A big break

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

A handful of the world’s best martial artists journeyed as far away as Indiana and Ireland to display their unique skills during the United States Breaking Association Massachusetts State Breaking Grand Championships inside the Bowe Elementary School gymnasium Feb. 16.

“All the events are sanctioned through the USBA; this is an annual event that we do generally at the same time each year,” said event organizer Ken Goodrich. “A full year of planning and logistical work goes into getting everyone hyped up and into the school. Once that is done, we’re ready to go.”

Last weekend’s competition awarded four individuals; a male and female Junior Grand Champion as well as a male and female Grand Champion. Contestants aimed to demolish concrete and wooden slabs; they were judged off of the number of pieces created. The male Grand Champion, Tim Steele, produced 94 total pieces of broken material.

“It’s energy, force, training, confidence and a lot of good friends. We’re a huge family; we love watching each other succeed,” said participant Jennifer Goreon of Las Vegas, Nevada. “We might say we’re competing, but really it’s about the experience.”

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Evan Thomas makes his attempt to break boards during the USBA Breaking Championships in Chicopee.

City joins suit against opioid manufacturers

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

The city of Chicopee has filed a lawsuit against the board members and executives of opioid manufacturers and distributors, joining thousands of municipalities across the country in filing a class action suit against those responsible for the rash marketing and over-distribution that catalyzed the opioid epidemic.

“The pursuit of a lawsuit involving the opioid epidemic is one that we have been studying and reviewing for some time and have relied on legal counsel who is handling this matter for a number of cities and towns for their recommendation as to when to file,” said Nathan Moreau, the communication and special projects manager for Mayor Richard Kos.

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Celebrating 100 days of school

Lambert-Lavoie Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school Feb. 7 with various activities involving the number 100. Second-graders aged overnight, dressing up as centenarians. Front row (from left) are Devlin Fitzpatrick, Macie Calisch, Rebecca Pushkareva and Amelia Gadouas. Back row from left are Devin Fitzpatrick and Brady Morrissette. (See more photos on page 8)
Traffic issues cited in development’s permit denial

By Dalton Ziberski

A local developer’s aspiration to construct a 5,000-square-foot, two-storyed office building in Ward 6 took a major hit. City Council members recently voted against a special permit application for the reduction of required parking spaces between 480 and 510 Burnett Road, which has already been overcrowded with severe traffic issues; it’s the number one issue in Ward 4.

“I know it’s no secret that Burnett Road has horrible traffic problems,” said Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks after the Feb. 5 meeting of the City Council. “I don’t usually block development, but in the Feb. 5 meeting of the City Council, the residents are definitely opposed to this project. I was originally in favor of granting a special permit application for the reduction of parking spaces was declined, Dobosz stated that the request was unfathomable. "I was gaining weight while waiting for my knee surgery, and wasn’t fussy about what I ate... enjoying fast food with the grandkids. But with the operation and going to cardiac rehab at Baystate and doing things I should have been doing right along, like getting exercise on the treadmill and exercise bike, ironical-ly I’m now leading a healthier lifestyle,” says Phelan.

In the City

Route surgery leads to lifesaving diagnosis for Chicopee man

SPRINGFIELD – Tom Phelan of Chicopee considers himself a lucky man.

“I got my life back twice in the past year,” said Phelan, who wasn’t able to keep up with his active granddaughters, Nixie, 6, and Finley, 5, due to a bad knee.

Last March, the Chicopee resident underwent successful knee replacement surgery, but got more than he bargained for. When feeling short of breath after sur- gery, doctors found an irregularity in his aorta, more likely an aortic aneurysm.

Aneurysms in the chest area, like Phelan’s, are usually the result of a weak- ness of the tissues of the aorta due to high blood pressure causes those tissues to stretch, eventually leading to an aneurysm.

“When my daughter Marsha, who is in the medical field, told me not to wor- ry, I knew it was time to worry. She told me she was going to take care of it, that aortic aneurysms were common, and she had already spoken to a friend of hers at Baystate Medical about their cardiology program and asked for some recommendations,” said Phelan.

“Marsha was right. Aneurysms are very common and comprise a large part of our practice here at the hospital,” said cardio- surgeron Dr. David Deaton of the Heart & Vascular Program at Baystate Medical Center, who discovered that Phelan had a leaking heart valve that would need to be replaced as well.

Phelan did a little research of his own, only to find out that everyone he spoke with said Deaton was “a great sur- geon” and that he didn’t need to look out- side the area for expertise in performing his surgery.

“Dr. Deaton was very low key and calming, and that was a good thing be- cause when I went in to see him I was very excited, and not in a good way. He answered my questions matter-of-fact- ly and I knew from his approach that it wasn’t his first day as a cardiac surgeon,” said Phelan.

“You look at your heart as life and death. And I was worried about dying. But Dr. Deaton told me if I were to die after returning to work after a four-month recovery period, it wouldn’t be from my heart. He exuded confidence and I liked that I couldn’t have been more relaxed with him and about the surgery, and I’m not what you would call a relaxed guy,” he added.

Phelan, 60, said his surgery back in June has given him “a new lease on life.”

“I was gaining weight while waiting for my knee surgery, and wasn’t fussy about watching what I ate... enjoying fast food with the grandkids. But with the operation and going to cardiac rehab at Bay- state and doing things I should have been doing right along, like getting exercise on the treadmill and exercise bike, ironical-ly I’m now leading a healthier lifestyle,” says Phelan.

“I’m back to work now and doing things with my grandkids that they nev- er expected I would do with them,” he added.

For more information on Baystate Medical Center’s lifesaving cardiac surgery program, visit baystatehealth.org/heart.
**View mills during ‘Lights on Art & Culture’**

By Dalton Zielsker

Staff Writer

During this weekend’s “Lights on Art & Culture Days,” residents will have a rare opportunity to view two sites that are critical to the city’s future. Lyman Mills and SilverBrick will be open to the public as Chicopee Center celebrates its culture, talent and business.

“I think there are a lot of people in Chicopee Center that don’t realize we’re going to have 701 new units going in between the two mills being redeveloped. We think that it’s really important to have people involved and organized now ahead of that happening,” said Halathan, president of the Chicopee Community Council.

The two-day event runs Friday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Lyman Mills, Old City Library and SilverBrick Mills will be lit blue to attract participants to Friday’s festivities. The illuminated buildings will be clearly visible to drivers passing by on Interstate 391. Both Lyman Mills and SilverBrick Mills will be open Friday night, allowing residents to monitor the progress of each building’s reconfiguration. Once the buildings are modernized, hundreds of families will call them home. Old City Library’s business will thrive with the influx of people to the area.

“With the sudden influx of people to the apartments, we want to make sure that people get involved and organized to show it off. It’s great to see what we do have in the Center that most people forget.”

- Karen Hansmann, secretary, Chicopee Cultural Council

“Lights on Art & Culture Days look to recognize and promote the team’s efforts in creating cultural opportunities for sales-oriented people to recognize priorities, and strategies that work to maximize their effectiveness with customers from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Lyman Mills, Old City Library and SilverBrick Mills will be lit blue to attract participants to Friday’s festivities. The illuminated buildings will be clearly visible to drivers passing by on Interstate 391.

One can view a full description of next weekend’s event on the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce’s website and the Chicopee Cultural Council’s Facebook page. Optimistic that the future of Chicopee Center is trending upwards, Hansmann is counting the days until next weekend.

“You can see what the units will look like there,” said Hansmann. “You can have soup and hot chocolate, and there will be a Chicopee historian there to talk about Chicopee and the mills. We’re going to have a POTA shuttle bringing people from the downtown area to the mills.”

Funds available for gas heating assistance

FOR SPRINGFIELD — Springfield Partners for Community Action is taking part in the Natural Gas Fuel Assistance Grant Program to help higher income Hampden County residents who are over the income limits for traditional Fuel Assistance Programs to keep their homes warm.

This program was made possible by the work and efforts of the team led by Attorney General Maura Healey.

“Every year, tens of thousands of Massachusetts families struggle to pay their heating bills.” Healey said. “My goal with this new program is to make sure our residents have the financial assistance they need to stay warm this winter.”

Synthia Scott-Mitchell, director of community for Springfield Partners for Community Action, said, “We’re going to have people in higher income levels tend to not qualify for such programs and therefore do not seek assistance.” This program offers financial assistance to higher-income residents that may have faced a short-term economic hardship and do not qualify for traditional Fuel Assistance. Payments will be made directly to the natural gas provider.

To be eligible for this program, one must reside in Hampden County and have proof of residency, be a natural gas heating customer, have a household income between 60 and 80 percent of the state median income, provide documentation of the economic hardship, sign up for a Mass Save Energy Assessment, and attend a workshop on conserving energy and household budgeting.

Applications are now available online at call 413-263-6500 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Residents may also visit the office at 721 State St. in Springfield to complete an application.

Wagner named assistant House majority leader

In the City

The City of Our Lady of the Elms will host a weekend-long Disc for Sales workshop for business leaders to maximize their effectiveness with customers from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Faculty Dining Room of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The three-hour “Disc for Sales” workshop, sponsored by the college’s Center of Business Administration, will be led by Nancy Davis, business development specialist.

Disc for Sales is a model that supports individuals in sales roles and helps them recognize and understand their own unique styles and strengths, while helping them build relationships with clients. The method offers a practical and practical model that helps businesspeople engage with all personality styles.

During the interactive workshop, Davis will offer educational content, exercises and opportunities for sales-oriented people to recognize priorities, what to emphasize to customers, and strategies that work with various personalities.

Cost is $199 per person, which includes workshop and lunch. Space is limited, for more information contact Davis at daviss@elms.edu to register, email cell@elms.edu. To register, email cell@elms.edu or call 413-571-6060.

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**Baystate Health partners to build behavioral health hospital in the region**

SPRINGFIELD — Baystate Health is partnering with US HealthVest, a national company with specialized expertise in inpatient psychiatric care, to build and operate a behavioral health hospital in Western Massachusetts.

Baystate Health expects to build its new facility in Baystate Health’s service area by greater than 30 percent for inpatient behavioral health services for adults and children in a dedicated, state-of-the-art hospital in the local area.

The new hospital will allow for better service to special populations of behavioral health patients who currently have difficulty accessing services because there are not enough local beds. These include children/adolescents, geriatric patients, behaviorally disoriented patients, and substance abuse/dual diagnosis patients.

Constructing a new hospital will provide the chance to design a facility specifically configured for behavioral health services, with an increased number of beds, and an improved configuration of inpatient rooms and related services.

Baystate Health’s current community hospital facilities where this care is provided are aging and decentralized. A hospital of this size at this time is a pressing need for Baystate Health providers.

This process is in the very early stages, with the first step focused on securing a site for the hospital to be centrally located within Baystate Health’s service area. It is anticipated that from the time a site is secured, it will be at least two years before the new hospital is operational. This estimate accounts for time to design and construct the hospital and complete the licensing process. A potential site is being explored, and the organization hopes to have more information to share in the next few months.

When the new hospital is completed and ready for patients, the behavioral health unit at Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Baystate Noble Hospital, and Baystate Wing Hospital will close. At that time, Baystate Health will need to transition the care of patients and will strive to the new facility. Outpatient and partial hospitalization programs will be consolidated in local Baystate Health’s community hospitals.

Baystate Health will continue to evaluate the inpatient unit at Baystate Medical Center to ensure behavioral health patients with complex medical needs are accommodated for, providing the ability to access the resources of the health system’s academic medical center. Because this change is in the early stages, things are still developing, and the organization does not have answers to all questions. As a result of this time, patients need to contact Baystate Health for more information.

As plans for the future are made, the operation of the current inpatient behavioral health units will continue.

Baystate Health is committed to keeping employees for staff and for patients and their families, that these units continue to operate smoothly and efficiently and continue to deliver high-quality care that the community deserves and expects.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit www.baystatehealth.org.
IN THE CITY

Cancer Support Group

A cancer support group is being offered on the third Tuesday of the month at noon, at RiverMills Center. This group is facilitated by RiverMills wellness nurses Helen Biglin and Diane Copeland. This group focuses on all stages of cancer diagnosis and treatment, along with family and friends that may be impacted.

Meditation Class

The Council on Aging will offer a meditation class on Mondays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at RiverMills Center. Certified meditation instructor Deborah Beiersmeier will lead the class, which will help participants ease stress and learn to relax. Each session will start with gentle yoga stretches, followed by relaxing breathing techniques and a gentle neck/shoulder massage. The cost is $3.

Living Again Support Group

The Chicopee Council on Aging hosts “Living Again,” a support group that meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. This support group is for any one who has suffered the loss of a loved one and needs the support of others. The group is led by Irene Remillard, a certified bereavement counselor. Meetings will be held on Jan. 9 and Feb. 13.

Curing Drive Shopping Trips

The Council on Aging’s Transportation Department continues to offer shopping trips to stores in Chicopee, to seniors 60 and older. Van service to shopping and grocery stores on Memorial Drive are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays making stops at Big Y, Stop & Shop, Price Rite and Joe Lot, Wal-Mart and Chicopee Plaza. There is a $2 suggested donation. For a reservation, call 356-5733.

Additionally, the Transportation Department provides rides for medical dental, legal, hairstylist, pharmacy, and banking appointments Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Chicopee’s older adults.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Council on Aging is looking for licensed drivers willing to volunteer a few hours a week and provide rides to Chicopee’s older adults. The city of Chicopee provides and maintains the vehicles that drivers will be using. The volunteers provide rides for any Chicopee resident, 55 years old or older. This service is for medical, dental, legal and hairstylist appointments, pharmacy pick-up, bank and shopping, available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested volunteer drivers should contact the Council on Aging Transportation Department at 413-536-5733.

Massage Therapy

Massages will be offered once-a-week from 9:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. The charge is $15 for 15 minutes. Sign up is available at the front desk at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

Fit for Life

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. This class is an energetic class featuring an aerobic workout, along with strength, balance and flexibility elements. Suggested donation, $2. For more information, call 534-3696.

Zumbasize Class

Tuesdays from 3:30-4:55 p.m. Exercise Studio 117 (street level). This class is for active older adults who are looking for a modified class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. Suggested donation, $3. For more information, call 534-3698.

Sudoku & More Club

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. this club offers a drawing and painting class every Tuesday at 1 p.m., which is taught by Maureen McDonald.

Cardio Mix Class

The Council on Aging will now be offering “Cardio Mix” class on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Cost for the class is $5.

Dancercise Class

Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. Dancercise is ballet, jazz, balance & stretch put together in a class that gives us the strength & enjoyment of the body & mind. Ballet and jazz moves help tone our body while having fun in a safe & free tension and stress. The class is taught by Di- ane Shields, who has been dancing herself for over 58 years and teaching in Chicopee for 45 years. Apparel should be light and comfortable. Shoes should be a ballet or jazz shoe or a flexible type of tennis sneaker. Donation, $5.

Yoga Class

The Council on Aging offers three yoga classes during the week: Chair yoga is offered on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The class is led by Robin Davis and costs $5. Morning yoga classes are offered each Tuesday at 11 a.m. This class is led by Carlin Lavine and costs $3. Afternoon yoga is offered every Thursday at 3 p.m. led by Deborah Beiersmeier and costs $5.

Painting Class

The Council on Aging is offering an additional painting class on Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. at RiverMills Center. Christine Eckert is the class instructor and teach sev- eral mediums, including acrylic, pastel, oil and watercolor. She has been painting professionally for over 15 years and teaches her own students. A $1 donation will be accepted at the door. RiverMills Center also offers a drawing and painting class every Tuesday at 1 p.m., which is taught by Maureen McDonald.

Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group

The Council on Aging offers a monthly support group for those with Alzheimer’s disease. Anyone who cares for someone with Alzheimer’s or a demen- tia is encouraged to attend. Alzheimer’s specialist Gerri Bennett, R.N., leads the discussion. The Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group meets the third Wednes- day of each month from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the classroom at RiverMills Center.

Boy Scouts of Western Mass. names new leader with ties to Chicopee

WESTFIELD — The Western Massa- chusetts Council of the Boy Scouts of Amer- ica recently welcomed John Echevarria as the council’s Scout executive and CEO. Echevarria was selected after a nationwide search and started in his new role Jan. 1.

Echevarria began his career as a sailing ca- reer as an intern at the Great New York Council in New York City. He moved on to become a paraprofessional, district ex- ecutive, senior district executive and lat- er district director with the Pacific Northwest Council, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. He was promoted to field director and later to director of field service of the Alamo Area Council, in San Antonio, Texas. His work experience prior to his

Soccer career includes time in the Greater Springfield area, where he served as an admissions counselor for the West- ver Job Corps.

“The Boy Scouts of America is my career choice because it allows me to make a difference in the lives of young people,” Echevarria said. “Through our programs, Scouts, counselors and teachers are given the tools and skills that allow them to make a difference.”

Headquartered in Westfield, with offices in Pittsfield, the Western Massa- chusetts Council, BSA, serves more than 6,000 youth in the four western counties of Massachusetts.
Korean Martial Arts

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in Tang Soo Do, a Korean martial art. Learn with instructor, Master Jeffrey Bulisica, a five degree black belt in Tang Soo Do, and learn about self-defense, confidence and physical fitness. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesday evenings. The following classes are being offered, Little Dragons (ages 5 to 6) to 6:30 p.m., Gups Beginners (ages 7 and older) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Gups Advanced (ages 7 and older) 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will consist of eight classes running Feb 14 to 27. Cost is $40/Little Dragons $50/ Gups Beginner and Advanced. All classes are held at Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department at 687 Front St. Visit the department to register. Call 594-3481 for more information.

February Vacation Events

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department is now taking registration for its annual “Fun in February” vacation program for children ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) to 13. The program, held at Dupont Middle School, runs from Tuesday, Feb. 19 through Thursday, Feb. 21 and provides gym time, arts and crafts and a field trip each day. Field trips include Cinemark Cinemas, AMF Bowling, and Interskate 91 South. Program time is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parents may register their child for one day, two, or all three days and cost ranges from $33 to $50 daily based on the field trip or as well as classification of residency and non-residency. Pre-registration at the Parks Department is mandatory, no phone registrations, and this is the first come-first paid program which has a maximum number of openings for enrollment. For more information, contact Dan at the Parks Department at 594-3481 ext. 105 or via email at dwoodil@chicopeegov.org.

Art-ventures for Kids

Children in grades K-5 in search of a creative outlet during school vacations are invited to explore February Vacation Art Fun with “Art Ventures for Kids,” a four-day program running Feb 19-22. The program features unique themes for each class: Cupcakes and Pizza Party Art-ventures, Fun Times with Famous Artists, It’s Raining, It’s Pouring and Sparrows, and Famous Artists, It’s Raining, It’s Pouring and Spary Squirrels. A four-day program running Feb 19-22. The program features unique themes for each class: Cupcakes and Pizza Party Art-ventures, Fun Times with Famous Artists, It’s Raining, It’s Pouring and Sparrows, and Famous Artists, It’s Raining, It’s Pouring and Sparrows. Meet at Dupont Middle School, runs from Tuesday, Feb. 19 through Thursday, Feb. 21 and provides gym time, arts and crafts and a field trip each day. Field trips include Cinemark Cinemas, AMF Bowling, and Interskate 91 South. Program time is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open Swim

An open swim at the Chicopee High School pool will be available to residents only each Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. now through March 3. Cost is $3 per person. All children ages 18 and younger must be accompanied by an adult and positive identification is required. Children who have not been toilet trained must have swim diapers. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 594-3481.

Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey

The Parks and Recreation Department is selling ticket vouchers to be redeemed for any home game for the 2018-2019 Springfield Thunderbirds hockey season. Enjoy the third season and support Springfield’s AHL hockey affiliate. All group nights benefit the fans and the Parks and Rec. Department. Ticket vouchers cost $16.50 at the Parks Office located at 687 Front St. and may be redeemed for any Thunderbirds home game. For more information, call 594-3481.

OPRO performance to feature ‘Musical Petting Zoo’ at March 1 concert

WILBRAHAM - The Old Post Road Orchestra, under the artistic director of Juli Sansoucy, has announced its annual Family Concert to take place Friday, March 1, at Minnechaug Regional High School located at 621 Main St.

Prior to the 7 p.m. performance, the orchestra will offer a “Musical Petting Zoo” at 6:30 p.m., giving children opportunity to touch, hold, and try various instruments that will be on display.

The orchestra will perform excerpts from “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice” by Paul Dukas, “Highlights from Jurassic Park” by John Williams, “Psycho” by Bernard Herrmann, and “Once Upon a Midnight Grimm” by Paul Herrmann, and “Gargoyles” by Doug Spata.

The concert will consist of eight classes running Feb 14 to 27. Cost is $40/Little Dragons $50/ Gups Beginner and Advanced. All classes are held at Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department at 687 Front St. Visit the department to register. Call 594-3481 for more information.

Child and Babysitting Safety Class

A Child and Babysitting Safety class for youth ages 11 years of age and older will be offered at the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Office, 687 Front St. Wednesday Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The class will cover such topics as playtime, behavior management, phone skills, common do’s and don’ts, bathing, feeding, changing diapers and fire safety. All participants must register by Friday, Feb. 15 as space is limited. Cost is $70 for residents and $75 for non-residents. For more information call 594-3481.

CPR and First Aid Training

The Parks and Recreation Department will offer a certification class in First Aid/CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator Thursday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Department office, 687 Front St.

The cost for the class is $75 for residents and $80 for non-residents. These are basic certifications and do not apply for daycare providers, lifeguards and nurses. Participants are invited to bring a snack. Class space is limited and registration is required. Call 594-3481 for registration or more information.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Irish Gala to raise funds for Sisters of St. Joseph

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield will host their annual Irish Gala on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 1-5 p.m. at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. The fundraiser will include dancing, raffles, food (warm corned beef sandwiches), cash bar and entertainment by the Andy Healy Band with Mary Ward. Irish Soda Bread made by Sisters and friends will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Tickets are $25 per person and are available at the Sisters of St. Joseph Congregational Offices at 577 Carew Street, Springfield during business hours. Contact Sr. Eleanor Harrington at 413-536-0853 or email ehar rington@ssjspringfield.com; Mary Campbell at 413-739-7563; or Mary Kearney at 413-522-0569 for more information.
There will be some predictable trepidation. And it will take a lot of negotiating. An emergency department was set aside for these patients at the grand opening of the new emergency center in a facility that is built around responding. Yet it makes logical sense for those who make a living treating these groups to converge on one location where they can work together, in a facility that is built around responding to the complications these needs create. Even at the grand opening of the new emergency department at Baystate Wing last fall, a special unit was set aside for these patients in the emergency department.

So, where, when and how? That’s the question, and it will take a lot of negotiating and organizing to make it happen. There will be some predictable trepidation about a behavioral health hospital in a particular town or neighborhood. There will also be reasonable, logistical questions about transportation for those who need care as well as how fundraising will be handled and how the new hospital will interact with other agencies in the region.

For their part, the nonprofit Behavioral Health Network has declined comment until authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to publish anonymous opinions will be published. We require that all letters, including those offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources.

When learning that a required legal separation was coming, it dug up ancient was accepted. Good come true, as they had done before, there was an emotional state of mind evi- dence more deep-rooted pain. By all appearances, all the professionals wore masks too. But, when becoming conscious, there came an acute awareness: a part was missing. An uprising. A void, an absence. An incompleteness. “Would things ever be the same?”

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Registration underway for George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee announced registration is now underway for the 15th annual George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament. The tournament is open to teams in the following grades for boys and girls: 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Any parks and recreation, CYO, AAU or Suburban Youth leagues may apply to participate in the tournament. The tournament is scheduled to begin Monday, March 11.

All tournament games will once again be held at the Chicopee Savings Bank Gymnasium. Each year, teams from Chicopee, Springfield, South Hadley, and other areas of Massachusetts take part in this tournament.

The George Webb Memorial tournament is designed to include an upper competitive (A) division and lower competitive (B) division for the youth teams. Those interested in entering a team in the tournament should call Kenneth Lockett, sports, fitness and recreation coordinator, at 413-206-4107. The cost is $200 per team. Full registration is required by Feb. 22.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
OPEN HOUSE. St. Joan of Arc School, 587 Grattan St., will hold an open house Tuesday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for families interested in pre-K to eighth grade Catholic education. All faiths are welcome. For more information call 533-1475.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
MONTHLY CRAFT NIGHT. A monthly craft night will take place Wednesday, March 13 at Trinity Epis- copal Church, 27 Streiber Drive. Beginning at 6 p.m., folks will have the opportunity to make Easter cards in time for the holiday. All are welcome to attend. A $10 donation will cover the cost of supplies.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
MOVIE NIGHT. Trinity Episcopal Church, 27 Streiber Drive, will hold a movie night Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy a free movie, popcorn, candy and soft drinks. A $5 movie will be shown in the church’s Common Room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
NAMI ART SHOW. The National Alliance on Men- tal Illness of Western Massachusetts will hold a reception for its eighth annual art show featuring the work of those living with mental illness Tuesday, April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St. The exhibit runs through the end of April. The art show origin- ated by Karen West will feature artwork for sale, with proceeds going to the artists. Complimentary refresh- ments will be served. For more information, visit www.namiwm.org.

OPEN HOUSE. The Westover Job Corps will host an open house Thursday, Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their facility located at 103 Johnson Road. The event will feature a resource fair with community agencies and campus services. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required for the free event. Call 503- 4805 or email buckner-alice@jobcorps.org for more information.

BY THE FRANCO AMERICAN WOMEN ASSOCIA- TION of Chicopee will meet Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Saint Rose de Lima Church Hall, 600 Grattan St. Tick- ets for their annual Annual and Social Card Party to be held on April 11 will be given to all members at the meeting and tickets will be available to the public from members. The evening features dance lessons for children and grandchildren of members will be available and must be registered by March 11.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
OPEN HOUSE. St. Joan of Arc School, 587 Grattan St., will hold an open house Tuesday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for families interested in pre-K to eighth grade Catholic education. All faiths are welcome. For more information call 533-1475.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
MOVIE NIGHT. Trinity Episcopal Church, 27 Streiber Drive, will hold a movie night Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy a free movie, popcorn, candy and soft drinks. A $5 movie will be shown in the church’s Common Room.

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State receives $1.8M federal preschool grant

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts received $1.8 million from the federal Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Child Care for a Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five grant that will help more parents and educators support children’s development, better screen infants and toddlers for developmental delays, improve referrals to services, and expand access to training for early educators.

“Working across state agencies, this grant will enable us to strengthen existing programs, provide enhanced training for early educators and improve access to referrals and services for young children and their families,” Charlie Baker said. “We look forward to increasing the number of children entering kindergarten ready to succeed with the help of this grant and the work it supports.”

The new grant is the first of its kind to be administered jointly by the two state Secretariats and four agencies that are responsible for managing state programs and services for infants and toddlers and their families. The grant was awarded to the Executive Office of Education, but will be managed jointly with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Early Education and Care, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Public Health, and the Children’s Trust.

The Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five program builds on two Massachusetts efforts during the last four years to improve services to vulnerable children and families by connecting funding, data and services across state and local agencies. First, the Early Literacy Expert Panel, co-chaired by Nonie Lesaux and Executive Office of Education Undersecretary Ann Reale, recommended using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, a developmental screener, more uniformly across state agencies to identify children with developmental delays earlier and ensure they receive referrals to stay on track toward third grade reading milestones. Second, in 2015 Massachusetts received a Preschool Expansion Grant that supports public/private partnerships to deliver high-quality preschool to four-year-old children from low-income families.

Five cities across the Commonwealth have provided additional preschool opportunities to children through collaborations between the public school district and community early education and care programs: Boston, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, and Springfield.

Scholarships available through Community Foundation

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts is now accepting applications to award roughly $2 million in scholarships and interest-free loans for students planning to pursue education at the undergraduate and graduate levels for the 2018-2019 academic year. The online application deadline is March 31.

More than 135 funds will provide awards considering criteria set by donors, academic merit and financial need. Last year the Community Foundation awarded scholarships and loans to more than 700 individuals in Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Access to these scholarship and loans can be achieved through completing the online application available at www.communityfoundation.org. All supporting materials must be postmarked by March 31.
SPRINGFIELD – Rachel Barton Pine, who was scheduled to be guest soloist at the Saturday, Feb. 23 Springfield Symphony Orchestra concert in Symphony Hall, sustained a knee injury recently and her doctors have not allowed her to travel. She was slated to be guest soloist in the Brahms “Violin Concerto, Op. 77 D Major”.

So, SSO Maestro Rhodes announced last week that world-class replacement violinist William Hagen will step in for the injured star.

“We are lucky to have Mr. Hagen take over this demanding role,” stated Rhodes. “The technical demands on the soloist of the Concerto are formidable, with generous use of broken chords, rapid scale passages, and rhythmic variation.”

Rhodes, 26, is an award-winning soloist, studied at the Julliard School with Itzhak Perlman and has appeared with the San Francisco Symphony and with symphonies in Detroit, Austin and Indianapolis. Hagen is an alumnus of the Verbier Academy in Switzerland, the Perlman Music Program and the Aspen Music Festival. He began taking violin lessons at the age of 4.

The Feb. 23 concert also features Mendelssohn’s “Italian Symphony.” The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at SpringfieldSymphony.org or call the box office at 413-733-2291.

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against one another, but we’re all on the same team. Most of us compete together once every two months so this is a big group effort.

The event raised more than $4,000 for Pets for Vets, a charitable program that matches pets with veterans. Through this process, the initiative intends to mitigate the suffering and loneliness many veterans experience. Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Seth Britton was selected as the event’s Guest of Honor, and chose the charity. Many in attendance were pleased with the direction of the contributions.

“This is a great event for a great cause,” said Daniel Padin. “I’m not a veteran, but they’re my heroes. Our way of life is possible because of them.”

Injuries prevented Padin, a two time Grand Champion, from challenging for the title. They did not dampen his mood as he participated nonetheless. Padin has competed across the world and described his experiences as “surreal.” Despite being injured, the martial artist does not believe the sport to be overly dangerous. In his experiences as competitive breaking, he’s found a lot of energy and confidence-building are required to succeed at events such as last weekend’s. He stated that the entirety of one’s lifestyle goes into perfecting the art and recommends it to all.

“Martial arts is one of the safest sports you can do,” said Goodrich. “We don’t teach people how to fight; we teach them how to defend themselves. It’s not having to be on a team and worry about sitting on the bench. Everyone gets to do it.”

The North American Breaking Championships, the next notable competition, will occur in Waterbury on April 13th. For more information regarding how to get involved, one can contact Goodrich at taekwondo@atoll.com or call the Center for Martial Arts & Fitness at 954-9200.

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WEST SPRINGFIELD – Agawam High School crowned three individual champions, while Minnechaug crowned one more at the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Championship meet held Saturday, Feb. 10 at West Springfield High School.

Dylan Beddow, a transfer from Ludlow High School, won the 113-pound title with an 8-1 decision over Kaleb Hogan of West Springfield.

Dom Ledoux was one of the most impressive winners of the big meet. He scored a pinfall victory in the 182-pound final. He defeated Milton Vazquez from West Springfield. The pin came in just 14 seconds.

In the heavyweight bracket, Antonio Ramos, son of Agawam coach Armando Ramos, captured the Western Mass. title as the sophomore picked up a 7-3 decision over Gregory Harris from Central.

Despite three champions, Agawam was only eighth in the individual standings.

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WRESTLING

Lopez, Perez represent Chicopee at Western Mass.

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CHICOPEE – The Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive hockey teams get an opportunity to play under the big lights every year at the MassMutual Center. But depending on where each team is at, the lights are bigger for one, the other, or both.

The Pacers were under the big lights here late in the season, with Chicopee needing wins to qualify for tournament.

Comp scored a very late goal, but Chicopee held on for a 3-2 win last Friday afternoon at the MassMutual Center. The game was held prior to the Springfield Thunderbirds game.

Chicopee’s big score of the game came with 6:43 remaining in the game.

Left: Derek Boutin heads for the Pacer goal. Center: Kendall Walsh makes his way up the ice for the Pacers. Right: Trevor Seidell-Poirer is closely pursued by a Comp defenseman.

Chicopee High did an excellent job keeping Comp in check throughout the game. The Pacers had yet another threat happening and Spencer Clark sent a bouncing shot at the goal, finding its way past goalie Kyle Vezina. The goal gave Chicopee a 3-1 lead.

With 4:26 to go, Comp managed to put one more in. Griffin Larochelle would be behind the Chicopee goal and passed back to Nathaniel Lepage, who sent a close-range wrister into the right side of the net to make it 3-2.

But Chicopee High did an excellent job keeping Comp at bay.

By Nate Rosenthal  
Sports Correspondent

Pacers hold off Colts, still see playoff berth

WILBRAHAM - As the basketball’s regular season’s schedule draws to an end, teams are making their final push to qualify for the postseason. Chicopee High is one of those teams on the bubble fighting for a berth in the tournament. The Pacers stayed with Minnechaug for nearly a half, but the more experienced Falcons, runners up a year ago at the Sectionals, pulled away in the second half. The final was 73-50.

For Chicopee, this season was supposed to be a rebuilding season. After finishing 4-16 a major improvement would have been to win three or four more games. Steve Marci, who had coached the Pacers to a Western Mass title in 2013 was working in four freshmen as starters with a small group of returnees. The climb would be difficult and when they lost their first five of six, including opening with four losses.

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Pacers stay in playoff hunt despite loss

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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**SPORTS**

Comp clinches second place, will go to sectional tournament

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**BASKETBALL**

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Minnechaug Regional High School took the Central/West Massachusetts sectional championship home for the third straight year. The Falcons, as a team, scored 352 points at the Feb. 10 meet held at Springfield College while crowning three “individual” champions.

Two of Minnechaug’s teams along with one individual, Samantha Van Zandt, captured a title. Van Zandt won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:43.43. The 200-yard medley relay and 200-yard medley relay teams also won individual titles. The medley teams of Van Zandt, Olivia Ranck, Margaret Petruzelli and Krista Sipe earned the title by just over half a second over Amherst’s relay squad.

In the freestyle relay, Petruzelli, Ranck, Anon and Zan Van Zandt won the event, though the squad had a slightly different lineup. With a minute left in the first, Comp led 2-6. Devine scored for the Falcons in the final seconds.

To open the second, Minnechaug did manage to close the gap considerably. They scored the first nine points in just over two minutes, making it an 11-point lead. Devine had a three, as did Michael O’Toole, whose trey closed it to 20-17. Over the next 2:30, the Colts got it back to nine with 28-19 and three to half to go. It was a nine-point lead with 1:29 left to play.

In the final minute, the Colts began to exert a little control. The Falcons closed top nine on a couple of occasions, but Comp was able to get it back to 12 or 13 points in response. In the final two minutes of the quarter, Caleb Paquette scored three to Terrell Wees two and Chicopee had a 13-point lead heading into the final frame.

In the final quarter, the Falcons scored the first six points of the fourth, four frame Bonilla and two from Nichols, they had a 19-point lead with just under six minutes to play. Comp regrouped and got within 13, but the Colts held them scoreless for two half minutes, while they got the lead to 20. A three by Michael Mendoza and a foul shot by Nichols gave the Falcons a 20-point lead. The Colts closed to 17 with a trey by Brian Johnson off the line and John on a layup for the 58-41 final.

Comp had four players in double figures, Bonilla scored 18, nine in each half; Nichols, 10 of which came in the first half and had 11 points in the second and third rounds. Lebel and Atimbo scored seven from the foul line. Johnson, who had just one point in the first quarter finished with 15 points.

Agawam’s Katie Dustin picked up a pair of second-place finishes to round out her senior season. She finished second in the 200-yard individual medley. She had a time of 2:16.59, edging a second-place finisher from the winner from Longmeadow. Dustin turned in four seconds below the winner from Longmeadow. Dustin turned in four seconds below the winner in the 100-yard butterfly. Beau Cameron set a new school record in the 100-yard butterfly, second in the 200-yard freestyle, and eighth in the 500-yard freestyle. Nicola Beaumont was fifth in the breaststroke. Comp took fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Minnechaug and Belchertown both finished in the top three in the boys’ meet. Chang would finish second with the 77 points in the event. Belchertown had 249 points, third place in seventh, 113 points in third place and Palmers was 15 in 59 points.

Minnechaug’s Chase Konstankos was excellent this whole season. He won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:50.20, less than a half-second ahead Christopher Atchley of Belchertown, with Nathan Dragoon a close third from Belchertown. Konstankos also won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 47.10.

Connor Richard of Minnechaug would win the 100-yard breaststroke. Belchertown picked up two relay championship teams. The 200-yard freestyle relay team placed sixth with John Wheat, Nathan Welch, Priednyuk and David Dagensain. Chris’s Jared Yedid had a fifth-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. Ludlow’s Adam Welver was seventh in the event.

**WRESTLING**

By Gregory A. Scibelli

**SPRINGFIELD** – Ludlow High’s Tim Fiore won the 195-pound weight class. He fell in the consolation final. Another big standout in the meet was Chicopee’s offensive attack was relentless, with an impressive 56 shots on goal. Comp made the most of its side of the ice.

Minnechaug managed to prevent any real momentum to the other side of the ice. There was this “maybe not this year” sense. But as the Falcons used their experience to fend off Minnechaug, they had won their first two games, only two were by more than six points. If they win out, they will have won seven of nine home meetings against Chicopee – 7-1.

Minnechaug entered this frustrating season at 8-12. After going 3-17 a year ago, they seemingly had it turned around, but at one point they were 7-6 with an eye on the playoffs. But the Falcons could never develop any consistency and they lost six of their final seven games.

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Volunteer drivers sought for cancer patients in Western Massachusetts

SCHENECTADY – The American Cancer Society is in need of volunteer drivers across Western Massachusetts to support the Road To Recovery program, which provides cancer patients with free rides to treatment.

This year, an estimated 40,020 Massachusetts residents will be diagnosed with cancer, and for some getting to treatment can be their biggest roadblock. A successful transportation assistance program can be a tremendous, potentially life-saving asset to the community. That’s why volunteering for the American Cancer Society’s Road To Recovery program is so important.

“Every day, thousands of cancer patients need a ride to and from their treatments,” said Kelly Woods with the American Cancer Society. “Even the best treatment can’t work if a cancer patient can’t get there.”

Scholarship, fellowship money available through Horace Smith Fund

WESTFIELD – Scholarship and fellowship funds are now available through the Horace Smith Fund to graduates of Hampden County high schools. Students must maintain a B average in college.

Applications are available at high school guidance offices, college financial aid offices and online at horacesmithfund.org. They may also be obtained by calling 413-739-4222.

Registration underway for ‘Tour de Minnechaug Mountain’ May 5

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has set forward its grantmaking priorities for its 2019 Competitive Grant Program, which supports the work of nonprofit organizations in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties.

In addition, approximately $2 million has been designated to fund CFWM’s four competitive grant programs: Mission Grants, Capacity Grants, Capital Grants and continuation of the Foundation’s multiyear Innovation Grants. In addition, CFWM continues to support a range of other important community needs through a mix of discretionary grants and multi-year grant commitments that are supporting efforts to advance sustainable transportation, ensure a correct count for the 2020 Census, expand public arts in Springfield and showcase cutting edge approaches to early child care and education.

Although it’s mid-winter now, cycling enthusiasts from throughout the region are encouraged to register for the Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club’s first ever “Tour de Minnechaug Mountain,” benefiting the club’s efforts supporting healthy youth development.

The fundraising event will be held rain or shine Sunday, May 5 starting and ending at Fountain Park in Wilbraham. The ride features three loops designed to take riders of all ability levels through the connected communities of Wilbraham and Wendover, Union, Meadowbrook and other historic main streets, country lanes and a hill-climb challenge the 41.1-mile Long Route starting at 8 a.m. is designed for avid bicyclists and takes riders to nearly every neighborhood of the two towns; the tamer 20-mile scenic Medium Route starts at 9:30 a.m. The 8-mile Short Fam-

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**Springfield Garden Club to host TV personality**

EAST LONGMEADOW – Television gardening celebrity Roger Swain will join the Springfield Garden Club during its March meeting at the Community Life Center, 50 Parker St. in East Longmeadow. Swain will present his program “Good Gardens Make Good Neighbors” Saturday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Known as “the man with the red suspenders,” Swain was host of “The Victory Garden” from the mid-1980s to 2011. His presentation will focus on early garden preparation and tasks that gardeners should complete in the springtime. A native of the Boston area, Swain graduated from Harvard College where he earned his doctorate in biology. He authored five books and served as the science editor of Horticulture magazine.

In addition to his presentation, “Victory Garden” themed items will be raffled or auctioned at the meeting. Tickets may be purchased for $10 in advance by calling Beate Bolen at 413-306-5454 or at the door for $15. Seating is limited.

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**Faces and Places**

The Chicopee Tiger Athletic Association recently awarded eight scholarships Dec. 16 during their annual Scholarship Luncheon. From left are Alyssa Vieau, Shannon Denault, Samantha Birks, Joseph Recchia, Lindsay Riley and Marzena Przybylowicz. Not pictured are Isabelle Laurin and Thomas Piskorski. In its 31-year history, the Association has awarded $200,000 in scholarships to young men and women who played for the Tiger’s youth program and pursued college education.

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