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Kathleen Riegel smiles as she gets a hand massage from Ruth Caney of RC Cosmetics International during Ladies Night at the RiverMills Senior Center.

Seniors get pampered during Ladies Night

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CHICOPEE - Seniors gathered at the senior center on May 15 for pampering, camaraderie and fun times during Ladies Night.

The event comprised varying activities including do-it-yourself crafts from making bud vases and message in a bottles to message bracelets and lip scrubs, manicures, chair massages, a cash bar, appetizers, raffle prizes and vendors including Botanica, DMS Creations, Hobbit Hollow Herbs and more.

Jessie Crevier of Hobbit Hollow Herbs was selling her

homemade skincare products, bath bombs, shower steamers, insect repellants, solid colognes and more, having connected with the senior center after taking part in the Center Fresh Market this winter.

Crevier was excited for the turnout.

"I think it's wonderful for the senior center, which is just a great part of the Chicopee council and the Chicopee environment. It's a great way for other people to start seeing what some of the other local small businesses are doing too," Crevier said.

Crevier added the event "is a great opportunity for people to meet each other."

"It's a wonderful environ-

ment to be able to meet people and just mingle and start to get to know who the people are around you," Crevier said.

Ruth Caney of RC Cosmetics International was showing off her cosmetics and giving attendees hand massages, happy to see attendees trying out her products and having a great time.

Caney said events like this build up women and bring them together.

"I think it's really important because a lot of the people are single people, they can be widowed. So, you can group people together and they sit at the table and now they have friends," Caney said.

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CPL hosting Tactile Art Exhibit 'Seven Art Movements'



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Anne Gancarz, assistant director at the Chicopee Public Library, touches the 3D artwork version of "The Scream" by Edward Munch as Laura Bovee, director at the Chicopee Public Library, smiles at the Tactile Art Exhibit "Seven Art Movements" on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.

The exhibit runs through May 25

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CHICOPEE - The library is currently hosting a new art exhibition through May 25 called "Seven Art Movements."

The tactile art exhibit, on display in the Bazan Community Room, provides access to art for people who are blind, have low vision or are sighted, displaying framed art pieces from seven dif-

ferent art periods: The Renaissance, Impressionism, Baroque Period, Post-Impressionism, Expressionism and Neoclassicism.

Under each painting is a 3D artwork version on a table-like structure for people to touch, with three touch-activated sensors producing audio embedded throughout the 3D artwork providing information on the artist, the time period and other topics including culture and family life.

For example, as Anne Gancarz, the library's assistant director explained, "When you touch

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Miss Western Mass. fundraiser cycles for American Heart Association

Also supports Miss America Scholarship Foundation

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WILBRAHAM - Miss Western Massachusetts Meghan Kalbaugh was at eCycle on May 11 for a fundraiser to support the American Heart Association and Miss America Scholarship Foundation.

The fundraiser comprised two indoor cycling sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. with Kalbaugh, the eCycle team and

participants to support the movement to end heart disease and provide tuition scholarships.

Kalbaugh, a cardiovascular nurse and Chicopee resident, explained how cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women in the United States.

"This mission is really important to me as I firsthand see the effects of cardiovascular issues on people, and I think it's so important to live a heart-healthy, active lifestyle to reduce those adverse-cardiovascular outcomes down the road," Kalbaugh said. "Exercise and eating well and taking care of yourself can help people live longer, happier lives."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER CAMYRE

A group photo of Miss Western Massachusetts 2024 Meghan Kalbaugh with participants during the "Cycle for the American Heart Association" fundraising event at eCycle in Wilbraham on May 11.

Kalbaugh said the participants comprised residents, regular students at eCycle who take part in the Saturday classes and friends, thankful for the support at not only the event, but since winning Miss Western Massachusetts.

"It has made me realize the true significance of community and I'm so grateful for that, for everyone who supported me along this way," Kalbaugh said.

Kalbaugh loved how the fundraising event brought the community together.

"I think more so than ever before, our country and communities everywhere (are) becom-

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City Council accepts \$10,000 grant to locate, investigate opioids

Funding for city building repairs, maintenance also approved

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CHICOPEE - City Council accepted a \$10,000 FY2022 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant for the police department on May 7.

The grant comes through the Massachusetts State Police to help the police department locate and investigate illicit activity of the distribution of opioids.

Police Chief Patrick Major explained, "It is a reimbursement grant."

"So, as the narcotics officers from our department who are assigned to assist the Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team, when they're called out to assist them, we'll pay them upfront and then reimburse from the state grant," Major said.

Later, Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello said the grant was "a great opportunity for the City of Chicopee" and applauded the police department for getting the grant.

"The opioid crisis exists and it exists everywhere. So, this is a tool to address that crisis and to get people into some type of treatment, recovery, protects the safety of the families and, also, it's a very important tool in regards to public safety so that these problems get off the street sooner than later," Costello said.

Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski was glad the grant came forward to the police department.

"I was watching television the other day and Senator Velis (D-Westfield) was on TV and he's pushing that the money be spent. Evidently,

they've been sitting on this money for quite a while, according to the senator, and he's advising most communities to please use the money so we can work at the distribution of opiates and try to help with this problem," Zygarowski said.

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky also supports the grant.

"Having known people who have struggled with addiction, opioids, if this could potentially save a life, I think this is money well spent," Shumsky said.

The motion passed 12-0.

Two other mayor's order highlights were the appropriation of \$10,000 from the DPW Administration Expense Account for repairs and \$21,106.08 to the City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Main Library BAS Replacement.

For the \$10,000 appropriation, Mayor John Vieau said the air conditioning at the Department of Public Works is controlled by a heating and cooling management system in need of updates.

DPW Superintendent Elizabeth Batista explained the funding helps "get our cooling system up and running" as Facilities Director David Rice takes over managing the DPW building in the next fiscal year.

"This is one of those situations (similar) to what I was made aware of at the library," Batista said. "The control system, they're just not great and so we're going to be putting in a request in the near future as a capital improvement to the building, replacing all the controls. So, hopefully, in the future this won't happen again."

President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme shared he had a conference call with Rice and Batista to share his concerns about spending the money.

"One of the things I'm hoping we do--and Dave's committed to doing it throughout the city--is, correct me if I'm wrong Liz, unless

you have a Honeywell system, some other places have different systems," Laflamme said. "So, the city hall, the new library, they are all on the same system now for electronics and Dave will be able to control them all from his system, but this is just a temporary pair, as Liz just said, come with the capital improvement is to modernize it to be the same as the other ones moving forward."

Batista confirmed Laflamme was correct, with their systems being Johnson Controls and the switch would put city buildings under a similar system.

"There's going to be a bigger project switching over," Batista said.

Batista also clarified the \$10,000 is a not to exceed amount.

"So, it may not cost the full \$10,000 or \$8,000 or whatever it comes out to. It may be less," Batista said.

For the Library BAS Replacement, Vieau said, "the amount came in more than was expected" for the library to repair their system, so another \$21,000 would be needed.

Rice explained it was "a change order that came through about three weeks ago of an unexpected addition to what they were doing with the system to update it."

"So, this will bring the total up another \$21,000 with a little bit of contingency as well. I put a 10% just in case," Rice said. "It's a little more than what I'm asking for, but it's for if that way, if there is another change order that comes through, my hope is that it won't go over that."

Rice said, right now, 60% of the system "is on automated logic currently and the rest of it would be brought online" once it's approved in the next three weeks.

"So, this will complete the project," Rice said.

Both requests were later approved 12-0.

Baby Kneads Sign Language Series

CHICOPEE - The Holyoke-Chicopee Family Community Program is offering a Baby Kneads Sign Language Series.

The four-week series, facilitated by Sheryl White, founder and owner of Baby Kneads, will support families in learning sign language with their child.

Baby sign language gives children the ability to communicate their needs and wishes, pre-verbal, without frustration, tears or tantrums. Babies and toddlers can learn signs important to their lifestyle such as "more", "sleep", "eat", and so on.

This class is appropriate for parents/caregivers and their child over two months and pre-verbal.

The classes take place on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Chicopee Public Library on May 22, May 29, June 5 and June 12.

Please register by calling (413) 348-4355 or email zaskeyc@headstart.org.

Harmony House Schedules Wine Tasting Fundraiser

CHICOPEE - Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, the home for the terminally ill which is scheduled to re-open later this month, is hosting a Wine Tasting and Paired Appetizers fundraiser on June 10, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the 350 Grill Steakhouse located at 350 Worthington St. in Springfield. The Springfield Wine Exchange is co-hosting the event. Cost is \$50 per person and may be purchased on the Harmony House website at www.harmonyhousewma.org. Click on the "Events" tab to purchase your tickets. In addition to tasting exceptional wines and hors d'oeuvres, you can participate in a Silent Auction and Raffle.

The home is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony for May 31 and will soon accept their first residents.

Harmony House is totally privately funded through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and foundations. Contributions are gratefully accepted at all times. "Someday you may need us; right now, we need you." Please visit the website at www.harmonyhousewma.org or send your checks to Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, 66 View Street, Chicopee, MA. Harmony House is a 501(c)(3) corporation. If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please contact Harmony House at 413-315-9784 or by email at harmonyhousewma@gmail.com.

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Residents voice discipline, safety concerns to School Committee

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CHICOPEE – Concerns for personal safety, staff injuries and increasing violence in the city’s public schools were brought to the School Committee at their May 15 meeting.

In a public input session lasting nearly one hour with time allotted suspended by unanimous vote to give attendees time to share their thoughts in full, those who spoke shared incidents of violence, struggles to discipline students and fears for safety not just for themselves, but also others.

Among the several comments, Michele Foley, an English teacher at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, read a statement from a teacher who was verbally assaulted and punched in the face by a student the day before.

The statement explained how the teacher’s perspective of the district was “severely tainted” after the incident.

“Even during a lockdown incident in a previous school year where I sheltered in a supply room with my students and was released by police armed with rifles and vests, I never truly feared for my safety,” Foley read. “But yesterday shattered that illusion of safety and forced me to confront the reality that our district has changed and that I now have to face the very real possibility that the very students I have to stand in front of and lead every day may be a threat to my safety.”

After four people yielded their time to Laura Demakis, president of the Chicopee Education Association and math teacher at Bellamy Middle School, she shared she was stepping down from the CEA and taking an early retirement from education.

“I cannot be part of an educational system that is normalizing a threatening, degrading, violent workplace for educators and students. There is so much more of putting out fires than education going on. None of us should be willing to be part or privy to such a system, yet we are,” Demakis said.

Kait Moss, a physical educator, was concerned about the impact on students in the elementary schools, citing numerous times staff were injured and students witnessed the incidents.

“Sadly, there are students who experience trauma, abuse and domestic violence in their neighborhoods or homes. Being exposed to violence in school is normalizing these behaviors,” Moss said. “This will have a life-long impact on their expectations and trust of others for years to come. Our students who have safe places to go home to are now having their first experience with aggression and violence in schools. Being exposed to these behaviors, the loss of learning time and concerns for personal safety and injury is, frankly, a disgusting disservice to everyone.”

Lauren Garlett, a social studies teacher at Bellamy Middle School, shared how she tried to move a fight away from other students while another student filmed the incident.

Garlett was calling for another teacher to help and yelling at the two students to stop fighting, which eventually ended when the students broke apart and a security officer arrived along with other adults.

“I have never felt so unsafe in any situation at Bellamy as I did on Monday. I was boxed in by students who seemed to be ignoring all my attempts to end the conflict. They just continued to film the incident. No adults could get through the crowd of students to help me. I do not know if any of the students even went to get help. Or if someone just heard me yelling, saw the crowd and came to investigate,” Garlett said. “Either way, it was an extremely unsettling incident that took me a good long while to calm down from. I would like to remind you that if a lockdown occurs, I am supposed to stand behind my classroom door, ready to put myself in harm’s way to protect my students from anyone that means to do them harm and yet, currently, it is the students in the schools who are causing harm and making schools unsafe.”

Next week, the Chicopee Register will examine other comments shared at this meeting, along with more information on the district response and how these issues are being addressed.

State Auditor seeks signatures for ballot question

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REGION – State Auditor Diana DiZoglio has one wish for her birthday on June 5, and that’s to gain the 13,000 signatures needed to get a question on the November ballot.

This ballot question would allow voters to compel the Legislature to be audited. The audit would be performative, and also look at how tax dollars are being spent.

“This is the same type of audit we do for every other entity,” DiZoglio said. “Legislature is the only one refusing.”

Last fall, over 75,000 residents across the commonwealth signed a petition after DiZoglio’s request to audit the Senate and the House of Representatives was denied by the House Speaker and Senate President.

DiZoglio and her office staff have been traveling to towns and cities, asking for help to collect the necessary signatures before the deadline, making a stop in West Brookfield on May 5.

DiZoglio said she has a “deep love and affection” for policy making and transparency in the Legislature, after spending six years as a state representative and four years as a state senator before taking her current office in 2023.

“We do so many great things here in Massachusetts,” DiZoglio said.

Despite this, the commonwealth is ranked one of the least transparent state governments, she said.

“As your state auditor I’ve been given the really unique opportunity to have a platform; a singular voice,” she said. “We need transparency. There are a lot of tough conversations that need to be had.”

DiZoglio said she has been reflecting on the saying, “knowledge is power,” and she feels that this applies to a legislative audit, and how its results will spread knowledge and power back to the voters.

“I’ve seen knowledge hoarded, essentially, by people in power,” she said. “If we have knowledge about state budget and government, we have an opportunity to join in – to rise against or support.”

DiZoglio said her office works to “bring light” to over 200 state entities. She is it is common practice in many other states to audit the Legislature regularly as well.

“The decisions that impact us all should be made in the light of say,” she said.

DiZoglio said no system is perfect, but that the government

should strive to be better.

“Our goal and our mission is to help,” she said of the State Auditor’s office. “To make sure everyday people get the best services.”

DiZoglio said the government cannot improve its service to constituents if potential problems can’t be identified and addressed. She said it’s “deeply concerning” that her office’s efforts to get access to the Legislature have been demonized and talked down about.

“It doesn’t say a lot of good things about how our system is running. What is there to hide?” she said.

DiZoglio said there have been 113 audits of the Legislature completed by her office dating back to 1849. Now, they are unable to get access to information about public tax dollars, she said.

DiZoglio said the audit is a nonpartisan issue, and it’s more about those who have power and those who do not.

“Leadership has a lot of power,” she said.



State Auditor Diana DiZoglio

Retaliation is also a common occurrence in the Legislature, DiZoglio said, adding that this behavior is “unacceptable.”

She said retaliation directed at herself personally is missing the mark, and coming back on the voters who elected her.

“This is something that need to be talked about over and over again...This is not the Massachusetts we know and love,” she said.

DiZoglio urged residents to “have a seat at the table” before decisions are made in the Legislature, asking them to help gather the remaining signatures for the ballot question before the June 5 deadline.

“You have the power to make change, I cannot do this without you,” she said.

For more information about the audit or to sign the State Auditor’s petition, visit dianaforma.com. For more information about the State Auditor’s office and its role in state government, visit www.mass.gov/org/office-of-the-state-auditor.

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GUEST COLUMN



By Ellenor Downer



Mute Swan

Two Rutland residents and my daughter spotted a pair of mute swans on Long Pond in Rutland.

Mute swans are about 55 inches in length and are white. The bill is pink to orange with a black knob at the base. They swim with their neck held in an S curve and with the wings slightly raised over their back. Immature swans keep their brownish feathers for a full-year.

Mute swans are beginning to aggressively compete for food with other waterfowl. They eat the leafy parts of fresh and salt water plants as well as algae and waste grain.

The female lays four to eight pale, grayish eggs in a nest, which is a large pile of vegetation lined with feathers placed near the water. Mute swans are native to Great Britain and Europe and were brought to the United States in the 1800s. These swans are usually seen at parks, but they are also in the wild.

They got their name because they are usually silent. Mute swans do not have the same vocal structure as native swans and can only make hissing and snorting sounds.

Nesting bluebirds

I received this email from an Oakham resident. He said "Two months ago I repaired an old bird nest box and placed it in an apple tree. A pair of Eastern Bluebirds took to it, going in and out with nesting material." He said, "Today, from my kitchen window, I admired the male, perched at the corner of the deck rail. It was scanning the lawn for prey items. It flew to the ground and returned to the perch with what appeared to be a beetle. The male then flew off with it."

"Moments later, the female landed at the exact same perch and, like the male, was scanning the lawn. It spotted a prey item and returned with it to the perch: it looked like another beetle. The female then exhibited the crouched fluttering posture, like a hungry hatchling. Within seconds, the male appeared and was given the insect by the female. As many of you know, the male of most (but not all) bird species feeds the female during courtship."

More birds

A Brimfield resident sent some of the

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GUEST COLUMN

Pointers for happy plants

I read somewhere that the new frost free date for our area is May 8.

In discussing this finding with a fellow gardener, she said, "I still wait until Memorial Day. It just seems way too early to put peppers or tomatoes into the garden." I wait too.

It is more than just the frost free date, it's also about how sufficiently the soil has warmed up. With temps hovering in the mid 40's today, I can't imagine our tropical loving plants would be very happy dealing with that.

Besides choosing an appropriate planting date, there are a few other pointers at this stage of the game will help to get your garden off to a good start.

Whether you purchase plants at a local garden center or grow your own on windowsills or under lights, it is important that they be hardened off before being set into the ground.

Some nurseries take care of this for you by removing them from the greenhouse and placing them on benches outdoors where they get accustomed to wind, rain, fluctuating temperatures, and hot sun. If the plants you purchased came from inside the greenhouse hardening them off at home is relatively easy.

Introduce seedlings to the outdoors gradually, by placing them in a protected location, safe from whipping winds and scalding sun, for a small amount of time each day. Water frequently but withhold any fertilizer.

Over the course of a week to 10 days the amount of time spent outdoors should increase until plants have spent a full day outside. Once they have, they can be considered "tough enough" to be planted in the ground.

Transplanting is best done on a cloudy, drizzly day. Early evening is another option should nice days persist.

Under these circumstances roots will be allowed some recovery time before having sustain the plant in the sun and wind. Seedlings should be watered well prior to transplanting.

On occasion I have even kept a bucket of water with me in the garden in which I sub-

merge six packs of plants for a few seconds to moisten them thoroughly before planting in dry soil.

The planting hole should be dug slightly larger than the container in which the plant was growing. Depending on the type of plant, compost and fertilizers can be added to the hole and mixed with the surrounding soil to insure adequate fertility.

Plant the seedlings at the same depth they were growing in their containers, no deeper. One exception to this rule is tomatoes, whose stems sprout roots!

For less leggy tomatoes, plant them deeply, even in trenches with only a few sets of leaves above ground.

Examine the root ball of seedlings carefully. If the roots are tightly woven together, they may need

to be "butterflied," or gently pulled apart to encourage future rooting in new soil.

After planting, firm soil around roots, and water well. If water drains away from the seedling make a basin of soil a few inches from the plant's stem to keep water where it is needed.

If sunny days and warm temperatures are expected soon after transplanting it is a good idea to shade plants for a few days with overturned pots, tree branches, or other devices. Again, less transplant shock means less time spent on recovery, and more time spent on making fruits and flowers!

Continue to water well and deeply for the first week or two. Deep watering will encourage deep rooting, and deep roots will best withstand summer droughts.

Taking good care of your plants in the early stages will certainly insure a summer of productivity.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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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CPL announces upcoming programming

CHICOPEE - Here is a list of some of our upcoming library programs.

Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30/7:00 p.m. Join us for Poetry and the Spoken Word at 7pm in our Community Room. The featured guest reader for May will be V.Jane Scheeloch. V.Jane Schneeloch has been writing or encouraging others to write for most of her life. She's led workshops for youths, senior citizens, and incarcerated women. Her poetry has appeared in numerous journals and two collections: *Turning Over Leaves* (Antrim House Books, 2015) and *Climbing to the Moon* (Finishing Line Press, 2009). Her plays, *In Hiding* and *The Test*, were produced at the Drama Studio in Springfield, MA. You can find her blog at *Musing Over My Oatmeal*. Registration to share your own poetry or readings starts at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m. Teens and adults are welcome.

This program is hosted by local poet Don Fisher. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The program starts at 7 p.m.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Are you nearing retirement? Do you want to learn the best strategies for maximizing the lifetime Social Security benefits you receive? Join us for an educational seminar "Making the Most of Social Security" with Susan Allen of Susan Allen Financial.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- Changes to Social Security filing strategies
- How married couples can help enhance their combined monthly and lifetime benefits
- How the "do over" and "start, stop, restart" strategies work
- How to claim retroactive benefits as a lump sum
- The effect of remarriage on survivor benefits for widowed and divorced spouses
- Five factors that could reduce the actual payments you receive

To register for this seminar, stop by the Reference Desk, call us at 413-594-1800x3 or email us at cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a book talk with local author Katherine Anderson. Her latest book "Murder at the Alma Mater" takes place at Elms College. Set against the backdrop of Elms College, *Murder at the Alma Mater* promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of academia, cozy mystery and

suspense. Explore the hidden corners and untold stories of the campus that inspired the setting and get a glimpse into the author's creative process, revealing the inspirations and influences that shaped her writing journey from her earliest sparks of imagination to the meticulous research that breathed life into her characters and plot. This talk is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an informational talk "Current Financial Fraud Scams and How to Protect Yourself and Your Money." Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud with Lisa Pandolfi from Freedom Credit Union will share hot to protect yourself and loved ones from some of the most popular scams including

- Imposter/Grandparent scams
- Mail theft/Check washing
- Online Romance/Friend Scams
- Online Shopping
- Phone Scams
- Computer Scams

This program is free and open to the public. Please register for this informational session at the Reference Desk, 413-594-1800x3 or cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Decoupage Oyster Shells Learn how to paint, decoupage and shellac large oyster shells that can be used as jewelry dishes and ornaments. All supplies will be provided. You will go home with a beautifully decorated oyster shell designed by you!

Registration is required for this art class for adults. Register at the Reference Desk (413-594-1800x3, cpl@chicopeepubliclibrary.org).

This program is supported in part by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For those interested in exploring their Family History, the Chicopee Library computer lab is available to work on genealogy Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and 6 to 8 p.m. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry, American Ancestors and HeritageQuest to help you in your search. We have also recently added Newspapers.com to our genealogy resources available in the library.

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 Programs for Kids and Families

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Here is the slate of event for June 2024

The Library's All Ages Playgroup will be held in the children's room on Saturdays, June 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. While the children's room playspace is always available to kids and families visiting the library, during playgroup there are extra toys to explore. It is a great time for families to meet up and play.

Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Fridays, June 7

and 21 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.

Sensory Play Saturday will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers. Kids ages six to nine are invited to come to the Maker Zone for projects, crafts, and experiments focused on Science Technology Engineering and Math.

Maker Zone will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 4 p.m. in the children's program room. This month's project is

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LEGO Zone will be held in the community room on Thursday May 30 at 4 p.m. It is an hour of open building time with a big pile of LEGO bricks for ages 6 and up.

The Library's All Ages Playgroup will be held in the children's room each week on Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. While the children's room playspace is always available to kids and families visiting the library, during playgroup there are extra toys to explore. It is a great time for families to meet up and play.

Storytime will be held in the children's program room on Wednesdays, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is based loosely around the early childhood literacy skills: sing, talk, read, write and play. It is a great way for preschool aged kids to practice skills they will need for school. It is also fun for younger ele-

mentary aged students. Library staff lead a circle time where they read picture books and lead the children in song and movement, afterwards they do a craft or activity.


Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Fridays, May 24 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!

Camp Ani-May, three weeks of Anime fun for grades 3-5, will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., May 21 and 28. Registration is required.

The library will host two programs just for middle and high school students in May.

The Teen Anime Club will be held on Thursday, May 23 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This month's theme is Koinobori Day. Have you ever seen large, koi fish wind-socks and wondered what they were for? Join us as we learn a little about these iconic decorations and then get to make our own colorful koi!

For more information about the Chicopee Public Library, go to www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org



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Tactile Art Exhibit coming to Chicopee Public Library

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Public Library is hosting a tactile art exhibit called Seven Art Movements, which is accessible to patrons who are blind or low-vision in the Henry J. Bazan Community Room from May 11 – May 25 during library hours.

Visit the library to experience various works of art in touchable 3D including: Mona Lisa by da Vinci, Girl with a Pearl Earring by Vermeer, the Scream by Munch and others from various periods in art.

Laura Bovee, director of the Chicopee Public Library, said, "I'm so thrilled that the library can bring this exhibit to Chicopee. This is a uniquely accessible and museum-quality exhibit, and I hope that everyone - whether blind, low-vision, or fully sighted - will come see it. I think it will be a great opportunity to explore the different ways people take in information or a way to begin a conversation about differences with kids, grandkids, and students."

The artwork is created by Tactile Images from Chatham, NY. The company is committed to providing tactile experiences for the blind and disabled. Images designed for touch provide the opportunity to acquire visual information independently, without relying on recorded descriptions or the interpretation of a sighted companion.

Anne Gancarz, assistant director of the Chicopee Public Library said, "We strive to make the library and its resources accessible to as many people as we can. The fact that we are able to bring touchable art of this quality to our community is amazing and very exciting! Please stop by to enjoy this exhibit while it's here."

If you have any questions or would like to plan a group visit please email Anne Gancarz at agancarz@cwmars.org or call Anne at 594-1800 Ext. 106.

Mobile Vet Clinic takes place at RiverMills May 21

CHICOPEE -. The Chicopee Council on Aging will hold a Mobile Vet Clinic on Tuesday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Second Chance Animal Shelter will be at RiverMills on Tuesday, May 21 for a Mobile Vet Clinic. This is a free clinic and services such as wellness exams, yearly vaccines, nail trips and other services will be provided. Walk-in appointments are not available. You must register in advance as space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call Casey Conroy at 413-534-3698 ext. 118.

City of Chicopee's Memorial Day Activities

CHICOPEE - "As Memorial Day approaches, it is time to pause and consider the true meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution, they have made to secure our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day."

The Chicopee Veterans' Memorial and Patriotic Committee and the Chicopee Department of Veterans' Services ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Stephanie Shaw, Director of Veterans' Services says, "The last Monday in May has held the traditions for Memorial Day for nearly 51 years now. From putting up flags, attending family picnics,

and making speeches. People have been coming together in community spirit and national unity for all generations of loved ones lost in service to be remembered on this very special day since 1868 and is no different in 2024, 156 years later. I am proud to be a part of the planning and organization of this year's events and look forward to sharing with all of you who will be joining us to celebrate here in Chicopee."

Prior to May 27, 2024 we have successfully flagged all of our cemeteries with the help of many gracious volunteers.

Friday, May 24, 2024 beginning at 8:30, local veteran organizations will be visiting Chicopee grammar and middle schools, with a Memorial Service, a brief history of Memorial Day and placing of a wreath at school flag poles, followed by the pledge of allegiance and National Anthem.

On Sunday, May 26th at the Vietnam Veterans' Plaza on Chicopee Street there will be a Candle-light Ceremony at 7:00 pm hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of Western Massachusetts Chapter one-eleven.

On Monday May 27, 2024 at 11:00 am, we will host our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at our Veterans Memorial Plaza located at 650 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The public is invited to the 2024 Memorial Day activities with the exception to school visits

RiverMills Center Transportation Services available to seniors

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging's Transportation Department provides rides to the senior center, doctor's offices, supermarkets, pharmacies, etc. for Chicopee older adults.

Transportation service is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. Reservations must be made at least five business days in advance by calling 413-536-5733.

A \$7,875.00 grant from WestMass ElderCare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings. Shopping Trips are funded in part by a Title III/Older Americans Act grant from WestMass ElderCare, with support from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living. There is no charge for this service, but participants are welcome to make a voluntary, confidential donation for a shopping ride.

To learn more, contact Nicholas Wosko at 413-536-5733 or NWosko@Chicopeema.gov.

Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 plans 50th Reunion

CHICOPEE - It's the time to renew friendships and share memories with high school classmates. The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding its 50th reunion on Sept. 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Rd. in Chicopee. The reunion party will begin at 5:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner. Committee members are planning details for the festivities and also working hard to track down classmates and reach out to as many as possible. If you think you have contact information for long-lost friends, please send it to Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marcil Friberg at tinker245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larrabee at penrose43@comcast.net. We will be sending out details soon and would like to include everyone. Information can also be shared on Facebook at Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 Reunion Page or at Classmates.com.

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birds he has seen in an email dated April 29. He said, "Today in the yard, male ruby-throated hummingbird and male rose-breasted grosbeak. I rushed to put a couple of feeders out. I had planned to do that next week but the hummingbirds got here earlier that expected."

He also had a turkey wander through the yard: a couple have been irregular visitors lately. Other back yard sightings were red-winged blackbirds and a cowbird pair as well as a Carolina wren.

He said, "Ospreys in Wilbrham and Warren are sitting on nest as are the great blue herons in Warren. I have to get to the Monson rookery soon to see what is going on there."

He also said, "Some members of the Allen Bird Club are monitoring peregrine falcon nest and at one of the sites I'm watching, my wife and I saw three for sure and maybe four chicks in a nesting box setup by Mass Fish and Wildlife."

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

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The library will host two programs just for middle and high school students in June.

The Teen Anime Club (season finale) will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.. This will be the last regular Anime Club meeting of the school year. Be sure to stop by for some end-of-school-almost-summer celebrations!

Teen Throwback Tuesday will be held on Tuesday, June 11 from 2:30 4 p.m. Childhood nostalgia is on offer with fun games, coloring and the giant parachute.

The Chicopee Library's Summer Reading Program begins on June 24. This year, the question is "Chicopee, Did you read today?" Kids, teens, adults and everybody of every age is invited to read every day from June 24 to August 16 and enjoy fun programs at the

library!

Stop by the Kids Room from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday June 24 for a Summer Reading Kickoff. There will be fun and games around the room, including a sensory walk, a scavenger hunt, and a giant sticker poster. Kids Room staff will be available to help get you registered for Summer Reading and then you can stock up on library books so you can read every day.

Summer Dance Parties will be held every other Tuesday morning. The first one will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. Join in to move and groove. Geared for kids five and under, but older kids are welcome!

The library will host a Learn to Draw Watch Party, where an online event and drawing lesson will be streamed on the big screen in the Community Room at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25. All ages welcome. Join illustrator Jason Chin, illustrator for iREAD 2024 and illustrator of Life After Whale: the Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall, coming in June,

as well as Tara Audibert of JoJo Makoons Fancy Pants and graphic novelist Rachel Dinunzio, author of Forsynthia: Rise of the Cupcakes. Drawing supplies will be provided. This event is brought to you by Baker & Taylor.

On Wednesday, June 26 at 2 p.m., the library will host Taiko Thunder, a high energy Japanese drumming performance by Odaiko New England. Fans of anime and manga, and fans of big drums should not miss this one! Registration is Required. Contact the Kids Room to sign up. This program is supported by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Visit the Chicopee Public Library all summer long for storytime, art projects, performances, concerts and more!

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

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LaRoche named to the Dean's List at Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Madalyn LaRoche, a Senior Biblical Counseling major from Chicopee, was among approximately 740 Bob Jones University students named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

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HCC Foundation awards \$335K in scholarships for 2024-2025

HOLYOKE - The Holyoke Community College Foundation has awarded more than \$335,000 in scholarships to students for the 2024-2025 academic year.

This year, the HCC Foundation awarded 388 scholarships to 323 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Some students received multiple scholarship awards. The average scholarship award is about \$900.

HCC celebrated this year's recipients at a scholarship reception on May 9.

The HCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that works to advance the college's mission, vision, and values. Founded in 1968 as the Friends of Holyoke Community College, in response to a devastating fire that forced the college to rebuild on a new campus, the Foundation now manages assets of more than \$20 million, the largest community college foundation endowment in Massachusetts.

An alphabetical list of all scholarship recipients and their awards can also be viewed on the HCC website at hcc.edu/scholarships-2024.

The scholarship recipients from Chicopee are Jada Andino, Dina Artin, Leslie Arzola, Alicia Beaton (two awards), Kostia Chernytskyi, Alexzander Delgado, Christopher Fondakowski, Johnny Garcia, Jaal Gardin, Daudy Guerrero, Vee Heng, Albania Hernandez, Dhyani Ife, Danielle Johnson, Jelli Jones (two awards), Iryna Kravchenko, Joshua Laxton, Andres Lopez Pozo (two awards), McKallum Malanowski, Tucker Malanowski, Alyssa Marti (two awards), Angel Martinez Lopez, Evan Montero, Dan Mose, Mohammed Mutar, Eridenny Olivo Batista, Kendra Paquette, Tanner Parrow, David Perez (two awards), Morgan Pierog, Steven Placzek, Lance Rice, Diana Rivera, Marissa Rodrigues, Anita Rotar, Natalie Sliwa, Sunrise Iaim Smith, Nathan Szukala, Jaidalee Table, Ashley Terron and Angelina Williams.

Kai named to Mercy College of Health Sciences President's List

DES MOINES, I.A. - Aimee Kai has been named to the President's List for the spring 2024 semester at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) at least 3.75, in their most recent semester, for a minimum of six credit hours.

Kali Kowal honored at College of Arts and Sciences Senior Award Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University held its College of Arts and Sciences Senior Awards Ceremony on April 19 in the Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy. The University honored 16 graduating seniors, selected based on their academic achievement in their major or their overall class standing.

Kali Kowal of Chicopee received the Biology Achievement Award. Presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, laboratory skills, and personal qualities in pursuit of scientific knowledge.

Kowal is working toward a BS in Biology.

HCC announces Phi Theta Kappa inductees for 2024

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is proud to announce that 68 HCC students have been accepted for membership into the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society for 2024. Students are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa when they have completed 15 college credits while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

HCC's 2024 inductees were recognized during a campus celebration on May 1.

The inductees from Chicopee are Alicia Beaton, Cher Condino, Christopher Fondakowski, Angel Martinez Lopez, Kendra Paquette, David Perez, Steven Placzek and Renee Suckau.

Lisette Ayala inducted into Dean College Spring 2024 Honor Societies

FRANKLIN - Dean College is pleased to announce that Lisette Ayala of Chicopee has been inducted into the following honor societies for their academic achievements: Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

SNHU announces 2024 President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2024 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

The students from Chicopee who made the Winter 2024 President's List are Mohamad Kariem Allam, Tara Tessier, Paris Beaudette and Maxwell Pugh.

Guerrero awarded scholarship from the Massachusetts Society of CPAs

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs) today announced that Kassandra Guerrero of Chicopee was awarded the Women in Accounting Silver Scholarship by the MassCPAs Educational Foundation's 2024 Scholarship Program.



Kassandra Guerrero

Guerrero, a student at UMass Amherst, was one of 51 students selected to receive a scholarship. The students will be honored for their awards at MassCPAs' annual, member-wide networking event, Connect 2024, on May 8.

"The dedication and talent of these scholarship recipients is truly inspiring," said Zach Donah, CAE, president and CEO of MassCPAs. "Their commitment to the accounting profession fills us with confidence about the future of the industry in Massachusetts. We're honored to support their academic journeys and play a role in their success. We extend our sincere gratitude to this year's donors and volunteers for helping students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program."

Scholarships are funded 100% through donations to the MassCPAs Educational Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire and support the next generation of CPAs in Massachusetts, and since the program's inception in 2006, the Foundation has awarded over 400 scholarships to aspiring CPAs, ranging from \$2,500 - \$10,000 and totaling more than \$1,900,000. MassCPAs scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate accounting students who are attending a college or university in Massachusetts or attending a college or university out-of-state with a permanent residence in Massachusetts. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the students and can be used for tuition, books, interviewing expenses or other needs. For more information about the Educational Foundation, [click here](#).

"MassCPAs is committed to fostering a diverse and talented accounting workforce," said Allie Orlando, director of academic and career development at MassCPAs. "These scholarships address financial barriers and create opportunities for deserving students. We are deeply grateful to our individual and firm donors who share our vision. Together, we are building a stronger future for the accounting profession in Massachusetts."

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IN THE CITY



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS
A full shot of “The Princess of Broglie” by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, in framed art form and 3D artwork form, at the Tactile Art Exhibit “Seven Art Movements” on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.

A full shot of “Caudieux” by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, in framed art form and 3D artwork form, at the Tactile Art Exhibit “Seven Art Movements” on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.



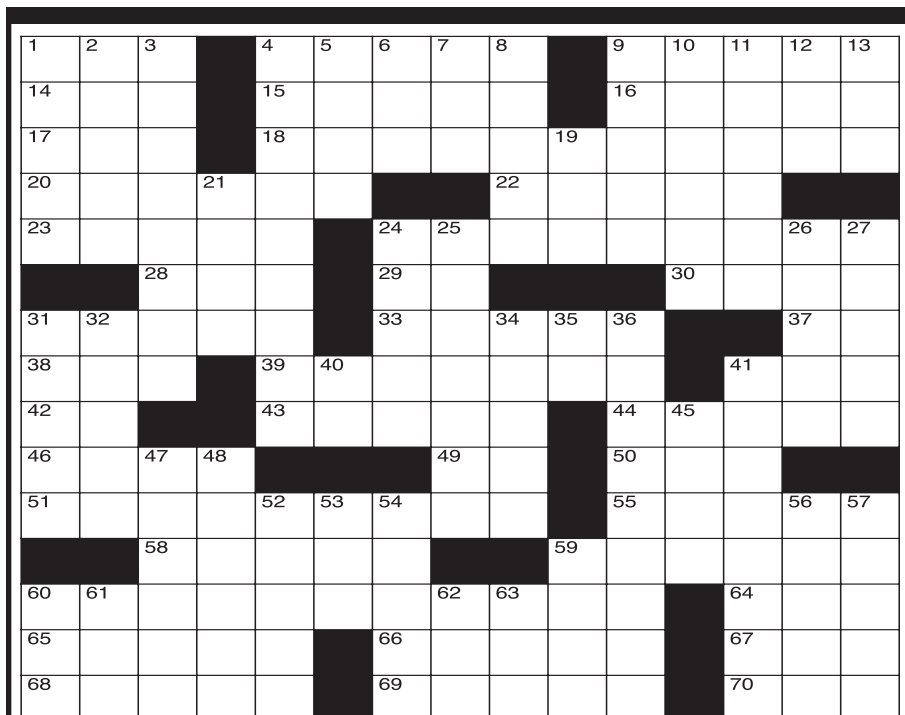
Staff from the Boston Public Library check out the 3D artwork version of “Girl with a Pearl Earring” by Johannes Vermeer with Chicopee Public Library Director Laura Bovee and Assistant Director Anne Gancarz as part of the Tactile Art Exhibit “Seven Art Movements” on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.



A close-up of the 3D artwork of “Portrait of Zacharie Zakarian” by Edgar Degas as part of the Tactile Art Exhibit “Seven Art Movements” on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.



Malana Krongelb, research services librarian at the Boston Public Library, touches the 3D artwork version of “The Princess of Broglie” by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres at the Tactile Art Exhibit “Seven Art Movements” on display in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Geological time
4. Ooze
9. A set of eight
14. Obstruction
15. Swiss mathematician
16. Philosophy
17. The night before
18. A timid person
20. Unifies
22. Gangs
23. Alternative name
24. Acumen
28. Cathode-ray tube
29. Tantalum
30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
31. Humiliate
33. Earthy pigment
37. Air Force
38. Adult males
39. Stiff untanned leather
41. Before
42. Atomic #18
43. Beer mug

CLUES DOWN

44. Nostrils
46. Type of chef
49. Midway between north and east
50. They ___
51. Splits
55. Walk in a timid manner
58. Preserved animal skin with hair
59. Popular donut shop item
60. You smear it on bagels
64. Don't know when yet
65. Equal to 10 amperes
66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
67. One point south of due east
68. Of mixed ancestry
69. Home of the Pyramids
70. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
2. Untangle
3. One from the U.S.
4. Academic terms
5. San ___ Obispo, in California
6. Not healthy
7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
8. Arugula genus
9. Vill
10. Makes a monarch
11. Tormentor
12. Commercials
13. Sprinkle
19. Make a mistake
21. Freshwater fishes
24. Vermont town
25. Man-made device
26. Entrap
27. Places to store important things
31. Accumulate
32. Greek mythological

- nymph
34. Gregory ___, American dancer
35. Denotes past
36. Becoming popular again
40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
62. Work unit
63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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the sensor above the Mona Lisa’s mouth, you will learn about her smile and the history surrounding it.”

The exhibition can be viewed during library hours and no appointment is necessary to attend.

Gancarz explained the images were created by Tactile Images, a company in Chatham, NY, in collaboration with Getty Images and The National Federation of the Blind, expressing excitement at bringing the exhibition to the library.

“About 11 years ago, the library hosted a tactile art exhibit by an artist named Sally Barker who quilted famous works as touchable wall pieces. We wanted to explore the possibility of hosting another such exhibit. We did a simple Google search and hit the jackpot with Tactile Images!” Gancarz said.

Gancarz said the library also spoke with the company’s founder, John Olson, who explained that Tactile Images came about “in order to make art accessible to people who are blind or have low vision.”

“Since we are always trying to make our resources accessible to everyone, inviting them to Chicopee made complete sense! Tactile Images was very willing to be flexible with us so that we could bring the exhibit here on a timeframe that worked for us,” Gancarz said.

Gancarz shared the exhibition aligns with the library’s mission of providing opportunities for learning, leisure and cultural enrichment for all.

“Art shows are an excellent way to do this. We are always looking for ways to make our resources accessible to as many people as possible, including having Fusion software on our computer lab computers, a wide selection of electronic books, music and magazines available to

library cardholders and a nice collection of large print books,” Gancarz said. “The fact that this art has been shown in museums around the world is special and we don’t want anyone to miss out on seeing it.”

Library Director Laura Bovee was also excited about bringing the exhibition to Chicopee, encouraging residents to check it out.

Bovee stressed the importance of the exhibition fostering conversations too.

“This is a uniquely accessible and museum-quality exhibit, and I hope that everyone - whether blind, low-vision or fully sighted - will come see it,” Bovee said. “I think it will be a great opportunity to explore the different ways people take in information or a way to begin a conversation about differences with kids, grandkids and students.”

Gancarz wants the community to know this particular exhibit “is very different from the artwork that is usually featured in the Bazan Community Room” and to stop by.

“Usually, the artwork we have is from organizations or individuals from the community. We offer the walls of the Community Room to those groups and local artists for free so that we can support our community - and we get the added bonus of having beautiful artwork on our walls throughout the year!” Gancarz said. “This exhibit is different, though, because it features famous works of art that most people are already familiar with, just presented in a new format that is accessible to more people.”

Gancarz hopes residents enjoy viewing the exhibition.

“Come here before it’s gone! It’s really cool and you don’t want to miss it!” Gancarz said.

To learn more, call the library at 413-594-1800.

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Alex Garcia tries to send a spike down.



John Centeno makes the hit for a point.



Jacob Martinez challenges the opposition at the top of the net.

Pacers suffer pair of defeats



Triston Tautalatasi tries to send the ball past an opponent.



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Jeniel Nazario sets up a possible point.

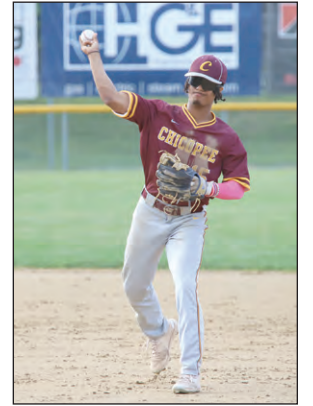
CHICOPEE – Last week, Chicopee High School boys volleyball suffered losses against East Longmeadow and Ware, though the Pac-

ers were able to get past Southwick 3-2 last Thursday afternoon. With a game remaining, the Pacers are 6-11. They are very unlikely to

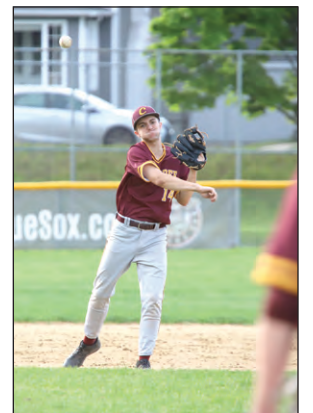
make the state tournament as they are currently well below the top 32 in the Division 2 rankings and the Pacers will not make it to .500.

Pacers can't hold early lead

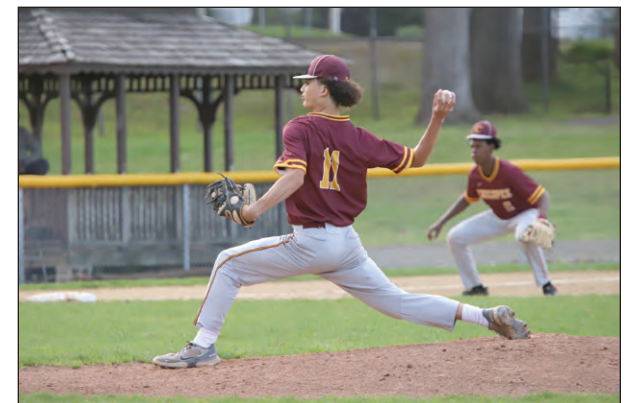
HOLYOKE – Last Thursday evening, Holyoke High School baseball picked up its second win of the season by a 12-2 score over visiting Chicopee. The Knights trailed early, but put up six runs in the bottom of the second inning to go up for good. The Knights were the benefit of a couple questionable calls and used it to their advantage. Matt Dumoulin had two hits, three runs scored, and two RBI. Tristan Salgado had two hits, two runs scored, and two RBI for the Knights. Henry Ryczek had two hits and a run scored for the Pacers.



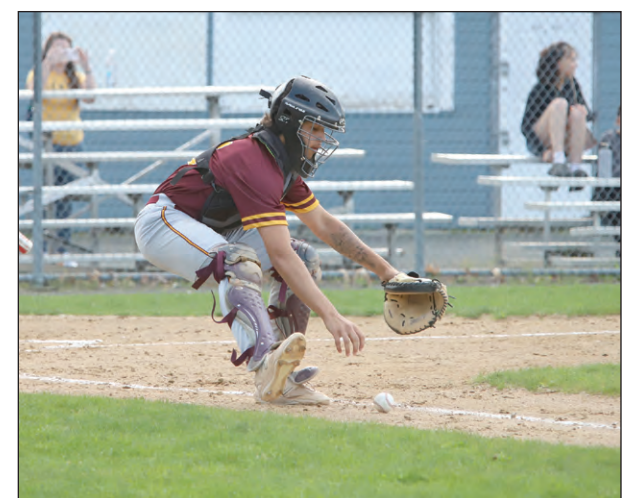
Adrian Ramos sends the easy throw to first.



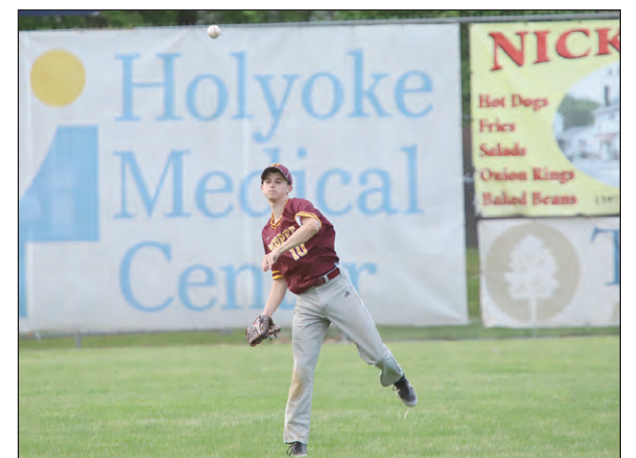
Zach Oldenburg makes the play.



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Noah Stone sends a pitch home for Chicopee.



Xavion Maldonado fields a bunt.



Henry Ryczek sends a throw to the cutoff man.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age

from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

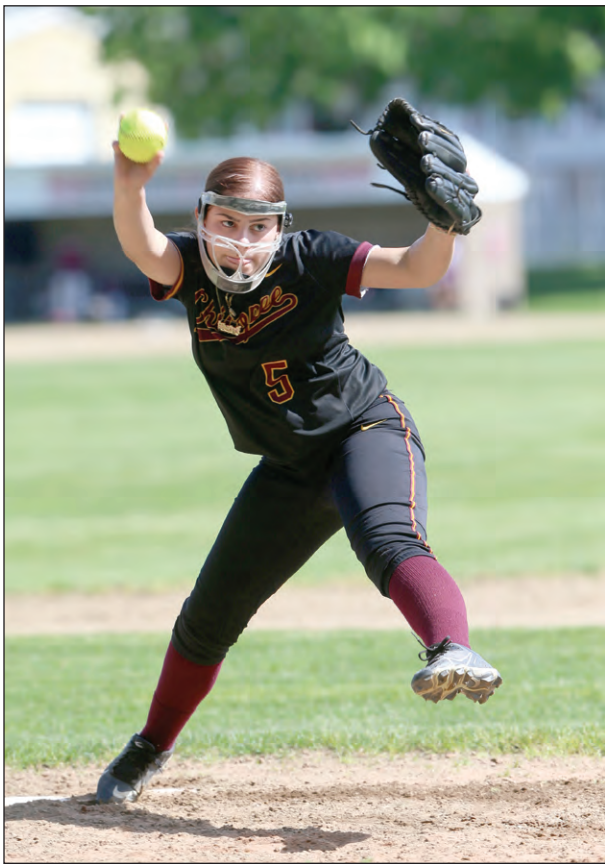
Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports

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Chicopee softball takes loss to Ludlow



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
Arliz Rolon sends a pitch home.



Nevaeh Santiago fires a hard throw to first.



Natalie Irish throws back to the infield.

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday afternoon, Chicopee softball made the short trip to Ludlow's Whitney Park and suffered a 14-2 loss against the Lions. Chicopee dropped to 0-13 on the regular season

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including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.



Jeneida Torres makes the catch on a pop-up.



Lorraine Olbrych collects the grounder.

Thompson Speedway holds Icebreaker event

THOMPSON, CT — A much nicer day awaited fans on day two of the 50th Icebreaker at Thompson Speedway held last month. Six star-studded features took to the 0.625-mile oval on Sunday, as did the peaks of sunshine to greet the fans in the stands. While the Street Stocks were able to start their 2024 track championship season on Saturday, the rest of the track championship line-up got their year started with plenty of action on Sunday along with the roar of the mighty NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour with their return to Icebreaker weekend.

Following strong qualifying efforts in time trials, Justin Bonsignore and Jake Johnson led the NASCAR Whelen Modifieds to a short start after Bobby Santos III lost a right rear tire in mid-pack, dragging Dave Sapienza, Andrew Krause and Eric Goodale into the turn one wall. Back under the green flag, Johnson slid back to third on the restart and gave second to a hard-charging Craig Lutz with Bonsignore still at the helm. Lutz grabbed his chance to take over the lead on a lap 25 restart following a grenad-

ed motor in the Tim Connolly machine.

A second motor expired in the first 33 laps for Trevor Catalano but Lutz again retained control ahead of Bonsignore and Ron Silk. Silk methodically made his way to Lutz's back bumper, pulling up alongside the #46 on lap 59 and using the slide job in turn one to come back and lead lap 60. The field would slow once more on lap 89 for the spinning Matt Swanson in turn four, leading to a frenzy of teams jumping down pit road for their respective tire changes. Patrick Emerling stunned the competition by winning the race off pit road followed by Silk, Johnson, Bonsignore and Austin Beers.

Silk moved up way high as they motored through turns one and two, forcing Emerling to pull back on the outside and giving him the lead. The final laps saw Emerling and Bonsignore battle for third as Silk continued to grow his lead more and more. Ron Silk took the dominant Icebreaker 150 win followed by a consistently fast Jake Johnson and a hard-charging Patrick Emerling, whose radiator sat steaming in victory lane.

Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun its season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well

some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also pro-rate registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.



Jared Smith looks to send the ball deep.



Zach Sauer looks to pass.



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Patrick Gryczewski attempts to get around an opponent.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi gets ready to shoot.

Pioneers set to get regular season underway

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Since they joined USL League Two in 2019, the Western Mass. Pioneers have finished first in the Northeast Division standings twice. They’ve also finished in second place twice.

The members of this year’s squad will be looking to make their fifth appearance in the USL League Two playoffs. The 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

“We’re going to try our best to put together another winning season,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari following his team’s 9-0 friendly win against 3rd Eye FC at Lusitano Stadium last Friday night. “We do have nine returning players and a bunch of new players. The older players will need to show the new guys how we do things here. Every game that we play is very important because it’s very difficult to make up points in this

league.”

The Pioneers finished the 2023 regular season with a 10-1-3 record (33 points). They finished in second place, one point behind the Seacoast United Phantoms, who finished in first place. The Pioneers lost to North Carolina Fusion U23 in the conference quarterfinals by the final score of 2-1.

The Pioneers were scheduled to kick off the 2024 campaign on Tuesday night with a road match against the Boston Bolts. They’ll be facing Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

It’ll be the second game of a doubleheader at Lusitano Stadium. The New England Mutiny will be hosting Maine Footy at 4pm in their season opener.

Saturday will be a very busy day for Molinari. He was named as the Mutiny head coach by Joe Ferrera, who’s the General Managers for both soccer teams, during the offseason.

“I told Joe if he wasn’t

able to find a head coach for the women’s soccer team, I would help him out this year,” said Molinari, who has been coaching the Pioneers since 2012. “Tomas Duben will be helping me out as an assistant coach.”

Molinari is also the Director of Coaching for the Western United Pioneers.

Dennis Gomes and Jay Willis are returning as the Pioneers assistant coaches.

Duben, who played in about 30 matches for the Pioneers during the past several seasons, is also the Pioneers new Scouting & Tactical Analyst.

“Tomas knows a lot about soccer,” Molinari said. “He can also relate to the players very well. It’s a very good connection between the players and the coaching staff.”

Ciro Viviano has replaced John Voight as the Pioneers Goalkeeper coach.

The Pioneers’ other six regular season home matches will be against Black Rock FC (May

31), Seacoast United Phantoms (June 7), AC Connecticut (June 11), Boston City FC (June 21), Albany Rush (June 28), and Vermont Green FC (July 13).

“Every year is a new season, and you have to start from the beginning,” Molinari said. “It’s a lot of fun watching your players improve in every game.”

One of the Pioneers veteran players is Connor Hicks, who helped the Monson boys’ soccer team win back-to-back Division 4 state titles. As a senior in 2016, Hicks scored an incredible overtime goal to beat Cohasset High School in the state finals.

Hicks played college soccer at AIC and has been a member of the Pioneers since 2019.

“I’m getting a little bit older, but it’s nice to be back playing for the Pioneers again,” said Hicks, who’s one of the defenders. “We’ve made the playoffs every year that I’ve played for this soccer team. I really enjoy the atmosphere here. It’s a lot of fun signing autographs and tak-

ing pictures with the kids.”

This will be Hicks final season playing for the Pioneers, as he’s planning to move to Florida this summer.

Midfielder Khalid Rose, who’s another fan favorite, is also returning.

Alec Hughes, who was one of the Pioneers leading goal scorers a year ago, is back again this year. He was a senior on the UMass men’s soccer team last fall.

One of the Pioneers newcomers is striker Scott Testori, who was the leading goal scorer on the 2023 UConn men’s soccer team.

The Pioneer’s captain is Nicholas Oberrauch, who’s a defender.

Gianluca Cersosimo was the Pioneers’ starting goalie in the friendly match.

The tickets prices for all the Pioneers regular season home matches are \$10.

Children 6 years old and younger are free.

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Roger’s Place Ice Cream Shop donates gift cards

CHICOPEE — Roger’s Place Ice Cream Shop donated gift cards to the police department’s bicycle unit on May 14 to give out to kids riding safely throughout Chicopee.

The bicycle unit is under the command of Ofc. David Rivera.

The police department encouraged residents to stop by and say hello if they see a bicycle unit officer in city parks or anywhere around the city.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. HD24P0930GD
In the interests of
Yanessa Marie Head
of Chicopee, MA
Minor

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Petition for Appointment
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NOTICE TO ALL
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A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **04/29/2024** by

Mariah Lee Morin of Chicopee, MA

Brenda L Houle of Hampden, MA

will be held **05/29/2024 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: **Hampden Probate and Family Court, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA 01102**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: May 07, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/17/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield MA, 01103
Docket No. HD 23P1313PM
In the matter of:
Anita Gondek
of Chicopee, MA
Protected Person/Disabled
Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final** account(s) of Odette A Greenberg of Summerville, SC as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **06/10/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

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: May 06, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/17/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD24P1037GD
In the matter of:
Paola N. Rivera
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person**

**CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Dept of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Paola N. Rivera** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Mary I. Diaz of Chicopee, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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 **06/10/2024**.

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: May 10, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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05/17/2024



PUBLIC NOTICES

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. HD24C0158CA

In the matter of:
Sarah Shaw Kafes
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sarah Shaw Kafes of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Sarah Ann Shaw
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 06/12/2024.**

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

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

Date: May 15, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani
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05/17/2024

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. HD24C0145CA

In the matter of:
Fallyn Kozikowski
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

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

Greyson Dupont
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 05/30/2024.**

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

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

Date: May 02, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/17/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Probate and Family Court
Department
HAMPDEN, Division
Docket No. HD232471PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Patricia McMaster, of Chicopee, in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Patricia McMaster, for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, before 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of June 2024, the return day of this decision.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this eighth day of May 2024.

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register
05/17/2024

INVITATION FOR BID
CHICOPEE
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725 FRONT STREET,
CHICOPEE, MA 01020
BID NO. C.E.L. 24-0512
ISSUE DATE: May 3, 2024

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The Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" and of Chapter 164 Sec. 56D as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any

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BID NUMBER: C.E.L. 24-0512

TITLE: "SINGLE PHASE AND THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS (ANNUAL BID)"

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Purchasing
05/17/2024

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(2): 15534(M.Long)(1):
15544(A.Akin)(4): 15546(R. Frye)(3): 15550(S.Wright)
(2): 15587(R.Diaz-Lozada)
(3): 15589(T.McCray)
(2): 15595(V.Weinberg)
(7): 15620(T.Alexander)
(3): 15641(M.Miller)
(1): 15656(A.Roman)
(7): 15658(J.Sullivan)(2):
15670(J.Desouza)(3)
05/10, 05/17/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P1508GD

In the interests of
Prince Daniel M Rodriguez-Johnson
of Chicopee, MA
Minor

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

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **07/18/2023** by **Rachel M Garfi** of Chicopee, MA will be held **06/18/2024 09:00 AM Pretrial Conference - Probate and Guardianship.** Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA, 01103.**

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

File the original with the Court; and

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

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

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

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

Date: May 10, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/17/2024

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. HD24P1055EA

Estate of:
Dolores Antonia Skura
Also Known As:
Dolores A. Skura
Date of Death: 03/20/2024
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 **Teresa D. Skura of Chicopee, 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: **Teresa D. Skura of Chicopee, 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 06/10/2024.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not

required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: May 13, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
05/17/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Probate and Family Court
Department
HAMPDEN, Division
Docket No. HD23P2305PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Mariann Tirrell, of Chicopee, in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Mariann Tirrell, for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, before 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of June 2024, the return day of this decision.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this eighth day of May 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
05/17/2024

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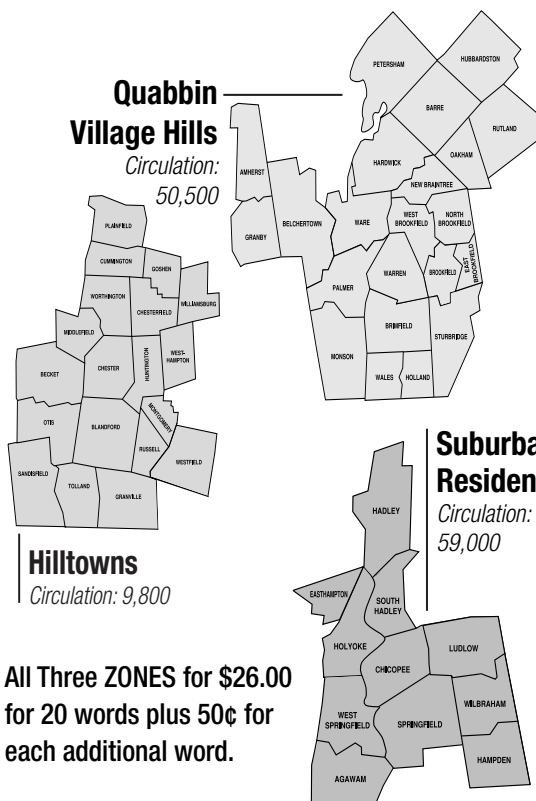
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Bowie Elementary School visits CFD

CHICOPEE – First graders from Bowie Elementary School recently visited the fire department's Station 8 to tour their station and try out the fire hose with the firefighters.

The students also received their own miniature firefighter hats.

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Harmony House celebrates grand reopening

CHICOPEE – Harmony House of Western Massachusetts celebrated its grand reopening on April 26 after extensive renovations.

Bishop William Byrne of the Diocese of Springfield also led a special mass to bless the enhanced facility, with guests in attendance including Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt, City Councilor President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme, City Council Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski, Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga, Ward 6 City Councilor Samuel Shumsky, Ward 9 City Councilor Mary Beth Costello and Agawam City Councilor Tony Russo.

Harmony House, founded in 2007, provides shelter, support and dignity to people in their final stages of life, regardless of circumstances.



IN THE CITY



Caitlyn Hassett of Mobile Manicures paints an attendee's nails during the Ladies Night event at the RiverMills Senior Center in Chicopee.



"Meghan Shaheen and Debby Boulanger, licensed massage therapists at the Abundant Wellness Center, pose for a photo in-between chair massage clients during Ladies Night at the RiverMills Senior Center.



From the left, Carrie Saldo, Theresa Nallett and Kelley Murphy, driver at RiverMills Senior Center, work on message in a bottles as part of the activities during Ladies Night on May 15.



Jessie Crevier, owner of Hobbit Hollow Herbals, smiles with one of her products during Ladies Night at the RiverMills Senior Center.



Brenda Sheridan shows off her raffle basket prize during Ladies Night at the RiverMills Senior Center.



Cindy Duprey holds up her bud vase she made during Ladies Night at the RiverMills Senior Center.

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Caney praised the senior center for their events.

"I love the Chicopee senior center. It's a great place to be anyways. It's wonderful. The people here, the different activities and they're always putting on music events, events like this. So, it's wonderful getting everyone together," Caney said.

Program Coordinator Casey Conroy explained Ladies Night happened one other time in the past and the staff wanted to bring it back.

Conroy said it's also the first time the event includes vendors.

"We were very excited about it. Just because we knew that, when we first did it, the ladies were really excited and, this

year, we could bring it back and do it a little bigger with the vendors and the manicures and massages," Conroy said.

Conroy was happy to see people enjoying themselves, also emphasizing women supporting other women and, also, supporting women-owned businesses.

"It's just a great time for people to come together and just, again, supporting each other and just enjoying the night together," Conroy said.

Brenda Sheridan won one of the raffle prizes, sharing she tries to look for fun events at the senior center and had attended Ladies Night events at other locations.

Sheridan loves meeting new people and spending time with friends, having enjoyed the crafts and appetizers.

"I think it's great. When you're older,

sometimes, a lot of people just stay at home," Sheridan said. "So, they should come out and do something like this because it would probably energize them and make them feel a little better, being with people and talking and laughing and winning prizes."

Sheridan also volunteers at the senior center, enjoying the people she interacts with.

"It's like a little community," Sheridan said.

Sheridan wants the community to know how much the senior center does for the seniors.

"It is a portion of the population that had been ignored for a long time and with

a lot of depressed seniors, and now that we have someplace to go with people that are in the same boat, we can, like I said, commiserate and support each other," Sheridan said. "It's a nice community here. We have a great director and assistant director."

Conroy thanked everyone for attending and for their support of senior center programming.

"We hope you had a fantastic time and, really, just thank you," Conroy said.



Miss Western Massachusetts 2024 Meghan Kalbaugh holds hands with Madison Matthias during the "Cycle for the American Heart Association" fundraising event at eCycle in Wilbraham on May 11.



A wide shot of participants being led by Erica Gonzalez, owner of eCycle in Wilbraham, during the "Cycle for the American Heart Association" fundraising event on May 11.



A shot of participants on their bikes during the "Cycle for the American Heart Association" fundraising event at eCycle in Wilbraham.

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ing more divided and, I think, we really need to bring people together. So, having events like this does so and that's great," Kalbaugh said.

Erica Gonzalez, owner of eCycle, was elated to partner with Kalbaugh as it helps raise awareness for cardio and heart health and showcase her business.

A spin instructor for 21 years, Gonzalez opened eCycle in 2021, located in Post Office Park, which offers beginner and advanced cycling classes, a strength and spin combination

class and a kickboxing class.

"It's a great community. Everyone here supports one another from beginners to advanced to anything. Men, women, even got kids that come," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez stressed the importance of raising awareness for causes and giving back to the community.

"I think it's just very important we keep pushing this awareness and notice how important it is that we need to keep going and keep pushing and keep trying to fight this disease because it kills a lot of people, young women, men," Gonzalez said. "Something like that needs to be talked

about more."

Kalbaugh wants the community to be aware of their health and make those changes to live a more heart-healthy life.

She also encourages aspiring contestants to participate in future pageants.

"Do it. Thousand percent I would encourage everyone who's eligible to sign up. Being in pageants, specifically the Miss America organization has changed my life for the better. It has given me so many valuable skills and opportunities such as the opportunity to win scholarship money, the opportunity to make life-long friends, the opportunity

to make a difference in your community and do community service and, also, just networking skills and public speaking skills and interview skills," Kalbaugh said. "All of these skills we'll take with us forever with jobs and just in life, and I feel like it truly has made me a better, more rounded person, so I would highly encourage everyone to do it."

Gonzalez thanked Kalbaugh and the participants for taking part and holding an event to support cardiovascular health.

"I'm blessed. I'm lucky to have these people in my life, so I give them a lot of credit for the

amount of work that they put into this. I know it's a lot of energy and a lot of time to do something," Gonzalez said. "I'm very happy they made me a part of it and I'm just happy to be a part of it today."

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