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Gavin Miller, head coach of varsity boys basketball at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, and his brother, Jordan Miller, head coach of varsity boys basketball at Chicopee High School, all decked out in their respective gear.

Keeping up with the Miller Brothers

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - Brothers Gavin and Jordan Miller, head coaches of varsity boys basketball in Chicopee, have a heart for athletics, mentorship and inspiring the next generation to succeed.

Gavin Miller coaches at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, while Jordan Miller coaches for Chicopee High School, both of them also proud alums of the district who grew up on Chicopee Street.

Sitting down with the brothers at the library on Jan. 4, the Millers reflected on their journeys, love of basketball and the

importance of instilling values in the youth.

Gavin Miller called the brothers coaching at both high schools “an interesting duo.” He started coaching at Chicopee High and was an assistant there for five years before heading to Comp, where he’s now in his sixth year as head coach.

“It was good. It was always something that him and I talked about, getting him to be a head coach as well, kind of just helped him on his journey, talking about different things, kind of got him in the right mindset,” he said. “And now this year, he finally had the opportunity to get in. So super proud.”

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Chicopee ranked No.13 in country for 2024 National Night Out

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The City of Chicopee was ranked #13 in the country by the National Night Out Committee due to the outstanding participation shown on August 7, 2024 at Sarah Jane Park. Ranked #22 out of all the cities in the country with a 50,000 to 100,000 population in 2023, the city moved up 9 spots to earn this #13 spot and accomplishment in 2024, where the city was presented a plaque honoring being in the top 20 on Jan. 15.

Public Information Officer Travis Odiorne spoke about his role in the National Night Out and the gratitude he felt during that night. Managing the ice cream truck and serving over 2,000 pieces of dessert, Odiorne discussed his view from the truck that brought smiles to everyone’s faces.

“The night went really well from what I could see from my area. I wasn’t able to partake in the activities because of where I was in the ice cream truck, but it was still a fun night. From our set up, we had our autism booth, photo booth, motorcycles, bearcat vehicle and our boat. Other departments had their respective vehicles out, giving out free items to the community,” Odiorne said. “People were able to come along and see what was available to them in the community, whether it was fire or EMS services, food, lodging, things like that. It’s a fun activity for the kids to partake in but it’s, also, for families to explore new resources they



PHOTO COURTESY OF MONICA TORRES

A photo of the plaques recognizing the city of Chicopee for their 2023 and 2024 National Night Out events. Chicopee was ranked #22 in 2023, then moved up to #13 for 2024

may have not been aware of in the neighboring communities. That is important.”

From the National Night Out website, “National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.” The goal is to make neighborhoods safer and caring places to live.

Odiorne added how the ranking process goes and how the department found out about it.

“After a National Night Out, they provide information back to the organization based on how many vendors signed up and roughly how many people showed up to the event. Then the organization takes

that criteria and breaks it down to other cities with similar population sizes, calculating the numbers and that is how they rank it,” Odiorne said. “We found out through an email that provided the rankings and then they’ll send us a plaque to recognize us being in the top 20.”

The plaque was presented to the city on Jan. 15, reading, “Recognizing outstanding participation in ‘America’s Night Out Against Crime’ presented by National Association of Town Watch to Chicopee, MA.”

Odiorne was thrilled Chicopee was recognized for a second straight year for Na-

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City Council sends back signatures for review

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CHICOPEE - The City Council wants the Rules Committee to reconsider a recommendation for recall elections in a unanimous vote on Jan. 7.

The council felt the favorable report’s recommendations of 500 signatures for an initial recall along with having 5,000 required signatures for recall petition sheets was too large and wants the Rules Committee to consider a smaller number.

What is the recall item?

The proposed recall petition—which has been in the works and discussed by the City Council on several occasions—would be this: any holder of elective city office in Chicopee can be recalled for any reason by any registered voters in

the city. The initial recall would need to be signed by at least 500 voters with name and address and then filed with the city clerk.

From there, the Registrar of Voters would verify the signatures within 14 calendar days. If found sufficient, the first 10 registered voters that signed the affidavit will receive a formal numbered and printed recall petition sheet, with 30 days from the date of receiving the recall petition to file the signed recall petitions.

The recall petition sheets are where the required 5,000 signatures would come in.

After the sheets are received and certified by the Registrar of Voters, the City Council will receive the submitted petition and certificate from the city clerk. If the officer recalled does not resign within five calendar days after receiving the written notice from the City Council about the

petition, the council would then order an election held on a date chosen by them no more than 90 days after receipt of the certified petition.

Councilors’ Thoughts

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga explained she would rather the number be a percentage—suggesting 20%—as opposed to 5,000 registered voters.

“This, to me, just seems almost impossible. Again, when you have your voters that are speaking out, it just seems like it would just be harder to remove somebody that really needs to be removed and I would like this to go back and be done,” Arriaga said.

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner noted “the 25% down to 5,000” is “actually less than 20%, because about 10% of the registered voters of the city of Chicopee is around 4,400” based

on the last numbers he received from City Clerk Keith Rattell.

However, Wagner is “still not in favor of this.”

“The 500 number for any office holder, regardless of ward or at-large, is extremely high. Long gone are the days of when mayoral races would generate over 10,000, sometimes 12 or 13,000 voters. That just doesn’t happen anymore,” Wagner said.

Wagner said he knows many people in wards were elected “with only a couple of hundred votes, sometimes no more than 400.”

“I know that when I was first elected to the School Committee, it was just shy of six (hundred) for one of the highest turnout wards in the city. I mean, that’s pretty sad, frankly, and it’s going to be impossible for anyone to actually perform a recall under this provision,” Wagner said.

Wagner stressed, “If we’re going to do this, let’s at least make it possible for people to do it.”

“I mean, this is shameful,” Wagner said. “Sorry, but that’s what it is.”

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello agreed with Arriaga and Wagner.

“There is a lot of controversy in regards to the percentages and the amount that we need,” Costello said. “So, I agree that we should have further discussion on this end of that.”

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme noted, “It’s very hard with this new way we do our meetings in not having people come in just to talk like they used to be able to talk.”

“That’s what’s good about

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Knights of Columbus #4044 donates jackets to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The second Wednesday of every month, Knights of Columbus Fairview Council #4044 offers a delicious spaghetti supper, featuring the special homemade sauce guests rave about until the next dinner. On Jan. 8, members presented and donated winter coats to Executive Director Kim Caisse of Lorraine's to show their support in the work the soup kitchen does daily.

Sitting down with Grand Knight Ron Grenier, who has been serving in this role since July 2024, Grenier discussed his involvement with the facility and the transition into the grand knight position.

Planning on serving the two year term, Grenier talked about one of the biggest nights of the year that went pretty smooth.

"I have been here since 1988. I am still learning a lot as a Grand Knight, I think the second year will be a piece of cake. I have my first Thanksgiving under my belt. We served 300 people in-house and then we delivered around 1,300 meals out to the communities. I think it's great so far, everyone is so appreciative of what we do. We're still getting thank you cards and donations from that dinner. If they can't come to us, we go out to them. We see the smiles on their faces when they come in here, it makes us feel good," Grenier said.

The spaghetti supper was accessible for everyone, offering a grand space with ample room for members' friends, families, and the general public were able to sit down and enjoy their dinner with the community. Serving spaghetti with the famous meat sauce, there was also a bake sale that benefited the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

"Tonight, we are serving spaghetti with our own meat sauce. Monday morning, before Wednesday, we are here making our own spaghetti sauce. I'm here in



TURLEY PHOTOS BY AMANDA MUNSON

Executive Director Kim Caisse of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen spoke about how grateful the soup kitchen was in receiving this donation from the Knights.



A wide view of the monthly spaghetti dinner that held over 100 people this past Wednesday.



Knights of Columbus members were proud to provide Lorraine's Kitchen with winter coats during these colder months.

the beginning breaking up the hamburger, we grab a big kettle and pour the sauce in, add the paste and spices," Grenier said. "People love it and it gets bigger every month. We have different organizations that put on the bake sales and all that. People buy tickets at the door, you can either get the meal served in house or we offer meals to go."

Grenier then reflected on the coats.

"We have a Coats for Kids that we do, Steve and I went to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen. We had cases of coats, when Kim comes in today, we are planning to donate them to her. I remember one person who came in with a kid who looked like they both needed a coat. We were able to provide them with winter coats, it was the greatest feeling. That made ev-

This one of a kind spaghetti sauce offers mouthwatering cravings for the next dinner; open to the public the second Wednesday every month.

erything!" Grenier said.

In the middle of supper, Grenier went up in front of the crowd and announced the council's donation to Lorraine's with Executive Director Kim Caisse present, holding up a coat saying, "As a council, we get coats for kids that we distribute in November and December. We had extra cases and we are donating all of them to Lorraine's Kitchen."

Caisse picked up the microphone and added, "I just want to say thank you to the Knights of Columbus for always supporting Lorraine's. They are a huge sponsor of ours, they donate and support us throughout the year and we really appreciate it. Thank you!"

When asked further about her thoughts about the donation, Caisse shared this.

"It's a great time for us right now because it's winter and it's very chilly out right now. People are coming in every day and we are giving out hats and

scarves. The addition of coats is going to help us so much and being able to help the community, we really appreciate the Knights of Columbus donation," Caisse said.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus and other upcoming events, visit kofc4044.com.

For Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, they will be holding a Purse Bingo on March 14 at the Knights of Columbus Council 69 on Granby Road. To learn more, check out their Facebook page or contact Kim Caisse at 413-592-9528 or Donna Marratta at 413-557-9280.

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City Council to address Open Meeting Law complaint

Dorothy Ave property also referred to Public Works Committee

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CHICOPEE - The City Council will address an Open Meeting Law complaint they received on December 13, 2024.

On Jan. 7, it was explained that the council received a complaint filed by Jonathan Gerhardson regarding the meeting agendas and minutes not being ADA-compliant and the Zoom link for City Council meetings and committee meetings not being clickable.

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme thanked Attorney Tim Riley, Ron Rivet from the IT Department and the council's office for working on this right away to address the situation.

"Our attorney was able to get an extension on this because we had gotten it. We have to send it to Rules Committee and then we're going to vote on it," Laflamme said. "I think within two days after we got this, they realized--the IT Department--and the software has already been installed in our system for the City Council office and that's been done. But, we'll take it up in committee, but I want to let you know that it's been taken care of, but we're going to take it up and finalize it then."

Laflamme clarified with Riley the extension was through Jan. 22.

"So, after our next meeting, he'll be able to answer it to the state and be done with it," Laflamme said.

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner said he, personally, disagreed with the person being named as the sole person "who caused whatever technical difficulties there were."

"For anyone who doesn't know, our staff dutifully takes all of our emails and creates the orders and prepares the agenda, hand-delivers it to the clerk's office and time stamps it, scans it and then uploads it to the city website. Do I agree we should be uploading the backup material? Yes, I asked about that but was told that there might be some 'sensitive' materials in there eventually that we might not want people to see," Wagner said. "But, it's a whole chain of people who these agendas touch. We have limitations on the technology and it'd probably be just simpler to

put the Zoom link right in the meeting notification, but that's not something that the City Council explicitly controls, let alone just Frank. That's not how that works. So, thanks for keeping our meetings running in an orderly fashion."

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne said he could sympathize with Wagner's thoughts on the backup materials concern and was told the same thing himself.

"I did bring forth a program last year from the MMA Meeting that would have eliminated all this if we actually accepted that person's business and did that in a fashion that he was proposing. All of this would have been eliminated if we just went along with my proposal," Courchesne said.

Another meeting highlight was a property on Dorothy Avenue, being approved to be referred to the Public Works Committee for a public hearing.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello explained several residents were concerned about the property.

"I've been in contact with the Board of Health and I want a public hearing in regards to an update on what's happening on this particular property," Costello said.

When Laflamme asked about the reasons and what the committee would be looking at, Costello said this.

"They're going to look at and discuss in public the status of the problem properly here," Costello said.

This was approved unanimously.

Also, the City Council accepted the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant--or the JAG Grant--from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$27,608 to purchase three sit/stand workstation consoles for the Real-Time Information Center.

Mayor John Vieau had explained to the councilors this and mayor's order two go together, adding the second order would be a mayor's appropriation of \$27,680 to the Police Special Account for Building Renovations from the Stabilization Fund.

"So, it'll be a reimbursement from the stabilization funds that we'd be spending and as you can see from your background information, it'll be used for, again, the purchase of three sit/stand workstation consoles for the Real Time Information Center," Vieau said.

These orders were also unanimously approved.

Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

I know we've all heard of brotherly and sisterly love but it was so evident while having the pleasure of sitting down and chatting with Aaron and Amy Porchelli. I asked if they'd always been close, their answer yes, and shared how they'd continually watched out for one another even in their youth.

They expressed how their parents who have been married sixty-three years, were great examples and instilled in them the importance of family. Aaron conveyed how he loved coaching his kids and the younger generation for various sports. Amy and Aaron have carried their parent's belief of family forward not only with each other but their spouses and the next generation. Aaron described how it's often those little things that make such a difference in the quality of life for not only yourself but others. One small example he gave, bringing in a neighbor's trash barrel for them, an effortless gesture. Just a nice Random Act of Kindness.

I'd actually met and knew of Aaron years ago through a friend of mine. In his younger years he helped their kids put in and take out the dock at their lake house, and though he enjoyed the escapades at the lake, he unselfishly offered his help. Aaron has always enjoyed helping others and for over twenty-one years has been an Independent Energy Agent helping people with their gas and electric services. Two years ago he ventured down another path, passed the real estate test and is now a licensed agent as well.

Amy, I met as she's an artist and helps residents where I'm employed with some amazing artwork. She founded her business ArtSong in 2011, providing art enrichment and organizational development programs in our local communities. She's quick to smile and has a warm heart that just endears you to her immediately. Having musical abilities as well, she gives private piano lessons too! I've watched her as she's encouraged some of the residents to explore their imaginations with colors and textures giving each one special attention, as if they were a member of her own family. It's beautiful to witness her kindness as she wants each person to have wonderful experiences.

Did I mention these siblings are very musically talented and collaborated on an original album, 'Bigger Than Me' in 2019? They play in several local establishments as a duo band called 'The Wandering Kin' and also enjoy performing with a six-piece Pink Floyd tribute band called, 'Retro Floyd.'

Though after chatting with people

and being enlightened by the various things they tell me regarding Random Acts of Kindness, this space doesn't allow me to share all their wonderful stories. However, the one that stands out in my mind after chatting with Aaron and Amy was the vision Aaron had come to him during a dream.

Last year Aaron called Amy telling her she'd think he was crazy but went on to share his dream. In this vision they were singing while going into nursing homes, senior centers, schools and other organizations. But instead of doing this as paid gigs, they would do these as complimentary acoustic performances. The premise of this was to put smiles on 1,000 people's faces! Well instead of thinking he was crazy, Amy absolutely loved the idea and his night-time dream became a reality! In addition to this vision they soon founded the '1,000 Smiles' sing-a-thon. They both beamed as they talked about what it had meant to see all those faces light up with their music. This also gave me a beautiful mental image as I imagined all these faces just radiating happiness!

Their plan was a repeat performance this year while adding on some new spots as well. All the plans were in place and they excitedly anticipated this year's festivities but on concert day Aaron woke with no voice plus knew it was something more so didn't want to take the chance of infecting others. Needless to say they were heartbroken as all the holiday plans and promises had to be cancelled. However, they've vowed they're coming back stronger and want to increase the amount of places they sing this year and in the coming years as they expand it for more than one day in the future as well.

What an incredible visualization Aaron had and to be willing to share their talents with no financial gains but instead gaining at the soul level, that's truly a beautiful Random Act of Kindness!

Both Aaron and Amy said living a good life is simply, "Just doing the right thing for people." They added with animated expressions, "It keeps you young!" So if you want to live a good life and stay young the secret is, do a Random Act of Kindness!

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

Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

CHICOPEE- On Monday, Jan. 13, multiple officers were assigned to a directed patrol to enforce crosswalk violations. An Officer in plain clothes was assigned to cross the street in a marked crosswalk near the intersection of Broadway St. and Lincoln St.

The Officer wore a reflective bracelet and used a flashlight to illuminate himself as he attempted to cross the street. During the four-hour period of this patrol a total of 38 violations were observed, this resulted in 19 citations being issued totaling \$3,850 in fines.

Officers also issued 15 warnings and four criminal complaints for various infractions such as suspended licenses, unlicensed and unregistered uninsured motor vehicles.

We will be conducting these directed patrols at various locations in the city at varying times of the day. It is important to be aware of pedestrians at all times of the day and night.

As a reminder the fine for failure to stop for a pedestrian is \$205.00.

Operators Stay Alert and Stay Safe, Pedestrians be safe, be seen.

Laughs for Backpacks takes place Feb. 7

CHICOPEE - Faded Barber Lounge and Breaking Oppression will be hosting Laughs for Backpacks, a comedy fundraiser to benefit the Faded Barber Lounge's annual giveaway for their Back to School event, on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Portuguese American Club at 8 p.m.

The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show takes place at 8 p.m.


Tickets are \$25 and there will also be

BYOS—bring your own snacks—a cash bar, raffles, a 50/50 drawing and silent and live auctions.

The event is for those over the age of 18.

For tickets, to donate or sponsor, please visit www.funny4funds.com/ events.

For more information, contact Ricardo at 413-314-0863 or cutsbyric@gmail.com.



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Application will be accepted in person, via email at Tperez@valleyopp.com. The lottery drawing will be held publicly via zoom on April 28, 2025. For information contact our office at 413-594-3271.

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GUEST COLUMN



Prepping for this years' big garden

Last week I wrote about the desire to go back to my roots, so to speak, and embrace my homesteading self this New Year.

It's funny how when you are young and inexperienced you just "have at it" without much thought or planning. Sure, I had a general idea when it was best to sow my seeds indoors so that my transplants would be a good size come Memorial Day, but beyond that I sort of gardened when and how I felt like it.

These days I find it's good to have a plan of action. Here is where I will start in the coming weeks.

The first thing on the agenda is to go through my seed stash and decide what to keep and what to chuck. I usually throw out any seed that is older than three years, except for maybe tomatoes. I have had 5 or even 7-year-old tomato seeds germinate.

The three year rule does not apply to hybrid onions, carrots or parsnips. Those I get rid of at the two year mark.

If you are into growing herbs, I rarely have luck with lovage, dill or valerian after the first year. After I've whittled down my stash based on age, I will then look at what I have left in the envelopes and if I like that particular variety enough to buy more, or if I'd better start off with a new type altogether.

If it didn't work last year, why grow it again? I feel this way especially as I get older.

I used to have a friend who was a bit morbid as he aged, and he'd say, "if I'm lucky I'll get another 10 gardens." While that used to depress me to hear that, I guess it's a good point to make.

Once I've got the seed package pile figured out, the fun begins. I'll get my seed orders in early, to beat the rush, especially if I want to grow transplants that take a lot of time to size up.

Onions are best started indoors around Valentine's Day. For flower lovers among us the fun starts earlier.

Wax begonias can be sown now! Yes, now! Coleus and petunia are not long after.

While many decades of growing have approximate dates burned into my brain on some things, others I will have to look up, especially since I am trying to grow more of our food with vegetables coming in as soon as possible and without gaps.

There are some fantastic resources out there for custom tailoring your growing/sowing schedule. Seed catalogs are just one. I love Johnny's Selected Seed (www.johnnyseeds.com) for this reason. Because they cater market growers as well as home gardeners, this catalog is packed with useful tips.

Online you will find a treasure trove of topics that will get you excited and well-equipped.

Speaking of equipped, it's also a great time to take inventory of your supplies. Do I have enough seed starting mix on hand, and did I like it enough to use again?

One year I bought germinating medium that had such little fertility. My plants were on the yellow side and stunted.

I try to grow organically as much as possible, and this soil nearly made me run for the blue water. I ended up mixing that lousy soil with some good soil, and added some fertilizer to the whole batch before using it in bigger container plantings.

Many soil bags will actually state that supplemental fertilizer is necessary after

GUEST COLUMN

Thank you, Mr. President

By Brandice J. O'Brien
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Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity

WEST SPRINGFIELD - On Dec. 29, 2024, the world lost, arguably, Habitat for Humanity International's best-known volunteer and advocate. Thirty-ninth President James Earl "Jimmy" Carter passed away at 100 years old. President Carter, and his late wife Rosalynn, began volunteering with Habitat in 1984. Since then, their involvement and dedication to the nonprofit only grew.

"We are deeply saddened by President Carter's passing and our prayers are with the Carter family," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). "We are grateful for the incredible impact the Carters have had on Habitat and on the families who have benefitted from their shining example. The Carters put Habitat for Humanity on the map and their legacy lives on in every family we serve around the world."

Three years after President Carter and Rosalynn left the White House, the pair ventured to Americus,

in their home state of Georgia, to work with Habitat for Humanity. The couple quickly realized Habitat's mission aligned closely with their own values and soon developed a strong relationship with the nonprofit to combat the affordable housing crisis.

"I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others and to share some of our blessings with those who are in need," President Carter once said. "What's opened up that avenue for me and my wife and hundreds and thousands of others is Habitat for Humanity. It makes it easy for us to reach out and work side by



President Jimmy Carter

side with the homeowner who's never had a decent house, perhaps. I haven't been on a Habitat project that I wasn't thrilled and inspired and wept."

"Habitat successfully removed the stigma of charity by substituting it with a sense of partnership," President Carter once said.

The first "Carter Work Project" was in September 1984 in New York City's Lower East Side to renovate a six-story abandoned building for affordable housing. The Carters led dozens of volunteers to work alongside 19 families.

President Carter hadn't been active on a build site after 2019, but his namesake lives on. In its 40 years, more than 108,100 volunteers have participated in 14 countries and built 4,447 Habitat homes in quick-turn-around construction projects.



Jimmy and Rosalynn 2019

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A national day of mourning commemorating President Carter was held Jan. 9. Flags will be flown at half-staff for 30 days, following the president's death. To see more about President Carter's contributions to Habitat, visit bit.ly/4j7IQgE



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three-four weeks. And I should say that I do find it worth the investment to buy potting soil that is geared specifically to seed sowing, ie the germinating medium or seed-starting mix I speak of. It is milled finer for tiny seeds and will not stay too damp, or too dry, leading to a higher success rate.

In addition to assessing your soil, take a look at your stash of containers and labels. If you are re-using, make sure to wash both well, so that any diseases or pathogens won't infect this years' efforts.

You really don't need fancy, purchased containers.

The plastic boxes that mushrooms come in work great as sowing packs; just drill holes

in the bottom. Cut up yogurt tubs make wonderful labels, and clear lidded salad boxes are perfect to place the seed packs in until germination occurs.

Low budget and earth friendly!

Next week we'll look at the role heat and light play in indoor seed starting.

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

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Jordan Miller has coached at CHS for nearly a decade and has done all three levels: junior varsity, freshman and now varsity, crediting his older brother for getting him involved.

"The coaching aspect was something different. Playing basketball is easy for us, right? Because we're good basketball players, right? So, playing is easy, but the coaching aspect gave me a new challenge on how to make an impact with the kids from my neighborhood too. That's what got me into coaching. Being there for the kids from our neighborhood," he said.

Reflecting on their upbringing on Chicopee Street and beloved family, the brothers explained their driving motivation was supporting the kids who struggled like they did.

"It was bigger than just basketball for us. It was about helping the next group of kids from our neighborhood succeed in life," Jordan Miller said.

"So, it's one of those things where it's, yes, basketball is what I'm doing. I'm the coach of basketball, but it's bigger than that," Gavin Miller said. "We want to try to help these young men mature into adulthood. It's the start of getting them on the road to succeed."

Gavin Miller also credited the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee for keeping him on the right path growing up, sharing a story of Mayor John Vieau--who worked at the Boys & Girls Club back in the day--sneaking him and his friends into the club after it was closed so they could play basketball and stay out of trouble.

"There was a lot of gang stuff back then, so we tried to stay away from that and just use basketball," he said. "It's, honestly, literally full circle. It's come full circle. Now we're helping the same kids, kind of like that people help me and I just want to give back and do the same thing that people have done for me. Keep them out of trouble. Yes, it's basketball, but it's bigger than that."

Jordan Miller said coaching basketball helped him mature as well.

"It's only right that what we do is give back. We give back to the kids. Bro's at all the events," he said. "Showing our face, showing that we care and putting it into play. It's more than just being at events and doing those things. It's taking time with those kids, it's having those conversations. It's having those tough conversations."

His biggest joy is when kids come back and say, "Some of those conversations really changed my life" or the conversations "got me out of the negative thoughts I was thinking about."

"Those are the biggest things--for me--that keep me going as a coach," he said.

Gavin Miller, who also works as a truancy officer for the district, shared how a kid who graduated from CHS when he was there will now start at the academy for the Sheriff's Department.

"He sent me a message that he's getting in and when he gets pinned for his graduation, he wants me to come and pin him for the ceremony," he said. "It's heartfelt that I had an impact on a kid that, now, I can get him a job as an adult and this is all what we talk about. It's bigger than basketball."

The lessons the brothers teach their athletes are accountability and attitude and effort. Also, to work hard in their classes.

"We're getting them ready for life," Jordan Miller said. "In life, you have to be accountable for your actions, what's going on around you."

"Your attitude, your effort, no matter what happens, no matter what the situation is, have a positive attitude and give it your all," Gavin Miller said. "Anything in life, you can go and be successful with those things."

The brothers want the community to know they are here to motivate the athletes in Chicopee and keep giving back.

"We are here! We're here and we plan on taking Chicopee basketball to the next level. Not just high school, the youth too. We had some changes in the youth programs this year and it's to help develop our Chicopee basketball players to go to one of us instead of outside of the city," Jordan Miller said. "I think that's the biggest goal we had. To keep Chicopee, Chicopee. I don't care who they pick, they pick Comp or High, whatever they want to do. As long as we keep our athletes in our city, I think that's our biggest goal for us, for the youth and moving forward."

"We grew up here, we're from here, raised here, born here, bred here," Gavin Miller said.

"Take pride in being here," Jordan Miller added.

"Look at us as Chicopee, like 'they got something going on.' Really make the city top to bottom proud of everything that we've done," Gavin Miller said.



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CFD raises awareness for Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month

CHICOPEE - January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Occupational cancer is the leading cause of death in the fire service.

January was declared Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month to draw attention to this major health issue in the fire service. The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services has been promoting cancer awareness, prevention and early detection all month long.

On Jan. 10, the fire department was visited by Dr Christine Kannler who volunteers her time to perform free skin cancer screenings for firefighters across the Commonwealth through Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. Chicopee Fire Captain Zach Vozella, an occupational cancer survivor, volunteered his time to assist at the screening event.



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

A group photo with members of the Chicopee Police Department during the 2024 National Night Out at Sarah Jane Park in Chicopee.

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tional Night Out.

"Being in the top 20 shows that the community is continuing to support the things we do

in the city and we had a lot more vendors this year and a lot more community members show up to enjoy the night," Odiorne said. "I think it's about having a positive impact with the community and

taking the time to come out and support us. It's our appreciation to them of what we do throughout the year. To my coworkers and the city, thanks for continuing to show support."

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us being able to talk again and send it back because it's sad that we can't all just hash it out at the other meetings like we used to do when we had seven members and people were able to talk," Laflamme said. "It's really tough when you can't do that and it's almost tying our hands somewhat. So, I have

no problem sending this all back. I have no problem because I've now heard from everybody that we can talk on the floor like this and then bring it back and discuss it more."

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky agrees "in some sense" to what the other councilors said.

"I mean, it does seem excessive to have 500 for a ward. I mean,

it's not hard to get signatures. It's time-consuming, but not difficult. I would be in favor of, maybe, dropping it for a ward position at like 200, 250, because I mean you can get 150 signatures within a day. I mean, if you really bust your (butt) you can do it," Shumsky said. "I'd be open to the idea of lowering it from a 500 threshold for a ward position to around 200, 250."

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Colts start strong, win fourth straight

CHICOPEE – Last Friday night, Chicopee Comprehensive boys basketball scored another win, defeating Westfield 66-56. The Colts had a 16-8 run, doubling up the Bombers out of the gate.

They followed that by notching 25 more points in the second quarter. Though Westfield made a strong run at

the end, it was not enough to overcome the deficit. Jacoby Haney had 15 points to lead the team. Garrett Gauthier scored 13 points and Elijah Kleps added 12 points.

The Colts are now 6-3 and have won four straight games. The Colts face off with Commerce on Friday night, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
Elijah Kleps flies for a shot.



Francis Jordan attempts a layup.



Garrett Gauthier goes for a short jump shot.



Nicholas Sliwa surveys the offensive end of the court.



Brody Fay gets a quick shot off.



Justin Martinez crosses onto the offensive end of the court.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Michael Jenkins tries to avoid a takedown at 144 pounds.

Chicopee wrestling locks up at Quabbin

BARRE – Last Saturday morning, Chicopee High School wrestling, which copes with Chicopee Comprehensive, had a set of dual meets at Central Mass. Quabbin Regional High School. The event

included South Hadley, Granby, and Mahar from Western Mass. Chicopee wrestled a really tough school in Boston College High School as well. The Pacers next face Minnechaug on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.



Khalil Verdajo gets ready to lock up at 150.



Jeremiah Delgado tries to keep out of a takedown.



Nehemiah Dykes grapples in a 157-pound match.

Hampden Charter falls to Pathfinder

CHICOPEE – Last Friday night, Hampden Charter girls basketball was defeated by Pathfinder 50-24. The Wolves, which have players from Chicopee, Holyoke, and Springfield, struggled on offense in the matchup. But they rebounded to get their first win of the season on Jan. 13, 42-20 over Gateway Regional. The 1-6 Wolves next face Ludlow on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.



Danica Gagne gets the long jumper for the Wolves.



Giules Marino, of Holyoke, aims her shot.



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Chloe Blake takes a shot.



Grace Vadnais receives a pass.

T-Birds reach .500 with road win

HARTFORD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (15-15-2-1) rode spectacular performances by Simon Robertsson and Colten Ellis to a 3-1 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (16-16-2-1) on Sunday inside the XL Center.

The opening period yielded a scarce amount of chances for the two squads, as Ellis and Dylan Garand were each a perfect 8-for-8 in save opportunities. Dalibor Dvorsky came the closest of the two teams to breaking the scoreless tie when he wristed a forehand off the post on the stick side.

The Wolf Pack, which scored only once in their last three games on home ice, broke the ice at 3:37 of the second as Ryder Korczak cashed a 3-on-2 rush with his third of the season to give the visitors a 1-0 advantage. That Hartford lead lasted less than three minutes as Robertsson evened the slate at 6:20 with a backhand rebound after Garand denied an initial shot from Corey Schueneman.

With the 1-1 score carrying into the period's final minute, Springfield got a tie-breaking goal from a rookie for the second straight evening. Robertsson

was nearing the end of a shift but gutted it out with an incredible individual effort to split between two Wolf Pack defenseman before drubbing a forehand shot through Garand's legs at 19:08. The rookie's first career multi-goal game in the AHL gave the T-Birds the 2-1 lead heading into the third.

Ellis was the star of the show in a final period that saw the Wolf Pack relentlessly attack the Springfield goal. Time after time, the young backstop had an answer, racking up 19 third period saves, with a little help from his post along the way on a near-tying goal from Jaroslav Chmelar.

With Garand at the bench with just under two minutes remaining, Hugh McGing darted up the ice to cancel an icing and pound a loose puck into an empty net to end a 29-game goal-scoring drought.

With four points in their pockets out of the weekend, the T-Birds look to build on their momentum on Wednesday night as they make their first visit to Bridgeport to take on the Islanders at 7 p.m. at Total Mortgage Arena.

Chicopee Public Library announces upcoming programming

CHICOPEE - Here are some of our upcoming library programs.

The library is continuing our computer classes with TechHub. On Friday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. we will have the class "Career Search Skills". Register for the class on the library website or call us at 413-594-1800x108.

Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. – Needlecraft Circle

Meet with other crafters on the third Thursday of the month to craft and chat. No registration is required, just drop in.

Wed, Jan. 22 at 3:30 OR 4:30 p.m. - Hands Only CPR

You can register on the library website or call us at 413-594-1800 x108.

This free Red Cross Hands-Only CPR course teaches people how to perform hands-only CPR. Having more trained bystanders can help save lives by putting more cardiac arrest victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance. The primary way of teaching this CPR (or cardio-pulmonary re-

suscitation) technique is a 30-minute skill session. Participants learn how to check for consciousness, call 911 (or the local emergency number), and give chest compressions. CPR training certification is not provided through this course.

Teens and adults are welcome. For more information, please contact the Reference Department at 413-594-1800 x108 or cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org

For people wishing to work on genealogy, the computer lab is available to work on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am - noon and 6pm - 8pm. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry, American Ancestors and HeritageQuest to help you in your search.

If you need technology help, we offer one-on-one computer help on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, email or call the Reference Desk at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org and 594-1800 x3.

Chicopee Public Library hosts events for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children 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 2025.

Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Fridays Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. Babies crawling to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for free play followed by circle time exploring songs, fingerplays and movement!

Saturday Playgroup will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 18, and 25. Come play at the library! The playspace will be open for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

This month, the Children's Room is starting a new program for two year olds and their caregivers called Terrific Twos. This program includes a short storytime and a rotating selection of crafts and activities. No registration is required. This program is just for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. It will be on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 21.

On Wednesdays Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the community room, the library will have a Little Kid Dance Party geared for kids five and under and their caregivers. Older kids are welcome, as well. There will be songs, dancing and big movement! This is a new day for this program, which was previously held on Tuesdays.

Storytime will be held in the children's program room on Wednesday Jan. 29 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is based loosely around the early childhood literacy skills: sing, talk, read, write and play. We read

books, sing and move, and do a craft or activity. Recommended for preschool aged kids.

Come play a few rounds of BIN-GO for a chance to win some family DVDs on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. All ages welcome, no registration required.

The library will host a Meet-up for Homeschooling Families on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. Homeschooling families can meet each other and hang out. Chicopee's point person for AHM (Advocates for Home Education in MA) will be there. An activity will be provided.

Read to a Dog will return on Feb. 5!

The library will also offer some programs for teens in January. All teen programs are for middle and high school students.

The library is hosting a Hands-Only CPR Class offered by The Red Cross on Wednesday, Jan. 22 with two sessions, 3:30 and 4:30. This free course teaches people how to perform hands-only CPR. CPR training certification is not provided through this course. This program is open to teens and adults. Registration is required. Contact the Reference Department to sign up.

The library will host a Breaker Space for teens on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. Ever wonder what the inside of a computer looks like or how a VHS tape works? The best way to find out is by taking them apart with your own hands! (And of course putting them back together again afterwards!) Registration is required, contact the Children's Room to sign up!

For more information about the library and all of the upcoming events, visit www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

Dream Designers

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CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change from Commercial A to Industrial for the entirety of acres/square feet of property for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the industrial zoning district and allowing for the continued use of the subject property located at 0 McKinstry Ave. (Parcel ID# 0362-00046). Applicant – Gramntad, LLC c/o Mr. Clark Wojtowicz, 295 Chicopee St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The January 29, 2025 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 1/10, 1/17/2025

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9 (L) (2) for the purpose of amending a Special Permit granted by the City Council on March 1, 2022 for the redevelopment of the Baskin parcel on West Main Street. Waiver requested – From Code Sec 275-40(N) as authorized by 275-67(K)(3)(b) number of parking spaces – located at 75 West Main Street. Applicant – Brisa Development, LLC c/o Hammad Graham, 2009 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, MA 11234.

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (C 7) for the purpose of operating a towing and storage business located at 78 West St. Applicant – Cruise Control Transportation, Inc., Joshua Roy, President, 210 Charton Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD22P1187GD In the interests of: Esther Aubrey formerly of Chicopee, MA, now of Hadley, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Elaine Center at Hadley of Hadley, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to

object to this proceeding.

If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM, on the return date of 02/06/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: January 02, 2025
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Register of Probate
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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 17, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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VIN: 1G8ZH5286Z197040
Jose Vega Custodio
31 Davidson St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2014 Volkswagen Beetle
Turbo
VIN: 3VWV7TAT0EM624879
Shannon Scott
81Conz St., Apt. 415
Northampton, MA 01060

2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer
VIN: 1GNDDT13S962193829
Jonathan H Mikula
61 Pachaug River Dr.
Jewett City, CT 06351

1999 Toyota Corolla Ve/CE/Le
VIN: 2T1BR12E8XC157787
Josephine Reyes – Rodriguez
10 Colony Rd., Apt. 2A
West Springfield, MA 01089

2019 Ram 1500 Classic
Tradesman
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Pat McDonagh
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Chicago, IL 60612

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Timothy Cosenzi
8 Dalton St.
Wilbraham, MA 01095

2008 Mitsubishi Outlander Es
JA4LT21W78Z019861
Angel Feliciano Domenech
18 Country Club Dr., Apt 22
Manchester, NH 03102

2013 BMW 328XI
WBA3B5G51DNS04012
Jason Morgan
22 Chipmunk Rd., Fl 2nd
Springfield, MA 01108

2009 Honda Civic Hybrid
JHMFA36249S012122
Burhan Maras
28 Franklin St., Apt. B
Ludlow, MA 01056

1999 Toyota Corolla VE/Ce/LE
2T1BR12EXXC104251
Lillian Claudio
497 E Pleasant St., Apt. 96
Amherst, MA 01002

2017 Freightliner Cascadia 125
3AKJGLDR4HSHZ6594
Camino Freight Inc
21003 66th Ave.
Kent, WA 98032

01/17, 01/24, 01/31/2025

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VIN: KMHDU4ADXAU161640
Zackary Michael Joubert
232 Spikenard Circle
Springfield, MA 01129

2018 Toyota Corolla L/Le/Xle/Se/Xse
VIN: 2T1BURHE3JC002382
Damaris Rodriguez Burgos
125 Dorset St. #House
Springfield, MA 01108

2010 Honda Accord Ex-I
VIN: 1HGCP2F87AA001015
James Bradley and Eliza Vargas
303 Maple St. Apt. 358

Springfield, MA 01105
2005 Jeep Liberty Limited
VIN: 1J4GL58K55W595242
Maria A Gagliardi
28 Weybosset St.
Shelton, CT 06484
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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. HD25P0031PM In the matter of: Warren Louis Pare Of: Chicopee, MA

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Baystate Medical Center** of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Warren Louis Pare** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Daniel J. Lengieza** of Chicopee, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/05/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Date: January 08, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
01/17/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24P2559EA

Estate of: Margaret Tanner Also known as: Margaret Ann Tanner Date of Death: 11/07/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal**

Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Lori Davis of Fitchburg, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Lori Davis of Fitchburg, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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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

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Date: January 13, 2025
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01/17/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0408CA

In the matter of: Jennifer Lynn Weisgerber CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jennifer Lynn Weisgerber of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Jey Lynn Weisgerber IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/03/2025.**

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Littleville Elementary School incorporates engaging, hands-on projects and events:

- Hartford Wolf Pack School Learning Day
- Springfield Symphony Orchestra string instrument workshop
- Holiday Craft fair
- Interactive "Author's Experience" with writer Daryl Cobb.

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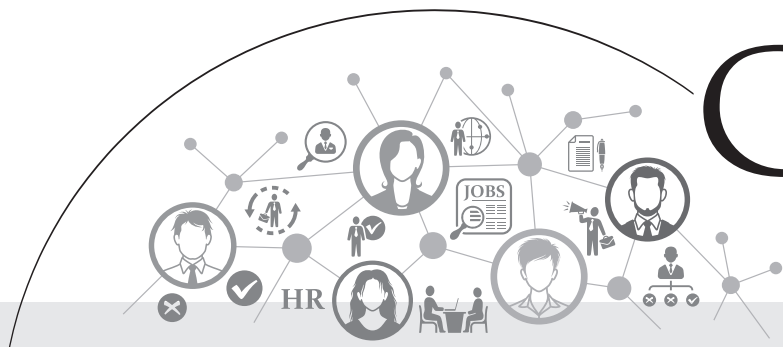
- Fun team-building activities
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- Community projects



Chester Elementary School focuses on sustainability, creativity, and environmental awareness:

- Teaching with Trout (raising brook trout from eggs to adulthood)
- School-wide composting initiative
- Student Media Club
- School-wide production of Willy Wonka Jr.
- Visit from the Whalemobile

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Gateway Raises the Bar(r) for Students

The Gateway Regional School District is making significant advancements in student engagement and staff development, thanks to funding from the Barr Foundation and enthusiastic commitment from students and staff. These funds are being used to support a variety of initiatives that align with the district's instructional vision, emphasizing real-world learning, collaboration, and innovation.

At Gateway Regional, a comprehensive plan has been developed for grades 6-12 to help students prepare for life beyond high school. This plan includes tailored learning experiences for each grade level, such as team-building activities for sixth graders, community exploration in seventh grade, and visits to community colleges for eighth graders. Ninth-grade students will engage in career exploration workshops led by industry experts, while tenth graders will visit four-year colleges. Eleventh-grade students will attend a local college fair and participate in life skills workshops, and seniors will celebrate their achievements with a banquet and lead activities for younger students. While some of these initiatives will be piloted this year, others will launch in the next school year, ensuring students are equipped with knowledge and skills for future success. The high school offers two Chapter 74 programs for students interested in welding and early childhood education. Graduates of these programs will complete a full comprehensive internship and be equipped to enter the workforce with the skills obtained.

Littleville Elementary is incorporating the Barr Foundation funds into engaging, hands-on projects and school-wide events. For example, students in grades three through five recently attended the Hartford Wolf Pack School Learning Day, where they applied physical science concepts like force and motion to a live hockey game. Kindergarten students participated in a String Instrument Workshop led by members of the Springfield Orchestra, while all grade levels are eagerly anticipating an interactive "Author's Experience" with writer Daryl Cobb in March.

Plans are in the works to create a Schoolyard Habitat for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Littleville is also planning a mentoring program that will pair high school students with elementary students for long-term support. The school recently hosted a successful Holiday Craft Fair, showcasing student-made goods and fostering creativity.

At Chester Elementary, the focus is on sustainability, creativity, and environmental awareness. For the third year in a row, students are engaged with hydroponic agriculture, growing healthy food for their own school lunches and community. Students are participating in the Teaching with Trout program, where they raise brook trout from eggs to adulthood while learning about ecology and conservation. A composting initiative led by fifth graders is teaching students how to sort waste and reduce their environmental impact. The Student Media Club provides third graders with opportunities to develop and produce their own videos, promoting teamwork and innovation. Chester is also preparing for a school-wide production of Willy Wonka Jr., with fifth graders in lead roles and younger students in supporting roles. Additionally, an in-school field trip featured the Whalemobile, a life-sized inflatable whale that taught students about marine biology and conservation.

District-wide, the Barr Foundation funds are also being used to enhance staff development and collaboration. Teachers are participating in study tours to locations such as Kentucky, Maine, Providence, Boston, and New York City to explore innovative educational practices. An internal instructional vision board encourages staff members to share ideas for projects that utilize the funds to further educational transformation.

Through these initiatives, the Gateway Regional School District is fostering creativity, collaboration, and real-world learning for students while empowering educators with new ideas and strategies. These efforts are preparing students for success both in school and beyond while creating a culture of innovation and engagement throughout the district.

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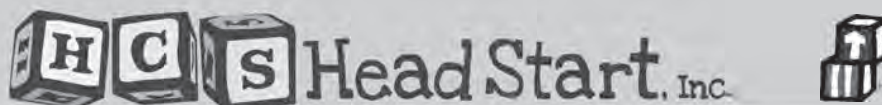
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The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded St. Joan of Arc School a \$500 grant to support its youth literacy program. A Book Club was formed for third and fourth grade students to encourage reading and literacy at a young age. This Book Club helps our students gain a deeper understanding of their reading, of other people through conversations, and provides an opportunity to safely fail and celebrate success. The club meets monthly to discuss the book, work on a fun activity, and share their findings.

The school will be holding

an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed). Appointment only tours for families will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. Please call Chris or Janine in the Business Office at 413-276-4608 for registration information or to make an appointment.

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Service projects are done throughout the year to help teach students the value of giving back.

The school will be holding an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (no appointment needed). If you would like to schedule a private tour for

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The Town of Blandford is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Highway Superintendent. Salary range starting at \$75,000-\$80,000+ negotiable based on experience/skills. Please visit our website **TownOfBlandford.com** or email **Administrator@TownofBlandford.com** for more information.

HELP WANTED

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BUILDING & CONSERVATION P/T EMERGENCY DISPATCHER

The Town of Wilbraham is looking to fill multiple vacancies.
Application deadline 1/27/25.
For application and more information please visit www.wilbraham-ma.gov.
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TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

POLICE OFFICER

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WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH

is hiring a sexton three evenings, 7-10 hours per week, \$16 per hour. Additional compensation for hours needed for weddings and funerals. Please send resume to admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org
More information found at www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/about-us-2/

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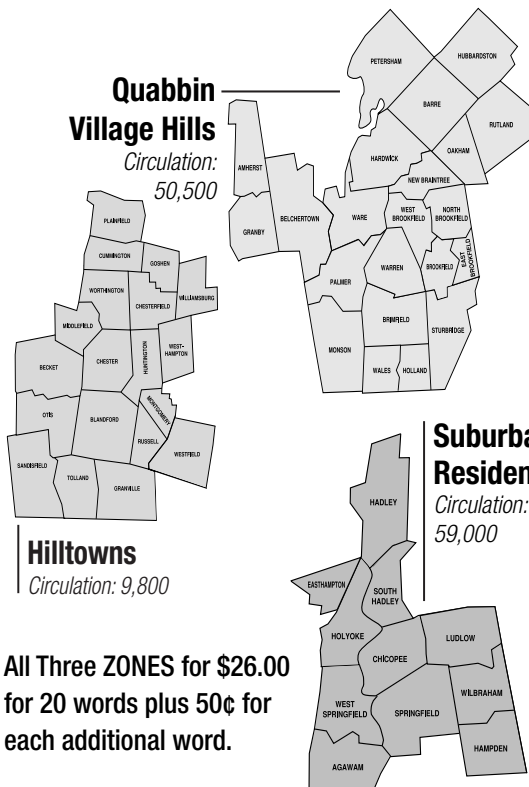
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IN THE CITY

CPD recognized on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



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CHICOPEE – On Jan. 9, the police department thanked Phil Beaulieu & Sons Home Improvement for dropping off this basket in honor of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Japanese For Beginners Zoom Class

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will offer Japanese for Beginners Zoom classes beginning Tuesday, Jan. 14 thru Tuesday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Join Charlie Duquette, USMC/Retired, for this 12-week series on learning basic Japanese. You will need a valid email address and access to Zoom for this

class as it will be virtual and in the comfort of your own home. Class will meet at 4:30 every Tuesday beginning Jan. 14 thru April 1 via Zoom.

A study group will be held at Chicopee Senior Center every Friday at 2 p.m. from Jan. 17 thru April 4. You must provide a valid email address at the time of registration.



St. Joan of Arc School NJHS supports Lorraine's with donations

CHICOPEE - National Junior Honor Society students at St. Joan of Arc School collected food donations in December to support Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

Over 700 pounds of food was collected and picked up for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen. St. Joan of Arc students, their families and friends donated to this worthy cause. Grades three and five earned a doughnut breakfast for bringing in the most items per class size.



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Winter Wonderland Open House

Learn about all that Assisted Living has to offer at our Open House! All are welcome to join us at the Arbors of Chicopee for appetizers and information.

January 23rd

3:00 pm

The Arbors at Chicopee

Please RSVP with Allyson at (413) 530-5916



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