Arriaga all the way

Shirley Arriaga elected to serve 8th Hampden District

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CHICOPEE – It’s official; Shirley Arriaga will be the next state representative for the 8th Hampden District.

On Nov. 8, Arriaga, a Democratic candidate, defeated unaffiliated candidate Sean Goonan by a total of 4,112 to 4,412 votes.

Arriaga, of Puerto Rican heritage, not only became the first Latino to earn the seat; of the 17 representatives who preceded her, she is the first female to serve in that capacity.

“There are a lot of firsts with this victory, which is pretty exciting to say the least,” Arriaga said on Nov. 9. “It’s okay for you to be the first to do something. It’s scary. Sometimes, it seems daunting, and you will have some people tell you not to do it or not to try it for different reasons, whether it’s your background, your experience, your age, your sex, you name it, but that shouldn’t deter you.”

Arriaga will fill the seat held by state rep. Joseph Wagner for the past three decades.

City celebrates Puerto Rican Heritage Month

Goodworks Coffee House named Puerto Rican Business of the Year

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CHICOPEE – A flag-raising ceremony became a party on Wednesday afternoon when residents united to celebrate November as Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

Numerous community leaders of Puerto Rican descent spoke during a press conference on Market Square Island, where the Puerto Rican flag was raised outside of City Hall.

Then, those in attendance entered the building and climbed up several stories to the auditorium to enjoy music and dancing.

Shirley Arriaga, center, pictured with Jessica Avery, Ashley Marceau and her daughter Winter on Election Day at Frontera Grill in Chicopee.

As part of a larger ceremony for Puerto Rican Heritage Month, the community came together to celebrate Goodworks Coffee House as Puerto Rican Business of the Year for 2022. Pictured in the center holding the award is co-owner Victor Narvaez.

City seeks Ward 3 School Committee representative

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CHICOPEE – Following the resignation of Saulo DePaula from the school committee, the city is seeking a new representative to serve Ward 3 on the board.

“(DePaula) has moved out of the city, and this has triggered us to start the process,” Mayor John Vieau said during the Nov. 2 school committee meeting.

“The school committee policy that guides this process is called B6, which provides for the election of a school committee member.”

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Tighe & Bond hired for lead service line replacement plan

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CHICOPEE – City Council unanimously approved a $135,000 appropriation on Nov. 1, enabling the Department of Public Works to begin working with engineering and environmental consulting firm Tighe & Bond on its lead service line inventory and replacement plan.

“The (Environmental Protection Agency) and (Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection) have established new lead and copper regulations that will take effect in 2024. These funds will be used for the engineering services for the development of a lead service line inventory and replacement plan,” Mayor John Vieau said.

The new regulations will also require the city to verify “all material types and GIS” for 16,400 water service connections in the city, Vieau said.

Additionally, Chicopee will have to establish a database for public view. The project will be submitted for possible SRF and loan forgiveness program funding as well.

The lead service line inventory and replacement plan is required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and for the preparation of a 2022 application for financial assistance under the Drinking Water State Resolving Fund.

This is mandated for every town in the state. Actually, it’s going to go through the whole country. The EPA is doing this,” Water Department Superintendent Jim Deni said.

Chicopee’s water distribution system currently supplies water to a population of approximately 55,000 people, according to the Tighe & Bond proposal published prior to the city Council meeting.

The Quabbin Reservoir is the water system’s primary source. The Chicopee Valley Aqueduct then delivers water to the Water Treatment Plant on Burnett Road for additional treatment with sodium hypochlorite for disinfection and soda ash and sodium bicarbonate for corrosion control.

The current water treatment processes also include disinfection and pH adjustments. Given that Chicopee has been supplying water for more than 130 years, it is assumed that various types of materials have been used for service lines.

“On some of our records, it doesn’t say material types so we have to verify each one at the service box,” Deni said.

“I wish we could do it inside the house from the meter, but we have to verify to the house and from the service box to the main to make sure they’re not local or galvanized. They have to be replaced within a certain period,” Tighe & Bond will assist the city in recording and reviewing data pertaining to its GIS database of distribution system and service lines, original service cards, tie-card, billing records, water distribution system design/record drawings, permit files, building permits, plumbing codes, plumbing permits and inspection and maintenance records.

Meter installation/replacement records, capital improvement and master plans, operation and maintenance manuals, standard operation procedures, water quality data from the water systems and anecdotal information obtained through Water Department staff interviews must also be processed.

“It is understood that Chicopee’s original service cards are only available as individual hand copies; therefore, this task will include digitizing each service card (estimated at 16,400) and populating the data into a spreadsheet,” the Tighe & Bond proposal reads.

Tighe & Bond will work with the Water Department to develop outreach materials to inform the public about possible sources of lead, potential health risks, inspection and replacement plans.

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Annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Nov. 12

THREE RIVERS – Annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by SS Peter and Paul Rosary Sodality of Divine Mercy Parish, Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Center, Main Street, There will be 275 meals prepared. The dinner will be in-person at 580 Meadow St, but seating will be limited.

Three Rivers Polish National Credit Union and Bob Pion Buick GMC have donated the funds to put on the event. The culinary department at Weston Job Corps will be seasoning, roasting, and carving the birds. And PeopleBank will be supplying cake for dessert. As part of their community involvement, our Keystone Club members will assist in the serving, set up, and break down of the meal.
If you haven’t gotten your flu shot by now - you are late!

SPRINGFIELD - If you haven’t gotten your flu shot by now, you missed the deadline. It’s too late to get vaccinated for this flu season. This year’s flu season is expected to be mild, but it is still important to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others. The flu vaccination can prevent hospitalization and death, and it can also reduce the severity of flu symptoms. The vaccination is free and widely available. There are many places to get vaccinated, including doctor’s offices, pharmacies, and health centers. It’s never too late to get vaccinated. It’s recommended that everyone, especially those at higher risk of complications, get vaccinated as soon as possible. Visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more information on where to get vaccinated.

Chicopee events and announcements

Fall Craft Fair is this Saturday
Chicopee - St. Stanislaus School
Fall Craft Fair will have crafts, jewelry, knitwear, holiday and home decor, handmade gifts and more. The Craft Fair is free and will have continental breakfast and soups and sandwiches available for purchase. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12. 534 Front St. Chicopee, MA.

Holy Mother of Rosary Church’s annual Christmas Bazaar is this weekend
Chicopee – The Holy Mother of the Rosary Church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 11 and Saturday, Nov. 12. It will be held in the Parish Hall located at 26 Bell St. in Chicopee from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bazaar will feature gifts, crafts, jewelry, Chinese auction, lottery and baked goods. There will be Polish and American food for lunch or take out. Free Admission.

For more information, please call Parish Office at 413-592-2032 or Marlene at 413-592-7214.

Chicopee launches Wreaths Across America Initiative
Chicopee – The city of Chicopee has announced a campaign to recognize over 7,500 Veterans in cemeteries throughout Chicopee.

The Chicopee Department of Veteran Services, in conjunction with the Chicopee Cemetery Commission, local churches, schools, Veteran, civic and fraternal organizations, and the business community are joining with the nationally known non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to recognize over 7,500 Veterans at rest in Chicopee cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation’s fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for us to live freely. This year, there will be more than 3,100 participating sites in the National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 with more than two million volunteers participating.

The goal of the campaign is to bring the nation together in a patriotic commemoration to place a wreath on the headstone of every Veteran laid to rest in the city, and to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country are never forgotten.

Chicopee Public Auction
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 11:00 A.M.
PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE - CHICOPEE
Chicopee – On November 15th at 11:00 a.m. the law firm of Resnic, Beauregard, Waite & Driscoll, attorneys in Chicopee, MA will hold a public auction of a single family home located at 133-135 Sycek Street, Chicopee, MA, to be sold to the highest bidder, subject to the terms and conditions of the sale.

The property is a single family home located at 133-135 Sycek Street, Chicopee, MA, with the following features:
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We have a long tradition of honoring our veterans

This week, Veterans Day events honor and cel-ebrate the United States Armed Forces veterans who serve our country. Globally, our Veter-ans Day, a national holiday, coincides with other com-memorative holidays such as “Armistice Day,” “Remem-brance Day” and “Poppy Day.”

In the United States, brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that bless our lives. Multiple thou-sands have been honored, lost their limbs or lives for our national and local safety, our reli-gious freedoms, our individual liberties and indi-vidual freedoms that bless our lives. Multiple thou-sands have been honored, lost their limbs or lives for our national and local safety, our reli-gious freedoms, our individual liberties and indi-vidual freedoms that bless our lives.

During 2022, The Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs announced that “Honor” was the theme of the official poster contest. According to the Department of Vet-erans Affairs website, “Veterans are proud of their military service in defense of our nation. Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty. There is distinct and obvious ways of honoring Veterans that illustrate our honor, loyalty, admiration and commemoration?”

Yes. Personally participating, attending in and/or contributing to a Veterans Day project, service or event, when possible, expresses our support. Another way of showing a personal, honorable loyalty is by purchasing a red pop-py from a smiling veteran offering one for sale outside a local shopping center.

Even wonder about the significant sym-bolism and the origin of the red poppy? Its fame began from the very first lines of the famous World War memorial poem “In Flanders Fields” by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Cana-dian physician serving in Belgium in World War I. On May 3, 1915, McCrae wrote the poem after a close friend and former student, Alexis Helmer, was killed.

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place; and in the sky The Larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe To sacrifice us here we lies, long sleep to lie. The torch; be yours to hold it high, If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.”

After learning about the poem, University of Georgia professor Miana Michael wore and promoted wearing a red poppy that was referred to as Remembrance Day. With in three years the custom spread overseas to many parts of Europe.

I personally believe that when we meet veterans, we should say “Thank you for your service.” They can’t be honored enough.

GUEST OPINION

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As Veterans Day approaches we are once again encouraged to consider the immense sacrifices made by our service members, veterans and their families.

In a state like Massachusetts, where our military presence is small compared to many other states and the vast majority of those currently serving belong to the National Guard and Reserve, it is an unfortunate reality that those sacrifices often fade into the background when we are not approaching a holiday or faced with the coverage of an ongoing military conflict.

The call of duty, however, never fades for those who serve, and we rely on their tireless efforts each day, whether conscious of it or not, especially here at home as our National Guard stands at the ready to respond to everything from natural disasters and terrorist threats to bus driver shortages.

With so much at stake, it is imperative that the community continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in arms, year-round.

Though it is a proper tradition to honor this population on and around Veterans Day, as we will at HomeFront Strong, a local veteran and military family support organization formerly known as the Brookfield Institute, through our Military Appreciation Breakfast from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road in Ware, where we will honor the specific sacrifices of our National Guard, a deeper connection to service is warranted.

One way to ensure that the sacrifices of service are not forgotten is to tell the stories of those who serve. Storytelling is a vehicle for healing, growth, connection and understanding, among other benefits. This is why one of the seminal programs at HomeFront Strong is the HomeFront Strong Storytelling Project, through which service members, veterans, and their family members are matched with trained volunteers to develop and record their service-related stories.

These stories are then shared with the broader community, including through art, such as in “Welcome Home”, a play based on the true accounts of four local veterans developed through the storytelling process. This play encompasses tales from varied branches of service and transcends generations from Vietnam to the Post 9/11 era.

“Welcome Home” will be running for one weekend only this year, on Jan. 28 and 29, at Workshop13 on Church St. in Ware.

This is a great opportunity, as we all reflect on what it means to serve in the military, to immerse oneself in a world that may be unfamiliar, while truly gaining a better understanding and appreciation for that world.

As you enjoy the crisp fall weather and break from the daily grind on Nov. 11, please remember that those who serve walk among you, and each one of them has a story to tell.

If you have a connection to the military and are interested in listening to those stories, please reach out to jennifer@brookfieldinstitute.org or visit www.brookfieldinstitute.org to complete the volunteer application.

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**IN THE CITY**

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one of society’s harsh realities; she learned long ago not to let them detract from her momentum. Staying genuine and transparent kept her on course.

“Some people will not be your cheerleaders,” she said. “However, that should not determine your outcome. If you want to pursue a goal and a dream, you do just that. Set your mind to it, make a plan and execute it. Sometimes things get extremely hard, but don’t quit. We don’t give up.”

As a state representative, Arraiga will advocate for affordable, secured and safe neighborhoods, improvements in transportation and infrastructure and ensuring that students of all ages have the resources to succeed, among other items.

“By Arraiga’s side through it all will undoubtedly be her eight-year-old daughter Winter. Arraiga considers parenthood to be her greatest responsibility and is proud that Winter was able to experience the highs and lows of the campaign firsthand.

“I’m hopeful if nothing else that my daughter sees that hard work does pay off,” Arraiga said.

Throughout the journey, Arraiga said she told Winter time and time again that she was exhausted and that she couldn’t take any more.

Reasonably, Winter asked her mother why she continued.

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8th Hampden District, which exists entirely in Chicopee.

Also recognized were Katie and Victor Narvaez, owners of Goodwells Coffee House in Chicopee Center. Andrew Melendez, director of operations for the Latino Economic Development Council, announced that Goodwells was named the Puerto Rican Business of the Year for 2022.

Victor Narvaez was on hand to accept the award. He lost his grandmother unexpectedly last month, and Wednesday provided him with a much needed bright spot during a difficult stretch.

“For all things unexpected are bad, right? I’m so privileged and honored to receive such an award,” he said. “Five years ago when my wife and I decided to open a coffee shop, we had no idea what we were doing, but we absolutely loved downtown Chicopee; just the atmosphere, the infrastructure, definitely seeing the potential it has.”

Victor Narvaez said there have been many sacrifices made since 2017, especially during the pandemic, but the community’s support for Goodwells never diminished. As COVID-19 led to the worst of times in recent memory, the Narvaez family’s customers revealed the best the city has to offer.

“We had to readjust, but that’s what I really saw the love of the community coming through. We did not have to close our doors at all. They just kept coming in and coming and buying gift cards for school committee from page 1

for me, as Mayor, to convene a joint convention of the school committee and city council at which the vacancy is filled by a majority vote of the two bodies,” he continued.

Veau said the city will utilize the process that was used on past occasions, which consisted of the Mayor’s Office and Superintendent’s Office advertising the vacancy and instructing those wishing to be considered to send letters of interest to either office.

“If there is more than one person interested, we can provide each of the candidates with an opportunity to speak for a limited period before the joint convention.

Veau suggested that the city begin advertising immediately. He clarified that DePaula’s replacement must live in Ward 3.

Veau is optimistic that a selection will be made on Nov. 28 or 29 during a joint convention of the school committee and city council.

This timeline would ensure that we have a full committee when the committee turns to consider a new (superintendent). We’ll fulfill the seat before we start the (superintendent) interview process,” Veau said.

During the Oct. 19 school committee meeting, DePaula announced that it was likely he would have to resign.

His uncertainty came from the fact that his family’s purchase of a new house had not yet been made official. Given Vieau’s announcement last week, it can be assumed DePau- la has now left the city.

“His mom is a nurse and we know how hard it is with the COVID,” DePaula said. “This is very bittersweet to announce, and it’s not a full announce- ment just yet, but my family and I are very likely going to be moving out of the city of Chicopee at the end of (October). I thank the community.”

DePaula said on Oct. 19.
SOUTH HADLEY – Last Friday night, South Hadley got an early advantage, but the Colts offense made it up in the second half and came away with a 46-30 win, just the second of the season for Chicopee Comprehensive. Jacyion Cox ran 19 times for 257 yards and two touchdowns to lead the team. Gavin Williams had a touchdown reception and two catches for 42 yards. The Colts host Easthampton in Week 10 then face rival Chicopee High on Thanksgiving.

Jacyion Cox heads toward the sideline on a long run.

Kicker Gavin Williams sends the ball away. A group of Colts combine for a tackle. Francis Jordan picks up the ball off the kickoff.

Jacyion Cox makes a quick pitch to Gabriel Knight.

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SPORTS
Bruins hand T-Birds one-goal loss

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds (5-4-0-1) stumbled in the middle period following a 2-1 lead at the first intermission, and the Providence Bruins (7-1-1-1) came away with a 3-2 victory on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center.

For the first time since Oct. 19, the Thunderbirds found themselves on the wrong end of the game’s first goal, as it took Fabbri 1:44 to get a breakaway at 4:04. Vadim Zhernoko was unable to deny the 19-year-old rookie, who snapped it home on the power play to give Providence the 1-0 edge.

The game to this point was in Providence, though, as the 11:06 mark of the first when goaltender Kyle Keyser was injured in a collision with teammate Vinni Lettieri, favoring his leg and having to be helped off the ice. Rookie Brandonussi checked into the game to replace Keyser.

The T-Birds greeted Bussi with eight shots over the final nine minutes of the period. Mathias Laferriere had a glorious chance to tie the game, 2-2, just three minutes into the second.

On a night when the power plays went a combined 0-for-9, the Bruins got an unlikely hero late in the second when Joey Atule took the loose change off the right-wing wall before snapping the shot over the blocker of Zhernoko at the 16:00 mark of the frame, sending the Bruins into the third with a 3-2 lead.

That lead would hold up through the final 20 minutes, as Bussi’s great night continued with 25 saves on 27 shots, including a perfect 19-for-19 in the final two periods. The Springfield goalie played to scuffle, going 0-for-5 on Saturday and 0-for-10 over the two games on the weekend.

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IN THE CLASSROOM
HCC president Christina Royal to retire in 2023

HOLYOKE Holyoke Community College President Christina Royal will retire from the college following the 2022-2023 academic year, she announced today.

Her last day will be July 14, 2023.

“It has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life to serve as the fourth president of this great institution,” she said in a message to the community.

“I am now the time to prepare for the next chapter of my life,” Royal, 50, said she is leaving HCC for another job and has no specific plans.

“One of the greatest responsibilities of any leader is to know when and why to lead an institution and also when and why it is time to leave it,” she said.

“I have spent a considerable amount of time reflecting about this life change, and my ‘why’ is simple and straightforward. I am motivated by expansion and personal growth in the form of new learnings and experiences and an opportunity to pass the torch to the present moment.”

Royal started at HCC in January 2017. She is the fourth president in the 75-year history of HCC and not only the first woman to hold that position but the first openly gay and first bi-racial person to serve HCC as president.

“President Royal’s understanding of higher education and the management of higher education has been invaluable to the board and to me personally,” Robert Gilbert, chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, said. “She has always known what the best is and has been able to take HCC to the next level and she involved everyone in the process of moving the college forward.”

Presidential search plans have begun.

“President Royal has laid a strong foundation with her Cabinet that will, I have no doubt, continue to carry out the daily activities of the college over this year and beyond,” Gilbert said. “The work to advance HCC’s mission, vision, and strategic plans will continue.

Without question, higher education as a sector is in for a lot of change as we look to the future, but Dr. Royal has prepared our institution well and has set HCC up for success far beyond her tenure.

Before coming to HCC, Royal served as provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. Prior to that she was associate vice president for learning and innovation at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland and director of technology-assisted learning for the School of Graduate and Continuing Education.

In her announcement, Royal cited some of the milestones of her tenure working collaboratively to develop HCC’s first strategic plan, advancing equity across the institution; and investing in programs to support students’ basic needs, such as creating the President’s Student Emergency Fund to provide grants to student facing immediate financial difficulties.

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planning at UMass Amherst, Valley On Board is part of a larger two-year partnership between the UMass Amherst Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department and Civil and Environmental Engineering department, and Western New England University. PVTA was awarded the grant funds for the Pioneer Valley Transit Review and Improvement Planning Study to conduct a comprehensive assessment and strategic planning of routes, services and facilities to inform the design of a sustainable transit system to support economic vitality across the Pioneer Valley.

The survey is the third of four phases of the Valley On Board project. Phase I consisted of an analysis of the current PVTA network, scenario planning to envision future contexts and the design of proposed route alternatives to enhance transit service, while Phase II involved research into energy modeling, transit data and technology use, and fare and financing models. Following completion of the survey, and for the project’s fourth and final phase, PVTA will finish the review process and develop a finance and implementation plan.

Upon completion of the survey, participants can enter a raffle to win one of four $25 Visa gift cards. The raffle closes Dec. 31, and winners will be notified via email. On Dec. 7, the students will incorporate responses received from the survey to that point in a presentation that will be livestreamed on the Valley On Board website.

More information about the Valley On Board project, including a link to the survey, the project’s first report from 2021 and a list of upcoming events, can be found at www.ValleyOnBoard.org.

Photo courtesy of UMass Amherst.

Camille Barchers, assistant professor of regional planning at UMass-Amherst, said the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute has increased student-parents access to free, short-term programs through the HCC Child Watch Program (to provide HCC housing), and launching the Itsy Bitsy Thoroughfare (to help students find affordable housing). Barchers also mentioned partnering with Holyoke Housing Authority (to help students find affordable housing), and launching the Ivy Bixs Child Watch Program (to provide HCC student-parents access to free, short-term care for their children).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD22P2255EA

In the case of: Esther Ruth Pittello
Also Known As: Esther R. Pittello
Date of Death: July 28, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the estate of the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Victoria J Dubue of Chicopee, MA has been informed that the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered by certain personal representatives. Victoria J Dubue of Chicopee, MA has been personally informed that the Petitioner, a named personal representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inquiries not to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

11/11/2022

CHICOPPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LGAL NOTICE

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Free entree for veterans and active duty military at Ninety Nine Restaurants on Veterans Day

Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub has announced that all 103 Ninety Nine Restaurants across New England and upstate New York will welcome veterans and active duty military as special guests from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, to receive a FREE entree from the Veterans Day menu with the purchase of another entree. Available for dine-in only.

“Every year, the Ninety Nine looks forward to hosting veterans and active duty military as our guests on Veteran’s Day to enjoy a meal with us,” W. Craig Barber, CEO, Ninety Nine Restaurants, said. “This is our way to show our appreciation and to recognize the brave men and women of the military community, including our team members, and the families that support them. We can’t thank them enough for all they have sacrificed and accomplished.”

When presenting proof of service or a valid military ID, veterans and active duty military can choose a FREE entree from the Veterans Day menu with the purchase of another entree, the selection includes:

• Baked Shroed
• Country Fried Chicken
• Crispy Fish Sandwich
• All American Burger
• Apple Cranberry Chicken Salad
• Perk Carnitas Southwest Fajita Bowl

Throughout the year, Ninety Nine Restaurants continues to offer veterans and active duty military with special savings when visiting a local Ninety Nine. Veterans and active duty military receive a 10% food discount by presenting proof of service or a military ID (offered daily).

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Volleyball team completes season

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LUDLOW - On Saturday, Dec. 3, a 36-seat King Ward coach bus will depart Ludlow High School’s parking lot at 500 Chapin St., Ludlow at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Shoppers should start arriving at LHS for 8:15 a.m. The round trip fare for this Christmas shopping trip is $49 and includes the driver’s gratuity.

Checks are payable to ROZ SOUSA, 614 Fuller St., Ludlow, 01056. Please write your cell phone number on the check.

We depart Wrentham Outlets at 3 p.m. sharp. Proceeds will be donated to the Florida Disaster Fund.

Email Gloria grfort127@yahoo.com for further questions/concerns. The bus is filling, and we hope YOU will be one of our happy shoppers. Thank you.