a new structure, held in place by four spans, that would consist of two outer spans that would be 165 ft long, and two inner which would be 180 ft, resulting in a leftover and remaining space of a metric of 150 ft, which would be utilized for a variety of factors such as reduction in vacant "nuisance activity", improved neighborhood

views, and enhancements to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, something that was recently added due to the outpour of public feedback being taken into consideration.

As mentioned prior, the construction would be done in phases, which would begin in the pre-stage by reinforcing the closure of the southbound lane, removing sections of the median barrier on I-391 to shift all traffic to the southbound side of the existing bridge, which would run from Spring to the Fall of 2027.

Stages 1-2 would run from the Winter of 2027 to the Spring of 2032, and would include the demolition of the original bridge, while the initial construction of the new bridge would be done in halves, along with the implementation of four lanes maintained through traffic shifts.

Lastly, Stage 3 is the final portion of the project that would consist of replacing the I-391 median barrier and fully opening the bridge that will come equipped with modern amenities and a full six-lane cross section, which is slated to finish in the Spring of 2032.

At this moment, the project is still in the design phase and the completion of this is to be determined.

Calls for advertising to contractors for construction are, also, set to take place in the next year.

Those in attendance were invited to participate in a survey to share their feedback as well.

More on this as it develops.



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A shot of the sold-out room.

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that balance between raising your taxes and counting on new growth, and we're seeing more of that as time goes on, and I'm excited about some of that because it affords me that opportunity to give raises, to add new services and do things without putting a burden on taxpayers and rate-payers."

Vieau added the city was also informed they received a \$450,000 MassWorks Program grant from the FY26 Round of the Community One Stop for Growth, which will support the Uniroyal Reimagined: Infrastructure Improvements Project to modernize and build utilities and infrastructure design needed to develop the remaining mills in Chicopee.

This grant award was later announced by State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow).

"It's for the infrastructure design around the RiverMills

area, so meaning that 105 units that is going up, inclusive of Uniroyal. When you're adding all these residential units, there's also another Singing Bridge parcel that's on the bridge that's, potentially, some units and, also, on Grove (Street) around the corner, there's another 50-something units that are proposed as well," Vieau said. "So, there's a substantial amount of residential development that's proposed for that particular area that we have to make sure we're able to provide the appropriate infrastructure for. The great news is the infrastructure that exists was for these massive mills...Most people worked over there. They worked at Cabotville and Uniroyal. So, having this massive base of people and employees, there is infrastructure there, but we want to make sure it's appropriate for the residential units that are proposed for that area."

Vieau thanked the dele-

gates and the Healey-Driscoll administration for the funds the city is able to receive.

"State and federal partnerships are what get us those grants and those opportunities and we continue to work and build them every single day," Vieau said. "We're hopeful to just get our fair share and it's wonderful to see these opportunities, because without that money, that burden falls directly on taxpayers."

Also tied into the affordability goal is the Envision Our Chicopee 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which recently received the APA-MA Comprehensive Planning Award on Dec. 5 from the state.

That plan can be viewed at envisonourchicopee2040.com.

Vieau credited Planning Director Lee Pouliot, the Planning Team, Design Consultant Horsley Witten Group and the general public for providing their input, adding parts of the plan are already

being implemented and done, including the following.

- Preservation of districts and sites of historical significance; for example, the former Central Library now The Hub at Market Square and current work on City Hall renovations
- Planning for a sustainable future
- Advancing public schools through partnerships with private and higher learning and increasing educational opportunities for pre-school-aged residents
- Promoting health and wellness
- Making a home which involves new development, addressing and mitigating historic zoning issues and trends and encouraging fair, equal and sufficient housing; with zoning by-laws currently being reviewed by a consultant after approval by the City Council, according to Vieau

- The Safe Streets for All initiative; with Bike Share and bike lanes being reviewed by the DPW
- Governance

"This plan is about bringing the community together and I think we really focused on that part of it. It's the first part of the Envision 2040 Plan that is coming together, so I think we're really hitting all the points in this plan and we're going to continue to make the progress at a pace that we can afford," Vieau said. "So, it's about affordability, but also being able to implement the plan."

Vieau noted the city is, ultimately, "on the right track," also crediting his team for ensuring the work is being accomplished and ready for whatever challenges lie ahead in 2026.

"There's many, many municipalities that are facing hardship, and we're not excluded from that group. We've been preparing for it,

we'll get through it and I think that 2027, 2028 will be a little brighter," Vieau said. "There's some real challenges ahead, but I think we're going to continue to progress."

Vieau's message on the most affordable city recognition was this.

"I'm excited for 2026. I think that we've made some progress over the past six years already (that) I've been here and we've been through some serious challenges, whether it'd be COVID," Vieau said. "I'm proud of the way this community came through. Also, proud of the ARPA Committee and how they were able to take one-time money and so it benefited everybody. Unfortunately, that money's gone and tough times are ahead and that's when you really need to be creative and you need to continue to find ways to do things that are not going to put a huge burden on taxpayers and rate-payers, and we're fo-

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Tigers top Pacers boys basketball

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday night, the South Hadley High School boys basketball team picked up a 20-point win over Chicopee, defeating the Pacers 67-47 at Chicopee High School. The Tigers led from the outset with a strong first half, building a 16-point lead before the break.

The scoring was a little more even in the second half, and the Pacers were unable to stop South Hadley from keeping the large deficit. Tim Loughrey had a big game for the Tigers with 29 points and Noah Hambley added 18 points. Isiah James sank 15 points for the Tigers. Chicopee's double-digit scorer was Dominic Garcia, who had 23 points. Jabari Flowers chipped in seven points. South Hadley improved to 2-1 while Chicopee dropped to 1-2.



Jabari Flowers passes on the run.



Alex Mangual makes an off-balance shot



Jonah Colon goes for a layup.



Dominic Garcia makes an easy free throw.



Brandon Thomas focuses as he heads toward the arc.



Nyshawn Williams re-thinks his strategy with pressure under the hoop.

Chicopee wrestling scores win over B-Town

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — If you take away the two forfeits, the first ever dual meet between the Chicopee and Belchertown wrestling teams was very competitive from start to finish.

The Chicopee Pacers benefited from the forfeits to secure a 48-34 non-league road win over the Orioles before a large crowd, last Wednesday night.

“This was our first dual meet of the regular season and it’s a very big win for us,” said Chicopee head coach Tiana Roy. “The two forfeits made a difference in the outcome, but my team performed very well.”

It was also the Orioles first dual meet of the season.

“I thought both teams wrestled very well tonight,” said Belchertown head coach Kevin McNeill. “We gave up twelve points with the two forfeits, which is very tough. We split the other twelve matches. We’re a very young team and I’m very proud of my kids.”

McNeill, who’s also the Belchertown Athletic Director, restarted the wrestling program last year after it was dormant for several years.

Both wrestling teams began the regular season by competing at the annual Knight Hawk Tournament, which was held at Holyoke High School on December 13.

Chicopee High School, which co-ops with Chicopee Comp, took a 6-0 lead in last Wednesday’s match. Gavin Costa won the 106 weight

class by a forfeit.

The Orioles then tied the score when Alex Maroney pinned his opponent 34 seconds into the first period in the 112 weight class.

In the 120 match, it took Chicopee’s Jacob Vargas 39 seconds to record a pin giving his team the lead back.

The score was tied for the second time following the 126 contest.

Belchertown’s Brogan Bottari held a 3-0 lead in that match after the opening two minutes. He then pinned his opponent with 1:14 remaining in the second period.

The Pacers managed to win the next three weight classes giving them a 30-12 lead.

Fawwaz Aylan (132 weight class) and Hunter Patterson (144) recorded pins.

In between those two matches, Gio Moya didn’t have to break a sweat as he captured the 138 weight class by a forfeit.

Trailing by 18 points, the Orioles earned six points when Andre Jarry posted his team’s third pin with a minute remaining in the second period in the 150 weight class.

Roy praised the performance of Michael Jenkins, who captured the 157 match with a pin 43 seconds left in the opening period.

“I thought Michael was one of our stars tonight,” Roy said. “He always works very hard and he never gives up on the mat.”

The Pacers held a 42-18 lead after taking the 165 weight class. In that match,

See **WRESTLING** page 8



Comp falls at Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN – Last Tuesday night, Belchertown High School girls basketball had its home opener against Chicopee Comprehensive. The offense had a great night as the Orioles defeated the Colts 60-33. In the win, three Orioles were in double digits led by Aubrey Klingensmith with 16 points. Morghan Litz had 15 points and Gabriella Slovack added 10 points. Comp was led in the game by Trinity McCarthy with 11 points. Sheyenne Santiago had nine points. Belchertown is now 1-1 while Comp is 0-2.

Walleris Pena holds the ball back before making a pass.

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Bailey Neuhauser sends a free-throw attempt away.



Trinity McCarthy dribbles into the offensive side of the court.



Caitlin Belanger looks to her right for an open teammate.



Elynis Isaac attempts a three-pointer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A, §6
AND M.G.L. c. 254, §5
AND §5A
UNIT 6026C, DOVERBROOK
ESTATES CONDOMINIUM
70 GREENWOOD
TERRACE,
CHICOPEE,
MASSACHUSETTS**

By virtue of Judgment of the Chicopee District Court (Civil Docket No. 2320CV000243) in favor of the DOVERBROOK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM against MICHAEL J. AXTON establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A, §6 on the real estate known as 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, in the Doverbrook Estates Condominium, for the purpose of satisfying such lien, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 254, §5 and §5A, the real estate be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 O'CLOCK A.M.** on the **20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2026** at the premises located at 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, Chicopee, Massachusetts. The premise to be sold is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain parcel of land situated in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

As per M.G.L. Chapter 188, sect.13, the Grantor, under oath and subject to the pains and penalties of perjury, does hereby depose, state and certify that: (i) I release all rights of Homestead in the subject realty, (ii) that no spouse, non-owner spouse, former spouse, or any other person resides in the home, and (iii) at the time of delivery of this deed, no spouse, former spouse, or any other person is entitled to claim the benefit of an existing estate of homestead.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed dated November 2, 2010, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 18531, Page 33.

EXHIBIT "A"

The Unit 6026C contains 871 square feet of building area, more or less, and is laid out as shown on the Unit Plan attached hereto and recorded herewith, which Unit Plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with the Master Deed. A verified statement in the form provided for in Section 9, Chapter 183A, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is attached to such Unit Plan.

The Unit is conveyed together with a 0.1621917% undivided interest (subject to adjustment in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Master Deed) in the Common Areas and Facilities

as defined and described in the Master Deed. The Unit is subject to and has the benefit of all applicable provisions contained in the Master Deed (including the provisions granting exclusive use rights), and in the Declaration of Trust (including by-Laws) of the Doverbrook Estates Condominium Trust dated December 3, 1982 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5351, Page 220, and the rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder by said Trust, including without limitation the provisions for assessment of common expenses.

The Unit is also conveyed together with an exclusive right to use: (a) the parking space assigned to the Unit in Exhibit B to the Master Deed and shown on the Site Plan recorded with the Master Deed; (b) the garden area adjacent to the Unit as shown on the Site Plan; and (c) the storage area, if any, assigned to the Unit in Exhibit B to the Master Deed and shown on the Site Plan.

Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 8 of the Master Deed, the Unit is intended to be used for residential purposes. The Unit is subject to the restrictions on use contained in paragraph 9 of the Master Deed, which are incorporated by reference.

The Grantee is acquiring the Unit with the benefit of, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of Massachusetts relating to condominiums, as that Statute is written as the date hereof, and as it may in the future be amended.

Grantee, for Grantee and Grantee's successors and assigns, as owners of the Unit, by executing and accepting this Deed, hereby appoints and constitutes Grantor, and Grantor's successors and assigns, as Grantee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power coupled with an interest which cannot be revoked, to vote for, execute, acknowledge, deliver and record (i) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, pursuant to paragraph 12 thereof, for the purpose of adding additional phases to the Condominium (ii) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, and deeds, easements or other instruments, pursuant to paragraph 14 of the Master Deed, for the purpose of dedicating streets within the Condominium, in whole or in part, as public ways; and (iii) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, and deeds, easements or other instruments, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Master Deed, for the purpose of conveying a parcel of land within the Condominium to the City of Chicopee as war memorial.

Being the same premises conveyed by Quitclaim Deed from Doris I. Hebert and William V. Guiel, Jr. to Michael J. Axton dated January 26, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24375, Page 343.

Said Unit is subject to any/ and all covenants, easements, encroachments, conditions, restrictions and agreements effecting the unit whether recorded or unrecorded.

TERMS: A deposit payable in cash or certified bank check or money order of \$5,000.00 shall be payable at the Auction and the balance of the payment shall be payable by cash, certified bank check, money order or wired funds within thirty (30) days of the Auction.

Other terms to be announced

at the sale, including a minimum bid and the right to reject all bids if none are acceptable.

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By Its Attorney,

Dated: December 9, 2025
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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
Docket No.
HD25P2618GD
In the interests of
Izabella Ann Green
of Chicopee, MA
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **12/17/2025** by

Nancy Green of Chicopee, MA

Chris Green of Chicopee, MA

will be held **01/16/2026 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: **50 State St., 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

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

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

Date: December 17, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/26/2025

**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 January 9th, 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

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12/19, 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026

**SALE OF MOTOR
VEHICLES**

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

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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.
HD25P2624EA**

**Estate of:
Helen A Muraszka
Date of Death: 10/26/2025
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Pamela A Neves of West Suffield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Pamela A Neves of West Suffield, CT** 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 01/22/2026. 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**

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: December 18, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

12/26/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P2609EA
Estate of:
Charles H. Solock
Date of Death:
November 29, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jennifer M. Fleury of Thornton, PA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jennifer M. Fleury of Thornton, PA 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.

12/26/2025



Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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Tuesday, December 30 at 2 PM for January 2 issue

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Nathan Pen held an 8-6 advantage after the first period before posting a pin 29 seconds into the second period.

One of the best matches of the evening took place in the 175 weight class, which lasted all three periods.

Belchertown's Roman Mosher had a 3-1 lead over Jeremiah Delgado at the end of the first period.

Mosher outscored his opponent 7-3 lead in the

second period giving him a 10-4 advantage. He then earned two more points in the third period and won the match by a decision.

"Roman wrestled all six minutes and it was a very good match for him," McNeill said. "He knew that he wanted to go the distance. It was very nice to see."

The four points cut the Orioles deficit to 42-22.

That was also the only match that went the distance.

Chicopee's final win

came at 190 where Peyton Rogers posted a pin with 1:07 remaining in the second period.

The Orioles wrapped up the match with pins by Eli Grillo (215) with 40 seconds left in the second period and Thomas Normandeau (285) with 1:09 remaining in the opening period.

There were also several competitive j.v. matches.

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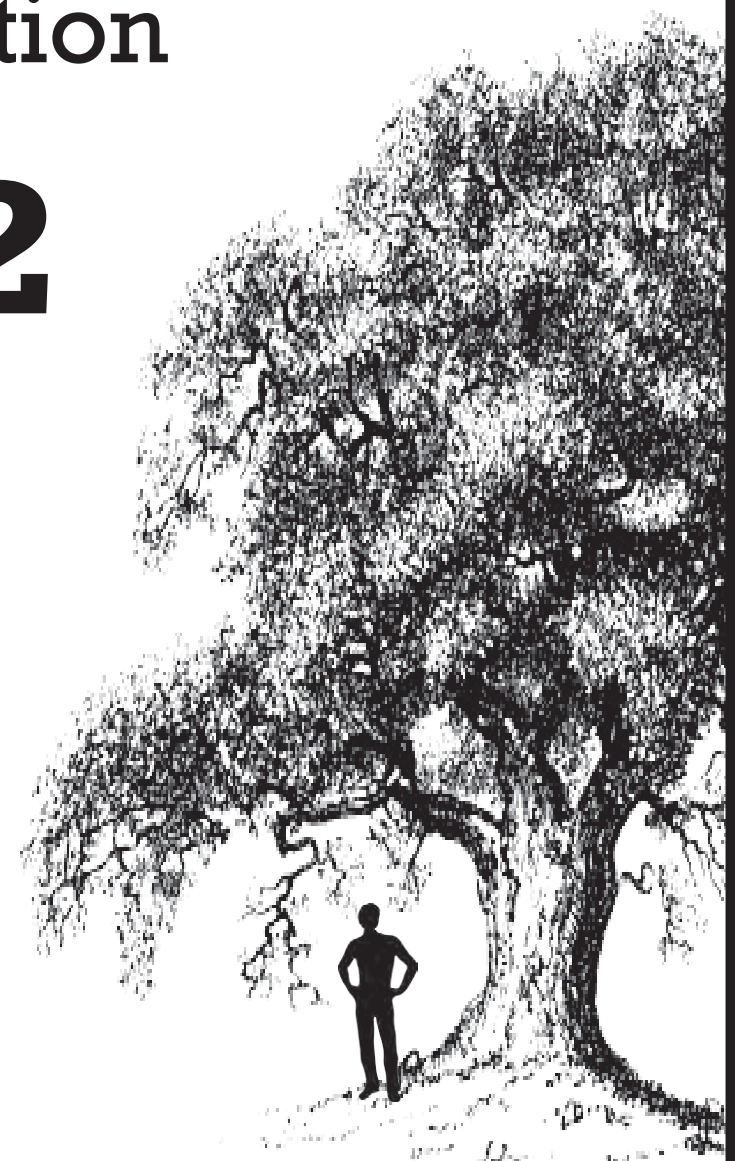
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